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GEORGE NEDEF.

At the Opera House Thursday Night

Jersey courts in search of a divorce The man is said to have told his wife that her conversation was nothing but hot air and she retaliated by pouring hot water on him.

Than to leave it to the last-better This to me is a peculiar mark of for- American people." for those who sell and those who buy. Those who find it convenient to do so should buy early and avoid the ante Christmas rush.

It is a good thing to keep a close Fye on children; but when we read would not have made that hole.

It is unfortunately the custom of many to wait until a week or two be prepare their gifts: then there is no time to think, and money is wasted.

A little more time and thought given of butter fetched \$14 and a rabbit of butter fetched \$14 and a rabbit time. to the matter would make the gift pro \$3.50. By Dec. 19 rabbits had risen to wuchive of greater pleasure to both \$5, a box of sardines brought \$2.50 and Monor and recipient. A costly gift eggs 25 cents apiece. For one's Christthat is not especially useful to the re- mas dinner one could buy a goose for reiver gives not half the pelasure that \$10 or a turkey for \$17. Pigeons were a much simpler gift would create if \$3 each, and a small fowl could be obit were just what a person could make tained for \$5. Ham was \$1.50 a pound. use of or could enjoy.

THE MIGHTY

Mi-o-na, that extraordinary and perin twenty-four hours.

cording to directions. pepsia, but all stomach disturbances, enjoyed these bones!" such as vomiting of pregnancy, sea or car sickness and the stomach sick-

ness after excessive indulgence.

will entirely disappear.

Mrs. S. Keast, of Clarksburg, Ont.. and by 11 o'clock Paris had gone to bed. says:--"A bad stomach trouble that had bothered me for years, baffled and puzzled skilled physicians, was nicely relieved by my using Mi-o-na. es, which were crowded with praynot digesting but fermenting in my peared as usual, some of them containstomach, forming a gas that gave me ing glowing accounts of perfectly imuntold suffering and pain and also aginary French successes. The samade me weak nervous, irritable, and tirical sheets were even more bitter

Mi-o-na is a most economical treatment, a large box of tablets only costs | William's boots, or as a beggar with 50 cents at T. J. Durick's and the his pockets turned inside out, or as a dyspeptic, nervous or otherwise, who does not give them a trial is losing an opportunity to regain health."

A despatch announces that an Ohio man aged 81 years, broke his neck a month ago, and now has fully recover . That is a good story and we reprint it simply because it is a work of

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

The New York waiter who left a fortune of half a millon dollars was either remarkably lucky in his patrons or frugal beyond the average.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

The man who built the first sauer: e. Thus another great berefactor of the human race passes from the kraut factory has just died in Clyd-

COOK ADMITS HE DIDN'T REACH POLE. "GOT WITHIN GUN SHOT"

Forfeits All Claim as Discover of the Top of the Earth -Confesses to Dr. Brashear Cook Insisted That He Got Within a Mile of Goal

COPENHAGEN COMMISSION DECIDES AGAINST EXPLORER

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20-Dr. John getfulness. Kinley. He said in part:

"When I asked Dr. Cook how near not at the pole,

THE TERROR'S CHRISTMAS.

Turkeys Were \$17 Each During the Siege of Paris.

When the Christmas day of 1870 that Francis Comnany of Ohio, his dawned upon Paris the city had been three young children and his younger in the iron grip of the German investbrother were all drowned in the same ment for about three months. The hole in the ice while skating the con- winter was a bitterly cold one, the clusion is irresistible that if the young thermometer registering 10 degrees besters had been skating alone they low freezing point on Christmas morning. The Seine was frozen over.

The poor's daily rations were a few ounces of horseflesh and a piece of repulsive looking black bread.

By Dec. 25 food prices had reached their highest point since the begin- If he had been yet. Dearie me, As for vegetables, carrots and turnips were 4 cents each, and a bushel of potatoes cost \$6.25. There was hardly any milk in Paris, and the little there was had to be preserved for the sick and wounded. However, there were POWER OF MI-O-NA oceans of wine, and the wineshops did

a roaring trade. For some time before Christmas the starving people had been feeding on fect stomic tonic, will relieve dyspepsia a dish of cat's flesh was hardly obtain-It will cure and is guaranteed by able. Dog was 60 cents a pound, and T. J. Durick to the readers of the fine rats fetched 14 cents each. Many UNION ADVOCATE to cure the most domestic pets were killed for food. pitiful cases of dyspepsia, if taken ac- "Poor Azor!" said a humorous citizen as he finished a stew made from his Mi-on-a tablets not only cure dys- favorite dog. "How he would have

With true Parisian light heartedness the citizens tried to make the best of Mi-o-na cures by strengthening and things, and the cafes and restaurants invigorating the flabby stomach walls wore almost their normal aspect. At and after a course of Mi-s-na treat- half past 10, however, an order of ment, constipation, if there is any, Trochu closed every shop and cafe,

My trouble was on account of food ing, weeping women. Newspapers apunable to rest. Since using Mi-o-na and venomous than at other times and venomous than at other tames wake up in the morning refreshed. I cannot speak too highly of Mi-o-na. poleon III., as a shoeblack at King traitor handing over France to murderers, or as a thief making off with millions of the nation's money. Others depicted Julius Favre in tears and pocketing Bismarck's gold and Trochu handing over the keys of Paris to a Prussian in exchange for a bag of coin. In all the idea of Parisians that France had been betrayed by those who ought to have protected her was

prevalent. So at this season of peace and good will suffering Paris was nearly at her ast gasp. Owing to the tenacity of her rulers and citizens, however, her egony was to be prolonged for some delta longer, as it was not until Selamary that the negotiations for a pitchairen hagen

Worse. "My I'f? was rained because my wife

1911 know anything." Valorine because my wife didn't didn't know anything."

Minard's Liniment Cure Colds, &c

A. Brashear, famous Pittsburg scien- "Dr. Cook claims that he was at 66 tist and astronomer, in a Pittsburg degrees, 27 minutes. At that time he newspaper today makes a bitter at- may have been at 81 degrees which is tack on Dr. Cook, claiming he is now about 380 miles from the pole. He has atisfied that the Brooklyn physician absolutely nothing to prove that he not only did not reach the North Pole, was much nearer than 400 miles. A but that he did not scale Mount Mc- careful study of his own copyright publications prove that Dr. Cook was

POOR SANIA CLAUS

saved my cake for Santa Claus One Christmas Eve at tea; For if riding makes one hungry, How hungry he must be.

put it on the chimney shelf, Where he'd be sure to go-I think it does a person good To be remembered so.

