

## The Night Before Christmas

The following verses were written by Dr. Clement Moore of New York, three-quarters of a century ago, for his children. He did not think much of them, and had no thought of getting them published, but a relative saw them, and copied them in an old album. A friend of the relative saw the album, and made another copy, and this last copy reached the office of the *Toronto World*, in which paper, much as Dr. Moore's chagrin, the verses were published on Dec. 23, 1823. They proved popular and were widely copied, and 20 years later, in 1843, Dr. Moore, in spite of his former low opinion of them, included them in a collection of his poems. What became of the other poems in the collection few people know, and few care. The verses on Christmas were selected, and, because a claim was made, they were republished with illustrations, and in 1902, a year before his death, Dr. Moore made an autograph copy of them for the New York Historical Society.

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all thru the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;  
And mamma in her 'kitchen, and I in my cap,  
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I rose from my bed and peeped out of my door.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
To open the shutters and throw up the glass.  
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,  
Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below;  
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,  
With a little old driver so busy and quick,I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

Now rapid they came, and I caught them on the spot,  
And he whisked me round, and called them by name,  
"Now Dasher! Now Dancer! Now Prancer and Vixen!  
On Comet, on Comet, on Comet and Dancer!"  
To the top of the roof, the reindeer then flew,  
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!

As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly,  
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,  
So up to the house-top the reindeer they flew,  
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too,  
And then in a twinkling, I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.  
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,  
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all trimmed with white ermine;  
As he looked like a peddler just coming out of the snow,  
And his hands were so cold that they seemed like ice;  
His eyes were like stars, and his nose like a cherry,  
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a smile.

And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow,  
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
And the smoke it exhaled, like a great blue wreath,  
He had a broad face and a little round belly,  
That shook when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.  
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,  
And I laughed until I was weary myself.

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;  
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk,  
And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
And giving a nod, the reindeer he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,  
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But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,  
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

**SIR LOWTHIAN BELL DEAD.**  
London, Dec. 20.—Sir Lowthian Bell is dead. Besides filling the posts of president of the Iron and Steel Institute and kindred societies, Sir Lowthian had been elected a member of the American Philosophical Institute in recognition of his services as a juror at the International Exhibition at Philadelphia. He was a former mayor of Newcastle. He was a large landowner, holding some 3,000 acres, and was a baronet in 1885.

He was born in Newcastle in 1818, and was a son of Ald. Thomas Bell. He was largely interested in the Clarence Iron Works, mines and collieries, and was a director of the North-eastern Railway. In the iron trade he was considered a scientific expert, and had published the "Chemistry of the Blast Furnace" and "Principles of the Manufacture of Iron and Steel." His heir, who also succeeds to the title, is Thomas Hugh Lowthian.

**HIDING IN CANADA.**  
Washington, D.C., Dec. 20.—At the smart inquiry to-day, Charles H. Overy, who was retained to collect evidence by the prosecution against Mr. Smoot, testified to his active knowledge of politics in Utah. He said that Apostle Taylor is reputed to have taken two wives within two or three years, and that Apostle Cowley has taken a new wife within three years. Taylor now lives in a small house in Salt Lake City, and the witness said the witness thought both men were hiding in Canada.

**Car Buys Pictures.**  
St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—Empress Nicholas has purchased the entire private collection of Vereshchagin's pictures, which it was announced had been offered for sale at auction for \$50,000.

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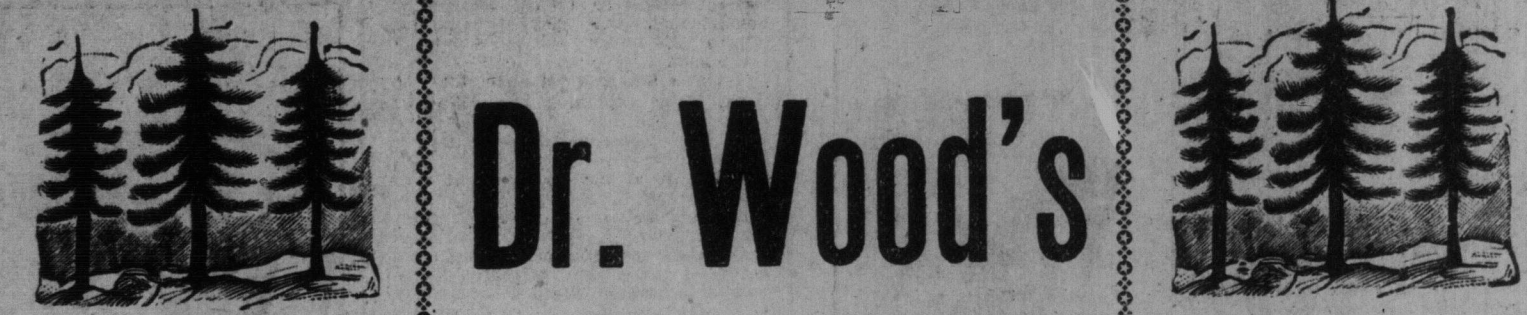
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Say, who should scold and threaten him for it? Joe! make believe that you are young and little— Say, have you got the heart for words to blame? It's pretty hard when Christmas comes For I know that the day will never seem the same.

