

### The lights of Christmas

shine on earth from many sources: from mullioned windows, festive trees, glowing candles . . , and from that same star that marked His place of birth.

The lights of Christmas shine with many meanings: with faith, and love, and warmth, and peace ... and hope that all these things may endure forever,

May the lights of Christmas shine for you today through the reverent windows of your faith ... in the flaming candle of your love . . and in the starry promise of Peace for all mankind.

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Rosenbach: A Rebuttal

# Bibliophile's Niece **Chides Edwin Wolf** On His Biography

the same fate. Even those cousins who loved and cherished my

uncles, and who were numbered

my Uncle Abie drank their

that told in the book, but since

those days) that Uncle Phil

brought us from Europe, or the

miniature books and wine bot-

because he never slept in those

in so late the night before, like

In passing, I should like to add

By ISABELLA ROSENBACH | cessful in his chosen field, suffers

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among my Aunt Rebecca's and which he was until the desperate Aunt Miriam's closest friends depression of the Thirties. are vilified and derided. And my Uncle Morrie, a handsome, charming man, most suc-A GAIN, under the guise of devoted admirer and biogra-

### InfantGirl Saved pher, he sneers at what he considers the middle class origins of the family, plays up a supposed pretension to Portuguese ances-In Camden Fire try, and imagines a struggle for social standing. He refers to my Aunt Rebecca as a "homely,

dumpy woman," whereas in re-Two men braved dense smoke ality she had a lovely, serene and flames Saturday afternoon face to match her soul. to rescue a week-old child from a He also proceeds to deal burning two-story row house at subtle coup de grace to Uncle 206 Milton st., Camden. Abie's character by laboriously

The men battered down the dragging in the Ellen Brown inlocked front door of the dwelling, cident, a brief entanglement of crawled into the living room and no consequence, to show that Dr. snatched the infant, Miriam R. could not even be faithful to Matos, from death. The child the woman who had devoted her was treated at Cooper Hospital life to him. for smoke inhalation. scious animosity stems from the

The men, Harry Condell, 34, of girlish giggles of my sister and 213 Milton st., and Joseph De-me at his English accent and Marra, 54, of 205 Milton st., had beatnik beard when he roamed been alerted by screams of Mrs. the corridors of the Rosenbach Isabella Cruz, the infant's aunt. Galleries, or perhaps because he The fire broke out at 3:25 P. M. was not among those included in

in the kitchen. Mrs. Cruz led her the impromptu lunches, the exthree young children to safety. citing trips to New York, the Remembering the infant left inside, she rushed back but found (or Corsons Inlet, as it was less the door had locked behind her, grandly called in those by-gone The infant's mother, Mrs. Ra. days) or the fascinating evenings mona Matos, was away shopping. with Major Bowes (when he and Scotch from the beautiful glasses

A fireman was injured battling with the false bottoms that held a three-hour blaze that destroyed a pair of dice—and then bet five \$20,000 dwelling at 204 S. Marion or twenty-five dollars with each ave., Wenonah, N. J., Saturday turn of the dice in those glasses) or with Oliver St. John Gogarty

Fire Chief Walter Kaufman, that erudite and distinguished 47, was cut on the left hand, by scholar, as well as many others. a broken window pane. He un- Or perhaps it comes from the derwent an operation at Under- fact that Mr. Wolf was not really ood Hospital, Woodbury, for a a nephew, as somebody once re ferred to him in an article, and

Frank M. Willis, an engineer, which statement, as far as I had smelled smoke, led his wife know, he never denied. and three children to safety and telephoned firemen. Five fire A S FOR Mr. Wolf's bete noir, companies were summoned. A Philip Rosenbach, he could

MOTHER, DAUGHTER SAVED be as kind and generous to those A mother and daughter were he liked as he was mean and carried to safety from their cantankerous to those he disburning home at 2047 Appletree liked. I would have expected Mr. st. early Saturday by a man who Wolf to have been more generbraved flames and smoke to res- ous to and understanding of an

The women were Bessie Davis, but apparently old hates, like old 46, and her mother, Mrs. Mar- soldiers, never die, and in this garet Mulvehill, 70. Their res- instance do not even fade away. cuer was Robert Webster, 30, a Of course, P.H.'s version of Mr. guest at the Starr Hotel, 2037 Wolf's abrupt departure from the Arch st., who saw the flames employ of the Rosenbach Company was quite at variance with from his room at the hotel.

