HOLIDAY GIFTS.

Why do you look so downcast?
What do I hear you say?
"Nothing to give to people
On Christmas or New Year's Day"?
You want to be making presents;
Well, now, just think a while.
Suppose you look in the glass, dear,
And present yourself with a smile.

Then make up a bundle of troubles.

And give them away to the Past.

He owns such a croony junkshop Where worn-out worries are cast. Just bundle them onto the old year, And let him lug them away, And next give a heart of hope, dear, To the new year, blithe and gay.

And then give praise to the best things
In the people you meet this year;
You may be surprised at the goodness
You'll find if you look, my dear,
And when you are hurt by the folly
Or faults of the folks you know,
Just toss them a bit of your patience
And a word of pity or so.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

By Mrs. Vann.

By this time they had gained the exit by one of the side doors which opened upon the marble portico. The people whom they met, coming and going, all regarded the boy with cold curiosity or contempt; touching each other and muttering as he passed with his guardian; and Dr. Garfoyle, hoping that the man might have quitted the cathedral, lingered just inside the doorway for a considerable time. When at length he did issue forth, at the top of the semicircular flight of marble steps, he found an angry knot of vituperating Italians gathered, like a swarm of excited bees.

excited bees.

The crowd was gaining in cohesion and increasing in volume and volubility of speech every moment; and, at the instant speech every moment; and, at the instant that Dr. Garfoyle and his charge appeared, from the heart of the throng rushed upon them the man in question—furious, gesticulating, incoherent, in blind, mad rage. The people made way for him instantly. He had lost all the advantages which he had intended to derive from the performance of his penance. He would have to do it all over again. It was entirely wasted. From his point of view the heretic child had mocked and insulted him even in the Duomo. This and much more which Dr. Garfoyle was unable to catch in the impure local lingo which the Italian used, assailed his ears. Bruce's face grew white with terror and consternation; he could not comprehend what was the cause of the outbreak, nor how his conduct had produced it. No glorified father directed him now; he was no longer an inspired messenger, but a timid, which withing child where with terror in his an inspired messenger, but a timld, shrinking child, who, with tears in his eyes, clung to his companion. As for Dr. Garfoyle, his one thought was to penetrate the crowd and to escape by means of a street vehicle. He did indeed attempt with his stiff, unfamiliar tongue to enter into some explanation or construction. to enter into some explanation or even apology for the offence so innocently given; but the attempt only enraged the vindictive being, who received his words with curses and abuse of the vilest, as was evident from tone and manner, though happily the sense was left to be guessed by English ears.

brantly sympathetic with national pre-judice as an emotional race in presence of an offending foreign element is apt to become. That few of them knew the cause of the disturbance mattered nothing to them; it was enough that some insult had been shown by travelling Protestant English lish people to good Catholics worshipping in the cathedral. The English man and woman prowling about the cathedral, with red guide books, talking when prohibited and disturbing the faithful at the most solemn parts of the service unless actually restrained by authority from doing so, were sufficiently familiar and hated figures; and it produce the service was and it produced to the service. were sufficiently familiar and nated ig-ures; and it needed no effort of imagina-tion, of national sympathies, or of religi-ous bigotry to inflame an antipathetic mob against the intruders. But when firmly grasping the child a second time Dr. Garfoyle made a renewed attempt to effect his escape, the mood of the crowd had his escape, the mood of the crowd had his escape, the mood of the crowd had characteristically changed; they were disposed to regard the whole thing as a joke, to amuse themselves at the expense of the strangers, though it might be in a mischievous manner. They barred his passage, laugning and jeering; no longer hostile, but with more than a spark of malice in their mirth. Whichever way he turned he was hemmed in.

At that instant something happened. The madman, for such the furious wretch might be considered, made a sudden forward movement, well known to his compatriots. Suddenly the cry arose, intelligible even to English even. gible even to English ears:-

"Take care! Take care! He has a knife!" and, before Dr. Garfoyle could change his intention, a woman's plercing cry smote his ears above all the uproar around; it made his heart stand still. At the same moment that he heard the words repeated on all sides, "He has stabbed the child!" Victoria burst through the throng, scattering it to right and to left. She seized the boy, which now lay prostrate in Dr. Garfoyle's arms, his fair head drooping upon his shoulder, a bright stream of blood flowing over the white garments which her own hands had work-

Victoria took the apparently dying child in her arms, and without further demonstration of the agony which possessed her bore him through the now unresisting crowd. The people were aghast now at the dramatic representation of cruelty practised upon a helpless being; tears of sympathy were shed by the women; murmurs of compassion rippled around; for the populace had very naturally taken the Englishman, and not the child, to have been the victim sought by the avenger.
"It is the mother! It is the mother!"

