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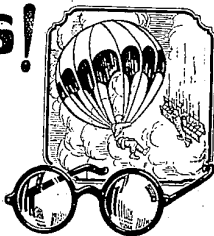
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## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

By ALBERT E. PERKS

**S**NOW. Glittering, gorgeous, crystalline snow. Huge heaps of it piled up at the sides of busy, dimly-lit streets. Big, fluffy flakes of it falling hard, tight-packed little balls of it flying upward, from the hands of tough, hard-fisted little ruffians whose only playground was the dingy side street. Shouts of victorious fun.

A Respectable Citizen, walking down the street. Silk scarf tightly fastened. Coat collar turned up, bowler hat firmly set; gloves, cane, spats, snowshoes all over him, neat and correct nevertheless.

A beautiful shot, a dull impact, and a dreadful dent in the immaculate bowler, now rolling in a huge snow-drift. Shouts of laughter, as the owner of the hat struggled through the drift to retrieve it.

A shout of warning, and the boys dived out of sight like rabbits into their tunnels; all except one, left prisoner in the hands of a policeman. "Here's one of 'em, mister." The officer dragged his captive forward. "Want to take him to the station?"

"Who are you, young ruffian?" "Jimmy Conover."

"Where's your father?"

"Dunno."

"I could tell you," this with a wise look from the officer.

"I see. Where's your mother?"

"Up there," pointing to the top of a tenement building.

"What's she doing?"

"Celebrating Christmas."

"How?"

"Don't work. Just sits aroun'. Don't do nothin'." "Is Christmas?"

"The whistle on 'a baggy candy. An' 'nna says maybe he left something at the welfare place. That'll come to-morrow."

A vision in the immaculate one's mind, of a boy with mountains of toys and a new suit he mustn't mess sitting around in a mansion waiting for a party at which he would be too spotless to be happy.

And his own table full of greetings and gifts, and a business that wouldn't stop worrying, even on Christmas day.

"What are you so happy about, anyhow?"

"Atatche always happy at Christmas."

"Here's five for your mother and a dollar for yo and the kids. And tell them 'thank you' from me."

"Thank ye, sir. Merry Christmas."

"Merry Christmas, officer. thank you."

The Citizen looked less respectable with his dented hat, but he was whitening all out of tune, and Christmas did seem merrier, somehow.

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## HOME AT CHRISTMAS

By KATHERINE EDELMAN

**W**HAT a joy it is to come home at Christmas! What delightful anticipation the very thought of it brings during the busy, happy weeks that come before. In the street, in the office or shop, or wherever we are during this time, our hearts warm at the joy of all that it will mean.

What pleasure to listen as the train thunders its way across the miles—to know that each moment we are drawing nearer and nearer to the old home place. What thrills surge over us as we think of the gifts that we are carrying home and the joy of handing them to those we love. What a rush of love and tenderness fills us as we think of the happy meeting that lies ahead, of the warmth of the welcome that awaits us, of the joy that our coming will bring!

What if it was hard to get away—what though it cost sacrifice and expense? Is not our hour of its gladness worth the price? Will not the memory of it cheer us over and over in the days that are coming—a shining pearl upon our chain of remembrance?

It is good to come home at all times, and cold, indeed, is the heart that does not respond to its thrill. But to come home at Christmas, when bells are ringing, when heart is calling to heart across the miles, when the ties of home and kin have grown deeper and dearer, that is a happiness beyond all telling. To miss it for some small reason is to deprive our selves of one of life's greatest joys.

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## New Fashioned Christmas

Good old-fashioned Christmas cheer, so loudly mourned for in these modern days, is a myth. The new fashioned Christmas is far better, declares the Woman's Home Companion. "Much has been added and nothing has been taken away unless by our own blindness or folly," it continues.

## Boar's Head and Peacock

Yuletide celebration in England reached the height of magnificence in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth centuries. Great quantities of food were served at the banquets, where the boar's head occupied the place of honor, while the peacock was next in importance.

## The Christmas Spirit

The Christmas spirit has "rown with the years until it binds all Christian hearts together in love and good fellowship.

## CLARENCEVILLE

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Mrs. Clarence Billing of Middle Belt road entertained a number of little friends of her daughter Betty in honor of her sixth birthday anniversary.

George Green and Walter Headlerle spent the week end in Gladwin, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Headlerle and family, Mrs. Dewey of Saginaw will leave Friday for Kalamazoo where they will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Leverser, Mrs. Headlerle's parents.

Prizes were awarded to Mrs. William Reynolds, Mrs. Willis Roberts, Mrs. Mullins, William Laforge, M. Laforge, Willis Roberts at the pedro party given by the entertainment committee of the Edgewood Rebekah Lodge.

The next party will be held on January 15.

Mrs. William Reynolds of Tuck road visited in Detroit Tuesday. Mrs. Markle entertained the Base Line Social Club Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. French entertained the Base Line Social Club Wednesday at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Norseworthy of Roselawn avenue, Detroit, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. Menke at Hi-Land Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rossow and family of Northville spent Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schweizer of Middle Belt road.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schweizer were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Houtz of St. Francis avenue, Thursday evening.

Miss Hazel Groesbeck and James Soye of Green avenue, Detroit, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Prew of Middle Belt road.

Regular meeting of the Commissioners of the City of Farmington, held December 17, 1928.

Called to order by Mayor Butterfield at 7:45 p. m.

Commissioners present, Staman, Hogle, Gildemeister and Johnson.

Minutes of the meeting of December 3 read and approved. The Mayor appointed Staman and Hogle a committee to purchase a 40-foot ladder for the fire department.

The matter of paving was discussed at length by the Commissioners. It was their opinion that petitions asking for the paving of streets, must be on file by January 1, 1929 and other charter requirements be complied with before action can be taken.

Leaving addressed the Commission in regard to the street in front of his shop. The street commissioner was authorized to expend \$30.00 for cinders to repair it.

Moved by Hogle, seconded by Johnson, that the time for payment of taxes without penalty be extended from January 9 to February 10, 1929. Carried.

Adjourned.

N. H. Power, City Clerk.

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