(Every one but me). tiptoed into mamma's room-O just as still-to see

It made my feelings ache-There sat a mizzable little mouse

swimming as a part of its regular five to devise a plan by which the bur-Toronto is going to have teaching of our knowledge, been right, the chances | Chairman, Thos. Clark, Simon McLeod ried the sack to the sorting table and are he may be this time.

asked Mr. Parker. Mr. Parker is a Chairman, Meetingthen adjourned. oung Guelph man, who has been livyears and who made a fortune there, to show how bad some of its aldermen pink bow of ribbon at its neck, and replies, 'We grow the same vege-jit's money well spent. The grafters ing the inscription: and every bit as fine in quality. We get it again, have heaps of blueberries and rasp-But a couple of young fellows who mobs generally. have a big ranch near Dawson raise and thresh many thousand bushels 6 oats every year.'

Plenty of fresh air, sleeping out-doors and a plain, nourishing diet are all good and helpful, but the most important of

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MIKE DONALD. At the Opera House Thursday Night

MEETING OF DELEGATES

At the request of Rev. J. S. Me- certain Arthur, a meeting of delegates from school he had gone to the Pole, he replied 'Dr. Cook told me that the size of the different churches met at St. on the

within gunshet'. I asked him how the flag in his Mount McKinley pic- James' Hall last evening at eight seemes close this was, and he insisted about tures had been enlarged. Now if a man o'clock, to discuss ways and means for saving one mile. I can only say that no in- will fake in one thing, is it possible to the suppression of the liquor traffic. school strument made would prove this obser- believe that he will not do so in others? Of the five churches, three were per- & The ! vation. It is impossible for a man to "I have the kindliest feeling for Dr. sonally represented. Rev. W. Nicholls Saturd ascertain that he is within one mile Cook if he got within 400 miles of the had expressed his intention to be there and tak-The advantage of attending to the of the pole. I asked Dr. Cook the pole he is to be congratulated, but and was, perhaps, unavoidably absent. for Hav Christmas shopping early cannot the name of the sextant he used, and he this controversy should never have Rev. Mr. McArthur said he had been ed with emphasized too strongly. It is better replied that he could not remember, been played on the shoulders of the speaking to Father Dixon, and believed apples he must have misunderstood his mes- would be sage, as he had received a letter from him expressing his full accord with the imparcial enforcement of the Scott Act, so long as it was a law, but added that in the past he believed that favor had been shown in some cases. Mayor Miller and Ald. McMurdo were present on invitation, as representa- smiled broadly through the lather. tives of the Town Council.

After much discussion concerning right! But vy?" the lax manner in which the present Scott Act Inspector was enforcing the Act, in the course of which Mayor present that the present Inspector never received any instructions from them not to enforce the law, and inassion as was the case in Moncton it was decided to appoint a committee of Rev. J. S. McArthur, Rev. Dr. Courins. The committee were requested to meet What do you eat at Dawson?' was as soon as possible at the call of the



it cleanses the clothes more thoroughly, and at half the cost without injury to hands or fabric. Follow directions.

thus avert described and and pulmenary affects.

Atte

narrived from St. John

ship around.

Dec. 19. Standed on she had to wait for the C. P. R. exant of George's Island press from the West. The Corinthian dalifax Harbor is the steered out from the deep water at orinthian, which can ten forty-five Saturday night and while outward bound twenty-five minutes later was aground, e Coriethiah is there within two hundred feet of the island Rennie, who was in and fifty feet of George's Island light. choose between the The water was clear and bright and ting down a fishing the mishap was due to a strange ache danger of striking cident which apparently could not be

PRICE TWO ENTS.

UP ON GEORGE'S ISLAND

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S AL IM ATTEN PT TO GET STEAMER OFF

it, and Fishing Schooner is Held To

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ER CORINTHIA

ge. He chose what provided against. Had Capt, Rennie less of two evils and been six feet to the westward he would ecious lives on the have escaped. on to complete cargo ARRH FIFTY YEARS. Dr. Agnew's sengers before sailing Catarrhal Powder cures him. Want

London. She was load- the truth of the case confirmed? Write (.99) tons of deal, grain, George Lewis, Shamokin, Pa He says: "Hook upon my cure as a miracle." It relieves in ten minutes. away earlier but that Sold by A. E. SHAWS Pharmacy, 89.

The Barber's Joke. Christmas morning and the barber

"I'd rather shave ten Germans than

one American." The rubicund brewer in the chair "Goot," he chuckled. "Dot vos

The barber took a firmer hold upon his victim's nose as he replied:

"Ten Germans pay me a dollar and Miller and Ald. McMurdo assured those a half-one American only 15 cents." And you could have heard the ther-

much as the Act had been the cause of "If Santa Claus has corns the same keeping many good men out of the as grandpa," said a wee girl the other | That will breathe a silent greeting Council, suggested that the burden be day, "I fink he'd be 'fraid to come placed on the shoulders of a Commis- down the chimney over a hot fire for fear his corns would pop."

The Present Said "Papa!" program for its public and high school den of enforcing the Canada Temper- In station K, in New York city, a The weather prophet promises fine ance Act be lifted from the shoulders young clerk who was sorting a sack open weather till December. As this of the Town Council. The Committee of Christmas mail was amazed to see particular prophet has never yet to as appointed consisted of Jas. Falconer a package in the sack move. He car-

dumped out the contents. Something suddenly exclaimed: "Papa! Papa!" The frightened clerk examined every package carefully. In the one that moved he found a live kitten packed ing in the Yukon for the last twelve. It has cost Montreal about \$20,000 in a small bird cage. The kitten had a

Pretty much what you do her? he and public officials could behave. But attacked to the ribbon was a card bear-

tables as are in Wellington County, have lost their grip and may never "A Merry Christmas from Uncle Further investigation brought forth

berries on the hills. Our oats, ' yie'd If President Zelaya wants to kill the fact that the cry "Papa!" came and quality, cannot be beaten. About Americans with impunity, he'll have from a doll with blond curls that callouts most of it is out green and is to become a citizen of the U.S. That ed "Papa!" each time it was squeezed. In moving the mail sack the postal price as hay, from \$80 to \$90 a ton. railroads, Pititsburg millionaires and clerk had frightened the kitten in one doll in the other package. He was much relieved when he had unraveled the double mystery.

Revised For Christmas. "You say Jack writes he can't be here With you on Christmas day? Well. 'Absence makes the heart grow fonder.'

