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Commonplace can never crush them. Until the youth reaches manhood and independence, Christmas is the happiest day of their life. Gifts and hearty good cheer impress family affection, parental thoughtfulness and brotherly love. The dullest and most irresponsible of fathers and mothers are uplifted to a vision of higher life by the interchanges of souvenirs and the merry meeting with children and grandchildren at the table and fireside. Few can escape and enjoy the meaning of the festival. The seasons it conveys and the happiness it gives, and we enter upon a brighter future and a fuller appreciation of the beneficence of the practice of faith, hope and charity. The loved ones who have crossed to the other side, the loved near and far—who are still with us, the old homestead with its precious memories, the home where whose sacred associations, the home where childhood, maturity, marriage and death have passed, where the beginning and end were so painful, and the passing so ing pleasure of the past, and the ing through the life, and the and college are recalled, and there is exquisite delight in the oft-told tales, and new experiences have given this blessed anniversary. —

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Guests At Jule

Edmund
Clarence
Stedman



NOEL! NOEL!
Thus sounds each Christmas bell
Across the winter snow
But what are the little footprints all
That mark the path from the churchyard wall?
They are those of the children who tonight
From sleep by the Christmas bells and light
Ring sweetly, chimes! Soft, soft, my rhymes!
Their beds are under the snow.

Noel! Noel!
Carols each Christmas bell
What are the wraiths of mist
That gather anear the window-pane
Where the winter frost all day has lain?
They are soulless elves, who fain would peer
Within, and laugh at our Christmas cheer.
Ring fleetly, chimes! Swift, swift, my rhymes!
They are made of the mocking mist

Noel! Noel!
Cease, cease, each Christmas bell!
Under the holly bough,
Where the happy children throng and shout,
What shadow seems to flit about?
Is it the mother, then, who died
Ere the greens were sere last Christmas-tide?
Hush! Hush! chimes! Cease, cease, my rhymes!
The guests are gathered now.



CHRISTMAS IS A PROPHECY

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Christmas is not only a fact commemorating the one sacred festival in the world's calendar, but the glorious prophecy of a coming day, surpassing all the brightest social dreams that have ever visited the most advanced human mind. He sprang, on His human nature side, from kings and peasants, from saints and sinners. He is yet to lift every peasant to the singlet throne of character and transform the chief of sinners into the holiest of saints. He allied Himself with poverty and the common people. He is yet to banish poverty with all its ills, from the world, and to give to common humanity their rightful overignty. He worked with His hands for His daily bread. He is yet to dignify and glorify in the thought of mankind all honest toil. He honored woman with His sympathetic and appreciative regard. He is yet to relieve her from every form of serfdom created by the past ages. He took little children in His arms and blessed them. He is yet to make blessed the child life in every welcoming home. He gave His peace to His distracted disciples. He is yet to make wars cease unto the end of the earth. He united His brethren with Himself and His Father in one unbroken oneness. He is yet to make every man a brother to his fellow-man and at one with His Father in Heaven.

Christmas Bells.

TRADITION says that the hour of the Babe's birth was the hour of midnight, and legend adds that from then until dawn cocks crow. In Ireland it is held that who looks into a mirror on this eve will see the devil or Judas Iscariot looking over his shoulder, surely thought sufficient to drive the hardest soul to a thought of the innocent Babe.

Another legend tells that, on Christmas eve, Judas Iscariot is released from that hell—"his own place"—and is allowed to return to earth that he may cool himself in icy waters.

Wild and improbable although such and such legends appear on their faces, they bear study and repay it, for we then see that they are full of subtle spiritual expression, as it were; that they are parables of certain spiritual facts, and it will be ill for us should the Christmas day ever dawn on which such flowers of tender faith and wonder shall appear to us no more than dry curious specimens from the dead roots of superstition.