was heard on all sides, and the words were sufficient for the Italian women present. "Ah, God!" some of them added, "what a beautiful lady to have for a husband that plain old padre!" At once a carriage appeared as though by magic; helpful hands pushed them in-

to it; kind eyes smiled upon them through pitiful showers of tears. "E' la madre!" was sufficient now for the dullest woman present. But Dr. Gar-foyle's presence of mind and stern sense righteous indignation could not make him neglect the pursuit of retributive justice, even in that supreme moment. The assassin had disappeared, favored, no doubt, by the populace; but Dr. Garfoyle caught sight of the English couple prowling about on the outskirts of the crowd, and he despatched the husband and wife for an English doctor, H. B. M.'s consul,

and the commissary of police to whom to make a report at his hotel. How Victoria came to be upon the spot, and to be-as she evidently had been-an eye-witness of the whole scene, Dr. Gar-foyle had no time to consider. It was his first care to ascertain that the child yet lived in the brief transit between the cathedral and the hotel. Neither Victoria nor he spoke to each other, save that he gave, and she immediately observed, some professional directions as to her handling of the unconscious child.

CHAPTER XV.

OF FRIENDSHIPS. Dr. Garfoyle bore the child to his room, and laid him on his bed; a hasty examina-tion convinced him that the wound was superficial. His position in Dr. Garfoyle's arms had been his protection; the assassin's knife had first encountered the resistance offered by Dr. Garfoyle's own coat sleeve, which it had penetrated before reaching the child. Moreover, it had happened that the boy wore a long silk Indian scarf or cummerband wound round and round his slender figure, beneath his light woollen clothing, and these folds of silk had also been of service in turning the blade and making it take a downward Minister of Militia to vacate the Mcdirection. It had thus been prevented from penetrating the slender ribs, causing

from penetrating the slender ribs, causing a simple flesh wound.

Never was Dr. Garfoyle more thankful for the medical education which enabled him to diagnose the case for himself without waiting in unspeakable anxiety for the arrival of the English doctor, whom the friendly English couple were

whom the friendly English couple were to send.

The boy was conscious now, but in a fearful state of nervous terror. He only seemed partially aware of what had happened, and, strangely enough, he confused the memory of his father's tragic death with this affair in the cathedral; thought that he himself had been wounded in a railway accident, and declared over and over again that he had seen his father in the church where the light streamed down from the great window. Then he began to weep for his mother, whom he evidently had not recognized as being present, and the control of the same firm, which proved so satisfactory that this present order was the result.

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by taking notes, not only from the

that can be obtained in the business,

but actually leaves nothing for the depositors. Yet all around this part

of the country people who have money

to invest seem to prefer the private banking institutions, and the latter

are mostly backed by two banking

houses which have their headquarters

WRECKED IN BAIE ST. GEORGE.

Mr. Frank Wade, of Petrolea, Has a Thrilling

Experience.

an eight months' sojourn in Newfound-

land, where he had been engaged since

May last in drilling an oil well at St.

Paul's Bay for the firm of S. Davis

& Son, of Montreal. The party sunk

the well to the depth of 1,000 feet, and

a good show of oil rewarded their

labors. It was on his return trip a

few days since that Mr. Wade en-

walked from St. Paul's Bay through

snow nearly four feet deep to Bonne

Bay, and at that point luckily was

in time to catch the steamer Harlow, which was under command of Capt.

Scott, and destined for Sydney, Cape

Breton. She had on board, besides the

crew, sixteen passengers, and all went

well until nearing Baie St. George

when she ran aground, and thumped

to pieces on the rocks. All the pas-

sengers and crew were safely landed, after numerous hair-breadth escapes The steamer Grand Lake brought the belated passengers to Sydney, and

from thence no trouble was experienced, Mr. Wade arriving here as stated. Mr. Wade is an old and ex-

perienced oil well digger, and has been

engaged to assist his brother Nathan at H. Walker & Son's wells at Both-

well. He is none the worse of his close

TWO ELECTIONS VOIDED.

Messrs, Hackett, of West Prince, P. E. I., and

Marcotte, of Champlain, Unseated.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 30.

Chief Justice Sullivan and Justice Fitz-

gerald delivered their decision in the

West Prince election case to-day. In

unseating Mr. Hackett (Con.), mem-

ber for the House of Commons, they

dismissed all the charges in the petition against Hackett, except that alleging bribery and treating by Wm.

Callaghan, an agent of the candidate,

on which ground the election was

declared voided. The petitioner, Lar-

kins, is to pay all the costs of the dis-

missed charges, and Hackett has to

pay the general costs of the charges

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Victoria came forward and revealed herself by the bedside. She had feared to excite Bruce's attention before.

Dr. Garfoyle raised his head in thankfulness too deep for words, wondering what had brought her to Milan so soon, but having no opportunity of asking her. Her face was deadly pale—as pale as the child's own; but she was as calm and composed, in the urgency of her great love, as though she had been a hospital nurse come to undertake the case. She bent down and kissed the boy's tender little hands and feet with a perfectly tearless

To be continued.

