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HOW BEARY GOT HIS SLED.

HOW BEATH GOT HIS SEED.

"Benny, see what baby is crying for and try to quote her. I must finish this work by six o'clock."

Benny, bedicartly left the tattered picture book he was nooking at, and made his way across the room to the chair in which baby Dora was sitting with her face puckered up into crosses and a procession of tears chasing each other down the burden. On unqury, Bonny found that she wanted to got down, so he untied the piece of woollen atuff with which she was fixed securely on the control of t

picture book and was soon occupied in riving to tar it up "Its only a week to Clira's may make the Clira's may make the Clira's may make the Clira's may make the control of the control o

Cause I guess St. Nicklus is there sint he?"

she said, uneasity, "Why do you want be know?"

"Cause I gues St. Nicklus is there too, aint he?"

"I suppose so," said his mother, "now he a good boy, and don't worry me or I shall never got done."

Bouny had made up his mind what to do. He got his pon and ink and copy book and was soon hard at work, sortibiling his mother thought, and so he was, but it was at a letter, and here it is "Dere Sant Nicklus."

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"I menny Waters au' my mams sed you livd in the catilit chuch so as it wont a sled i am ritin' to as you to send me one i am a good boy my mams sed so will you pleas let me have a sled dere sant nicklus i live at 2! weston strote."

Benny carefully folded his opisie, and as he had no envelope, he tied a piece of colored string around it. Then he printed the address carefully." mr sant nicklus i live at 2! weston strote."

"I wonder shall I poet it, or take it to a church?" he reminated. Just then kirs. Waters sain! I poet it, or take it to a church?" he reminated. Just then kirs. Waters sain and he would have to be the door of the Catholic church. The poet his cap with slacrity, hussled on his jecles, took the money for the spool, and darted out. Arrived at the soor of St. Mary's Church he paused a nument, then, aummoning up his courage he pushed open the door, and pere di . No one there. Benny advanced cautiously and looked around in wonder-He had nover been inside a Catholic church before, and this solemn silanecthe pictures and statues, and the gim mring sanctuary lang pave him a feel ung of awe. But the advanced, still to wards the altar, something second draw ing him feward. At hest be cannot the community or nickluscy to gindle, to go right up to that Table and up the little of paper on the rail against which it showed whitely, then he withdraw be aim a little to uit. But he could now had any catrance, so he laid the piece had any catrance, so

put his letter on it. But he could not find any ontrance, so he laid the piece of paper on the rail against which it showd whitely, then he withdrow behind a pillar. An instant afterwards an old gentleman in a long black gown came from somewhere, Benny could not acc where, and made straight for the letter. "Woll I never! gasped Benny to himself, "Isn't he a nice old gentleman, and so kind lookin'; he must have seen me put the letter there. I guess he stays home purpose to get letters, only he wont come out till you hide." Then Benny crept out of the church and scurried home in a fever of excitement and not seen Benny or the letter there, till he was close to it. He wanted one of the stools that happened to be just beside the place where the small piece of white paper was lying, as and he stooped pick up the stool he sunght sight of the letter. "I wish folks would put their inton-

to pick up the stool he caught signs of the letter.

"I wish folks would put their intentions in the boxes and not leave 'ou littering about in the church," he muttered, rather testily, as he took up the letter and put on his spece to see if there were any clue to the saint for whom it was intended.

"Mr. Sant Nicklus, the cat-catlick chuch," he road, in growing astonishment. "Who in the world is Jaut Nic-Oh, I see, St. Nicholas, of course, some child or another has been writing to ask for a good stocking full I suppose. What

em I to do with it. I wonder?" He sat down in some perplexity.

"I must ask Father John," he deeld cat keepfi so to Father John went Bonny a precious letter.

That goolai personage had consider able at least in the read it, but on a second permanent and permanent and

by the bed crying quietty. What's time matter, mother?" said Benny in some alarm "Nothing," said Mrs. Waters, rising. "Bonny, I want you to stay there in bed, and keep Dora there till I come back, I wont be long." Mrs Waters went to St. Mary s, and after Mass asked to see the priest. By good fortune it was Father John and he listened quietly to her story of Catholic girlhood and fall from faith, ach leard her humble request to be admitted again to the church she had lett for so many years "Your little ones must be baptized at once." said Father John. "At once Father, I will bring them," said Mis. Waters eagerly. So Benny got his sled and the Faith as well.

