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THE CHINESE PUBLIC SCHOOL TODAY

By Stephen Yap, B.Sc.

THE Chinese Public School was founded twenty years ago. The object of founding the school was to enable our children to receive a sound elementary education. At first only the Chinese language was taught there. As a result of teaching Chinese only, no student had ever been graduated from the school in the first fifteen years of its existence, for practically all the students had left the school to go to an English School after studying two or three years there. Some, who remained there for more than two or three years, only finally found themselves overaged and greatly handicapped in English when they went to an English School. Thus, many a brilliant and ambitious student with a promising career had been greatly disappointed in their pursuit of higher studies.

In consequence of these results, the number of students going there decreased every year until Mr. Chen Kung Yee became Headmaster of the school in 1941. He introduced more English lessons into the school and in 1943 three more English teachers were employed and gave the children a sound English elementary education as well as Chinese. In that year over three hundred students were registered in the school. The expenditure for maintaining the school in that year was over three thousand Pounds (£3,000).

As a result of these teaching improvements, in the year 1945 we were able to witness that the first fruits of sixteen years of labour of the school were reaped. Seven students were graduated. In deed, a glorious chapter was written in the history of the Chinese Public School. Four out of these seven graduates went to local English secondary schools and the rest had to discontinue their study owing to their overage to be admitted to a secondary school. Only one out of these four secondary school

students was able to pass the Cambridge Senior examination and obtained the School Certificate in 1948. One of them went to an university in China. In 1946 there were three graduates, only one of whom went to a secondary school and passed the Cambridge Senior examination in 1949. In 1947 there were three graduates, two of whom went to secondary schools and are still studying there. In 1948 there was no graduate. In 1949 there were five graduates, three of whom went to secondary schools and one went to a commercial school. All of them are still in school. This year there were two graduates, both of whom are now studying in commercial schools.

THOUGH there have been twenty students graduated during the past five years, such a number of graduates was insignificant when compared with the great number of students attending that school a few years ago. Seven years ago there were over 300 students in the school and to-day there are only 50. There must have been some fundamental causes for this alarming decrease in the number of students attending the school in recent years.

No policy can be successfully carried out by an administration which lasts for a period of only one year. This is exactly what has happened to the administration of our school. The members of the Board of administration of our school are appointed every year, and this is to say that every year there is a change of administration of the school. A policy set down or advocated by one administration to run the school is usually ignored or turned down by another administration. This is undoubtedly one of the main causes that hinders the progress of the school. Unless the administration of the school is extended to a period of not less than five years, it is difficult for us to

see how we can improve the school both educationally and financially. This is a matter for the Chinese Community to decide for the welfare of the school.

WITH the increase of our Chinese population here every year, there is a decrease in the number of our children attending the Chinese Public School. It is evident that the majority of our people feel that their children should have a sound English elementary education. With this in view, and with the past records of the school, the present Board of Administration have unanimously decided to reorganise the school. Representation was made to the Board of Education for advice on how to improve the school. Experienced educators were interviewed for opinions. Finally, having gathered all the necessary informations, the present Board of Administration a few months ago passed and carried out the following resolutions:—

1. The reorganisation of the school is to commence in the autumn term 1950.
2. All the subjects taught in an English Elementary School will also be taught in our Chinese School in which two periods in Chinese every day will also be taught.

Therefore the subjects given in our school for the present term are as follows:—

- (a) Two periods in Chinese daily.
- (b) Two periods in English daily.
- (c) One period in Arithmetic daily.
- (d) Two periods in Geography weekly.
- (e) Two periods in Science weekly.
- (f) One period in Scripture weekly.
- (g) One period in Singing weekly.
- (h) One period in Drawing weekly.
- (i) One period in Games weekly.

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The Man Who Played Santa

By S. H. C.

EVERY kid knows that there is only one Santa Claus. They know that he comes every Christmas Eve down the chimney, tugging away at his sack, laden with toys to delight the heart of the millions who are his little friends. We know that however small our Christmas stockings may be, they are always big enough to hold just the toys we wanted most. Some kids on the brighter side, even know the names of the reindeers who pull Santa's sleigh across the frozen wastes, then high up in the fleecy clouds, miles above the chimney tops.



Well, this little story has to do with a little boy who was never good. Especially around Christmas-time, it broke out like a sickness upon him, and he never was good enough for Santa to even weaken for a minute and give him a present. Well, you can quite imagine my little cherubs, that this little boy grew up into a very wicked type of chap. Why, for a while, he even refused to believe that there was a Santa Claus. And, how he laughed at the little children who were fairly good all year round, and very very good at Christmas. And yet, no matter how much he laughed at them and believed

mas morning to prove that if anyone was silly, it wasn't Mom or Dad, but his own big stupid self.

One year, as it came on to Christmas, a bright idea struck him. Maybe, he thought, if I could get a bag of cheap toys, even broken ones, and be Santa Claus, myself, I could steal all the little boys' and girls' toys stockings of toys every Christmas silly, there were the filled and sell them for a great deal of money. All I would have to do while they were sleeping, would be to exchange these cheap little bits of junk for their lovely new toys, after this Santa Claus had so kindly packed them into the stockings, only this time, for me.

The more he thought of the idea, the more he liked it.

"I cannot possibly be caught," he told himself.

ON Christmas night he dressed himself up to look like Santa Claus from the pictures he had seen. He was a bit sparing about the waistline, so he stuffed himself up with a pillow. The house he chose was occupied by a storekeeper friend of mine, who lived quite near to me. They had a clever little lad named Jimmy, who found it no trouble at all to be good, especially around Christmas time. I suppose he must have imagined that this was the ideal place from which to steal, especially it was one of the few left, which had chimneys in this very modern time of ours.

Late that night, nearly on to midnight, our wicked chappie put on his outfit and climbed up on to Jimmy's roof. The family was of course, sound asleep, and the house was as still as still could be. Although he slipped

and tumbled as he made his way across the shingles, and he scraped and stuck as he slid down the chimney, he did manage to get into Jimmy's bedroom without really waking up anyone.

Now Jimmy had one great ambition. It was to see Santa Claus, face to face. His mom had told him over and over again, that no matter how good he was, he would never see Santa, because that jolly, busy old fellow preferred not to be seen by little children, as he made his rounds on Christmas eve. You see, my little pets, he realised that he couldn't just



see them and not speak to them, being a very polite and kind man at heart—but imagine interviewing every single one of those millions of little children whose homes he visits at Christmas. Why there'd be some children getting their Christmas gifts somewhere in the middle of June—and that wouldn't be the same would it?

IT wasn't a dream—it wasn't his tummy—it wasn't anything he could think of that made Jimmy wake—except per-

haps that faint whisper of sound that he had mistaken for the passing of a little breeze. But somehow, Jimmy was awake, and being a very clever boy, he didn't open his eyes and cry out. No, not he! He was as still as he could be. Slowly he opened one eye a tiny crack—through the gloom he could see a very fat figure coming out of the fireplace. On tiptoe Santa came over to the foot of the bed, and in the next minute he was fumbling at the stockings hanging there.

Then something happened that Jimmy couldn't understand. He had heard a hundred and one stories about Santa Claus. There was even the story of the little boy who woke up just in time to see Santa's boots disappearing back up the chimney. But there was nothing even like this thing that happened tonight. If any of his schoolmates had told him that this had happened, he would have said it was untrue. But now he woke up and was sitting up in bed before he was aware of it.

Santa had said: "Oh - - -" and used a wicked word that mummy had made him bite on a piece of soap for; and all he did then was repeat what he heard one of the boys at school say.

Santa must have realised that the game was up, but he tried to bluff his way out.

"Hello, little boy!" "Hello!" shyly ventured Jimmy.

