
DOTTIE'S "KISMAS BUZZER"

A CHRISTMAS STORY

(By Frances E. Reynolds)

On the same afternoon two little girls of four and six years were looking out on Sherbrooke St. which was unusually bright. Sleights with their gay occupants, delivery waggons loaded with Xmas good things, men carrying Christmas trees of all kinds, people with mysterious parcels, boys and girls with bright faces, who are looking forward to hearing the jingle of Santa Claus' sleigh-bells and the patter of the reindeer hoof.

Dotie, the youngest of the little girls, every few minutes would clap her hands and cry "Dotie is so glad Kismas is timmin." She was a chubby little being brimming over with good health and good nature. Her sister Ethel was tall for her age, had a serious face and seemed rather worried by Dotie's overflowing spirits. She could not be quiet a minute and only a short time before had dressed her kitten in Ethel's doll's best silk dress and Kitty not appreciating the silk costume had tugged at it until her claws had torn it badly to liberate herself.

Dotie seeing two little boys jumping along with a little sister between them, explained "Dotie would like a buzzer for Kismas." The children's nurse came in to say that they were to have tea at five and go to bed early as Santa Claus would not call if they were not asleep.

It was midnight, and Mrs. Bertram stood beside the bed side of little Teddy. The doctor had just left and the patient had fallen into a deep sleep. On arriving at her home at 4.30 she had told Jane the nurse-maid to put Teddy to bed and the doctor had been phoned for as Teddy was still insensible. Dr. Brown examined the child and said that the shock on a poorly nourished child was likely to produce brain fever, but he would do his best to ward it off. On his second visit Teddy was much better.

Three years before Mrs. Bertram had lost her husband and only son from diphtheria and since that time had not gone into society, and in place of the grand ball she gave every New Year she now hires a big room on St. Catherine Street and gives a dinner to one hundred poor people and sends them home happy with books and bags of candy. This year Mrs. Bertram had promised that her two little girls Ethel and Dotie should assist at the poor people's dinner.

Christmas Day dawned clear and frosty. At dawn Dotie jumped out of bed and ran to the place where she knew the stockings were hung. On her way she tumbled over a basket which Santa Claus had put nearly in the centre of the room after he had left a doll and a Teddy bear in it. In her stocking Dotie found candies of all kinds, little dollies and lots of other things. Ethel had a full socking and Santa left her a large doll and three lovely books. Santa saw sick little Teddy through the window so left a shovel and a train of cars for him. Each little girl had bought a present for their mamma, so ran into their Mother's room, Dotie crying "It's dot a bootiful wolly dowl for you mamma." They were much surprised when their ma said "Don't talk loud dearie there is such a sick boy in the next room."

His name is Teddy. God took his mamma to Heaven to spend Christmas with Him and I am going to keep her little boy in our home, and hope my little girls will be good to him." Two pairs of eyes opened very wide and the owner of one pair sprang across the room to open the door, but she was told she must not see Teddy until he awoke. The doctor had been to see him early and he said that Ethel and Dotie could see him at noon. Dr. Brown had told Mrs. Bertram that the shock had been so severe the past would be a blank to Teddy for some days and he would accept the present as a happy dream in his weak state. At noon Ethel and Dotie were taken to see Teddy who was in bed propped up by pillows. His big brown eyes gazed around, looking from one to the other, then at the Xmas presents and said "Teddy must be at Santa Claus' house. Where is Santa Claus?" Dotie looked at him, then exclaimed putting her hand in his. "Dotie asked Santa to send her a Kismas buzzer an' I des he dropped on down the timney wiz the ozer tings." You are my own Kismas buzzer" and Dotie got up on the bed and put her arms around the boy, and in his sickness Teddy felt sure that Santa Claus must have brought him to this home, from what place he could not remember.

A few months passed and Teddy when he had been completely absorbed by Mrs. Bertram who felt that God had sent her Harold to take the place of her Harold who a year had taken. Teddy was just two months younger than

Harold would have been had he lived. Teddy's big brown eyes now sparkle with fun. Sometimes a cloud will come over, the manly little face when he talks of his mother. Every Saturday Teddy visits his mother's grave in the beautiful cemetery on Mount Royal and often Ethel, Dotie and their nurse go with him and bring a basket of flowers from the conservatory and place them on the grave of Mrs. Gray.