**RAILWAY WRECKS OUT WEST.**  
Winipeg, Man., Dec. 20.—The Moose Jaw local was wrecked by a defective rail at Portage la Prairie this morning. The engine and one car left the rails and the engine toppled over into the ditch. No person was injured.

**Malford, Dec. 20.**—An accident occurred yesterday on the Canadian Northern Railway, four miles west of Tisdale, an engine, a caboose and a tank were derailed. Engineer Smith was badly injured but will recover. He was left at Star City. The company sent three doctors at once, but there were no other casualties.

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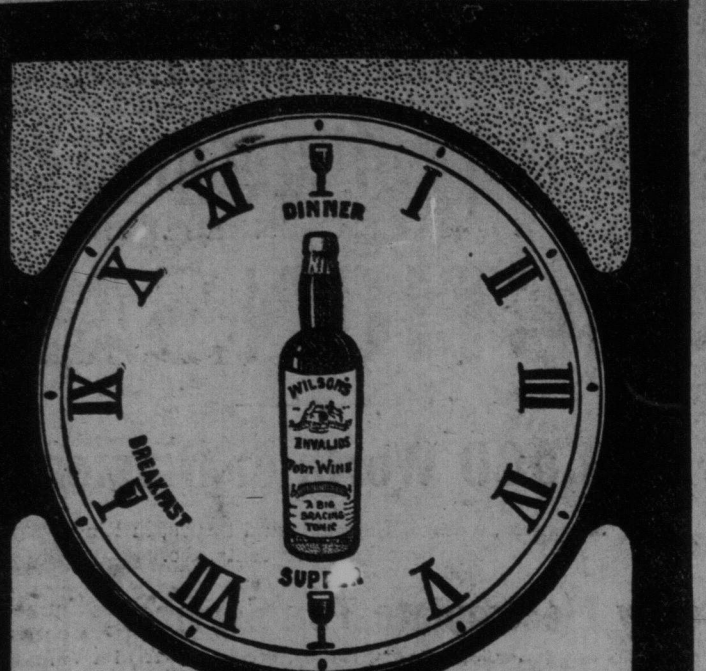
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**BIRNIE'S SIDE OF STORY**  
Hen Island Not Worth \$50 and Only a Brother.

Collingwood, Dec. 20.—(Special).—The World called on John Birnie, K.C., to-day and asked for his side of the story of the purchase of Hen Island. It was charged that he, while entrusted with the task of safeguarding the town's interest, had dozed and bought a valuable property for himself.

Mr. Birnie said: "I have been solicitor for the Town of Collingwood for the past fifteen years, and as such had been instructed to apply for the water front along the harbor at Collingwood, and a large map was prepared by E. Stewart, P.E.S., accompanied by a description of each water lot, which the town instructed me to apply for. Needless to say, Hen Island did not appear on this map or in these descriptions, because it is outside the harbor at Collingwood, and is not a water front at all, but an island at a considerable distance from the main shore. In accordance with my instructions, I applied to the crown lands department for every water front lying along the harbor at Collingwood, and succeeded in obtaining from the government for the town every foot of water front which I was instructed to get, and the town now has the patents thereof in its possession."

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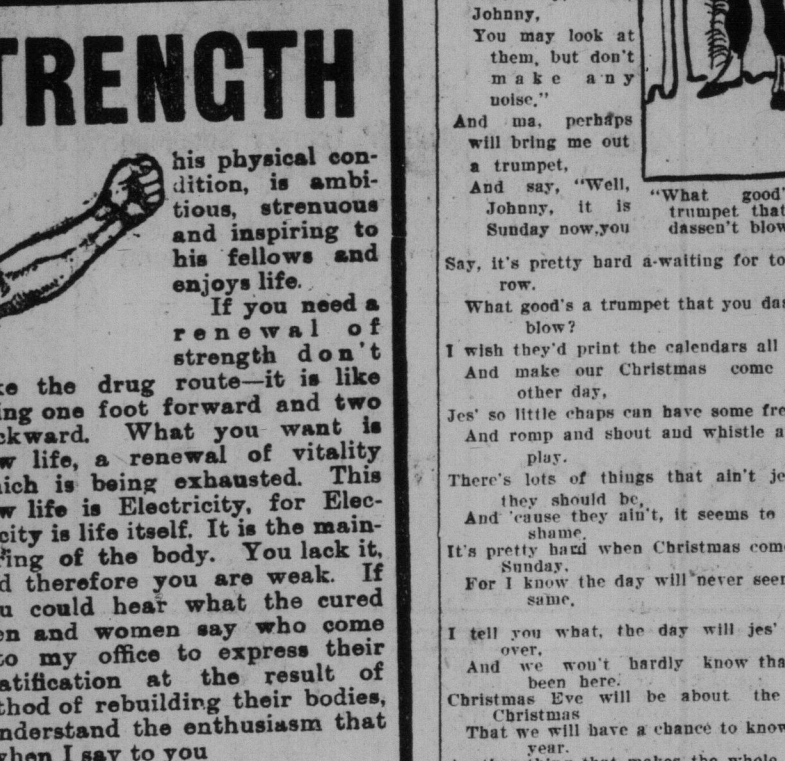
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