

The Post's Corner.

The Knight and the Page. A STORY OF A LONG AGO CHRISTMAS.

In leathern volume, old and quaint, I read one Christmas-tide, Stories of lady and knight and saint...

A little page in castle hall Fair faced, with golden hair, Who waited his lady's lightest call...

And life in the castle was bright and gay With chase and feast and dance, One hundred knights held courtly play...

And tilted with gleaming lance, When tidings came of invading foes, And war with haughty France...

Then rode the knights from the castle gate In glitter of martial pride, Ready to meet the marriots' fate...

Good thirty men behind me ride, The bravest in the land; I come to break your baron's pride...

Ye are but women few and lorn; You frightened menials flee; Ho, lady! vain thy lofty scorn...

Then stood she up before them all, That lady brave and true; So ye beseege defenseless wall...

The knight laughed loud in bitter hate; "Fine words, my lady bold; To-night, before thy castle gate..."

That night, within the lofty hall, Fair faces blanched with fear; "Must we in vain for mercy call..."

In the cold gray light of Christmas morn, They wait the summons grim; What music on the air is borne...

The knight bowed his haughty head Upon his mailed hand, He who before a foe no'er fled...

Slowly stretched forth a kindly arm, The voice grew loud and mild; "E'en haste could find no power to harm..."

The maidens cowering in the hall Hear a loud trumpet blare, And thirty horsemen from the wall...

That night, at chime of vesper bell, Pealed forth an anthem choice; But far above the organ's swell...

It was Christmas Day, and little Agnes was sitting at the window, watching the snowflakes as they fell...

All of a sudden she heard what sounded like a clap of thunder, the floor opened, and down she fell, right through the house...

He peered cautiously round, and seeing no one but Agnes, he sat down on a chair, having taken possession of the rolling-pin...

By this time Agnes felt that nothing would astonish her, and so she was not in the least surprised when the door was burst suddenly open...

"I hope said the pudding, in a very fat and greasy voice, "that you are ashamed of yourself, Mary, and that you have repented of your sins..."

"But, please your lordship," said Mary, "I don't even know what I have done..."

"Silence!" shouting the pudding; and turning to the turkey, he added, "Swear in the jury..."

"Do with me as thou wilt, my lord, Here is the castle key, Yet give me first thy knightly word..."

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so angry at this remark, which he described as "a frivolous excuse, unworthy of the attention of a British jury..."

"Gentlemen of the jury," said he, "you have heard the case, and I must say that a more lame and paltry defence..."

"We are," replied the blanchance, in a very shaky tone; "and the sentence is that Mary shall be put in the pot..."

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"Now then," cried the pudding, "having done our duty, and vindicated the sovereign right of puddings, let us proceed to enjoy ourselves..."

He pushed up to her with a pleasant smile on his broad face, and said, "Ah! my little dear, I'm very pleased to see that you have awoke up..."

Suddenly the clock struck, and as if by magic away ran the whole company. The pudding jumped into the pot...

Then came another clap of thunder. The ceiling opened, and Agnes shot up again to her nursery at the top of the house...

Presently the pudding appeared, but of course he had no legs or arms, but for all that he looked very tempting...

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They seemed to busy that Agnes though she might venture to creep round to the chimney corner to see if she could let the poor prisoner out...

He kept it up until his nose gets red, his eyes bleared and his voice shaky, and he has a whisky cough, and his friends try to reason with him and get him to let up...

There was the pudding, with his little body and thin legs and the turkey and the goose bringing in the cook between them, while mincepies were cutting capers all over the room...

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