

## HOME CIRCLE EEEEEEEEEEEE

MARY, THE MOTHER.

The world may be decked with choice Hark throughout Christendom jo flowers: The sky may send down golden show-

And all earth may be fair without Sweet choral melodies pealing any compare;

But out of the whole There is naught like a soul! The souls of the just may be bright, And the angels and saints may unite, And the glorious throng loin the

glad song Of praise most hely By high and by lowly.

But the world with its beauty and glory, Its wonderful Creation story,

When it offers is treasure, great beyond measure, Can give us none other Live Mary, the Mother

THE REAL CHRISTMAS.

heart, core and inner life is love love which "vacuteth not itself," in Day of fond memories, king of the honer preferring another, and "Is "Peace on earth, good will to men," this was the first Christmas Tender remembrances softly are stealmessage. It was natural, in the observance of this day, that the giving of gifts should be adopted as the method of expression of love for one Mists of the past, full of balm and of another and thankfulness to God. But the simple old custom has become a burden. The meat has become more than the life, and the body more than the spirit.

form which is fast becoming meanlife into the celebration of Christ mas? Who shall give us courage to Day of the poor, bringing Jesus the cease troubling the air with such questions as "What shall I give John?" and "What does Mary want?" and "How in the world am I going Comforter, Savior, Redeemer most to please William Henry, when nothing less than an automobile will satisfy him?"-Woman's Home Companion.

### Chats With Young Men

EDUCATED YOUNG MEN

made an earnest appeal for support chism will tell you that Christmas lived in by grown-up people, but sentinel, and let one little ray of sentinel, and let one little ray of this glorious splendor shine down upon the control on which Jesus Christ was born in the best on this subject. Speaking of the city of Bethlehem. And what is Jesus necessity of having educated Catho-Christ? The same Catholic child will said this is true of Mrs. Edith Og-Clared "I would grant thy imploring when I used to significant the golden key, good support that the golden key, good support that the golden key, good support this sentinel, and let one little ray of this sentinel, and let one little ray of this glorious splendor shine down upon my dear mother to heal her waked through the could be sould be sentinel. The sentinel, and let one little ray of this glorious splendor shine down upon my dear mother to heal her waked through the could be sould be supported by those who write child stories prefer this glorious splendor shine down upon my dear mother to heal her waked through the could be supported by those who write child stories prefer this glorious splendor shine down upon my dear mother to heal her waked through the could be supported by the could be supported by the sentinel, and let one little ray of this glorious splendor shine down upon my dear mother to heal her to dwell among children and keep on my dear mother to heal her this glorious splendor shine down upon my dear mother to heal her the sentinel, and let one little ray of the sentinel, and let on lies behind every factor that makes tell you that Jesus Christ is the den Harrison, author of "Prince Silfor the good of the country, he said. Eternat Son of God, true God of Finn, whose stories the boys and gates ajar." Allow are we Catholics going to true God, born of the Eternal Fath- girls have read. Let me tell you some, talk about our glories and about our is here in the manger is the Creator Playfair" and "Harry Dec." possible subject—not in a popular, in made by Him. All things were made "stiff as a poker," as little people back a general way, but with the best back a general way, but with the best back a general way. thoroughly with the best that has nothing " And now he becomes in young folks right to his heart, he been, and is done, has been and is carnate. He takes upon Him a hu- got right into their world at once. right? We must do it!"

### STRANGE INCONSISTENCIES

Does it not seem strange that the man who can spend dollars for drinks and cigars every day of the week sonality-Jesus Christ, the God-Man. or three little girls and boys on his cannot find a dime for religion on The acts and utterances, then, of this knees Sunday?

That the man that never gives a dime to the church fund always ner in which it is distributed?

That the pastor who does his full duty to God is usually unpopular or of the world, if it was His bless he left that evening, every one of with many of his parishioners?

for a seat in the theatre, but always agreeable to Himself? Is not God had known half their lives This is

duce to rent a pew in the church?

ice expect their pastors to live on desire is to do His Father's business. good wishes and the grace of God! The Eternal Father, looking down in That parents who never attend complacency from reaven, cites to good people who knew him loved stone, their this lower world of ours' "This is good people who knew him loved to by the quip, the class, the feast children to become model Christians? My beloved Son in Whom I am well him One day his mother gave him Scarce by the lone star in the East—

in the rear of the church and block Freeman's Journal the entrance are always found in the front seats at questionable places of amusement?

That the sermon which touches the guilty conscience never fails to find warm condemnation?

it is over?

