

A MANCHURIAN SCENEL

consulted us on different occasions, from any who might be more than taken and retained by them. The captain, who was fond of a little seemed to doubt our veracity. curiously inclined. When being asked as to whether we The officer heretofore mentioned ad- diversion, soon had the Victor in workwere not officers in the employ of the dressed us briefly: "You will all go ing trim. The renditions principally Japanese our answer would be in the negative. By the way Japan was not ceed to your home. To-morrow you in need of any outside coaching, es- will each receive one rouble and sixty- of whom had not heard music of that recially so when her difficulty was six copeck-(eighty-three cents or nature before. with only a second-class power. - thereabouts)--which will be the daily A Japanese wo

A Japanese woman, the wife of one Russian locomotives are not equip-allowance as furnished to prisoners of of the Russian officers stationed at the war." This generation particularly city of Nikolski, paid a morning visit city of Nikolski, paid a morning visit our continent, and instead of the old wished to have his statements made to us in our home, having been informed of our coming the night before. familiar ring, when preparing to de- clear, and several times gave utterpart, a whistle is blown by the conduc- ance to the above speech, which proved The concert was in progress when she for, which is immediately answered later that somebody was at fault for entered, and after listening to the reby the engineer, when the train slowly leading us to believe that our receipts maining records, with which she was starts its movement. Gradually in- would total the amount spoken of. One seemingly well pleased, further condescended to hear the story of our capcreasing to about forty-five versts or of my companions asked me later if thirty miles per hour, which seemed I caught the emphasis on the word ture. After it had been gone over the maximum speed attained during a home. He said he did not like the way briefly she expressed much feeling for of one month's duration. Mostly it sounded in that partially desolate the victims, who were not there from choice. She went and had some chai oh Siberian soil. places,

Between Vladivostock and Nikolski At the time I did not pay much heed or tea prepared, and with bread and not many stoppages were made, owing to my friends' remark. But after we butter, which she served herself, we to the thinly inhabited state of that had finished dining and were formed regaled ourselves in that lonely ortion of Siberia. We did not know up outside for another move, and dur- home on the outskirts of Nikolski. what time we should reach Nikolski, ing the walk of four miles which was She gave in all about one hundred nor that our supposedly through pas-sage should be broken by a one night's the dark at that, the word home as and said it was all the available cash when we bade farewell to the old seemed to have a meaning different to There were sixty-five men to divide lay over at that place.

ship which harbored us for twenty-one what the name implied. We had no it amongst, which would be but a small days we made no provision for our- idea where we were being taken to amount for each. selves in the shape of a sandwich or until our destination had been reach- That little act of philanthrophy will other lunch and consequently when ed. And several times during the long be remembered by those who were Nikelski was reached we were only too journey from the station to our home, there. She could speak Russian willing to partake of something to eat, when some lovely building would fluently, and with her aid we were able come to our notice, we would be com- to learn something about our next which was kindly extended by an officer of high rank, who spoke English. pelled to take a most serious view of move.

Christmas Day With Six Great Novelists.

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The Dickens Christmas,

For Christmas as it is not but as we

The tired worker, who only asks to | four thousand a year, that: "I sin- | it might be fancied for a pretty heiress spend his Christmas holidays restfully cerely hope your Christmas in Hert- of twenty, yet, inasmuch as Miss Ausand peacefully, may like to pass an fordshire may abound in the galeties hour or two with other, and possibly which that season usually brings." All statehes of Christmann the season is and possible which that season usually brings." All hour or two with other, and possibly more amusing company than that actually gathered round him. To the actually gathered round him. To the fore not be quite unwelcome, just to coming into fashion, which, if 1797 was ity. how how various is the aspect of a cold winter and the Misses Bennet Christmas seen through the eyes of suffered from red arms, was probably

five famous English novelists, and one American well worthy of a place with Emma began her Christmas with the our Dickens and find a rollicking his illustrious quintet. awkward task of refusing the forward world, all gay, good humor, and gener-"hristmas as it is apt to be, is de- young vicar shut up with him in her osity, peopled with those beloved scribed very tersely by rare Jane own close carriage. Stimulated, doubt- queer, merry folks with whom we are

