

His Christmas Spent at Club

Lonesome Rich Man Finds Happiness in Playing Santa Claus.

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

HE WAS SITTING alone in his fashionable club. It was quite deserted. It had been for some days now. Everyone seemed to have other things to do than to come to the club.

Only he had no plans to make. He gave his employees, and a number of others with whom he came in contact, money at Christmas time. That fulfilled his Christmas demands.

Other years he hadn't felt it so much as this year. This year the loneliness seemed lonelier than ever before.

He would leave the club. Perhaps among his own books, his own things he would find something to do.

Outside of the club his chauffeur and car were waiting. He got out and sat down on the soft, luxuriously upholstered cushions.

He sat for some time, looking out at the street. The noise of the streets—the noise of many voices of many people going shopping.

His soul seemed to ache. He was alone. Rich, comfortable, luxurious, alone! No one wanted him, needed him, cared for him.

He wanted love and affection, he wanted to be a part of all this going on outside the luxurious confinement of his car and that he couldn't buy.

And yet couldn't it help? Suddenly he had an inspiration. He called to the chauffeur.

He got out before a large store where in the window was a decorated Christmas tree.

He went inside the store. No longer did he feel so lonely. He, too, had a purpose in mind. He was a part of all of this now.

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Christmas morning came. Never had he arisen so early on a Christmas morning. Dressing himself carefully, he went downstairs.

Why, there's Santa Claus! Dear Santa Claus! He had not been afraid of him, but now so of Santa Claus! He undid his pack, he took gifts off the tree, and the children climbed over him.

And the children begged Santa Claus to stay for dinner. Curious thing for him to be doing! But he stayed, and for the first time, almost since he had been a child himself, he had a Christmas, a real Christmas, a Christmas filled with love which had driven the loneliness out!

From an Old Carol

A hole in my stocking, A hole in my shoe, Please will you give me a copper or two?

If you haven't copper silver will do; If you haven't silver, God bless you.

Make Christmas Burden Be Unhappy Rest of Year

IT IS SO customary nowadays to hear disparagement of Christmas as a season of vanity, selfish display, greed and covetousness that we like to point out the other side.

Christmas Essentially The Day of the Child

DECEMBER the 25th is the Day of the Child. It is upon this day of days that countless men and women and little ones barely able to speak their language utter the great rejoicing: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given!

Even those who hold creeds in which there is no Christmas feel the splendor of that cry and those who have no formal creed at all, still know there is one of the 365 portions of the year which is essentially the Day of the Child.

It is the day when even the most unselfish adult, long since congealed and hardened by the years, can hear in his heart the footsteps of the little ones. Today they are running about so eagerly all over the world patterning to see what good gifts may have been received, ardent with a hope that only young hearts can feel.

On this day the austere scientist who has almost quite forgotten in the very laws of astronomy which recently seemed so sure and stable, but which now seem dissolving in a mist of relativity—this careful professional skeptic becomes as a child himself, and considers it hard indeed if he cannot believe in Santa Claus, bearded fairy godfather of the children.

On this day even those who have been the most careless feel like child again, reverently that beautiful prayer for wisdom in the rearing of children: "Almighty God, heavenly Father, who has blessed us with the joy and care of children; Give us light and strength so to train them, that they may love whatsoever things are true and pure, and lovely and of good report."

Christmas Season Awakes Best Traits

Come winds of the North, from the land of snow and ice, blow the horns and ring the bells. Speed the wings of Christmas, Christmas's best needed ever, that it takes the magic of Christmas time to change the drab and gloom to brighter colors and joy.

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Christmas Musings

The shadows were falling around; The twilight was seeking its own; I mused on the silence of dying day, As I sat by my window alone.

In the midst of thought, I saw In a cottage not far away; A spirit of life seemed to move; In the Christmas candles gay.

Unspoken story of Christ's birth; Their mission seemed to say; The Babe, a shining light to earth, Was born on Christmas day.

A Merry Christmas, yes, a day of laughter, merriment, and cheer; And here, a wish for every day thereafter; When Christmas goes, as it of course must do, May every day that comes be merry, too.

Three Celebrations Three Christmases are celebrated every year in the Church of Norway at Bethlehem. The first occurs in the Roman Catholic section on Dec. 25; 13 days later the Greek Orthodox church hold their celebration to be followed by those of the Armenian church in another 13 days.

Medieval Dramas In Churches Of Europe A Christmas Feature

In many churches in older lands at Christmas time Mystery or Nativity plays are given, acted by the members of the congregation. These plays are becoming year by year more general and popular.

