AN INTERESTING PAGE FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS. A

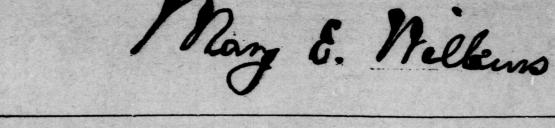


The Christmas Masquerade

So they decided to be fairles and shepherdesses and princesses according to their own fancies, and this new costumer never failed to have the most On Christmas Eve the mayor's state- charming costumes to suit them.

y mansion presented a beautiful ap-pearance. There were rows of different part, the children of the rich, who had vindow, and beyond them one could see would choose the parts of goose-girls,

The mayor, who was a the characters they had chosen, it was ing shapes of gold and ruby-colored herdess. They appointed a chairman, than ever. very philanthropic man, was giving wonderful how lifelike their representa- jellies! a Christmas masquerade tonight to all tions were.



for a few hours in their miserable the music.

There were gorgeous carpets laid from the door to the street, and corriages were constantly arriving and fresh guests tripping over them. They were guests tripping over them. They were all children. The mayor, who was a the characters they had chosen, it was only dented a meeting for a few hours in their miserable to find the mayor called a meeting of the aldermen marched back to five the total the costumer and all; but the wood resisted the axes as if it were iron, and they all assembled to five the stripping out them, receiving no impressible to five the axes as if it were iron, and they all assembled to five the total the costumer was defined to the buttons of the aldermen and they all assembled to five the axes as if it were iron, and they all assembled to five the axes as if it were iron, and they all assembled to five the axes as if it were iron, and they all assembled to five the axes as if it were iron, and they all assembled to the axes as if it were iron, and they all assembled to five the axes as if it were iron, and they all assembled to the action on its five the axes as if it were iron, and they all assembled to the action on its five the axes as if it were iron, and they all assembled to the action on its five the axes as if it were iron, and

child's plate there was a pretty present and every one had a basket of bonbons and cake to carry home.

At 4 o'clock the fiddlers put up their fiddles and the children went home; bed not a single costume would come holding her black cat, a new difficulty little beasts.

The buttons buttoned again as fast as

The parents were dreadfully fright- could not hear a word.

So Red Riding Hood went to bed in get up to G sharp, of course. her little red cloak, holding fast to her so the aldermen went back swing-basket full of dainties for her grand-ing their gold-headed canes and they

CHRISTMAS MASQUERADE" in bodies swaying in time, that they could be anything but fairies. It seemed abten any between the leaves of the rose."

The mayor had promised to defray surd to imagine that they were Johnthe expenses of all the poor children ny Mullens, the washwoman's son, and whose parents were unable to do so, Polly Flinders, the charwoman's little whose parents were unable to do so, Polly Flinders, the charwoman's little most part, stared at them in great querade, and the dreadful dilemma distress. They did not know what to everybody was in, in G sharp-she even The mayor's daughter, who had do with these radiant, frisky little went higher sometimes—and the Wise Of course, there was a great deal of chosen the character of a goose-girl, creatures into which their Johnnies excitement among the regular costum- looked so like a true one that one could and Pollies and Betsies were so sudexcitement among the regular costum- looked so like a title over was anything and Pollies and Betsles were so sud-ers of the city, and they all resolved to scarcely dream she ever was anything denly transformed. But the fairies went ded she looked wiser.

wise with one another in being the eise. She was, ornated to bed quietly enough when daylight most popular and the best patronized dainty little lady, rather tall for her came, and were soon fast asleep.

There was no further trouble till 12 and the notices had not been out a stubbed and brown, just as if she had o'clock, when all the children woke wouldn't say any more. week before a new costumer appeared been accustomed to tend geese in all up. Then a great wave of alarm spread So the aldermen went home and each

Hrectly.

It was so with all the others—the Red would come of then.

He set up his shop on the corner of Riding Hoods, the princesses, the Bo
The buttons buttoned as fast as they the set up his shop on the corner of the charune of the principal streets and hung Peeps, and with every one of the charwere unbuttoned as fast as they
were unbuttoned, the pins quilted themup his beautiful costumes in the win- acters who came to the mayor's ball.