Austen, and it must be confessed that less, by Mr. Weston's port, Mr. Elton ready to laugh and cry, and to drink meaning. ven in the company of the winsome was a wooer as confident as he was deep in great fragrant bowls of steam-Elizabeth Bennet her Christmases are unwelcome. But how mild the festivi- ing punch without fear of an after-

feast in rare company. The languid Christmas in its fascinating early boredom of the crowded London ball-room compares poorly indeed with Sir the holly and the yew and hear the the holly and the yew and hear the Roger de Coverley as led by Mr. and anthem" is quite to echo Dolly Win-Mrs. Fezziwig "after the cold roast throp's opinion that "There's no music equal to the Christmas music." "Hark! and boiled." Their portrait by John Leech would stimulate the slowest im- the 'erol angils sing." a quotation agination, and it is indeed a heavy which proves that there was no meanspirit that cannot rejoice with Dick-ens when he speaks of Christmas as he splendid "herald angels." The festiviens when he speaks of Christmas as he alone can. There is enough poultry ties when the house of Squire Cass was and beef and grocery in his pages to provisioned as if for a siege,

gladden a starving garrison, but we feather beds were laid down with a are interested in the very turkeys profusion only possible in families keeping geese for generations, give swinging in his wonderful shops. He preaches the duty and happiness of "Silas Marner" a claim to containing the best of all imagined Christmases. charity with such a noble-hearted persuasion that his "Tiny Tim" has given The Dull and the Ideal. million cripples Merry Christmases To find the dullest Christmases in just because, if we forget the suffering

fiction, is incontestably to go to Bar-chester and the surrounding country hildren in fact, this great-hearted genius calls forth a little child so irrewith Anthony Trollope, and to realize sistible in his sweetness that we canoice. Once only Dickens is false to of things dull in themselves. "The Small House at Alington" relates how his own traditions, when in "Great Christmas was kept at the Great "xpectations" Pumblechook and Mrs. largery make the feast day wretched good Dickensian will not care to linger in such ingubrious company when Old unnaturally just when it should be tea- windows. Where glass could not be mained in the employ of that corporatime. Poor jilted Lily Dale has to Wardle is ready to welcome him to the 'lovely pork," bred at Dingley Dell. 'eat her pudding with the rest," and ber of instances, windows were boardsomehow that bare statement makes ed up.

The Christmas of Memories. us additionally sorry for her. They "At the mines the work of getting had 'played blind man's buff" the year things in order is being pushed with The Christmas of Memories-that Christinas all of us know, except the before, but Trollope was probably wise all possible energy. At the War Eagle in not attempting a repetition of that effort after live-lines. His heroes wore art and those under him are repairing gold-haired people of the golden nursery age-has found Thackeray to immortalize it with an exquisite pathos 'peg-tops" and flowing whiskers, his the damage as fast as they can. The heroines ample crinolines, and could War Eagle will resume operations to-"The tender grace of a and dignity. day that is dead" was never more not behave like Messrs. Tupman and day, but it will take two or three days movingly conveyed than in that beau-Winkle, or fur-booted Arabella Allen. to put the Centre Star in condition to They were the veritable apothesis of resume. At the Le Roi the broken tiful picture of Mme. de Florac and Ethel Newcome, "touching their glassthe Early Victorian in their drawing electrical connections have been rees with pale lips," as the good funny room of magenta rep, and if the book- paired, and everything was in good

Prince de Mintcontour playing the lover likes to find cause for congratu- shape by yesterday morning, so that English country gentleman at Roselation that ne did not flourish in the operations were resumed then. bury, drank to Colonel Newcome in his misfortunes, to Clive, his son, loved too late by Ethel. "The past and its Chronicle of Barsetshire" they take dear histories and youth and its hopes their pleasures very sadly, after the English manner, and, truth to tell, the

he sets that marvellous chapter in golf finals and hockey ties that they when Henry returns have scarcely time to sit down quietly, house than is absolutely necessary for "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee," and 'Esmond," "bringing his sheaves with him." It at "Framley Parsonage." Trollope's should be noted that of all our writers country dinner-parties are bits of very

he who was branded synic by an unneat characterization. Plenty or good the authorities take immediate steps numerous, and included wreaths from comprehending generation has dealt food and wines, and table-talk of the to have explosives stored further away His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, best with the spiritual side of Christvery baldest. 'The ideal Christmas'' may all unexmas-best of all understood its highest pectedly be found in a short story by gram will to-morrow be sent for inter- officers and teachers of the Sunday

