With such a sober face Pretty little Mamma Grace Came to meet me at the gate, yester-morn, That I felt inclined to cry

As I asked the reason why My darling looked so anxious and forlors Hall between a sob and sigh

Gracie managed to reply: Oh! I'th dot a world o' trouble, Nant For Lily'th b'oke her head,

And Bertie'th thick in bed. An' I don't know what to do with Jennie Vere.

I'th af aid the'th dieded now, For the fell-I don't know bow-And mathed herthelf all open in the kneeth I'th done the betht I tould. But it don't do any dood-

Oh! tome up quick to thee her, Nantie, pleathe '

And with a sober face Pretty litte Mamma Grace Softly led me where her suffering darlings

Lily with her broken head,

Baby Bertie sick in bed.

And Jennie Vere-her wounds tied up with hav. Mamma Gracie stopped and sighed: · O Nantie, dear !' she cried, Don't 'ou think 'ou tan well 'em if 'ou trieth? And she watched me with a smile

Growing brighter all the while, As I pursed my lips and tried to look so Then with putty and with thread I mended Lily's head. And sewed up Jennie Vere in the "kneeth;

To Bertie's aching chest Some, Dally's ointment pressed, Saying, 'Now I'll take my fee, if ou pleathe. And with sunny, beaming face

Pretty little Man.ma Grace Her soft arms around me tightly curled, And whispered o'er and o'er Every time with one kiss more · Oh, 'ou ith the bethetht Nantie in the

-Rosa Graham, in hearth and Home.

CHRISTMAS PICTURES.

BY THE REV. J. I. BOSWELL.

Well! this is pleasant. Seated in an old arm-chair this December evening, by a table heaping full of Christmas books and toys. A good sized hickory log snapping and blazing en the hearthstone, tossing a shower of sparks and a roaring sheet of flame up the huge chimney. Very easy to forget the cold wind without, and the blinding snow-flakes.

Hark ! a dull, rumbling noise, faint at first, then louder and yet louder. What can it be? Down the channey with a rush, and on the tress and pony: floor with a bound, drops a huge fur-clad, rosy-faced, white-haired gentleman; old to be sure, yet jolly.

'Why, Santa Claus, how are you? Never have seen you before, but know you by your pictures. Be seated. He laughed a ringing ing. He knocked the ashes out of his pipe, and then advancing gave a blow, intended to show his cordiality, but a triflle too emphatic

Really, Santa Claus, this is rather an intrusion. Every man's house is his castle, and the unbidden guest is rarely welcome.'

· All right, he haid, with a knowing nod, 'my business is to visit care-worn people, and a very decided manner. make them as merry-hearted as little children, during this bright Christmas season.'

Then-would you believe it ?- then he gave the candle a sudden puff, and out it went. gently placing it in the lady's hand. The room was lit only by the glaring light from the burning wood upon the fire place.

thrown upon the wall a picture, beautiful beyond the dream of the greatest artist. Ano her, and another, and another-and I gazed in ing, filled with strange emotions. 'So life-like were the colors; and the figures sometimes moved and spoke.

A little bed-room: in it a mammoth crib where two curly headed children were sleeping pass every team upon the road. sweetly. The light is burning dim, and by it you can see a slowly-moving figure-Santa Claus himself. See him as he seizes a child's stocking by the mantlepiece, and crowds into it-dor't wake, dear children-a top, a ball, a package of bon-bons, a drum, Noah's ark, and ful how much a child's stocking will hold on neighed long and mournfully, then walked to-Christmas eve! Wait till morning comes and ward the road. you will hear a shout of triumph from a pair of

...

Then, a grandly furnished parlor, none too good for such a family to gather in on Christmas. A happy family, and in numbers equal to the old-fashioned pattern. The tree, which reaches from floor to ceiling, is in all its glory with its silver balls and rows of ornamental pop-corn, while its branches hung with such curious fruit as books and boxes, startling toys The moon was up too: and how cold and white and candies of all colors. 'Never was such a she looked! tree, never!'-that was the family verdict. the younger members of the flock.

How quickly did the picture fade-then down by the joiner's of Norridge wock. smiles to tears-from mirth to sadness. A sick there from the tavern; and George Sawtelle room, and on the couch was a pale-taced girl, came running up from the big house under the about eight years of age. Very sick she seem- willow. Others were there too, slipping ed. Father and mother were bending over the along on Jack Frost's floor. little one tenderly, brushing away the gathering tears. A little boy was trying to push his way to get a view of his dear sister.

' Mother, is this Christmas morning?' asked

the sick child." Yes, dear,' was the reply. Oh, I am so glad that I have lived to it. It tells me that Jesus was once a child. He loves the children, for he blessed them; and I shall go and see him if I die. Shall I the big boots. A smile must have lighted up

not, dear mother.' Yes, yes, dear child.' ' Draw aside the curtain and let the light en-

It was done; but a brighter light than that of day came streaming through the window-a holy, peaceful, heavenly-light and bore on its beams a faint sound like that of mingled harps those big, clumsy boys,' he thought.