The two women were asleep poor Edwin seems to have suffered enough indignities at Unwhen they were awakened by a cle Phil's hands when he was in their second-floor bedroom muffled explosion. Mrs. Mulve- alive, I shall not conjure up his hill looked out of her window and ghost to bedevil him now. saw flames bursting from the first floor

Webster rushed to the burning they were at peace with the home and saw each of the wom- world and with each other, with en leaning from a second-story Uncle Abie feeding the dog of the window. He kicked in the front moment, which was always too door, ran up the stairs and pick- fat, and Uncle Phil feeding the ed up Mrs. Mulvehill.

parrot, which was always too He carried her to the street, noisy, he could not understand then went back to rescue the the relationship that existed bedaughter. He groped through the tween them, and between all of thick smoke, then heard her cry us. from another room. He opened the door and brought her out DERHAPS because he never knew how my father roamed

the streets looking for the little TREATED AT HOSPITAL Webster had to rush through younger brother who was always flames on the stairway as he getting lost, or because he never came down with Miss Davis. He played Parcheesi or asked queswas treated at Hahnemann Hos- tions of the Ouija board with Aunt Miriam, as my sister and pital for smoke inhalation. Deputy Fire Chief John Mary. I did; because he never received

nowitz said the blaze started in exciting, unexpected presents, the living room, gutted a bed- like the Spanish dolls that were room, the dining room and part as large as a 3-year-old girl and walked when you held their hands (an unheard of thing in

New Tune Contest

### Jersey Songs tles from the Queen's Doll House that Uncle Abie produced from Lack Bounce his capacious pockets, along with a book describing and illustrating that fabulous, tiny castle;

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.,

Dec. 24 (AP). beautiful bedrooms he describes, O SUCCESSOR has been and had Ellis, the butler (called found to tum, tum, de, dum Alice, for obvious reasons, by , "remember the Jersey Uncle Abie, although never when Bounce . . . the song Gov. Robert he was within earshot), bring B. Meyner would like to forget, glasses of milk and great wedges "The Jersey Bounce" is not of Bridgit's homemade cake to

the official State song-there is him "for a snack before bed none-but it has been played so time;" perhaps because he never often at official functions that it heard Aunt Carrie Price telling has practically achieved that Uncle Abie to scold us for getting

The Governor got tired of hear- any loving mother admonishing ing it and told Arthur Gibbs, one- a father to punish his naughty time "boy wonder cornetist" children; perhaps because he with John Philip Sousa's band, lacks all of these memories and to see what he could do. many more—Uncle Abie running

On Dec. 1, in the State cap-up and down a quiet street in ital of Trenton, judges of a con-Ventnor, N. J., shouting: "Help, test Gibbs sponsored to pick a police, there's a lady stealing State song heard 23 songs from flowers!", while my mother's 154 entries from around the Cousin Ida tried to extricate her-State. The prize was \$100. self from a neighbor's rose gar-The judges didn't render a ver- den, and my mother and father

dict. They felt that none of the collapsed in helpless laughterentries measured up to a caliber Mr. Wolf's biography seems to worthy of fair Garden State. me an ill-tempered, waspish, inaccurate, poor and pallid thing, CIBBS announced Saturday inadequately bolstered by the

after the New Year."

that none of the songs heard sometimes garbled rememwas appropriate. But he said brances of others. that it wasn't only his decision Yes indeed, as Edwin Wolf but the decision of the individual quotes, A. S. W. Rosenbach had judges after a "mulling over." "size," and try though he may, "We'll run another contest," Mr. Wolf cannot succeed in cuthe said. "We'll start it right ting Dr. R. down to his own.

He said many songs have come how shocked I was that the Trusin since the previous contest tees of the Rosenbach Foundaclosed and some are promising. tion would allow free access to They've been contributed not its files and archives without only by musicians, but by busi-first ascertaining that they would ness people, teachers, doctors, not be used in such an inaccurate and irresponsible manner. lawyers and an engineer.

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