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AND THE AGE.

When the toils of the day are ended,
And its weary cares are past,
And the long cool shades of evening
On the sunlit earth at rest,
Then the earth-bonds seem to loosen,
That have bound us through the day,
And the soul leaps up to its Father
Through its clinging walls of clay.

And we seem to hear a whisper,
And to feel a touch of peace,
As the wearisome jangling discord
Of the jarring life notes cease;
And the calm of the life that's coming
Falls o'er the heart's unrest,
And the soul can hear a whisper
From the land of our life-long quest.

Hears a voice, in softest accents:
"Have faith, I will clasp thy hand.
Keep on, thou shalt not stray.
I will lead to the promised land.
Go on with a step unfaltering,
Though thou chast not see I am near,
With a Father's hand will I guide thee,
Go on, and do not fear.

It is only a little farther
To toil, and sorrow, and pain,
And then comes peace and gladness,
Of joy that will never wane.
I am coming soon to take thee
Quite away to dwell with me,
Where the King in his royal beauty,
Thou forever more shall see."

How can our hearts feel saddened
When the hope of the ages is here,
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CHAPTER XVI—(Continued).

"But your aunt would make no end of a row, and you would cause your sister to lose out with Miss Octavia. As I understand it, you're pledged to keep off the reservation. It was part of the family agreement."

"Mr. Ames, if you are ghost hunting in this part of the house"—

It was Miss Octavia's voice. She was seeking me and would no doubt find me. The sequestration of Hezekiah became now an urgent and delicate matter.

"You caught me," said Hezekiah calmly, "and now you've got to get me out, and I wish you good luck, and, besides, I lost one of my shoes somewhere, and you've got to find that."

In proof of her statement she submitted a shoeless, brown stockinged foot for my observation.

"The one I lost was like this," and Hezekiah thrust forth a neat tan pump rather the worse for wear. "I was on the second floor a bit ago," she began, "and lost my slipper."

"In what mischief, pray?"

"Mr. Ames," called Miss Octavia, her voice close at hand.

"I wanted to see something in Cecilia's room, so I opened her door and walked in—that's all," Hezekiah replied.

"Wicked Hezekiah! Coming into the house is bad enough in all the circumstances. Entering your sister's room is a grievous sin."

"II, Mr. Ames, you are still seeking an explanation of that chimney's behavior"—

It was Miss Octavia, now just outside the door.

"Don't leave that trunk, Hezekiah," I whispered. "I'll do the best I can."

Miss Octavia met me smilingly as I faced her in the hall. She had switched on the lights, and my candle burned yellowly in the white electric glow.

Miss Octavia held something in her hand. It required no second glance to tell me that she had found Hezekiah's slipper.

"Mr. Ames," she began, "as you have absented yourself from the library all evening I assume that you have been busy studying my chimneys and seeking for the ghost of that British soldier who was so wantonly slain upon the site of this house."

"I am glad to say that not only is your surmise correct, Miss Hollister, but that I have made great progress in both directions."

"Do you mean to say that you have really found traces of the ghost?"

"Not only that, Miss Hollister, but I have met the ghost face to face—even more, I have had speech with him!"

Her face brightened, her eyes flashed. It was plain that she was immensely pleased.

"And are you able to say from your encounter, that he is in fact a British subject, uneasily haunting this house in America long after the Declaration of Independence and Washington's farewell address have passed into literature?"

"You have never spoken a truer word, Miss Hollister; but, by means which I am not at liberty to disclose, I have persuaded him not to visit this house again."

"Then," said Miss Hollister, "I cannot do less than express my gratitude, though I regret that you did not first allow me to meet him. Still, I dare say that we shall find his bones buried somewhere beneath my foundations. Please assure me that such is your expectation."

"Tomorrow, Miss Hollister, I shall take pleasure in showing you certain hidden chambers in this house which I venture to say will afford you great pleasure. I have tonight discovered a link between the mansion as you know it and an earlier house whose timbers may indeed hide the bones of that British soldier."

"And as for the chimney?"

"And as for the chimney, I give you my word as a professional man that it will never annoy you again, and I therefore beg that you dismiss the subject from your mind."

