

COUNTRY GARDEN
 but also the Greeks and Romans venerated Mistletoe, and it is said always to have had a place in their religious processions.
 This is a curious plant that has come down to us through the ages, carrying a wealth of tradition at the Christmas Season.
LONGER DAYS
 Christmas, originally meaning Christ's mass or church festival on December twenty-fifth was due largely to the fact that it coincided with that of the greatest festival which celebrated the winter solstice, which occurs on December twenty-first or a day later. It is the birthday of the new sun about to return once more toward the earth. The days which had been growing shorter and shorter become longer, and the sun gives promise of the distant but

certain approach of spring. The worship of the sun was a large part of the religion of the ancient races and it was therefore natural that this change in the sun's course should be hailed with rejoicing. This morning, walking in my snow-covered garden, I forgot myself into enjoyment. Few people know how beautiful a garden can be in winter—the sun glistening on the snow, blue shadows north of the pines—orchard trees like lace against the steely sky. This morning I stood looking at all this splendour and beauty, glad of this winter season.
WINTER IS WHITE
 Winter is white as floating swan feathers, Silver as twigs where the tinsel rime gathers, Gray-green and silent as water-falls lizards Lashed to the cliffs by the icy-lunged blizzards.

Winter is starlight on opals and crystal And little sharp sounds like the crack of a pistol; Winter is glittering fields and the nearness Of twinkle-filled skies of a sapphire clearness. Winter's a cloak for another year's ending Rest and renewal and loveliness blending. Winter is the time for reading and interesting book has been received from our Public Library. "The Story of Spices by J. W. Parry". At this season of the year it is a suitable book to read and in the first chapter we read about spices in the ancient world. In the beginning, untouched and undisturbed save by the hand of God, the cumin and the anise of Egypt gave up their scent to the gentle Mediterranean breezes which cool that arid land. In neighboring Asia, sweet marjoram grew and un-

known monsoons brought rains to wet the cardamom and cinnamon of Malabar and Ceylon, while away in the volcanic islands of the Moluccas the fragrant cloves and nutmegs were fruiting on the mountain sides. How long it was before man, struggling through the mists of the primeval world, came to know and use these and all other aromatic plants, we cannot tell, but he must have gathered early the leaves, fruits, seeds, and roots, of fragrant herbs common to his locality and attributed to each a special virtue. Primitive man would have times of sickness and bodily pain from diseases he could not understand. In his distress, he would turn to the fragrant oil-bearing spice plant, sensing that those herbs which are so pleasant to his nostrils must also be healing to his wounds and grateful to his sickness. He would marvel at the sun dur-

MILLVIEW W.L.
 On Tuesday evening Dec 6th, 13 members of Millview W. L. met at the home of Mrs. C. J. McKenzie for the regular monthly meeting. With the president presiding, meeting opened by repeating creed in unison. Roll Call was answered with exchange of Christmas gifts, and two members paid membership fees. Minutes of annual meeting were read, approved and signed and Sect. Treas., gave financial statement for the month. Sick-

committee reported four calls and bill of \$3.50 was paid. School committee was asked to purchase clothes hooks and attend to window blinds, also to purchase apples to be sold at Christmas concert. After some discussion it was decided to join both music and drama festival associations. It was also decided to send Christmas remembrances to three boys from the district now serving with the R.C.A.F.
 Sick committee was asked to take a Christmas treat to the shut-ins in the district. A bill of 80 cents was paid for phone calls and collection amounted to 60 cents.
 Next meeting to be held at the home of the president, Mrs. Gene Drake when roll call will be answered with a guessing game. A Prince Edward Island contest was won by Mrs. Ted Crane, after which luncheon was served by the

hostess, assisted by Mrs. Lee Hynes and Mrs. Geo. McEachern, and meeting adjourned.
OTTAWA (CP)—Salt production increased sharply during October and the first 10 months of the year

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