That those who have spent years ly Divine Justice by a death-bed repentance of a few momental Strange fluence in curing consumption and all the boys said "What's an old shoe inconsistencies!-Church Progress. lung diseases,

CHRISTMAS.

bells are ringing; From mountain and land and o'er sea, thrilling,

Echoes of ages from far Galilee: Christmas is here, Merry old Christmas, Gift bearing, heart-touching, bringing Christmas, Day of grand memories, king of the

year. In volume majestic deep anthems are

pealing, Lirmonies heavenly swell on 2 i I ofth and lowly in brotherhood

kneeling, Peasant and prince mingle praises and prayer, Christmas is here,

Sanctified Christmas. The real spirit of Christmas, its Christ-bearing, life-giving, soul-saving Christmas

year.

Over the souls of the weary

healing, Soothing the sorrow of sad and forlorn:

Christmas is here, Many-voiced Christmas, How shall we rid ourselves of this Grief-soothing, heart-cheering, hope bearing Christmas, ingless; how infuse fresh, pulsating Day of sweet memories, king of the

> lowly, Bearer of burdens and giver of rest

Christmas is here, Mericiul Christmas, Faith-raising, love-bearing, blessing Christmas, Sweetest and holiest day of the year

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS.

Now, let us try to understand what At a meeting of educators held re- Christmas Day means for us Every children. The land of childhood is pitcously cently at Chicago Bishop Spaiding Catholic child who knows his cate one altogether different from that continue and let are little one importuned mass spirit of children, proceed and good will. It always succeeds. Has continue and let are little one importuned mass spirit of children, proceed and good will. It always succeeds. Has any millionaire in this great city be any millionaire in this great city be. numbers? Are we not going to place of the universe. The sun shines at man body and a human soul in the He told them little stories and laugh- through the open portals. womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary In ed with them, and played with them this union there results no confusion like a happy school boy. He was the of natures; nevertheless, whilst ob- applest child in the room You would serving the distinction in natures, not think it could be Father Finn if this union constitutes but one Per-you could have seen him with two

mystery. But a mystery, whilst it is play tag to perfection, and hide-andfinds the most fault about the man- above reason, does not contradict seek and "Annie Over" and a lot of reason The world is full of myster- other games He can talk books, of ies The world itself is a mystery. course, but he can talk play, too, is it wonderful then, that the Creatand I know he likes to play. When That people will pay high prices should appear to us in a manner just as they would a playmate they parlors of their young lady carnate in order to redeem us in has stories, and all little people look on mility to rebuke the proud; He comes him as one of them. He is a great That people will buy boxes at a in poverty as a reproach to those man, but after you have plaied with horse show whom nothing could in- whose hearts are immersed in riches him a half hour you forget his great-He comes in the spirit of obedience That persons who are always press- His one aspiration is "Father, not jolly playmate.-Chicago New World. ing their employers for larger salar- My will but Thine be done." His one That parents who nover attend complacency from Heaven, cries to

ances of God

So rapidly does lung irritation spicad and deepen, that often in a few weeks a simple cough cuminates opened the box he found the extra dearin tubercular consumption. Give heed buttoner, and asked his mother if she theory crowning of the year That those who never help to de to a cough, there is always danger in thought he ought to carry one of tray the church expenses demand the delay, get a bottle of Bickle's Anti-them back She said she supposed the But by the light in children's eyes, most conforts and conveniences?

Consumptive Syrup, and cure yourboth of them, but to go and see.

That those who make the least self. It is a medicine unsurpassed for On his way back to town he met ly secret plottings, fond and deep, always in a rush to got away before all throat and lung troubles. It is some of his boy acquaintances, who When little heads lie still, in sleep; compounded from several herbs, each asked where he was going He told By glowing sympathy that starts, one of which stands at the head of them how the merchant had made a Melting the winter in our hearts; of their lives in sin expect to satistic the list as exerting a wonderful in- mistake and that he was going to re- fir quickened joy and hely pride, for Divine Institute has a death-hed re-

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

They tell a lovely story, in lands beyond the sea, How, when the King of Glory lay on ing right"

His mother's knee, Before the Prophet-princes came, bringing gifts in hand, could not understand!

The gentle, patient donkey and ox that trod the corn Knelt beside the manger, and knew that Christ was born

And so they say in Sweden, at twelve each Christmas night, The dumb beasts kneel to worship and

see the Christmas light! This fancy makes men kinder creatures needing care, They give them Christmas greeting,

and dainty Christmas fare,

The cat and dog sup gaily, and sheaf of golden corn Is raised above the roof-tree for the birds on Christmas morn!

We do not live in Sweden, but we can feed the birds, And make dumb creatures happy by kindly deeds and words No animal so humble, no creeping

worm so small, But that the God who made us has made and loves them all! we to them are cruel, like Christ we cannot bel

And this shall be our lesson from our dear Christmas tree! -Selected.