They are very impressive and instructive and are a rival of the old medieval ecclesiastical and monastic dramas. One such play was acted in Dunstable in 1119 in "copies" by the scholars of Geoffrey afterwards Abbot of St. Albans. It was called the play of St. Catherine and does not seem to have been looked upon as much of a novelty which goes to prove that those kind of plays were being acted at a much earlier date.

The first drama known to have been written on a scripture subject was a Jewish play (fragments are still to be found in Greek taken from Exodus). The author was a Jew called Ezekiel and it was supposed to have been written after the destruction of Jerusalem. The three most important characters were "Moses, Simon and Robin Hood" and the "holy bush" and it is said to have been written in imitation of the Greek drama of the second century.

Corpus Christi processions first took place in 1284 and were confirmed in 1311 which led to a closer union of the drama with religious feasts. Then gradually the religious plays began to acquire a certain amount of lay and secular representations suitable to the seasons.

One of the most beautiful and instructive Mystery plays is acted every year by the members of a well-known English church who give their services every year for a Mystery play in aid for foreign missions and their own church expenses. "The Joyful Pageant of the Nativity" staged at the Chelsea Palace theatre is an inspiration to see and is a speaking example of the strides the present-day Mystery play has made in the last few years.

It is reverently played and beautifully staged, the smallest child (and there are several wee mites) enters into the spirit of it, each actor feels his or her part, hence the acting is perfect. It has its lesson to teach, and it draws one's attention to the hard and unkindly mysteries of the earth (as a true Mystery is meant) to the wonderful mystery of the Nativity and all that the first Christmas stood for.

THE CHRISTMAS

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With light and color and chiming, with holly and tissue and toys, the year comes to its Christmas climax as in the long ago. In the course of the year we are met as individuals, but at Christmas time they become communal.

Modern men have burned with the Christmas heart, and one thinks at once of Dickens, in whom the glow burned continually and was as involuntary as the beating of his own physical heart.

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Magic of Christmas Sweeps Entire World

THE magic of Christmas lies over the world today, changing the dreary commonplace events of yesterday into things of wonder and delight and filling the earth with happiness and joy and cheer. It permeates the whole earth from end to end and mankind in every land and in every clime responds to it in the fullest measure.

For with the magic of Christmas time man hurries himself trying to prove the happiness and well-being of others and in doing this finds greatest happiness for himself also. For it seems as if the more we give of love, of service and of ourselves the fuller grows the store of the happiness which we draw upon and the richer we grow in the things that make for our own happiness. Let us then allow the magic of Christmas time to fall upon us so deeply that it may not only stay with us at this time but throughout all the days to follow.—Katherine Edelman.

Norway, Sweden Babies are Loaded With Gifts

IN MANY districts of Norway and Sweden every baby born on Christmas day is the recipient of many gifts and bounties from all quarters. He receives a bounty highly by the ecclesiastical and civil authorities, and in some districts these bounties amount to a considerable amount of money, which is generally invested until the child is of age.

The children that are born to some classes of the people in Naples on this happy day are visited by "Wise Men"—who are selected by some philanthropic society—and are presented with imitation stones which are valued highly by the children in later years, even supernatural qualities being ascribed to them.

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The bells jingled, the frosty air seemed to say in its cool, cheery way: "I'm here. I brush against your faces, so you can feel me and my cold, bracing ways."

And the sleigh went merrily along. Inside the sleigh were a man and a girl. And they were saying things which may not sound new to you.

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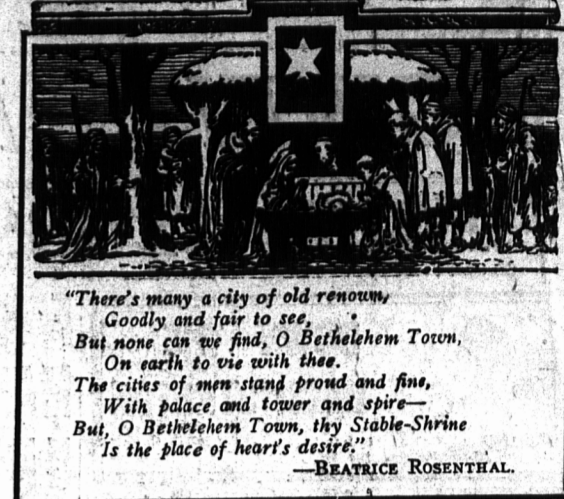
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The Great Story Of All Time

Justice is the regulator between men and God; it is God's constant mode of action in the moral world. Justice is the common human bond. I am to do justice, and demand it of all.

