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shall have some real dinner, but, of course, we shall pretend it's quite different things. If I don't manage to get any money by singing to-night, bread and cheese will be turkey, and bread and jam, plum pudding—I think we shall have jam to-morrow. We don't always pretend, only on particular days like Christmas and mother's birthday, and mine, and my rabbit's. I've had him three years. Have you got any rabbits share the joys of his Christmas tree. or dogs or anything?"

"Oh, dear no," laughed Terence. "We

"Nothing like that, p'raps, but what a lot of other things you've got?" Terence remarked tactfully.

"But I've no one to pretend with." "Oh! You can pretend alone quite well, but it's not such fun."

"I'm always alone." The boy realized vaguely the pathos underlying the man's words. After a pause, during which a brief but desperate conflict waged within his soul, Terence said slowly: "I've decided that I'll give you my rabbit for a Christmas present to make you like Christmas, alone.

hurt that his generosity should meet teach me some of your pretend games,

"Do you think I can see your mother, Terence?"

"I daresay you might." Terence felt distinctly dubious as to whether this stern strange man should be asked to come and see them in their one humble room. He knew his mother did not care for strangers, so prudently refrained from issuing the invitation his hospitality urged him to make-viz.: that his new friend should come and

"Do you think I might come and see "No, child. I've got nothing—nothing." her to-morrow?" enquired the man, breaking in on the child's puzzled but silent debate.

"Well, I think perhaps I'd better not. You see you're only my friend. I've got lots, but I never take any home to mother. One's a policeman and one's a butcher's man who was a soldier, and one's the old woman who sells oranges and nuts at the corner of the street. I took mother to the stall, but she doesn't come to see us, though mother likes her very much."

"As I unfortunately don't possess an orange stall, nor a butcher's shop, nor even a 'beat,' I'm afraid this meeting and so that you won't always be quite on neutral ground will be difficult to accomplish. Do you think we could The man rose in silence, and paced up persuade your mother to come here toand down the room. Terence felt rather morrow with you and the rabbit, to

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capable of realizing and understanding the tumult of long suppressed emotion his childish words had raised, he would have been rewarded out of all proportion to the gift. The child had touched a heart long dead and wakened it to life once more. The man realizing perhaps, that his silence might appear ungracious, said somewhat huskily:

"Thank you, my boy-thank you. should like to have your rabbit: it will always make me feel less lonely.

"I'm glad you'll have him. Perhaps you'll begin to like Christmas if you get some presents?"

"No, lad, no. I can never like Christmas. You wouldn't understand, but it was one Christmas years ago that the only thing I loved on earth was taken from me.

"What was it?"

"The woman who was to have been his pen to write the address. my wife."

"Who took her from you?" "My best friend ran away with her, but you can't understand these things,

child.' "Yes, I do understand, because my father died at Christmas. But mother said that should make it easier to bear trouble, because you see it was the time the little Christ-child came into the world, and He came to comfort everybody who was sad. Mother and me were

very sad. I was unhappy mostly be-

cause she was. I was only a little chap, then you see, that was three years ago."

with so cold a reception. Had he been and yet have a real Christmas dinner and

a real tree?" "But I thought you didn't have Christmas trees because you are too old?"

"But I should like to have one to: morrow, just to forget for once how old I am.

"A real Christmas dinner and a real tree? Oh, I say, that would be wonderful. Why, there'd be nothing more to pretend?

"Only for me. I might pretend I wasn't a lonely, hard, unloved old man." "You wouldn't be. Mother and I would love you. It would be fun. Shall run home now, quickly, and ask mother, without singing any more car-

"Yes, run along. Wait a moment," he added, "you shall take a note from me with you." He crossed to his writing table as he spoke. "What was your fathers name?" he inquired, taking up

"Rodney Blake," replied the boy, slipping out of his chair and examining a set of ivory chessmen on a table. "Rodney Blake!" exclaimed the man.

"Sure," said Terence.

"Then your mothers name is Juanita?" "Yes. Father always called her Nita, but I know it's Juanita 'cos I rever can spell it. But how did you guess mothers name?" cried the boy in astonishment.

"I think I knew her once," the man said, pausing pen in hand. "Rodney Blake," he muttered. "Rodney Blake dead, and I never knew."

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