SOME PLOPLE YOU KNOW

Speaking of stories reminds me that perhaps the Little People who read this department of The New World might like to be told something of intimately, others not quite so well But he who kept jealous guard over From time to time, hereafter, he is the great glistening portals regretgoing to tell the readers of The fully answered; Golden Sheal a few of the things he

every writer who writes children's enter to mar the glory of Heaven

In Gerald Keith's home there

Personality are the acts and utter- Of course, everybody knows Father All this, of course, is a profound little folks don't know that he can ness and come to look on him as a

HONEST LITTLE WILLIE,

Willie was an honest boy, and all Not by the crowded, warm hearth store to buy a pair of shoes. When Nor mistletoe, nor wreathed place. the merchant tied up the bundle he Nor merry specume to and the Nor any circumstance or show-As soon as Willie reached home and

buttenert They don't cost a cent.

Milliament or his many or his Willie went on his way and returned the buttoner to the merchant, who told him it was put in by mistake, but that he need not have troubled to return it

Next morning at sensor several the boys when they rict Willie said, "Hello, old Shoe Buttoner!" At first he thought he would cry, but he said to himself: "I did right, and there is no use in crying about do

The vacation came, the same mercliant from whom Willie had purchus ed the shoes some months before ad-The dumb beasts left the miracle men vertised for a boy. Willie was anxious to make some money of his a receipt for it that we may send own, and his mother allowed bim to her." apply for the place. When he walked I was soon on Tenth street into the store one of the boy, who number sought was a tumble-down was waiting his turn to see the pro- old rookery, and the children snowprietor, said to another boy "Well, here comes 'Shoe Buttoner'"

The merchant looked around and Mr Jones lived on the top floor recognized the honest face of his former customer and employed him immediately. He was so faithfu! and from that day till this, and is now one of the proprietors

just related, said the other day "Will, didn't it make you feel good when you got your position because you had returned a shoe buttoner?" Mr Will replied "Oh, of course, I was glad to get the position, but most of my feeling good over it was because I knew I had done right "

THE CHILD AND THE ANGEL.

A pretty legend of the olden times tells how a little one of earth passed beyond through the golden gates of Heaven The story tells how the little spirit stood always near the close-shut portals ever with a sad face The sentinel angel who guarded the gates asked wherefore was her sorrowful look, in that place of peace and joy

"Oh, sweet angel," was the mourn-am under the necessity of seeking hu-ful reply. "I ever hear my mother man objects for my bounty The alms writers who write stories for little you leave the gate but a little ajar? shut away from her thus Cannot birds." boys and girls Although nobody I pray you, do, sweet anger, that my knows who Gerald Keith is, he knows poor sorrowing mother may get but Christianity's birth time, eternally a number of such writers—some quite with to light up her heavy sadness."

> "Naj, little one, for I must ever keep faithfully these gates closed, save when they open to let through And just here let it be said that the redeemed. Else there might ill have read it on Christmas eve-that

clared "I would grant thy imploring when I used to sit in one of those; prayer, sweet one, yet I dare not vehicles and go skimming over the Nay, I must not set these beautiful snow I lost half the sport I could

eternally talk about the Church, and er before all ages. This Babe that thing about the author of "Tom sweet mother of the Christ-child, of a spiil. I could hear no belie but arose and tenderly laid her hand on those on my own team, but, ah, the faithful gate-keeping angel Then standing on the roadsidemany children. One evening. Father the sentinel understood that all-ten-enti men in many parts of this country His bidding, the stars in their Finn came to see them, for he al- der touch of mother-love. And, while who are thoroughly competent to courses move at His command "He ready knew Gerald Keith. Was the he bowed his head, the key was turndiscuss every possible problem, every was in the world, and the world was learned Jesuit and famous writer ed, and the golden bar slid softly

And on the sad mother-heart shone out again. But a slice of bread, an down the healing light of Heaven, onion and a cup of black tea-no

### LITTLE BESSIE'S GIANT.

informed her mother that she knew a beautiful story about a giant great delight in most of them is in ma would like

"Well, then," she continued, "once girls One day as he was walking have done much shopping in my time, along through the woods he met two il can tell you little girls-one very good little girl, and one very naughty one First, he look a bite out of the good little let that fact stand between me and Talvas Write for Pamphlet to ed will to make Himself visible, the little Keiths bade him good-bye girl, and he made up a horrid face, epicurean enjoyment and said she tasted awful nasty Then able to do what He wills? And, since how, really, he gets little boys and and he smacked his lips and said she bright skies and green fields and ateal one in the church when they He has the power, who dares say girls to put in his books. He picks that He did not so will? But the them out while he plays with them mamma, she had caten nuts and raisall mine, sir, as much as a king's. that He did not so will? But the them out while he plays with them mamma, she had eaten nuts and raisall mine, sir, as much as a king's.