So the poets say. 'Tis not Jack's absence. What care I Because he can't be near? It's absence of the presents That I, of all, most fear.'

For sake of up to dateness now We'll change this little rhyme.
"'Tis presents make the heart grow fond-

Just at Christmas time.

-Walter Wellman.

Daddy's Christmas Dream. That Christmas comes but once a year Is rather sad for Willy, And likewise limits much the cheer Of Mabel, Maud and Milly,
For the, would welcome ten or twelve
To shout around the shanty
And in their stockings deep to delve For goodies left by Santy.

But once a year is quite enough (Since buying's such a bother
When times are panicky and tough)
For these dear youngsters' father—
In fact, poor daddy hopes the fates
Will cause (to get a cheap year)
The calendar to change its dates
And Christmes swen with leap year And Christmas swap with leap year.
ROBERTUS LOVE

A CHRISTMAS QUESTION

It is not the gift that is bought But the love that goes with the giving The remembrance and the thought That fills the life with gladness And the eyes with happy tears, That warms the coldest winter Of the heart along the years.

What can you give for Christmas? Just keep your tired hands still, For a gift that is wearisome doing Its message does not fulfill; But a simple memory token

Of love you can always send From the heart of friend to friend,

has a hospital with a capacity for

The Princess Stephanie daughter of King Leopold has taken out a patent for a new kind of gas stove.

There are two Canadas: Summer Canada, a land of constant and highly remunerated toil for the willing. Winter Canada, a land of rest and recre ation for the lusty and strong.

Why We Are Stronger.

The old Greeks and Romans were rreat admirers of health and strength; their pictures and statuary made the muscles of the men stand out like

As a matter of fact we have athletes and strong men-men fed on fine strength making foods such as Quaker Oats-that would win in any contest with the old Roman or Greek

champions. It's a matter of food. The finest food or making strength of bone, muscle and nerve is fine catmeal. Quaker Oats is the best because it is pure, no husks or stems or black specks. Farmers' wives are finding that by feeding the farm hands plentifully on Quaker Oats they accomplish a double result; the men go to their work with greater vigor and the expense of such feeding is less than with other foods.

Don't let an unscrupulous dealer force on you an imitation of the "D. & I.." Menthol Plaster. Look for the "D. & I." trade-mark on the tin. It guarantees the genuine and the most effective remedy for Rheumatic aches and pains, Lumbago, Sciatica, Backache, etc. 25c. each. Yard rolls equaling seven of the regular size \$1.00.



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THE SURPLUS

The large surplus of revenue over have been buoyant for the last few years, thus raising the Country's credit abroad and enabling the Government to borrow money for public works at easy interest. Now is the time to begin paying off the public in a store. In time a friend offered ers and stepped proudly with her flat, debt-something no nation, province, him that sort of a position, but his reliow, webbed feet. county or town should ever have.

IRELAND'S OPPORTUNITY

Kingdom has formally promised Home Rule for Ireland if his government is in comfortable circumstances. He be returned at the coming elections; and lieves they are much better off on in consequence, the Irish Nationalist the average than those who went to League has in convention assembled. ceeded in the cities the record of fail (A few dissidents absenting themselves) ures is large. He tells of hired men waddled a long declared that in the next elections it who saved money enough to buy small will be the duty of all Irishmen to their holdings and are today well to hens piped, the turn. The Nationalists are opposed to munity. That there are opportunities and the hens David Lloyd-George's budget, but in the West Mr. Campbell does not clucked when their hatred of the House of Lords and their desire for Home Rule is still forts. The Advocate in commenting greater, hence the decision of the con- on Mr. Campbell's article says: 'Suc-

The home rule promised is not complete independence as offered by Gladstone, but a measure of autonomy which will give the Irish parliament wreck. complete control over all merely Irish nine times in a thousand food ferment affairs, leaving the island in all Imperial matters subject to the Imperial stomach sweet—aid digestion—keep parliament. This offer is fair and they're nature's panacea — pleasant reasonable and, logically, should be and harmless. 35 cents.—Sold by A. E. SHAW'S Pharmacy. 88. followed by home rule for England, Scotland and Wales.

Ireland has been receiving large instalments of tardy justice the last few years, 303,000 of her peasants are now little rocin, cold and hungry, hopped government, within the last six years, the sea, where the robin stays all the This to men who used to pay such year. heavy rent is a great blessing. Provincial home rule will give Ireland about all she can reasonally expect, and should serve to abolish the old illfeeling that has so long separated the Irish and British peoples. Success to Asquith, in the present struggle.

DINNER BELL MUSIC.

The music of the dinner-bell is always welcome to the healthy man or womenalike to the working man or woman who people of easier lives who enjoy a rich dinner in the evening. But to the Dyspep-tic there is no music in the dinner-bell—it calls him to a trial for which he knows he nourishment and strength from it, knowing that pain and distress will follow after. The true course, even for healthy people, is to help the digestive system, tonic medicine, Mother Siegel's Syrup. Mr. Michael Bureau, of Stanham, Que-

bec County, P.Q., writes: "For some time I suffered from Indigestion. I had headaches which made life a misery. I could not sleep at night and after eating I felt a sensation of fulness and pains, with heart palpitation. I took no medicine for this illness except Mother Seigel's Syrup and was cured when I had used one bottle of it."

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SUDDEN DEATHS ON THE IN CREASE.—People apparently well and happy to-day, to-morrow are striken down, and in ninty-nine cases out of every hundred the heart is a ause. The king of heart remedies, D Angew's Cure for the Heart is within \$5.00 reach of all. It relieves in 30 minutes and cures most chronic cases. Sold by A. E. SHAW'S Pharmacy.-91

ADVICE FROM A FARMER

There is a deal of truth in these words from an article by Mr. John Campbell an Ontario farmer, in the Christmas Farmers' Advocate:

'If the present day young men of the ordinary expenditure, announced the Eastern Provinces were willing by the minister of finance, will be gra to undergo such hardships, live so tifying to all Canadians as showing sparingly, and be content with shacks for many years as thousands of those that the business of Canada, as compared with that of other nations, is in verily many sections in the East now a healthy condition. Our revenues cultivated not nalf and that done in a half hearted and more expensive manner, would soon become Midlothians and Midlands in Canada.'

