

What Christmas Means to Queen Victoria.

Christmas means to Queen Victoria very much the same thing as to her poorest subjects, for while with them it is a time of enjoyment, in so far as their small means will admit, so with the Queen it is a season when she gathers as many of her family around her as can leave their own homes and children and it is sanctified by the deepest and tenderest memories of her past life. The Queen's family, taken in its widest sense—her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren—is now so large, numbering nearly 60 persons, that it is almost impossible for her to send or give each member a separate gift, and as her Christmas and other gifts are more or less costly, such liberality would involve a very considerable expenditure. To each of her children, and to their children, the Queen gives Christmas gifts, and in her turn receives them. The Prince and Princess of Wales and their children, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Empress Frederick, the Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Coburg, the Duchess of Albany, the Prince and Princess Christian, their sons and daughters, and Princess Louise and Lord Lorne, as well as Princess Henry of Battenberg and her children, receive substantial tokens of her affection and good will. Beyond this immediate family circle the Queen, with rare exceptions, does not go. All her other relatives save those which she has outside the English shores, are too distant to count among those who naturally would receive a gift from her, with, perhaps, the exception of an English cloak, a wrap, or a small cart which she may give to some infant great-grandchild, such as she has given the Grand Duchess Olga of Russia, her last great-grandchild. The Queen generally gives a useful Christmas gift, or something pretty to put on a table or to ornament a home, chosen from among the endless fancy gifts which are invented each succeeding Christmas. To some of the grandsons, it is said, the Queen gives "tips," and to the younger Princesses she sometimes gives a gown or a beautiful piece of material to use as their fancy dictates.

THE QUEEN'S GIFTS TO FRIENDS AND SERVANTS.

The Queen does not give, nor is she expected to give, any presents to her officials at Court, nor to any members of the Government. There are many members of the Government, of both political sides, for whom the Queen has a strong personal feeling of regard and affection, on whom she does bestow a small token of her liking, but it is done purely as a friend, and is not in any way expected. The late Lord Beaconsfield, Lord Melbourne, Lord Salisbury, as well as others of her well-known people in the official world, from time to time received gifts from the Queen and probably other less well-known people in the official world, but that is because they are personal friends, and would probably under ordinary circumstances receive gifts. The members of the Queen's household stand of course, in an entirely different position, for from their regular attendance on the Queen they almost become members of the large family of which she is the head, and those for whom she has a great affection, or who have been long in her service, or who happen to be in waiting on these festive occasions, usually receive a Christmas box from the Queen, sometimes given on Christmas day, or at the Christmas tree, which has always been a great institution among all the members of the royal family. The servants of the royal household, also, always get some gift on these occasions—indeed, no one in the Queen's service is ever forgotten. Her kindness and sympathy extend to the humblest of her dependents, and nothing is more highly prized and cherished by her servants than the small gifts by which she shows how much she values and appreciates their faithful service.

HOW THE QUEEN DOES HER "SHOPPING."

It is obvious that the Queen cannot indulge in the luxury of "shopping," or shall we say, is mercifully prevented that affliction? She cannot, like her daughters, the Princesses, go about among the shops at Christmas time and select gifts, and, like ordinary women, chat and discuss the merits of each article. The freedom the English Princesses enjoy is one of the most delightful features of their lives, for after they marry they go about like any ordinary English lady, and a delightful story is told of one of them who seized the first opportunity of celebrating her emancipation by going out and driving all day long in a hansom cab selecting her Christmas presents. Never before had she driven in anything less magnificent than a royal carriage. The selection of the Queen's Christmas gifts, or those for any other occasion is made by herself at Windsor, or wherever the Court may be in residence. The tradesmen who are selected as royal tradesmen send over a very large quantity of articles suitable for the occasion, and they are left at the palace till the Queen has chosen what she wants. There are only a certain number of shops in London that have what is called a royal appointment or warrant, but those that have are allowed to display the royal arms over their shops and to use the words, "By appointment to Her Majesty, the Queen," on their bills. The

Queen generally selects gifts from her own tradesmen, but there is great rivalry among all shopkeepers to secure a royal order, and the Princesses and ladies in waiting are often commanded to go outside the royal warrant holders, and if they see anything or hear of any very pretty and novel gift, to have it submitted to Her Majesty. The Queen buys largely of Scotch and Irish manufacturers and employs tradesmen in Edinburgh and Dublin, who also send specimens of their goods for Her Majesty's approbation. Scotch and Irish tweeds and cloths and homespun goods are largely bought and given to those who are likely to wear them and to whom they may be useful. There are, also, a very large number of poor people on the Queen's estates who are known to her, to whom she makes gifts of clothing. SANTA CLAUS FILLS PRINCES' AND PRINCESS' STOCKINGS.

To such of her children as are with her the Queen gives her gift personally and with her little grandchildren the old fable of Santa Claus is upheld, and the royal stocking is very much heavier and more valuable from the beloved grandmamma's gift. To those children who are away the gift is sent with a letter, generally by messenger, sometimes by post, but to those who live abroad, a Queen's messenger takes the gift, and the Queen's letter which accompanies it. To the members of the household the gift is either sent or given with a gracious message or some words of kind, affectionate greeting. To any crowned head who may be the recipient of a royal Christmas gift, the Queen would certainly write an autograph letter, but to those of her immediate entourage a message or a letter written at her desire would accompany her gift. To her German relations the Queen's letter would be in English, to any other royal personage it would be in French, but to all her children she writes in English.

