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| THE MIRRILIGE LIIK |  |

the rev. father m. callaghan

On Sunday last the Rev. M. Callagha delivered a lengtby, interesting, instruc
tive and highly importunt discourse on "Mixed Marriagess," upon which heinsisted attracted singula atten. It was evident he mastered hi
sion. subject. He began by remarking how
different the world would be if mixed marriages did not exist. The cause of Christianity would flourish and the con
quests of Catholicity would be perme
nent. All the benefits of the Incannatio nent. Al the bene fits of the ne axnation
would be enjoyed on a more extensive
scale. Humanity would be peserved
from a multitude of evils and enriched scale. a multitude of evils and enriche ing. The glory of the Most High would
be considerably advanced. He establish ed the prohibition of mixed marriage
from the stand-point of the natual law He signnlled the principal dangers to
which they gavefris. The loss of fitit is the grentest of ale losses. It is an th-
dispensalle ingredient of merit and the
fundamental condition of salvation. The

They are associated in a most fiumilia
manacr with thecr husinnainand int thi
association there is something dangerous. They are exposed to read books, mas
zines, pamphets and newspapers
phat religion is misrepresent and can hope for no fair play. They
nusut allow, thenselves to be visted by
the parson, his wifc and sanctimonious
lad They yoke of their husbunds. Negro slave
is abolished wherever the English language is spoken. Another kind of slaver
is prevalent in the most civilized centres
of Europe and Amcrica. It is the slavery of the white population. Protestant hus-
bands nre the slave-owners and their Catholic wives are the slaves. They ar
not free to live according to the dictates
of their conscience. They are in con stant alarm, threatened and persecuted
They run every risk of losing their fait they run every tisk daty or of joining
ay not fultiling their
at practically dead to every thing catholic
On the day a Cathocic is married to
Protestant the crape might not inappro printely be hung on the door of he former residence. Mixed marriage
render it impossible to bring up the chil
dren in the Catholic religion. The
parents will always be disagreeing and CONTRADICTING EACH OTHER
on points of belicf. Common prayer is
out of the question. It is a mostd tifticiult
task to send the children to catechism or task to send the children to catechism or
to a Catholic school. The MIass nust be
neglected and the Sacraments cannot fai neglected and
to be flbund
Indifterentisin is the bane of our times
and and may be the result of mixed mar
riges. The parrents may be naturally
good aud irrepronehablein many respects. The children may be tempted to conclud
that faith io no importance -tbat
it
inmat or to what church he belongs. Al at
obliged to vicl to God the homage
theif intellivence to accept all the teacl ings of the Christian revelation and 1all
under the flar of the True Church.
Mixed marriages may be productive of family disecensions. There is no hap
piness where there is no unity Nothing
opens o wider brech than a diffrenec o
religion. Diverce will often result from mixed marriages. Protestants may be
lieve in diroree. What a pernicious evi
it is! It sunp the foundation of civi society by ruming the tamily and hinde
ing thie proper training of thice children.
Divores are granted for the most trivia
 dangers arising from mixed marringe his rudience the majesty and beruty of two Catholics. He then contristed the
absence of all liturgy on the occasion of
 say or do. He appears ony
withess.
Before a mixed marriage is performed the Protestante party is required to do
two things in writing, muder oathi and in presence of two witnesses. He must
swar to allow his wife all manner or
liborty in practising her religion cannot interfere in any way or try by
any menns to turn hor. He must nls swear that he will have the chidiren o
both sexes baptized ind educated Catho
lics. Were he to become $n$ widower or marry $\Omega$ Protestant he should alway
stand by his onth, The Catholic is
obliged to do all she can e her husband. The best method is to lea
a worthy ilife. The ante-nuptial promige
mude
Protestants are kept sometime but not in a great many cases. They are
not binding betore law. Rev. Father Callaghan now pointed out the
oadses of sicxed marriags. The principal oves wore a lack of re
foetion and ankeaning ff faith. Before marrying n man , should oalculate the
step which he is contemplating, and if
his faith is strong and healthy he will his faith is strong and healthy he will
follow the, guidanoo of the Church.
Many ontraot mixed marriages beoause
they did not receive a Catholic education.
They did not realize the the thelings and
claims of the Clurch. They were indif.
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 Catholics often wish to marry Protestitants
from the gratuitous supposition of their
social superiority. Socinal standing dor
not consist in hiving mon social superiority. Socinl standing doe
not consis in huring money, wearing
fine clothes, ditting at a sumptuou
and lable, living in a magnificent mansion,
built in an aristocratic quarter, in a
possessing physique or fascinating ad dress. If it did Catholics might nush to
the front and compete with ail kinds
religionists for the championship religionists for the championship. It
consists in patriotism, in morality,
charity, ustice, patience and self-scorifice
In gil these respects Catholic charity, justice, patience and self-sRerifice
these respects Catholics
In ail
can find no superiors or equals. The
covels of the hour are a prolficic source can find no superiors or equals. The
novels of the hour are a prolific. source
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unreal not see beyond this lire and never dream
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unreal and exaggerated colors. They
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novels such as arc generally in circu-
 ment, and engender $\Omega$ spirit of sensation
alism which finds its supreme gratif ever is forbidden. and paves the way to
crime and infany,
The great thing is to serve God in
whatever sphere of life we may be.
serve Him is to reign. Parents are re


