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# THE ALMONT ARENA

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## Xmas Gifts...

When searching for appropriate Xmas Gifts for friends and the folks at home, have ever stopped to think that the home paper would be the most appreciative gift of all. Better think this over and then drop into our office and talk it over with us.

**NOW ONLY \$1.00**

for a whole year is the price of the Almont Arena and the folks at home will be tickled to see just what you are doing through the columns of this Great Family Journal. Do this today so that the paper will start immediately for it will be a welcome caller.

**Almont Arena**  
Almont, N. D.

## LARK SIZLERS

Subscribe for the Almont Arena. Mrs. Mills has put off leaving until after Xmas.

A. B. Camp visited the town of Flasher on Friday.

Mr. Savage is kept busy looking after grain and coal.

Mr. Hyland has gone back to the Bismarck hospital.

Liveryman Johnson made two trips to Flasher today.

Mrs. W. B. Johnson had a touch of the grip, this week.

Miss Eva Camp is very lonesome since her sister went away.

Mrs. Stanley has had her house full of rousters, this week.

Frank Wagner is trying to get his fax threshed. Slow work.

E. W. Hyde and Ben Bird of Almont, were over-night callers at Lark, this week.

Geo. Lukerman seems to be froze up this winter by the way he hugs the stove. Poor boy.

Pleasant View S. S. and Lark S. S. are going to combine and get up a Xmas program. Hope that they succeed.

Subscribe for the Arena today? Mr. Levy is authorized to take renewals and new subscriptions and he will give you a receipt.

Our merchant, Mr. Levy is building a barn. I guess to start a dry line so he wont have to use a wheelbarrow, or call on his friends to draw his freight. Ha, Ha.

## The Slanderous Tongue.

A sorry number of the disappointments and heartaches so common in life are, in a large measure, due to the slanderous tongue. Yesterday was full of sunshine, and all seemed so well—today a cloud of darkness has settled upon us, and the disappointments and heartaches are yours: the slanderous tongue has been at work. Two boys or two girls played together at school yesterday, but today they do not speak to each other, and neither knows the cause. From childhood to manhood and womanhood and finally to "the evening of life" this same state of affairs exists—the slanderous tongue keeps on doing its horrible work of creating darkness where otherwise would dwell beautiful sunshine, happiness, peace and prosperity. Where the slanderous tongue is, there also is sorrow, darkness, ill-feeling towards one another, and consequently, business failures. The small town and the mighty city, the home fireside and the association with neighbors and friends, the churches and the children's play all suffer as a result of the slanderous tongue. Don't mix in other people's business, you'll have a hard time attending to your own. If it is impossible to keep your tongue quiet, cut it off and save the world from the slanderous tongue.

Gear Erickson was in Mandan Saturday returning Sunday on No. 7. Lawrence Nelson had charge of the dry line during Mr. Erickson's absence.

## Arena One Year Old.

With this issue the Arena reaches its first birthday and we desire to thank all of our patrons for their support in making the Arena the paper that it is. We have tried our best to give the news of the city and surrounding territory and we believe we have succeeded from what our subscribers have told us. Everyone seems pleased with the paper and is the best kind of encouragement that an editor can get for by letting us know what is desired we can please more people and get out a better paper. Again we thank all who have patronized the paper and trust all who do not take the Arena will call and let us send it on trial for a few weeks. "Boost and the world boasts with you" has been our motto and we will continue to boost for Almont and the surrounding territory.

## Additional Local News.

Chas. Knutson was in town Saturday.

Aug. Timmerman received a large bunch of Xmas trees Monday of this week.

R. O. Peland, of Antler, N. D., arrived in town last week for a visit with his brothers and sisters near Almont. Mr. Peland had a ranch south of Almont a few years ago and is well known to the people around here. He states that his land in Bottineau county is proving a good investment and he is well pleased with that country. Mr. Peland returned to his home on Wednesday of this week.

## SIMS SIDELIGHTS

Greta Thompson is quite ill with pneumonia.

John Lane visited with his family at Sweet Briar between trains last Sunday.

One of Tom Gmy's milk cows committed suicide last Sunday via the water route.

Owing to the recent mild weather, the mine will run on half time until after the holidays.

Mr. Paul Reed and the Misses Mary and Lena Linstead were shoppers at New Salem, Saturday.

J. M. Thompson spent a couple of days at home this week on account of the illness of his daughter.

Rev. and Mrs. G. N. Isolany took their little daughter, Lillian, to Bismarck last Wednesday to have her tonsils removed. They returned on Saturday and the little girl is feeling as well as can be expected.

