

CHRISTMAS STORIES

THE CRADLE OF CHRISTIANITY

A Journey to Bethlehem, the Quaint Old Town of the Scriptures.

WHEREIN THE SAVIOR WAS BORN

Imposing Effect of the View from a Distance—A White Mass of Castle-Like Cloisters—Hallowed Places and Vineyard Hills.

Storn of the glamour with which Christ has invested, its myths and superstitions and the exacting decrees of custom, the mind is irresistibly borne back to the cradle of Christianity—the City of the Nativity.

Recent travelers agree that western civilization has not only invaded the Holy Land, but has already influenced its life. The railroad penetrates its vineyard valleys and barren upland, and locomotives puff and whistle at the very gates of Jerusalem.

Passing outside the walls of Jerusalem, one traverses the valley of Gehenna, sees Job's well with its white cupola and then finds himself advancing up the slopes of Mount Zion, which stand to the left.

Who does not remember Correggio's divine painting of the "Birth into Egypt," the scene where Joseph, Mary and Jesus, worn out with the long journey, sink to rest under a fig tree? Today the fig tree is gone, not a single branch remaining.

At the end of this field and right by the roadside one is shown the crucifixion of another miracle of the virgin, the Propriet El stretched himself when fleeing from the persecutions of Queen Jezebel.

Little Johnny: Mrs. Talked down paid me a big compliment today. Mother—Did she, really? Well, there's no denying that woman's wit.

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LEFT ITS MARK ON MEMORY

Christmas Cheer Amid Strange and Impressive Surroundings.

COURAGE DULLS THE PANGS OF DISTRESS

The Day of Days on a Man-of-War, in a Hospital, in the South in War Times and in the Frigid North—Interesting Reminiscences.

Did you ever ask yourself which one of all the Christmas days your life has numbered is the most memorable one? Which one of all others you are most certain never to forget? These are questions I recently put to several prominent men and women, at the same time requesting them to tell me something of their most memorable Christmas.

"I think that all things considered my most memorable Christmas was my first one in the navy," said Admiral John G. Walker of the United States Navy. "Christmas on board a man-of-war far out at sea is quite a novel experience to a landlubber.

"After 'mess gear,' or breakfast, as landmen would call it, comes the 'sick call,' and men who are sick must promptly report. The morning watch till 9:30 is spent in the count-down jobs that can always be found for Jack's willing hands.

"Jack Trax's Christmas dinner at sea depends on the day of the week. On a Sunday viands largely upon how low his vessel has been absent from port, and upon whether or not he and other members of his mess have sufficient provisions on board.

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CHRISTMAS IN MERIE ENGLAND

Some Customs That Do Still Survive to Recall Ye Olden Time.

TIDE OF HOLIDAY AND FESTIVITY FOR ALL

Events that Serve to Prolong the Happy Season Till the New Year is Old—How the Day is Spent by a British Family.

For Christmas comes but once a year, but when it comes it brings good cheer. Thus, a couplet in English saying this is applicable now in the country where its author lived as when it was first spoken 400 years ago.

As a season of revelry Christmas in England is nothing to what it was. Many are the old customs, once sacred as the care of juggernaut to the Buddhists, which are now seldom observed.

But as a season of general festivity and holiday, Christmas is even more generally observed now than it used to be. There is no country, probably, where Christmas has been so long and so generally observed as England.

Every One's Holiday. The Christmas eve one takes holiday. The children are at home, the length and breadth of the land let out about the 29th of December for from two to four weeks.

Christmas in Other Lands. In northern Europe the grim and ghastly feast of the Scandinavians, in which they drank ale out of the skulls of their enemies, developed, under Christian influences, into a merry and festive Christmas.

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