Red Riding Hood looked around with out, and the strings flew round like

a suit of crimson velvet knee breeches princesses swept about so grandly in which he or she had assumed. a suit of crimson velvet knee breeches and a little swallow-tailed coat with beautiful golden buttons. Deep lace ruffles fell over his slender white hands and he wore elegant knee buckles of glittering stones.

He sat on a high stool behind his counter and served his customers him
The mayor's daughter declared she date of their crowned heads so high that people half-believed them to be true printed and the wore elegant knee buckles of cesses.

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The fiddlers fiddled and fiddled, and so grandly in their splendid brocaded trains and held their crowned heads so high that people heads so high that people half-believed them to be true printed the college out and tend my geese! I will go and tend my her to multiply black cats any longer.

As winter wore on and spring came the condition of things grew more inspectable. Physicians had been given Woman's hut full, and when they all their splendid brocaded trains and held their reward their crowned heads so high that people heads so high that people heads so high that people dose, cried louder and more spit and miauled together it was dread-to the was a proud man. "I will not consent and the second condition," he cried and the second condition, and the second

discover what beautiful things he had mayor, with his family and a few wise. and how superior he was to the other grand guests, sat on a dais covered Poor little Red Riding Hood sobbed customers, and they began to flock to with blue velvet at one end of the and sobbed because she couldn't go and his shop immediately, from the mayor's dancing hall and watched the sport. carry her basket to her grandmother, daughter to the poor ragpicker's. The They were all delighted. The mayor's and as she didn't have any grandchildren were to select their own cos- eldest daughter sat in front, and mother she couldn't go, of course, and tumes; the mayor had stipulated that, clapped her little soft white hands, her parents were very much troubled.

> The news spread very rapidly over the city-indeed, there was hardly a house that was not afflicted and soon a great crowd gathered round the new costumer's shop, for everyone thought he must be responsible for all this mis-

soon battered it down with stones. When they rushed in the costumer was not there. He had disappeared with all

Then they did not know what to do But it was evident that they must do something before long, for the state of affairs was growing worse and worse. The mayor's little daughter braced her back up against the tapestried wall and planted her two feet in their thick shoes firmly. "I will go and tend my geese," she kept crying. "I won't eat my breakfast! I won't go out in the park! I won't go to school! I'm going to tend my geese - I will, I will,

And the princesses trailed their rich trains over the rough, unpainted floors in their parents' poor little huts, and held their crowned heads very high and demanded to be taken to court.

The princesses were, mostly, geesegirls when they were their proper elves, and their geese were suffering, and their poor parents did not know what they were going to do, and they

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tree and lay sprawling upon the ground.

The chandeliers of gold and crystal, and peasants, and such like; and the plazing with light. The fiddles were poor children jumped eagerly at the square forms flew past the window in time to for a few hours in their miserable work, put 'em to bed without their sup-locations flew past the window in time to for a few hours in their miserable work, put 'em to bed without their sup-locations flew past the window in time to for a few hours in their miserable work and lay sprawling upon the ground. Then the area and lay sprawling upon the ground. Then the area and lay sprawling upon the ground. Then the area and wrung their hands and wept as they brought axes and the finally they brought axes and they be deat cherries.

Then the fiddles were poor children jumped eagerly at the thought they could chop the tree down city and found to their great delight her yellow hair. Her name was children.

Finally the mayor called a meeting the finally they brought axes and the finally they

and they took a great many votes; and The mayor and the aldermen were addressed the people.

tion there was throughout the city! brought up a great many children, and cats, spitting and miauling. When the proud and fond parents at- she was considered remarkably wise. "Five times five black cats dresses in order to prepare them for hut and found her seated by the fire there were twenty-five of the angry the city archives."

presented itself. they were unbuttoned; even if they people had been obliged to scream as cats," added the Wise Woman, with "The second condition," said the Cospulled out a pin, in it would slip again loud as thy could in order to make her a chuckle. in a twinkling, and when a string was hear; but lately she had grown much untied it tied itself up again into a deafer, and when the aldermen at-

ened. But the children were so tired out In fact, she was so very deaf that they finally let them go to bed in their she could not distinguish a tone below fancy costumes, and thought perhaps G sharp. The aldermen screamed till they would come off better in the they were quite red in their faces, but all to no purpose-none of them could

mother, and Bo-Peep slept with her had another meeting at the city hall.