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when aflection is supernaturalized, when when a ffection is supernaturalized, when
fathers and mothers worship at the sann
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hmilies of which we should be proud. of peace.
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THE RIISH CRISSS.
the great battle terminated.
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Dublis. December 16. Mr. Davitt, accompaniced by. Fathar O'Balloran, was at the mepeting to-d3y at Ballinakill and
he took his stand in the higher part of he square near the church. Cheers and ounter cheers and partiziun shouts were
ociferously indulged by the assembled nembers of the two factions. As Mr. yan were Wim. Redmond, M.P., Father Ryan and other Parnellites, was driven
through the lower part of the square, fol-
lowed by a cheering crowd. Mr. Redmond began speaking simultanoously
with Davitt. The afvent of a nother
Ther priest driving briskly through the
prary top the the peeches at both meetings. The new
conlers ranged themselves alongide the car occupied by Davitt. Amid a chorus
of ningled cheers and execrations, Mr.
Scully took up the speaking and was expressing his views when great, shouting Harrison mad a namber of supporters on
horelvack and in carse Parnels appent
ance beside Redmond was the signual tor Amid the din Parnell spokc to the
group uround him at follows: "I come
annong you to insult no man. (Edward Harrintol, "No; we wil protect onr
selves.") 1 come to speak of the yreat
National crisis, I will not enter into a
personal contett ot squalble with any man. I regret that Mrf. Daviet is not at an
ny side-(cries of "Down with him,") to fight for Iroland with me as
I will speak only nbout Hennessy, the
man who went to Parlinment in 1861 na a Tory supporter of Disracli, and who
now wants to go as a Liberal liader of
Mr. Gladstonc. In I861 Hennessy defendMr. Gladstone. In 1861 mmensy delend-
edin the House of Commons the evictions proceeding throughout Kings
county (Yells of "to hell with him.",
Will Kilkenny take a man who defended the externmination of those people?
(Cries of "never.") Disancil gave him a place and peosion
The din here in od, and, pointing towards the opposition meeting, snid-"Lot's get away fiom
these , lunatics. I can't hear my own voice."
Mr. Harrington shouted, "Don't let us
leave the field to them now." leave the fielf to than now."
Soveral men now made a strong effort
o drag the waggonette into the midst of the anti-Parnellites, but were dissuaded
froun thir purpose and stopped, Davitt,
who wus spenkiug and Dr. Tanner, also nppoaling to those who rallied to their flag. P anell resumed, maintaining that the
consistency of his pultic life had been consistrad amid his increassing efforts to
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create and preselve an independent rrish Artemptiny to destroy their enemies. They had been unable to cope with then
in the onen field ; they were unable to meet "thism rat" Hennessy to try, to do by
sent
corruption what they had faild to do ly
cerey other method. The internal dissensions which were destroying the party
were not of his creating. Having made nn unavailing fight at Westininster for
independence he had licen forced to
(Mr. Redmond-" Welwill firht for you
till death,") IT the veople were slack
nud cowardy, if they finiled to come to
nud's cullse was lost for a lifetime.
(Cheers.)
Parnell then made an impassioned ap-
peal to the electors to punish traitorism and help him to reconsolidate the Irish pance Ireland abreast of the first nations Mr. Harrison was about to follow Parnell and Tamner was spenking when a Duwitt's car and a general melee ensued.
Forests of ash plant sticks and black thorn arose and descended in the air
where the dividing lines of the opposing Davitt leaped from his car, wielding as
thick hazel sick, and fought his way thick hazel stick, and fought his way lows. He finally reached the waggon hatiess and with his face bady marked
and with a few of his men with him, who
also bore traces of the severe usage they hao bore traces of the severe usage they
had receivel. Standing on the step of
arucll's wagcon, Davitu uttered a breathless and indistinct defiance.
Then, turning, he pushed his way back
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ant exchange of a shower of blows
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| on the mysterious "Kanbn" that 1 took | but he will do his best to reclaim any who in this matter may, however ignor- |  |
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|  | Unhappy Marriagis-No wonder there are so many unhappy mariuges when the |  |
|  | best man never getis the bride. | vegetable are easily burnt ip. We mustansoo co careful to avoid lead poisoning inour water Thi can be obviated in agreat degree by allowing the water to |
|  | Strengri and Weanxegs.- Strong,inds suffer without complaining; weak |  |
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ballad For christmas morning. by Robert Richardson. b.A. Harl and haar the bithe bells ring,




