

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS.

"A merry Christmas, uncle! God save you!" cried a cheerful voice. "Bah!" said Scrooge. "Humbly!"

stand, the situation is more encouraging. The Tory opposition in that body is composed of two members, the leader and one follower. There are two units there, which is not the case in all the provincial legislatures.

Tainted Gold.

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CHAPTER XXIV. The Quest of the Moonstone.

Half an hour after knocking at the door of Dick Gray's room, Hope Newcome went out again. Dick had been instructed not to mention his arrival. Dostinstairs the name of the gentleman who had inquired for Mr. Richard Gray of Macaire's party, was not known.

Englishman at Monte Carlo. "Fancy selling it!" she exclaimed. "You won't sell it, Contesse?"

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Tokio, Dec. 22.—An eye-witness of the extent of the famine in the northern provinces, who has just returned, states the condition of the people to be really deplorable.

Treaty Signed. Pekin, Dec. 22.—The China-Japanese treaty was signed to-day by Baron Komura and M. Mochida, in behalf of Japan, and Prince Ching and Victorio Yuan Shi Kai, in behalf of China.

London, Dec. 22.—Wm. Pritchard Morgan, the consul-general of Korea and charge d'affaires of the Korean legation since the suicide of the acting minister, eight months ago, to-day handed over the legation to the Japanese embassy and the consulate to the Japanese consulate under the arrangement transferring Korean foreign affairs to the control of Japan.

SEARCH WAS FRUITLESS. New York, Dec. 21.—Acting President Cromwell, of the Mutual Life Insurance Co., announced yesterday that he had returned without information.

CHAPTER XXV. The Story of the Moonstone. Newcome found out at what hotel the Contesse de Silbery was staying, and went there also. But it was in the gambling rooms that he saw her.

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