Dr. V. J. LaRoe was called from Bismarck last Tuesday to attend to the two year old boy of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ulrickson who is very ill with pneumonia. We have not heard what the result was, but hope the boy is recovering rapidly.

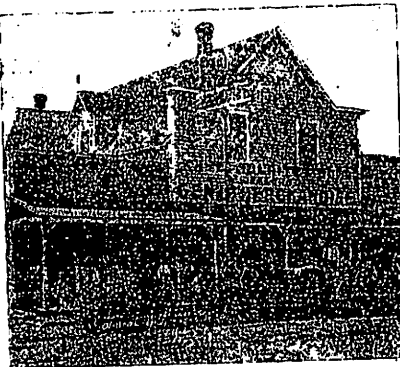
The sicklewreck our town last Saturday night and as a result Mr. and Mrs. John Jacobson are the happy recipients of a new baby boy. We have not seen Mr. Jacobson since the eventful night, but it is safe to say he is wearing a broad smile.

**GIVE YOUR...  
Son,  
Daughter,  
Wife,  
Husband,**

a Certificate of Deposit for a Christmas Present. Nothing can be more of an incentive to thrift and economy.

We allow 5 per cent interest and compound the interest every six months. No account too large or too small.

**The Farmers State Bank.**  
Almont, N. Dak.



## HERE IS THE PLACE and this is the MAN

Who will for the next thirty days offer you such snaps in merchandise that the catalog houses will not be in it.

We have a few Ladies' Coats, Cravats, Fur Caps and Tam o' Shanters that will be closed out at less than cost.

## Shoes! Shoes!

Having decided to stop carrying shoes, we concluded to take what we could get so as to close them out in a hurry. The finest stock of shoes in the city will be found here and you should buy now, and save money. Hurry! Hurry!

*We Sell Shoes That Wear*



**Ladies'  
Men's  
Boys'  
Girls'  
Babies'**

## Xmas Toys!

We have a very nice line of Xmas Toys and we can please young and old in the line of Xmas Presents. This is Santa Claus' headquarters and you will find presents that will please the children at this store.

## Groceries!

Our line of staple and fancy groceries can't be beat and our customers are always satisfied.

When doing your Xmas shopping think of our store, and get the best at the cheapest price. Try us now!



## Men's Furnishings

Woolen Socks, Canvas and Cotton Hosiery, Men's Shirts, Underwear and a complete line of Men's Furnishings.

## Dishes!

## Dishes!

We carry a nice line of fancy and plain dishes in various designs. Call and see.

**Lyons Best Flour**  
**SOLD HERE**

# FRED HOLRITZ, Sr., ALMONT, N. DAK.





**ALMONT ARENA**  
ALMONT, NORTH DAKOTA.

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Advertisers are requested to have the copy for change of ad in the Arena Office by Tuesday Noon preceding issue of the paper in which changed ad is to appear.

All contributions and communications intended for publication must bear the name of the writer.

Be sure and read the Ads. in the Arena for our merchants have the goods and their prices are the lowest, considering quality.

First Publication Dec. 16, 1911.  
**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
Department of Interior,  
U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D.  
Nov. 21st, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that Philip Schuele, of Judson, N. D., who, on Nov. 21st, 1906, made Homestead Entry No. 3667, Serial No. 09433, for 1/4 Sec. 10, 1/4 Sec. 11, 1/4 Sec. 12, 1/4 Sec. 13, 1/4 Sec. 14, 1/4 Sec. 15, 1/4 Sec. 16, 1/4 Sec. 17, 1/4 Sec. 18, 1/4 Sec. 19, 1/4 Sec. 20, 1/4 Sec. 21, 1/4 Sec. 22, 1/4 Sec. 23, 1/4 Sec. 24, Township 137 N., Range 55 W., 5th Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Tom. J. R. Johnson, Judge of County Court, at Mandan, N. D., on the 16th day of January, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses: William Wagner, Fred Schuele, Stanley Keller and Charley Keller all of Judson, North Dakota.  
R. N. Stevens, Register.

**NORTH DAKOTA HAS A DAY.**

State Makes Big Demonstration At the St. Paul Show.

North Dakota day at the big St. Paul show was Monday, December 18, and a large crowd of people from Fargo business men went down to the twin cities to help make a good showing for the state. The day was the first time the state which has been the most neglected and the least advertised of the states.

