



CHRISTMAS IS IN THE AIR

Merry Christmas



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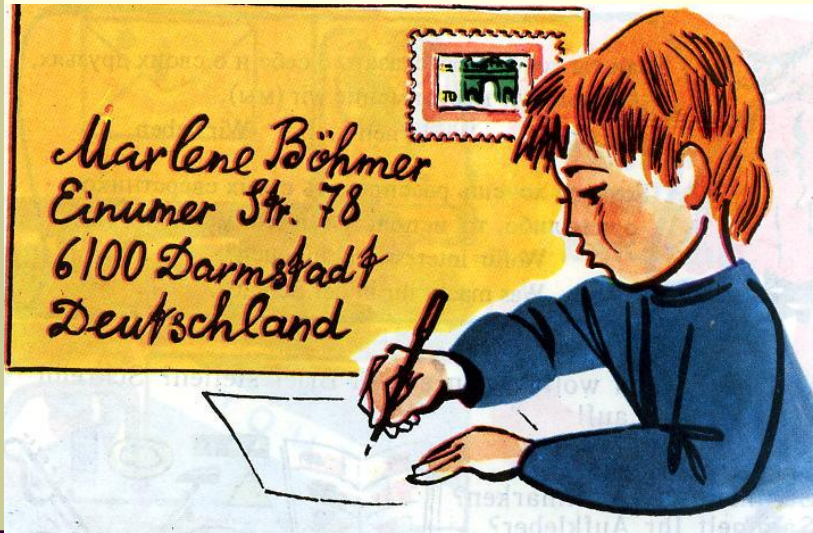
CRISTMAS STOCKING



One of the favourite holidays in Great Britain is Christmas. People are very busy on Christmas Eve. They go shopping, buy tasty food, make roast turkey, mince pies, a pudding. Children make or buy Christmas cards and send them to the relatives, write letters to Santa Claus asking him to be polite, kind to everybody, help old people and prepare stockings for Christmas presents.



CHRISTMAS LETTER



On Christmas Eve English children letters to Santa Claus. In the letters they tell Santa Claus what they want for Christmas and promise to be good in the coming year. For example,

Dear Santa!

My name is Linda. I am normally nice to my parents. I really want a new bicycle for Christmas. Will you give me, Santa?

Linda Higgins.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING



- **In** Britain, this popular dessert is surrounded by many superstitions. It is said
- puddings should be prepared with 13 ingredients to represent Christ and his Disciples.
- Putting a silver coin in the pudding is another age old custom that is said to bring wealth, health, happiness to the lucky person who finds it.

HOLLY



- Holly is an evergreen plant with
- sharp pointed leaves and red
- berries . You know already
- that people put holly on Chist-
- mas pudding.
- They also use holly to decorate
- their homes. It is a very old
- tradition. Long ago people began
- to put holly in their homes du-
- ring the dark cold winters. They
- liked to look at holly and think
- about the spring and the sun.

MISTLETOE

- Mistletoe is an evergreen
- plant with small leaves
- and small white berries.
- On Christmas Eve there is a bunch
- of mistletoe in every house.
- Under this bunch boys kiss girls.
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CANDLES



- On Christmas Eve people like to
- light candles . If there are children
- in the family, they often have Christ-
- mas crackers. They pull a cracker, it
- makes a bang.



MINCE PIES

- Christmas food
- needs explaining.
- Mince pies today
- are not made from meat as they once were,
- but contain raisins, currants.
- Children like these sweet pies.



WAITS



Waits are a group of singers who sing carols. They sing carols, for example, in front of a Christmas tree. In small towns and villages waits often come and stand in front of the house and sing carols. They receive money for their singing.

CHRISTMAS SUPERSTITIONS

If the wind is blowing on Christmas Day, you are in for a good year.

If you want to have good health throughout the next year, eat an apple on Christmas Eve.

If a baby is born on Christmas Day, it will have a special fortune .



TURKEY



The Christmas bird, nowadays usually a turkey, is being prepared and stuffed, the pudding is inspected and the cake is got out of its tin and iced.

BOXING DAY



Boxing Day comes after Christmas Day. It is on the 26th of December. People visit friends or to the theatre and give presents.



SANTA CLAUS

This jolly fellow gets his name from a man as known as St. Nicholas. St. Nicholas lived In Western Asia and was a Bishop and gave his wealth to the poor children.

In England Father Christ – mas was known as far back as the 15 th century. Now Father Christmas deposits his gifts by night in the houses, unseen and unbeard.



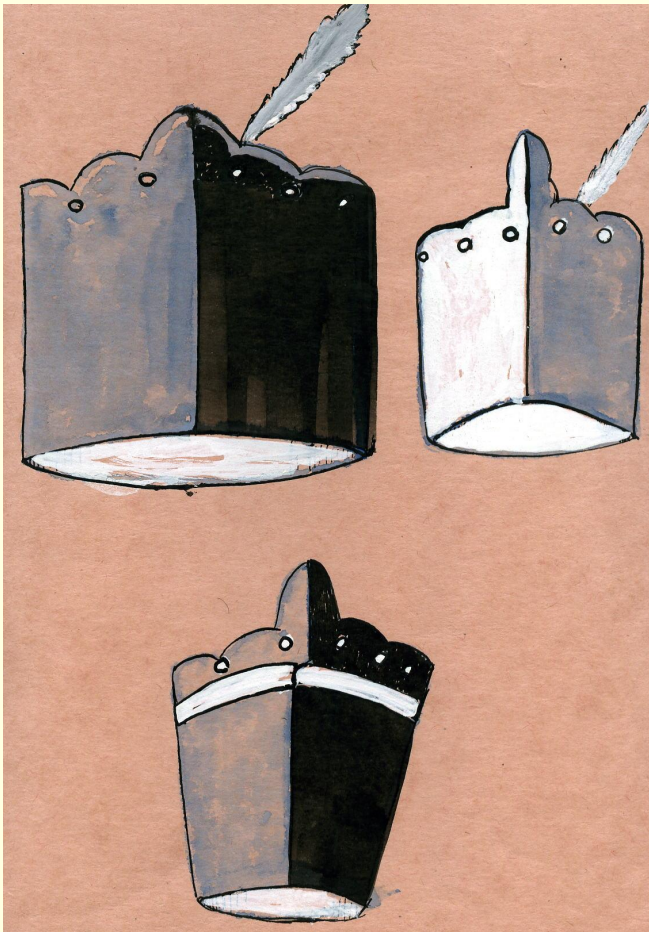
POEMS TO ENJOY



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

I heard the bells on Christmas DAY
Their old familiar carols play
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace earth, good will to MEN.

YULETIDE



Juletide begins in the middle of December and ends on the 6th of January. All the children like this wonderful time.

CHRISTMAS AT OUR SCHOOL



There is a tradition to have a big holiday connected with Christmas at our school. It is celebrated on the 25 th of December. Children wear masks, sing songs, dance, recited poems about winter, Christmas. They eat puddings, chocolates.



OUR CONCLUSIONS

- So we have touched the topic “Christmas In England”. Now we know that Christmas is the biggest and the most favourite holiday for Englishmen. We have found out a lot of interesting things about traditions, customs of this holiday in the family, at school e.t.c. Finally we know that this holiday is similar to our chuvash holiday “SURHURI” and at the same time they have some differences too.
- This material deepens and enlarges our knowledge in Linguistics and the country.

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