I saw that she was about to recur to the shoe she held in her hand and at which she glanced frequently with a musical expression. This, clearly, was an issue that must be met promptly, and I knew of no better way than by lying. Hezekiah herself had plainly stated on the morning of that long, eventful day, when she walked into the breakfast room in her aunt's absence and explained Cecilia's trip to town, that it was perfectly fair to dissimulate in making explanations to Miss Hollister, that, in fact, Miss Octavia enjoyed nothing better than the injection of fiction into the staid fabric of the matter of fact day. Here, then, was my opportunity.

"Miss Hollister," I began boldly, "the slipper you hold in your hand belongs to me, and I you have no immediate use for it I beg that you allow me to relieve you of it."

"It is yours, Mr. Ames?"

A lifting of the brows, a widening of the eyes, denoted Miss Octavia's polite surprise.

"Beyond any question it is my property," I asserted.

"Your words interest me greatly, Mr. Ames. As you know, the grim hard life of the twentieth century palls upon me, and I am deeply interested in everything that pertains to adventure and romance. Tell me more. I ask you as a favor to do so, of this slipper which I now return to you."

I received Hezekiah's worn little pump into my hands as though it were an object of high consecration.

"As I am doubtless not frank, Miss Hollister, I will confess to you that this shoe came into my possession in a very curious way. One day last spring I was in Boston, having been called there on professional business. In the evening I left my hotel for a walk, crossed the common, took a turn through the public garden, where many devoted lovers adorned the benches, and then strolled aimlessly along Beacon street.

"I was passing a house which I have not since been able to identify exactly, though I have several times revisited Boston in the hope of doing so, when suddenly and without any warning whatever this slipper dropped at my feet. All the houses in the neighborhood seemed deserted, with windows and doors tightly boarded, and my closest scrutiny failed to discover any opening from which that slipper might have been flung. The region is so decorous and acts of violence are so foreign to its dignity and repose that I could scarce believe that I held that bit of tan leather in my hand. Nor did its unaccountable precipitation into the street seem the act of a housemaid, nor could I believe that a nursery governess had thus sought diversion from the floor above. I hesitated for a moment, not knowing how to meet this emergency. Then I boldly attacked the bell of the house from which I believed the slipper to have proceeded. I rang until a policeman, whose speech was fragrant of the Irish coasts, made me desist, informing me that the family had only the previous day left for the shore. The house, he assured me, was utterly vacant. That, Miss Hollister, is all there is of the story. But ever since I have carried that slipper with me. It was in my pocket tonight, as I traversed the upper halls of your house, seeking the ghost of that British soldier, and I had just discovered my loss when I heard you calling. In returning it you have conferred upon me the greatest imaginable favor. I have faith that some time, somewhere, I shall find the owner of that slipper. Would you not infer from its diminutive size and the fine, suggestive delicacy of its outlines, that the owner is a person of aristocratic lineage and of breeding? I will confess that nothing is nearer my heart than the hope that one day I shall meet the young lady—I am sure she must be young—who wore that slipper and dropped it, as it seemed, from the clouds at my feet there in sedate Beacon street, that most solemn of residential sanctuaries."

"Mr. Ames," began Miss Hollister instantly, with an assumed severity that her smile belied, "I cannot recall that my niece Hezekiah ever visited in Beacon street, yet I dare say that if she had done so and a young man of your pleasing appearance had passed beneath her window one of her slippers might easily have become detached upon Hezekiah's foot and fallen with a nice calculation directly in front of you. But now, Mr. Ames, will you kindly carry your candle into that trunk room?"

The foundations of the world shook as I remembered the compact by which Hezekiah was excluded from the house and realized what her impending discovery would mean to Cecilia, her father, and the wayward Hezekiah too. But I was in for it. Miss Octavia indicated by an imperious nod that I was to precede her into the trunk room, and I strode before her with my candle held high.

But the sprites of mystery were still abroad at Hopefield. The room was unoccupied save for the trunks. Hezekiah had vanished. Instead of sitting there to await the coming of her aunt, she had silently departed without leaving a trace. Miss Hollister glanced up at the trapdoor in the ceiling, and so did I. It was closed; but I had no doubt that Hezekiah had crawled through it and taken herself to the roof. Miss Octavia would probably order me at once to the battlements, but worse was to come.