Secretary Stine of the commercial club is making the effort to get to St. Paul on this day. He will supply badges to all who will go so that the delegation will make as good a showing as possible.

Among those who went down to St. Paul are E. J. Wilson, Fred Al. Paul, Dr. P. H. Weston, Col. Morton Irish, Harry Amerland, W. J. Price, J. P. Hardy, R. S. Lewis, Frank Davis and a large number of others.

The beautiful booklet which has just been issued from the press advertising the fine points about the Red river valley will be generally distributed at the show given by Secretary Stine here at the commercial club.

This pamphlet contains handsome illustrations of scenes along the Red river and throughout the country bordering this well known stream, known as the Nile of America. The far-famed Red river valley of the north—the bread basket of the world—is well advertised in this booklet, which is the work of the Red river valley booster's league.

**PREMIUMS ARE WIPED OUT.**

Fargo Fire Takes Profit From Whole Year's Business.

Fargo—it was stated in local insurance circles that the total amount of premium receipts for the city of Fargo during the last year were completely offset by the great conflagration which destroyed the Meredith Drug company building. The premium receipts for the city of Fargo during the last year amounted to \$178,902.44. The total loss of the Meredith fire is almost if not quite \$200,000.

What's It Worth to Drive Out Bugs? Mind—how much is it worth to drive bedbugs out of a hotel? This is one of the questions involved in the suit of Olaf Olson vs. Jourgen Olson. Olaf is suing Jourgen for something like \$1,000 for rent, while Jourgen was proprietor of the hotel and Jourgen has put in a counter claim for driving the bedbugs out of the hotel and similar services. Olaf claims that Jourgen's charge is excessive, and the court will probably have to determine the reasonableness or unreasonable-ness of the charge.

First Publication Dec. 9, 1911.  
**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
Department of Interior,  
U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D.  
Nov. 30, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that Olaf Olson of Almont, N. D., who, on May 25, 1907, made Homestead Entry No. 316292, (Serial No. 016292), for 1/4 Sec. 34, 1/4 Sec. 35, 1/4 Sec. 36, 1/4 Sec. 37, 1/4 Sec. 38, 1/4 Sec. 39, 1/4 Sec. 40, 1/4 Sec. 41, 1/4 Sec. 42, 1/4 Sec. 43, 1/4 Sec. 44, Township 136 N., Range 55 W., 5th Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before G. H. Anderson, U. S. Commissioner, at Almont, N. D., on the 15th day of January, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses: Martin Jensen, Nels Jacobson, Harry Jacobson, and Johannes Jensen all of Almont, N. D.  
R. N. Stevens, Register.

First Publication, Dec. 9, 1911.  
**NOTICE FOR REPUBLICATION.**  
Department of Interior,  
U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D.  
Dec. 4, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that Charles Keller of New Salem, N. Dak., who on April 22, 1907, made Homestead Entry No. 39035, Serial No. 01133, for 1/4 Sec. 10, 1/4 Sec. 11, 1/4 Sec. 12, 1/4 Sec. 13, 1/4 Sec. 14, 1/4 Sec. 15, 1/4 Sec. 16, 1/4 Sec. 17, 1/4 Sec. 18, 1/4 Sec. 19, 1/4 Sec. 20, 1/4 Sec. 21, 1/4 Sec. 22, 1/4 Sec. 23, 1/4 Sec. 24, Township 137 North, Range 55 W., 5th Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office, at Bismarck, North Dakota, on the 15th day of January, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses: Carl Joray, Albert Mitsch, Herman Joray, Louis Keller, all of Almont, North Dakota.  
R. N. Stevens, Register.

First Publication Nov. 18, 1911.  
**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
Department of Interior,  
U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D.  
Nov. 8, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that Peter Seeburger of Almont, N. D., who, on April 11, 1906, made Homestead Entry No. 33935, Serial No. 03187, for the SW 1/4 Sec. 10, Township 136 N., Range 57 W., 5th Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five Year Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before G. H. Anderson, U. S. Commissioner, at Almont, North Dakota, on the 27th day of December, 1911.

Claimant names as witnesses: Matt Wohlman, Mike Welch, Mick Meachel, Otto Lidstrom all of Almont, North Dakota.  
R. N. Stevens, Register.