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Mr. Jerry Collins-Excuse me, sir, I know better than that. Ald. Parnell continued that Mr. Grant was training local men and would send all his workmen back to

Toronto except one bricklayer.

The alderman declared that he was a staunch advocate of temperance principles. He put in a good word for his colleagues and the Mayor, and said 10 to 12 per cent. Of course the char-Mr. Parsons was a member of the R. E. O. P. A., which had killed a scheme inaugurated by the speaker, whereby the city would own its electric lighting plant, and thus effect a large saving which gives the bank all the security which gives the bank all the security to the people.

A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, and the meeting broke up

TRADE, TRAFFIC AND FINANCE

Latest by Telegraph and Mail.

STOCKS OF GRAIN. New York, December 30.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's, covering the principal points of accumulaby English ears.

Dr. Garfoyle now caught the boy up in his strong arms and made a determined effort to force a passage through the crowd. But it had increased with incredible rapidity—was as excitable and as vibrantly sympathetic with patience as vibrantly sympathetic with afloat for and in Europe, decrease 1,976, 000 bushels; total decrease world's available, 2,555,000 bushels. Corn — United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 2,000,000 bushels. States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 1,069,000 bushels. The more important increases in stocks of wheat last week not covered in official visible supply statement are 100,000 bushels each at Fort William, Ont., at various Manitoba storage points and in northwestern interior elevators in the United States, and 30,000 bushels at Omaha. Corresponding decreases include 44,000 bushels in Chicago private elevators, 42,000 bushels at Galves-ton, 39,000 bushels at Minneapolis private elevators and 29,000 bushels at Louisville.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS. London, December 28.-The market to day was of a holiday character, and in consequence a weaker feeling prevailed and prices declined 1c per lb. as compared with last week's figures. Choice States cattle sold at 11c and sheep at 10c.

Messrs. John Olde & Son, live stock salesmen of London, Eng., write W. H. Beamen, live stock agent of the Board of Trade, which stock agent of the Board of Trade, which stock agent of the Board of Trade. Trade, upder date of December 17th, as follows:—Only 390 States cattle, ex British Crown, have arrived in time for to-day's market, for which the demand was active, 6d to 61/2d being paid for the same. There were no sheep for sale at Deptford to-

Montreal, December 28.—There is no thing of a special feature to note in export live stock circles, except that shipments continue to go forward by way of Boston, Portland and St. John, N. B. Cable advices received to-day were any-thing but encouraging to shippers, as showed a further decline of 1c per lb., which is a net decline of 2c within the past two weeks. The steamship Sachem sails from Boston to Liverpool of December 29th with 1,100 Canadian sheep shipped by Couglin & Elliott. The steam ship Lake Ontario sails from St. John.
N. B., to Liverpool on December 31st
with 225 American cattle, shipped by
Gordon & Ironside, and 75 Canadian by
McIntosh & Couglin. The steamship Gordon & Fronside, and 15 Canadian by McIntosh & Couglin. The steamship Laurentian sails from Portland to Liverpool on December 31st with 100 American cattle, shipped by A. McIntosh; 80 and 300 Canadian sheep by Gilchrist & Munroe; 120 Canadian cattle by D. Black, and 20 by J. Watson.

ONTARIO WHEAT FOR EXPORT. Toronto, December 30.-Large stocks of Ontario wheat are being bought for export during the past week. Mr. James Carruthers has bought at an average of 81c or 82c about 25,000 or 30,000 bushels, and has begun to advance it to the sea-board. Messrs. Crane and Baird have bought to a similar extent. The scarcity in England is partly due to the fact that American wheat is being all taken up by the millers. These shipments are said to be the first wheat exports from Ontario for almost two years.

ICE OFF NEWFOUNDLAND. St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 30.-An ice blockade on the whole of the northeastern coast of the island has begun, and steamers and vessels are returning here, it being impossible to reach the mining settlements. All navigation will be suspended for the balance of the year. A number of vessels ar frozen in the ice, and will remain there until spring. The Newfoundland Legislature will attempt to secure reciprocity with the United States when it meets in February. The Cabinet is now discussing the question.

A NEW C. P. R. STEAMER. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 30.-The Canadian - Australian Royal Mail Steamship Line, the vessels of which ply between British Columbia and the Australian colonies, is about to place a new steamer on the route. She will be known as the Oarangi, will have 4,250 tons register, be 5,000 horse power, and be commanded by Capt. Campbell Hopworth. The Oarangi is almost finished, and will sail from London to Plymouth on March 17.

Word from Ottawa is to the effect Minister of Militia to vacate the Mc-Cue building on Richmond street, at present used as the Headquarters of the Battalion. The first of the year is set for the removal. What next? Messrs. Jackson & Cochrane, of Berlin, on Wednesday sent eleven machines to England, weighing about

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