

New Year and Christmas in America





**A happy New Year!
The day is so clear,
The snow is so
white,
The sky is so
bright, We shout
with all our might:
“A happy New
Year!”**



*Bit of
history*





Known to all the image of Santa as overweight good-natured old man in a red jacket was coined by the American artist Thomas Nast and published for the first time in early 1863. Also Presents invented and the workshop of Santa.



Interestingly, a bag with gifts for children was added to the image of Santa only for next Christmas.



It is believed that Santa Claus sneaks into the house through a chimney to leave presents for children. But even in the absence of the house of the chimney should not become an obstacle for the location of the house of another mandatory attribute Christmas - stockings for gifts. According to the legend Saint Nicholas, passing by the house of impoverished



Celebration



At twelve o'clock, in the January sky begin to take off multi-colored fireworks, on the street hear car horns and sirens. All this announces that a New year has come. People hug and kiss and wish each other all the best.



On the tables of the population of America must be champagne - this is another tradition, and as snacks, cheese, biscuits, nuts.

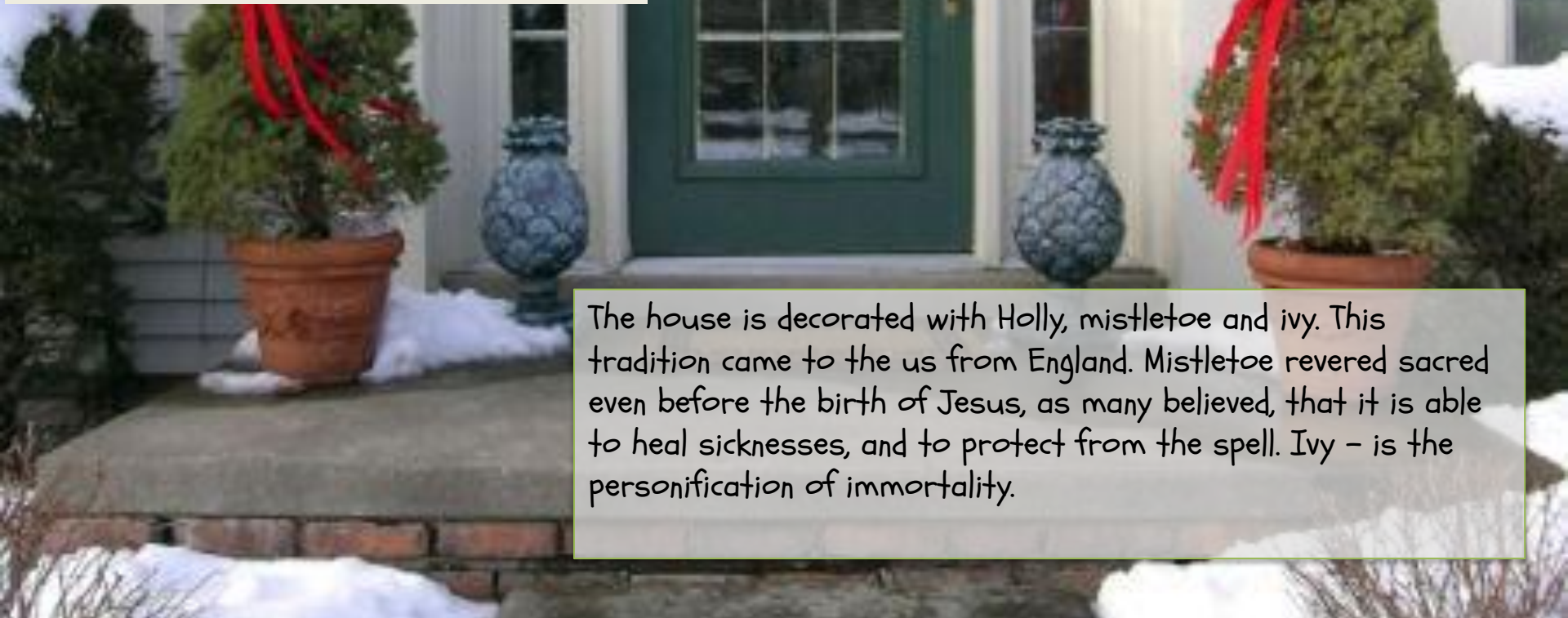


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Roast Turkey traditionally
present on the tables of
Americans for Christmas.

