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R. WALKER & SONS, the great Dry Goods and Clothing House, are just now holding their annual CHRISTMAS SALE, prior to the end of the year, to clear off their surplus Stock and get ready for their Buyer leaving for Europe to make the Spring Purchases. From the prices quoted in their *Advertisement*, and the really cheap goods being shown in their store, the public should be able to secure some grand bargains for *Xmas Presents*. All the Millinery and Mantles are selling at cost. Rich, fancy silks, which are usually sold for \$1.50, are now being sold for the low price of 50 cents a yard. Rich Satins for 20 cents a yard, and other dress goods equally cheap. They are also clearing out lots of Fancy Goods for Xmas; Ladies' and Gents' elegant Dressing Sets, which must be cleared out at less than they cost from the manufacturer. All fresh new goods that you are sure to want—we recommend our readers to take a look through the Stock, as we are sure you will save a large amount of money by so doing.

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Of all the busy people
This busy Christmas-tide,
None works like Mrs. Santa Claus
For days, and nights beside.
The good old Saint, her husband,
Has so much now to do,
If Mrs. Claus did not take hold
He never would get through.

Their home is bright and cheery,
They call it "Reindeer Hall,"
And icicles do thatch the roof,
And icebergs form the wall.
The North Star bright and shining
Gives all the light they need,
For "How to Climb a Chimney,"
Is the only book they read.

They've dolls in every corner,
They've dolls on all the chairs,
Piled high on every cupboard-shelf,
And way up the front stairs,
But not a stitch of clothing,
On any can be seen,
Old Santa Claus is nice, but he
Can't sew on a machine.

So Mrs. Claus is working
On petticoats and sacks,
And there are lots of shirts to make
For all the jumping-jacks;
And long clothes for the babies,
And hats and caps and capes,
Then all the dresses must be cut
In fashionable shapes.

Right on the fire a kettle
Boils, and makes such a noise!
The lid pops up; how good they smell—
Those lemon-candy toys!
Such lots of candy cooking!
Such stacks of chocolate nice!
The kitchen is a sticky place—
So sticky—but so nice!

The reindeer must be harnessed,
The toys packed in the sleigh;
And Santa Claus wrapped up in furs
To ride so far away.
Then Mrs. Claus he kisses
And says, "I don't believe,
My dear, that I can get back home
Till nearly New Year's Eve."

And then away he dashes,
While Mrs. Claus does call,
"Be very careful how you climb;
I'll worry lest you fall!"
And Santa Claus says, smiling,
"I never in my life
Could do so much for boys and girls
Without so good a wife!"

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Perhaps this Christmas you may receive a present from some dear friend at a distance, who has never failed to send you something you liked very much. This time, however, his present is something that you cannot understand, and don't know how to use. So, finally, you set it aside, and go to your other treasures, saying, "There's no use, I can't make anything out of it."

By and by there comes a letter from your friend, telling you all about it, just what it is, and how to use it; and with the letter a person to show you how to follow his directions. The result is, you find you have a treasure worth more, perhaps, than all your other presents put together.

Now God has given us the most wonderful gift that ever was given, but there are very, very many who do not care for it. What do you think is the reason? The reason is that they do not understand what the Gift is. If they did they would want it more than anything else in the world. Now, our Heavenly Father knew that we would not understand about Jesus so as to want Him, unless He should show us what He was. So He sent us a Book, full from beginning to end about Him, and with the Book a wonderful Teacher, His Holy Spirit, to tell each one of us—from the wisest person in the world down to the smallest child—all about Him. You see, now, why some people think so much of Jesus. It is just because they have had

their wonderful Present explained to them, and have found out its value. This is the only reason why some people love Jesus and others do not.

Now let us get ready for Christmas Day—the day on which God gave us this greatest of all Presents—by asking the best of all Teachers, the Holy Spirit, to explain to us this wonderful Gift. No one else can explain to us about Jesus so as to make us *really want Him*. Your parents and teachers and friends may talk to you day after day about Him, but, we say again, only the Holy Spirit can make you *really want Him*. God only can explain His own wonderful Gift. What a Christmas we shall have if He explains it to us!

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