 Lordand Brother, Prlince nnd King.

 Prine. Thy majosty deciare
 Hy Christmas Five It was a strange episole, that Hunga ri:n engagenuent of mine. As long as I forget it.
I had tinished my three happy years at Oxford just then, and by the merest chance, white I was playing Micawber
and looking about for something to turn and looking about for something to turn
up, I happened to see in the Times one day an advertisement of a vacint post in Hungary, of all places in the world :"English tutor required immediately for a boy of 15 . University man preferred. Excellency the Count of Marzin, 137 Ningstrawse, Vienna.'
for granted the engagement would be for granted the engagement would be
at the same address, " here's a chance for at he to see sommething of the world. Nothius cumbly, joilicr. F'll write to the
the appointment.
count and les Yienna's the very place o,
capitals l'd like to go to.' capitals in tate, within a week from that
And ine,
time sectred the post, and set out in very gool dititis from Sondon. The
sulary was excellent, the arrangements were most princelv. I was to live like al
fighting-cock, ou thie tat of the land, and
 and valet, witi other alvantages. "I've
fullen on my feet this time," thought I to myself, as I whirled along in the comfiort
nhle drawing room car (passage paid) from Brussels on the vienna express. Europe, ,nd ind enjoy gayest mutropolis in
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man of fiksion, all at his Excelloge man of frasion, all at his Excellency th
Count of Mnrzin's private expense."
 drove, in the handsome equipage that
was waiting for me, to 137 Ringstrasse, I leant with somenes sirprise that I wase ony
 ting out on tuy jurnang the very next And wheres Marzin ?" 1 arked the
count in my purest German, as I did aniple justice ot the excellent supper
apreal un the table lefore me.
 being should be really ignornnt of the minions, and answered with some amusement, In Pesth, in the Debreczin dir trici, sylvanial." ed to learn it, and still more disappointed when, niter three days of hard traveling, liself. It was a lost feudal hurg, will one orest country, Pinetrces and chestnuts
gided it round ; a river ran braving in sure, perched line. The castie, to bo sure, perchad fortiding was large and
gloomy nud
handsome ; the suite of rooms and the valet were all linid on strictly according mann, turned out a plenssut and engag ing boy, with a manliness and frankiness
of face 1 had not expected to find in any
Hungarian. Still it was one thing you will allow, to accept a posi in gay vien practically buried alive in a remote
country town in the deepest recesses of the Maguar forests. me back from Vienna to the castle, and winter, gnd Hermann assured me
with much delight that before long he boar-huncing seas nort, and to spare, of
should these spor the most adventurous deseription.
Sure enough, in about six weeks from the tinne of my arrival, the castle filled up rapialy with a large party of Hungai-
an magates- fat and jonial gentlemen
con come to enjoy the flestivities of the hunt
ing season. The the horn came from the high kennelg. One lovely September evening, in fact, we started
the eport by setting, out for a torchlight liift of cortain wild boarr observed. of
lise in their haunts by the verderers pho hath been beatiog the bush in searol
of large gane with spear nud jifle for
several days past. The count didn't intend to shoot that night, to be sure ; his.
hunting party was arranged tor the abye the ginom and mystery of that the loomed darkking in
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 about on their nocturnal rounds, nad see
in what particular glades and nooks of semed panticularly anione ver wry out
sonduct of of of of the verderers, a sullen the forest we were most likely to to looking fellow of the name of Janos,
fall in with good sport on the succeeding which I take to be the Hung It was a weird, straure sight ing which1 tor John. The man warian carelui-s, torchlight party, threading its way silently throurch tored, as he ought to have done, whicn

