ing a smile to even the most woeblegoes countenance.
And an English Christmas is, Indeed,
a wonderful thing to experience. Even
the very tales of the Englishman's
yiletide make our hearts beat faster
and our imaginations run riot. The
tilthe has not yet arrived when Dickeds' "Christmas Carol" with its descriptions of the Christmas market stulls
with their long rows of hanging geese
decorated with bunches of sage and
onlons, of tars, puddings and sweetments will lose its delictions charm and
mouth-watering powers.

nouth-wetering powers.
And who can write about Christmas
thout thinking of the humble, though
one the less delectable dinner presid-

THINK Sung by Walts Who Went From House to House.

Christmas in Dixie Way down Souf in de land ob cotton, An' down in de pine-tree groun', De possum ple am not fogotten When de Christmas time comes roun' Hooray fo' de chickuns an' de hot-coh Hooray, hooray, fo' de sweet ham bone
—Leslie's Weekly.





By Eleanor E. King



grow to womanhood.

Mr. Batter had taken a class from the beginners' department. Every similar the beginners' department. Every similar the season of the season had to go a little deeper for the high school students. The teacher was fully equal to the task. Finally college took its city, and the season of the

imalined, and those few left in the fall to start their college circer.

Mrs. Baxter came in, interrupting list reverie. "Ellen," he heepan, "I often think I had such Joy in tenching those girls; I wonder if I did right in keeping them under one teacher so leag. I suggested that I turn them ever to some woman to teach; I



"Why B. B., This Is No Time to Worry About That."

thought she might understand

two pounds of pecnas I promised to take down the street, Ellen; I will go right away.

The doornell rang vigorously, three times. "B. II" hastened to the door, "if it isn't ny first lleutenant"—be rame he hand for a member of his class, "Won't you come up."
"No, thank you, Mr. Baxter, I can't right now. The girls are planning at class reminion, while they are home for the Cristmas holidays. They want to know If they can't count on their now if they can't count know if they can't count on their teacher for one of those humdlager lessons—like they used to have before we were scattered to the four winds."

"B. B." surprised, dazed and happy all in the same breath, just chuckiet the way he always did when some



"Here is Something to Sneak Upstairs

thing pleased him unusually. "You surely can count on me," was all he

thing pleased him unusually. "You surely can coint on me," was all hacould say.

His "first leutenant" came closer, pretending to whisper, "Now, don't let your wife know about this," and she silpped a box into his hand.—here is something to smeak upstatus with you. Merry (hristman" merry (hristman" here is something to smeak upstatus with you. Merry (hristman" the took it upstatus to the she was the first time any of his girls had remembered him on Christmans, beyond a card, through all these years. He had always made it a point to tend to all graduitions and Christmanse. The girls had appreciated it. This was the first time, but, he hastened to tell himself, if was quite all right—he had never expected it to be otherwise. Unwrapping the tissue paper, the box disclosed a leather bibl-fold, with a hand-tooled design. "Ellen," he shouted in his happiness. "See what my drast leutenant' made with her own hends for me. The card on it says:

"Just an attempt to show a wee."

says:
"Just an attempt to show a wee
part of my great appreciation for the
wonderful work you have done in
teaching our class.

'YOUR FIRST LIEUTENANT.'

*********************** . CHRISTMAS

thought she might understand there needs better but somehow I couldrig et up much enthusiasm about [ii."

"Why, B. R.," protected his wife, with the might die at country in the might have been about that."

"Teal rather responsible for the girls, and the attitude they might take."