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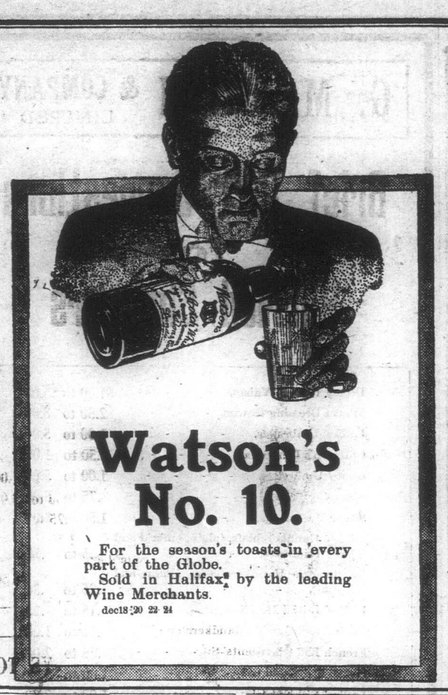

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JOAN'S LETTER.

Have you bought and labelled all your Christmas gifts?

Is it too late to make a few suggestions on the subject of Christmas-giving?

This was a big week at the Academy of Music, and the Anti-tuberculosis' League is in high glee.

Delightful vocal artiste to be heard on Monday in song recital.

Dancers looking forward to the Charity Ball.

All the weekly events in Joan's Letter.

What with getting ready for Christmas, and the various school closings, together with anti-tuberculosis' work at the Academy of Music, there has been no time for social functions of any private nature, and we can hardly expect to hear of any until after the New Year is with us.

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Have you bought and labeled all your Christmas gifts, and is it too late to talk the subject over and make a few suggestions? I was very much impressed with the sound philosophy as expressed by a Canadian writer, who in a recent article advises that we should give our friends nothing that the heart does not accompany.

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The writer looks upon an ostentatious Christmas present as a contradiction of terms, and thinks that the person who allows competition to appear in his Christmas giving has simply made a total loss of his Christmas—jumped it in with the business year. He has not "given" at all—he has taken at the expense of his friends.

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After all, it is the motive that means much more than the material of which the gift is made. To quote the article once again: "We cannot all be mind readers at Christmastide, but we can all be honest. We can keep our begrudged gifts to ourselves. We can also keep our advertising for the newspapers, and not wrap it round a Christmas present. We can keep our ostentation for Society—we can keep our taxes for the tax-gatherer. We can give nothing at Christmas but free and loving gifts, and attempt to trick no innocent person into accepting a spotted toad of selfishness under the impression that it is a loyal and genuine output of the affections."

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In Pepy's Diary there is an interesting account of how Christmas was spent in 1662: "Had a pleasant walk to Whitehall, where I intended to have received communion with the family, but I came a little too late. So I walked up into the house and spent my time looking over pictures, particularly the ships in "Our Henry the Eighth's Voyage to Bullsen," marking the great difference between those built then and now. By and by down to the chapel again, where Bishop Morley preached on the song of the angels, "Glory to God on high, on earth peace and good will toward men." Me thought he made but a poor sermon, but long and reprehending the common jollity of the court for the true joy that shall and ought to be on these days. Particularized concerning their excess in plays and gaming, saying that he whose office it is to keep the gamesters in order and within bounds serves but for a second in a duel, meaning the groome poster. Upon which it was worth observing how far they are come from taking the reprehensions of a Bishop seriously, that they all laugh in the chapel when he reflected on their ill actions and courses. He did much to press us to join in these public days of joy and hospitality. But one that stood by whispered in my ear that the Bishop does not spend one groate on the poor himself. The sermon done, a good anthem followed with vialls, and the King came down to receive the sacrament."

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"Our Wives" was a huge success this "benefit week" at the Academy of Music. And no wonder. The play is a perfectly charming little comedy as fascinating as it can be, and absolutely bubbling over with merriment. Everyone who saw it loved the play, and lots of people went more than once.

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Mr. Toler is the bright particular star and keeps his strong denominating grip on the play throughout. Miss Morgan is perfectly adorable in the last scene where she plays the incidental melody, while Miss Mabel Craig plays one of the cleverest roles, especially in her remarkably clever acting in the "hysteria" scene.

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The ladies' committee of the Anti-Tuberculosis League are delighted with the week's successful results. Patrons have been most generous and everything has been of a very pleasing and gratifying nature. The Academy Players, the ladies committee, and the local talent assisting, have made up a very happy combination, to the end that the week has proved a record-breaking one at the Academy. Tonight, Mrs. George E. Roberts and Felix P. Quinn will sing between the acts.

