

## Holiday rich in customs, legends

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It makes its own sugar and starch from its own chlorophyll, but draws on the host tree for water and certain minerals. Hardy oaks and other hardwood trees can survive this sort of petty larceny.

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But the dwarf mistletoe, another species, is a slow killer of conifers in the western and southwestern United States.

IN GERMANY the Christmas tree, or tunnenbaum, is decorated with hand-carved toys amid great secrecy.

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On Christmas Eve, to the delight of children, lighted candles are placed on the tree.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE in Poland, lighted candles are placed on the Christmas tree. So are brightly colored paper ornaments.

YOU CAN ESTIMATE costs for lighting a Christmas tree for an hour if you know the wattage of the strings of bulbs. One 25-bulb string of standard Christmas tree bulbs uses 175 watts, it takes 5 hours and 43 minutes for it to use one kilowatt hour of electricity — about 6 cents worth.

FOR SAFETY'S sake, never attach Christmas tree lights to an aluminum tree. Be careful, too, not to overload extension cords or electrical outlets. Use only cords and plugs that are listed by Underwriter's Laboratories, and make sure that cords serving outdoor lights are approved for outdoor use.

AN ENGLISH superstition concerning holly says boughs of it should not be brought into the house before Christmas Day, and all traces of holly must be removed before the Twelfth Night or bad luck will befall the household.

ROAST EEL is a traditional Christmas dish in Italy.

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