



"Uncle Christmas"

(By DAVID SKENE)

Ronnie caught the burglar absolutely red-handed. That he was a burglar, there could not be the slightest doubt. When Ronnie—having discovered at, as usual, he had left his nose in the kitchen, left Madge and returned to the house, he entered through the open french-windows of the sitting-room, and, as he was wearing tennis-shoes, he made no noise. And there was the burglar, with the pantry door open, and one hand actually groping within.

take himself off, so he didn't get the steak. He just went as far as the shop and then back again to find the burglar sitting like a lamb while Madge bathed his wounds! Ronnie cursed, and went back to the butcher's for the steak. Madge had a definite passion for nursing and coddling all sorts of waifs and strays, and, usually having to be content with dogs or cats, thoroughly enjoyed herself with a real, he-man patient. But, eventually, she left the burglar with a package of a pound of rum.

Christmas Carol Favorites

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.

God of God, Light of Light, Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;

See how the shepherds, Summoned to His cradle, Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, Born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee by glory given;

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie; Above thy deep and dreamless sleep

For Christ is born of Mary; And gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep

How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts

How the world is full of saints, How the world is full of saints, How the world is full of saints, How the world is full of saints

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us today.

Our Lord Emmanuel, Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us today.

Christmas fare has always occupied a big part in Yuletide celebration. Our Anglo-Saxon forefathers were excellent trencher-men, and eating and drinking were a necessary part of every gala day.

Stuffed boars heads, peacocks, geese, capons, pheasants, mince pie, plum pudding—these decked the board. The turkey was unknown. That excellent fowl did not enter

into the bill of fare until the discovery of the New World. Of course, there was drink aplenty. Punch was the customary wassail bowl.

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CHRISTMAS GREENS

The custom of hanging evergreens in the house during the Yuletide originally had a purpose beyond that of decoration. In olden days each kind of evergreen was believed to confer special blessings on those who passed beneath its boughs.

Peacock Dinner English Custom Many Years Ago

Fashions in Christmas dinners come and go. In olden days at a Christmas feast in England, next in importance to the boar's head as a Christmas dish was the peacock. To prepare the bird for the table was a task entailing no little trouble.

The noble bird was not served by common hands; that privilege was reserved for the lady guests most distinguished by birth or beauty. One of them carried it into the dining hall to the sounds of music.

Great Yule Feast Given by King Richard in 1399

Christmas in England, of course, is an old feast, though the Santa Claus and Christmas tree traditions come to us from another source. William E. Mead's "The English Medieval Feast" (Houghton, Mifflin) quotes.

"A most royal Christmas was given in London on an account of the great feast which King Richard gave in Westminster Hall in the year 1399, just after rebuilding the hall of William Rufus.

Christmas dinner? He was after food then? Which means that the poor fellow's hungry! Ronnie, if you dare to go within ten yards of a policeman—I'll never speak to you again!"

On the morning after Boxing Day he asked if he could return with the dinner with them that night. Madge said he might, and Ronnie, who had taken a great fancy to the fellow as was enthusiastically in his agreement.

It was only after he had gone that the young pair realized they had no food left in the house, and no money!

Ronnie went out to try and raise some. He tried all day, but the day after Boxing Day he had a good one of things—by the piano, sing, tell funny stories and what-not.

And then, before he had time to explain his lack of success to Madge, a large van pulled up at the door, and in came hampers containing a magnificent cold collation—in-cluding a dozen bottles of expensive champagne!

"What the deuce! gasped Ronnie. "Not at all," said Madge. "It's the Burglar—I told you he wasn't one, didn't I?"

And when the Burglar himself arrived back, he did not deny that he was the author of the feast. They did it full justice, with laughter and song, and when at last, the Burglar rose to go, he made a little speech:

"You young people thought you were entertaining a Burglar—and very nicely you did it, too! But actually, 'twas an angel you were feasting, unawares! Ronnie—forgive the apparent familiarity, which is excusable when I tell you that I am actually your Uncle George.

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You can color the spools or you can wrap them in a frill of crepe paper, just as we do our big trees.

Then stick the end of your twig in the hole of the spool, and there you are! A potted Christmas tree in miniature!

Decorate the trees with the tiniest of tinsel threads or sprinkle over with fine, imitation snow. Be careful not to have your trimmings

Christmas and the Birds

It is said that no peasant in Sweden will sit down with his child, even to Christmas dinner until he has provided for the birds.

The farmers erect poles in their door-yards to which sheafs of grain are bound, to provide for birds through the season when vegetation is covered with snow and ice.

ONE SAD THING ABOUT CHRISTMAS

The saddest thing about Christmas is that the good fellowship the day inspires too often withers with the Yule tree and is tossed out of doors.

HARD TO ANSWER

Boy—Mamma! Tired Mother—Well? Boy—When Santa Claus was a little boy, who filled his stockings? —The Country Home.

Red a Cheery Color

Red is regarded as the most cheerful of all colors. It is said to react the most quickly on the optic nerve. Decorations available at the winter soldier include holly, the berries of which are red.

It grew to be the custom to use holly and berries of a similar nature in preparing for the festival of Christmas. By virtue of the association of ideas red came to be connected with the Christmas season.

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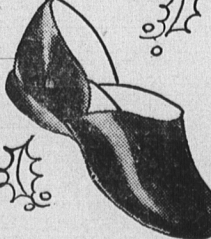
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