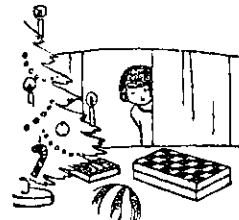




Kiddies Sunshine Circle



Dearest Girls and Boys,—

It is rather early, but as this is my last opportunity, I must here and now "Wish you, every one, big and little, A Very Merry Xmas and the Happiest of New Years."

If each one of you decide to be kind and thoughtful to others and do some unselfish action as often as possible then surely you will have a perfect Christmas and Holiday.

Have you ever tried doing a good turn for somebody, such as washing up the dishes after Mother has cooked a nice dinner, or tidying up the garden when Daddy isn't expecting it? Oh, it does give you a nice feeling when Daddy says "that's fine, my lad"; or Mother says "Thank you, darling." It's really nicer than getting a present.

Now try this "good-turn" idea and let me know if it was not the happiest, jolliest time you ever had.

I shall be thinking of you on Xmas Eve all snuggled up dreaming of opening your stockings, and again I shall think of you on Xmas Day with all the toys, ponies, bicycles and motor cars you are all wishing for, and then again while on your holidays.

I hope you will think of me just once—and I shall know when my cars are burning that some of my "Kiddies" are giving their big sister a wee thought.

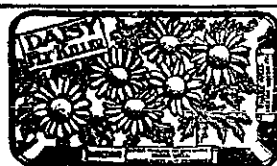
When you read these lines most of you will be very busy with your exams, and thinking more of your holidays to come than doing puzzles or writing essays, so I am not going to ask you to do any work for the Sunshine Circle this month. We will all have a good rest from our usual duties and when the holidays are over I will expect all my Sunshiners to rally round again and help me to spread Sunshine amongst all our members and many more to join later.

With every kind wish I now say cheerio, and hope you the best of good luck during the Festive Season.

Your grateful and loving

Big Sister,

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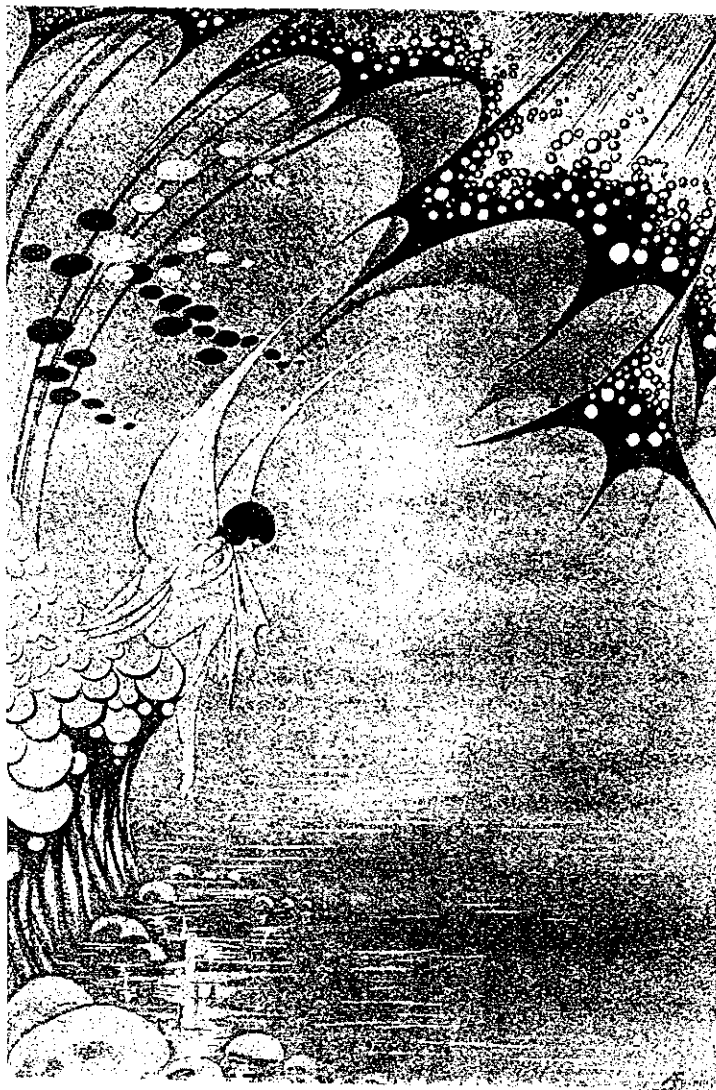


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A Good Party looking into Nature's Mirror to wish every member of the

Sunshine Circle

the Happiest of Times during the Festive Season and Good Fortune in the New Year

Sketch by Miss A. Funniss, Paint Chevalier, Auckland

The Season's New Toys

We have just seen the Christmas collection of toys and dolls issued by those ingenious and industrious people, Dean's Rag Book Company, Ltd., of London.

It is a most gratifying circumstance that all these clever toys are the products of English talent and industry, and there is something about them that proclaims this origin and at the same time fully justifies the preference for such toys, and for British-made toys in general, shown by the little men and women of to-day.

These models have a lightness of touch and a gaiety of spirit that would have seemed foreign and out of place to a past generation, but is quite appropriate to the Young England of to-day.

"DISMAL DESMOND," the doleful plum-pudding dog with the

spotted coat, drooping tongue, and black-lustre eye is already familiar, and bids fair to be the most popular toy of the year. If your little niece or nephew has not already a "Dismal Desmond" you can be certain of making a hit by presenting one of these animals. They are cheap, too!

"Pete" is a Pekingese so life-like and so full of expression that it is difficult to believe it is only a stuffed toy. It has beautiful silky fur, and can be had in black and white, or tan and white.

"DORMY" makes its appeal on quite other grounds, for it is of no definitely marked Zoological family, but is just a soft cuddly companion for sleepy toddlers too young to care for fine distinctions of species in toys.

The "BYE-BYE DOLLS" show traces of the same influence; they are soft and squashy and cuddly, simply and strongly constructed in the brightest of colours.

"CHU" is a Chow whose twinkling eyes and tip-tilted nose are completely irresistible; the phrase "as friendly as a lost puppy" might have been invented to fit this toy.

The "CRESTA" DOLLS (how do these things get their names?) are plump, bright-coloured creatures with velvet faces and round roguish eyes.

"OLE BILL" is a walrus, and looking at him one wonders how the comical side of this animal has so long eluded the vigilance of toy designers. One of the toys that foreign manufacturers never seem to get just right is the bull-dog. The imported article is never convincingly true to type:—

"JOHN BULL JUNIOR" which is one of Messrs. Dean's productions, is an unmistakable bull-pup of the true British breed, while "RIP," another Dean toy, is just as French as John is English.

The "ELEGANT" DOLLS are a really remarkable production. They not only live up to their name, but do full justice to their lineage, being the latest descendants of the House of Dean. If future historians wish to show their contemporaries what that much discussed person the young woman of 1926 was like, it is hoped that some at least of these "Elegant" dolls will survive, in order that they may serve as models for the demonstration.

DEAN'S PATENT RAG BOOKS are also there in greater variety than ever—alphabets, counting books, and train and animal books galore—all having those washable, indestructible and hygienic qualities so essential in babies' books, that have truly made them world-famous.

I've thrown my note up the chimney,
And I've wished in a toad-stool ring,
And I've wished for a wee black puppy.

For Santa Claus kindly to bring.

I've been ever so good, just lately,
I've been scolded just once each day,
And I've given my horrid auntie
(From My money) a hair-pin tray.

I've left a big bone by my bedside,
So old Santa Claus dear will say:
"I'll give a wee pup to this fellow,
He's been kind and thoughtful today."

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