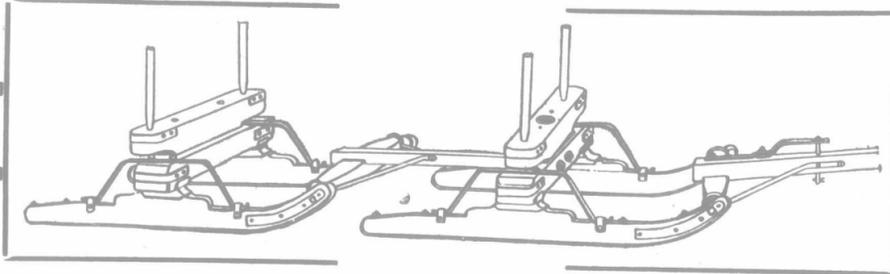


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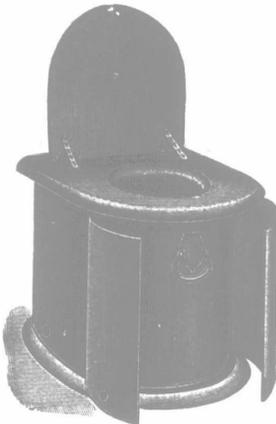
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### The Plan of Mr. Gray and Santa Claus.

Said Santa Claus, one Christmas Eve  
To Mrs. Santa, "I believe  
I'll try a different plan this year—  
You'll help me with it, won't you, dear?"  
"Of course, I will," she said with glee.  
"You know you can depend on me."  
"Well, then, I'll go to Poor Street first,  
And help the 'chicks' that need it worst;  
Kind Mr. Gray gave me a bill,  
To help a few who're poor, or ill."

"There's Johnny Jones and Ben and Sue,  
Who've neither coat, nor cap, nor shoe,  
They haven't half enough to eat,  
But still they're patient, good and sweet.  
They live in one bare, little room—  
Their parents now are in the tomb—  
Poor tots, they've had a dreary year,  
I'd like to take them Christmas cheer."

"Well, do," said Mrs. Santa Claus,  
And then, without a moment's pause,  
She helped Old Santa load his pack,  
And gave the deer a gentle whack.  
They bounded off across the snow,  
And ran as fast as deer could go.

Next morning, when the Joneses woke  
'Twas Susie's happy voice that spoke—  
"Look, John! Look, Ben! my brothers  
dear,

I think an angel has been here!

"Just see the clothing, good and warm!  
'Twill keep us snug in winter's storm,  
And we've enough to eat, again,  
You see our prayer was not in vain.  
Our Heavenly Father, always kind,  
Still keeps the little ones in mind."

So Mr. Claus told Mr. Gray  
What gladness he had caused that day;  
Then Mr. Gray just smiled and said,  
"The naked clothed, the hungry fed,  
The Christ will count it to Himself,  
'Tis better, far, than hoarding pelf."

Just try the plan of Mr. Gray;  
It is a plan that's bound to pay;  
A rich reward is ever sure  
When, in His Name, we help the poor.

"Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the  
least of these, My brethren, ye did it  
unto Me."—Christian Observer.

### GOSSIP.

Shipments of Clydesdales from Glasgow for Canada November 4th, were consigned to Geo. G. Stewart, Howick, Que.; John D. Duncan, Montreal; W. J. Kelleher, Toronto. The Quebec Livestock Importing Co., Ithamar Martin, Binbrook, Ont.; David Cargill, Medicine Hat, Alta.; W. Meharey, Russell, Ont.

### EDMONSON'S HOLSTEIN SALE.

The auction sale of Holstein cattle, property of Chris. Edmonson, at Brantford, Ont., on November 16th, was well attended, and prices were fair. Following is a list of animals that sold for \$100 and upwards:

Females.	
Bessie Spink's Last Beauty, 7 years, to T. W. Craig, Brantford.....	\$180 00
Johannah Spink, 4 years, to E. Burril, Brantford.....	145 00
Luella Tensen De Kol, 4 years, to Wm. Prowse, Dexeham Centre.....	112 50
Maid Pietertje De Kol, 3 years, to A. W. Smith, Dundas.....	150 00
Lady Clare Pietertje, 2 years, to T. W. Craig, Brantford.....	187 50
Alice Pietertje, 2 years, to H. F. Patterson, Alford Jct.....	167 50
Braemer Iosco De Prid, 2 years, to F. Chapin, Newport.....	150 00
Belle of Lynden Lane, 1 year, to Robt. Easton, Paris.....	135 00
Lady Veeman De Kol, 1 year, to T. W. Craig, Brantford.....	155 00
Aaggie Ormsby De Kol, 8 mos., to J. H. Taylor, Scotland.....	105 00

### TRADE TOPIC.

Prince Rupert, British Columbia, the Pacific Coast terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, is going apace, and for a young city the business that is now done there is remarkable. During the month of September there were 80 steamers called at the port and 81 departed.