Mr. Campbell in his younger days was a farm boy compelled to much rough work. He thought often about going to some city and getting a job father persuaded him to remain on the farm. He has owned the farm "We've found our Christmas goose alfor a long time and for twenty years past the yearly net profit has 'never more it has been he does not say. Of Premier Asquith of the United the boys he knew Mr. Campbell says And when she came back she had a that those who remained at home lovely little holly wreath tied with have been successful and are today beautiful long red and green ribbons. the cicies, for while some have sucwork to secure the Government's re- do and influential men in the com- ducks quacked deny but he says there are quite as they saw this many here in the East, and more com | fine sight. cess depends more on the man than on the province.'

> A SOUR STOMACH AND A SOUR TEMPER travel hand-in-hand are are the precursors of mental and physical Nine hundred and ninetythe nerve centres well balanced-

THE ROBIN AT CHURCH

in England, and snow was falling A Christmas tree. fore snow comes but this was across a pocketful of oats.

After a while an old man came avillage church. Robin hopped behind that she waddled too fast. him, and when he opened the door birdie was close by and went in with-

out being noticed. The Sunday school children had been there with their teachers trimming the church with holly and mistle oe, and singing Christmas carols. The tle girl, "we will go and invite all your fire was to be kept all night, so that the church might be carm for the Christmas service. The old man put

on fresh coal and went home. Birdie hopped about in the firelight eats a plain meal at noonday, or to picking up some crubms he found on the floor. Some cakes had been given to the children. How welcome their little supper was to the hungry robin is unfit. No one can enjoy a meal, or get you can guess. Then he perched on the railings of the stair tucked his head under his wing-a very sleepy and happy bird. In the morning his from time to time, with that excellent bright eyes espied first thing, the scarlet berries. There was, indeed a royal feast in the robin's eyesnough to last for many works

wintry weather.

CASTORIA.

CHRISTMAS AND THE WHITE GOOSE

By ELLA M. PLATT. ciation.

THE little boy and the little girl sat at the breakfast table eating oatmeal and milk. Their papa said to their mam-

ma: "A Christmas goose is the best thing there is. This year we must have a Christmas goose." The little girl looked up at the little

boy and smiled, and the little boy amiled back. After breakfast the little girl and the little boy put on their caps and

MAX == . coats and mittens and started off for the barnyard. They met a big, old, fat

duck.

"Are you the Christmas goose?" asked the little girl. The big, old. fat duck shook her head. They met a

big, old, fat hen. "Are you the Christmas goose?" asked the little boy. But the big.

PUTTING THE WREATH old, fat hen ON THE GOOSE. shook her head. They met a big, old, fat guinea hen. "Are you the Christmas goose?" asked the little boy.

The big, old, fat guinea hen shook her head. They met a big, old, fat white goose.

"Are you the Christmas goose?" asked the little girl. And the big, old, fat white goose

"Oh, goody!" shouted the little boy. ready.

"Oh, oh, oh! I know something," been less than \$1000.' How much said the little girl, and she ran to the house just as fast as she could go. They put the wreath over the head

> goose, and each held one of the ribbons. The Christmas goose

of the Christmas

The little boy and the little girl led and drove the proud Christmas goose out of

the barnyard to the green grove where all the little Christmas trees grow.

"WAIT A MINUTE, CHRISTMAS GOOSE." "We must have a Christmas tree for our Christmas goose," said the little

"Yes, yes, Christmas goose," said the little boy, "you wait right here for us. Don't you muss your holly wreath, and don't you muss your ribbons." The proud Christmas goose waddled

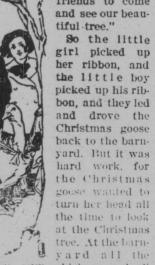
gently to show how careful she would be. The little boy and the little girl It was the night before Christmas ran away fast to get the things for the The little girl brought back some

landholders, 230,000 having acquired about wearily, seeking shelter and ears of red and yellow corn and a land of their own, as tenants of the food. Our robins fly away south be- bunch of wheat and barley heads and The little boy brought back two cab-

bages and a yellow pumpkin and some grain. The Christmas goose became long in the path that led up to the so excited when she saw these things "Wait a minute, Christmas goose!"

cried the little boy, and he placed his things on the ground near the tree. "It isn't quite time, Christmas goose," cried the little girl, and she fastened her things on the tree.

"Now, Christmas goose," said the litfriends to come and see our beautiful tree." So the little girl picked up



bon, and they led and drove the Christmas goose back to the barnyard. But it was hard work, for the Christmas goose wanted to turn her head all the time to look at the Christmas tree. At the barnvard all the SEE OUR chickens and all CHESTMAS THEE!" the ducks and all the guinea heas stood still to admire the fine Christmas goose in her helly

"Oh, chicker's?" said the little bey

The chicker's clucked, and the dequacked, and the miner lies of and they all aread themselves on a long row and ran around at d around

and around after the tittle girl and the

little boy driving their Christma The little boy and the little girl scattered corn and wheat and of all over the ground around their Christmas tree. The chickens and to ducks and the gainea hens are for ate and ate. The Christmas goes ate, too, but she are very proudly

raised her head every few minns shake her holly wreath. Papa and mamma came out

"Heigh-ho! What's this?" sy "Mercy! What's all t mamma.

"This is the Christian shouted the little bey. "And the Christmas god mas tree!" said the little : "And the Christmas goose said the little box.



THE BEST FUN OF ALL. "Yes, and it is quite true, paper said the little girl. "A Christians goose is the best thing there is! Why. a Christmas goose is just lots of fun!" "Yes, mamma," said the little boy, "a Christmas goose is the best fun of

Christmas Chimes In Many Climes. Christmas is always a season of good wishes and loving kindness. In America almost all little children

hang up their stockings on Christmas eve, to be filled by kind old Santa Claus. In Germany they make more of Christmas than we do in America. Everywhere the Christmas tree is used.

If a family is too poor to have a whole tree, a single branch only will stand in a conspicuous place, hung with the few simple gifts. A week before Christmas St. Nicho-

las visits the children to find out who have been good enough to receive the gifts the Christ Child will bring them on Christmas eve. It is a very usual thing to see on

German Christmas tree, way up in the very topmost branch, an image or doll representing the Christ Child, while below are sometimes placed other images representing angels with outspread wings.

After the tree is lighted the family gather round it and sing a Christmas hymn.

In England almost every one who can do so has a family party on Christmas eve. Young and old join in the games, many of which belong especially to Christmas time.

From the ceiling of one of the rooms a large bunch of mistletoe is hung. If any little maid is caught standing under it the one who catches her has a right to take a kiss from her rosy

In Holland the little Dutch girl puts her wooden shoe in the chimney place ready for gifts, just as the little Amer-

ican girl hangs up her stocking. And so in some way all over the Christian world on the eve of the twenty-fifth day of December the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ is celebrated. Everywhere the Christmas chimes are ringing out the message the angels brought to Bethlehem-"Peace on earth, good will to men."