**Christmas Candies, Nuts, Fruit, Etc.**

<p><b>Xmas Nuts</b> We have on hand a fine line of Nuts for the Christmas trade and we are offering at reasonable prices.</p>	<p><b>Xmas Candy</b> We are offering the finest line of Christmas Candy to be found in the city and we invite you to look over our candy line before purchasing your Xmas supply.</p>	<p><b>Fruits</b> We have all kinds of Fruit such as Bananas, Oranges and Apples. Special on Apples for two weeks.</p>
<p><b>Photographs</b> make ideal Xmas presents and both young and old enjoy them.</p>	<p><b>Aluminum Ware</b> A piece of our Aluminum Ware would be a much appreciated Christmas gift for mother.</p>	<p><b>Cigars</b> Xmas cigars put up small boxes for the Christmas trade.</p>

The New Store, O. C. Ellingson, Prop. Almont, North Dakota.

**Merry Xmas to All!**

COOL  
CHEER

We wish to extend our best wishes to all of our customers and thank you one and all for the kind patronage, and wish for a continuance of same during the coming New Year. We wish one and all

**A Very Merry Xmas**  
--AND A--  
**Happy and Prosperous New Year**

**C. A. KNUTSON & CO.**  
Almont, North Dakota

**Xmas Gifts**

Xmas is now near at hand and we desire to impress upon your minds that we can show you appropriate presents for everyone in the family and we want you all to come in and look our line over.

**Shop Early and Get the First Choice.**  
**Gifts for Everybody Here.**

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**Fine Line of Xmas Candy in Fancy Boxes.**  
Hot Drinks of all Kinds Served Here.

**Almont Pharmacy,**  
Dr. W. T. Cain, Prop.  
ALMONT, NORTH DAKOTA.

**A Xmas Present for Every Customer**

To anyone buying a piano from us during the next 40 days, we will give a handsome Xmas Present. See us before buying.

**14 CARLOADS OF PIANOS 14**  
**PIANOS AT ALL PRICES**

have been unplayed at our ware rooms in the last 30 days. Every piano we sell is guaranteed to give satisfaction and our guarantee is good. Ask about our one year free exchange proposition, which protects you.

**Full Sized New Pianos, Fully Guaranteed, \$132.00 up**  
**Slightly Used and Second Hand Pianos, \$70.00 and up**

**Come Early and Get the Best Selection for Your Xmas Piano**  
**Stone Piano Co.**  
FARGO, N. D. Established 1894. GRAND FORKS, N. D.



## ALMONT NEWS NOTES

Gleaned from Here, There and Everywhere.  
By the Arena Gate-Keeper.

Pay your subscription today.  
J. H. Sharff was in from his farm Saturday.  
O. H. Steves was in from the country Monday after some supplies.  
C. E. Bergland went to Bismarck Saturday on business matters.

County Commissioner Feland was over from Sims on Monday of this week.  
Be sure and attend the Christmas program on Sunday evening, December 24th.

Mrs. Thos. Miller left for Mandan the last of this week to spend Xmas with friends.

Cornelius Knutson returned Saturday from a business visit at Mandan and Bismarck.

H. G. Timpe was in from the farm Saturday. He still wears the smile that wont come off.

Louis Larson is expected to arrive in Almont Saturday, from Carson, to spend Xmas with old friends here.

E. W. Hyde was a Bismarck visitor on Monday and part of Tuesday. He returned Tuesday afternoon on No. 7.

Knutson Coal Mining Co. is shipping about twelve cars of coal a week now. Most of this goes to Mandan and Bismarck.

Xmas presents are arriving with every mail, but then the postmaster will be forgiven if he does say words which do not sound just right.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray L. Lindner left Friday for Carrington, N. D., where they will spend Xmas with Mrs. Lindner's sister, Mrs. J. J. Walton, and family.

We have been compelled to cut some of our correspondence this week on account of the extra advertising, but after this week we will be glad to get any amount.

Mrs. G. H. Anderson will leave Saturday morning for Brisbane, N. D., where she will spend Christmas with her parents. Ben Bird will drive her across the country.

M. O. Bergland, brother of C. E. arrived in Almont Tuesday from Seattle, Wash., on his way to Moorhead where he will spend Xmas with his parents. He left here Thursday.

G. R. Brainard was down Monday attending to legal matters. Mr. Brainard states that on account of Xmas coming next week he will not come down until the following Monday.

W. F. Martin was a caller at this office Tuesday and paid his subscription to the Arena for another year. Mr. Martin states that he takes a good many papers but that he enjoys them all.

