

WHEN SALOME GETS RELIEF

One Night Each Year She Has a Respite from Fate.

PRAYER FOR PEACE HER REST

Legend of Christmas Eve and the Eternally Condemned Daughter of Herodias, Who Dances at the North Pole.

At the North pole, where the auroral lights blaze splendidly, the eternally condemned daughter of Herodias, the beautiful and sinful Salome, is supposed to dance frantically by night and by day.

The soul of Salome knows no rest. She dances and dances eternally, ever before her vision the specter of the bloody head of the murdered John.

Italians tell of Befana, the little old woman who still traverses the earth seeking for the Wise Men.

The Wise Men were weary and needed rest. They were hungry and needed food. So they knocked at Befana's door.

A Lost Opportunity. In reply they told Befana they were on their way to visit the Holy Child; they told of the vision they had seen and the star which guided them.

Despairing of their return, she set out to find them—and she has been wandering over the earth ever since.

For Befana, at the season of the holy birth, becomes suffused with kindness and a great love of children.

To wicked children she gives stockings filled with ashes. Sometimes, after she has taught the needed lesson and the little one has become penitent she will visit the house a second time and leave gifts.

Witches Make a Night of It. In parts of Germany and France the peasants declare that Christmas eve all the witches rise in the air and hold high carnival.

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Others play hob-in-the-air on vampire-like birds. Shriill calls are sometimes heard in secluded places and the men who hear these cries utter a prayer.

In England a contrary belief prevails. At Christmas, they say, witches are unable to exercise their power, fainter ceases their mischievous tricks, and in some sections it is believed that the devil dies on this night.

The people of Yorkshire say that the evil one died the night the Saviour was born, and in celebration of his death the bells of churches in Dewsbury are rung.

In Germany many of the housewives grease the heads of geese, for then they believe there will be a big flock the coming year. They watch carefully for any eggs hens may lay on Christmas eve, for those, it is held, produce immense flocks.

Russia seven grains of corn are given to horses by the peasants. These, they believe, will cause the horse to remain in good health during the year; he will work willingly and not balk.

In the northeast of Scotland a belief prevails that if meat is not partaken of at the Christmas dinner the cattle will not wax strong and healthy.

To discover who will die during the coming year, the people of Anspach, Germany, observe the shadows of participants of a Yuletide party as they fall on the floor.

To insure peace in the family the people of Scandinavia on Christmas night place the shoes of all the members of the household in a row before the fire at night.

Servant families bake cakes of unleavened bread in which a coin is hidden. On Christmas day it is broken, and the one who gets the coin is assured of being the happiest and luckiest member of the family.

Straw is spread over the supper table on Christmas eve in Poland. Young folks are blindfolded and told to pick out a straw. If the straw is green, it is believed the person will marry. If it be dry and withered, hopeless, indeed, are considered the prospects of the hapless one.

The people of Sweden affirm that if one walks the road to church just as the sun is rising Christmas morning, he will see the fields growing with the crops of the coming year; visions will pass before his eyes of future events; all the funerals and coming marriages will loom spectrally before him.

Maidens reluctant to letting lovers kiss them might well learn the legend which prevails in many parts of England. Unless a maiden is kissed under a piece of mistletoe on Christmas eve, mothers tell their daughters, she need not hope to be married during the coming year.

Sweet elder, I shake, I shake; Tell me, ye does that wake, Where is my lover tonight?

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Music and Musical Notes

IN THIS column last Sunday there was an account of a rather elaborate system of teaching singing, as exemplified by a New York teacher. The New York Sun has had a recent article on the question of vocal methods, and while all of those are utterly ridiculous, the following specimens are culled from the said article for the consideration of the readers of this column.

As a preface to the serious matter which appears later on, in connection with the National Association of Teachers of Singing:

Singing teachers who endeavor to improve on their pupils the fact that the pupil possesses the real secret of imparting the method of such tricks.

The pupil, as she tried to give the sustenance, drew notes which she stated to be a plate into which there fell a steady flow of molasses, never broken into separate drops.

Another deep secret that she was able to overcome with a few lessons was the difficulty that pupils often have with their tongues. That deep secret was also not to be revealed until it had been after a while that all she had to say was that after several lessons in front of her pupil she held a spoon to the tip of her tongue to keep it in the place of the tongue.

This spoon method is an old trick and the principle under which it was worked was employed in the invention of a device which was patented in England and which one placed in his mouth when he practiced.

"I had to give up my teacher," said a young man who came to a well known instructor. "Because I couldn't keep on practicing the way he told me to do. If I wanted to learn anything, I was bound to put a spoon in my mouth. He told me to put a spoon in my mouth. He told me to put a spoon in my mouth."

The association consists of three classes of categories of active members: (1) Teachers of singing who reside within a fifty-mile radius from the borough of Manhattan.

Another class of members exists, known as patron members, comprising all those singers of national or international fame who approve of the aims and actions of the association, and who endeavor by their public support to convince the profession that such a movement is necessary for the preservation and development of the nation's voice.

A cordial invitation is extended to every one interested in the use and preservation of the voice (particularly singing teachers, doctors and teachers) to assist in the association in one of the practical work of the association.

The musical department of The Bee would be only too glad to hear from any musician or physicians, who would be willing to unite with this great movement for the good of the cause and will take pleasure in forwarding applications to the proper authorities.

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President Fallieres of France is a poor second, at 222 pounds. Of the other living rulers of Europe King Leopold of the Belgians is the heaviest, weighing 224 pounds.

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Our 'Christmas-Chimes' are 10 inches high and made of fine nickel-plated metal and are so constructed that when the candles are lighted the Turbine goes round and the Bells begin to play.

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HEAVIEST OF WORLD RULERS. Table listing world leaders by weight: William Howard Taft (296 lbs), Oscar II of Sweden (290 lbs), Victor Emmanuel III (280 lbs).

Restorative Treatment for Nervous Men. Coming from a source of unquestioned authority on the ailments of men it is presumed to be infallible, while the profession generally and general public alike do these men in many different forms of nervous diseases.

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