It is quite impossible to form any idea as to the value of the presents made by the Queen or given to her. In some cases when her gifts consist of India shawls, jewelry and the like, they are very valuable because they are unique, but the presents she gives to her family, or in turn receives from them, are not expensive. The royal purse is not an inexhaustible one, and the claims on it are enormous, so that the presents given by royal people must always be regarded in the light of souvenirs and not as costly gifts.

The Queen is the recipient of many telegrams on Christmas day bringing her greetings and wishing her many similar anniversaries. From the distant children's homes the electric spark flashes its message of love from her absent ones. It is difficult to realize how busy a dry Christmas is, with receiving and answering loving greetings by telegraph, for the royal family uses that mode of communication more than any other. The Queen and her children have each a private wire. One has a glimpse of how strong the Christmas feeling is in our royal family in reading the "Life of the Prince Consort," and that of Princess Alice (the Grand Duchess of Hesse), who wrote every Christmas to her royal mother, describing her Christmas day, with its gifts, its tree for all the tenants and household, and often affectionate thanks to her mother for the many Christmas gifts she had sent her and her children.—Ladies' Home Journal for December.

NO USE OF HIS LEGS.

Doctors Could Not Help Him, But Two Bottles of South American Kidney Cure Removed the Disease.—The Story of a Wingham Farmer.

Kidney disease can be cured. Mr. John Snell, a retired farmer of Wingham, Ont., says: "For two years I suffered untold misery, and at times could not walk, and any standing position gave intense pain, the result of kidney disease. Local physicians could not help me, and I was continually growing worse, which alarmed my family and friends. Seeing South American Kidney Cure advertised, I grasped at it as a dying man will grasp at anything. Result—before half a bottle had been taken I was totally relieved of pain, and two bottles entirely cured me." To cure kidney disease a liquid medicine must be taken, and one that is a solvent, and can thus dissolve the sand-like particles in the blood. Sold by W. W. Short.

Notwithstanding the immense freight business done by the American railways, the canals throughout the country also do an immense business in transporting grain, flour and other products of the farm. From a late exchange we learn that the total receipts of grain at Buffalo from the opening of navigation this season to date were 154,338,921 bushels, against 132,808,238 bushels in 1893, which year held the former record. Of flour 9,245,790 barrels were received, exceeding last year's receipts by 1,345,540 barrels. The total shipments of grain for the season by the Erie canal aggregate 35,863,996 bushels against 20,064,613 bushels in 1895.

At Great Village, N. S., Alex. Pappard was thrown from his team and died shortly after from his injuries. He leaves a wife and large family.

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For Infants and Children.

The famous "Castoria" is on every wrapper.

Christmas At Black Mammy's

'Mor' gwine be Chris'mus, chilluns,
But I dunno 'bout Sandy Claws.
I spec'd ole man's broke dis Chris'mus;
Ain't no wa'k fo' his ole claws.
He bank done bus'; he los' his money;
He wo'k'n quit, dat what dey said.
ST'ed he keep away dis Chris'mus—
Mout be dat ole man's daid.

What's dat, Dinah? Whar yo' git it—
Dat big box yo' settin' on?
Full o' nuts an' toys an' candv,
Done brang heah by Massa John?
Massa's mighty good dis Chris'mus,
Meks my ole h'art leap wid joy.
Dat he 'membahs his black mammy
Wha' nussed him when he lil' boy.

Huh! Mais! John he sen' a possum?
Praise de Lawd fo' dat good meat!
T'mor' suah be Chris'mus, honey—
Dat de day we gwine t' eat.
Cl'ar off t' bed, now, all you chilluns,
Doan' yo' heah me wha' I say?
Time to heah dem sleigh bells ringin';
Time dem reindeers j'ig dis way.

Gawn t' bed, an' quit dat talkin';
Dis yer ain' no time fur Jay,
Ef you chilluns doan' be quiet,
Yo' sen' 'n old Sandy Claws away.
Pull dem khivers up aroun' yo';
Shet yo' eyes up good an' tight,
T'mor' gwine be Chris'mus, chilluns,
An' Sandy Claws he cum to-night.

THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD.

Inspector De Barry, of Buffalo, N. Y., has decided not to deport the Canadian trained lady nurses at the hospitals, as he announces the decision re that point, just obtained from Washington, is not retroactive. But any nurse that goes to Buffalo hereafter, unless to make that city her home, may be deported.

Section 5 of the new American immigration law states that it shall be unlawful for any alien to enter the United States, except subjects of the Dominion of Canada and other American countries, except at the places where the United States maintain an immigration inspection board.

Three brothers named Hiles, working for Joseph Graves, of Wainfleet, Ont., put some nitro glycerine cartridges on the stove to thaw out. They exploded, wrecking the house and mangling two of the brothers so badly that they cannot live. Mrs. Graves was badly injured also.

