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christaas thoughts.
Our old frend Is very thoughtrua an has nothig tor datnner but memorte. much worry and oorrow, and that tome of the memories would take the edge
of the keenest appetite, but one would never think it, in looking at the fine old countenance, radiant with the sunnature. He is ever a boy at hearttrastful in the middst of deceit, and sure praved, there is a well-spring of noLoly. Look, my boy," he says,
poling to his vilin, "everyone is If you can but come at tit." And then eold fingers clasp lovingly around tho vilu, and one hearls as and alkes every nerve vibrant with the our hearts to the Christmas hymn - to
 hillestde. The world is not so old that it has forgotten the story of the Christheavy upon it, and men have etrewn its way with bones and marred it with that thrilled it with joy still makee music in its heart. And as we listen
tothe pealing of the bells we must thluk Whar a wondrous answer it was to the
cry of men for the $G$ Ged lost.
They looked The external world - ere for Him, but they could not read the ded to tol On above the door into thetr ow earts and allayed for a time the ooks-and their confession was eve as answer God came, not as they ex ected, but in a manner, 80 marvell When we put away our cap and be and endeavor to bring minds that the word "A tha
was set up from eterity of all before the earth was" an atmosphere of unselfishnees. among human thing pand wore went down at iaty and suffering, al-and all that for us-must m way that the Ling in our own in vain. the poor we look at the man ogs that according to the standa he world made for failure, and der the stapendous work and means employed by the Chen
Bethliehem for itg accomplishmen means anything. Open the wo map and look over the etrong of the world ballt up and mature ing a thousand years that the no weak race of men that He sou bring under Hls yoke, but me their velng, whe brooked nc ord might stay them from deeds of lin vengeance, and to whom the su pority of the future. What could a goopel other
knew have for however,
We know, howe poor Humanity into His an might a suffering chlld $;$ clea mifhem and set its feet
defilimentay of hope and immortal broke'down the barriers that
nto palace and hovel, to bath and giave. in an armosphere orlgin and desting. They
arst regarded HIm with first regarded Him with sneerred at His are
learned in time to
revere and Master, and, with no we
cross, to go for His exke o forlorn hope the world has looked with human ejes upo world men have grouped
arcuid Him in love fand