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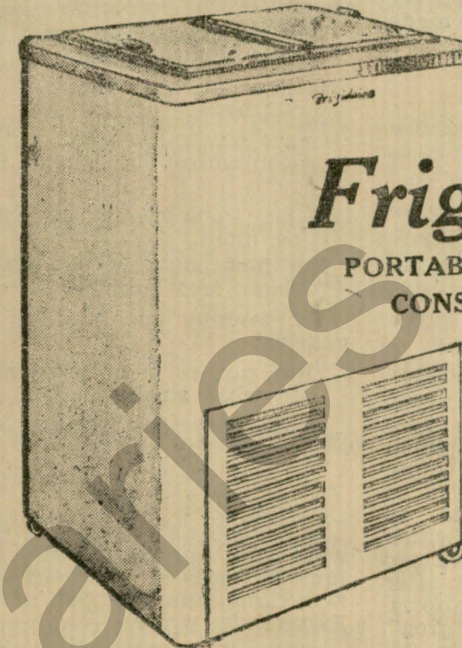
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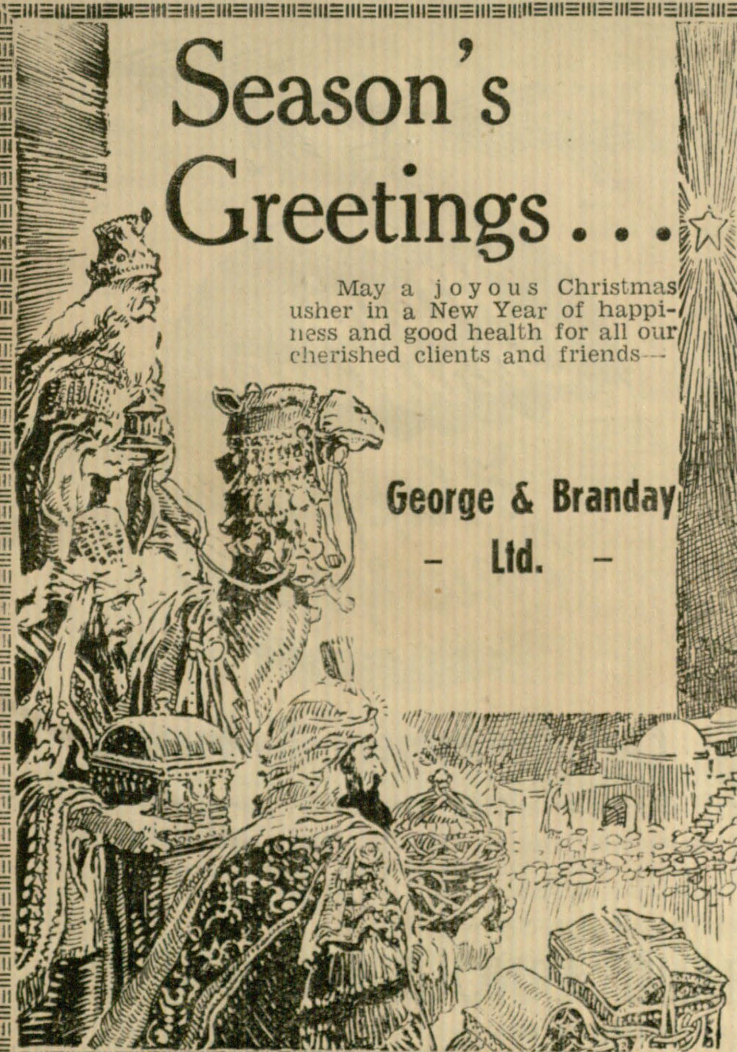
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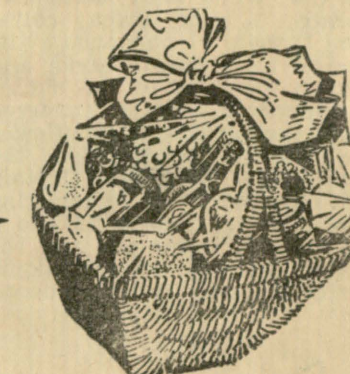
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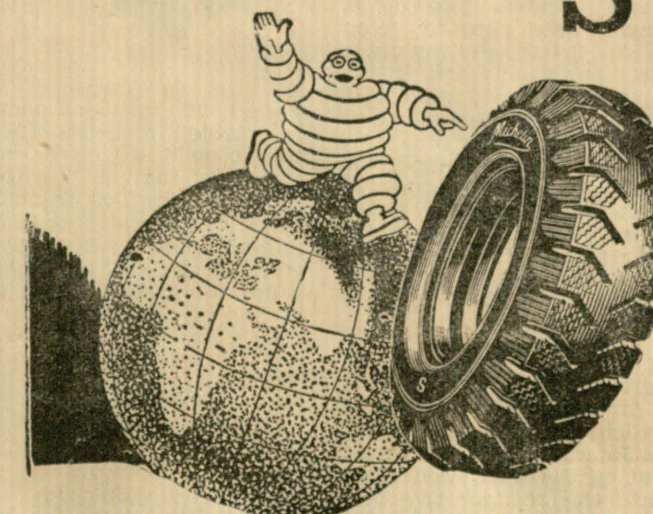
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The "Spirit" of Christmas

By T. S. PHILLIPS

THROUGHOUT the pages of history and adventure, brave men, bold deeds, and rum have been linked together. Just when rum first stirred the pulse of man, nobody knows. Long before the white man settled in America, a rum drink called "coow woow" quenched the thirst of the redskin warrior and steadied the hand of the hunter when herds of buffalo thundered across the plains. Rum flowed freely when pirates sailed the seven seas. Wherever Captain Kidd steered his plundering course the cry "yo ho ho and a bottle of rum" rang out over the waters; for this rousing liquid spurred his men to daring deeds.



Rum was liberally dispensed in stormy weather, because from the earliest days rum was known to ward off chills and fever.

Jamaica's immortal buccaneer, Sir Henry Morgan, rose to fame on Jamaica rum. In any case the potent beverage was said to have been a vital factor in his meteoric rise from slave boy to lieutenant-governor. The notorious pirate Teach, known as Blackbeard, used rum to keep his pirate crew from mutiny on at least one historic occasion. In his diary, dated 1718, we find this revealing entry: "Rum all out. Our company somewhat sober. A d— confusion among us. Rogues a-plotting—great talk of separation—so I looked sharp for a prize". . . . Later he wrote: "Took one ship with a great deal of liquor on board. So kept the company hot, then all things went well again."

Three centuries ago, according to Goodrich MacDonald, writing in the American Druggist, "the only medicine brought to Hudson Bay was Jamaica Rum." It would seem that on the North American continent the recuperative and remedial properties of genuine Jamaica rum have always been recognised.

The Stamp Act was expected to kill the rum trade, but it had no real effect. The desire for Jamaica rum grew, if anything. Five hundred hogsheads of rum came into the country according to official statement of that period, but history shows that over fourteen thousand, five hundred hogsheads were smuggled in. And, had a "boot-

legger" been caught, not a jury could have been found who would have convicted him; practically all merchants of the time, including the famous patriot and Boston merchant Peter Faneuil (1700-1743), were engaged in this illicit trade.

Strange practice during this same period was the grotesque custom of drinking at funerals; one well-known family sent a scarf, gloves, and a bottle of rum, to each invited person, on one occasion.

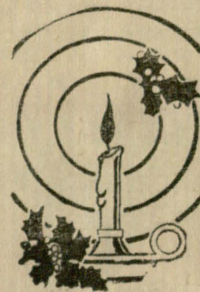
RUM was literally "the spirit of 76". It was rationed out generously to the Revolutionary troops, for where the red liquor flowed, action followed. For many years after the Revolutionary War, rum was frequently used in place of money as a medium of exchange. George Washington traded an unruly slave for several commodities, including a hoghead of the best rum. He kept a good supply on hand for his own use, and made sure that his employees received their share. His gardener, for example, was paid, besides his regular wages, "four dollars at Christmas with which he may be drunk with rum for four days and nights; two dollars at Whitsuntide to be drunk for two days, a dram in the morning and a drink of grog, (rum and



water), at dinner at noon." That delectable mixture—the cocktail—is said to have been inspired by rum. Authorities, however, disagree as to where the drink originated and how it was named. One story gives this credit to Betsy Flannagan, brave widow of a soldier and a tavern keeper of Revolutionary times. On a certain occasion, Betsy served her late husband's comrades with roasted fowl that had been filched from the estate of a neighbour suspected of having Royalist sympathies. To celebrate this triumph she mixed a special rum drink and served it from bottles decorated with the tail feathers of the stolen cocks. As her guests grew merrier and their thirst increased an officer shouted, "We are drinking the beverage that offers the palate the same delight as the cock's tail feathers offer the eye." Whereupon one of the French officers retorted, "Long live the cocktail."

Cocktails, of course, are only one of the many delicious and healthful ways of serving rum.

Rum highballs, Planters' Punch, egg noggs, and other delectable mixtures are justly popular. Long before the cocktail came into existence, the ingenious Plymouth fathers used rum to flavour mince pies and plum puddings. About a century later, Arnold Enoch Bennett, (1776-1931), the English writer, traveller and critic, commented on the Jamaica rum served him on his visit to America and made



special note of the fact that people of fashion served punch bowls of egg nogg or flip before dinner. In 1840 a tasty drink of rum and water was served by Admiral Vernon on a British frigate; the guests were so pleased that they named it after the Admiral's program uniform, and hence was this term, "grog".

GEORGE SAINTSBURY, the famous British commentator on the art of drinking author of "Notes on a Cellar Book"—proclaimed that rum was a sovereign remedy for colds and

chills. "You must take it in bed," he says. "It should be made in a large glass, as hot as you can drink it, not too sweet, but so strong that you sink back at once on the pillow, resigning the glass to the ready hands of a sympathizing bedside attendant."

Rum as an old-age house-hold remedy was extolled in the following opus of an unknown rhymester:

"Punch cures the gout, the colic and the tisc,
It is to all men the very best of physic."

Other bards have been moved to encomiums of rum, raging from Cowper's pithy:

"I pity thee greatly, but I must be mum,

For how could we do without sugar and rum."

To another poet's more expansive:

"But say, ye boon companions, to what strains,

What grateful strains shall record thy praise

Of their best produce, heart-recruiting rum."

But when all is said and done, what are probably the most famous words ever written about rum came from the pen of Lord Byron, who wrote:

"There is naught, no doubt, so much the spirit calms.
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MOVEMENTS OF NOTE

By I. C. Evre Ting

CHRISTMAS is one season of the year that does not creep up on us suddenly. There are plenty of advance signs at the Parade when little booths begin to decorate outside the Gardens. The usual comment the early part of the month is that it is going to be a very quiet Christmas and that there is "hardly a soul on King Street". As the weeks progress the shops get more crowded and there is evidence of more spending than ever. And so it goes until the 24th when buying gets frantic and all sales records are broken.

