

The RIGHT KIND OF A CHRISTMAS TREE

MARTHA BANNING-THOMAS

HERE'S a yellow, spotted horse
And a pleasant lady tiger
And a pretty doll, of a curie
With an elephant beside her

And a trampet trimmed with red,
And a silver cup with handles
And boys of gingerbread,
And about a hundred candles

And old Santa very fat,
In his eyes a merry twinkle;
And a funny fur-trimmed hat,
And a set of bells that tinkle

As he moves about the tree
Hanging presents on the branches
Here's a Noah's Ark that's wee,
And a furry bear that dances

And a rabbit in a coat,
And a lamb that really gambols,
And a handsome nanny goat,
And a large red cow that rambles

And a huge rubber ball,
And a tool chest very handy,
And that's not really all,
For there's ever so much candy

And an eager little boy
In very small pajamas,
His blue eyes wide with joy
As he looks at horns and hammers

And pop corn chains all clinging
To branches thick—and then
The Christmas bells a ringing
The old songs out again!

WATERS

Christmas Snow Game

Just as He Predicted

"NO SIGN of snow," said Jane, turning from the window. "Lucy will be terribly disappointed. She has never seen snow, and I verily believe she is coming up from Miami just to see a white Christmas."

"Three days to go on," replied John, his brother, looking at his watch. "We are to meet that train there's no time to lose."

They barely made it. True to Jane's surmise, Lucy's first words were: "Where's your snow? I hoped to wade through it from the train."

"You may have to wade in it yet," said Jane through an enthusiastic greeting. "This is John, Miss Ware, of whom I have talked so much, and he tells me that he has ordered a heavy snowfall for Christmas day."

"Good!" extending a hand and smiling her sweetest. "I surely appreciate that."

John couldn't make the snow come, but he did about everything else to show Lucy a good time. Her southern beauty and naive manner appealed to him strongly, and he was delighted that Jane had a devoted beau who kept her strictly unto himself.

The hours sped by on wings. Both day preparations were scarcely over before Christmas eve was dawning. The two couples had a great time trimming the tree and putting up all the other decorations and joking about John's predicted white Christmas.

"Just you wait and see," he objected to Lucy's last speech on the subject. "The best is yet to come. I'll be here and caught her hand, holding it firmly. "Look here, girlie. If I lose I'll pay you all right; but if I win you will pay—under the mistletoe."

"There is no mistletoe," said Lucy, coloring.

"Oh, yes, there is; right where I hung it. Goodnight, and expect my Christmas special."

Next morning the girls were wakened by loud banging on their door. "Jane! Jane!" called John excitedly. "Tell Lucy to look out the window."

"What?" asked Jane sleepily. But Lucy had heard and straightway looked.

"I saw wake up Lucy. Tell her my Christmas special has been delivered." —Lily Rutherford Morris

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Around the Home

By MARGARET BRUCE

The Indoor-Outdoor Closet

Personally, I have always had a great awe of walls. A wall is to me as permanent as a mountain, and as changeless as the stars. I would sooner think of altering a house with than I would of making a change in the calendar! Probably that is why I so much admire a certain woman, my acquaintance who makes new openings in her walls as simply and easily as she moves the bed into another corner and puts the bookcase where the couch used to be. At one time, when I went to see her, she had just cut a new window in a space on her living-room wall, so that she could see the great white pine which stood across the street. Another time she cut a door (or had the carpenter do it) between two bedrooms, to make for greater convenience. A wall was no barrier to her!

The latest liberty she has taken with her walls, however, is one I have almost courage enough to follow. This time it is her kitchen wall, on the side which runs along the back porch of her suburban home. She calmly had a hole the size of a door cut in this wall, and in the aperture she had built a substantial closet, equipped with shelves and furnished with cupboard doors on both sides. That is, a pair of doors opened into the closet from the kitchen and another pair opened into it from the porch.

"You see," she explained, "in winter weather the milk bottles used to be placed on the back step and would freeze solid before I got up and brought them in. Often, too, I would be out when the grocer's boy came to deliver, and the vegetables, lettuce, celery and other freezables would be killed by the cold. So I devised this cupboard. The milkman and trades people come up on the porch, open the doors and get the food in on the shelves and close the doors. The body of the closet is in the warm kitchen, so the foods are safe. When I come in I open the doors in the kitchen and lift the articles out.

"This keeps foods free from dust and tramps as well, to say nothing of stray dogs and cats. At night the doors are locked from the inside, and I have never missed anything yet. It keeps the cold winter wind out of the kitchen, too, for the outer doors are closed when I go to get my provender. The closet acts as a sort of winter refrigerator, for while it is not cold enough to freeze foods it is cold enough to preserve them. My double cupboard is one of my greatest comforts."

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They say it is so quiet in some Broadway night clubs that you could hear a blackjack drop—Atlanta Journal.

The stockholders of the Wixom Community Hall Association met at the hall on Wednesday evening for their annual meeting. They listened to the reports of the treasurer and secretary. There was a secretary and two directors for the coming year elected. The officers: new are B. A. Holden, president; B. A. Kitson, vice president; F. W. McDonald, treasurer; John Deconick, secretary. Directors: Judd Furman, Herbert Zachow and John Ruggles.

Old-fashioned politicians who want to stay in the running must learn how to pass the doc as well as the buck.—Savannah News.

CHURCH CONFERENCE AT COMMERCE THURSDAY

The first quarterly conference of the Methodist Churches of Walled Lake, Commerce and Four Towns, was held at the Commerce Church on Thursday evening with Dr. John E. Martin, district superintendent of the Ann Arbor district, presiding.

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