 Wharlaric splendor, the But Janos maly looked sullenly back



#### Abstract

The count's face was white with nuger now. "Don't provoke me!", he cried. On Christmas Eve you have your discharge. Come for your wages, take your papers of frecom, and, after that, be no "Wore my vassal." "What does "hat does he mean?" I nsked of Hermann hardly grasping at once the full sense of thin once the full sense of this hrasping at "Wi.hy, you gee," my pupil answeed, in a matterof-fact tone, "he's a vassal of hather's and father's hound to tind him house and home and pay him wares as long as he remains so. Bint ir they mutu- ally agree to consent to $n$ release juos alla agree to consent to $a$ release, janos can throw otr his homage th his master nid be notody's man-a waif and strat -provided only he quits Huncary gad -provided only he quits fungary and jors forth upinn the world without it Iord to take care of him. My father ani

I shall nsk for my wages. A will then be settled betwen us. A young Germand doctor, with a light castle that morning, touched my arm lightly. "A bad evening to irtitite the count,' he whispered, ing a very low voice.  seriously diseased condition. Ile's out of sorts altogether at my bad report, of sorts altongether at my bad report. If Mr. fanos takes my advice. he lin not pror The his master necdessl harlly madersthod at doetor"s full meaning, for ne yet had'nt the slightuest idea how thomenty feudnt aud ilmust despotic was the coumb's "Whas this young fellow" I asked Hermann once more, as the doctor nove


THEC CHRTETMAS TREH

he have alwaysbeen at loggerheads-some e one in authority."
guarrel about Janos' daughter, I believe.
"oh, him," Hermann answered,-" "th guarrel about Jan
l'm glad theyve agreed at last to a re- fellow, with' the mustache? Why, he
lease. It spois one's sport when a vas- Herr Doctor von Beneke, the great ey sal's insubordinate."
Verv strangeit sounded in my ears to
hear in frank feudalism still talked so hear this frank feudaiism. .till Caiked soly
calmly among men of our own century but so many things are strange and
quaint in Hungary that no amount o quaint in Hungary that no amount of the deep forest, the party now separating
surviving . medievalism in that queer country really surprisos one after one nce gets there.
It did surprise
It and surprise me, though, to hear the
angry way in which Jano setorted to his
powerful lord. " You have gpoken the
ord. So be it, then, Count. On
On counts side. "He secms to speat like


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ket!" "I'm not," the man answered
 mparks myself. "You are, I tell you," he repented with profound conviction.
"Don't contradict $m e$, or, by heaven, it'li
 down his torch, and putting it out alin a oncee wid down with his heel on the fire
crunce concs. We were lelt in darkness, save fur the struggling light from the othe
distant torches What followed, I hardly saw or under-
stood. I only know that I henrd through the gloon the report of the count's gun
nut k foud shriek close by from some
woundel creature Next moment the other verders run up
in haste with their lurid torches. We al then saw distinetly what had happened
Janos lay wetering in a pool of bood on
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 with his fionetinger to the shastly corpse
"Take him up," he said in :un authorita
"o up letween then, carried liim home in We marched back to the castle hy troos and threes, along the humsman's trailh,
with hushed feet. At he head went the
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tried fior it, tound tenced. 1 reganded mailsy and duly sen-
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castle, I soon tonumb wat, were foul merely
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iu me. "In Eng/and," I naid culdy, "we
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shrugged hisshoukders. "But in Hingairy my ninend," he sind rery guielt, "I nd
rise you not to air such revolutionary
sentiments," sentiments."
That evening late, as isat in my roon
writing a fervid ncount of this horribl seene, which still haunted ny eyes, to my
friends in England, a knock at the door iricnds in Eingland, a kn.
disturbed me suddenly.
It was the German doctor.
"I want to ask you a question particu Thant to ask you a question particu
larly, he whispered in a low voice, as he took the seat toward which motioned
him. You were with the count when
this-well, this unfortunate nccident, let this-well, this unfortunate nccident, let
us say-ocurred, , nd you know he wRs
annoy ed because he saw sparks fall from the verderer's cage. Now, the question a' "ADN," " answered reluctantly. "I cer-
tainly an nothing. To tell the truth, I
was looking that moment the other way. was looking that moment the other way.
But I think there were none. If you want to know for sure, let's ask Hermann.
He's in his quarters, just next mv bedroom here."
We went in to the boy's apartments,
and, rousing him as he lay, put the quesand, rousing him as he lay, put the ques-
tion to him. He wa awake still, but his
face reddened violently when we asked tion to him.
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him outright.
"Well, no", he answered at last, when
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## My Christmas Eve

