## Art Spreads Story Of His Birth

always stimulated and challenged painters and

art depicting the story of the birth of Christ have, through the years, enriched the lives and enhanced the spiritual insights of millions. Earliest Christian art was simple and graphic, as clear and easy to appreciate as a comic strip.

Later, religious paintings became stilted.

Then, Italian Renaissance painters instilled renewed warmth and humanity into art appreciation, through their natural, lifelike

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The Nativity scene has 
Their work gained much fresco decoration in the from the 'stimulus of the changing times and the new that Michelangelo was approach to art, fostered by the support of the Medici and commissions for paintings and sculpture

> For instance, Raphael, famous for the "Sistine from Florence to do a

painting the ceiling of the

Artists from other countries, too, traveled to Italy, there to experience and be influenced by Renaissance thought and

### **Holiday Is Favorite Theme For Writers**

stories, somebody's sure to mention Charles Dickens. His "Christmas Carol," published in 1843, is

synonymous with holiday conviviality, and its underlying theme stresses the spiritual truths and blessings of the Nativity.

"God bless us, every one," cried Tiny Tim Cratchit, and the cry still

While Dickens may be a word for Christmas, many another author has written of this religious festival and merry feast.

Among the best known examples may be scenes from children's literature. Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women," published

1868, may seem old-fashioned in some ways, but girls today still rejoice in the story of Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy. These fictional heroines

come to life for their readers, and never more so than in the Christmas-season story that opens the book. when the March family gave up a festive breakfast for a poor family.

While they breakfasted on bread and milk, the girls felt they truly feasted, for they knew the joy of

Another old favorite is Kate Douglas Wiggin's "The Birds' Christmas Carol," of

Though better known as the author of "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," she wrote this brief but touching story of the Birds' invalid child, whose short

Whenever the talk turns life exemplified the to Christmas books and principles of Christmas. In the present day, the American author Truman Capote, who claims the invention of a new literary form, the non-fiction novel,



Since days of old, replicas of the manger scene have helped to bring mankind closer to the meaning of Christmas. The crib or creche here is typical, in its presentation of Mary, Joseph and the Infant Jesus, with the shepherds and Wise Men and, of course, the animals of the manger. It's typical, too, of the way the Nativity and the events surrounding it have long inspired artists and craftsmen, musicians and singers, poets

Long ago three Wise Men Were gazing at a star That glistened in the Heavens, Outshining all by far.

And so the Wise Men pondered What could its message be, For it somehow seemed to beckon And say, "Come, follow me!"

So they readied for a journey, And chose their gifts so rare. Then they climbed upon their camels, And turned them toward the star.

Long days and nights they traveled With trials along the way, Until they came to Bethlehem Where now the Christ Child lay.

And there the holy Magi Knelt before this tiny King; They gazed in adoration While hearing angels sing.

And then along with shepherds They learned the reason why They were beckoned by a message That came out of the sky.

And they gave it to the ages So that all good men might be, Just as joyfu!!y rewarded By the words, "Come, follow me!"

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# Winter Months Were Exciting Times For Our Ancestors

ounces over snowbanks, like the beachbuggy does snow, tended to force sand dunes in summer, is modern generation to rediscover winter roads, for enjoyment of excitements and skating, sleighing, or gliding satisfactions as their long-gone great grandparents (or much more remote ancestors) did.

It may be surprising news to many, if not most, In all zones where freezing persons today that a majority of adults in northern parts of Europe and North America - also some corresponding geographical and climatical regions in other continents indulging more freely in sports or recreations in cold months than in the warm

with rubbings of tallow.)

Commerce, or any kind of transportation, was broadened and expedited in cold months, paradoxically. occurred, the sleigh or its diminutive, the sled, became a popular vehicle for travel or simple enjoyment as an adventurous pastime. For before the second half of the 19th century in general highways for public coaches or private carriages were too

few, bone-shaking or slow for ordinary folks to enjoy. Summers were generally Whereas a sleigh or sled was times for work necessary to a vehicle almost any farmer survive and prosperity; few or woodsman could build persons could afford then to and, assuming he had a

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bullock, his family could non-supporting activities. On the other hand, cold travel as freely, quarry resorted to this swift months, with sleet, ice, comfortably, and as fast in winter as his most affluent cessation of various kinds of neighbor. A sled for normal activities outdoors. "coasting" fashioned by his father was many a boy's frozen ponds, lakes, rivers, favorite Christmas gifts. (The 'runners' were often hard oak, made glassily slick

Emphatically, much passenger travel for a purpose other than pleasure and hauling of all sorts always was easier in back-country regions in the frigid months than in spring, summer and autumn, when trails or roads were flooded, muddy, rutted, jolty, traveler, blown suffocatingly with dust.

Come cold months and all the young in spirit had reason to sing joyously: Dashing thro' the snow In a one-horse open sleigh O'er the fields we go Laughing all the way: Bells on bob-tail ring Making spirit bright What fun it is to ride and

A sleighing song tonight! Pierpont in the 19th century, was matched by one on skating expressed by another youth of Puritan ancestry, Theodore Winthrop

A bounding gallop is good Over wide plains; A wild free sail is good 'Mid gales and rains A dashing dance is good Broad halls along, Clasping and whirling on Through a gay throng. But better than these

When the great lakes By the clear sharp light Of a starry night. O'er the ice spinning With a long free sweep, Cutting and ringing Forward we keep! On round and around.

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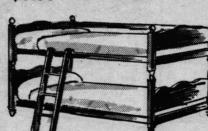
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