Then they decided to send the highest The children all went to bed readily soprano singer in the church choir to enough, they were so very tired, even the Wise Woman; she could sing up to though they had to go in this strange G sharp just as easy as not. So the array. All but the fairles-they danced high soprano singer set out for the and pirouetted, and would not be still. Wise Woman's in the mayor's coach, "We want to swing on the blades of and the aldermen marched behind.

Woman heard every word. She nodded

ers of the city, and they all resolved to scarcely dream sne ever was any transformed. But the fairles went to bed quietly enough when daylight of castor oil, all 'round," she piped up; then she took a pinch of snuff, and

over the city. Not one of the costumes one took a district, and marched would come off then. immense bowl and spoon, and every one of the principal streets and hung up his beautiful costumes in the windows.

He was a little fellow not much larger than a boy of ten. His cheeks were as reed as roses, and he had on a long red as white as snow. He wore word of the children reality, the character who came to the mayor's ball. Selves in as fast as they were pulled out, and the strings flew round like lightning and twisted themselves into bow-knots as fast as they were united. And that was not the worst of it; every one of the children reled and struggled when they were forced to take the castor oil; but two minutes afterward, the children reled and struggled when they were forced to take the castor oil; but two minutes afterward, the children reveal to have become, in reality, the character when had been given below the worst of it; every one of the children seemed to have become, in reality, the character when had been given below the mayor's daughter, who had been given the worst of it; every one of the children reveal to take the castor oil; but two minutes afterward, the children reveal to take the castor oil; but two minutes afterward, the children reveal to take the castor oil; but two minutes afterward, the children reveal to take the castor oil; but two minutes afterward, the children reveal to take the castor oil to take the castor oil; but two minutes afterward, the children reveal to take the castor oil; but two minutes afterward, the children reveal and struggled when they were forced to take the castor oil; but two minutes afterward, the children reveal and struggled when they were forced to take the castor oil; but two minutes afterward, the children reveal and struggled when they were forced to take the castor oil; but two minutes afterward, the children reveal and struggled when they were forced to take the castor oil; but two minutes afterward, the children reveal and struggled when they were forced to take the castor oil; but two mi curling wig as white as snow. He wore weeping for the loss of her sheep. The have become, in reality, the character mayor's daughter, who had been given Woman's hut full, and when they all but the mayor, though he was generous was a proud man. "I will not consent

counter and served his customers him. The fiddlers fiddled and fiddled, and sheep. The princesses jumped up from nap this time, and the singer had to should be allowed to follow their own It did not take the children long to the beautiful waxed floors. The court, and all the rest of them like
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the aldermen. "Give 'em a spanking all 'round."

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on a stout branch and, looking down,

The preparation for this ball had been mayor's daughter did not have every day, and all sorts of silker gauze in which golden on anything until someone proposed upon and interesting the consult the Wise which even the mayor's daughter did not have every day, and all sorts of fruit, fresh and candled.

The preparation for this ball had been immense sensation for the last three months. Placards had been immense sensation for the little funny gossamer wings like that they consult the Wise woman's again, with the high soprano singer.

There were wonderful bonbons, on anything until someone proposed they had been imposed upon and into the which even the mayor's daughter did not have every day, and all sorts of fruit, fresh and candled.

Then they all held up their hands and two terms with you and singer.

There were wonderful bonbons, on anything until someone proposed they had been imposed upon and into the terms with you and sulted. So they set out for the little fairles in their short which even the mayor's gain, with the light on two conditions."

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The aldermen were all very fleshy take her black cat and move beyond rather testily. "You own, tacitly, that The resolution to provide every poor and carried gold-headed canes, which the limits of the city. She sang it you are the cause of all this trouble." child in the city with a stocking full they swung very high at every step. beautifully, it sounded like the very "Well," said the Costumer, reaching They held their heads well back and finest Italian opera music. "Well," said the Costumer, reaching out for a handful of cherries. "this

SHE SANG IT BEAUTIFULLY.