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and the state of the

To George Eliot we gratefully owe Bret Harte, if a beautiful unselfishness some picturesque glimpses of "Christ- be rightly regarded as its chief essen- brother resides, where he was raised, mittee of the Protestant Orphanage. onotonous decorum. When ties were! A very quiet dinner of headache. There are Christmases mas in the Last Century." "The Mill

burired. Mrs. Ingram and one girl and hymn was sung. Those who acted as son's Bar" tells us how a rough miner dreadful Miss Bingley so unkindly de- eight on Christmas Eve, at half-past galore, from those of "Boz," numerous on the Floss" has one excellent Christrisked his life that a sick child might three boys, the youngest of whom is pall-bearers were: E. A. Jacob, R. Jones, tached her irresistible blue-coated four, and the succeeding day spent en- and jovial, to that matchless festival mas, when Tom and Maggie enjoyed Senator Macdonald, Chas. Hayward, R. brother from that sweet Jane, she re-marked in the letter intended to destroy the fair vision of Netherfield and snow on the ground. Dreary enough lady in brocade worthy of such a part- and came in with the symbolic blue riding in the dark with his broken arm Andrew Ingram, who is the member of Pemberton and F. B. Pemberton.

with one arm hanging helpless at his side, Santa Claus came to Simpson's Soon after attaining his majority he The Christmas dawn came slowly in Winnipeg, where he was soon made after touching the remoter peaks with a deputy sheriff. After serving in this the warmth of ineffable love." It is not easy to surpass the effect of those capacity he was, on account of his known ability, made the first chief of few lines, or of that Californian Christpolice of Winnipeg. After serving with mas so startingly unlike the rest. distinction for several years he re-THE ROSSLAND EXPLOSION. moved to Calgary, where he was the first chief of police there, and held the Verdict of Jury Which Inquired Into place for a considerable period. For Death of John S. Ingram. a time he kept the Royal hotel at Calgary. From Calgary he moved to Mon-"Nearly everybody in town was busy tana, living in Great Falls and other Monday repairing the damage that had blaces. In 1896 he came to Rossland, been done to their premises by the and when the city was incorporated he explosion of Saturday," says the Ross-land Miner of Tuesday. "Glass was of this city. He held this place from principally in demand, and some of the April, 1897, till April, 1901. He looked makeshift windows which were impro- after his mining properties and did not refuse to listen to his pleading that it is not of necessity dull to read vised to take the place of the large other work till John S. Clute was electplate glass windows, which have been ed mayor in 1902, when he was made ordered at the coast, seemed to be a chief of police again, and he held the patchwork of glass. What glass there position till John Dean became mayor House, with dinner somewhere about was in town has nearly all been sold. in 1903, when he retired. Shortly after Pip and the worthy Joe, but the 3 o'clock, with the horrible result of a In a short time all of the buildings this he went to work for the Centre sort of endless evening setting in all | that are occupied will be supplied with Star Mining Company, and has re-

the daily consumption of one mine,

and where his father and mother are

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immediately procured, in a large numtion ever since." BORNE TO THE GRAVE.

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Remains of Late Mrs. Cridge Were Thursday Laid at Rest.

With much solemnity the remains of the late Mrs. Mary Cridge were laid at rest in Ross Bay cemetery on Thursday afternoon. The funeral was very largely attended, there being noticeable among those present a number who, like the deceased lady, had seen very early days in Victoria, although probably none could have looked back over so long a span of years in this city. The cortege 'sixties, a few Trollopian Christmases may have that effect. In "The Last summoned to inquire into the cause of at 2 p. m. At the Reformed Episcopal the death of John S. Ingram, was church, an edifice that owes in no small rendered Monday evening as follows: way indirectly its existence to the late 'The late John S. Ingram was acci- Mrs. Cridge, a most impressive service more powder kept in said thawing the Voice of Jesus Say," the 90th Psalm, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." The floral and would respectfully recommend that offerings were very beautiful and very

Two cos Ladies' Aid of the Church of Our Lord. of 300 "c is called, "The remains of the late John S. In- the wardens and church committee, Rumoi ment to St. Thomas, Ont., where his school, and a cross from the ladies' com that a at a de At the grave the favorite evening Nevsky. they pr a bright sleighs

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