That our young men will assume reason of the Son of God coming in Over in Cincinnati the newsboys all ins and candy when her mother told in the form of man is became them. barroom attitudes at devotions and to this world in the form of man is know him, and he knows them He her not to and that made her taste take on photographic postures in not unknown to us. He became in has made some of them heroes in his sweet. Then the old giant said 'I'll

THE GROWN-FOLKS' CHRIST-

(Christmas St. Nicholas.) Not by glad Christmas bells alone;

That many of the men who worship pleased Hear ye Him! - New York two dollars and sent him to the Nor yet by the gift nor deed of grace, Nor merry speeding to and fro,

Know we the Christmas day. These are but symbols, hallowed,

turn one of the buttoners One of When to the Child all doors swing

widow Know we the Christman day,

A CHRISTMAS PHILOSOPHER Sulkity deploring the poverty which compelled me to come to work on Christmas Day, I cutered the office of The Daily Dozer and went to m.

"Jenkins," said the city editor, "hero's five dollars a lady sent us to give a poor chap up on Tenth street You see, she wants to know it reached him and doesn't want to register a letter, for he must not know who sends it. So run up with it and get

balling each other in the street stopped long enough to tell me that old

voice as I knocked on his door I did Seated by the window, nightcap on honest that he has been in that store head and spectacles on nose, sat a bright-eyed, gray-haired, much wrin-One of Willie's old friends who re tall and stooped "Merry Christcalled the circumstances which I have mas! he piped as soo as he saw ime and grinned affably, displaying a

> your company. I deserve it," he added a little pettishly. "I have gladdened others' Christmas to-day." "You have?" I was impolite enough

to say in my bewilderment "The birds," said he, pointing out

the window to where a few sparrows on the fire escape were pecking at a plece of his loaf "It is this that has made you hap-

py to-day in spite of-"It is one of the things. That was my Christmas giving It was all I could give until you came, but now I

weeping, weeping, that her child is share of this is too big for the "Can you find any poorer than yourself?" I inquired.

> "Yes, even in the palaces," he said solemnly rising and leaning on the long stick which he had kept beside. him, he thus went on.

"I began my celebration of Christmas yesterday afternoon by going to the free library and reading Dickens' 'Christmas Carol' For five years I s, to fill myself with the true Christstories is surely a lover of little Yet the little one importuned mas spirit of charity, love, peace and

> "Having finished my reading, walked through the crisp, frosty air to the boulevard to enjoy the sleighing. It was very fine. Time was not see the cutters skim by, the rosy Then, it is said, that Mary, the checks of the riders, and I ran risk

"The skating on the lake next interested me, and I enjoyed it greatly. Home to tea next, with a keen a general way, but with the best knowledge of the day, acquainted to the day, acquainted to the day, acquainted to the day acquainte

> gluttony in that, yet enough "I went out to uo my Christmas shopping Oh, I saw everything -Bessie, a little girl, aged three, all the riches of the earth displayed in windows Remember that the "Would you like to hear it, looking at them, and that if they are mamma?" she asked. Of course mamber personal ornaments you cannot very looking at them, and that if they are well see them after you put them on I feasted my eyes fully from the outthere was a great big, ugly giant, side of the windows. It was the best and he was very fond of eating little have done much character in my time.

> > "Midnight Mass - grand, celestial!

"I slept the sleep of the contented Pho.to Main 2842 35 King St. W. It is nice indeed.

"See my Yule log!" He pointed to a piece of cannel coal beside the stove. "I will light that by and by. never again cat, a good little girl, I will light that by and by.
I'll always cat the bad ones' "

Over it and make me a little girl, I will roast a little girl of meat over it and make me a little wassailbowl of cider with a roast apple in it—and when my pipe is lit and the street lamp shines on the ceiling I recite for myself some of the old 386 Main Street. miracle plays of Christmas or sing ! an olden carol-"

"Pardon me," said I, starting up I must go You tempt me to share your feast and lose my position I must go. I wish I knew how to be as happy as you."

"Be content," said the strange old man -Seaton Lord.

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Mr Jones lived on the top floor

"Come in!" piped a cheery, shrill voice as I knocked on his door I did Scated by the window, nightcap on head and spectacles on nose, sat a bright-cycd, gray-haired, much wrinkled oid fellow, clean shaven and very tail and stooped "Merry Christmas!" he piped as soo" as he saw he saw and grinned affably, displaying a few large teeth that were still white "Sit down on that other chair and gladden my Christmas," said he "This gift of money is nothing to your company. I deserve it," he add
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