ROBERT BROWNING GO GLORIOUS is our nature, so August man's inborn unstructured impulses, his naked spirit so majestic; man grows too great for narrow creeds of right and wrong, which fade before the unmeasured thirst for good. Truth is the strong thing; let man's life be true. Truth is within ourselves; it takes no rise from outward things. God's gift is that man should conceive of truth and yearn to gain it.

WILLIAM MORRIS FELLOWSHIP of Men shall endure, however many tribulations it may have to wear through. Be of good cheer, in the glad hope of the Fellowship of Men!

JOHN RUSKIN AS THE art of life is learned, it will be found at last that all lovely things are also necessary. The wild flower by the wayside, as well as the topped corn, the wild creatures of the forest, as well as the tamed cattle.

Man does not live by bread only, but by every wondrous word and unknowable work of God. Happy that he knew them not, and that round about him reached yet into the infinite, the amazement of his existence.

THOMAS CARLYLE IT IS all work, this people, clothed, high-towered, wide-armed world. The hands of forgotten men have made it a world for us. The only happiness a brave man ever troubled himself with seeking much about, was happiness enough to get his work done. Whatsoever of mortality and of intelligence, what of patience, perseverance, faithfulness, in a word whatsoever of strength the man had in him, will be written in the work he does.

All true work is sacred. Labor, wide as the earth, has its summit in heaven; sweat of the brow, and up from that to sweat of the brain, sweat of the heart.

O brother, if this is not worship, the more pity for worship, for this is the noblest thing yet discovered under God's sky. It is to you, ye workers, that the whole world calls for new work and nobleness. Blessed is he who has found his work; let him ask no other blessedness.

EDWIN MARKHAM THERE is a destiny that makes us brothers—none goes his way alone.

WHITTIER HAPPY must be the State Whose ruler heeds the more The murmur of the poor Than flatteries of the great.

EDWARD CARPENTER DEMOCRACY! Underneath all the edges of the other words where they meet it. Politics, art, science, commerce, religion, customs and methods of daily life, the very outer shows and semblances of ordinary objects, their meanings must all now be absorbed and recast in this word, or else fall off like dry husks before its disclosure.

The old structures can no longer stand—their very foundations are shifted; and men run forth in terror from the old, before they can yet find firm ground for the new.

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A Tale For Christmas Evening

Now that you are tired of your toys, Sonny Boy, And you're cooking a sleepy eye, Climb into my lap and I'll tell you a tale Of a time that is long gone by. Over the sea, in a little old town— No, your daddy never was there— A Baby was born on the first Christmas day, In a place that was chilly and bare, He had no fire like the one we have here, Where HIS mother could warm HIS head.

"A Merry Christmas" As Other Nations Say It

THIS is how the nations of the world express the wish "A Merry Christmas": France, Bon Noel; China, Tin Hiao Nian; Russia, Boas Festas; Japan, Kijia Shinzen; Turkey, Ichok Yilasi; Hungary, Boldog Karacsony! Unhipek; Greece, Christovoyia; Croatia, Sretan Bozic; Holland, Een Vrolijk Kerstmis; Spain, Felices Pascuas; Germany, Frohliche Weihnachten; Sweden, Glad Julen; Italy, Felice Natale; Rumania, Craciun Felicitatime; Bohemia, Vesela Vanoce; Poland, Wesoely Swiat; Denmark, Glaedelig Jul.

In all directions guilds and yawning abysses, the ground of society cracking, the fire showing through, the old lies giving way beneath the strain, and the great pent heat heaving, as though it would break at the sound of the new word Democracy.

No volcano bursting up through peaceful pastures is a greater revolution than this; no vast mountain chain thrown down from ocean depths to form a new continent, looks further down the future; for this is lava springing out of the very heart of Man; this is the upheaval of heaven-kissing summits, whose streams shall feed the farthest generations, this is the draft and outline of a new creature, the forming of the wings of Man beneath the outer husk, the outspread pinions of Equality, whereon arising he shall at last lift himself over the earth and launch forth to sail through Heaven.

The Arisen and Mighty soul of Man!

WETTER I O, NOW is come our joyfulst feast! Let every man be jolly, Each room with ivy leaves is dressed, And every post with holly. Now all our neighbor chimneys smoke, And Christmas blocks are burning; Their ovens they with bakt meats choke, And all their spits are turning.

MOORE 'T WAS the night before Christmas, I when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse: The stockings were hung by the fire in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

SCOTT HEAR on more wood! The wind is chill; But let it whistle as it will, We'll keep our Christmas merry still. Each age has deemed the new-born year: The fittest time for jestic cheer.

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