

WITH THE BEST WISHES FOR

A Merry Christmas
and
A Prosperous New Year

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--Join Our Christmas Club--

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
Get cleaned up for the Holidays

David Bissett

With the
SEASON'S GREETINGS
to my
FRIENDS AND PATRONS

Having obtained the office next to the bank proper,
on Division Street, I hope to be moved into the same
some time this month.

M. B. Pierce

For That Holiday Party
Have
PERKIN'S
ORCHESTRA

WITH THE CHRISTMAS SEASON HERE I
TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH MY
FRIENDS AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATES

A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year

Ralph Auten
PAINTOR & DECORATOR
FARMINGTON MICHIGAN

Christmas Is Come!

Let us hear the drum
And call our neighbors together
And when they appear
Let us hear them sing
As we wait for the wind and the weather.

CHRISTMAS IN 1621

Rebuke Administered to New
England Observers of Day.

Young Men Who Had Arrived on Little
Ship Fortune Reprimanded
for Festivities.

IT WAS IN 1621 that Governor Brad-
ford was called upon to administer
a rebuke to some of the young men of
the New England colony who had just
come over on the little ship Fortune,
and who wanted to celebrate the holi-
day, the Detroit News recalls. Puritan-
ism brought over with it in the May-
flower the anti-Christmas feeling, and
when the group of lusty youngsters at-
tempted to observe the day they were
sharply criticized by the colony.

The men were called out to work
that day as on other days, but the
newcomers declared it against their
conscience to work on Christmas day.
The governor left them and led away
the rest of the workers. But when he
returned at noon the young men were
in the street, at play—some pitching
the bar and some playing stool ball.
He took away their implements and
told them it was against his conscience
that they should play while others
worked, and that they could observe
the day within doors, but there should
be no reveling in the streets.

On the day in question a tree was
chopped down and dragged into one of
the rough cabins where it was
trimmed with cranberries and pop-
corn, while the young people feasted
their eyes on its beauties. These "rev-
elries" were frowned upon by the ma-
jority of the colonists and in 1659 the
general court of Massachusetts enacted
a law that made any person observing
Christmas day liable to a fine of "five
shillings." The law was repealed in
1821.

Place Cards.

Next after decorating the table
comes the question of placecards.
These may be as simple or as elabo-
rate as you like, but you really should
have them! You might not have heard
of them until now, but they are a new
and an irregularly outlined border of
green and at the top of this little make-
believe Christmas wreath punch a
small hole, through it draw out baby
ribbon, and tie in a bow. The name
is written in the center.

THE ROSE OF JERICO

Pilgrims Told of Its Power to
Bloom on Christmas Day.

Blossom Given the Name of Resurrec-
tion Flower; Also Called St.
Mary's Rose.

SEVERAL varieties of the so-called
resurrection plant have appeared
among the novelties offered by florists,
but the original is the rose of Jericho.
Along the shores of the Dead sea, far
enough away to be out of reach of the
death-dealing vapors and the salt
spray, grows this rose, a little plant
famed in many a legendary story,
which, when ripened, rolls up its
sprays and branches into a curious
little brown ball.

The desert winds snap off its dry
stem and whirl the seemingly dead
little ball away over sandy plains, like
a feather-winch. After it chances to
reach some damp place, in about ten
days, the moisture has wrought a
miracle for the once dead is alive
again, green and growing.

The old-time pilgrims who brought
back this plant with them from the
Holy Land, told wonderful tales of its
power to bloom out on Christmas day
and gave it the name of resurrection
flower. Another old legend names it
from every spot where they halted to
rest.

The dry ball when unfolding drops
its seeds, and from these it may be
cultivated as an annual. To resurrect
these dry balls it is simply necessary
to keep them standing in glasses of
water, immersed about halfway to the
top of their branches. The expansion
is merely a mechanical spongelike
process.

The botanical name of the rose of
Jericho is *Anastasis*, from anastasis
resurrection. There are other species
of resurrection plants, but they are
not so attractive as their Dead sea
relative, which, although it has very
little beauty, has an honored place
among flowers because of the many
fables and associations it calls up
and its peculiar development.—Argus.



THAT PESTIFEROUS BOY.
"A Merry Christmas, old man. But
why are you sleeping?"
"That pestiferous boy of mine set a
trap for Santa Claus."

Steffens
Sanitary
Meat
Markets

WE TAKE PLEASURE
IN ANNOUNCING THE
OPENING OF A
SANITARY MEAT
MARKET
IN THE NEW BANK
BUILDING IN FARM-
INGTON.

We have confidently assumed that the people of
Farmington and vicinity will appreciate the sanitary
features that characterize the Steffen Sanitary Mar-
kets, and have halted no expense to make our Farm-
ington Market immaculate, every department of
which will be open to critical inspection by the public
who HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW CONDITIONS
under which meats are kept; manufactured into
table products and handled from us to you.

We trust to your good judgement, your keen dis-
cernment, your appreciation of quality and service,
for the business. You will find us waiting to show
you through, four doors below the Farmington
State Bank, on Division
Street, on Friday, Decem-
ber 16, and all future
days.

STEFFEN SANITARY
MEAT MARKETS

H. J. Steffen, Sr. Mgr.
H. J. Steffen, Jr. Mgr.

Opening
Day in
Farmington
Friday
Dec. 16

Amusing Mixed Metaphor.
Here is an example of mixed met-
aphor from a recent novel: "The
cloud that tried to snub their business
was only a false rumor whose bitter
taste could not splinter the radiance
nor dim the effervescence of their
joy."

Ingenious and Economical.
A hand-operated train running on a
rail suspended from the cornice of a
building is a device used for window
cleaning of buildings of large window
area. This device, which also can be
used for painting, replaces more ex-
pensive scaffolding.