

# Merry Christmas

Is the wish of the Enterprise to its Friends

Remember, the Enterprise would make a good Christmas gift to an absent friend. We also have some good clubbing offers.

## The Municipal Christmas Tree

MAKING Christmas happy for the poor, the lonely, rich, those who have no family ties to bind them close to the great heart of humanity at Christmastide, is the mission of the municipal or city Christmas. Even many small towns have welcomed the idea, and men and women, touched by the gentle spirit of Christmas, join each year in the effort to make Christmas a reality for all. The community Christmas does not supplant the private celebration. It adds zest to the family gatherings and the individual rejoicings. And it brings the joy and the thrill of the day to many to whom it would be unknown otherwise.

How some American cities celebrated the community Christmas in past years may be read here:

Indianapolis, Ind.—Thousands of Indiana residents began in many ways to take the Christmas spirit to their less fortunate neighbors. Municipal trees became a leading feature in the celebration. From some of the trees presents were distributed, while at others large choruses sang Christmas carols. Newspapers throughout the state provided toys for the children



A Community Christmas Tree.

and Christmas dinners for the poor, and they were assisted by charitable organizations.

Columbus, O.—Thousands of residents in many Ohio cities celebrated their first municipal Christmas eve with community Christmas trees and completed preparations for serving thousands of unfortunates with Christmas dinners. Church choruses, boys' choirs, large choruses and brass bands furnished music for the municipal celebrations.

Cleveland, O.—Church bells summoning citizens to the public square at 7 o'clock initiated Cleveland's community Christmas celebration. Thousands listened while a choir of 500 men and boys, standing beneath a lighted sixty-five foot Christmas tree, sang carols. The sale of stock in "Cleveland, the City of Good Will" insured that every one in the city would have a Christmas dinner.

## A Christmas Carol

By HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

I HEAR along our street  
Pass the minstrel throngs.  
Hark! They play so sweet  
On their hautboys Christmas songs.

Let us by the fire,  
Ever higher,  
Sing them till the night expire.

In-December ring  
Every day the chimes;  
Loud the glee men sing  
In the streets their merry rimes.  
Let us by the fire,  
Ever higher,  
Sing them till the night expire.

Shepherds at the grange,  
Where the babe was born,  
Sang with many a change  
Christmas carols until morn.  
Let us by the fire,  
Ever higher,  
Sing them till the night expire.

These good people sang  
Songs devout and sweet.  
While the waiters rang  
There they stood with freezing feet.

Let us by the fire,  
Ever higher,  
Sing them till the night expire.

Who by the fireside stands  
Stamps his feet and sings,  
But he who blows his hands  
Not so gay a carol brings.  
Let us by the fire,  
Ever higher,  
Sing them till the night expire.

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY.

'Tis All Real to Bobby Boy, Who'd Like to Ride With Santa Claus.

Bobby Boy was sitting in his wee brown chair so close to the great bunch of Christmas bolls that he could stretch out his fingers and touch the shiny red berries whenever he wanted to make believe that he was far away in the great forest in Santa Claus land. He had only to close his eyes and "shiver his shoulders," as if he were cold, when the warm, quiet room would vanish and he would be walking with Merry Bell in the story.

"By and by," said the sweet voice of Sister Marjorie, who was reading from the book, she couldn't shut her eyes and make believe she was in the forest too. Bobby Boy remembered that he must tell Sister Marjorie just what it looked like when they reached home.

"By and by they came to a part of the forest where there were tall trees, green and fragrant, just like the trees one sees in the markets before Christmas."

"Merry Bell clapped her hands. "Hürrah!" she cried. "We're almost there! See; here are the Christmas tree woods. Pretty soon we'll find the reindeer feeding on the evergreen vines."

"They walked softly through the snow paths. "Sh!" said Merry Bell; "don't frighten them. When they see us the Christmas reindeer will know us and come running to us to let us kiss them. That's how we know which are the good reindeer: 'tint will carry dear old Santa safely over the world on Christmas eve. Just think—if a reindeer was bad and tipped poor Santa out!"

Bobby Boy opened his eyes wide. "Got it! I wouldn't care if they did tip him out. I'd wun wight out in the snow an' help him put all the toys back, an' neo maybe he'd give me a wile."

Sister Marjorie laughed and went on with the story which dealt with the enchanted country behind the picture books.

## Fitness in Gifts.

The ideal consideration in making a Christmas gift is fitness. What would be an ideal present for one person would be a mockery for another. It isn't the cost—it isn't even the beauty of a gift that must be first considered—it is the need and the tastes of the recipient.

MANY PEOPLE  
EXPECT TO  
RECEIVE MANY GIFTS  
YOU AMONG THE FORMER, OR ARE  
YOU AMONG THE LATTER?  
EXPECT LITTLE AND GIVE  
MUCH. IS THE USUAL  
AMERICAN CUSTOM  
DO WE OFFER THE ARTICLES BELOW FOR  
YOUR SELECTION:

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