LOOKING OUT FOR SANTY.

By GERALD PRIME. My mamma, when we build our house.

Wants plenty closets in it. She says she'll tell the architeck That's how he must begin it.



My papa says he doesn't care A fig for big clothespresses, But what he wants is plenty room, And that he'll have, he guesses.

But I don't care how little 'tis, A palace or a shanty, I want a chimney big enough To let in dear old Santy!

By C. E. WYMAN [Copyright, 1909, by American Press Association.

T was Christmas morning and very, very cold. Every few minutes a trainman would come through the car, watching carefully a dial faced thermometer and stopping to turn screws of the heating apparatus in persistent attempts to keep the

pointing finger at 70 degrees. Despite the discomfort of close air, which was none too warm at best, the passengers in the main wore joyous faces and didn't seem to consider the numerous packages and bundles an an-

From a wayside station, which looked as if it had never been neighbor to any house where human beings lived. a poor little girl entered and dropped into a seat where an overcoat told that its owner was probably in the smoking car. The child did not notice this, and in her ignorance of travel it would have made no difference if she had. She might have been eight or ten years old, but that air of self reliance was hers which poverty's child often acquires very young, yet there was nothing forward or "bold" in her appearance. Her dress was of the scantiesta thin cotton gown, barely concealing the lack of suitable underwear; a little worn shoulder shawl and a battered

straw hat. When the conductor appeared the hand which presented her half fare ticket was red with cold, but the small person lifted to him a wonderfully trank face and confidingly informed him that she was going to grandma's for. Christmas and that the package she clutched in her other hand contained cookies for grandma.

The conductor smiled down at her. A pitying smile it was, as he thought of his own well fed, well clothed children, with whom he expected to eat a tate Christmas dinner when his run was over. The smile lingered on his face as he passed to the next seat and saw that its occupants had heard.

Two women sat in the seat, strangers to each other and as unlike as two persons made on the same general principles could be. One was tall, dignified, young, wrapped in costly furs, everything about her showing the person who never lacked money or leisure: the other, stout, jolly, eiderly, comfortable-a kindly and well to do woman. The two had traveled miles and miles side by side with not a word passed between them.

Now both sat with eyes fixed on the forlorn bit of humanity in front of them. Suddenly the younger woman pened her traveling bag and took from it a soft gray shawl. It was at least two yards long and half as wide. Folding it together, she touched the little waif, saying in a low tone, "Stand up, my dear." The child obeyed wonderingly, and this woman in. the costly furs placed the folded shawl around the small shoulders, crossed it in front and, bringing the ends to the

back, pinned them securely. "It is yours to keep," she whispered-"a Christmas present." Then, turning to the woman at her side, she said apologetically, "I really did not need it myself." There was a blink of tears

in her eyes. "Well, now," the older woman exclaimed in admiration, "you just set me to thinkin': I'm really ashamed that I didn't think of doing something myself. Here, I've got two pairs of mittens for my grandson-just about her size-in my hand bag, and he can't wear out more than one pair this winter. Besides, I can knit another. It's nothing at all to knit mittens." She was busily undrawing the strings of an enormous silk bag, but her glasses were blurred, and her fingers were clumsy with baste.

"What's your name, little girl? Katie? Well, hold out your hands, Katie. My! Aren't they a good fit! There's another Christmas present to keep. And here's a frosted cake. Just eat it right now, Katie. Your grandma won't need it. with all those you've got in your bundle."

The child again obeyed. She did not say, "Thank you." Possibly she did not know how, but she seemed to glow all over, and her eyes returned thanks even if her timid lips did not.

"I'm proud to know you, my dear," the rolly poly, comfortable woman said now to the young lady, for she had been saying to herself all the while: "You're the right sort. I can see that." "And I am proud to know you." the other responded, almost shyly offering her hand, which was quickly buried in a big, warm grasp. "We all long to be of service at Christmas time, you know."

At that instant the man of the overcoat sauntered in to resume his seat. He gave a low whistle of surprise at the happy little traveler next the window, glanced at the two women and comprehended the situation. His right hand made a quick dive into his trousers pocket as if to get some money. In another instant he withdrew it and eached up to the rack overhead and fted down a large paper bundle. Takg the bundle across the aisle to an unity seat, he opened it and took out smaller package from among many iers. Untying this package, he maint to light a flaxen haired doll a been victore but. This he Tittle girl's arms, saying, the little danishter who would blace it." Then he emeat on his arm and



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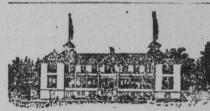


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20th, 1909, one numerical state of the patients were in residence. Ninety-six of these are set paying a language. copper for their maintenance—absolutely free. The other twenty-nine paid from \$2.00 to \$4.90 a week. No one pays more than \$4.90. Suitable cases are admitted promptly on completion of appli-

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Norah P. Canham : Enclosed your will find receipt for my ticket from Gravenhurst, hoping that you will be able to oblige me with the fare. I was at your Sanatorium ten months, and I was sent away from there as an apparent cure. I am now working in the city, and I am feeling fine. I was most thankful for the care I got from the doctors and staff, and I must say that ! spent the time of my life while I



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A HOLIDAY TRIP

Mr. H. H. Stuart, principal of the Douglastown school has gone on a visit to Sydney and Glace Bay. Mr. fine line of Christmas gifts for old and Stuart's services as a teacher are apyoung. Read their ad. at the bottom preciated by the trustees as he has been re-engaged for the next term with an increase in salary.

