KEITH & PROCTOR'S FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE, NEW YORK, WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 1910.

With the advent of Christmas week with all its attendant joys and celebrations, the Fifth Avenue Theatre has fallen into line with a bill well calculated to amuse the most fastidious. Beginning Monday, December 26th, the chief honors will be divided among dual headliners in the persons of Edwin Stevens and Lillian Shaw. The engagements of these two artists of such widely different methods shows the wide range of vaudeville and the generality of its appeal. Stevens is the experienced histrion, veteran of over a hundred productions and chararter creations; Miss Shaw is the result of the immediate development of the present day. Each is a consummate artist, Stevens naturally the dominant figure; but in vaudeville the test is the ability to "make good" at the moment and Miss Shaw's talents counterbalance Mr. Steven's experience. Fresh from a Broadway engagement in "The Speckled Band," in which Mr. Stevens carried off all honors, the versatile genius enters vaudeville with his blithesome sketch "A Night Out," in which he will be ably assisted by Miss Tina Marshall. "A Night Out is a true farce, played in a truly farcial vein and is one roar of laughter during its entire action. Lillian Shaw will deliver six songs, each in character costume, and each new to the vaudeville stage. All dialects and characters seem alike to Miss Shaw, she being equally at home interpreting Yiddish, Italian, German or Spanish types. Her costumes are all creations, each distinct in design and a treat to the critical eye. As befits a singer of her talents Miss Shaw's offering calls for an augmented orchesera and the services of a personal musical director. Next to the headliners, Bert Levy, the popular cartoonish and pictorial comedian, will entertain to the best of his splendid ability, while the largest batch of salvos will fall to the lot of Charles and Fannie Van & Co. in their joyous holiday concoction, "The Stage Carpenter's Experience," built on a foundation of fun. Midway on the bill will come John B. Hymer and a company of fifteen in "Tom Walker on Mars," a fantastic musical travesty, new to vaudeville. The cadets of Gascony are due for the rendition of all the favorite grand opera melodies, affording a treat to all music lovers. Karl Emmy and his pets will delight the children. Grouch and Welch will offer a neat acrobatic dancing novelty. Pollard, the merry juggler, will make his broadway debut, while the daylight motion pictures will complete the programme.

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CHRISTMAS IN THE OLDEN TIMES

Of all the days in the year Christmas has become the most memorable. Looking backward into history this also holds true—but with limitations. Few of the big events of history happened on Christmas Day. On the other hand, a surprising number of interesting episodes in the history of the nations occurred on this greatest of all holidays. Many of them, too, seem to be peculiarly appropriate to the day.

Going back for historic Christmases one comes upon the first Christmas of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth, Mass. They landed December 21, 1620—just four days before Christmas. The great day itself brought forth no revelry nor gayety. In fact, there was no observance of the Natal Day of the Saviour whatever. The stern Pilgrims regarded any observance of the day as sinful.

With no houses to shelter them from the icy blast and with death and sickness in their midst, their thoughts and their feelings were anything but joyous. Christmas Day for them was a day of prayer and of work. In small groups they knelt on the snow-covered ground and offered prayers for the sick, the hungry and the dying. They felled trees and cleared the ground, unmindful of the countrymen they had left across the water now in the midst of their joyful celebration of Christmas in the good old English way.

Nor was their second Christmas on American soil any different. Indeed, the stern governor of the colony, William Bradford, ordered that anyone found observing Christmas Day by either abstinence from labor or in feasting, should pay a fine of five shillings. It was not until a full century later that this anti-Christmas sentiment was relaxed; from then on the famous old-fashioned New England Christmas was developed and indulged in.

On Christmas Eve, 1814, the treaty of peace between Great Britain and the United States was made, concluding the war of 1812.

A Christmas Day peculiarly significant in its events and strikingly impressive through the sheer nature of them was that of the year 496, when Clovis, King of the Franks, along with his army, was baptized into the Christian faith at Rheims. The Franks were a confederation of German tribes, who had dwelt since the third century on the right bank of the Rhine, and who eventually migrated to Gaul. After many incursions they became masters of the left bank of the lower Rhine, as well as of their own territory.

In 486 one of their chiefs, Hlodowig or Clovis, as he is more generally known, expelled the Romans from Northern Gaul and settled there with his tribesmen. Thus he came into contact with Christianity at once and Remigius, bishop of Rheims, became his friend and adviser.

Finally, in 496, he vowed to accept Christianity if the God of his wife would give him the victory over the invading army of the Allemans. His army victorious, he kept his oath and, on Christmas Day, he, along with the thousands of his warriors who followed him as implicitly in this matter as they had in battle, was baptized into the Christian faith.