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The Charity Ball to be given by the Daughters of the Empire at the Halifax Hotel on the evening of January 6th is being eagerly anticipated.

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The decorations will be very handsome, and in addition to dancing, there is to be "Bridge" for those who prefer it. Manager MacDonald, of the Halifax Hotel, has charge of the catering.

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Among the pleasant happenings incidental to Christmastide an event of special interest to music-lovers will be a twilight recital in old St. Paul's by Mr. Fred. N. Clarke. The recital will take place on Friday, Dec. 27, at 4.45 o'clock. Mr. Clarke will be assisted by Mrs. Geo. E. Roberts, who will sing three Christmas songs.

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The dressmaking and millinery classes by Mrs. Hopkins, under the auspices of the Local Council of Women, finished the first course of lessons last week. The course has been most successful. They embraced too classes in dress-making, one in millinery, two in expert needle-work and one in plain sewing for very young girls. The clay modelling class, in charge of Miss Mary Ritchie, had an attendance of 17 children, and was most successful. The second term will open January 6th.

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What promises to be an attractive way of filling in leisure hours during the Christmas vacation will take the form of a special course, between Christmas and January 6th, when Mrs. Hopkins will give lessons in ribbon flower-making, for hats, muffs and other decorative purposes so much used just now. This class is open to everybody and will consist of five lessons.

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"Zap," a pet dog owned by a millionaire mistress, created a sensation when the "Olympic" left New York last week. "Zap," who is a Boston bull terrier, came aboard carrying his own baggage, which consisted of a basket containing all his worldly goods, which he carried in his mouth. He followed his mistress gravely down to his stateroom and was proceeding to get comfortably settled when a cruel steward informed his mistress that dogs were not allowed in the cabins and said he would have to take the dog below and put him under the care of the butcher. The lady objected in vain, but "Zap" rather liked the word "butcher" and went along without a whine.

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One of the latest fads of New York society women just now, is the "color" fad. Classes under the direction of a well known artist have been organized to teach women to combine harmony of color to dress. The teacher artist, in an interview, said, that decoration whether it is a room or a woman's figure, should be "a soul painting." Bad taste in dressing he expressed as tasteless, with everything flat and drab looking, instead of expressing the individual.

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His primary object, he contends, is to stimulate individuality and to make the average shopper a master instead of a victim.

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House decoration is another branch which it is now considered absolutely necessary that women should study, in order to know what to accept and what to reject. It was then gave more thought and study to this very essential branch of the home, he thought, and rightly, there would be less monotony in house furnishing and decoration, with more originality and more pronouncedly individual expression.

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Mrs. Hensley and Miss Hensley, of Engelland, who have been spending some time in Ottawa, arrived this week at Birchdale, and will spend the winter there.

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Mrs. John B. Douglas is visiting friends in Truro.

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Master Otto Langham, arrived home this week from the Collegiate School, Windsor, to spend the holidays with his parents at Birchdale.

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Colin C. Tyrer, who spent the past three months in England, has returned, and taken rooms at Birchdale.

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G. C. Thomson, of Swift Current, Saskatchewan, who is on his way to England, was this week the guest of Professor Todd.

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Dr. A. A. Dill, of Windsor, visited friends in the city this week.

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Mrs. Stubbing, Mrs. J. B. Uniacke and the Misses Uniacke, leave early in January for England, anticipating several months' absence abroad.

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Mrs. Kennedy-Fraser, who, with her daughter, Miss Fraser, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. S. Campbell, will give a lecture recital at the School for the Blind on Monday evening, under the auspices of the Alumnæ Society of Dalhousie University. Mrs. Fraser, who is a distinguished artiste and singer, will be heard in several of her own Gaelic folk songs, entitled, "Songs of the Hebrides." The evening will doubtless be one of delightful interest. Mrs. Kennedy-Fraser will be accompanied by her daughter.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jason Creed expect to be in Halifax on Tuesday next, 23rd. Mrs. Creed will remain at her home in Dartmouth for the winter.

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Mrs. Augustus Agnew-Brown, who spent the past summer with Miss Macnab, Birmingham street, and has been the guest recently of Miss Kinnear, leaves Monday for Montreal to spend Christmas with friends and will later leave for Ohio to visit her daughter. Her many friends in Halifax hope to have the pleasure of welcoming her back next summer.

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