"B. B., you are in a bad frame of mind tonight." Interposed Mrs. Barter, stiting down on the arm of his chair, patting his head. "Don't you know that most people are to busy tonight getting ready for the Christman festivities to be mosning over past history? You know we have to get the box ready—"

"Oh, yes," broke in "B. B." "That



MAGAZINE

writer not long
ago made 'the
statement 'thirt
the real Ciristmas spirit was as 'deceased as old Mirreys'
shoot-dead as the proverbial doornall—of dead.
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And here are three lusty cheers for And here are three lusty cheers for the men and women who stand boldly forth and stoutly maintain that "Ole Chris'mus" has changed not one jot or title throughout the ages—that it will never change as long as childhond lusts in the world, as long as family they had and friendship's faith remains. Bless their loring hearts! May their Christmas wish come true, be they rich or poor, of high or low degree, and in whatever place they bless with their sweet presence.

Christmas was surely meant to be a season of joy and laughter, as well as



Holly and minuteros.

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Throughout the centuries a spirit of revelry has marked the tide of Yule. The observance of an annual season of merrymaking dates back even farther than the adject of Christianity. It is 'said that long ere the birth of the [Babe of Bethiehem the ancient pagins celebrated a yearly feast near the winter solstice. Romans called that & Saturnalis. It was marked with much wine-dishking danger and earlier.

nalia. It was marked with misch wine-drinking, dancing and eating.

In the ancient countries of the North huge fires were kindled and as their leaping flames shot skyward hit-man belogs were sacrificed upon the alters to Thor and Oden. The Gaths and Saxons called this the festival of. Yule.

Yule.

The Tentons selected a huge tree which they raised smid much chanting and shouting, in bonor of the god of the sun. Bright objects and lights ere placed in its branches; to represent the light of day, the moon and tarns. Animals were fastened to the branches, historians say, that the pa-

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Detroit—Bank bandits held up ank of the Bank of Detroit and to ver \$5,000.

ver \$5,000. Hiliman—Drillers struck gas while drilling for water on the John Wilder farm, one mile west of here. Kalamazoo—Walter "Red" Farrar has been elected captain of the West-

ern State Normal's foot ball team. He is a resident of Negaunee, Mich.

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Manistec—Manister has been selected as the west Michigan headquarters of the Michigan state police, with Corporal Hathaway in charge of the post here.

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Grand Rapida—Russell Ferguson, 30
years old, of Childscale, an employe
in the Childscale Paper
crushed to death when his clothing
caught in a large pulley.

Ann Arbor-For the first time in history, the Ann Arbor community fund reached its quota, oversubscrib-ing its budget by \$1,85.65. The total amount raised was \$50,442.96.

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Linden—Heavy claims for damages
from sheep killing by dogs will be presented this year to the township board
by farmers of this feedility, it is said,
Nearly a dozen farmers in Fenton
township have suffered losses.

Grand Rapids—George K. Spees, 4
months old, son of Benjamin Spees,
died in his crib from suffocation
which, according to J. B. Hilliker, the
coroner, resulted when the infant
pulled the covers over his head.

Augusta—John Lovell, 22 years old
and unmarried, of Jackson, was electrocuted here when working near a
transformer. Forty thousand voits
passed through his body before follow
workers' could shut aft he current.

Yrailant—The Ybellant! City Mik
Producers' Association is the name of
a new organization of 21 milk dealers
supplying this city with milk. The
new association was formed at a meeting of 27 milk dealers. Charles Campbell was elected president.

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which three men were riding.

St. Joseph—were ridings.

St. Joseph—Henry Stroup, 55 years
old, slayer of 18-year-old Russell Olinger during a drunken quarrel at Niles,
on Sept. 14, pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentence by Cifcuit Judge Charles E. White us carve

Michigan port citizs the government
has returned the General Meade, a
dredge, to that district. At present
the dredge is working at Grand Biaven,
and will go lo Muskegou and Holland
shortly.

House to House.

ed over by proud Bob Cratchet—and Thay Tim seated at the board with his fruil, small fingers ciusping his spoon and repeating honest Bob's blessing as he gazed upon his adoring family—"Odd bless us, every one." Poor little Tim with his crutch across his knee! Some authorities state that the Christmas tree as we know it originated in Scandinaria. Others claim that the Germans first made use of it. Certain it is that we, in our own land, did not have our brightly decorated trees until after the German limmigrant arrived. shorth.

