

Christmas in Central Africa.

Christmas is a delightful season in Christian lands, especially when the balance of presents and dinners are in one's favor, and the tin-horn crop among the children has been a failure.

The traveller was a good and noble man. He was engaged in discovering fresh lakes, new kinds of cannibals, and original sources of the Nile in the heart of Africa.

When he awoke it was broad daylight. The woods were vocal with parrots who incessantly remarked, "Polly wants a cracker," and ostriches, and other tropical birds.

The sound of women's voices roused him. Three native women, clad only with the tsetse and pombo worn by their sex in that part of Africa, emerged from the forest on their way to draw water from the lake.

The palace consisted of one large room with an enormous throne extending entirely across one end of it. On this throne sat twelve native kings in a row, each one with a musical instrument in his hand.

oller; "but I haven't had any soap for years, so I plead extenuating circumstances. Besides, I am 'ungry. Will you not give me some breakfast?"

The king's face grew bright with rage for it could not grow any darker than it was—and he turned to his brother kings, and conversed with them rapidly in the Mjambwe tongue.

"Prisoner, you have forfeited your life, but we are disposed to be merciful. You ought properly to be baked alive and afterward eaten, but we shall pro-

"No! no!" cried the traveller, in an agony of fear. "Give me some little show. Burn me if you will, but do not torture me on this 'oly Christmas morning with your awful songs and conundrums. I've 'eard them all at 'ome."

When he regained his senses he found himself sitting on the shore of the lake where he had sat the night before. A young man neatly dressed in European clothes stood before him, and remarked, in a graceful way, "Mr. Jones, I believe."

It was the merriest Christmas the traveller had ever known, and when he returned to England with more new lakes and two private sources of the Nile, he said that all his honors could not give him the delight which he had known during his last Christmas in Central Africa.

A Well "cured" Editor. At No. 80 King Street, East Toronto, Ont., are the editorial rooms of the Sunday School Manual, edited by Mr. Withrow, of 240 Jarvis street, in the same city.

The famous conjurer Hermann has arrived in Paris from Vienna, after a sojourn of six months in South America. During a performance at the house of the governor of Montevideo, Hermann determined to mystify three half-savage Patagonians who were present, and whom no one dared to approach.

The poor white trash come to Africa. He hasn't no mother to fry hominy for him, nor no wife for to send to the store with a jug.

"Sing it yourself, then," retorted the singer, in a cold, heartless way, and thereupon the women passed on, and left the wretched white man to perish.

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