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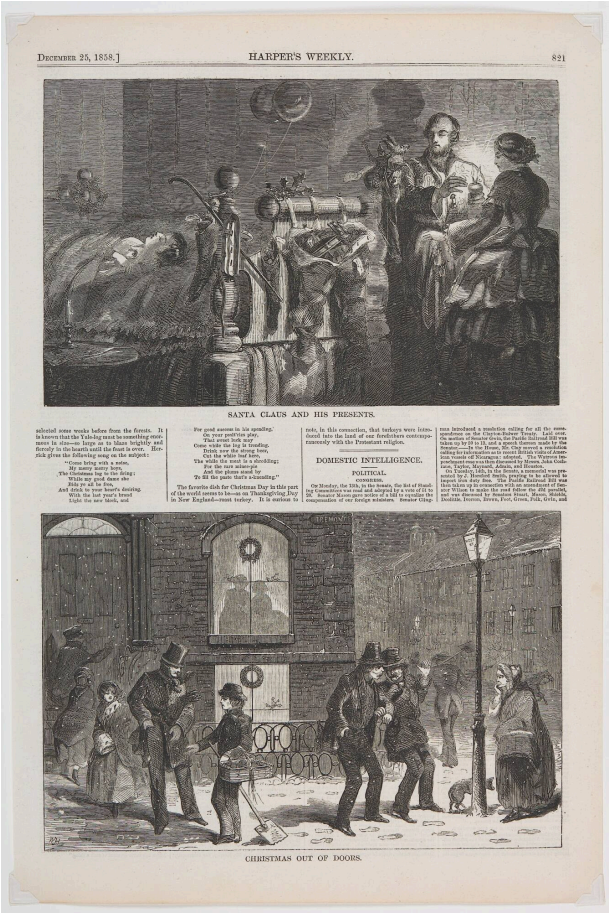

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SANTA CLAUS AND HIS PRESENTS.

selected some weeks before from the forests. It is known that the Yule-log must be something enormous in size—so large as to blaze brightly two days at least—and Santa Claus, in the Harper's Bazar, finds the following song on the subject:

"Come bring with a noise,
My merry merry boys,
The Christmas log to the firing;
While my good dame she
Bids you all be free,
And drink to your heart's desiring.
With the last year's brand
Light the new block, and
For good cheer is in spending.
On your spirits to lay
Old care, that will stay,
Come while the log is tending.
Drive the mouse from the hall,
Let the white leaf lie,
The while the root is a shrinking;
For the rare mince-pie
And the plum stand by
To fill the paste that's a-kneading."

The favorite dish for Christmas Day in this part of the world seems to be—as on Thanksgiving Day in New England—roast turkey. It is curious to note, in this connection, that turkeys were introduced into the land of our forefathers contemporaneously with the Puritanical religion.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

POLITICAL.

CONGRESS.

On Monday, the 13th, in the Senate, the list of Standing Committees was completed by the choice of Mr. Bigler as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations. Senator Mason gave notice of a bill to equalize the compensation of our foreign ministers. Senator Clingman introduced a resolution calling for all the correspondence on the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty. April 1st, on motion of Senator Green, the Pacific Railroad Bill was taken up by 28 to 15, and a speech thereon made by the Senator from Missouri. The Senate also passed a resolution calling for information as to recent British seizure of American vessels off Nicaragua; adopted. The Nominations were confirmed, including those of Messrs. Cushing, Lane, Taylor, Kennedy, Adams, and Hendricks.

On Tuesday, 14th, in the Senate, a resolution was passed to the effect that Congress will adjourn on the 4th March next, from day date. The Pacific Railroad Bill was then taken up in connection with an amendment of Senator Green, and after a long debate, it was lost by 26 to 24, and was discussed by Senators Green, Mason, Shields, Doolittle, Iverson, Rivers, Fitch, Green, Fitch, Grimes, and

CHRISTMAS OUT OF DOORS.

Santa Claus and His Presents

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