Who has not heard of that merry old outlaw of Sherwood forest—Robin Hood? Famed in song and story, the romance of his depredations upon the wealthy and his lavish distribution of his spoils of the highway among the poor bids fair to appeal to lovers of adventure for all time. But that he died on Christmas eve, in the year 1247—so the story goes—seems not to be a matter of general knowledge.

After many years of defiance of the English King, in which his courage and his skill at archery played no small part, Robin Hood fell sick at a certain nunnery, in Yorkshire. A pretty tale of his death runs to the effect that from his couch in the nunnery he seized his favorite bow and discharged an arrow through the open window, directing one of his outlaw band who was present to bury him where the arrow fell.

Another legend has it that while ill in the nunnery and being "let of a little blood," as was the custom of the day, he was betrayed and allowed to bleed to death. There is a gravestone at Kirkless, in Yorkshire, at one time a Benedictine nunnery, under which all that is mortal of Robin Hood is said to lie.

There is a famous hawthorn bush in the churchyard at Glastonbury Abbey, England, which to this day is pointed out by guides as having sprung from the staff of St. Joseph of Aremathea. The saint, so the legend runs, planted his staff in the ground on a certain Christmas Day of the long, long ago. Before the wondering gaze of his followers, the staff took root and immediately put forth leaves; on the following day it was covered with milk-white blossoms.

Christmas Day of the year 800 witnessed the crowning of Charlemange, Emperor of the West, at Rome. It was the consummation of his life's work. Born in 742, he succeeded his father as king of the Franks 29 years later. Immediately he began his great mission of conquering and converting the Saxons. He welded into one great monarchy the various races of Germany. When he was crowned Emperor of the Romans on that Christmas Day his power became supreme.

Five days before Christmas of the year 109 Ignatius, the bishop, was condemned to death by wild beasts by the Emperor Trajan, at Antioch. From then on his martyrdom was celebrated in the churches of Antioch on Christmas Day. He was said to have been one of the children whom Christ took up in his arms and blessed.

He is also credited with having introduced antiphonal chants into the church services, having had a vision in which he heard the angels worshipping God with antiphonal hymns. In passing, it is interesting to note that St. John the Evangelist is said to have died at Ephesus two days after Christmas of the year 99.

One of the most sensational Christmas eves of history was, perhaps, that of the year 1800, when an attempt was made upon the life of Napoleon Bonaparte by exploding an infernal machine in the streets of Paris as the Little Corporal and his suite drove to the first performance of Haydn's oratorio of the "Creation." By sheer good fortune the charge of gunpowder went off between the carriage of the Emperor and the one following, in which were Josephine and her babies, and the interval between them was sufficiently great to prevent any but minor injuries and shock to the occupants. Napoleon continued to the opera, calmly seated himself in his box and surveyed the audience through his opera glasses.

On Christmas Day, of the year 1066, William the First was crowned King of England, at Westminster, three months after his landing. Citizens of Wessex and London, after a siege, agreed to accept him as their sovereign. He reigned not as a conquerer, but as a lawful king.

The day after Christmas, 1153, at the death of Henry, the "Plantagenet," Stephen, a son of William the Conqueror's daughter, was crowned King of England. Without a following of nobles and with only his personality to back him, he was accepted by popular acclaim. The day before his coronation—Christmas Day—must have been an exciting and busy one, indeed.

Among other memorable events in history on or near Christmas Day are the following:—

A day or two preceding Christmas in the year 673, the Saracens attacked Constantinople. Their fleet was destroyed by a Greek fire invented by Callinicus.

On Christmas Day, 1306, Jacopone, an Italian monk and poet. best known as the author of the hymn "Stabat Mater," died.

The treaty of Dresden, between Prussia, Saxony and Austria, was signed Christmas Day, 1745.

One day after Christmas, in the year 1805, the treaty of Presburg was signed by France and Austria.

The first celebration of Christmas was indeed memorable. It was in the second century, by order of Telesphorus, seventh bishop of Rome. He suffered martyrdom for so doing.