The Arena wishes all its friends a very Merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We have tried, during the past year, to give you a good paper and we believe we have succeeded. The paper, financially, has been a complete failure, but we have worried along waiting for our subscribers to come in with their help. Only a few have responded and we are still waiting, waiting for YOU.

### NOTICE.

Most all of the subscriptions to the Arena are now due and you will be doing the editor a favor if you will kindly drop in promptly and settle yours at once. We do not like to be compelled to send out bills for it takes time and costs money—and we are shv on the

The Arena wants to see you. Read the Arena—you are doing it now.

Notice C. A. Knutson's Ad. in this issue.

Chas. Schauer was in town Monday.

Cornelius Knutson was in from the mine Wednesday.

Nels Becklund was at New Salem between trains Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Smestad expect to spend Xmas with relatives near De Vaul.

Be sure and attend the Xmas program in the big hall Sunday evening, Dec. 24th.

Rev. Alexander returned to Almont Tuesday afternoon from a visit at Coal Harbor, N. D.

Rev. Myers, of Bismarck, arrived in the city Saturday, last, and preached in our local church Sunday.

Grace Jacobson went home to see her Ma over Sunday last. Lawrence Nelson went out and brought her back.

The Arena is out one day earlier this week so the editor's family can get to their destination in time for Xmas.

School will close Friday for a week's vacation and the children will have a good opportunity to celebrate Xmas.

A moving picture show will be held in the big hall on Friday evening, December 22nd. Popular prices. Everybody come.

G. H. Anderson went down to Lark Saturday, last, and thence to Mandan and Glen Ullin. He returned home on Monday afternoon.

The Xmas program to be given next Sunday evening will commence at 7:30 sharp, so leave your supper dishes stand until the next morning and go early so that you wont come inarching in while one of the recitation is on and disturb those who desire to hear. Their will also be a public Christmas tree.

### HEART HEARTLETS

Thorval Mortenson and Arthur Weeks made a business trip to Washburn Tuesday.

Henry Anderson and his sister, Mrs. H. Barnes called on Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Knutson, Sunday.

John Thompson is improving after his accident.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Mortenson called at John Melton's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Weeks, Thorval Mortenson, and George Weeks took supper with J. Danisison, Monday last.

Margaret Weeks visited with Beulah Nolan a few days last week.

Garfield Montgomery of Lark called at Anton Johnson's Thursday on his way to Almont.

Every person suffering from extreme Nervousness, Epilepsy or Fits, should write Dr. A. W. Dunnu, Columbus, Ohio, for a free copy of his 32 page book. You must mention this paper.

### G. R. BRAINARD

Attorney-at-Law  
Solicits Your Law Business.  
Will be in Almont every Monday after September 19th.  
Located at the Arena Office Almont, N. Dak.

## Santa's Headquarters



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WISH YOU  
ONE AND  
ALL A  
VERY  
MERRY  
XMAS

Aug. Timmerman,  
ALMONT and SIMS NORTH DAKOTA.



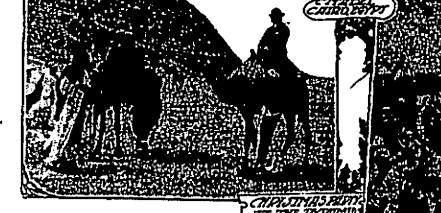
# Christmas in Foreign Lands

By John Foster Frazer

**I**FTER all, there is to place like home in which to celebrate Christmas. Even when the day does not come up in the old-fashioned pictorial representation of snow on the ground and red-roasted robins on the boughs, but is instead green and sunny, Christmas at home has an appropriateness and the scene is a way it cannot do in other lands.

It is rather hard to imagine appropriateness about Christmas under blazing sky, and the setting of sun puddling when the thermometer is 90 degrees in the shade. Flow out of place the picturesque characters from Dickens' novels, and the usual and full of boisterous mirth—would have been if they could have been conveyed on the magic carpet to gorgeous Cairo? Wealthy people and in these days of cheap travel, those who are not wealthy, now seek sunshine in the months which are considered dreary: so each Christmas, crowds of British people betake themselves to the City of the Caliphs, proceed up the Nile, and, even on Christmas night, to seek the old folk and in the magnificent hotel at Khartoum.

Our grandfathers and grandmothers, who regarded Christmas as a time of waits and holy berries and taking has-



**CHURCH OF MARYITY IN KHARTOUM, SUDAN**

sets of provisions to poor folk, then attending the festooned and decorated church for morning services, and afterwards, with lights up and curtains drawn, proceeded to consume stabs of turkey and roast beef, chunks of plum pudding and mince pies, with the prospect of bringing heavy mouths, would turn in their graves if they could see the manner in which thousands of their descendants celebrate the day in Cairo.

