

Our Home Circle.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS.

The Christmas angels, is their mission ended? They are not seen by mortal eyes, as when O'er Bethlehem's plain their shining troops descended. And chanted, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

THE FAR-OFF SONG.

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"No, my little girl, you must not stand near the stove," I repeated, as the little one still hung near the spot where she seemed fascinated over the dripping clothes that Roxy was taking from the boiler.

lazy that we'd sit down in the arbor, and sleep all the day of life through. Jes see what a smart woman dat Miss Clemon's is since her husband die.

TWO SCENES.

A gentleman took his son to a tavern, where the inmates were fighting and swearing, and said: "Do you know what has caused all this?"

THE MINISTRY OF HYMNS.

"The hymns of Luther," says S. T. Coleridge, did as much for the Reformation as did his translation of the Bible.

his own pulpit, that we venture to reproduce it for the benefit of others. On board the ill-fated steamer Seawanhaka was one of the Fisk University singers.

THE HOLIDAYS ON THE FARM.

Don't think you can't celebrate Christmas and enjoy the glad holiday season because you are remote from town, and cannot enter into the shopping, and the amusements, and social gaieties that you may read about.

THE PERFUMERY INDUSTRY.

The San Francisco (Cal.) Bulletin thinks that a profitable industry is open to those who will cultivate flowers for home manufacture of perfumery, more especially in its own State.

THE ENCHANTMENT OF FICTION.

Few are aware of the fascination of fiction. There are persons whose lives have been utterly wrecked by this appetite which they have contracted. Women have neglected their families and their homes to devote themselves to the intoxication of romance, until they became totally unfit for the sober duties of life.

WANT OF COURAGE.

A great deal of talent is lost to the world for the want of a little courage. Every day sends to the grave a number of obscure men, who have only remained in obscurity because their timidity has prevented them from making the first effort, and who, if they could have been induced to begin, would in all probability have gone great lengths in the career of fame.

RETALIATION.

A lady once, when she was a little girl, learned a lesson, a good lesson which she tells for the benefit of all whom it may concern.

pounds tuberose, 20,000 pounds lilac, besides great quantities of rosemary, mints, lemon, citron, thyme and many other odorous plants.

Our Young Folks

WATCHING FOR SANTA CLAUS.

Once there were two little chaps, six and eight years old, who made up their minds when Christmas was coming, that they would see Santa Claus.

Sunday School LESSON I.—JAZACHARIAS AND KING I. 5. GOLDEN TEXT.—A righteous before God, commandments and Lord blameless. Luke TIME.—About a year before the birth of Christ, to the common of PLACE.—The temple. In the days of Herod the son of Antipater, mean general, who, and the favor of the ed supreme power over and great authority. His name, which is iah, means "remembered," lived in the "probably not far from a priestly city. Wh became too numerous into twenty-four classes had daily super for a week. The pre the week were selecte lot. Observe that the gy was unknown to law, as to the primit I Cor. 9. 5. Both righteous.—E This means here mo conformity to the law. testimonial of their Before God.—It diat the priesthood gene and from the Pharisee ness was in the sight mandments and ordi fers to the moral i ceremonial observan of the Jewish religio tively, not absolutely lessness is not indic the implied rebuke 20. Paul uses the 6. "Touching the r in the law, blameless condition" at the ti "chief of sinners." Well stricken.—Liti Days. A sweet deso of the godly, holding goal. Before God.—In the dwell by the symbol temple was regarded house, or dwelling of first temple there w place a cloud called visible sign of the pr was thus before God ed incense. The lo to perform each sep scored service, and each morning imp before the Lo ed exceedingly imp. The composition of the altar (which the e to make for private 30. 34-38. The whole multitu able that this was because there was a attending (verse 10) not on a week day, a puts honor upon his without.—The incen of prayer (Psa. 14) when offered by the as a signal to the without, who all e deep silence. Whe the incense altar, a burnt offering outa ers offered in the t peated all over the every region, howe godly Jew had wand of our hearts should twice in the day w with our solemn inv Gospel less officious There appear— er signal ascending great altar, passes walking the gilded and probably floor, complete overlay of altar upon which placed. An angel tary that embraced have more instanc tion than in all the the world's history. at its close angelic special interest in of outward mark The angel, as we le Gabriel. In the ord iah and Christian, G one of the archange set forth only as the angelic nature, not er of contending a ministration of com man. Thus his m interpret in plain vram and the be-gow after his prayer wit seventy weeks," an ment he is the her clarer as he does d dicted Messiah and prominent character a "fellow servant" and there is a co and absence of all his communication. Fear fell.—He th live in the presen now astonished at vant. So much di our faith and our sion of the presen by faith goes dow as the sensible app dismays us. Thy prayer is hee for a blessing. Thi an object of inten was more gloomy dying childless, so