Geoman's block and Chase Brothers Co. block at Colborne, Ont., were burned Sunday morning. The loss was a total one, but there was considerable insurance. In the afternoon a wall fell, burying five men who were taken out alive, but badly hurt.

A Detroit tragedy, in which Dr. H. Kleindienst deliberately shot J. W. Beard, his son-in-law, took place on Saturday. The men had a fight, in which the doctor was getting the worst of it, when he used his revolver. The injured man will recover.

Key West, Fla., advices from Havana say it has been discovered that Maceo, Gomez and twenty-five others were poisoned through the treachery of Dr. Zertacha, planned by Alhameda and Major Cirujada.

Maurice William Ernest de Bansen, C. B., has been gazetted Secretary to the British Embassy at Washington, in succession to Viscount Gough. He entered the British diplomatic service in 1878.

Four people were killed on Saturday by a boiler explosion in the Kent Woolen Co's mill at Centerville, R. I. The dead are Fireman and Mrs. Braulp, Arthur Fisher and D. L. Baker. The mill was badly wrecked.

Wood pulp going into the United States at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., by a treasury ruling, now pays duty at the rate of valuation of \$11 per ton, instead of \$10 as heretofore.

The creditors of O. Gignac, sash and door manufacturer of Quebec have refused a settlement of 25 cents in the dollar, as his statement shows an apparent surplus.

The headquarters of the American Federation of Labor have been changed from Indianapolis to Washington, by action of the convention sitting in Cincinnati.

P. Aelo and his wife and grandchild were burned to death in their house at Sheffield, Ohio. The adults lost their lives by returning for the grandchild.

The South Brant, Ont., Liberals have nominated ex-Mayor Heyd for the Federal seat, made vacant by the unseating of Robert Henry, Conservative.

Some 3,000 people are employed at Bass' Burton (England) breweries and the number of clerks employed is nearly 300. The breweries cover about 200 acres of land. The annual output is about 1,300,000 barrels, and the annual issue of bottling labels with the red pyramid on them is about 230,000,000. Moreover, no less than 80,000 acres are employed in growing hops for the manufacture of Bass' ale.

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KENT COUNTY, S.S.

TO THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OF KENT OR ANY CONSTABLE WITHIN THE SAID COUNTY, GREETING:—

Whereas, Hugh H. McLean, of the city of St. John, in the Province of New Brunswick, barrister-at-law, William J. Brait, of Kingston, in the County of Kent in said province, merchant, and David Palmer, of the same place, hotel keeper, executors and trustees of the estate of the late William Cail, have prayed that the account of their administration of the said estate filed by them may be examined and allowed by the Probate court for the County of Kent.

You are therefore required to cite the said executors and trustees and all parties interested in said estate to appear before me at a Court of Probates, to be held at Richibucto in the County of Kent, at the office of the Registrar of Probates within and for the said county on MONDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF JANUARY next to attend the passing and allowing of said account.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said Court this third day of December A. D. 1896.

(Sd) HENRY H. JAMES, Judge of Probates in and for the County of Kent.

C. RICHARDSON, Registrar of Probates for said County.

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The subscriber has opened a tailoring establishment next door to A. D. Cormier's, Buctouche, where he will do custom tailoring at lowest rates and guarantee satisfaction.

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Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of the provisions of 58th Victoria, Chapter 6, Joseph Grogan, of Kouchibouguac, in the Parish of Carleton in the County of Kent, Merchant, doing business under the name and style of "Grogan Co.," has this day made a general assignment for the benefit of his creditors to me the undersigned.

Dated at Richibucto, in the County of Kent, this 3rd day of December, A. D. 1896.

AUGUSTE LEGER, Sheriff of the County of Kent, Assignee.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1896

Notice is hereby given that all petitions for licenses under the above act which are to take effect on the SIXTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY, A. D. 1897, are requested to be sent in to the undersigned together with the sum of five dollars on or before the twenty-first day of December, instant.

R. A. IRVING, Inspector.

Buctouche, Dec. 12th, A. D. 1896.

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There will be sold at Public Auction in front of the Court House, in Richibucto, in the County of Kent, on TUESDAY, THE NINETEENTH DAY OF JANUARY next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, all the right, title, interest, property, Equity of Redemption, claim and demand, whatsoever, either at law or in equity, of Maurice P. Bourgeois, of, in, to, out of or upon the following land and premises:—all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Parish of St. Paul, in the county of Kent, Province of New Brunswick, east half of lot No. 12 described and bounded as follows:—On the north by the road leading to Buctouche, east by land occupied by Mary Bourgeois, south by the Buctouche River, west by land owned by Calixte D. Cormier, containing fifty acres more or less, together with house, store, barn and out-houses and appurtenances to the same belonging, and all other lands and tenements belonging to said Maurice P. Bourgeois, situate, lying and being within my bailiwick, the same having been levied and seized under and by virtue of several executions issued out of the County Court of Westmorland against the said Maurice P. Bourgeois.

AUGUSTE LEGER.

Sheriff's Office, Richibucto, Oct. 14th, A. D. 1896.

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