OUR local Stork Club had many new members the past fortnight. As usual the initiation of the male member was, I understand, most unusual to behold. Most of the reports came from the members of the household who say that they are the most dazed people to have about the house at such a time.

IF the number of speeches by eminent after-dinner speakers is any indication of the height of the occasion then a function a fortnight ago has hardly any precedent. The guest of honour was overwhelmed by the number of speeches that followed the dinner one after another. Not till the hands went around the clock nearly four times did it come to an end. That, indeed, should mark this young man with conspicuous good fortune in his career.

THOSE who went fishing on the Palisadoes two Sundays ago certainly had a good fish story to tell when they got home. The chap who got a trunk load of fish had no menu trouble for

the rest of the week. The next time such a phenomenon occurs will someone please inform me early. Fish being a brain food I really can't have enough of it.

OUR football team is in veritable good form despite the loss of their star left wing. In the last two games they were on a goal-scoring spree and netted a cool half dozen. If the Knockout competition was played to completion at this time our team should have no trouble winning the cup. Anything can happen by next month, however, and the top form most of our players have reached will have been dissipated in the holiday festivities.

FOR a real elopement you should do what I hear a popular couple did sometime last month — post the bans at the office of the registrar at Spanish Town and get married there. This popular couple surprised even the family when they were told about it weeks after the event. The groom is a well known member of the Club and he should have been conspicuous with his absence but for the fact that he has business out of town and his friends thought that he was detained unusually long.

SECRETS are hard to keep these days. A young lady was blushing the other day when her cousin unconsciously gave out news about herself which she did not want to let out. As a result, I hope to be in a position to announce shortly some good news of a very popular young lady who has recently returned from the States.

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PERSONALIA

Mrs. Dorothy Wise (nee Yuen), wife of Col. Richard H. Wise of Washington, after spending 3 weeks in Jamaica, returned to her home on Thursday, December 14.

Mrs. Wise who is a native of New York City, returned to China with her mother in 1935 where her father operated a steel factory in Shanghai. When the war broke out she went with her family into the interior where she worked for the American Volunteer Group (then known as the Flying Tigers).

After V-J Day she returned to Shanghai with her family. She was awarded a citation for meritorious service by the U.S. War Department and during the war years was called the "heroine of the Flying Tigers."

In 1947 she returned to the United States and was married there. Col. R. H. Wise, is a Graduate of West Point and was Commanding Officer of 21 air bases in China during the war. At present he is in the War Plan Division in the U.S. Air Force in Washington, D.C. where they reside.

While in Jamaica, Mrs. Wise was the guest of Miss May



Mrs. R. H. Wise of Washington, D.C.

Wilson with whom she spent many years in the interior of China during the war. She visited Tower Isle, Mandeville and Port Antonio during her stay here. In Mandeville she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lyn Kee Chow. Mrs. Wise was also the guest at a small party given in her honour by Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Chang on Friday, December 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Lyew

have announced the marriage of their daughter Ivy, to Mr. Stanford Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, to take place on Saturday, January 6, 1951 at the Kingston Parish Church. The ceremony will be at five o'clock in the afternoon after which a reception will be held at the Chinese Public School.

The marriage of Miss Rita Tenn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tenn of Bog Walk, to Mr. Ira Lyn will take place on Monday, December 25 at the Holy Cross Church, Half Way Tree. A reception will be held afterwards at the home of the bride's parents, 26 Delamere Ave (off Waltham Park Road).

Miss Lucille Phang returned to Jamaica on the s/s Colombie from England on Tuesday, December 12. Miss Phang spent the last five months on a holiday trip to England, Switzerland and France.

The Chinese Students' Association will have a dance and social for their members on Sunday, December 17. The function will be held at the Chinese Athletic Club.

The Chinese Christians Guild will hold their usual pre-Christ-

mas dance and social next Wednesday, December 20 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Headley Hosang at Mapletoft Avenue, Springfield.

Mr. David Hew was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Hew family in Kingston on Sunday, December 3. The function was held at 25 Princess Street and Messrs. Fred Hugh Sam and Hugh Git Sen acted as hosts on behalf of the Hew clan. Speeches of welcome to Mr. Hew were given by Messrs. H. C. Tai Tenquee, J.P., Lennie Chin Yee, Sidney Chang, J.P., George Tai Tenquee, Albert Chin Yee, W. A. Chen, Fred Hugh Sam, Donald Leahong and Hugh Git Sen.

The C.A.C. will have their usual New Year's Eve Dance on Sunday, December 31.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Young announced the birth of a son on Friday, December.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chin of Moneague, also announced the birth of a son, Tyrone, on Sunday, December 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone Chang announced the birth of a daughter on Friday, December 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fung also announced the arrival of a

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PANORAMA

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Christmas is just around the corner. Hams, wines, plum puddings crackers and the like are the subjects of conversation far and wide. A walk down King Street and along Harbour Street boosts the spirits without even so much as a taste of the genuine thing!

The usual long list of Christmas gaieties are going apace, and garden parties, fairs, special films and the like are all vying with each other for the largest crowd. It promises to be a gay and festive Christmas this year in very truth.

Christmas jobs have not been neglected in the general plan either, and PWD and CHA projects have offered remuneration for work to the sum of £65,505 which was granted for the relief of unemployment at this time. Neither have the poor been forgotten. The usual Christmas Dole will take place on the 23rd, and others have also been organised and assisted by enterprising persons.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

Some weeks ago the Christmas Seal Campaign which has now become a special feature of Christmas in most parts of the world, was launched in Jamaica by Mrs. D. C. MacGillivray, wife of the Acting Governor, who signed a public appeal which appeared in the press, laying out the great need for this sale of seals to help the Anti-T.B. League Fund.

The seals this year are most attractive both in design and colouring, with the word GREETINGS on each one, and the heads of three cherubims. Unfortunately, the damp weather caused the tissue paper to stick to some of the sheets of seals distributed, but the American Association came to the rescue and sent Jamaica some of theirs for redistribution. In any event the seals are quite usable apart from the fact that one has to provide glue for sticking them on. It is sincerely hoped that everyone will contribute generously to this cause.

A "DOLL'S HOUSE"

The play by Henrik Ibsen entitled "A Doll's House" which is now running at the Cathedral Theatre at "Amyville" on North Street, put on by the Surrey Players Dramatic Society under

the direction of Hugh Owen, is a performance which is worth while attending, and those who have not yet seen it would do well to avail themselves of the opportunity for doing so on the 17th which date is expected to be its final showing. The play is being staged in aid of the Cathedral Auditorium Fund.

"A Doll's House" has been an ambitious effort which the Surrey Players did not hesitate to assume for the cause, and the cast of eight who have so distinguished themselves in their period costumes and with their highly commendable ability at acting deserve every praise as does the producer also. The new arch in front of the stage accentuates the whole setting admirably. None should miss seeing it.

PLAY CENTRES

Christmas is the season for children, and, in particular children at play. Toys of every sort are on exhibit in the shop windows and are available to all who can find even modest sums with which to buy these. Perhaps there is no more suitable a time, therefore, for us to dwell in thought for a few moments on the recent conference which was held by teachers arranged by the Council of Voluntary Social Services and which has attracted considerable public attention.

It has been realised that play, as well as academic learning is a necessity to the child, in particular to the small child, and that play centres should be established in as many places as possible. It makes all the difference in the world if a child's mind is kept occupied and contented during the daytime when it's mother is busy at her work. It will keep healthier and sleep all the better for having some interest to satisfy its mental and emotional make-up. Children amuse themselves with anything, sticks and stones, mud pies and the like are famous "toys" for them, but in addition to such natural objects toys provide a means whereby a child's imagination can be promoted in an ingenious way.

Santa Claus will be bringing hundreds of little boys and girls lovely new toys this Christmas. It is to be hoped that these fortunate little people will be taught to know that they should bestow some of their older possessions on those less fortunate than themselves, and give generously of these to the play centres which have already been established.

VISITORS OF NOTE

Recent arrivals in the Island have among them some persons of note. Among these are the Right Hon. Vincent Massey, P.C., former Canadian High Commissioner in the United Kingdom, who, together with his son and daughter-in-law are here on holiday. Raymond Massey, the well known film actor is his brother.

Then there is Mr. Frederick Hudd, Canadian Deputy High Commissioner in London, who has come as the guest of Sir William and Lady Stephenson, and is also on holiday. Also numbering among the Canadians are three business officials, Colonel Thomas Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture, who was formerly Premier of Ontario; the Hon. Thomas Patrick, representative of North Middlesex, Chairman of the House of Assembly and Deputy Speaker, and Colonel Arthur Welch, D.S.O., who is Provincial Secretary for Ontario, and Chairman of the Liquor Control Board, in which latter capacity he will hold discussions with those interested in the liquor business in Jamaica. The first two mentioned in this trio are interested in sheep and cattle rearing and have come to investigate the cattle trade with this Island.

In a different sphere of life altogether is Dr. Paul Jean Godard,

M.D., a Swiss specialist in Gastro-Enterology, head of a medical clinic on the Lake of Geneva. With his son and daughter he has come to spend a holiday here. Visitors such as these mentioned can do wonders for making Jamaica better known when they return home.

