

HOME CIRCLE

MARY, THE MOTHER. The world may be decked with choice flowers...

THE REAL CHRISTMAS. The real spirit of Christmas, its heart, core and inner life is love...

Chats With Young Men

EDUCATED YOUNG MEN At a meeting of educators held recently at Chicago Bishop Spalding made an earnest appeal for support...

STRANGE INCONSISTENCIES

Does it not seem strange that the man who can spend dollars for drinks and cigars every day of the week cannot find a dime for religion on Sunday?

CHRISTMAS. Mark throughout Christendom joy bells are ringing; From mountain and valley, o'er land and o'er sea...

CHRISTMAS IS HERE. Merry old Christmas, Gilt-bearing, heart-touching, joy-bringing Christmas...

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS.

Now, let us try to understand what Christmas Day means for us. Every Catholic child who knows his catechism will tell you that Christmas Day is the anniversary of the day on which Jesus Christ was born in the city of Bethlehem...

HONEST LITTLE WILLIE.

Willie was an honest boy, and all good people who knew him loved him. One day his mother gave him two dollars and sent him to the store to buy a pair of shoes...

CHILDREN'S CORNER

CHRISTMAS IN SWEDEN.

They tell a lovely story, in lands beyond the sea, How, when the King of Glory lay on His mother's knee...

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

This fancy makes men kinder to creatures needing care, They give them Christmas greeting, and dainty Christmas fare...

SOME PEOPLE 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 writers who write stories for little boys and girls...

THE CHILD AND THE ANGEL.

A pretty legend of the olden times tells how a little of ether 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...

LITTLE BESSIE'S GIANT.

Bessie, a little girl, aged three, informed her mother that she knew a beautiful story about a giant. "Would you like to hear it, mamma?" she asked...

THE GROWN-FOLKS' CHRISTMAS.

(Christmas St. Nicholas.) Not by glad Christmas bells alone; Not by the crowded, warm hearthstone...

The storekeeper will laugh at you "Willie went on his way and returned the button to the merchant, who told him it was put in by mistake...

Next morning at school several of the boys when they met Willie said, "Hello, old Shoe Buttoner!"

The vacation came, the same merchant from whom Willie had purchased the shoes some months before advertised for a boy. Willie was anxious to make some money of his own...

Mr Willie 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"

A CHRISTMAS PHILOSOPHER

Sulkily deploring the poverty which compelled me to come to work on Christmas Day, I entered the office of The Daily Dozer and went to my desk...

"Come in!" piped a cheery, shrill voice as I knocked on his door. I did so, and he looked at me with a bright-eyed, gray-haired, much wrinkled old fellow, clean shaven and very tall and stooped...

"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 piece of his loaf...

"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...

"I began my celebration of Christmas yesterday afternoon by going to the free library and reading Dickens' 'Christmas Carol' For five years I have read it on Christmas eve—that is, to fill myself with the true Christmas spirit of charity, love, peace and good will. It always succeeds. Has any millionaire in this great city begun more wisely?"

"The skating on the lake next interested me, and I enjoyed it greatly. Home to tea next, with a keen appetite. Had I a full ladder and that appetite I would eat enough to be sluggish, and then I should not go out again. But a slice of bread, an onion and a cup of black tea—no glutinous in that, yet enough"

"I went out to do my Christmas shopping. Oh, I saw everything—all the riches of the earth displayed in windows. Remember that the great delight in most of them is in looking at them, and that if they are personal ornaments you cannot very well see them after you put them on. I feasted my eyes fully from the outside of the windows. It was the best Christmas shopping I ever did, and I have done much shopping in my time. I can tell you"

"Midnight Mass—a grand, celestial No. sir, not a Catholic, but I do not let that fact stand between me and epicurean enjoyment. "I slept the sleep of the contented man, sir, dreaming of the beautiful, bright skies and green fields and pleasant waters of summer that are all mine, sir, as much as a King's."

"See my Yule log!" He pointed to a piece of canal coal beside the stove. "I will light that by and by. I will roast a little joint of meat over it and make me a little wassail-bowl 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 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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And I saw that there was an Ocean of Darkness and Death, but an Infant here of God.—George Fox.