WRESTLING MATCH

On Thursday evening there will be a Nedef, the Syrian wonder, and Mike Donald, the Irish Giant. Other local wrestlers will probably take part. Mr. Read the page ad. of L. B. McMur- Nedef will also perform his various do in this issue. Mr. McMurdo is feats before the match. A good night

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Mr. George Power of Moncton was The firm of H. Williston & Co., are of the offering something very choice for Richard's camps about 60 miles out the He bought it with taste and care and International railway on Thursday afternoon last. The train which had (For a lady his friends thought rather left the place some fifteen minutes previously was stopped and sent back And when he gave it, the lady sniff-Read the ad. of H. W. Brightman to bring the injured man to man. On ing everything in his up-to-date estab- hospital where it was found the bullet had entered the chest, piercing the lung and made its exit under the arm. The patient is reported as doing as Mr. Geo. Stables has his store pack- the nature of the wound. No particuwell as can be expected considering can be learned as Mr. Power will say nothing more than it was accidental. A rumor however is current that he was mistaken for a deer. This rumor The Stothart Mercantile Co., are of course cannot be verified.-Camp-

WEDDING AT MILLBANK

The Presbyterian church at Millbank was crowded on Wednesday And she never thanked him a single evening, Dec. 15th, with an interest-This old and reliable firm have their ing audience which had gathered to Clark. The church had been very To give to the lady who never is prettily decorated for the occasion. Immediately in front of the pulpit was a beautiful arch of evergreens and flowers under which the happy ccuple Whalen always has something good by the Rev. F. C. Simpson of Douglasfor the inner man. You can get a town, according to the simple and impressive rite of the Presbyterian church. The bride was charmingly attired in a gown of white satin with tulle veil and orange blossoms and carried a magnificent boquet of white roses. At the close of the ceremony Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the trustees of the church, presented the bride with a handsome bible as a memento And it wasn't the loss, and it wasn't of the first wedding celebrated in the church. Miss Ruby Haviland ably presided at the organ. A reception It was coming to know that she neve was held later in the evening at the home of the bride's parents where Seeing at last she could never be their many friends tendered congratulations to the bride and groom who were the recipients of a large number of handsome and valuable presents: The newly married couple left the following morning for Boston en route to Vancouver, where they will make

Gist Books.

Our Stock of Gift Books was late in arriving, but we have some choice numbers for young and old.

We have Chatterbox, Chums, and The Child's Ovn Magazine, in the Annuals.

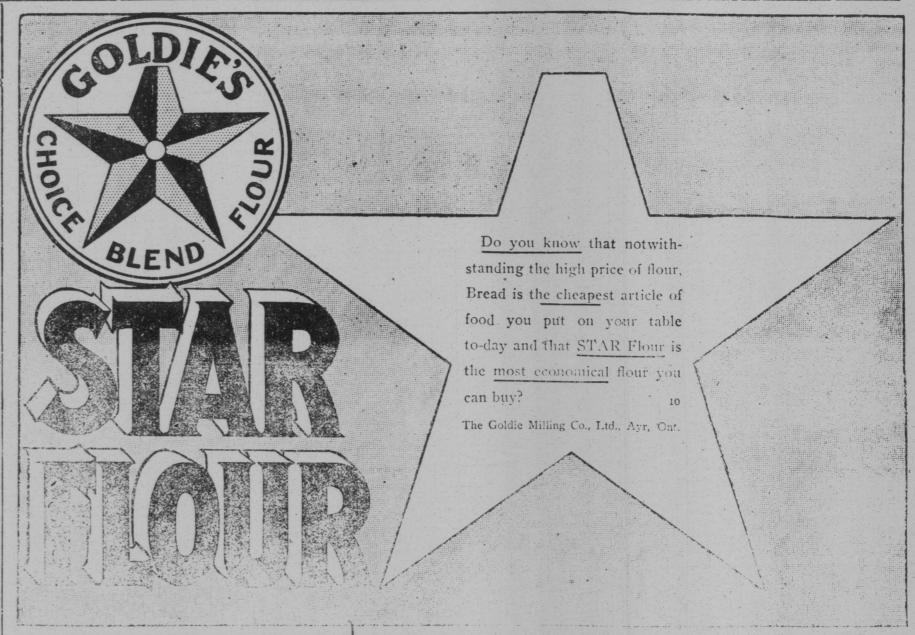
Here is a partial list of the Books in the regular line : Beeds of Daring Valor and Victory Hearts of Oak Won at Last In Ships of Steel A Girl Among Girls Dorothy's Story Caught by the Tide

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NEWCASTLE



A CHRISTMAS VAMPIRE

A fool there was, and he made a

swift)

(Even as you or I)

Oh, the judgment and taste and time we waste On the gifts at Christmastime;

Which we give to the lady who isn't pleased (And now we know she could never be

And never be satisfied.) A fool there was, and he gave his cheque.

pleased

(Even as you or I.) For a necklace of pearls without a

And it didn't the least suit the lady's neck)

speck! (Even as you or I.)

immense store packed with every- witness the marriage of Mr. Wilmot Oh, the chink we lose and the think we lose. On the things we buy with pride,

> pleased (And now we know she can never be pleased And never be satisfied).

The fool was fleeced to his last red

(Even as you or I.) She threw him aside, when his gold (And nobody cared where the lady

went,) And the fool gave way to loud lament.

(Even as you or I.) the dross.

The reason that same fool cried:

was pleased pleased

And never be satisfied.) -Carolyn Wells in The December

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its control, the advantages offer- and rifle practice for boys, a some Council, some misapprehension military training into the Schools seems to have arisen as to the of the Dominion. I am directaims and objects of the Strath- ed to state, emphatically, that cona Trust. It is with a view such is in no wise Lord Strathto the removal of any grounds cona's intention, nor that of the for misunderstanding that I am Executive Council of the Trust. 6. As stated above, one of

3. As you are aware, Lord is to inculate a spirit of patrio-Strathcona's object in forming tism in the youths of this counthe trust is twofold; (1) the im- try. together with a realization ficers of the Active Militia, and provement of the physical and of their duty as free citizens in will grant certificates of qualifiintellectual capabilities of the its defence, and, consequently, cations, children while at school, by their training in the rudiments means of a proper system of phy- of a soldier's art is, in his opinion sical training calculated to im- desirable, in order that they may physical develop- be able to give proper expression ment, and, at the same time, to to that spirit in time of national det corps, and will supply to inculate habits of alertness, or- danger; but His Lordship does these corps such arms and equipderliness and promot obedience; not seek to insist that this mili- ment as are needed under the (2) the fostering of a spirit of tary training should be made patriotism in the boys, leading compulsory. All he asks is that case. them to realize that the first duty of a free citizen is to be prepared to defend his country—to AGE, as far as possible, the forsideration of the foregoing expanding the boys, leading the boy which end all boys should, so far mation of cadet corps and the as possible, be given an opportu- practice of rifle shooting in the may see its way clear at a very nity of acquiring a fair acquaint- schools under its control, leaving early date to declaring its acance, while at school, with Mili- it to the parents themselves to ceptance of the conditions men-With regard to the first join these corps. The proper ter, so that both teachers and pupoint, the Executive Council military instruction and care of pils in the Educational Estabdeems it necessary to require the cadet corps when formed is lishments of the Province may that a Province before it can a matter which falls within the be compeptent to share in the participate in the benefits of the province of the Department of benefits of the Trust. Trust, should pledge itself to in- | Militia, however, asks that the Educational Authorities will encourage, or, at least, place no obstacle in the way of their teach-

> School Cadet Corps. The position may, perhaps, best be summed up by re-stating the general conditions, which the Executive Council of the Trust asks the Education Department of a Province to accent. in order to secure the schools under its control participation in the benefits of the Trust. It is confidently believed that perusal of these conditions will show that they cannot fairlly be in any way construed as an attempt to introduce a system of compulsory military training into the

ers becoming officers of their

Schools of Canada. 8. These conditions are as

(a) Physical training to form an integral part of the curriculum in every school, or public educational establishment maintained mainly out of public funds at which a teacher holding a certificate other than that of the lowest grade is employed.

