

MAKING A GREEN CHRISTMAS

Wonderful Expansion of the Trade in Holiday Greenery.

AN ARMY OF WORKPEOPLE EMPLOYED

Over \$2,000,000 Spent in Christmas Trees, Holly and Mistletoe in the United States.—Where the Greens Come From.

"Is Christmas going out of fashion?" Well, hardly. If any business is any indication of the estimation in which it is held...

There's a good deal more competition now than there was when I first started in the business a dozen years ago. Then we could get about all the trees we wanted within 100 miles of New York...

The gathering of the "making" of Christmas greens forms the chief occupation of many a worker from Maine to California during the autumn and early winter...

GIRLS AND WOMEN DO THE WORK.

Among the Jersey pines the preparations for Christmas begin in late September when the balsam is gathered before it gets too dry...

The gathering of material begins in earnest with the coming of November and parties of men are out all day cutting trim young balsams, pines and fir...

With the arrival of these supplies the work of "making" is ready to begin. The twigs and small branches which are used for the wreaths and similar decorations are stripped off and piled in heaps beside each worker...

While wages are good and the work is hard, there is plenty of fun for the workers, too. On one or two nights of every week the floor of the workshop is usu-

ally cleared and an impromptu dance is held, at which all the young fishermen and boatmen of the neighborhood gather to make merry.

ENORMOUS QUANTITIES USED.

While a good deal of material is used in wreaths and stars and other designs, even more is worked up into ropes, which have come to be such an immense quantity for church, store and house decoration...

Down to very recent years spruce and fir were the only trees used for Christmas, while holly and mistletoe held undisputed the field of decoration...

WHERE THE HOLLY COMES FROM.

Holly and mistletoe will hold the place of chief favor, though they have had to admit many humbler plants to their company. Holly and laurel are both gathered chiefly in Delaware, Maryland and Virginia...

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATION.

While the fair enough, what is most noticeable is the side walk and the ugly railroad structure into a veritable bower, spanning it with a canopy of green and white which dwell with him...

CHRISTMAS GIFT.

What can I offer her, my sweet? What's fair enough, what is most noticeable is the side walk and the ugly railroad structure into a veritable bower...

CHRISTMAS IN IRELAND.

Grandma's Recollections of the Day in the Emerald Isle. When grandma was a little girl she lived in a little village in the County Cork in the beautiful Emerald Isle...

JOYS OF CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

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TIDINGS OF JOY.

Philadelphia North American. Now comes the time when little boys with curly, floppy locks, a sudden liking take to wearing Papa's roanly socks...

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TOILET AND BATH



MY MAMA USED I WISH MINE HAD.

WOOL SOAP

requirements are perfectly met in Wool Soap. There may be more expensive soaps but none better.

There's only one soap that won't shrink woollens. You must choose between no soap and Wool Soap.

THE BEST ELECTRIC BELT ON EARTH

Advertisement for Dr. Horne's Electric Belt, featuring a coupon for \$13.34 and a list of ailments treated, including Rheumatism, Sciatica, and Kidney Complaints.

THE SMITH PREMIER TYPEWRITER

Advertisement for the Smith Premier Typewriter, highlighting its durability and quality, with a list of agents and a coupon for a catalogue.

6,000 TEA SETS GIVEN AWAY

Advertisement for a tea set giveaway, offering 6,000 sets to be won by purchasing a certain amount of tea.

OMAHA MEDICAL AND SURGICAL INSTITUTE

Advertisement for the Omaha Medical and Surgical Institute, listing various medical services and a list of faculty members.



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