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Duties—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price \$3.00 per acre.

Duties—Must reside six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent and cultivate fifty acres extra. A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$3.00 per acre. **Duties**—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth \$300.00.

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Mike's Prayer

TWAS Christmas Eve in the city;
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With many a wreath of holly
And many a mistletoe spray;
And clustered around each window
Stood groups of children bright,
Gazing at toys and sweetmeats,
With wonder and delight.

Two little lads were passing,
Hungry and wet and lame,
Born in a slum so wretched,
Living midst sin and shame;
Slowly they walked through the city,
On down the busy street,
Then up a narrow alley,
Tramping with weary feet.

No one to soothe or pity,
No one to care or love;
Father a drunkard, and mother
Safe in yon heaven above.
Now they were reaching the attic,
Desolate, bare and chill;
Poor little friendless sufferers,
Poor little Mike and Bill.

Mike, he was only seven,
Bill he had just turned four,
Singing in streets for a living,
Begging from door to door;
Christmas had come with its presents,
Greetings for young and old;
Thousands next morn would be singing
Of angels and harps of gold.

And many a pampered favorite,
With presents enough and to spare;
But none who knew of the garret
And the two little urchins there.
"Mike," said Bill in a whisper,
"Who is that cove Santa Claus
That comes and brings presents at Christ-
mas?"
I guess he's a rich man because:
He never comes down our alley,
Only to folks up town.
They say he's got long white whiskers,
And a big, red crimson gown.
If I only knew where to find him,
I'd tell him about you and me,
And then if he was not too stingy
He'd send us some bread and some tea.

"I don't think he lives down here, Bill,"
Said the tiny boy of seven;
"I fancy God is Santa Claus,
That lives up above in Heaven."
"But that can't be true," said Billy,
"For teacher says, you see,
That God loves all his children,
And that means, of course, you and me."

"But if you're quite sure about it,
Let's ask him, Mike, and try.
They say he's always listening,
Though far above the sky."
Then two little eyes looked heavenward,
And two little hearts in prayer
Ascend to the children's Jesus,
From out that garret there.

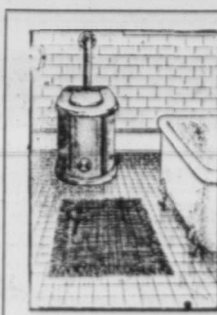
As Mike, in a lisping tremble,
His story simply told,
Kneeling by Bill in the attic,
Hungry, and wet and cold:
"Dear Jesus, King of Glory,
Look down from heaven and see
Two little boys in this attic,
Billy and Mike, that's me.

Father he kicks and beats us,
Mother's with you up there;
We've begged all day in the city,
But nobody seems to care.
We don't want no sweets or plaything—
Only some bread to eat,
And some shoes and a pair of stockings,
For poor little Billy's feet."

Then two little tired laddies
Sank down on the floor so bare,
While angels of God descended
To answer the simple prayer;
To answer the simple prayer;
Soon dawned the Christmas morning,
The churches were bright and gay,
With thousands of pious children
Gathered to praise and pray.

The sun shone into the garret,
And into the shavings bare;
It lit up the poor pinched faces
Of the two little urchins there;
But the bodies were cold and lifeless,
For two little souls had fled
To a heaven of warmth and comfort,
To a feast of living bread.

And safe in the arms of Jesus
Two little spirits rest,
Free from all care and sorrow,
Happy and safe and blest;
And on that Christmas morning,
Two little angels fair
Are thanking the children's Saviour,
Who answered Mike's little prayer.

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