

CUSTOMS WITH THE BEARD ON

Pagan Rites and Ceremonies Roll Down the Road of Time.

ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

Features of the Great Festival Traced Back to the Time When Christianity Assimilated Heathen and His Whims.

"There is nothing new under the sun," is an assertion peculiarly applicable to Christmas customs. It is curious that not one of the customs of the great festival is Christian in its origin. Christianity had "to stoop to conquer" the heathen by the assimilation of their rites and ceremonies...

posting array of hobby horses, dragons, and musicians.

Knock on Long Sermons.

Apropos of irreverence in church, I cannot resist quoting the ever delightful Pepys' account of Christmas day in 1662: "I had the most walk to Wiltshire, where I intended to have received the communion with the family; but I came a little too late. So I walked up into the house and spent my time looking over pictures, particularly the ships in Henry VIII's voyage to Bullen—marking the great difference between those built then and now. By and by, down to the chapel again, where Bishop Morley preached on the song of the angels, 'Glory to God on high, on earth peace and good will towards men.'"

BUSY TIMES IN TOY FACTORIES

Eight Hundred Varieties Turned Out by the Toy Foundries of Maine.

Gaily painted sleds, doll furniture and miniature housekeeping sets for the little folk of every civilized country in the world are turned out by an army of workmen in the great toy factories of South Paris, Me. There used to be a saying that all the toys are made in Nuremberg. At one time possibly that may have been true; nowadays, it certainly is not. The United States is the greatest toy producing country in the world, and New England leads every other section of the land in originality and output.

Yule Log and Christmas Tree.

The burning of the Yule log is, like the hanging of the mistletoe, of Scandinavian origin, since our ancestors of this race used to kindle bonfires at Yule, that is, at the winter solstice in honor of Thor. By the way, you can cheaply insure your house against fire by preserving an unconsumed fragment of the Yule log in your cellar till the following Christmas and using it to light the log of next year.

HOME-MADE XMAS PRESENTS

Variety of Little Things for Practical Use, Easily and Quickly Made.

There are a thousand and one pretty and very little things that can be made with very little trouble and expense. For the units and sisters, veil rolls are very pretty and most useful. Get some ordinary mailing tubes at any post office and cover these with cotton or with some moist powder has been provided. Next buy some pretty flowered silk and cut it in the length of the mailing tube, allowing about an inch and a half over at each end; then sew it together down the center and at each end tie a bow of baby ribbon, corresponding in color to the silk, then fray the edges between the baby ribbon and you will have an extremely pretty gift, which has taken, at most, half an hour to make.

WAPA-CRESOLENE

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agnable. But for the girl who finds crochet or knitting work difficult a useful as well as ornamental gift can be made with a compass. Make a good sized circle on cardboard and then cut out around the line and cover the circular piece with silk. Next draw with a soft pencil two eyes, a nose and a mouth, and there results a good picture of the man in the moon.

THE CURSE OF OUR TIME

Steady Increase of Nervous Disorders While Other Diseases Are Conquered.

The progress of medical science has brought us face to face with a curious and suggestive fact. There can be little doubt that "ninth" diseases, as they are called, are being slowly but surely vanquished. The most distressing of these are rheumatism, gout, syphilis, and other diseases which have raised the great hope that at no distant day all the toxic scourges of humanity will be brought under scientific control. But there can be as little doubt that functional disorders of the nervous system are spreading with alarming rapidity, and that in their presence the average physician stands baffled and bewildered.

DIED IN RAGS BUT HAD CASH

Home-Made "Safety Deposit" of Colorado Miser Well Filled with Coins.

Hidden in a goods box four feet square, which was filled with chinaware and old cooking utensils that appeared to have rested there for at least a quarter of a century, was discovered \$2,062 placed in the bottom of a ten-pound cardboard can. The money was the hoarded wealth of Mrs. Georgiana Horton of Denver, who was found dead in her kitchen.

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