he could leave his work,

of these. Her name and that of ber

child were among those of the

drowned. There was no hope of res

cue; some of the survivors had seen

And now, some five years after, as

be walks this bright Christmas day

through the streets of a small sea-

side town in England not far from

were his dear wife with him and the

little Maggie by their side; and no

deeply moved by the earnest words!

occupied with his lost child-be

Mass over, he went to the Ocib,

hidden behind a pillar, he heard a

little girl coming cautiously to the

inside her cloak and placed some

thing that seemed to glitter in the

dim candle-light, for the chapel

where the Crib stood was darkened.

on the arms of the little statue

Lawrence heard a halfwhisper

Jesus," then she ran off.

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And they travelled by night and they slept by day, For their guide was a beautiful, wonderful star.

The star was so beautiful, large, and That all the other stars of the sky Became a white mist in the atmos

And by this they knew that the coming was near Of the Prince foretold in the

Three caskets they bore on their saddle bows, Three caskets of gold with golden

Their robes were of crimson silk with rows Of bells and pomegranates and furbelews.

Their turbans like blossoming alm nd trees. And so the three Kings rode into the West.

Through the dusk of night over bills and dells, And sometimes they nodded with beard on breast,

ed to rest. With the people they met at the wayside wells.

Of the child that is born," said Baltasar. "Good people, I pray you, tell us the news;

we in the East have seen his And have iliden fast, and have ridden far,

the Jews." And the people answered, "You ask Sing them till the night expire! in vain; We know of no king but Herod

the Great!' They thought the Wise Men were men ineane, As they spurred their Lorses across

the plain, Like riders in baste who cannot wait.

And when they came to Jerusalem, Herod the Great, who had heard this thing, Sent for the Wise Men and question-

ed them; And said, "Go down unto Bethlebem, And bring me tidings of this new

So they rode away and the star stood Not so gay a carol brings. The only ore in the grey of more;

own free will, Right over Bathlehem on the hill, Tae city of David where Christ was born.

And the three kings rode through the g te and the gu ri, Torough the silent street, till their

borses turned And neighed as they entered the great inn-yard;

But the windows were closed, and the doors were barred. And only a light in the stable burned.

In the air made sweet by the breath of kine

-Time

Of a kingdom not human but divine.

His mother, Mary of Nozareth, Sat watching beside his place of Watching the even flow of his breath | while he was thinking of other

For the joy of life and the terror of things, and was sad. Were mingled together in her

bresst. They laid their offerings at his feet King,

The frankincense, with its odour Was the Priest, the Paraclete,

The myrrh for the body's burying. And the mother wondered and bow- fortune. ed her bead,

And sat as still as a statue of stone; Her heart was troubled yet comfort-

Of an endless reign and of David's

With a cletter of hoofs in proud twelve-month passed, so swiftly be-

the Great, And returned to their homes an-

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Barezal. I hear along our street Pass the minstrel throngs, Hark! they play so sweet, Og their hauf boys, Christmas songe Let us by the fire

Ever higher ling them till the night expiret In December ring Every day the chimes Loud the gleemen sing In the streets their merry rhymes. Let us by the fire

Ever bigher And sometimes talked, as they paus. Sing them till the night expire! Shepherds at the grange,

> Where the Babe was bo n Sang, with many a change, Obristmas carols until morn. Let us by the fire Ever higher

Sing them till the night expire! There good people sang Songs devout and sweet While the rafters rang To find and worship the King of There they stood with freezing feet. Let us by the fire

> Ever bigber Nans in frigid cells At this boly tide, For want of something else, Christmas songs at times have tried. Let us by the fire Reer higher

ing them till the night expire! Washerwomen old, To the sound they beat, ing by rivers cold With uncovered heads and feet. Let us ty the fi e

Ever higher Sing them till the night expire! Who by the fireside stands Stamps his feet and sings; But be who ti we his bands

Lat us by the fire " E er higher

Yes, it stopped, it stood still of its Sing them till the night expirel

The Sprig of Holly.

On a bright Christmas morning Lawrence Grey was walking to anearly Mass. A clear blue sky, with the rising sun casting a tinge of gold on tree and bush and house-top-he lived just outside the town and was walking in-the air fresh, yet not unpleasantly cold, and the silver fringes of the morning's frost, all tended to And cradled there in the scented invigorate and enliven those whom piety or pleasure had brought out of their bouses at that early bour. Smiles were plentiful, and cheery The child that would be King one greetings incessant. The air seemed to be full of "Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas!" And Lawrence smiled, and nodded, and echoed 'Merry Christmas' in reply to the greetings-though be was acquainted with but few of those whom he met-yet all the

Lawrence Grey had been started in life as an engineer. His parents had died while he was still young, and his guardian, after giving him a The gold was their tributs to a good education, sent him to a large engineering firm in the United States. Here he prospeted. Several works of importance were entrusted to him, and he carried them out very successfully; and before long be had made for himself a name and a

Some eight years before our story opens-it was just eight years to the day-Lawrence married a bright warm-hearted Irish girl, whom he had met in one of his journeys Remembering what the Angel had through the States. By the following Christmas there was a wee bineeyed baby, the image, as Lawrence said, of his Maggie. And lawrence Then the Kings rode out of the city thought that life was too happy to last. And so it proved, Another cause so happily, a twelve-month of But they went not back to Herod life's summer, during which Lawrence backed in the warm love of For they knew his malice and feared the true-hearted, devoted, going wife, and thought nothing so soulstirring as the merry little laugh or the crowing of pleasure of their little

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one-and then Maggie paled, and, n spite of all care, the short thin **Nerves Were** cough told that she was in consumption. "A sea voyage might do ber Unstrung. good," he was told; and so she and the little Maggie were put on board WOULD ALMOST GO OUT OF a bemeward-bound vessel, Lawrence interding to follow them as soon as

Many women become run down and worn out by household cares, and duties never ending, and sooner or later find But the thip never reached England. A fierce storm arose when they were close to the end of the weak he voyage; the vessel was driven out f her course on to some rocks and foundered. Most of the crew and passengers were either drowned or Wrs. Archie Goodine, Tilley, N.B. writes: "When I was troubled with my perished through the cold and ex- he eart, two years ago, I was very bac posure; some few who bad escaped in an open boat were pleked up, after going through fearful hardships and privatione, and taken to the have cured me. I cannot speak too highly of this wonderful remedy, and will recommend it to all sufferers."

her perish. And Lawrence in his anguish oried: "If she had to die, Home is the place to which some would to God she had died here; I men go in order to get whevn when should then have had at least my dissgreeable things happen down

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the port where he had landed a few years before-no wonder that he Minard's Liniment cures thinks of what might have been, Neuralgia

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and following the train of his own Second thoughts are best because mood and th cughts-for be was still hey are usually less expensive.

resolved that, while he himself could Perhaps be is just that, Alouxo, have but little share in the joy of but we wouldn't advise you to call the season, he would gladden one the manager of a swimming school a bome this Christmas by adopting dive keeper.

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