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And no one could happier be than you

If wishes could make you glad.
If you were a girl or a boy to-day
And Santa Claus came with his pack,

And you wanted all the toys in the world,

There is nothing that you should lack:

If you were a maiden of eighteen years

Or a youth of twenty-two,
And a Prince or a Princess should be your dream,

I'd make that dream come true.
The prettiest scenes of every land
Should pass in view before you,
And the love you should feel, you have never felt

Since you lay on the lap that bore you.

I want you to realise this day
Commemorates the birth
Of the Prince of Peace who was sent to bring

God's message of joy to earth;
And I want you to read that message now

And learn what its words convey,
In the light of the men of these later times,

With the knowledge of to-day;
For not since the Star of Bethlehem
Became the wise men's guide
Was ever known in all the world

A happier Christmas-tide!
Rejoice in the realm of childhood's faith

Ere the spirit of doubting knew you;

Peace and Goodwill—Goodwill and Peace,

And the Merriest Christmas to you.

An Attractive Number

THE *Canadian Magazine* for December offers right royal Christmas fare in an issue which is a credit to Canadian journalism. From the frontispiece, "A Sledge at Quebec" (from the painting by J. W. Morrice), to the final pages, this number, both in artistic and literary excellence, is assurance of the good work being accomplished by our writers and artists. Mr. T. O. Marten, with whose covers the readers of the *CANADIAN COURIER* are familiar, has designed an extremely effective cover of Twelfth Night suggestion which cannot fail to put the reader in seasonable humour. There is a profusely-illustrated article, "The Art of J. W. Morrice," there are stories by Theodore Roberts, Thomas Stanley Moyer, Virna Sheard, Ward Fisher, L. M. Montgomery, E. M. Yeoman, Edwin Dowsley, each of which is well worth an hour by the Christmas fireside. Then there is a delightfully human and sympathetic sketch, "A Shacktown Christmas," by Augustus Bridle, poems by Marjorie L. C. Pickthall, George Herbert Clarke, Estelle M. Kerr, Isabel Ecclestone MacKay and Duncan Campbell Scott, which form a contribution in verse in which any magazine on the continent might take pride. A somewhat novel feature, "A Series of Western Photographs," by Newton MacTavish, the editor, is a decidedly attractive contribution. Altogether, there is a spirit of bright hopefulness and good cheer which makes the Christmas *Canadian Magazine* a valuable adjunct to the season's festivities.

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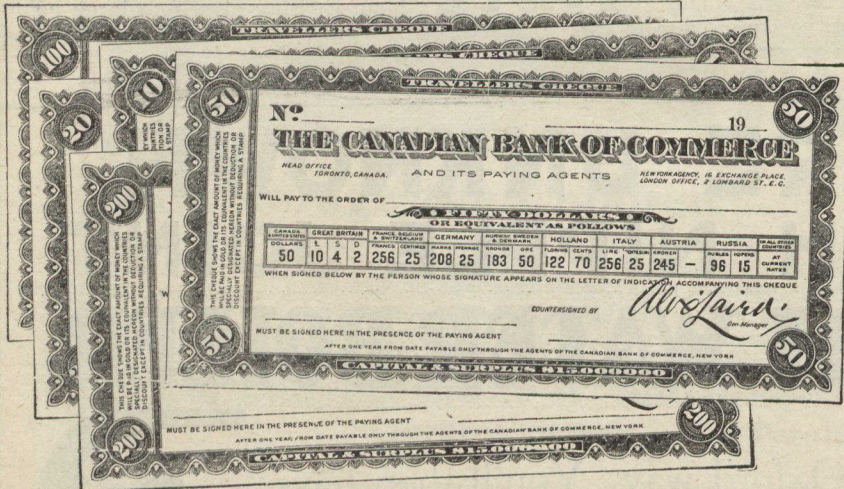
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