Observer.

You cannot climb a ladder by pushing others down.

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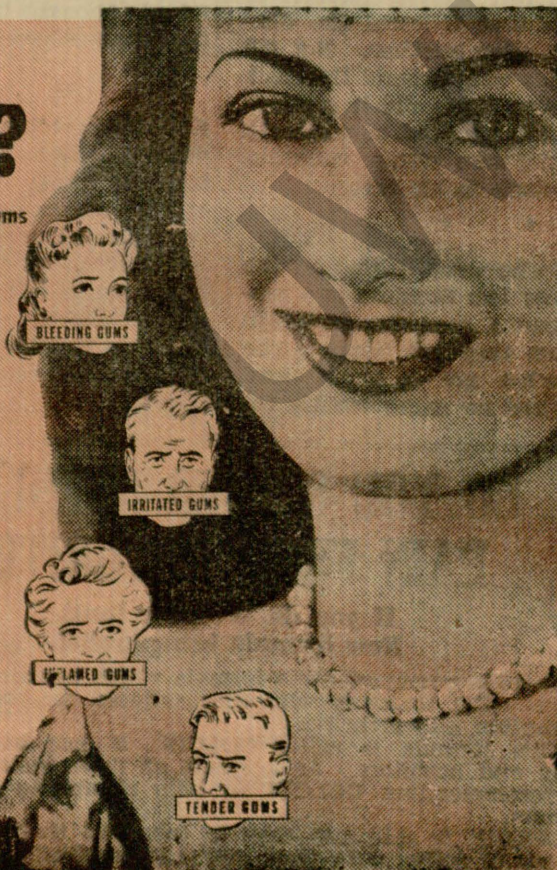
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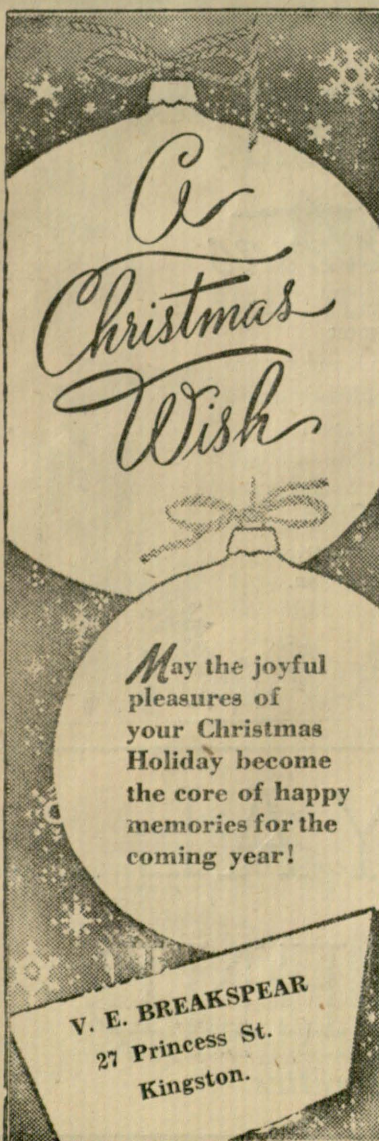
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Christmas

The Christmas Season is with us once again. The tang in the air, the chilly winds, the brilliance of the poinsettia hedges and other Christmas blooms all bespeak a tropical Christmas where no snow turns the landscape into a glistening whiteness.

In the city stores and at every little village and wayside shop, the colourful display of gay decorations, gift packages and toys and general array of Christmas flipperies gladden the eye and unconsciously brighten the spirit. This is the season of joy, of mirth and happiness and goodwill; a season that brings reconciliations, concord and peace to the heart and home of man.

At this Christmas time, there also lies a sad foreboding in man's heart for it is the first in five post-war Christmases that we realize that this unsettled peace cannot last much longer, that this form of controversial lull must soon develop into another worldwide war. The Korean conflict has assumed such gigantic and terrifying proportions that the possibilities of peace seem remote.

Heavy though these war clouds be, however, they do not disturb the peace within the heart, that sense of peace born of a clear conscience and of service well done. It is this sense of peace within us that stands out prominently this year. Never before has there been so much unity among the nations determined to work together in the cause of justice, and in the liberation of those countries which have been overrun by the Communists. These countries are just as eager to preserve their freedom of thought and action as we are to retain our own.

However anxious our minds may be at this time and however sorrowful for the lot of those who are fighting the grim battle

Christmas Message, 1950

AS the half century draws to a close the wind blows bitterly, the tension tightens, the thunder clouds gather and the spirits of malignity and arrogance are gone forth once more upon the Earth. On both the local and the world scene the year 1950 has been one of growing anxiety for all. But on Christmas morning, nineteen and a half centuries ago, there was born a Light which shines through the murkiest of skies and there was brought into the world the message of peace and goodwill toward men. This is the season for remembrance of that message, to rejoice in it and to renew our hope in mankind.

But there is another attitude of mind towards Christmas which was well described in a stanza by Sir Walter Scott:

"Heap on more wood!—the wind is chill;

But let it whistle as it will,

We'll keep our Christmas merry still."

BY all means let us have a merry Christmas; but, at the same time, let us not forget the Christmas message and let us not fail at this season to pray for the peace of the world and to remember those men of the United Nations Forces who will spend their Christmas Day fighting for that peace in Korea. And let us also not fail to prepare ourselves for a new year which, if it is to lead to peace and happiness and prosperity for the people of this Island, will demand great sacrifices and call for supreme efforts on the part of all of us. Let us be determined to work harder in 1951 than we have ever worked before.

AND, finally, let us not forget that there are some who this Christmas have no wood to "heap on" to keep out the chill wind; and let us, therefore, resolve at this time to strive our utmost during the forthcoming year to make Jamaica a better place to live in, so that when this festive season comes round once more there will be a greater measure of happiness for all on Christmas Day.

And now, in time-honoured fashion, I wish you all a happy Christmas, and, in doing so, I am thinking of happiness in the home, tranquillity of mind, rest from strife and discord, and alleviation of the anxieties which beset so many in these troublous days. May these things be given to you in full measure this Christmastide.

D. C. MacGILLIVRAY,
Acting Governor.

for freedom, we can put aside these troubles for this short while and rejoice with the little children, graciously praising God for His many blessings to us in this sunny land; for our bountiful supplies of food and drink; for the promises held out to us in the betterment of our country. Let

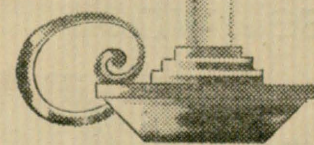
us do all we can for the poor in our midst, those who are our responsibility all the more at this Season.

Let us give praise and thanks to God and pray as never before for the preservation of Peace and Goodwill among all persons and all nations throughout the world.



Our best wishes
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Our sincerest hopes
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A WINTER'S TALE

By MARGARET YOUNG

THE chilly white night outside the imposing gates of the House of Wang grew colder for the two poorly clad beggars as they stood huddled, hoping for a meal to warm their growling inner selves.

They blew on their frostbitten fingers with the urgency of a mother cooling hot broth for her child, all the while stamping their rag bound feet to keep the blood circulating.

"This New Year's Eve night is yet the coldest in many years," shivered the mendicant with a defective eye as he flapped his stiffened arms around his thin frame, lowering his eyes to the ground to shut off the bright festive lights from the house.

"And what's more, old Ching Wang is growing fatter and more heartless. Even the crumbs off his table are forbidden us: he prefers to throw away the leftovers than have us poor folks get it." He remained sullenly quiet for five minutes, and spat out "Afraid we'd stick around and steal from his mansion. Bah! But the servants sometimes slip me a bite—such delicacies!"

The shorter beggar, strong of body, but weak with laziness, grunted disheartening and said:

"Is that so? Well, I better be movin' on. I've not had a bite since morning, and I'd like to get a decent meal before the night is out." He reached out for his cracked wooden bowl and chopsticks, adjusted his ragged footwear to depart.

"Why don't you go over to the mission next door. The Shen Fu will give you a meal surely—if you care to take yours frugally! But wait, don't go yet. Listen to the best band in Ichang. The music soothes the numbed heart!"

"Music, huh! How can I enjoy such flippancies when my belly is at the back of my spine. Fool! Goodnight...and a prosperous New Year to you...ha!"

II

"CAN BEY! My honourable friends, drain your cups to the New Year, and may you be prosperous!" Yes, like me, thought Ching Wang as he stood with raised wine cup and proudly surveyed the twenty round tables seated with friends who had before hopefully wished for an invitation to the season's banquet. Ah, it was indeed an honour to receive the red card. The lights on the ceiling,

mantle piece, and walls burned brightly, casting a brilliant sheen on the silver ware and rich china, clearly showing up the many courses that were wheeled in by blue clad waiters, and served lavishly to the invited guests.

"Many thanks Ching Wang," an old wizened man stood up and also raised his cup. "May you attain full contentment, happiness and health—no need to wish you posterity, because you are Posterity itself!"

He blinked through bleary eyes and cocked his head and smiled not unkindly. "But I toast that you will have much favour from the goddess of fortune in the coming years! Ching Wang, your food is indeed delicious!"

All nodded approvingly and resumed their meal silently; drinking and eating, and drinking again way into the night.