Then I saw a church filled with a large congregation. The Gothic walls and pillars are trimmed with many a green wreath.

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the babe in Bethlehem

'What is this? A comic picture, dear old Santa Claus?' A country maiden, young and is more than be can tell. Strange the maiden thing happened during the cholera seasons of does not see him. Oh yes, she is busy, paring 1836 and 1854. According to Sir Samuel W

'Huldab,' he began, in a most unearthly 'Well, John,' she said, so very quietly, yet

John was silent- his rhetoric quite exhaust ed. But he took from his pocket a small white box, opened it and drew out-nothing of importance. Only a ring, a plain gold ring; and at the sight of it Huldah stopp d paring apples.

'Why, John,' she cried, abruptly. 'Only a Christmas present,' and he lookedwell, he looked unutterable things. She smiled and blushed, and so did be. What a fuss to make about a ring. 'Oaly a Christmas present,' John said, but he added, with a nervous scream, 'If you take it you must take the one who gives it!'

And then-just then-how provoking-the picture faded. So the pictures came and went, until there came pealing through the frosty air the sound of chiming church bells. Louder and louder

'It is time to vanish,' cried Santa Claus for the morning light is dawning.' Then he flew through the chimney-pack and all-crying as he went up through the flame and smoke the tarewell salutation :

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

TRUST IN GOD. The child leans on its parent's breast, Leaves there its cares and is at rest; The bird sits singing by his nest,

His trust in God, and so is blest ' Neath every cloud. He has no store, he sowe no seed; Yet sings aloud, and doth not heed;

And tells aloud

By flowing streams or grassy mead, He sings to shame Men who forget in fear of need, A Father's name.

AN INTELLIGENT PONY.

Mrs. Daniel M. Moulton, of Jamaica Plain owns and drives the most intelligent Shetland poney it has ever been our good fortune to see. On entering the barn, we were formally introduced to this prince of pets, when the following bit of by-play took place between mis-

them out!" Dick came stamping toward us with his mane erect, seeming determined to protect his home from invasion.

"That will do; now come back, and show them your pretty face.". Dick walked deaugh which made the walls echo, but said noth, murely to his mistress' side, turned around, and peeped shyly through his for-locks. "There is one side of your neck very hand-

some; show it to the ladies." Turning his head, he exhibited a large pure-white spot, which he seemed extremely proud of. " Now, what is mistress proud of when she goes to ride?" Turning completely around,

he lashed his long black tail back and forth "Dear me! Where's my handkerchief Down went Dick's nose to her pocket; and, with he teeth, he drew out the missing article,

"If you would like some oats, you mus speak for them." A long, sharp neigh was 'Look!' cried Santa Claus. Lo! be had his answer, wheh he was supplied with the article wanted

"And now," said our hostess. " you let me drive you up to Dick's birthplace, so like to put my corn and potatoes into a good rapture, sometimes laughing, sometimes weep- you can see how well he remembers his old

> As soon as he struck the road, he started in to a rapid trot; and it was really amusing to the soil." see the little fellow strain and pull, trying to Of his own accord be turned up the broad

carriage-drive leading to his former home, stopped in front of each door, listened, looked up at the windows, vainly trying to see some familiar face : and when at last be reached a level green where a portion of his babyhood down after the yaller, what's the use o' bringin ever so many other things Lesides. Wonder-

Dick is ten years old, weighs five hundred bounds, is of a dark chestnut color bordering roots easier by loosening the sub-soil, or inon black, with a black mane, and tail that sweeps the ground, and he knows no more the you increase the facilities for growth, and enuse of a whip than as though one had never large your crops." been made. - Our Dumb Animals.

GRANDPA'S BOOTS.

And how busy Jack Five. was! No one saw What a clapping of hands—what a shout of him swing a hammer; no one saw him drive a "Doan't b'lieve it would, nohow, between joy—even baby joining in and what an impromptu dance around the tree on the part of had right across the ponds and river a floor of pockets full o' money (scientific gentleman ice smoother than any wooden floor ever put coughs-slightly,) talk about diggin' here and change into another. How tull of contrasts is All the boys were out sliding. Ed Pect had making compo's, but all that takes a thundering this strange life of ours! Only a step from come from over the river; Fred Danforth was sight o' work. (Gee, Bright! g'lang Buck!"

> Little Albert looked out of the window and saw the boys at their play. Why couldn't he

go out too? 'Shall I go, mother?' be asked.

'Your slippers are too thin, Albert.'

'Oh! I can put on grandpa's boots.' 'Yes, you can go, but be careful. You too young for such rough sport.' Off scampered the eager feet, and on

the mother's eyes as she heard her little boy tramping over the floor in the heavy boots. The boys were taking their turn at sliding. Away down at the end of the line stood Albert. They were sliding carefully, but not running too hard; for a little way out the ice was thin. After a while, it was Albert's turn. 'I'll beat

and voices. It fell upon the child. and anoth- Taking a long run, driving ahead with all and voices. It fell upon the child. and another household light faded, as fades the morning his force, he shouted. 'Now you see your Bright!) Poor feed, then, in my opinion."