I have known such occasions rare as blue moons. As a rule, the morning comes with blazing sunshine, with not a cloud in the sky, and the atmosphere not only warm but sultry. It is not the occasion for torments or misdeeds of fur. The men are in fannels and the women are in white flimsy. Possibly some attend the English church, with the hope of being reminded what day it is; but the majority go off upon excursion, wandering through the quaint, bazaar-like and crowded bazaars, where the Mohammedan festival, with its trade of selling antiques, radiant robes and head-made Oriental carpets.

The majority, on pleasure bent, go off to the Pyramids, and, under the awning sun, climb to the summit of the great burial pile of the Cheops, and then, likely enough, mounted on donkeys, scamper across the hot sands to the Sphinx, in the shadow of which they proceed to picnic.

It is late afternoon, and the big sun is setting over the Libyan desert, and the bells in the mosques are tinkling for the faithful Mohammedans to come and pray, when most of our fellow country people return to their hotels. There is no old-style Christmas dinner.

Probably the most interesting Christmas dinner, however, the occasion, delicious and happy though it be, does not fit the picture. The moon rises and the evening is fragrant, whilst parties sit out upon the balconies before the dancing. And then thought inevitably wander to what the folk at home are doing.

There with some, particularly in London, a great change is coming over the celebration of Christmas. People with families, especially those with young children, do keep up something of the tradition. But amongst those who are up to the hilt in the modern Christmas spirit, it is one of the great characteristics of pleasure-fashions that they eat at restaurants or at hotel, where in the entrance hall there is generally a magnificent Christmas tree, and the dinner is lavish, the music ravishing, and everything is bright and noisy, and the air is rippled with the laughter of merry voices.



**CHURCH OF MARYITY IN INDIA**

above, the chain with the dinner is over there follows the usual and a prophetic speech making. Then comes the dance. That the company is in a distant foreign land is forgotten in the great excitement of the favor of Christmas tide at home is with those of our own race and country. Laughter and merriment reign unbounded.

And is it not well at Christmas to think of those who are in the great cities of the world? I do not only mean those who are in the great cities of the world, but also those who are in the great cities of the world, but also those who are in the great cities of the world, but also those who are in the great cities of the world.

land who are in far corners of the world? I do not only mean those who are in the great cities of the world, but also those who are in the great cities of the world, but also those who are in the great cities of the world, but also those who are in the great cities of the world.

Doited about the world, in Africa, in lonely Indian missions, on the deserts of Australia, those people will be calling their Christmas dinners on the same day as at home. In the rush of happiness which comes to most of us, it is not a bad thing to let the thoughts wander to those who are in the great cities of the world, but also those who are in the great cities of the world.

Also there are others, I remember a Christmas day I spent at sea on a tramp ship, a commotion of a storm in the Bay of Biscay. We ought to have been home before Christmas, but the weather had baffled us. We were afloat for a week before we were able to get home. We had no Christmas tree, no presents, no Christmas dinner, no turkey, no plum pudding, no mince pies, no Christmas cards, no Christmas gifts, no Christmas carols, no Christmas songs, no Christmas prayers, no Christmas wishes, no Christmas hopes, no Christmas fears, no Christmas joys, no Christmas sorrows, no Christmas tears, no Christmas smiles, no Christmas frowns, no Christmas looks, no Christmas words, no Christmas actions, no Christmas inactions, no Christmas anything, but we were together, and that was enough.

Think of the manner in which the day is spent in the distant treaty ports of the Far East. There come back to my memory a Christmas day I spent once in Shanghai, in that great commercial Chinese city is a considerable gathering of British people, chiefly engaged in trade, kindly, accessible, giving the hand of friendship to the traveler and seeing that he has a good time with the rest. There are Christmas morning calls to the Chinese, and Christmas afternoon calls to the British. There are Christmas dinners at the homes of the British, and Christmas dinners at the homes of the Chinese. There are Christmas carols, and Christmas songs, and Christmas prayers, and Christmas wishes, and Christmas hopes, and Christmas fears, and Christmas joys, and Christmas sorrows, and Christmas tears, and Christmas smiles, and Christmas frowns, and Christmas looks, and Christmas words, and Christmas actions, and Christmas inactions, and Christmas anything, but we are together, and that is enough.