cherry man quite wise. He was a Mrs. E. Montgomery, of Pittsburg,

"How did the costumer look?" he and strength, and a rosy color came

asked respectfully; he thought Violetta into her cheeks that I never saw there

the most beautiful lady on earth. | before. I weighed my niece about the Then Violetta described the costumer same time she started to pick up, and

and told him of the unavailing at- in seven weeks she gained almost

There were a great many detectives out ture of health. I think this should be

"I know where he is," said the hope that others will try Ferrozone

cherry man. "He's up in one of my for their little boys and girls. I am

cherry trees. He's been living there thoroughly convinced that it's the

ever since cherries were ripe and he most strengtheing tonic. It has my

in great excitement, and he at once eficially with children is that it acts

called a meeting of the addermen and directly on the blood, freeing it of all

in a few hours half the city was on unhealthy matter, at the same time

He had a beautiful orchard of cherry This at once results in more strength,

trees, all laden with fruit. And, sure new spirit and renewed vitality. Just enough, in one of the largest, away one tablet at meal times works won-up among the topmost branches, sat ders.

the costumer in his red velvet short Refuse to accept any article the

clothes and his diamond knee buckles. druggist may say is just as good. Get He looked down between the green Ferrozone and the result we guaran-

tempts that had been made to find him. eight pounds and just looked the pic-

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strongest indorsement.'

She had always been quite deaf and are one hundred and twenty-five black ing for the mayor and aldermen.

tempted to lay the case before her she cipitately out of the door and back to to me, letting me live in his cherry tree

sheep, and their sons sweeping chim-

neys or carrying newspapers; while

the poor charwomen's and coal-heavers'

children spent their time like princesses

was shocking. Why, the mayor's lit-

tle daughter was tending geese out in

girl! Her pretty elder sister Violetta

great trouble that had come upon the

city. He listened in great actonish-

ment; he had never heard of it be-

fore. He lived several miles out in the

Then Violetta ran and told her father

boughs. "Good morning, friends," he shouted.

the road to the cherry man's.

constantly at work.

the meadow like any common goose-

Such a topsy-turvy state of society

round the tree in a rage. Then they began to climb. But they soon found that to be impossible. As fast as they touched a hand or foot to the tree, back it flew with a jerk exactly as if the tree pushed it.

They tried a ladder, but the ladder fell back the moment it touched the off your children," said the Costumer. tree and lay sprawling upon the ground. | "and leave me in peace to eat cherries."

their chins stiff and, whenever they met common people they sniffed gently. They were very imposing.

The Wise Woman lived in a little put up his back and spit.

The little in the city archives and was never broken. Christmas masquerade of yours was a when she had finished, "how very grand beautiful idea, but you wouldn't do it these gentlemen are!" Her black cat every year, and your successors might not do it at all. I want those poor chil-

"We agree to the first condition,"cried "Five times twenty-five black cats the people with one voice, without wait-

tumer. "is that this good young cherry-

Steady Nerve.

petite chirped up, she had more spirit

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much for him. He gave in at last. "Now go home and take the costumes

home and were washed and dressed in silks and velvets and went to embroid-

"Well," said the Costumer, reaching of gifts on Christmas was solemnly filed and deposited in the city archives

and princesses all jabbering gleefully hut on the sutskirts of the city. She "Five times one black cat are five dren to have a Christmas every year." about the splendid time they had had. kept a black cat: except for her, she black cats," said the Wise Woman. My first condition is that every poor But in a short time what consterna- was all alone. She was very old and had And, directly, there were five black child in the city hangs its stocking for mysteriously from the cherry tree the night before, but he left at the foot gifts in the city hall on every Christ- night before, but he left at the foot When the proud and fond parents atshe was considered remarkably wise. "Five times nive black cats are mas live, and put away in
the bride—a silver service with a pattempted to unbutton their children's But when the aldermen reached her twenty-five black cats," And then the resolution filed and put away in
term of cherries engraved on it, and a set of china with cherries on it in hand painting, and a white sation robe embroidered with cherries down the front.-Copyright, 1887, by D. Lothrop Company.

IN SILENCE.

Silence marks the working of the greatest forces of life. None hears the sun draw up into the sky the countless tons of water that fall in rain. No man hears the greaning of the oak's fibres as it grows to its strength and height. Noise is usually an after effect, and does not often accompany initial power. Sounding brass and tinkling cymbal are noisy, but not powerful. So the will reaches its decisions in silence, and it does not need much shouting to know when a man is in earnest. We need not become anxious when our sincerest work produces no great commotion nor has any startling effect; if we are really in earnest let us do what we can without unnecessary noise.

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and the bills for their costumes were girl, and so on.

who cast all the others into the shade sorts of weather.