Ann Arbor—Fraternities will aid in the entertainment and clothing of needy boys of Ann Arbor during the Christmas celebration immediately be-

newey cops of Ann Arord uning the Christmas celebration immediately before the beginning of the holidays, according to [Earl Blaser, chairman of the Christmas celebration committée of the Student Christma association.

Lansing—The State Supreme Court has affirmed the conviction of George Almashy, dileged professional bondsman of the Detroit courts. He was found guilty of pérjury in the Wayne County courts after he had represented himself as free from incumbrances and gone buil for a man named Greenagon, who was held on a charge of violating the liquer law.

Detroit—The United States Aif Mail tialn it is that we, in our own land, did not have our brightly decorated trees until after the German immigrant arrived.

Christmas carois are sung la, many lands; in England, in France where they are called "moels," in lands, in England, in France where they are called "moels," in many other countries that it is many other countries the Calabrian shepherds troop down from their hills and chant their unusual mountain songs in the cities. The word "carol" is derived from "contare," meaning to sing and "rola," an interjection of Joy; therefore it is not a musical form peculiarly belonging to Christmas, although it is usually associated with this senson. One of the most ancient, if not the every citiest carol of a religious nature is the exquisite, "Will Shepherds was challed the standard of the form of the most ancient, if not the every citiest carol of a religious nature is the exquisite, "Will Shepherds was challed the standard of the standard



WOODEN STRUCTURES GROWING UNCOMMON

A hundred years ago bridges of the type of the old covered wooden struc-ture spanned the rivers and streams of the country. In sharp contrast is



the strong, modern bridge which here compared to the old-fashion one. Hundreds of heavily loaded v hicles pass daily over the concre bridge, while the old one carried pro ably at most a few score a day. At



A Modern Concrete Structure

the old bridge had to be repaired frequently and eventually deteriorated to such an extent that it had to be replaced entirely. The concrete bridge is as permanent' as the stone of the mountainside.

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Concrete Paving in 1924

During the first sevent months of the year 1924 practiculty. 1,000 tilles of concrete parement 30 feet in within were placed under contract, reports the Highway Concrete Magazine. A total of 5,820 miles of concrete street pavement averaging 39 feet in width were completed and thought the width the end of 1923, and contractive the most soft in the end of 1923, and contractive work of the street wirk carried over from 1923 and the new awards of 1,620 miles to fully 31, 1924, have been completed, there will be 7,270 miles for this type of pavement serving traffic in the cities of the United States.

Some of the larger cities—100,000 population or more—have been slower to adopt concrete for their streets, chiefly because these cities were fairly pared become Practiculty a quinter of the municipal street awards are in the cities whose population exceeded 100,000. New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, Milwaukse, Detroit, Los Angeles, Seattle, Atlanta, Indianapolis, Cincinnait, Kanusas City and brier important cities have built concrete previents.

Motor Vehicle Owners

and gone but for a man named Green spon, who was held on a charge of tributing the fluour haw.

Detroit—The United States Aif Mail has purchased the "Maiden Detroit," a Detroit-built, all-metal, seven-passence monoplane of the Stout Air Pullman type. The war-type planes now used by the Air Mail an carry only 500 pounds of mail. It is believed the Air Pullman will be able to carry 2,000 pounds at the same-speed and no greater cost of fuel and overhead.

Lansing—The state supreme court than beld the Voorbles-Baborski antigambling law lavaild. The decision was based on the failure of the house journal to show that the bill had been read a third time before being passed. The law was beld kwalld when the suprement of the main of the Michigan State Grange has taken action which is expected to line up virtually all of the powerful farm organizations of the state against the public instructions of the state against the public instructions of the state against the public instructions of the benefit of the primary school fund.

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