By this time the end of the farrow is reach-

see this day. At the signal, up they rise, and and dripping, like an icicle in a January thaw. sing with voices which sweetly ring and echo one of those old-time carols, which are as full see the smile lighting up the mother's brown of music as when first heard. It was good to eyes still more merrily when her little boy came. see those smiling faces and to hear those child- Albert never forgot it. In after years he would ish voices as they sung of Him who was once say, 'Whenever I am inclined to show off, I think of grandpa's boots.'- The Nursery.

SAGACITY OF BIRDS.—Certain facts render fair, in a quaint std kitchen. Very busy indeed it probable that, birds, in some manner, be she is, paring apples, so busy as not to notice come aware of cholera intection in the air. Rethe strange object beside her. Fortunate she cent European journals state that at Munich does not, for a more awkward young man one were several cases of cholera have occurred, surely never saw—so nervous as to appear in the rocks and crows, which flew about the the first stages of epilipsy. He has something steeples and through the trees of the public on his mind, that is clear, but how to utter it promenades, have all emigrated; and the same Baker, the same phenomenon occurred

> QUEER.-Two deacons once disputing about ne proposed new grave-yard, one remarked: 'I'll never be buried in that ground as long

"What an obstinate man!" said the other If my life is spared I will."

The farm.

COULDN'T SEE THE POINT.

Your " down East " tarmer, who digs among up, and carries on his work as his futher and grandfather did before him, does not always

of reformation. The backslider-I will call him Nathan-is breaking up a field, and is applying the manure in an unfermented and and unctuous state; the very act of sinning, according to the particular theory of our chemist, perhaps, who urges that manures should be applied only after thorough fermen-

He approaches our ploughing farmer with a 'Good morning." "Mornin'," returns Nathan, (who never

wastes words in compliment.) "I see you use your manure unfermented. "Waal, I d'n'know-guess it's about right

smells pooty good, doan't it?" "Yes, but don't you lose something in the "Waal, d'n'know; kinder hard to bottle

nuch of a smell, ain't i ? " "But why don't you compost it; pack up our long manure with turf and muck, so that they will absorb the ammonia?"

"The what ?- (Gee, Bright ! ") " Ammonia; precisely what makes the guano act so quickly." "Ammony, is it? Waal,-guanner has a

pooty good smell tew; my opinion is, that manure ought to have a pooty good strong smell, or 'taint good for nuthin'." Scientific gentleman a little on the hip;

n a better state for plant food." puttin' water to half a glass o' sperit; it makes Methodist Family...... 50 a drink a plaguey sight stronger'n water, no Early Days...... 34 doubt o' that; but after all's said and dun- Watchman (London)..... 4 50 taint so strong as the rum. (Haw, Buck, why

don't ve baw ! ") Scientific gentleman wipes his spectacles, but follows after the plough. "Do you think, neighbor, you're ploughing

this sod as deeply as it should be?" "Waal-(Gee, Bright!)-it's as folks think, I doan't like myself to turn up much o' the yaller; it's a kind o' cold sile."

"Yes, but if you exposed it to the light, wouldn't it charge character, and so add to the depth of your land? "Doan't know but it might; but I ha'n't

much opinion o' valler dirt, nohow: I kinde black sile, it I can get it."

stance, and has no relation to the quality of (" Gee, Bright! gee!") There are a great many mineral elements

of food lying below, which plants seek after don't you find your clover roots running down iate the yellow soil?" " Waal, clover's a kind of a tap rooted thing -nateral for it to run down; but if it runs

The scientific gentlemon sees his chance for a dig. "But if you can make the progress of th

corporating a portion of it with the upper soil,

Waal, that's kinder rash'nal; and ef ] could find a man that would undertake to do a little of the stirrin' of the yaller, without How the stars did snap that December night! bringin' much on't up, and bord himself, I'd turnish half the team and let him go ahead." " But wouldn't the increased product pay for

all the additional labour?" diggin' there, and turnin' up the yaller, and The scientific gentleman wipes his spectacles

and tries a new entering wedge. "Hew do you feed your cattle, neighbor? "Wall, good English hav: now and then bite o' oats ' cordin ' as the work is." "But do vou make no beeves?"

" Heb?" "Do you fatten no cattle?" "Yaas, 'long in the fall o' the year I put up four or five head, about the time turnips

"And have you ever paid any attention to their tood with reference to its fat-producing qualities, or its albuminoids? " " (Gee, Bright!) -bumy-what?"

"Albuminoids-name given to flesh pro lucers, in distinction from oily food." "Oh,-never used 'em. Much of a feed? (G'lang, Buck!")

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