The symbolic use of a tree dates back at least 4000 years, when Egyptians celebrated in honor of their Sun God, in the month corresponding to our December. They believed that the sun died every night and was born again in the morning, and that late December and January brought the turning point, when the sun remained with them a little bit longer each day. This was a season of rejolcing, and the palm trees became their symbol, as it put out a leaf every month and the twelve leaves symbolized the com-

A few thousand years later came the feast of Saturnalia,

From the dim ages of long | also held in December, but | poor. For a long time his identhe tree the Romans used was a tall conifer, loaded with decorations. Roman legions carried this symbolism over the Alps into Gaul; and about 15 B. C. the tree was used in Yuletide celebrations of the

Germans. Hundreds of years passed, and a tree became the symbol of celebrations connected with the patron saint of Russia and of children-Saint Nicholas, who in his lifetime was Bishop of Myra, in Asia Min-

An old legend tells us that the kindly St. Nicholas unintentionally originated the custom of hanging stockings by the fire at Christmas. St. Nicholas was rich, and loved to make mysterious journeys bearing secret gifts to the

tity remained hidden but he was caught at last with his sack of gifts on his back.

St. Nicholas knew an old

nobleman who was very poor and who did not want anyone to know of his poverty. Wishing to give him a gift of money St. Nicholas crept to a window of the house and saw the old gentleman asleep by the fire. The good Bishop climbed to the roof and dropped his gift down the chimney, thinking it would, fall on the hearth at the nobleman's feet. However, it so happened that the gentle-man's daughter had hung some stickings to dry by the fire and the money fell into one of them; and from the deed of the good

spread custom of hanging stockings at Christmas time. The anniversary of St. Nicholas' death in 1087 became a festival in the Russian church, and in time the name became corrupted to Santa Claus and associated with the festivities of the Christmas season, with its tree, its decorations, the holly and the mistletoe. These are the joyous symbols of Christmas

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Thursday, December 5, 1957

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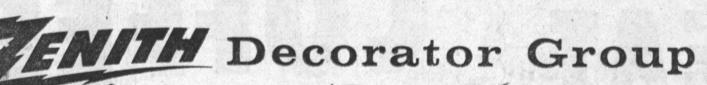
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