Another Christmas day comes to my mind as I write. It was in Teheran, the capital of Persia. There, of course, is the British legation; but most of the British residents, fifty or sixty in number, are engaged in connection with the telegraph service. Teheran is a great telegraph station on the telegraph route between England and India. On Christmas morning there is generally a football match on the Maidan, a big open space where most of the British military winter take place. In the afternoon there is a religious service in the mosque, and a Christmas dinner for all the British people are putting themselves to such exertion in the search of what to house in the western habit of violent exercise. It is regarded here as one of the most important things to give a dinner party on Christmas night to the leading British and American residents in the city. The dinner is a magnificent one, and the table is set with the best of the British and American delicacies, and the wine is of the best, and the music is of the best, and the singing is of the best, and the dancing is of the best, and the entertainment is of the best, and the Christmas day is a day of the best.

On Christmas morning, with the sloozing Turkish soldiers at the door of the church, many Christians will enter to attend service, though through the low and narrow doorway, and have the privilege of kissing the stone on which tradition says the body of Christ was laid after the Crucifixion. That group of tourists mounted on elegy and titled positions, they are of the most distinguished of Jerusalem. They are of the most distinguished of Jerusalem. They are of the most distinguished of Jerusalem.

Christmas day brings many and varied recollections to the man who has wandered through this world.

## WHAT IS THE ANSWER

Questions answered by members of the Massachusetts Agricultural College Faculty.

**Q. Please give the best method for sterilizing separator milk.**  
Answered by G. L. Martin, professor of dairying.  
Cool the cream immediately after the separation by placing the receipt in cold water. Never mix cold and warm cream, for bad flavors are sure to result. Keep the cream in a place till within a few hours of churning. Cure at between 50 and 60 degrees F.

**Q. How is cream ripened?**  
Answered by G. L. Martin, professor of dairying.  
By allowing it to stand at about seventy degrees F. until sour enough for churning.

**Q. What is grub to the head? (Sheep)**  
Answered by Dr. L. Van Be, professor of veterinary science.  
Grubs to the heads of sheep are the immature forms of a special warble fly. A fly which during its life betwixt the head and the neck of the sheep, the mucoous, which is usually found around the nostrils of an animal. From there the young grub makes its way into the nostrils and various cavities of the head and there sets up a considerable irritation. It is an exceedingly difficult matter to remove them when once they have become located in the head. But if during the hot summer months, when the female fly is about, the nostrils and nostrils of the sheep is smeared over with a mixture of oil of sweet almond and turpentine, the grub will be prevented to a considerable extent.

**Q. Should corn be measured before or after plowing?** Answered by G. D. Churchill, professor of Agronomy.  
Where coarse litter is used, it must be plowed under so as not to interfere with the cultivation. If well composted manure is used, top-dressing will prove very satisfactory. The time to apply is depends more upon conditions than upon the results secured.

**Q. What is the cheapest way to heat a house?** Answered by G. D. Churchill, professor of Agronomy.  
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## INJURY BY CUTWORMS

Extremely Troublesome in Minnesota in 1910.  
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(By F. L. WASHINGTON, Minnesota.)  
Cutworms, represented in Minnesota by several species, were so extremely troublesome in 1910 that they have been made the subject of the illustration given herewith, including also the wheat-head army worm, *Hyalophora diurnella*, which, like the cutworm, is a pest of various plants, or on the ground near their food-plants. The larvae, which hatch in late summer or early fall, and which are at their most active in the spring, are ready for business in the spring.

While many birds prey upon cutworms, and although they are eaten by some beneficial insects, and are the victims of parasitic forms, yet nothing of the kind is sufficient to keep them in check. They are very voracious, and will take any kind of green material, either in the form of a leaf or a stem, or even a whole plant, and will eat it up to the roots. A full-grown larva will eat a whole plant in a few days.



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Young plants like corn, sugar beets, etc., are very much injured by cutworms. They are very voracious, and will eat any kind of green material, either in the form of a leaf or a stem, or even a whole plant, and will eat it up to the roots. A full-grown larva will eat a whole plant in a few days.

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## A Yuletide - Home-Coming

HE club looked very thing Gerald had been doing for a week or two. A few lines read accidentally in an out-of-date newspaper had made him restless with longing for the old scenes. And so he had traveled two days and nights in a sleigh, rapidly connecting his journey with all the love and friendship his starved nature was demanding.