continted from first page heaven's sake, dont say so to anylody
My father billed the man under a mis

 fill, 1 don't doult. Lighits dance cont
tinually before a patients eyes in coses




 of courser,
was
wo throw up my tutorslip and retise




 that wild world there wis no one else to
look fiter hhet. was clear, though he held
The count it wis

 his quanimso of conscience. He took carr


 that year at the castle, no devorrations in
the haill, no feesin in the village. Any
 soitary creature; his own thoughts pu In kew in my heart why he drended
Christmas. He remembered those last wordis Janos had spoken to him :"OO,

Dith e expect Janos to come linc
for thembobily from the errave? Did he
expect that list expect that last necount to be settled
alion ?
Henven only knows. All that we kiew Who watched himin closely through those terrible weeks was that, na shrist mas
tre aproached, the cout grew ever
moodier nand medier. On the night before the arrivnal of than
dreaded vigli, as we ant in the drawing room of the dark old castle, the count
rose suaddenty from his chair in
ial and approached ge widew that heoried
towar that vilage.
What are all those lights," he cried, "those lights in the houses? Didrned

 rachy before our very eeses"
I. Darkness there, save for a mann and I. Darkness there, gave for a few vague arm reassuringly

 your retina." fill back in his chair with a



ing, in the ealon, we pretended to amuse
ourselves very sady, The oountese
played a dismal song without wnrds, and pleyed a dismal daighter, sang a mourn
Stephanie her
ful ballad. But our faint pretence
merriment mat duly wretched. Nobooty
 knew we were.all becomingly unhappy.
At ten ococok we ertired, wearied oot
for the night. The lamps wer put ou in the great hall, and 1 went by myself
to my own suite of apartments.
For half an hour all was still in the castle. Then a terrible shriek from the
count's dressing-room brought us all with count's dressing-room brought us all with
one accord family and servants. , alff-clad
and trembling, into the corridor outside
it. I opened the door and glanced into the
room. The count was standing in his
dressing-gown by the closed-window, and dressing-gown by ne
ganing with nined look upon his
tace into the thick darkness that enveloped the forest. His eyes were fixed
in the direction of the spot where in the direction of the spot where
he had so cruelly slain the unhappy ver-
derer. derer. Father! father !" Hermann "ried
rushing over to him in horror. "What rushing over to him in horror. "What
on earth hare you seen? What, what's
the matter?" the matter?"
Withe count raised his hand, and pointed
"Look, look!" he shriet of the window.
LLe the voice of despair. "Hes's coning! He's
coming! I's Janos! Janos!"


 the count was lying on the tloor, in inis
thisure, so full of grace and matured beauty,
thin, in a pool of blood, and Von Beneke turn, in a pool of blood, and Von Beneke
and the bervants were kneeling olose
above him. When they took him up at last, he go gore
was white in the face and stonedead. was white in the face and stonedead
He had broken a blood-vessel in his ter-
ror and excitement.
And when Von Beneke came to And when Von Beneke came to ex
amine the retina nast dayy tal leisure, ,
said that at the exact moment of death the whole world must have seemed one
vast blur of light, one vivid blaze of fire,
to the diseased to the diseased vision of that sell-
condemned murdere.

