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would coless that!

There was a good deal of talk and laughter in Mrs. Roy's apartment. They were jolly, cheerful people. How I prayed the man might not be there too!

I knocked at the door of the private hall, and held the heavy box tightly, in my embarrassment. Someone opened the door and the voices were hushed inside.

The box fell on the floor, the doughnuts rolled down the hall and I do not know where the rest of the things went.

"Rob!" I cried, starting back.

"Kate!" that dear old toice said.
And then he had pressure of mind enough to shut the door and come out into the hall.

I tried woman-like to recover myself and

doughnits.

"And thinking it was mine," I continued, "thinking my consin had sent it, becams I am short-sighted and did not make out the address—"

And I hung my head under the light of the eyes bent on mine, and then I felr two strong arms enfold me.

"Oh, Kate, Kate, have we not had enough of this? Have we not suffered enough for this? Have we not suffered enough for this? Have we not suffered enough for miserable little quarcet? Are you bound to keep it up, darding?"

"Yes," I suid, and clieng tighter to is, neck. Whateyer the strong-minded female may say, as a sex we are not consistent. I fear.

"Rob." I suid, after an indescribable moment, "I ate one of your jumbles."

"You shall have them all."

"And an apple."

Bob's comment was wordless, but satisfactory.

"And a piece of his breast," I added, gently disengaging one hand and pointing to the maltreated fowl with his legs in the all.

"Thank God mother never could write legibly?" says Bob, hadding me closer and looking at me as if he would never have his fill. "Oh, Kate," he continues, "what a Christmas we shall spend together to morrow, sweetheart!"

And then Mrs. Roy's voice was heard near the door, and he released my hands. The sweet bells were pealing the glad tidings of great joy to the world when twent to bed that hight. I stood by the window again, looking out over the peaceth loay under the starful key, and again my eyes were dim with tears—tears of happiness this time.

For Christmas had brought exquisite hope and gladness to two hearts at least in the Plantagenet."

Simpletity of Rural France. In the French Breton village when the bour of Christmas midnight strikes, the bell of the church calls the faithful to their devotions. They carry lanterns to light them on their way. After the midnight strikes, the bell of the church calls the faithful to their devotions. They carry lantenns to light them on their way. After the midnight strikes, the bell of the church calls the faithful to their devotions. They carry lantenns to light them on their way.

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It seems as if this birthday, which was the beginning of a life of such self-ascrifice as the world has never seen equalled, was a fitting season to learn the beauty of self-denial, and the blessedness of spending one's self in the service of others. Mothers must not take all this lesson to themselves. Let the children share in it; they will not be less happy because they have been gently led to be more sourteous, more unself-ish, more forbearing in honor of the Christmas-tide, whose key-note is peace and goodwill. There are those who look back with polgnant anguish to last Christmas; or others further past, when they, too, were full of joy. Although personal happiness is over there remains the power to bring sunshine to some desolate hearth, and to find peace in the reflection of its light. There is no heart so heavy that it may not help to give to others a "Merry Christmas:"

ELIZABETH ROBINSON SCOVIL. Heard Santa Claus, At breakfast Christmas morning Ham-ilton pere was just a trifle leaden eyed, and Mrs. H. had a suspicion of haughtiness and reserve about her. The juvenile stockings had panned out well, and Jimmie and Tom were loque

If ice will bear a man before Christmas, it will not bear a man afterward. If Christmas finds a bridge, he'll break it; if he finds none, he'll make one.
The shepherd would rather see his wife enter the stable on Christmas Day than

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not take much money to make children happy. The mysteries and surprises which delight their souls can be achieved without the expenditure of much more than time and patience. Some of the best things money cannot buy: and those that they will recollect longest may be the fruit of their mother's loving ingenuity.

The words "Christmas" and "Santa Claus" slways recall to one family certain "cruller ladies," as they were fondly called, which they invariably found in their stockings on Christmas morning. They were only doughnuts, cut into a shape which it required a vivid imagination to believe was intended for a woman. The voluminous skirts were marked with a diamond pattern, imprinted with the edge of a knife blide; but the most artistic embroidery adorning a masterpiece of Worth's could not give more pleasure than it did. The masculine counterparts of these charming creatures were not as great a success. Their legs would break off on the slightest pressure, and it was scarfully preserved fiction that Mrs. Santa Claus made those delicate creations, and it was a matter of wonderment how they were transported without breaking.

Children love to have a finger in the ple, and like to help in whatever is going on. They are deprived of a great deal of pleasure when everything is done for them and nothing remains for them but to enjoy the

sure when everything is done for them and nothing remains for them but to enjoy the labors of others. They should be encouraged to prepare little surprises for one another, to assist in decorating the house with Christmas evergreens, if they are to be had; and, above all, to remember at this time the noor and needs. These are this time the poor and needy. These are not those alone that lack this world's goods; there are many lonely ones whose nearest and dearest have gone and left them with few to remember them. To these the children can carry Christmas cheer.

cious.
"We heard Santa Claus, papa," said Jimmie.

Papa started, and manima smiled—a smile with a whole lot of meaning and traces of sarcasm in it.

"He made an awful noise and tumbled on the stairs," continued Jimmie.

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The maternal smile widened.
"Guess it must have been the load he carried," chimed in Tommie.

And neither of them understood their mother's inscrutable smile, which had breadth, length, depth and thickness.—

San Francisco Examiner.

Eriss Erisgie in Germany.

In north Germany on Christmas Eve the children lay out upon a table under a branch of evergreen the gifts for their parents and then call the latter in. The parents do the same thing for the children upon Christmas Day. The mother also talks to the girls in a spirit of counsel, and the father acts likewise with the best talks to the girls in a spirit of counsel, and the father acts likewise with the hoys. Then, of course, there is Kriss Kringle, the familiar and beloved, with his furry coat, ruddy face and long white beard, who is in some districts represented by Rupert, a man engaged by all the parents in a village to costume himself in regulation style and visit all the houses.—Exchange.

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