FACTS ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS TREES

Regard to Thom as Thick as the Foliage.

The origin of the Christmas tree is, traveling over the country at night, and the manufacture of the most useful products, and thousands are made exactly the same size. brilliant stars began to meditate, and on returning to his home tried to explain his feelings to his wife and children.

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other German legend points to St. Winfrid as the originator of the Christwith terrific force, splitting into four sectree which remained unharmed, Sir Winfried then spoke to the awe-stricken garlands which play such an important people who also witnessed the remarkable part in tree trimmings. It is made in of the forest, shall be your holy tree to- three and one-half inches in width, and night. It is the wood of peace, for your usually in lengths of ten yards. The houses are built of fir; it is the sign of spools of tinsel wire are placed on reels endless life, for its leaves are ever green, just as in the fringe making, and the See how it points to heaven. Let this machinery does the rest-ties the tineel be called the tree of the Christ child; firmly to a strong. The operator must, gather about it-not in the wood, but in of course, watch closely and see that the your homes. There it will shelter no delicate wire does not get tangled. The

Still another legend, which is rather wague, traces its origin to the great tree Yggdrasil, of Norse mythology, and yet other tells us that it may be a revival of the pine trees of the Roman Saturnalia. These trees, according to Virgil, were decorated with images of Bacchus, Sir George Birdswood, who is an eminent authority on ancient customs, believes that the Christmas tree is derived from the ancient Egyptian practice of solstice with branches of palm, the bol of life triumphant over death, by Hayden Bros. Wednesday. nd therefore perennial life in the renewal of each bounteous year; and the supporters of these suggestions points to the fact that pyramids of green paper covered with flowers are still substituted Germany for Christmas trees. All the legends show that in mediaeval times there was a tradition of holiness investing an illuminated tree.

of Chanuckah or Lights, also known as the Feast of Dedication, at the season of the birth of Christ; therefore, there must have been twinkling lights in every swish home in Bethlehem and Nazareth at the time of the Christ-Child's birth. This is claimed by many to be the origin of the lighted Christmas tree.

There seems to be no way of authenticating any of these legends, and perhaps the merging of them all has led to the world-wide use of the Christmas tree. As far back as 1808 the Christmas tree is mentioned as a feature of the Christmas season. The manuscript telling of this was and some years ago in Strasburg, Gernany. Records show that Queen Caroline had a Christmas tree at the palace in Munich in 1830. In 1840 the Duchess Helena of Orleans introduced the Christmas tree in Paris, but this tree was brought in with its roots and planted in a huge tub, and this is the style of the French Christmas tree at present—there the American Christmasgarden is not used, Queen Victoria's marriage to a German prince led to the introduction of the Christmas tree in England, and it is said that one of Queen Victoria's greatest joys was supertending the decorating of the tree for the royal children.

Decking the Tree. The idea of decking the tree with precentineats and fancy ornaments also originated in the German empire, and with very few exceptions, even in this country, the manufacturers of Christmas gramments are of Teutonic ancestry. The glass balls so popular in tree trim-ming are imported from Germany, but the American manufacturer puts the finishing touches on the balls before they go to grace our Christmas trees. Tinsel is used extensively in tree decoration and troops which invaded Belgium. It was is manufactured in many of our large he who issued an appeal to the Beigian cities. The raw material is imported people not to resist the Germans.

The heavy loss of life of the Germans. every pound is collected by the United mans at Liege was said to have shat-states customs. Last year congress had been the confidence of the general, and about decided to increase the duty to 10 a report that he had committed suicide cents per pound, but this raised an uproar among the manufacturers, who de. Fear. He was decorated with the Order clared that if such a thing was done of Merit last June. they must necessarily raise the price of General Von Emm their ornaments. One manufacturer went talk with him and also with several sen- as a Neutenant in the Franco-Prussian ators and confressmen as well, the in-creased duty bill fell through as far as tinsel was concerned. The raw materials

War, was made colonel in 1897, and in 1801 attained the rank of major general. He became lieutenant general and comused consists of wire almost as thin as sewing silk, and is wound on spools in the same manner. Each pound of tinsel stretched out will reach half a mile, and during one year the tinest used by the manufacturers of this country if laid out in a straight line would girdle the globe many times. The mode of converting ornaments is an interesting process, and the work continues throughout the year. The specis of tinsel are placed upon little reels, twenty-four at a time, and each thread is trained from the reel to the estimping machine, and the power turned year. In 1914 the company paid a total of on. As the thread of silver, gold or whatever color it may be, passes through the machine it is crimped—thry denta one after the other, being made. It then passes to shother machine, which cuts it is to short lengths and ties it on a string. forming a friege. The machine, which is

length from two to six inches. A boy usually watches the machine, and his only work is to straighten out the tinsel n case it should "fough up."