When he arrived at his old club on a chill, grey Christmas morning, it was only to find that fifteen years' absence had been too severe a trial for friendship. The place was empty of all but servants, and they were strange, unwelcoming faces. He stood at the club window, looking out on the solitary deserted street which he had always remembered as being thronged, and a great sadness swept over him.

This was not what he wanted. From his pocket he drew out the scrap of paper which had really brought him so many miles, and looked at it intently. It was only a death notice—sent out from a paper of a year ago, and ran in the usual way—Michael Towmley, at his residence, etc. In fancy he saw a sweet-faced girl, who sought her happiness only in the eyes of her idea. There were joy-hells there, too, as they left the church with the fragrance of mutual love about them.

The bells pealed on outside, and willing fancy led him still further into the realm of "might have been" in an instant he made up his mind to still once more the old-fashioned cottage and enter the way, to which he had hoped fifteen years before to have a bride. He would go and see it, even if he neglected condition only added to his loneliness and pain.

Two hours later he was striking through the crisp country air along a winding path which led to a rambling, ivy-covered cottage. As the last turn brought him in sight of the house he stopped in surprise. He had expected to see dirt, ruins, and decay, but instead he looked upon a trim, well-kept cottage, and a soft, crooning song, in a voice which reawakened the tender memories of long ago, came floating through the unshaded door.

Half believing that it must be fancy leading him still, he entered the house softly, and, following the voice, looked into the lower room, and stood in the glow of the warm firelight. The sweet, tired-faced, middle-aged singer turned as his shadow fell across the light, and then stood white and trembling.

"Gerald!" she whispered. "Gerald! how you come to approach me not today? Not today!" "The strong man's voice broke as he held out his arms. "Nance!" he cried joyfully. "In a moment you was created, sobbing to his breast. "Oh, Gerald! is it really you? God is very good. I thought you must be dead."

For several moments they stood there, the strong man's tears falling on her ringed hair. Then he gently put her into a chair. "You are not alone?" he asked as his eyes caught sight of a table laid for two, heavily spread with Christmas fare. "You are getting on?" she asked, smiling. "I am getting on, I have often come down here."

"But you are expecting somebody?" he said, raising attention to the table. She flushed and stammered, looking almost as young as she had in his dreams of the morning, as she replied: "I was expecting you, Gerald."

He smiled happily at her; then the smile faded, and he sighed as he gazed into a chair. "The day is all foulness, Nance," he said sadly. "You could not live here in the old days, you could do no less now, and I could not live here on another man's threshold."

### First Publication Dec. 9, 1911. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of Interior, U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D. November 30, 1911. Notice is hereby given that William F. Martig of Almont, N. D., who on October 26, 1905, made Homestead Entry No. 32044, (Serial No. 07458) for the Northeast Quarter, Section 32, Township 437 N., Range 86 W., 5th P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before G. H. Anderson, U. S. Commissioner at Almont, N. D., on the 15th day of January, 1912. Claimant names as witnesses: John Sharff, Nels Jacobson, Jacob Sharff, and Frank Johnson, all of Almont, N. Dak. R. N. STEVENS, Register.

### First Publication Nov. 14, 1911. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of Interior, U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D. Oct. 26, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Hans Boye of Almont, N. D., who on January 25th, 1906, made Homestead entry, No. 32966, Serial No. 07703, for Northwest Quarter Section 22, Township 137 N., Range 84 W., 5th Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before G. H. Anderson, United States Commissioner, at Almont, N. D., on the 27th day of December, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: John Kabecek, Dan Shickel, Adolph Blach, Jay Blachek of Almont, N. D. R. N. STEVENS, Register.

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Department of Interior, U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D. Oct. 26, 1911. Notice is hereby given that August Herz, of St. Joseph, N. D., who, on May 13th, 1905, made Homestead application, No. 32912, Serial No. 07618, for Section 137, Range 88, 5th Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver at Almont, N. D., on the 15th day of December, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Nath Schmitz, of Glen Plin, N. D., and Jacob Herz, of Hillman, John Herz, of St. Joseph, N. Dak. R. N. STEVENS, Register.

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Department of Interior, U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D. Oct. 4, 1911. Notice is hereby given that August Herz, of St. Joseph, N. D., who, on May 13th, 1905, made Homestead application, No. 32912, Serial No. 07618, for Section 137, Range 88, 5th Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver at Almont, N. D., on the 15th day of December, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Nath Schmitz, of Glen Plin, N. D., and Jacob Herz, of Hillman, John Herz, of St. Joseph, N. Dak. R. N. STEVENS, Register.

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