(b) A certificate of ability to instruct in physical training to form part of every teacher's certificate, other than those of the lowest grade, granted by the Education Department of the Province.

(c) The Education Department to undertake to encourage the formation of eadet corps, including the practice of rifle shooting under suitable conditions by the older boys, in all educational establishments under its

control. (d) The system of physical training adopted to be that in force in the elementary public schools in Great Britain (which has been recently revised in view of the latest developments in player can begin to take courage, Sweden, Switzerland and other the season is nearing an end, and countries), with such modifica-

(e) The Education Department to undertake to require, within a specified period, all tea-OTTAWA, Nov. 10, 1909. | clude in the regular curriculum of | chers who are already in possesthe schools under its control in sion of its certificates other than Sir,—
With reference to previous struction in Physical T aining those of the lowest grade to qualcorrespondence on the subject, for all, and there have been, so ify themselves to instruct in play-I am directed by the Honble. Sir far as the Executive Council is sical training (subject to the F. W. Borden, Minister of Mil- aware, no serious objections exemption of such teachers as itia, as Chairman of the Execu- raised to the universal introduc- are physically unable to qualify, tive Council of the Strathcona tion of a well tested system of or are nearly at the end of their erm of service), so that in every school there shall be at least

9. The Militia Department ed by the Strathcona Trust for what important misapprehension will, on its part, aid the Educathe encouragement of Physical appears to exist in certain quartion Department by affording Fish Building Training and Military Drill in ters, to the effect that the Strath- the necessary facilities to the cona Trust is designed to be used teachersof both sexes to qualify 2. From inquiries which have as the vehicle for the introduction of a system of compulsory by providing instructors until by providing instructors until such time as the Provincial Authorities are in a position to unertake this duty themselves.

10. The Militia Department will also afford to the teachers the necessary instruction in militiary drill required to enable Lord Strathcona's main objects them to become officers of cadet corps under the same advantages as are already allowed to of-

11. The Militiia Department and acting as instructors of caregulations applicable to each

Sir Frederick Borden confidently hopes, that, after conplanations, your Government decide whether their sons should tioned in paragraph 8 of this let-

I have the honour to be. Sir. Your obedient servant A. G. LEWIS, The Executive Council The Strathcona Trust.

Santa Claus' Revenge. Belated comes advice tonight That, "without proper cause," Two foolish boys went on a strike Against old Santa Claus. They sent him written word that he Must take two trips a year, The first an early one to see What children wanted here. They said his work of late was bad. They criticised his taste.
They said it made them very sad-Those presents gone to waste!
They asked him why he thought a boy Would want a Teddy bear.
They said it seemed he could employ
Much better judgment there.
They wrote him frankly what they
thought.

A protest in each line.

They told him that they thought he-ough They told him that they thought he could be sell out and resign.
They covered reams of paper them
To tell him what to do—
The how, the which, the what, the when they carefully went through—
And then they told him what to bring For each boy in their town,
And for themselves—"Oh, everything?"
Was just what they put down.
They thought the saint was far too-old to understand their scheme,
And each one bought a bag, to hold Their presents, it would seem.
But when they woke on Xmas morn With "What did Santa bring?"
Why, just as sure as you are born. Why, just as sure as you are born,



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CHRISTMAS SERVICE

will reopen on January 3rd.

Day in St. Peter's Church, Derby, at cross the road within two miles of which went into liquidation, owned the excellent train service in effect, 10.30; and in Trinity Church, Black- Newcastle following the track of a Tucker for lumber purchased from there ought to be a big rush of travel

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Irving and family desire through the ADVOCATE to thank their many friends for kindness 8 The funeral of the late Ray Douglas shown them in their recent sad be-

MICHAEL HOLOHAN DEAD

Mr. Michael Holohan who has been ill for over a year and a half, passed away Saturday evening at 5 o'clock at away Saturday evening at 5 o'clock a away Saturday evening at 5 o'clock at held at the house conducted by Rev. the residence of Mrs. Edward Holohan. S. J. McArthur; the hymns-"Nearer He leaves to mourn besides relatives My God to Thee" and "Rock of Ages" in this county, two sisters Mrs. Fuller were sung by a male quartette, after and lifted the old note with it. This chester, N. H. The funeral was held James' Church where service was con-Monday at 2 o'clock.

OFERA HOUSE, DEC. 30

apportunity of hearing Miss Hessie of beautiful flora! tributes covered the Gunn in her farewell recital at the casket, among which were the follow-Opera House Dec. 30, 1909. Miss Gunn ing: Wreath of roses and Illies from leaves the first of the new year for the family; crescent of carnations and Montreal where she has accepted a smilax from Mrs. Robert Irving, Chatposition as soloist seprano in the St. ham. Wreath, roses and carnations Andrews church of Scotland. This and spray of carnations, Mr. Robert may be the last chance the people of Irving, Chatham; pillow of carnations, Newcastle will have of hearing her for roses and smilax with the word "Sleep-

bearing and full, melodious, well mo- smilax Messrs. A. E. Shaw and Chas. dulated voice, combined with rare Dickison; crescent of roses from Masdramatic talent, places him at once ter Henderson Johnston; wreath of the best readers of the day. His won- roses and smilax from Mr. and Mrsderful magnetism swayed the audience Alex. McKay; spray of roses from as the pathos of some selection, the Master Jack Rundle; wreath of roses patriotic fervor of other and the tragic and lilies from Miss Annie Craig; star at Newcastle, who is a guest at the Street, S. W., Mr. Challenor was the scenes from Shakespeare were in quick, of carnations and lilies from K. D. succession, depicted almost with living Maltby. The pall-bearers were, Aleck reality before their eyes .- Evening Ingram, Clyde Rundle, Perley Hogan, Express, Portland, Me. The above re- Harold McMaster, Frank Lawlov, fers to Mr. Wadsworth Harris. Hear Graver Cleveland. Interment was in him at the Opera House.