Teddy's name is now Edward Gray Bertram, but he is seldom called Edward, Teddy seems more natural. Both the girls love him as a brother and he is always ready to read with Ethel or romp with Dotie.

The three children have a governess who is especially proud of Teddy. Dotie often in saying her A B C's, when half through, will romp after her kitten or pinch Teddy or pull Ethel's hair, but she is only five years old and a dear little soul.

Dotie can now speak quite plainly but will persist in calling Teddy her "Kismas buzzer."

"PUTTING IT OVER"

"I am sorry about George said Mr. Allen."
"He was too clever a boy to turn out as he did."

"Yes, it's too bad, but as to his cleverness, I don't agree with you," said Mr. Smith. "He had a certain ability to get the best end of a bargain, and yet make it appear to be an honest transaction. He was expert at 'putting it over,' as the boys say."

"You remember the days when we traded marbles? George would come to school with a pocketful of cheap, chipped-off marbles, but before noon he would have them all traded off for perfect ones. The boys could not tell how it was done, but George could make them think it was all right."

"There was something mysterious about his examination papers. The teacher knew they were not the result of study. She felt sure there was something dishonest about them, but she couldn't find out what. George was never caught in any school scrapes; it was always the other fellow who got caught and punished. George certainly knew how to put it over the rest of us in school. Later when he became a clerk in the grocery store, he was very successful in disposing of stale goods. He would fill orders with wilted celery and wormy raisins and the proprietors were delighted, for there was nothing to throw away on Monday morning. If anyone complained, George could always convince them the other clerk had filled the order. He grew more and more skillful in putting it over every year."

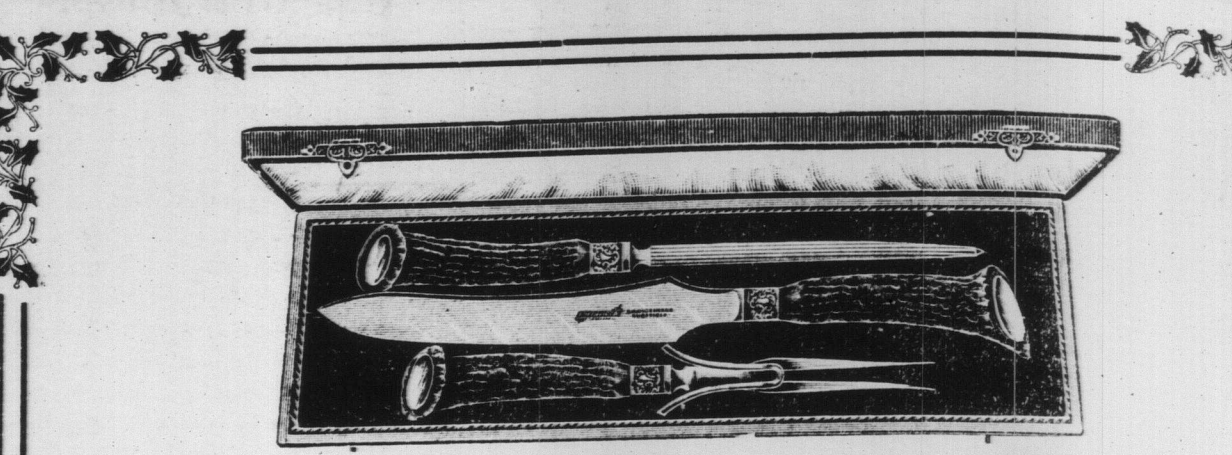
"On account of his shrewdness folks predicted that he had a great future before him, and he became rather conceited. So he went further and began to practice little dishonesties with money giving short change to customers who did not bother to count it. Of course there was another step just ahead—George tampered with the money drawer. He took just a little at first but gained confidence when he was not found out, and kept at it. He must have better clothes; he must spend money more freely; keep a little ahead of the other fellows. By that time he had full belief that he could keep on putting it over everyone."

"He tried it once too often. We say it was the 'last time' that put him in the penitentiary, but I am inclined to think it was the first time; that he started in that direction during the marble trading days back in the school yard, where he gloried in his ability to put it over his playmates."
"We sometimes like to jump the hard pounds, to cut across the fields, and we think that we are making headway swiftly; but the long cobblestone road of strict honesty will bring us, in the long run, to a safer landing place. The ability to put it over isn't the best qualification for success. Boys like George, even if they escape punishment, do not become men to whom anyone in their community can point with pride."

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