

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM WEST PRINCE



By Violet M. Williams

"Christmas is almost here again!" said Pip, cheerfully, as he hurried into the cottage he shared with his friend, Pennytop.

"I know it is," replied Pennytop, smiling. "It's alright for you. You have plenty of money for presents and things, and this year I am worse off than ever. I shan't have anything to spend on presents."

"And whose fault is that?" asked Pip, severely. "You just can't resist ice-cream and lollipops and the circus and all the things that cost a lot of money. Then you wonder why you haven't any!"

Pennytop looked very ashamed. "I know, Pip," he said, "I wish I could be a good elf and have just one ice-cream and one lollipop, but one seems to lead to another, than I find all my pennies are gone."

"There is only one thing to do," said Pip, "you must earn some

be sure of some money for his Christmas presents.

He began the tasks cheerfully and he worked on and on until the stars were glistening in the sky and the day was over.

"You are a very good elf," said the Wise Woman. "Why did you come and help me today?" she asked sharply. "Was it just to be good, or did you want something?"

Pennytop went very red. "I—I really wanted some money for Christmas," he stammered.

"Ho, you did!" snorted the Wise Woman. "Well, I suppose you deserve some. Here you are." And she gave poor Pennytop a PENNY!

The little elf almost cried on the way home. He was so tired and he had worked so hard, but Pip cheered him up.

"Never mind!" he said. "You can buy two halfpenny toys at Mrs. Jolly's new shop, then you can give two Christmas presents, anyway!"

The next day the elves spent a long time looking in the toy-shop window and then they went inside.

"Good morning, my dears," said Mrs. Jolly. "Come to do your Christmas shopping, I suppose? Well, you are nice and early; there is plenty for you to buy."

"I am afraid we want only halfpenny toys," said Pennytop, putting his penny on the counter.

But Mrs. Jolly did not seem to hear him, or else she thought he said something else, because she went on. "What did you ask for? Oh, yes, a large box of bricks; very nice, too. Then a big Teddy Bear. I see you are going to give very



nice Christmas presents this year, young Pennytop!

The more the elves tried to stop her the more things she piled on the counter, until there was everything that Pennytop would have bought if he had had lots more pennies than just one. The louder they shouted the more she gave them until at last she seemed to hear, and she said, "Oh, so that is enough, is it. You have had a good shopping day!"

"We tried to tell you, Mrs. Jolly. I have only a penny," said poor Pennytop. "I can't have all these things with ONE penny!"

"Oh, yes, you can!" said Mrs. Jolly. "That is, when it is a GOLDEN penny."

Sure enough the plain brown penny on the counter had changed into a beautiful, shining, golden one!

"How wonderful!" cried Pennytop, gleefully. "But how did you guess that these were the very things I wanted, without my telling

you?"

"Without your telling me, indeed!" exclaimed Mrs. Jolly. "You asked for every one of these things with your own mouth!"

Then there was such a loud chuckle. There behind Pennytop and Pip was standing the Wise Woman. "No, with MY mouth, Mrs. Jolly," she told the shopkeeper, "You could hear only my voice!"

She turned to Pennytop. "You were a good elf and told me the truth when you came to help me, little Pennytop," she said. You did not tell me how many of those extra ice-creams and lollipops went to your friends when they had none, and you did not tell me that that money you wanted was to buy Christmas presents. So I decided to help you, as well as teach you to be a little more careful with your pennies. Now run off and enjoy your Christmas!"

And so they did, and had as bright and happy a time as anyone in the world!

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May the spirit of the season reflect itself in all the happiness, that surrounds you and yours at Christmas-time.

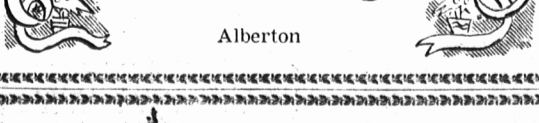
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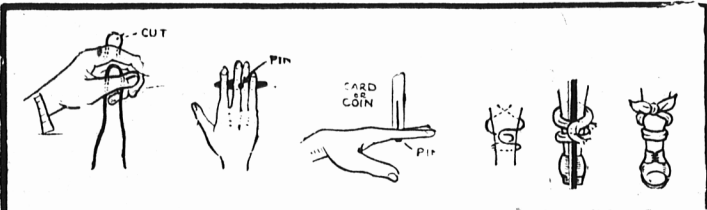
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the applause, you can dispose of the pin without anyone being any the wiser.