III

FATHER Liang, the friendly middle-aged pastor of the town of Ichang was a man after our own hearts. A man born of a middle-class farmer, and had studied abroad in France and Germany. Though crippled with rheumatism, he still hobbled about the mission grounds in all weather to tell his beads, and in the Springtime he would talk to the birds that perch on the peach trees heavily laden with delicious pink blossoms.

This morning, as the stroke of ten resounded on the old grandfather clock in his study, he painstakingly made his way to the garden and viewed the banks of snow which had hardened since the coming of the new year. "Thank you Lord, for the changing season; and please make this year more easy on my rheumatism." With this he promptly stepped on the icy path for his walk.

"Terrible, terrible! A shameful waste! How can my good neighbour be heedless of these trying days of want. Now all this leftover can be easily distributed to the poor to tide them over yet another day." He shook his head and tapped his cane on the barrel of meat and rice that was left out in the back street to be carted away and dumped in the river. Even the sow will not get it.

IV

"ALMS, alms! Good sir, spare me a penny for a bowl of

congee." The winter of 1929 froze with the depression that spread across the American continent to the small town of Ichang. Most wealth dwindled to poverty; speculation worked havoc on the mercenary businessmen. Could this be portly Ching Wang who gave lavish banquets some years ago begging for a meal?

Father Liang heard an insistent knock on the rectory door. He laid down his breviary and slowly hobbled to the door. The years have bent his back considerably, but he was still able to make the front door, though he had to give up the many pleasurable jaunts in the garden.

"Hel-lo! What...oh, come in out of the cold, my son! You can't be left there all frozen up. Come in!"

"Let me see now..." The worthy priest peered up to the much aged man and motioned to a seat.

Ching Wang laid down his bowl and chopsticks and looked around the simply furnished but orderly room. He had always felt disdain for this thrifty old man, and had even made uncomely remarks about this priest. He wished he could take back all he had said now. There was peace in this tiny room, and even posterity. Not posterity in material

things, but of the spirit. Charity radiated from his host's fact as he sat there ready to listen to an unfortunate tale.

"Aren't you my neighbour, Ching Wang?"

"Shen Fu, I was. Now I'm everybody's neighbour as I go all over town begging for alms, or even odd jobs, but I'm really not much use with my hands." He hesitated, and felt as if he were taking up too much time of this kindly man.

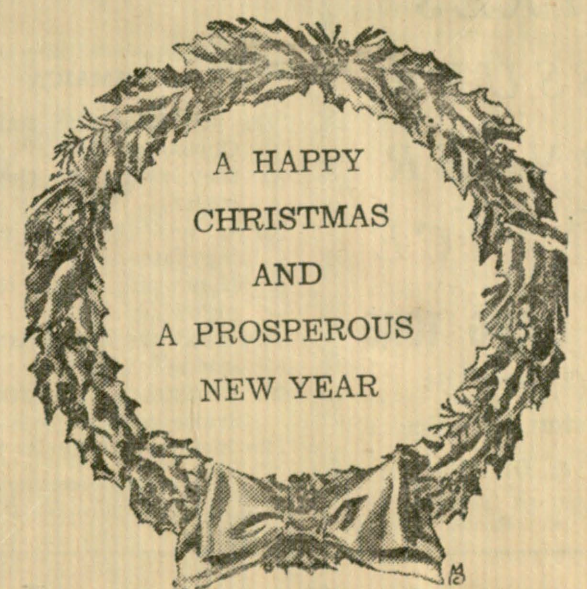
"Go on, I'm interested in you... what happened?"

"Well, I went to Shanghai to speculate after the war, but lost all my wealth. Wealth that made me a man of distasteful debauchery! I came here to see if you could help me because I know that you would. All my other so-called friends have rejected me, and I have been very humiliated."

"Ching Wang," The Shen Fu leaned back in his wicker chair and contemplated the man in front of him. A man broken in body and in soul. "I've two bushels of rice which shall be yours in a few minutes."

Ching Wang thanked the generous man profusely, but was halted of his wordless gratitude as the priest spoke.

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Clement C. Moore: "A Visit from St. Nicholas."

CHINA

"Eight and eight the dancers sway,
Weaving their steps to the poet's voice
Who speaks his odes and rhapsodies;
They tap their bells and beat their chimes
Rigidly, lest harp and flute Should mar the measure.
Then rival singers of the Four Domains
Complete in melody, till not a tune
Is left unsung that human voice could sing.
O Soul come back and listen to their songs!"

Ch'u Yaun: "The Great Summons."

JAMAICA

"Do you hear the song of the Christmas Bells
As they swing in the treetops high?
Do you hear the sweet glad chiming notes
As they ring from the belfry high?
And what are the Christmas Bells saying?
Oh Christmas Day draws near, draws near,
The birthday of Christ is here, is here..."

Astley Clerk: "Christmas Bells."

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KOREA

"Swiftly the last watch of the moon goes down
And flowers of morning leap from hill to hill.
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Departing echoes of his cavalcade.
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Yi Kyu Bo: "Departure."

ENGLAND

"Star unto star speaks light, and world to world
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From the unseen rills.
Twilight with a deepening blue.
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Beauty yields to beauties new
On her enchanted face."

Afanasi Fet.

SYRIA

"When the night waxed deaf, and slumber cast its cloak upon the face of the earth,
I left my bed and sought the sea, wakefulness of the sea brings comfort to a sleepless soul."

Kahlil Gibran:
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CANADA

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Of a child
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Learning that death
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The living do well to heed the dead
Who know the final word is never said."

Anne Wilkinson: "No Amen."

PALESTINE

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Wandering in one of these, the sacred cities,
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Chaim Nachman Bialik: "The Mathmid."

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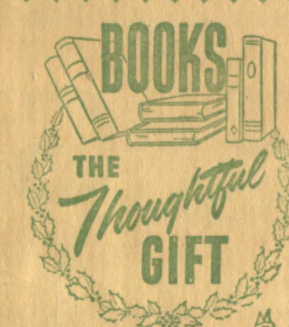
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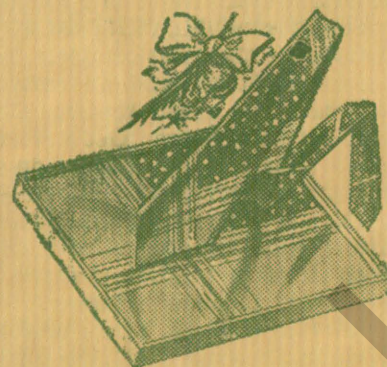
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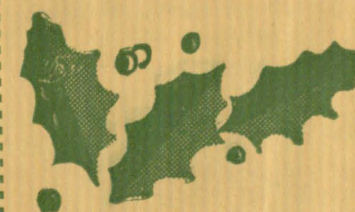
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PERSONS PLACES THINGS

By OLD JOE

PERSONS

Oswald Ethelred Anderson, "Ossie" to his friends, was Medical Practitioner at Cross Roads for years, and was known throughout Jamaica as a bold and courageous critic of Government, particularly in medical and health matters. In his breast there burnt constantly the glow of patriotic fervour, while his fiery utterance were replete with caustic and scathing denunciation of what he deemed to have been "unrighteous acts," prejudices due to class or colour discriminations, or "political twistings" and turnings. One of the island's leading orators, he was accustomed to speak without notes as he swayed his audiences through the flamboyancy of his phrases. Dr. Anderson had a tremendous practice at Cross Roads, where he also kept a sanatorium and trained nurses. Co-opted as Alderman of the Kingston and St. Andrew In 1931, he was elected Deputy Mayor in 1936; and Mayor in 1938, serving in that capacity till 1939, when he resigned "on principle". His supporters said he was wanted in the Legislative Council at the time to back up the late Hon. J. A. G. Smith and the Hon. E. E. A. Campbell; and they did put him in, for he was elected as Member for St. Andrew in 1940, and continued so to be till 1944, when he resigned through ill health.

Dr. Anderson was given an ancient, royal name at birth by his parents, who seemed to have earmarked him for royal honours. He did fulfil the prophesy in a sense, for he proved, as pointed out above, to be one of Jamaica's most patriotic sons, having sacrificed his talents and his means for the benefit of Jamaica and Jamaicans, and in fact for all humanity, (his pet word). His life was shortened through overwork in the cause of humanity. He loved politics, because he could use it to further his endeavours for unselfish service.

Born at Guy's Hill in St. Catherine about the year 1881, he was educated in elementary

schools. His parents were not wealthy, but the son was ambitious and forged his way onward, overcoming all difficulties, till he found himself at Howard University, U.S.A., where he graduated Bachelor of Science. Returning to the island he was admitted to practise Medicine and Midwifery. Before the amalgamation of Kingston and St. Andrew, he was member of the St. Andrew Parochial Board, and chairman of the Sanitary Committee. As Member of the Honourable Legislative Council, he was President of the Elected Members' Association, 1943-44.

Although a sick man for most of the time, he kept at the post of duty, attending his patients at his surgery, and in the Private Hospital at 78 Sipe Road, and serving as a Justice of the Peace. From sometime in 1944, he was forced to go abroad for medical attention and treatment; and although he benefited by his stay in the U.S.A., it was hard for him to resist the urgent demands for humanitarian service, more especially reforms to the Island Medical Service, the Hospital Service in particular. The Doctor had a relapse and passed on in September, 1948.

