#### Bethlehem Town.

As I was going to Bethleher They are commonly attended by loss of energy, lack of courage, and some times by gloomy foreboding and de Upon the earth I cast me down All underneath a little tree

That whispered in this wise to me Oh, I shall stand on Calvary And bear what burthen saveth

thee!"

As up I fared to Bethlehem-town, I met a shepherd coming down,

I met a shepherd coming down,

night-An Angel host most fair to see, That sung full sweetly of a tree

That shall uplift of Calvary What burthen saveth you and me!"

A King shall wear this diadem?"

is He That shall be lifted on the tree And freely shed on Calvary

the crown;

knee,

the tree, That should uplift on Calvary

Again I walk in Bethlehemtown And think of Him who wears

the crown. I may not kiss His feet again, Nor worship Him as I did then ; And hath outpoured on Calvary

EUGENE FIELD.

#### The Infant Jesus.

Dear Little One! How sweet or seen. Familiar with the palace,

When Joseph takes Thee in h And smooths Thy little cheek

Thou lookest up into his face, So helpless and so meek. Yes, Thou art what Thou seeme

A child of smiles and tears; Yet Thou art God, and heaven

and earth Adore Thee with their fears.

#### The Holy Babe.

O Bethlehem ! sweet Bethlehen We long to sing of thee; How royally thy diadem Crowns all thy life to be ! For heaven hath nothing rarer

Within its walls, nor fairer

Than the dawning of His day. Oh, Thy tender, mystic splendor Oh, Thy regal, rosy light!

Angels on their pinions slender Sweep adown the night, Lo, they come in deathless glory Yet in loving, lowly guise, Stoop to tell their gracious story

To the simple and the wise. To our shepherds and our stages Patiently their carols come, And in Bethlehem the ages Ever find their spirits home.

Sing, oh sing, eternal praises To the Blessed Three in One !" Thus the Church her voice up-

On and on, till time is done. CAROLINE D. SWAN, Reg-Ext.

#### Child of Beauty Rare.

O Child of beauty rare, O mother chaste and fair-How happy seemed they both, se fair beyond compare!

She in her Infant blest, And He in conscious rest. Nestling within the soft, cradle of her breast What joy that sight might bear

To him who sees them there, If with a pureand quiet untroubled He looked upon the twain, like

Joseph standing by.

Pains in the Back Are symptoms of a weak, torpid or stagnant condition of the kidneys or liver, and are a warning it is extremely hazardous to neglect, so important i a healthy action of these organs

"I was taken ill with kidney trouble, an occame so weak I could scarcely get around I took medicine without benefit, and finall decided to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. Afte the first bottle I felt so much better that

And thus he quoth: "A wondrous Hood's Sarsaparilla sight

Hath spread before mine eyes this

Night

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#### The King's Catspaw.

Somebody had said of the small And as I got to Bethlehem-town, kingdom that "it was a hornets Lo! wise men came that bore nest ruled by a devil in person." The court was composed of men "Is there," cried I, "in Bethlehem of all nationalities. There were wars without and rebellions with-"Good sooth," they quoth, "and it in. Nicholas understood his position thoroughly. Utterly unscrupnlous, a born tyrant, cool, calculating, nothing stopping him in his What blood redeemeth us and mad desire for power. He loved to feel that he held men in the hollow Unto a Child in Bethlehem-town of his hand, and did not care that The wise men came and brought his rule was founded on fear and

hate only. And while the infant smiling Otto Van Anden turned wearily in the direction of his suite of rooms. Upon their knees they fell and To reach them, the shorter route led through the chapel. Utterly But, with her babe upon her absorbed in his thoughts he entered the room set apart for Naught recked that Mother of worship in a palace where crime and corruption were rampant, The irony of it all! Otto's glance What burthen saveth all and me. rested on the superb bronze lamp which was always burning, on its quaintly carved, bejewelled chains, and then his eyes fell on a figure motionless, watchful. Surely the events of the past hour had turned his brain! A page in

strange livery stood by the lamp, My King hath died upon the tree but in the shadow. It was how-What blood redeemeth you and Von Anden which so startled him. found the panal slightly ajar. He There was but one pair of eyes they were a woman's and she was | ing, and hurried to his room. in a prison far out at sea.

As he came nearer, the page spoke hurridely: "Come, we must he led the way into a side corridor. Thine eyes how bright they With a dexterous movement he slid a wide panel in the wall, and So bright they almost seem to they had stepped through the space into a small room, musty When Mary's look meets Thine. and damp, lighted only by mooneams through its own high win-

inden—we must be brief." cap, and Van Anden saw that his hair, a mass of burnished copper, was piled high on his head He smiled at the count.

"Helene!" Van Anden's voice vas lost in amazement.