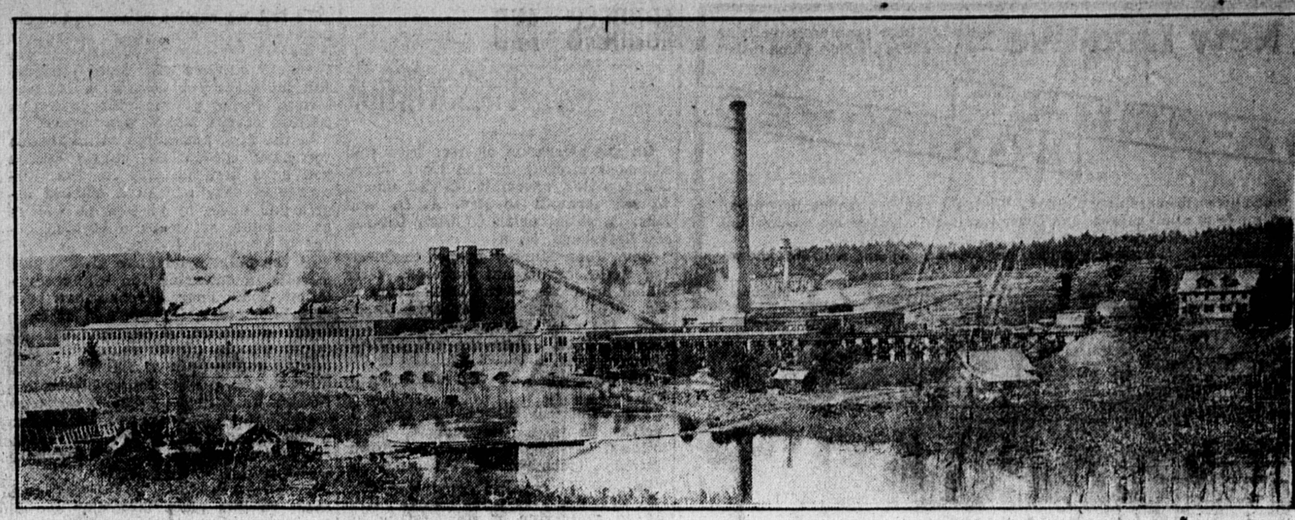
David Garrick's first appearance on the stage was on Christmas Day 1742, at Goodman's Fields, as Clodius, in the "Fop's Fortune."

Charles Lamb died two days after Christmas, in 1834.

Christmas of 1860 was an exciting one in South Carolina, for five days before the state had seceded from the Union.

After a Christmas Day at Fort Moultrie, in 1860, Major Anderson, of the United States Army, withdrew to occupy Fort Sumpter.

William Makepiece Thackeray laid aside his pen for all time on Christmas eve, 1863, and ten years later to the day John Hopkins, founder of John Hopkins University, of Baltimore, died.



NORTHERN PAPER COMPANY'S MILL AT MILLINOCKET, MAINE.

The above photo, taken by Edison C. Jewell, photographer, of Millinocket, Maine, formerly of this Province, will give a good idea of the immensity of this paper mill, in which a large majority of the employees are from this Province. Being good workmen, they are receiving good money, some earning as high as $4.20 for an eight-hour day, and they are building themselves beautiful homes. At the mill 800 hands are employed, the output being three hundred tons of finished paper per day. It is one of the largest mills in the world, with a branch at East Millinocket, besides many hundreds of acres through the State of Maine, where there are many lumber camps in the winter season getting logs for consumption.

ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS-BOXES IS OF GREAT ANTIQUITY

Most of the custom which are observed during Christmas-tide have their origin somewhere far back in the dim, distant past. The practice of giving presents, "Inquisitive," originated with the early Romans, who held festivals in honour of Saturn. It was costumary then for the monks to offer masses for the safety of all ships which went on voyages to each of which a little box was fixed (under the custody of the priest), into which the sailors put money or valuables in order to secure the prayers of the Church. At Christmas these boxes were opened, and were thence called "Christmas-boxes." So the custom of "boxing" has been observed throughout England to the present time.

HILDA'S CHRISTMAS.

Standing apart from the childish throng,
Little Hilda was silent and sad.
She could not join in the happy song,
She could not echo the voices glad,
"What can I do on Christmas day?
I am so little and we are so poor,"
She said to herself in a dreary way;
"I wish there was never a Christmas more."
"Mother is sick and father can't know
How children talk of their gifts and joy,
Or he'd surely try, he loves me so,
To get me just one single toy."
"But Christmas ins't for what you get,"
She heard a small, sweet, tender voice—
"It's for what you give," said wee Janet,
And the words made Hilda's heart rejoice
"It isn't our birthday," went on the mite,
"It is Christ's you know; and I think he'd say
If He were to talk with us tonight
That He'd wish us to keep it His own way."
A plan came into Hilda's head;
It seemed to her she could hardly wait.
"I can't give nice things," she bravely said,
"But I'll do what I can to celebrate."
"I can give the baby a day of fun;
I can take my plant to the poor, lame boy;
I can do mother's errands—every one;
And my old kite I can mend for Roy.
"I can read to father and save his eyes;
I can feed the birds in the locust grove;
I can give the squirrels a fine surprise;
And grandma shall have a letter of love."
Now when the busy day was done,
And tired Hilda crept to bed,
She forgot that she had no gift of her own—
"What a lovely Christmas it was!" she said.

—M. A. L. LANE.