The finished fringe in ten-yard pieces then handed over to young women, who cut it into lengths for trimming or-Legends of Different Countries in naments for Christmas trees, which conisist of stars, pictures with tinsel frames, cormicopias, baskets balls with tinsel trimmings, etc. Little girls pull the small pieces of fringe into the shape of wheels WHENCE COMES THE TINSEL with no outer rim, but with many spokes, and pile them into lots of one dozen. These are carried to another table, where difficult to trace. There are many in- they are transformed by the aid of emtransformed by the sid of em-teresting legends and myths concerning it, and several countries claim the honor of giving this brautiful custom to the world. One story tells us how Martin ing the parts fit correctly as there is in

At another table girls string glass balls on wire and surround them with tinsel, a Failing in words he went into the gar-den and cut a little fir tree which he end cut a little fir tree which he rassed to the nursery, where he fast-ened candles on its branches and lighted them. One of the popular pictures in them. One of the popular pictures in ties as well as for Christmas tree decorn-Germany shows Luther and his family ties as well as for Christmas tree decorn-tion. Home again there is a crimping ma-The Scandinavians claim that the tree chine used, and this time for paper. The sprang from the blood-soaked soil where little instrument is no longer than a lead two lovers were killed, because, runs pencil sharpener and is turned by hand the legend, during the Christmas season and gives the paper a crepe effect. The mysterious lights appeared on pine trees which no wind could extinguish. The French, too, have a Christmas tree story. It relates how a hero of the thirteenth glued so as not to allow raw edges. Many century found a gigantic tree with its of them are trimmed with gilt paper cut branches covered with candles, some of out in face-like patterns. Cornucopias, which were upside down, and on the top too, form a part of our tree decorations, was a vision of a child with a halo about its head. The knight asked the pope owing to their inexpensiveness. The tinfor an explanation of the wonderful sel is put on the baskets and cornucepias sight, and was told by the holy father that the tree represented mankind, the Child the Savior, and the candles good fastening on shoe buttons. This instrument, too, can be worked by a boy. The tinsel, which has been cut to the desired length by girls, is held by the operator on the edge of the basket. He presses a was tree idea. The story relates that pedal with his foot and one end of the after converting some of the Druids he tinsel is fastened. There is a twist of hewed down a giant tree which they had the hand, another press of the pedal and worshiping. As he raised the blade another fastening is made, and so on there was a shower of stars and a whiriing wind passed over the forest and the work. The cornucopias are decorated by tree was gripped from its roots and fell the use of the same kind of a machine. The garlands are made by the tinsel be-

Just behind it was a small fir ing puckered on a string by a machine, cident: "This little tree, a young child various colors and from half an inch to eds of blood, but loving gifts and rites waste tinsel is used to throw over the tree loose to represent a shower of

AL KING POINTS WITH PRIDE TO MAMMOTH PALM LEAVES

Al King of the grocery department at Hayden Bros., insists that he has the most elaborate Christmas decorations of anyone. His chief basis of this claim consists of some palm leaves about thirty decking houses at the time of the winter | feet long which someone in California put in a car of oranges which were received

CARRY THREE PATIENTS FROM BURNING HOSPITAL

institute, 1502 South Tenth street, did considerable damage yesterday. S. Howsley, nurse, and Assistant Mana-Another well known antiquarian tells ser L. A. Beavers carried three patients us that the Jews celebrated their Feast from the upper floor of the building which was filled with smoke. Two other inmates were able to walk out.

COSTS FORTY DOLLARS TO STEAL TENTH OF THAT SUM

Guy McArthur of Denver, charged with robbing Charles Williams, a negro, of \$4. was fined \$40 and costs when arraigned in police court. Several people saw the robbery of Williams who was slightly under the weather, seized McArthur, forced him to give back the money, and ught him to headquarters.

TON OF TURKS CARRIED BY PARCEL POST TUESDAY

More than one ton of turkeys and geese came in to the Omaha postoffice Tuesday through the parcel post. Principally they came from farmers direct to city customers. This was in addition to hundreds of pounds of chickens and other Christmas edibles,

General Von Emmich, Conqueror of Liege, is Dead at Hanover

BERLIN, Dec. 21 .- (By Wireless to Sayfille.)-The death at Hanover of General Von Emmich, the conqueror of Liege, is announced by the Overseas News agency.

General Von Emmich was commander of the Tenth army corps. He figured prominently in the early events of the war, being in command of the German

gained wide currency in August of last

General Von Emmich joined the army see the president and after a long Austria at Sadowa in 1886. He fought mander of the Tenth corps in 1906.

Pennsy Company Increases Dividends

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 21.-The Pennsylvania company, which operates Pennsylvania railroad lines west of Pittsburgh, today declared a cemi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. This compares

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Children's Pajamas, worth to \$1,50 69¢

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