

Our Boys and Girls.

WATCHING FOR SANTA CLAUS.

He'll be coming down the chimney Our Christmas gifts to bring...

We'll know when we have seen him For we'll never fall asleep...

See the long and funny shadows Of the stockings on the wall...

So Nellie leaned on Bobby, And Tom bent all in a heap...

So down the chimney came Santy With his bag on his back...

The old Santy quickly mumbled The chimney and was soon out of sight...

But before departing, he shouted: "Happy Xmas to all, and to all good night."

A XMAS SUGGESTION.—Christmas is a time when unselfishness is on the throne...

CHRISTMAS JOYS.—Our Catholic boys and girls should share in the greatest of all joys on Christmas Day...

THE VACATION.—The Christmas vacation is again with us and danger lurks in many places for some of our young folks...

TRULY USEFUL.—Every young person's first purpose should be to become truly useful and really helpful...

A HOT CHRISTMAS.—To most of us, Christmas means cold weather, means snow and ice and "all things nice" that winter weather brings...

THE BLIND MINSTREL.—A splendid carriage stood before the mansion of the Count of Lindenburg...

INDIGESTION, resulting from weakness of the stomach, is relieved by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People...

gantly attired young lawyer, smiling gaily, alighted from the vehicle, and with the elasticity of youth ascended the steps of the mansion...

"Ah, it is our dear Neuborn, the darling of our little circle! Whence come you? Probably from the court," they all cried with one voice...

"That son is perhaps in embarrassed circumstances?" asked the count. "On the contrary, he is as rich as Croesus; but an ungrateful, hard-hearted wretch..."

"Let us cease this unpleasant conversation," interrupted the president. "We have awaited your arrival with impatience..."

"May Baby Bethlehem from the skies to us anew be born, Another Christmas, to repeat, the former halcyon days..."

"Ah, listen, count! it is astonishing, it is original! that man must be a singularly original man..."

"Not long, my dear, gracious lord! I was rich once—I was happy—" "What was your station in life?" asked the count...

"This was not enough for him," answered the poor beggar. "Wearied of seeing me, and ashamed of my misery, which is totally his work but not ashamed of his crime..."

"Do you not feel well, Neuborn?" "Neuborn!" exclaimed the blind man. "Yes it is he!"

"Ha! father," at last cried Neuborn, full of despair—"how could you?" He never finished his words, but collapsed beyond description, hastened from the room where he left every one in the greatest astonishment and indignation...

the game was still untouched. They were twenty gold pieces; he added fifteen more to them.

"Here, unfortunate man," said the count, giving the minstrel the money—"there is something in return for the benefit which your unworthy son has received of you..."

The following day the minstrel related the occurrence to the good and just prince, who had compassion on the unfortunate father. "Soon the cruel Neuborn, having been deprived of his occupation, was everywhere ridiculed and put to shame..."

Household Notes.

DAILY PRAYERS.—Parents should exercise the utmost care in seeing that their children say their morning and evening prayers...

CLEANLINESS.—A baby should be bathed from head to foot every morning. Undressed at night and rubbed with the hand until it is in a glow...

got from fatty foods. The Eskimo living in polar latitudes on a diet of whale-blubber knows nothing of pulmonary affections.

APPLES ARE GOOD.—If you want brains eat the right sort of food. There is the rub! What is the right sort of food? A score or more of things have been recommended by just as many more or less eminent authorities...

Resides being recommended as a valuable and convenient food, and one that should be placed in the reach of children—particularly the first thing in the morning.

Beef at \$1.50 per pound live weight, is the latest thing in Chicago. According to an American daily newspaper a steer which bears the appropriate name of Advance has been sold at the above figure...

NOTES FOR THE FARMER.

How moisture may be best retained in the soil, which is also the subject of much study at the Central Experimental Farm, was dealt with by Mr. Andrew Elliott, of Galt, at some of these institute meetings...

Mr. Joseph will also invite the American Museum of Natural History to take charge of the hide and mount it, as he thinks that an animal of such proportions should not be entirely given up to steaks and roasts.

A PANIC AT A BANK. We have had many sad illustrations of the results of "runs on banks," in Montreal. The "New York Herald" thus describes some of the occurrences during one of these panics...

At the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa, a large amount of work has been done in the way of testing sugar beets from all parts of the country. A few days ago samples from Rethridge district in the Northwest arrived and were found to be satisfactory as regards purity and sugar bearing qualities...

Professor Frank T. Shutt, chemist to the Dominion Experimental Farm, says regarding the prospects of the manufacture of beet sugar in Canada, that it cannot be ascertained from chemical analysis whether or not the industry could be carried on with profit...

Threshing the season's grain crop has almost been completed at the Farm, and the yield is proving satisfactory. The foremost varieties of oats are Banner 60 bushels per acre, Improved Licouvo 62, Tartar 61, New Zealand 60, Prolific Black Tartarian 59. The weight per bushel also proved to be well up to the average.

barley the best yielding varieties were: Canadian Thorpe 58 bushels per acre, Beaver 64, Bolton 53 1/2, Danish Chevalier 52, six rows, variety, Mentury 60, Pioneer 60, Royal 58, Odessa 55.

The following varieties of spring wheat were the best: Huron 85, Welman's Five 35, Preston 34, Laurel 34, Colorado 33, Red Five 32. In all 82 varieties of oats, 34 of two-rowed barley, 35 of six-rowed barley, and 72 of spring wheat were tested...

Twenty-six pigs were killed this week for the purpose of experiment as to soft pork. These pigs have been fed during the past season on prescribed rations.

Many a report of opinion that the Farmers' Institute meetings which were held during the past few weeks in Carleton and adjoining counties would be better attended and accomplish more if deferred a couple of months to a less busy season.

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A.O.H.—DIVISION NO. 2.—Meets in lower vestry of St. Gabriel New Church corner Centre and Laprairie streets, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, at 8 p.m. President, John Cavanagh, 885 St. Catherine street...

A.O.H.—DIVISION NO. 3.—Meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month, at No. 1868 Notre Dame street, near McGill. Officers: Ald. D. Gallery, president; T. McCarthy, vice-president; F. J. Devlin, recording secretary, 1635 Ontario street...

A.O.H.—DIVISION NO. 9.—President, Wm. J. Clarke, 208 St. Antoine street; Rec. Secretary, Jno. F. Hogan, 86 St. George street, (to whom all communications should be addressed); Fin. Secretary, M. J. Doyle, 12 Mount St. Mary Ave.; Treasurer, A. J. Hanley, 796 Palace street...

ST. ANN'S YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY organized 1885.—Meets in its hall, 157 Ottawa street, on the first Sunday of each month, at 2.30 p.m. Spiritual Adviser, Rev. E. Strubbe, O.S.B.; President, D. J. O'Neill, Secretary, J. Murray. Delegates to St. Patrick's League; J. Whitty, D. J. O'Neill and M. Casey.

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C.M.B.A. OF CANADA, BRANCH 26.—(Organized, 13th November, 1883).—Branch 26 meets at St. Patrick's Hall, 92 St. Alexander street, on every Monday of each month. The regular meetings for the transaction of business are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, at 8 p.m. Applicants for membership or any one desirous of information regarding the Branch may communicate with the following officers:—Jas. J. Costigan, President; P. J. McDonagh, Recording Secretary; Robt. Warren, Financial Secretary; Jas. H. Maiden, Treasurer.

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