RECORD PLUM PUDDINGS IN THE BRITISH NAVY

The largest Christmas pudding was one supplied to the Mediterranean Fleet some three years ago. It weighed just 224 pounds, measured three feet across, and was two feet deep. A special basin had to be made for cooking it. Altogether it took exactly three weeks to prepare this gigantic pudding. Every year more puddings are exported. Two firms alone have this year made nearly 100,000 ranging in size from one to four pounds. The work is commenced in September, and goes on without cessation until November. It is estimated that the number of puddings eaten in the United Kingdom alone on Chtistmas Day exceeds fifteen millions.

ETIQUETTE OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Christmas presents to many represent the most important problems of the year, for not only must they be purchased, but they must be carefully selected, wrapped and sent to their destination. All of this takes time, and sometimes many amusing contretemps arise from the custom of giving presents. And then there is etiquette, too, that must be observed, for there are only certain things that men may present tor girls, there are certain formalities about cards and the like, and there are laws about the time the gifts are to be sent and how they are to be conveyed from the donor to the recipient.

There was once a rather impecunious young man who was very much in love with a young woman, and, when Christmas came around, he realized that he must give her something, but the problem was what? His limited means farbade any of the ordinary gifts, and besides, he wished to show his regard by giving her something that was really nice, and, perhaps, a little out of the ordinary. So at last he found a brilliant idea. He would give her a cake of very good soap. So he scoured the town to find the best, and finally discovered a kind that suited his taste and his pocketbook. This, he dispatched to her, confident of the wisdom of his choice. But, unfortunately the girl did not know the thought expended upon the little pofferiug and did not know of the very small sum of money the young man had at his disposal, so she was very angry, and took the gift as a personal insult to her cleanliness—a thought that the poor young man could not have foreseen.

It is quite a pathetic little tale, is it not? But, according to the rules of etiquette, a man may give a girl girl to whom he is not engaged only three things—books, candy or flowers. Any one of these may be as handsome as could be desired, and any one of them may cost as much money as the young man may care to spend; but Mrs. Grundy has decreed these many years that nothing else may be given by a young man to a young woman unless they be engaged to be married. In that case, he may, with propriety, give her any present, no matter how magnificent, save that it must not be wearing apparel or anything really useful—jewels, necklace, rings—but not even a pair of silk stockings.

A girl seldom gives a man a present unless he be her fiance. She need feel no hesitancy about accepting the three described gifts from any and every man she knows, and she need not worry about giving something in return. Men give presents to girls, but girls are not called upon to send men presents unless they want to. In that case they may give books, a sofa cushion, bits of embroidery or handknit neckties. The apparel does not define what men may receive from girls.

Presents are usually sent by messenger, by mail or by express, according to size and the distance of their destination. When they are delivered by a messenger they should be sent the day before Christmas, or early Christmas morning. Or course, no one would dream of giving a friend a present and asking her to carry it home herself. Even if your friend comes to call while you are doing up the very gift you have intended for her, it must be laid aside until she has gone, when you will send it or take it to her home.

The gift is to be a pleasant surprise., and must come without any trouble on the part of the recipient. Furthermore, never expect or ask her to open your gift in your presence. It is putting a restraint upon her that is not courteous. Also, never give to anyone a present that is not done up in paper, and attractively done, at that. Do not send out your gifts as they come from the store. They are far more acceptable if they show some little personal touch: and when narrow red ribbon may be purchased for 16 cents a piece of 12 yards, and when it is seasonable and pretty surely it is worth using for the precious little packages.

A card should be sent with every gift and should be tied to the outside with ribbon if the package is to be delivered by messenger or personally. It need not necessarily be an engraved card. It may be one of the numerous dainty little tags that are always sold in such variety at this season of the year. A bit of holly, caught in the ribbons shows that time and thought have been expended upon it, and makes doubly valuably the offering.

And when your friends show you their gifts take a little time to admire them and do not always compare their possesions with your own. Learn, too, not too look upon Christmas as a time for getting all you can for as little as possible, and do not regard it as an exchange. If you are really fond of Mrs. Robinson send her some little gift. If she does not give anything to you, and if Mrs Jones, aroung the corner, that you did not bribe, does, do not worry. Nothing made you offer a remembrance to Mrs Robinson. And remember that it is far better to give presents to no one than to give a lot of useless things to your rich friends, thinking that you will get back better than you gave. Regard the holiday as a feast and look upon the presents as pledges of friendship and nothing more. Bearing these two facts in mind, you cannot go wrong, either in the intricacies of the law of etiquette or in the better and more laudable law of love.

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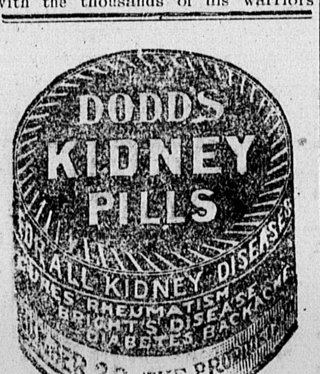

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