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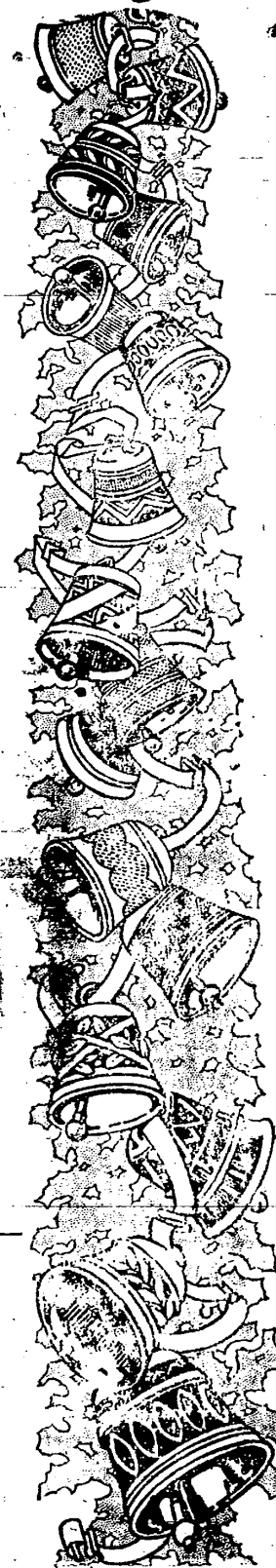
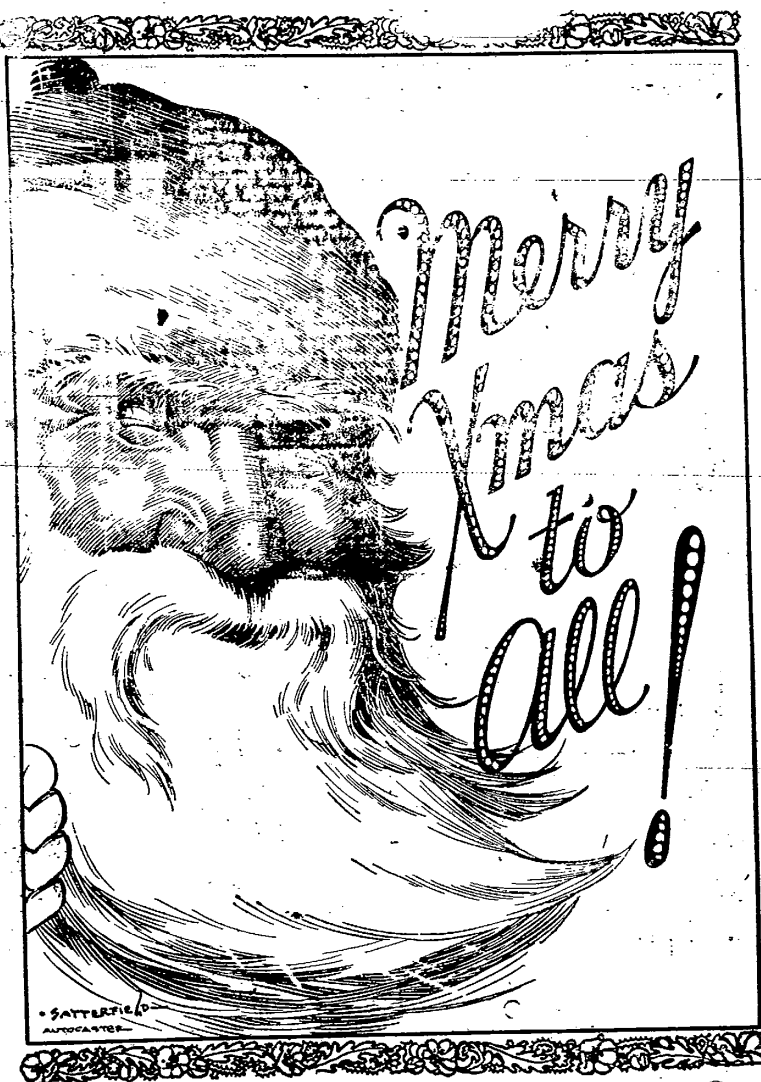
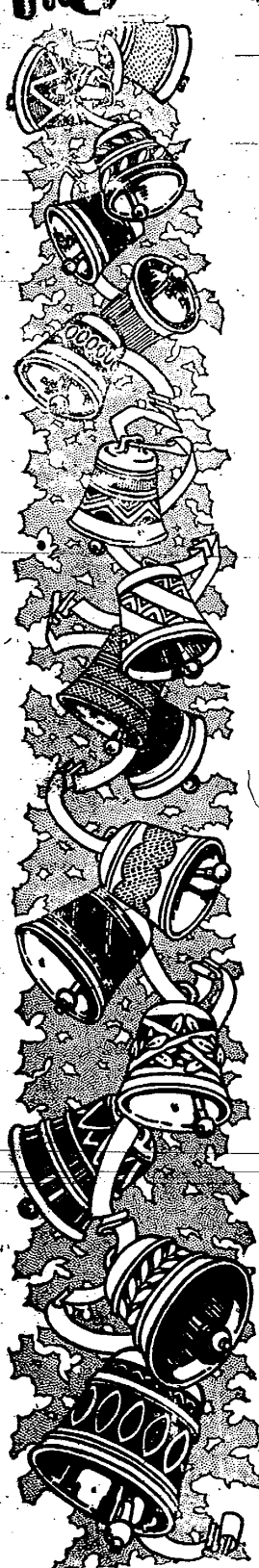
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A Christmas Legend

EVER since that first Christmas eve the cock has crowed all night long on the anniversary to keep away evil spirits; for the cock is a holy bird and a knowing one. There is a pleasant tale of him and Saint Stephen, the first martyr, whose day is December 26, close by his dear Lord's.

Saint Stephen was King Herod's steward, it seems, who served him in the kitchen and at table. One night as he was bringing in the boar's head for his master's dinner he saw the Star shining over Bethlehem. Immediately he set down the huge platter and exclaimed:

"No longer, Herod, will I be thy servant, for a greater King than thou is born."
"What aileth thee?" cried the King wrathfully. "Do you lack meat or drink that you

would desert my service for another's?"
"Nay," answered Stephen. "I lack neither meat nor drink. But the Child that is born this night is greater than all of us; and Him only will I serve."

"That is as true," quoth Herod, smiting the table with his fist, "as that this roast cock on the platter shall crow before us."

Hardly were the words out of his mouth when the cock stretched his neck and crowed lustily. "Christus natus est!" At this proof that Stephen's words were true, Herod was so angry that he made his soldiers take Stephen outside the walls of Jerusalem and stone him to death. And this is the reason why, unto this day, Saint Stephen is the patron of stone-cutters.—Abbis Farwell Brown, in Lippincott's Magazine.