PLACES

SIZE AND DESTINY OF OUR CAYS

Little is known by the general public of the approximate sizes of the Pedro and Morant Cays. All these Cays are small in area; since the largest, S.E. Morant Cay, has an area of only about 25 acres, 1 rood, and is closely followed by the S.W. Pedro Cay with some 24 acres, 2 roods, N.E. Morant Cay (A) is about 16 acres, 3 roods in area, while N.E. Pedro Cay measures approximately 10 acres, 3 roods. N.E. Morant Cay (B) and S.W. Morant Cay each has an area of some 8 acres 2 roods. The smallest of the group, Middle Cay, has an area of some 2 acres, 2 roods. From these figures it can be readily estimated that, whereas the Cays are apparently small enough to discourage certain schemes, such as agriculture, for their utilisation, they are large enough to suggest that they may be admirably suited to be used as the site for some profitable enterprise, such as the base for large scale fishing operations.

Formerly they were leased to a private concern, but this lease has expired. These Cays are visited by the sea birds, which lay their eggs in large numbers on the tiny islets, and are then gathered and brought in schooners to Jamaica where they find a ready market. The supply of

eggs has steadily decreased, however, and no negotiations for the purchase of the season's eggs have in recent years been entered into with Government.

The Cays are now under the control of the Commissioner of Lands, and a proposal has been made to establish a fishery there. Should the suggestion become reality, the Cays would then have become a distinct asset to Jamaica.

THINGS

JAMAICA OR NOT

It is a striking fact that the staple products of the island, with the exception of pimento, and a few others of comparatively little value, have been derived from exotics, or plants introduced from other parts of the world, either by accident or direct intention. The sugar-cane, though here in the time of the Spaniards, was first cultivated

by the English, through Sir Thomas Modyford in 1666; but its most valuable varieties, the Otaheite and Bourbon, were introduced in His Majesty's ships by Captain Bligh as late as 1796. Coffee was introduced by Sir Nicholas Lawes in 1718. The mango brought by Captain Marshall of Rodney's Squadron in 1782 was first planted in Hinton East's botanic garden in Liguanea, and is now one of the commonest trees of the island. The plentiful and free-growing logwood was introduced from Honduras by Dr. Barham, the author of "hortus Americanus" in 1715. The abundant and useful ackee was obtained by Dr. Thomas Clarke, the first Island Botanist, from a West African slave ship in 1778. The cinnamon came with the mango in Captain Marshall's ship in 1782, and was afterwards distributed from the Botanic Garden at Bath. The

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TOO OLD FOR Christmas

By A. W.

I was lying on the bed, neatly arranged—if it's possible to be neat in bed.

The frilled lamp glowed softly. As women say, there's nothing like a soft light for toning down the wrinkles. The strategy was completely feminine, and Dorrit detected it the minute she came in.

Dorrit felt that I was old. She put her parcels down and sat hunched on the stool of her vanity-dresser, staring.



Repression is a matter of pride with Dorrit. Watching her you might have imagined that she was thinking about me. That is what she ought to have been doing for Christmas was only a few days off.

But no: Dorrit was thinking of Butch. Butch was the reason why Dorrit kept saying to her mother and to her friend Marge that I was too old, that it was a pity about me and that really she hadn't decided definitely. Of course, the truth is, Dorrit's trying to argue herself into a state of mind.

Actually, Dorrit bruises hard. But she never says a word: she found it hard even to talk with Butch. He was the same too. That evening coming home in the car, I guess the same time he got his orders to go overseas—Dorrit was driving, her chin clean against the night sky. She didn't know

about Butch going the next day. He put his hand over her's on the wheel and I felt her quiver but to Butch she gave no sign.

"Dorrie," he said so low that maybe she didn't hear. Butch put his head on her shoulder in the curve of her neck. Then he knew that she'd heard him speak her name for she drove slowly as if he were asleep and she didn't want to wake him. Or maybe she wanted the drive never to end. That's what I thought, I there between their thudding hearts.

At the house Butch reached over and opened the door instead of getting out to walk in with Dorrit as he always did.

As if he couldn't help himself he grabbed her hand, hurting her.

"Swell as usual Butch," Dorrit said, a little out of breath. She twisted her hand in his grasp. "Be seeing you—and thanks again!"

Butch looked full at her like seeing her for the first time. Suddenly he must have realised that his big hand hurt her for he let her hand go, gripping the steering wheel.

"I couldn't have believed loving was like this," Butch muttered, his voice caught in his throat. Then he must have jerked the clutch for the car jumped away.

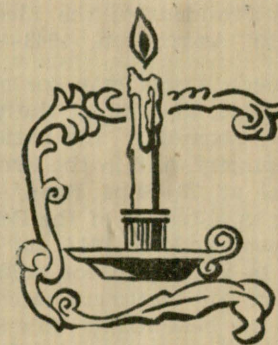
THAT seems like a lifetime ago. Not just six months. Six months for most people, people like Dorrit's mother, is such a short time that they can't understand that when you're waiting for something, six months is endless.

Because of this endlessness, Dorrit couldn't bear the sight of me and the sharp pain of Butch from whom there hadn't been a word.

Dorrit gave me a look of distaste and swung around to face the mirror. She took the pins from her hair, not quickly and impatiently as Dorrit does everything.

Very slowly, as if she were doing something new and strange, she combed her hair into a shaggy mop over her face. She wore that faraway look people have when they're planning.

Dorrit reached down and took a folded piece of paper from her



hand bag and spread it on the dresser. Carefully she arranged her hair in a new style, looking often at the picture on the paper.

"I wish I had something white," she said. She opened the manicure kit and pulled out a wad of cotton and thrust it high on her hair where girls wear flowers.

A broad smile spread on her

lips as she stood tip-toe to get the effect of high heels. Then she slipped off her blouse and tucked in her lingerie straps.

"Cute" she said to her naked shoulders.

Just like that with her hands holding her clothes from slipping right off her, she went into the passage where the telephone is.

"Going to shock you," I heard her say to her friend Marge. "Absolutely daring and different... What?... No, that pink taffeta is definitely too old for Christmas. You're sentimental darling, I'm not. In any case Butch didn't mean a thing to me so why should a frock he liked be that important?"

I was "two old for Christmas"—just like that.

—O:—

If a man writes little he hath need of a great memory; if he confer little he need have a present wit; and if he read little he need have much cunning to seem to know that he doth not.

—Francis Bacon.

It is idle to talk of the wickedness of killing; because if and when the next war comes men will think only of the nobleness of dying.

—Lord Chief Justice Hewart.

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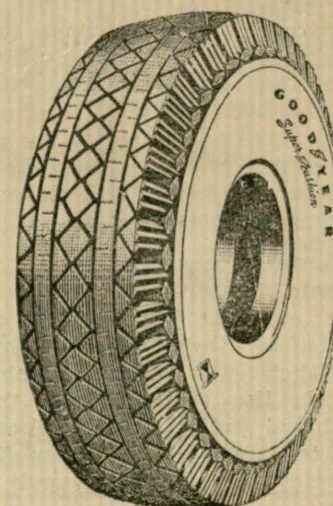


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Jamaican Proverbs

Their Meaning and Significance

Bicycle an' flashlight de same like bastard pickney.

The bicycle and the flashlight are the same as illegitimate children. These two implements, serviceable to the users, are constantly getting out of order, causing their owners much worry and expense. The simple-going countryman with whom the proverb originated, gave the following as a reason, namely:

"Because dem drain the last drop of blood out of you," which is true literally and metaphorically as well.

Yuh sorry fe mauger darg, him turn roun' bite yuh.

Mauger darg means a meager dog; turn roun' bite you means bites you in return. The proverb issues a warning against ingratitude. An incident from classic history tells of the farmer who found a snake in his field half dead from cold. He took up the snake, put him in his bosom to keep him warm. The reptile recovered, and gave his benefactor a good bite, and was killed in return.

Another proverb of kindred application as the foregoing reads:—

When a man buy motor car him buy wife. No special comment is necessary.

Compare all the foregoing with the following dealt with before:—

When yuh buy meat yuh buy bones; When yuh buy land, yuh buy bones.

Ah lillie darg fe kuntuo to big darg; noh big darg fe kuntuo to lillie darg.

Ah lillie darg means it is the little dog; fe kuntuo means to be obedient to, or to curtsy.

The little dog is to be subservient to the big dog, not the big dog to the little one. This proverb settles the relationship between Youth and Age; and the respect

that is due to the aged on the part of youth.

Young people everywhere, and under all circumstances must be trained to serve their elders.

Gal, yuh wussera Cooba under-coat.

Wussera means worse than; gai means girl; Cooba is an African name given to all girls born on Wednesday. The name means stout; under-coat refers to a woman's under-skirt. In the old days negro women were accustomed to wear three or four such under-skirts. It may be that Cooba's under-coat is the one most soiled. Therefore the girl which answers this description is the one most spoilt, whose character is base and dirty.

Pot soup better dan non at all.

Pot soup is the more dignified name for pot water, which is the water into which vegetables are boiled. In the absence of the real liquid food a dish of pot water is welcome. That is, an evasion or an expedient is better than the real things. An example from real life: The pot water into which green bananas are boiled, contains iron, a necessary element in the make-up of a perfect diet.

