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looked for the owners, and saw in a large bed a girl of twelve and two little sisters.

Santa Claus began to fill the two little stockings. He first put a large rosy apple in the toe of each, then in the heel a wool ball, and filled the legs with almonds, candy, nuts, &c. Replacing the stockings, he put beside each a beautiful doll.

He then turned to the eldest girl's stocking, and beside it he put a story book.

"This," he said, "is the reward for taking care of the little ones."

Then in went a pretty pincushion, and a lot of almonds and raisins. At last he hung the stocking in its place, with a bunch of grapes beside it.

"Come, we must go," said he to his companion, and taking her hand led her to the chimney. Up they went as if they had wings, and once more they were in the sleigh.

They only went a little way this time before they stopped on another housetop, and down the chimney they went as before, but at the bottom what a contrast they found to the room they had previously visited.

This room was the same size as the other, but from the number of things lying about in disorder it looked smaller. Its whole appearance seemed to indicate a careless occupant. In a bed at one side lay a girl of eleven and her little sister, while close by was a crib, in which lay a baby.

"Notice," said Santa Claus, "the difference between this room and that we have just left. This girl has to take care of the little ones just as the other one has, but she performs her duty differently; instead of helping and amusing, she teases and vexes them."

As he spoke he took up the stocking which hung over the end of the bed. Into it he put pieces of wood and coal till the foot was full, then he replaced it, laying beside it a small bottle of vinegar.

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