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A CHRISTMAS MOUNTAIN WEDDING.

There is a pretty superstition much in vogue among the young, that those who plight their troth to each other on Christmas day will be happy in their children thereafter. As Christ was sinless, so their sons will be good and their daughters pure. For the same reason many marriages take place on that day.

The Christmas bridegroom is in some parts expected to pretend to steal the bride, less rudely, however, than the Tartars of the Asiatic Steppes. At the appointed hour the family of the girl depart for the meeting-house, leaving her behind arrayed in all her wedding finery and alone. Then the groom rides furiously up to the house on horseback with some of his own friends, and with a show of violence on his part and feigned reluctance on hers, drags her out of her cabin, places her before him on his own horse, and starts for the church. He is armed with a long "hickory," which he flourishes over her head, thus evincing to the world his future matrimonial authority over her.

After the ceremony every man, woman, and child kisses the bride, shakes hands with the groom, who remounting the same horse with his wife, ride off to their future home, followed by every one who chooses to go. On their arrival a bountiful dinner is set forth and partaken of by all. Then dancing and other amusements follow.

Wrasslin' of various kinds, such as the "Injun hug," the "black snake lock," the "back holt," and so on, is popular; and the man who can "jest ride the hull passel on 'em" is deservedly admired by every female present. Jumping, shooting at a mark with the inevitable long rifle, with an occasional foot race, usually occupy much of the time.

A heavy jocularity pervades the atmosphere. There is a rough splintering of wit, and a slow, yet pithy play of bovine humor, accompanied by spasmodic bursts of ponderous laughter, that pass like ripples over still water, leaving no trace behind upon the grave, vacant faces of the mountaineers.

The luck that happens to one during the week between Christmas and the first day of the coming year, is considered a favorable or ominous provision of one's fortunes during that year.—*Christmas Brooklyn Magazine.*

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—What tea is it that gossips never use? Char-i-ty.

R. WALKER & SONS, the great Dry Goods and Clothing House, are just now holding their annual CHRISTMAS SALE, prior to the end of the year, to clear off their surplus Stock and get ready for their Buyer leaving for Europe to make the Spring Purchases. From the prices quoted in their Advertisement, and the really cheap goods being shown in their store, the public should be able to secure some grand bargains for Xmas Presents. All the Millinery and Mantles are selling at cost. Rich, fancy silks, which are usually sold for \$1 50, are now being sold for the low price of 50 cents a yard. Rich Sateens for 20 cents a yard, and other dress goods equally cheap. They are also clearing out lots of Fancy Goods for Xmas; Ladies' and Gents' elegant Dressing Sets, which must be cleared out at less than they cost from the manufacturer. All fresh new goods that you are sure to want—we recommend our readers to take a look through the Stock, as we are sure you will save a large amount of money by so doing.

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When doubts and fears assail?
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When did I ever fail?"

"Have I not given thee strength to bear?
Courage to wait for Me?
Have I not answered every prayer
Poured out in faith by thee?"

"Have I not turned thy faltering feet
From dark ways into light?
Have I not made thy trials sweet,
Bright day from clouded night?"

"Have I not filled thine awe-struck heart
With wonder at My love?
Have I not promised thee a part
With Me—in heaven above?"

"No grief too small for Me to hear,
No pain I do not see—
My child! My child! why wilt thou fear?
Thy Father loveth thee."

Ring on! ring on! O blissful words
Transcendent in your power—
"A child of God!"—Be ye still heard,
Unto my life's last hour.