Yuh facey an' fas' like im bang flies.

Jim bang flies, which are common during the mango season, go about in swarms, and are a source of annoyance as they get into your eyes, nostrils and ears. Hence the comparison between these insects and the person who is not only officious, but is also unduly bold.

Do-fe-do noh harm.

Do-fe-do means Tit for tat. The meaning of this proverb is that one good turn deserves another. The Hebrew equivalent rendering is: "The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

PLUTO

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TALKING IT OVER

By ELIZABETH MARTIN

Dear Folks,

First, I must steal a little space to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. May it be one that is free from care, one without even a tiny mole hill; but if you do have any little problems, be sure to banish them before the New Year arrives. And now once more, Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all my readers.

Dear Miss Martin,

I like to listen to cowboy music very much but do not know where and when to tune in to these programmes on my radio, which is a five tube "Echo". Could you give me some information.

V. Lyew.

Dear V. Lyew,

I certainly agree with you. I too love cowboy music. Time has been short so I have not been able to find out for you about foreign programmes, but these I will publish for you at a later date.

In the meantime, how about these on our local Radio Jamaica?

Tuesday at 8.15 a.m. Rhythm Ranch.

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Thursday 8.15 a.m. The Andy Parker Show

Thursday 5.00 p.m. Variety Time.

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E.M.

Dear Miss Martin,

I am engaged to a boy who is 25 years old. He is very generous but he is also very ignorant and quick-tempered.

He told my family that we would be married in six months time. Sometime ago he got sick and I used to go to his home and devote my time looking after him. My family is angry with me for doing this as they say we are not yet married.

Now he is well again and is always out having a good time. It seems to me that he doesn't care for me any more because he saw me sometime after he got well and said nothing to me. Perhaps he has fallen in love with another girl.

What do you suggest I do, Miss Martin.

I am,
Anxious.

Dear Anxious,

I know, it is rather hard, on you, for when we are in love, we feel the need to serve, when our loved one is in pain and needs us. But as your family rightly point out one is handicapped, before marriage, and should be careful.

For your own peace of mind, I think it would be best for you to have a quiet, straightforward talk with this young man. There is no need to have bitter words. Just ask him what his plans for the future are now that he is well again. If he evades a direct answer, tell him quite simply that you had been looking forward to marriage and a home of your own. But if he no longer wants the same things, then, it would be better for you to try and forget. You are still young and can start again. It will seem hard at first, but time heals most wounds, and it will give other young men a chance to come forward, if

they no longer feel that you are tied. E.M.

Dear Miss Martin,

I have seen a certain statement in a book which is of great importance to me. Would you be good enough to tell me the foods which contain iron, or the most important ones with plenty of iron.

Yours truly,
G. Tugman.

Dear G. Tugman,

The function of iron in the human body is of the utmost importance to our health. It is used in carrying oxygen from the lungs to the tissues. The red colouring matter of our blood is dependent on iron for its existence. Lack of iron in our food, and consequently in our blood, banishes the colour from our cheeks.

Below we give a list of foods which are especially rich in mineral and blood-building elements. They are arranged in order beginning with those richest in this mineral:—

Spinach	Oatmeal
Swiss chard	Prunes dried
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Tomato	Sweet Corn
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Cabbage	Carrots
Strawberries	Beets
Egg Yolk	Onions
Bran	Bananas
Beans dried	Celery
Peas dried	Potato
Entire Wheat	Apples
Almonds	Oranges

I believe that shell fish such as oysters, lobster and shrimp are also rich in minerals.

I hope that this will help you. E.M.



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"Very glad to meet you," said the host, beaming the set beam. "This is my wife—"

The daring young man scarcely had time to straighten his face before he bowed over the hostess' hand.

"I murdered your father!" he said.

"Most kind!" murmured the tired woman. "Charming of you!"

A woman filling in a form at a food office gave her infant daughter's name as Nadine.

"That's unusual," said the assistant. "Is it French or Russian?"

"Dunno, Munn, I'm sure," was the reply. "I got it off a jeep."

Hollywood is beginning to select the best picture of the year. Doubtless five years from now you'll be glad you took notice of the awards.

The wife came in to find her husband and a stranger—afterwards ascertained to be a lawyer — engaged in some mysterious business over the dining-room table, upon which were spread several sheets of paper.

"What are you doing with all that paper, Henry?" demanded his wife.

"I am making a wish," said the husband, meekly.

"A wish?"

"Yes, my dear. In your presence I shall not presume to call it a will."

"Children have a greater traffic sense than adults." They need to have if they want to become adults.

"The average man would enjoy radio but for two things," states a music critic. I know — his ears.

"Old George is terribly mean."

Someone ought to tell him he won't be able to take it with him when he dies."

"Listen, old man. If George can't take it with him he won't go!"

Firing of a salute alarmed the residents of San Francisco. What do they know of war noises who know only Hollywood?

America is planning to give away radio sets throughout the world. But who's going to pay for the refrigerators and washing machines?

"I must say you don't look much like a gardener."

"No. Madam, I am an eyebrow-plucker by profession, but, now the fashion is going out, I thought I'd turn my hand to a bit of weeding."

Beautiful woman and beautiful car received a silver cup. One feels that there might also have been a class for most intelligent pedestrian.

The management of a bank sent flowers to the management of a Savings Bank, congratulating the latter institution upon the opening of a new headquarters. Unfortunately, the card accompanying the flowers read: "Deepest Sympathy."

"Later, the florist who made the mistake called the bank to apologise. What really worried him, he added, was the other bouquet, intended for a funeral, and carrying the message intended for the bank — "Congratulations on your new location."

"A referee is the most important man in a boxing bout," asserts a sports writer. He is certainly the one who counts.

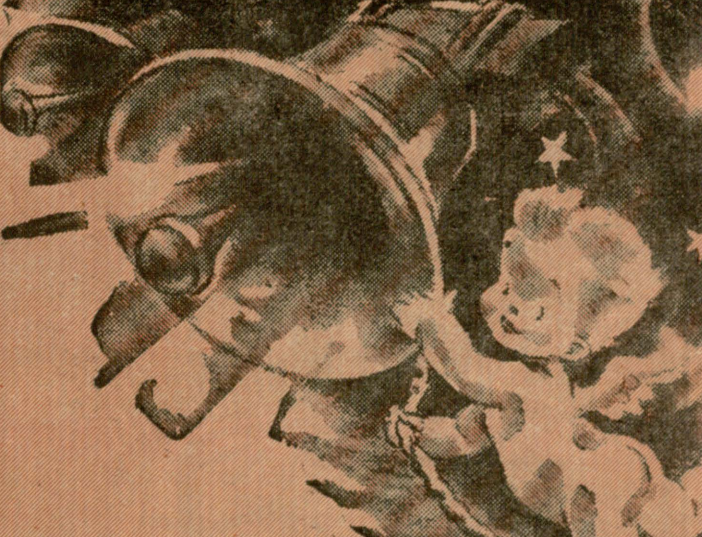
When a motorist drove recklessly past a red light in New York the point-duty policeman waved him to the kerb, strolled over, handed him his pistol and said: "Hey, bud. Use this. It's quicker."

A boxer declared before a recent fight that he felt absolutely O.K. A little later he felt just the reverse.

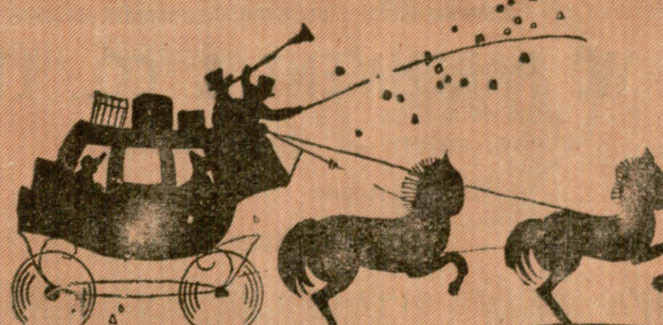
Client (just acquitted on burglary charge) — "Well, good-bye I'll drop in on you some time." Counsel—"All right, but make it in the daytime, please"

True virtue is like previous odours — sweeter the more incensed and crushed.

—Lord Bacon



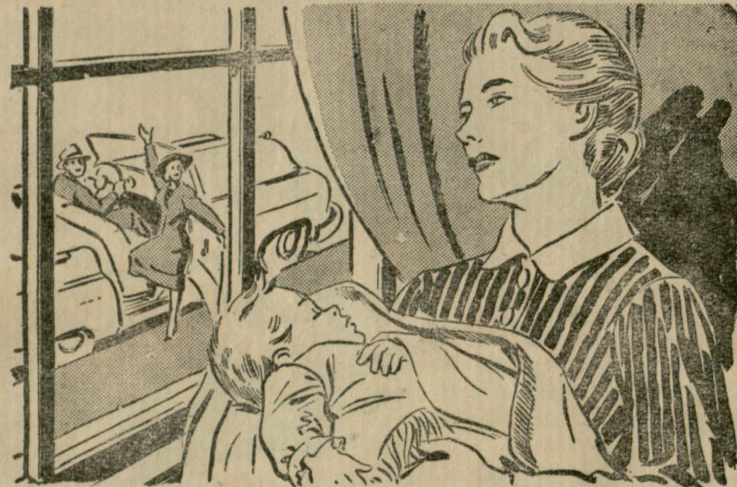
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MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Do married children impose on their parents?

