

CHRISTMAS IN JAMAICA.

A Tropical Celebration With Santa Claus Left Out.

The white people of Jamaica celebrate Christmas in spirit rather than in active observance. Of course Santa Claus is unknown here, for what would Kris Kringle do in his fur raiment and with his reindeers in a land where few indeed of the people know what snow is and fewer still ever saw it. Outdoor sport is out of the question, and even lawn tennis cannot be substituted for the skating and tobogganing of the north. The white people sit or swing in hammocks under the cool shade of the palm trees and look with curious interest over the holiday numbers of English and American magazines, with their strange pictures of snow scenes, and read the stories of Christmastide in the land of Kris Kringle and Jack Frost. After sundown there are social gatherings, at which the guests sit out on the verandas, eat ice cream, fan themselves and while away the evening with conversation and in that "sweet doing nothing" way that is such a feature of life in the tropics. Very many of the white people of Jamaica were born in the island and so know nothing of the Christmas customs of the north. But there are also quite a number of Americans and Britishers here, and these try various ways to get up a semblance of Christmas, but it is like the crew of a polar expedition celebrating Fourth of July while ice-bound in the Arctic circle, and their Christmas is mostly one of reminiscence. Still wintering in the tropics is not without its compensating advantages, and although Christmas here is apt to be a pretty lonesome time to Americans, they are very apt to find cause for congratulation after the festive season is over in the fact that they are safe from the cold, the snow, the slush and the blizzards of the north.

YULETIDE IN AUSTRIA.

Customs and Legends of the Non-German Population.

Yuletide as kept by the non-German population of Austria is very picturesque. On Christmas day the Poles in Galicia first attend mass and then sit down to family supper. The chief dish on the table contains consecrated eggs, which the father distributes. After eating, all eyes are closed and all heads bowed down to the table in the belief that Jacob's ladder is then descending from heaven to earth and down the ladder angels are coming to bless the worshipers and to carry away their earthly troubles to heaven. Among the Czechs the legend runs that he who most strictly fasts on Christmas eve will see the holy Christ in his dreams that night. In the evening the real celebration begins. All lights are then extinguished in the house; no fire, no light is visible. The children crowd together in fear and remain perfectly silent, as otherwise they know they will receive none of the presents brought by the Christ Child and laid at the entrance of the house. The older females amuse themselves by throwing heated lead into water and gathering from the forms it assumes some hint as to the appearance of their future husbands.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

CHRISTMAS MENUS

THE housewife will find no better suggestions for the Christmas spread than are contained in the following. The menus have a Christmas flavor and are cosmopolitan in their makeup. They are planned for ten or more people, but for a small family the fish course and some of the vegetables and sweets could be omitted:

MENU NO. 1.

Oyster Cocktails.
Julienne Soup.
Olives. Celery. Salted Almonds.
Broiled Smelts, Tartar Sauce.
Parisienne Potatoes.
Roast Turkey, Stuffed with Truffles.
Oyster Brochettes.
Spinach. Macaroni Croquettes.
Lettuce Salad.
Plum Pudding Glace, Mince Tarts.
Small Cakes, Bonbons, Nuts.
Coffee.

MENU NO. 2.

Oysters on the Half Shell.
Clear Tomato Soup.
Celery. Olives. Salted Pecans.
Boiled Rock, Egg Sauce.
Potato Cakes.
Roast Turkey, Stuffed with Chestnuts.
Cranberry Jelly. Gibley Sauce.
Brussels Sprouts.
Sweet Potato Croquettes.
Grape Fruit Salad.
Crackers. Cheese.
English Plum Pudding.
Frozen Fruit Cup.
Bonbons. Cakes. Nuts.
Coffee.

MENU NO. 3.

Oysters on the Half Shell.

Wise Ways of Women.

No "prizes" offered with common soaps will long tempt the wise woman to use common soaps. The wise woman soon sees she has to pay dearly for "prizes" in the low quality of soap, in the damage common soaps do her clothes and her hands. The wise woman considers her health—so soon ruined if she were to continue breathing the steam of adulterated common soaps. The wise woman recognizes the difference between such soaps and Sunlight Soap—Octagon Bar. 212

Radishes. Salted Filberts.
Halibut Cutlets on Toast, Lemon Sauce.
Roast Goose, Savory Stuffing.
Giblet Gravy. Jellyed Apples.
Hashed Browned Potatoes.
Lemon Ginger Sherbet.
Celery Salad.
Crackers. Cheese.
Plum Pudding, Rum Sauce.
Fruits. Nuts. Bonbons.
Coffee.

All of these dinners are easily prepared. The soups are light and simple, but must be perfectly seasoned and perfectly free from grease. Nearly every one now prefers the Christmas turkey stuffed with truffles or chestnuts and has a favorite recipe for this delicacy, so it is unnecessary to say anything on this subject. If this noble bird is to appear on the table, put a double row of nut meats down his breast, to button up his brown coat in true military fashion, and let him rest on a bed of celery and parsley leaves. The Christmas goose, celebrated in song and story, is not very well known on this side of the water. The turkey tired palate will welcome the appearance of the goose, cooked by this recipe, on the board.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

THE TRUTH ABOUT
.....SANTA CLAUS

Of course there's a Santa Claus! Every one knows it—That is, every one who has good sense and shows it. There are those who doubt love and religion and morals—Those people who always are seeking for quarrels On questions of faith and are ever lamenting The existence of things to which there's no dissenting. They would have all the dear little children believing There isn't a Santa, but their aim's deceiving. He's jolly and big, and his nickname's Kris Kringle! God pity the child who has not heard the jingle



Of his silver bells as he comes swift a-sleighbing
When his annual visit of love he's a-paying!
He's round, and he's fat, and his whiskers are whitened
With centuriesd snows, but his good face is lightened
With the cheery warm nature that keeps you supernal
And will make dear old Santa Claus last time eternal.

So, children, don't think when you hang up each stocking
That there is no Santa Claus—that would be shocking—
Because while you're snugly and cozily sleeping
He'll come with his reindeer all madly a-leaping
And from his rich load in a trice will be taking
And leaving the gifts that will gladden your waking!

—Washington Star.

• **Couldn't Give Herself Away.**
Charley Easyman—Well, Willie, your sister has given herself to me for a Christmas present. What do you think of that?
Willie—Huh! That's what she done for Mr. Brown last Christmas, and he gave her back to herself before Easter.

Christmas Causerie.
There is a Christmas tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to—bankruptcy.

A young man will "hang up" more than his stocking if he buys his best girl a present.

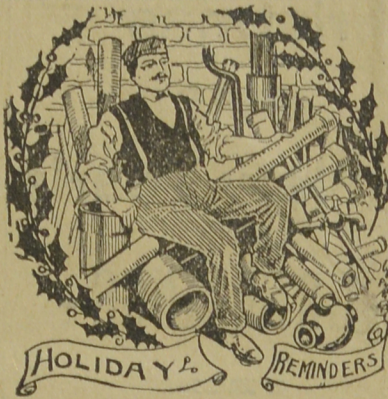
The tall man will be short after Christmas.

A man is thankful for small favors; but No. 12 slippers do not come under that head.

It will not be necessary to tell the neighbors that you gave your son a drum.—Truth.

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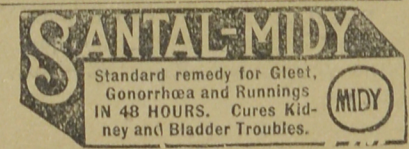
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