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Christmases

ir. December Monthly.

When the mighty Spirit of Christmas descends to the earth he carries tucked under his vast wing the spirit of Charles Dickens-that bright and great and cherry spirit who made Christmas twice the merry feast it is. No one will deny that a certain warmth

glows in the heart at Christmas time— a delightful feeling of affection towards all humanity, of brotherly love, of human interest in the very poorest brother of them all; there is, in fact, a roval a generous feeling as though we would snap a merry finger at all the

modern mercenary spirit which has ged and broken country imagincrept into the grand old feast. And able how many sorts of Christmases you

ray of her pale light on anything so un-Christmas-like as an unfinished grave? Sour enough was old Gabriel as he sat on a flat tomb stone and made a job of a coffin as a christmas box as he drank deep from his wicker botcle. But the Canadian Government. The Gabriel was not "watching out" so the natural history work was divided "Gobbiluns" got him. You remember him, that terrible little Goblin that suddenly popped up from somewhere, with the long legs and the short body and the inquisitive nose that smelled out Gabriel's bottle and wanted to know what was inside it. But what 900 specimens of birds and mam of it wher the Goblin with a fearful mals, the latter ranging in size laugh which made old Gabriel's last from mole-like creatures called few hairs stand up straight upon his head and set his old teeth chattering hous and hears. One enormous in their sockets, ordered Gabriel to be held by the throat by a smaller goblin while another-small, but viciousoured down the old sexton's throat made him gaspagain as he wiped the

POISONED

Berlin, Dec. 27 - Eightee people in the Berlin municipalshelter for the homeless, died dur ing last night from poisoning, and another considerable number are dying or seriously ill from th

The number of destitute me who took refuge in the institution last night, was 4,414. Some of them brought with them scraps of extra food in order to give a Christmas touch to the frugal meal of bread and soup served cut to them by the authorities. This extra delicacy consisted in many cases of spoiled smoked herring, of which a large number partock.

Soon after midnight groans were heard in the dermitories, of

which there are about forty, and the officials, on making an investhe officials, on making an investigation, found several men dying and others in convalsions. The physicians attached to the institution at once applied emetics and at the same time telephoned for help from the city hospitals, but the state of many of the men was hopeless, and the eighteen of them died in a short time.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION GETS CANADA SPECIMENS

Four Naturalists Explored Wild Country SurroundingMountRobson

for Months.

The Smithsonian Institution Washington, gets nine hundred Publications Branch. Depart Agriculture, Ottawa.

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With Dickens

Washington, gets fine hundred specimens from the Canadian wilds. The Smithsonian party which accompanied Dr. A. O. Wheeler, president of the Alpine C ub of Canada, on his topographic survey of the British Columbiation. Alberta boundary line and the Canada Mount Robson region, has just re-turned to Washington after a uccessful tour.

The new collection is quite complete, and covers practically all the birds and animals inhabiting this previously unworked territory.

The party, consisting of four members, included the assistant curator of Mammals and Mr. J. H. Riley, of the division of birds of the National Museum.

Assembling at Edmonton, Alberta, early in July, the party proceeded on the Grand Trunk feeling of light-heartedness abroad, a Pacific railroad to the end of the line, where they found it necessary would snap a merry finger at all the year behind and that to come, and care not a jot what it brought us one way or the other. It is good and wholesome and wise to spend an old-time Christmas with Dickens if only to make us forget the Rockies, comprising the most rug-

Amid this wonderful scenery can spend with him!

Walk right up, masters, and take your choice.

Will you have it with surly old Gabriel Grub in the churchyard under the light of that very young moon who was more than halt afcaid to shed a ray of her pale light on unything our part of the real light of t

vey.
In this wild and unclaimed country the party of naturalists collecting the birds and small animals, while the other two collectors hunted big game.

The collection includes bous and bears. One enormous grizziy bear was obtained by a fortunate shot. Much fine material for exhibition groups was se cured, including a series of caribons, mountain goats, mountain sheep, beavers, and many varieties of small animals.

Besides birds and mammals, a large number of plants and in-sects were collected. All the specimens have been turned over o the National Museum, where they will be put on exhibition.



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