Answer: A good many do, but they don't start because they are married, or even because they've left home. The son who considers Dad a soft touch, and the daughter who allows her children to run wild when they're "visiting at Grandma's" have never outgrown the notion—which all children have unless taught otherwise—that their parents exist only for their convenience. And no matter how "unselfish" they may have believed they were, parents who let children grow up this way were afraid to say "No" for fear that the children would not love them.



Can you be hypnotized against your will?

Answer: The real answer to this "chestnut" is that it depends on which "will" you are talking about. If your conscious resolution not to submit to hypnosis conceals an unconscious wish to give in to it, then—as Mr. E. V.

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Durling recently said—"a clever hypnotist can break down your resistance." But it's just as true that there are people who think they want to be hypnotized, and cannot be because their unconscious will forbids it. It's a good rule, though, to keep away from anyone who wants to hypnotize you unless you are under psychiatric treatment.



Does psychoanalysis "build up your ego"?

Answer: Not by making you "conceited"—in fact, what the treatment does to false conceit is one of its most painful aspects. But as Dr. Sascha Nacht says in the French Psychoanalytic Review, the analyst's goal is to reinforce the confidence in his ability to meet life's problems which, in a neurotic, has been undermined by inner conflicts. A emotionally-mature person has outgrown fear of reality, of his instincts, and of his inhibitions; he feels he can work out an adjustment among all three that will make his life worth living.

PERSONALIA

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daughter on Friday, December 8. The stork also visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee on Monday, December 11 and left a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Chin of Chapelton recently announced the birth of a son.

The C.A.C. football team are in the semi-finals in the Junior Knock-out Competition after defeating Railway 3-2 and Kingston Club also by 3-2.

The C.A.C.—Railway match was a replay after their first match ended in a 2-all draw. Keeyoung Chin scored two goals and the third goal was a defenders goal.

Playing against Kingston last Monday, Keeyoung Chin scored all three goals in the first half. In the second half Kingston scored two goals in the first five minutes of play and kept on pressing throughout the rest of the match but did not make any further gains.

Due to the approach of the holiday season the competition will be discontinued and start again the early part of next month.

The Sun Yat Sen Recreational Centre at 104 Windward Road will be formally opened on Sunday, December 31. The function will start at 10 a.m. and throughout the day there will be games



A few of the finalist in the C.A.C. Carnival Queen contest held last month pose for the camera. They are, left to right, Miss Barbara Wong, Mrs. Leonie Myers, Miss Sheila Chong (the winner), Miss Barbara Chang, Miss Inez Lee and Miss Rose Lyn.

—Photo by Pierre Chong.

and other entertainment for everyone. In the afternoon there will be a Garden Party.

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Mrs. Lee Powe and daughter, Rosa, who have been spending a month's holiday in Jamaica will be returning to their home in Colon, today.

The marriage of Miss Marie Chin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chin Hue of Kingston to Mr. John Schaffer of Ohio, took place on Sunday, December 10. The couple went to Montego Bay for their honeymoon and will leave in a couple weeks time for the United States.

PORT ANTONIO

The Chinese Sports Club football team played a friendly game with Titchfield Old Boys on Wednesday, December 6 at "The Fort" grounds. The result was a one-all draw. The latter team was runner-up in the Allan Cup competition. Playing for the C.S.C. were V. Leesang (capt.), J. A. Lowe, Victor Chung, Lloyd Chin, Ivan Leesang, Hostead, Ralf Mooyoung, K. Chongseong, Phillip Chin, Earl Mooyoung and Sydney Chin. Ricardo scored for the Old Boys and Victor Chung for the C.S.C.

Among those taking Cambridge Examinations at Titchfield High School are Victor Chung, I. Leesang, the Misses R. Lee and Chin Quee.

Man's genius enables him to build a space ship in the nick of time, just when his stupidity threatens to make this planet uninhabitable.

—Boston Globe.

THE MAN WHO PLAYED SANTA

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"What is your name? And what do you want Santa to give you now?"

NOW remember children, I told you that Jimmy was a clever boy. But before I tell you what Jimmy said to that, I want you to tell your mummy or daddy who is reading this lovely Christmas story to you, what you would have said.

And I bet that right off you would have told him your name, and asked for a lovely lovely gift.

But not Jimmy. He was a good boy, but he was also very smart. Looking up at the man at the foot of the bed he said:

"You're not Santa Claus." "Why," the man laughed, "what ever gives you the idea?" "You're just not Santa Claus, that's what!"

"Now, is that nice, after I travelled all the way from the North Pole just to see you?"

"I know that you're not Santa, because, the very first thing, you don't even know my name."

"Now, tell me sonny, how could Santa ever remember the names of all the children he visits?"

"Well, we write him letters don't we?"

"Yes, but how does..."

"If we ask for the things we want, and we always get just those very things, then he must have some way of remembering, mustn't he?"

"I suppose so, but..." "Then, he wouldn't only remember my name, but he would know just what I want!"

Santa realised that the game was up, and so he shouldered his bag and turned back towards the chimney. Over his shoulder he said:

"Well, for those who do not

HEALTH FOR ALL

LOOK OUT FOR POISON IVY

When summertime comes along, the desire to take to the open road becomes strong. Everything is fresh and new and alive. We want to sit in the grass, climb a tree or pick flowers.

Well, there's one flower or plant it's a good idea to be on the look out for in order to avoid—and its name will tell you why: **poison ivy.**

It's a pretty thing and gets around wherever you do—along road-sides, in picnic grounds and recreational areas, on tree trunks (it's a clinging vine) and fences. It's easily spotted, having three-part leaves, usually red and green, which are smooth and glossy.

If you get too close to this plant you will soon know. Whatever part of your skin has rubbed against it will suddenly itch, get red and burn. Blisters may break out.

If it's a bad case, you should see a doctor. But in the meantime, or if the case is mild, you can wash the exposed area with a strong laundry soap, which will remove the oily resins causing the irritation. Don't use toilet soap, it's too mild; don't use cold cream or ointments—they can be harmful.

Poison ivy usually lasts ten

believe in Santa Claus—there can be no presents from him!"

BUT Jimmy didn't worry in the least bit. He knew, just knew that there was a Santa Claus—just as sure as he knew that this masquerader was not Santa Claus. So he went back to sleep—and would you believe it—Santa came and left so many presents that some had to be left outside of the stockings, at the foot of the bed.

What do you think? I think that Santa must have known what happened and gave him something extra for not being caught by a mean trickster.

And now children—a very Happy Christmas to you all, and remember that in the very middle of Christmas is the Infant Christ. Be sure that mummy takes you to see Him on Christmas morning at Church to thank Him for this happy festival. And as Tiny Tim said:

"God bless us every one!"

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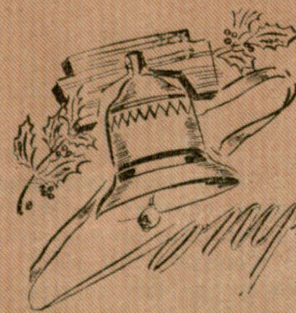
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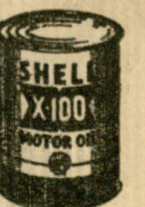


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days to three weeks, depending on the severity of the case.

Less well-known than poison ivy, but somewhat more severe in its effects, is poison sumach. This plant is found in swamps and bogs, but it's also hidden in clumps of small shrubs. The latter is the more difficult to find and therefore more dangerous. The leaves run in series or groups of four to six leaflets.

Although more severe than poison ivy, the care, pending a visit to a physician, is the same because both are essentially skin irritations.

Before going on a summer outing it might be a good idea to find out in advance what the plants look like. You can find them in a nature book, or you can write your local or state health department for a pamphlet on plants harmful to man.

In the next article, the "cure" for TB will be discussed.

MATHEMATICAL PROBLEMS SOLVED 4,000 YEARS AGO

Examination of stone tablets found in the Radein Valley in Iraq indicates that mathematicians of the Sumerian civilisation, which flourished in the Euphrates valley over 4,000 years ago, had discovered the bases of modern arithmetic, algebra and geometry.

At least 1,500 years before the time of Pythagoras, the Sumerians knew the characteristics of basic geometrical figures, they could calculate the volume of pyramids, cylinders and cones, they were familiar with long multiplication, used logarithms and solved algebraic equations in first, second and three degrees. (UNESCO)

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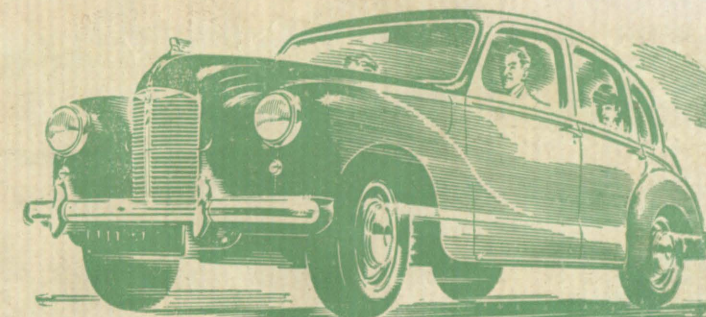
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