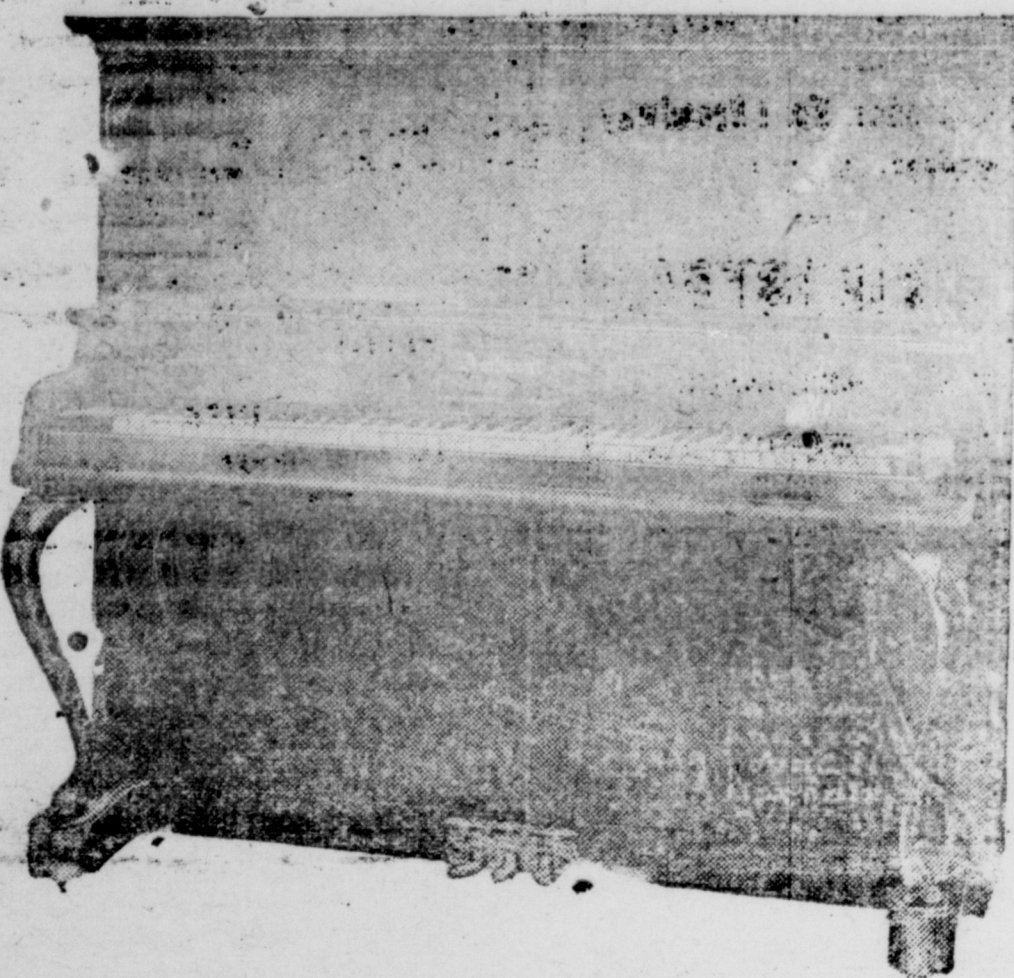
What Christmas Means.

Christmas means hope and its realization. The child grows eagerly expectant as the time approaches for the visit of Santa Claus. While this action remains unquestioned, the imagination opens new and wider worlds, and ideals become so much a part of the mind that the prophecies

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Exchange of Interned Civilians Nearly Over

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 18.—The exchange of interned civilians in Germany and France has almost been completed.

About 3,000 from France and 3,000 from Germany have passed through Switzerland bound for their home countries up to date.

It is believed that all the French in Germany now have been repatriated, but that there are still some thousands of Germans detained in France. It is hoped, however that all these Germans will be at home by Christmas. It is understood that Austria has interned no French civilians.

The German Possessions in Africa go

London, Dec. 18.—An important advance in the Cameroons, the German possession in Africa, was announced in a statement from the war bureau this evening. In the Cameroons, the statement asserts, an advance has been made along the railway northwards from Bonaberi as far as the important native town of Barea, just beyond the terminus of the railroad. The town surrendered. Five locomotives, a quantity of rolling stock, two aeroplanes and sixty European prisoners were captured.