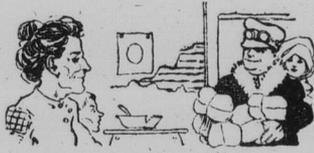


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# As of as Time Harris

Hark! the merry chimes are warning  
us that this is Christmas morn-  
ing.  
And it's time that we were rising,  
though the hour isn't late.  
Still, the kids will be flocking, each  
to overhaul his stocking.  
And there's scads of things we've  
got to do that really cannot wait.  
Quite determined not to doze off),  
let this joyous Christmastide;  
let up some real, Christmas feeling,  
that are not quite cut and dried,  
consarn 'em, let 'em glide.

all the glad anticipating  
at last, at last is here;  
mad career of shopping,  
heap and not too dear;  
crowds, that like ourselves are seeking  
at their loved ones most desired.  
the pushing, struggling, surging  
ing home at last, dog tired.  
and as "most all-fired."

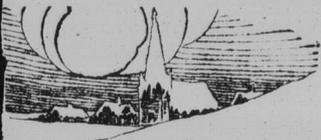


seems to whisper to a fellow  
we soon may breathe again,  
hat, maybe by tomorrow  
thing of this mental strain,  
the tissues of our brain.

occasion now to worry,  
ve been quite overlooked.  
l the walls with green are decked, and  
ristmas dinner will be cooked,  
is some substantial reason  
ginning of the end.  
can certainly be jolly.  
ill, and in general unbend,  
the last cent we can spend!

Now the door bell will cease ringing to  
the people who were bringing  
An endless string of packages from  
morn to dewy eve;  
We no longer will be running to con-  
ceal those things with cunning,  
And we'll lose our wonted air of  
having something up our sleeve.  
There will be a deuced litter, when  
litter,  
from the kitchen to the hall;  
grow enthusiastic  
s on the donors' necks we fall,  
didn't want at all.

half the joy of living  
d pleasure and surprise  
upon loved faces beaming—  
nd "— put his gaudy ties—  
otion (as to smother  
some seat corner, where,  
d from her section,  
pholstered chair,  
may bet he'll get his share).



ay exasperating,  
without thought of stint,  
edest are neglected  
found its way to print.  
might take a hint).

no time for dejection...  
as we said, has come at last!  
exaltations