A Merry Christmas to the cousins, and "God bless us, one and all," said Finy Tim."
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OF WOMAN

Christmas ! "Christ's Mass"-what a Christmas! "Christ's Mass"—what a Catholic sound there is in the name always. Ayo it is the Church's day; and s'e, loving Mother that she is, has dedicated it to the children, for was not the children's Baby Kingborn on Christmas Day? Soin overy church throughout the civilized world loving hands have been busy setting up the Crib. From the great Cathedrals and Basilicas with their grottees glittering with gold and colour, and realistic with his size figures, to the size frame change with Its little

their grottoes gittering with gold and colour, androalistic with his size figures, to the tiny frame chapel with its little neok of greenery and the single waven ingure of a tiny intan, verywhere it is the same; and the children it lek around wite oyed and childhistily reverent, for the apstheosis of childhood has begin. Ohn theas morning! In how many part of the world a day of happiness! Millions of child faces wreathed in samites. The snow that is falling so seitly in country lanes, covers with its blanket a great farm house where grand-parcuts live to welcome their children's children—a houseful gathered there out of the storm. Light vyes and dark, short noses and straight, children tall and short, strong and fragile—what a study of child faces in rooms and hall way! There is a gathering at the long, old fashioned table for breakfast, the very happicatbreakfast of the whole year. Jack and Hugh, fiste and Eceanor, Justica and Harold, rush in with red checkand greet mother and father with a thousand loving words and kissee, Later on, the great wagon box mounted on runners is driven up to the front door; thore is a packing away of skirts and runners is driven up to the front door; there is a packing away of skirts and feet, and then down the creek read fly the horses, to an accompaniment of shouts and laughter, rising over jingling bells and crunching snow as they speed along to Mass in the village chapel. Then, from this bright farm house to Then, from this bright farm house to the prairic. The snow is being driven by a sharp wind across the long sweeps of a newly made ranch. A fitste cabin stands solitary or the plain A fow cattle are gathered, with their stalls to the wind, within the shelter of a little grove of cottonwoods. A young boy kisses his mother as he leaves the door of the cabin. He carries a gun and starts briskly across the prairie, his eyes sweeping the distance for game. There is no church within ten miles and he scarcely knows the meaning of the Christmas feast, excepting for mother's stak about the little Baby born in a stable on that day nearly incleon centuries ago. He knows St. Nicholas, of course; what boy does not? and in his stocking he found a pair of warm woollen gloves kniked at odd times by his mother. And a warm cap bought by fathered the ached or gettings a coord of dinner, or very likely the meal dopends on the success of the brave little chap? Well, you need not be, for the chart a great ware of happiness, and wherever children are and childlike chap? Well, you need not be, for the cart ha great ware of happiness, and wherever children are and childlike minds, they feel its warmth and glow. Come with me finto the wards of a lerge hospital. Biscase and pain are stalking solomnly through the great house. Kerves and bodies are a few children lines and distorted bedies. It is Christ mas Eve, and lo, the change in the attacking are glowed to the house change in the attacking are glowed to the and acknowled the stacking are glowed to be a lerge hospital. Biscase and pain are stalking solomnly through the great house. Kerves and bodies are as few children lines and distorted bedies. It is Christ mas Eve, and lo, the change in the attacking are glowed by the conting of the cots. Bubbio's stocking is an acknowled to the numerous with the acknowled wards of the cots. Bubbio's attacking a read pain and the best of the acknowled wards of the cots. Bubbio's attacking a the proper pain are stalking solomnly through the proper pai

But there are some homes wherein mothers are sadly happy on Christmas morning. As thing, more about time to the common of the window salls they can be story indicated forms as and the common of the window salls they can united and precing through the glass. But no one else can see these

little glosts, only the mother, in v. lose over the tears well up, until she goes to the window and looks up into the sky. Even while the tears fall she is filled with an exquisite happiness and contons for the little shadows that crawhills about at the window are, she feels, looking down at lor from round about the footsteel of God; the conforting lines come to her, "Mothers of dead child ren have indeed grace for they give angels to their cied in heaven." There they beg the Divine forgiveness for her every fault and weaknos, "their little hands stretched down to fraw her even nearer toGod, by mother's low."

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