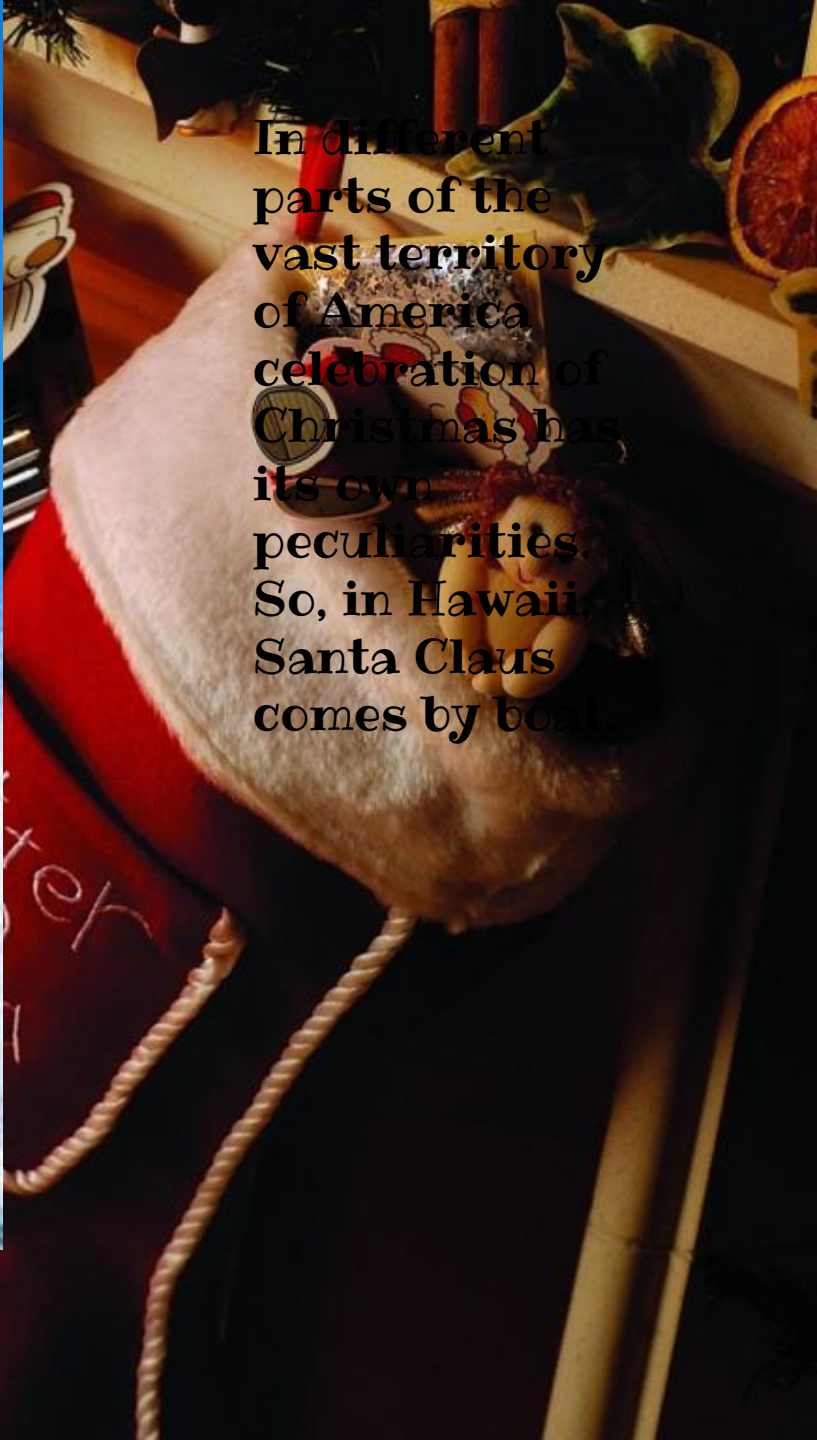




The house is decorated with Holly, mistletoe and ivy. This tradition came to the us from England. Mistletoe revered sacred even before the birth of Jesus, as many believed, that it is able to heal sicknesses, and to protect from the spell. Ivy - is the personification of immortality.

In large cities of the country the first day of January hold parades. The most cheerful popular and numerous is the parade, devoted to the celebration of the New year, passing on the world-famous square new York city - times Square





In different parts of the vast territory of America celebration of Christmas has its own peculiarities. So, in Hawaii, Santa Claus comes by boat.

As in the rest of the world, Americans in the New year give themselves of the promise, which should have a positive impact on their lives - for example, quit Smoking, abuse of alcohol or lose weight.



Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year