Drinks From Your Pocket

While your guests are still puzzled, make them gasp again by taking a tumbler from your jacket or trousers pocket—a tumbler practically filled with water, or lemonade, if that is your favorite drink. It is quite a simple trick.



really. While you are preparing your performance, neatly fill a glass with liquid and over the top of it stretch a piece of rubber cut from a burst balloon, sufficiently large to stretch well over the edge of the glass. Keep it in place with a tight elastic band, and place the glass upright in your pocket. (All right, it won't spill!)

When you wish to produce it, all you need do is to slip your hand into the pocket, flick off the elastic band and the rubber covering it—they presto! there is the glass of liquid produced apparently from nowhere.

"Ah, just what I can do with!" you say, drinking down the lemonade, or whatever the tumbler contains. "Handy, when you're thirsty!"

Four Kings In Exile

Card tricks are always popular, and here are a couple that will not entail much difficulty, if they are practised beforehand.

Take the four Kings from the pack and show them to your guests, fan-wise. Now place one of them at the bottom of the pack; the next two you hide anywhere within the pack, and the fourth you lap on top of the pack. Place the pack face down on the table and ask someone to cut it. The bottom part of the pack is then placed on top of the top half.

Telling your guests that you will now make the four Kings come together on top of the pack—because they are so friendly, or for any other reason you like to make up. After lapping the pack three or four times with appropriate words of magic, call upon someone to turn up the four top cards, one at a time. Yes, there they are—the four Kings.

How It Is Done

The explanation is quite simple. When you take out the four Kings, you also include two of the Jacks. As you fan out the Kings for your audience to see, the two Jacks are carefully secreted behind the first King, so that only four cards are showing—all Kings. Right! Now

the first King is placed at the bottom of the pack; but the two cards concealed away within the pack (unbeknown to the onlookers) are Jacks and not Kings. Thus, instead of having one King left to lay on top of the pack, there are three (all kept close together so that they appear to be one only). Now when the pack is cut, the bottom card (a King) is placed on top of the other part of the pack, and the four Kings

MUST come together.

If you do this quickly enough and with plenty of patter, the two Jacks will never be spotted.

Another card trick. This time, you select two cards from a pack—we will say they are the Ace of Diamonds and the Six of Clubs. Hold them face-up for your audience to see. Now, on either side of you stand two jugs, or vases, which you prove quite conclusively are empty. You place one of the two cards in either vase—Ace, we will say, on the right-hand side, and Six on the left. After a few magical passes, and maybe a few jokes, you dive your hand into the right vase and draw out—not the Ace but the Six, and the Ace (not the Six) from the left vase. In other words, the cards have changed places!

Use Two Packs. How is it done? Easy. Before you start your act, you want two identical packs. From each pack, remove the same two cards (any two you like, of course). On the back of one—the Ace of Diamonds in this instance, you paste the Six of Clubs, and then do likewise with the other pair. Take great care, however, that your guests do not see the backs of the cards when you first hold them up to be identified. The trick should be fairly obvious. Having placed one in either vase, you merely dive your hand in again, twist the cards round and produce them by showing the backs instead of the fronts.

By the way, take great care to hide the cards immediately the trick is over, or you may, inadvertently, find yourself producing them again for some other trick.

Trussed Up

Time for just one more illusion. In this trick, you tie your leg to the leg of a chair with a rolled-up handkerchief, and then tell one of your friends to pull the handkerchief off without untying the knot. The handkerchief will come off making it appear that it has been pulled straight through your own leg and the leg of the chair, for the knot will still be tied.

The explanation will be clear to you, if you look at the last two diagrams. You will notice that the hanky does not go completely round the leg, but is held firm by a small loop out of sight at the back, although, of course, the ends there are three (all kept close together so that they appear to be one only). Now when the pack is cut, the bottom card (a King) is placed on top of the other part of the pack, and the four Kings

Make certain that the loop is held firm at the back of the leg before you attempt to tie the front knot, and, as with most tricks, keep talking all the time



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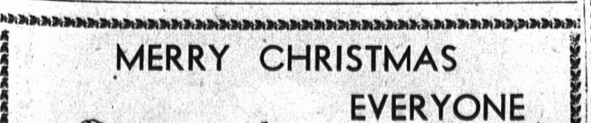


Merry Christmas

and a happy, happy New Year to all.

May we wish you continued success during this joyous Christmas-time.

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