PETE'S OHRISTMAS TREE

in Lambeth Palace Road one December like a smile stole over his face. South-Western Railway terminus hard shamming. by, rattled incessantly over the stones, 'Fetch the battery,' he said-

tion to the bustling crowd, for they had come. ingered for more than an hour round The surgeon waited by his side, holderful one. They had actually witnessed ness and suffering. whilst they waited, the arrival of no Then the battery was brought and a of them, it is true, were only young fir- down Pete's back. trees, but the third tree was a present from the wife of one of the consulting lad. "Would it come again?"

usual surroundings : mud, fog, cold, eyes, and exclaimed: discomfort, such as they had been accustomed to all through their short

'My!' said one of them, Jimmy by name, 'wouldn't I just like to be side anything but pathos in the scene, as he in there, and 'ave that there tree to said gravely: play with !'

other two as they edged themselves along the railing of the hospital, mak. He wanted the lad to tell the truth; ing their way back towards the room they usually sleep in in Lambeth. 'Well, we ain't sick," said another

them called Peter, although the hareh dry voice he spoke in, and his white wan face, might have told another tale. 'And so we ain't got no tree!' said the third boy Bill. They had almost reached the corner of Westminster bridge, in depressed silence, when Pete -as he was commonly called suddenly stopped, and with a smile that was pleasing enough to see, although his companions did not notice it, exclaimed:

'Ain't I got an hidee?' After which statement, he propound ed it to his attentive audience, ideas being, if not rare, always interesting to boys. And certainly Pete's was original and worthy of consideration.

He suggested that one of them should feign to be ill, should be taken to the see the tree in all its glory.

The plan sounded delightful, the and then we will see!"

And so Pete had his (

could not all play the principal part in it. They decided who should be the lucky one by the all popular method of tossing, and Pete won the toss. This was fortunate, for besides having distinetly the first right to his own idea, the only one of the three who would have been capable of acting his part; but Pete did not know this either.

nts as to what they were to do, how they were to look as scared as possible when Bill's father came home at night, and how they were to say they knew nothing of Pete, except that he was

Whereupon the "taking" promptly occurred, and with a thud that was un- The Foreign Department expected even to Jimmy and Bill, Pete threw himself down at full length on the is unequalled. Latest and most payement. A small crowd instantly collected round them. Most of the people only stared a moment and then passed on; a few expressed pity; and after a few moments the inevitable policeman arrived, and pushed himself to Pete's side, roughly questioning Jimmy and Bill. They whimpered a bit and looked frightened-to order, and the policeman after rolling Pete over with his foot, and finding him apparently altogether unconscious, said Address, JAS. GORDON BENNETT, he must go to the hospital; and with the help of a good-natured bystander himself carried him there; Jimmy and 1873. GRIP! 1887. Bill and several others following. It was something to be inside those

great walls as Jimmy and Bill, and case first, and if it be trifling, attends to it without sending for the house surgeon. But of Pete the dresser could make nothing at all, and he soon called the house surgeon, who came running down from the top of the high building and applied with the rapidity of a hard-working man to the continuation. the case before him. He did not look (the price it commanded when but a four-pag over thirty, but there was an amount of prompt decision, a firmness and a gentleness in his touch of Pete which Humor without Vulgarity; Patriotism spoke well for the use he made of his head and heart. The policeman stated what he knew and was dismissed, while the surgeon looked for all likely symptoms in Pete, and was unable to find none of them. The patient was simply unconscious. The boys were asked whether Pete had been ill before he fell down suddenly, and they said, "No, below the boys were saked whether Pete had been ill before he fell down suddenly, and they said, "No, below the boys were saked whether Pete had been ill before he fell down suddenly, and they said, "No, below the below to state the control of the boys were asked whether Pete had been ill before he fell down suddenly, and they said, "No, below to state the control of the boys were asked whether Pete had been ill before he fell down suddenly, and they said, "No, below the boys were asked whether Pete had been ill before he fell down suddenly, and they said, "No, below the boys were asked whether Pete had been ill before he fell down suddenly, and they said, "No, below the boys were asked to the boys were asked only the cough!"

And as they both cried or howled steadily all the time, the dresser sent them away, telling them they might come the next morning to hear what was the matter with their friend. They, not sorry to get their dismissal GAZETEER AND HISTORY after the surgeon had arrived on the scene, scampered off.

very patiently, indeed, began at Pete's TO BE COMMENCED whenever a sufficient number of subscribers is obtained to cover head and examined him down to his feet to find some cause for this extraordinary unconsciousness-and could discover none. Disease he found, indeed, for the poor little fellow's lungs were half gone, but as he said to the dresser; "Boys don't drop down unconscious from that!" Being strangely baffled, the surgeon ordered Pete to be taken to the children's ward, undressed, and put to bed.

"We'll see what we can make of him then!' he said.

It was not by any means easy for Pete to keep up his acting, especially when strong ammonia was put under his nose and almost boiling water to his feet, but he managed it, more from pride than from longing after the Christmas tree, even. Only when he was lifted by the nurse into a soft clean warm bed, such as he had dreamt of be-

fore, that small closed mouth of his in How damp and cold and foggy it was voluntarily parted, and something very evening. It was terribly noisy, too, for The surgeon, noticing it, was struck parts, laden with heavy goods from the with the idea that the boy might be

and everybody hurried along to be out Pete did not knew what a bat'ery of the thoroughfare as soon as possible. meant, or his smile would certainly Three little urchins formed an excep- have disappeared as involuntarily as i

the big iron gates of St. Thomas' Hos- ing his small hand and thirking to himpital, in spite of the constant knocks self that shamming or not shamming, and pushes they received. The attrac- Pete had the most pathetic face he had tion which kept them there was a pow- met with in all his experience of sad-

less than three Christmas trees ! Two slight shock was administered from it

physicians, and was already trimmed He managed not to wince under it and decorated, and covered with toys. the first time. A second and a harder There was some delay in moving it shock was given. Pete did not scream, from the light cart and carrying it into the building; and so the three small the house surgeon's hand that the latter boys outside had time for a long look at knew he was right in his conjecture. it, in all its beauty. As the beautiful Then a third shock was given-a tree disappeared they gave a long drawn stronger one, and this time Pete sprang sigh, and then turned away to their own out of the bed with tears starting to his 'Oh! don't' do it again, don't do it

laughing, but the surgeon did not see

It was a sentiment echoed by the giving us all this trouble for nothing. Why did you do it?' and of course to him Pete did.

t again! i 'And so you pretended to be ill, that

Yes are 'And what am I to do with you now do ven think.' "Form me out again,' said

you shall see the Christmas tree in here. You are not what you pretended to be, neign to be ill, should be taken to the but you are quite ill enough to stay in the ward until after Christmas time, And so Pete had his Christmas tree, only objection to it being that they and Jimmy and Bill came in at the

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you might come in here, and-

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