Grant allen.

## A MOURNFUL CHRISTMAS

 EVE.- T was the night before Christmas, and ness which the poet has made im The windows of the mansion were tightly closed and no suspic:on of a Thi
came through the frosted pane. Th
front door was double locked and tront door was double locked and a
chain was placed securely on its inner side, as if burglars we we
having designs upon it.

Down in the snug little kitchen where John the coachman had courted Lucy he housemaid the same stillness was over all; the same bareness pervaded.
Even the bright, cheery glow of the embers in the range had departed, leaving istead the dull, dusty gray of the ashes. Throughout the house was this unre
leved melancholy; this odor of a dead and happy past-and this on Christmas
Eve, of all times! This at the season o the year when the chimes ring out the glad messages of peace and yood will twixt man and man.
Alas: This Christmas Eve brings no

## No gay festivities are here.

Never again will the glad laughter of
Dorothy and Freddy ring out through the open door as the expressman come hden with gifis from their relatives and riends, to bear anay in turn their re ticipate with the family in the joys of the season.
A MTEREX CHRISTMAS TO YOU.


| It was a handsome house-or rather it had been so considered in its day. |  |
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| The low English basement stoop-if so |  |
| it could be called-the broad single | gra |
| window at the side; the second story with its high studded ceil, and above |  |
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| this two other stories of capacious appearance, was a reminder of an archi- |  |
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| tecture of a past day-a day when high stoops were not and when our city | Sn |
|  | John Kendriuk Bangs. |
| that the dwellers therein could dine in a |  |
| dark subterranean apology for a dining room. <br> Within the house, in marked contrast |  |
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| to the rich and dignified exterior, every |  |
| thing seemed bare. The hallways were cold and dreary. The large parlor over- |  |
| looking the street was empty and at the back the bedroom appeared as though it had been left hurriedly. The familiar | $\left.\right\|_{\mathrm{man}} ^{\mathrm{man}}$ |
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## THE EDITORIS CHRISTMAS

 $\square^{O}$ all the proximity of Christmas is not presaged by a breaw ar Peace in it. Apropgs of this, ILappend riend in Oklahoma. We went there together, he and I vell up in the van of the hordes tha salubrious climate and unlimited scads. We journeyed from the edge of the Cherokee Strip almost to our destintion on Alkali Ike's Express. Isaac vas a genius, and when he saw that the e sufficient to accommodate the rush, e promptly stepped into the breach with his express. He connected the wither and later axies of a wagon gearwremendously long sycamore planks, hitched on four half wild ponies, planks, hitc
It was no funny picnic for the passeners. Ike's driving was like unto the
driving of Jehu. His name was temporarily Eli, and his eye single to gettong could leap at a dead that the cayuses acking up for. None of not worth quipped with claws, and nour and then But that waul a get off on his brow But that was a throughfulig collected his fares
in advance, be pused in advance, he pallsed not to say fare deal like that ride-it bas its ups and down There was no money growing
on the jack oaks there, and no roast pigs rumning about with forks in their cure I did not stay long, failing to se business lack in the world. My friend
got hold of a newspaper pant got hold of a newspaper plant-he had
iormerly edited a cider press for two and, not being helped to let This by way of preface to his lette
referred to aloove, which is as follows : - The Rocket Cice of Culverin

हпекет City, Ok. Dec. 24, 1890 . Dear Fsiesw, The fortunate failure of the
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 Necessily is the mother of invention, as
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tita held out we lived high. A A
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reated, will grow a new tail every other month.



 may be hope for sus In presuance of this, we
have nitied a sign on the tree in front of the
office displaying this tetrend: We woold cut it down and erect it in the
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Santa Claus slights us. We hope sonething Santa claus slights us. We hope soniething
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we get anything. Yours truly, you know if P. S-Dec. 25. Sure enough, they did
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Tom P. Morgn.
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"What's the matter with your choir, any-
w? They were awfully flat thas morning." "w? They were ewfully flat this morning:".
"Some orgnte rooule, I think. The
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"Yes,", repiled the book-keepen carefulls


## He Acquiescea

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unating habits)-"Thero's no tuthe llke the present tlmo.'
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Johnny Cumso-" "The present time! That'
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