"Yes, I've come back where I never thought to set foot again Word came to me that my friend, whom I had known from childhood was Nicholas' tool. I refused to believe it, and when I could no longer refuse I knew that something lay back of it-some of the King's lies. For a man who all his life has been high-minded and Than the Blessed Babe, who upright cannot become the opposite in a few months. Tell me, Otto, what has Nicholas told

> rison, and that one word from im would end your life in a orrible manner, as it has ended others as innocent. He wanted my services. Money couldn't buy them, out when he told me that your ife would be spared only so long as I was his-"he hesitated.

"Slave," supplied the woman. Her glance swept the big handome fellow before her and she smiled maternally. "You always would believe

eople, Otto! How you must have suffered! Did you not know hat Nicholas is the devil incar-

"I'm learning it fast enough," Van Anden declared grimly. " And while you have been in

he inferno I have been at the Czar's court, gay and frivolous Nicholas told me if I returned, your life paid the forfeit."

"And you believed him? Who vas credulous in that instance?

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#### Helene de Kaza did not smile shook her head. 'He had you in his power. I

knew him. He hated you. Oh, was true enough." Von Anden laughed, a bovish ghthearted laugh.

character, I confess that at times are frightens me, sitting there are frightens me, sitting there are forceding, plotting—ugh!"

Too much stress cannot be laid on the fact that on the first sign of a cough or cold it must be gotten rid of immediately, as failure to do this may cause years of suffering from serious lung trouble.

rooding, plotting-ugh!" "You are no match for such a reature. You must get away

"I cannot do that but I shall and consumpt ot stay one hour longer than is writes: necessary. Helene, I cannot trust my eyes; I shall waken and find what a risk you have run! I am so slow-witted besides you; it has just dawned on me. Let me escort ou where you will."

"That would be my undoing Helene exclaimed: "No, I hav an escort awaiting me. I shall se you again." And even as he spoke he wall back of her opened and wallowed her up.

ugging at the closed panel in trap? And was Helene—? Otto LINIMENT. panished the unworthy suspicion with scorn, It is living in this by writing to him, to the Parish vile court which poisons the mind Priest or any of his neighbors. and makes one suspicious of every one!" he thought accusingly.

He hurried to the side from which he had entered. He drew back the heavy curtain and his ever, the eyes turned directly on hand, groping along the wall, pushed it back, stepping carefully like them in the universe, and into the corridor, closed the open-

> here! He would know her in any her carriage her eyes. She was not beautiful as the world judges beauty; rather her face was lovely Nobility shown in her expression a subtle dignity was ever beneath her laughing manner, and made MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES the Countess de Kaza respected NEURALGIA. as well as admired, even in the most corrupt of all Europe's courts She carried with her her own weapons. Not a breath of slander had smirched her name. Yet she alone at night under the King's

very nose! Was it merely for the oldtime friendship? Van Anden's usually level head reeled at the mere hint of another solution. ford says:—"It affords me much Bah ! had he not fought that out pleasure to say that I experienced long since ? Helene de Kaza was great relief from Muscular Rheunot for him! Had not Nicholas matism by using two boxes of said that her heart had been given Milburn's Rheumatic Pills. Price to a Russian noble? But Nicholas a box 50c. lied always. The bells rang out the hour and the man came to imself with a start. He was free! and vain young lady?" He need never again stoop to "I fail to see any resemblance, Nicholas' bidding, never again Why?" and coldness from his fellow figures, has no head to speak of, his room and await events. Milan's Bites. riends would rescue him-poor

fellow. He need not fear a skulkg assessin, thank Heaven! Van Anden stretched out his rms as if awakening from a sleep full of ugly dreams. There was

Oppenheim went back to his take one of your shoes off a watch, Van Anden did not for a minute?" moment delude himself as to the result of that interview. But his caller in amazement. "Why?" mind refused to dwell on that aspect of the case—his deliverance were getting crows' feet awfully was so unexpected and welcome the sight of Helene, her presence her voice had all gone to his head.

Tomorrow must take care of expected; the tramp of men in the court beyond, cries from the

gaurds; then silence. The moments passed; to Van Anden they seemed hours. Then

## YOU SHOULD OF A COUGH OR COLD.

"Nicholas has hypnotized even you, Helene. Why should he hate me? He has every reason to love me for the services I've rendered. It's the other way round." Von Anden's voice dropped its lightness.

"Will be the services of We have neither of us cause for ratitude. I cannot fathom such Tation on their lungs.

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Wagg-Yes, but most of the audience left early to avoid the

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"Why is a clock like a pretty

eed he meet glances of contempt! "Because it is all face and ourtiers! Even the thought of is hard to stop when once it is he countess gave place for the wound up and has a striking way ime to the relief and joy of his of calling attention to itself every mancipation. He would stay in hour of the day."-London Tit-

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a tap at his door. Van Anden year-old boy to a visitor who was waiting for his mother, "will you

> "My shoes!" exclaimed the "Well, I heard mother say you

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