SCOTT ACT CASES

There were three Scott Act cases in Whelan and Gilmour were dismissed The third case was postponed.

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SAW TWO WOLVES

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interment being in the Baptist ceme- and mail to the company. tery. At the latter place, Rev. Dr. also accompanied the remains.

FUNERAL OF RAY IRVING

of Maine, and Mrs. McKeen of Man- which the remains were taken to St. ducted by the pastor Mr. McArthur. Among the hymns sung was "Wonderful Words of Life" a hymn which had been sung in Sunday School the last All should avail themselves of the time deceased was there. A number ing" from Mr. and Mrs. Horace Kethro; crescent of carnations and lilies with RECITAL AT ALL SOUL'S CHURCH | the words "Little Friend" from Alack The commanding figure, graceful Ingram; spray of carnations and St. James' cemetery.



Purchace of Lumber by Defunct Anderson Furniture Co. Led to Complications

The Ladies' Aid of St. James' church 8 Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 16-A rather cember 27th, and on December 31st tried here to-day before Judge Barry January 3rd. To Detroit, Port Huron, been postponed from the November Ont., and points East in Canada, there circuit court.

John Kethro of Newcastle and Jas. of Canada vs. Tucker, and the facts of 23, 24, 25, 28, 20, 30, 31 and January Murray of Chaplin Island Road re- the case are: The Anderson Furniture 1st: good for return until January 5th. There will be service on Christmas port having on Friday seen two wolves Company, formerly of Newcastle, and With these low rates prevailing and him. The company gave two notes Christmas week. in payment, one for \$200 and one for \$192.87, with interest, which notes matured on the 24th and 25th of Teacher wanted for the Eel Ground August, 1907, respectively. Both notes Indian school for next term. Must be were discounted by Tucker at the qualified. Salary \$300. Apply, stat- Royal Bank of Canada at Newcastle, ing qualifications to R, E. Irving and on maturity the company desired Indian Superintendent, Bouctouche, an extension of time, and two notes 3wks. were consolidated in renewal and the new note matured on November 27th. 1907. This note was also endorsed by

MRS. CHARLES LYONS
The death of Mrs. Charles Lyons of Harcourt, took place at the residence of her son James at Millerton, Thursday, right.

Tucker.

A few days before the marurity of the last note the secretary of the Andrews and sanitary reform is being preached in the churches, schools and at public gatherings, that thousands of people will continue to A Second-class Female Teacher for day night. Deceased, an eminently miles from Newcastle to Tucker's District No. I, North Esk. Apply stat- respectable member of the Baptist home, taking with him the renewal absolutely certain remedy always on ing salary, to Samuel Kingston, Secre- Church, had been in poor health for note for \$399.92 and an envelope bearseveral months. She was 78 years old. ing the Anderson Company's address. She leaves an aged husband, and Mrs. Tucker was not at home and the sec-Wm. Lawson of St. John is a daughter. retary of the Anderson company left catarrh. It will stop foul breath, The funeral services were held Satur- the note with Tucker's father with watery eyes, and crusts in the nose in day afternoon in Harcourt and Grange- instructions for Tucker to endorse

Cousins of Newcastle was the officiat- the note and the instructions, but catarrh for several years and tried listened to with the greatest of pleasure, hesitated about endorsing and for several remedies and doctors but his dramatic ability and splendid stage some object handed the note to his nothing has relieved the trouble like niece, Miss Loretta Munn, telling her Hyomei. His trouble is from pains welcome. to write his name across the back of it and mail to the company. She did not do as directed, but handed it over glands in his eyes and nose swollen to her sister Katie, and asked her to and the disease Irving took place from the family resido so. She took the note and the dence on Sunday afternoon and was envelope and went to the home of nothing that can give me better re the largest seen in Newcastle for some- Tucker's sister-in-law, and asked her lief to catarrh than this remedy, time. The school children and child-to sign Tucker's name across the back which we heartily recommend." Mr. Michael Holohan who has been ren of St. James' Sunday School at of the note, which she did. Then Katie

> The Anderson Company, on receipt of the note, took it to the Royal Bank and lifted the old note with it. This was done on the day of maturity of chitus, Coughs, Colds and Infant's the old note, and consequently no no. Croup. tice of dishonor was given to Tucker in respect to it.

The company went into liquidation in January, 1908, and on March 30th following the last renewal matured, and was dishonored, notice of dishonor

being sent to Tucker. Tucker is now being sued for the mount of the note as the endorser. Katie Munn or his sister-in-law to do so, and also that he is not responsible received no notice of dishonor.

Mr. H. A. Powell, K. C., as counsel; and Mr. T. Butler, of Newcastle, is turned from the north-western limit Lawlor, K. C., of Chatham, as counsel. letter has an added interest by reason Barker House.

Mrs. Josephine C. Perry a widow at Harwich, Conn., has a flock o what are known as 'religious fowl,' and which answer to only call. When Mrs. Berry wishes to feed her flock she gathers them together by singng or whistling a familiar hymn Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy.' and every bird of the place comes

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A TRIP TO ALASKA

A trip to Alaska is one seldom un-

dertaken by people in the British Isles, and of the many bookings undertaken by the Grand Trunk Railway officials He claims that he did not endorse the in London, tew tickets show the desnote, never having given authority to tination to be that part far north of Canada, where coal and gold, together Co. or at Mrs. E.A. McLean's, with meteorological observations, are often supposed to be the chief reason for the note of which it was the re- for the existence of that land. That newal, as he was the endorser and such a trip can be made with little out of the ordinary fatigue of travelling is Mr. E. P. Williston, of Newcastle, is attorney for the Royal Bank, with pean Traffic Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, from Mr. Bromley Challenor, F.R.G.S., who has just reand Mr. T. Butler, of Newcastle, is atterney for Tucker with Mr. R. A. of the North American Continent. The The witnesses include Manager Me- of the fact that on the day of the official opening of the Grand Trunk Rail-Curdy of the Royal Band of Canada way's new offices at 17-19 Cockspur first person to book a passage with the Company for Canada. On Dominion Day (July 1st) the trip was planned and provision made for the journey, and in the first week in October, back in England again, the well-known geo grapher has been pleased to write to the Grand Trunk offices expressing nis entire satisfaction with the easy way in which the journey was accom After thanking the railway officials for making his means of tran sportation pleasant and comfortable, he says: "I was very pleased, indeed, with both the road and rolling stock of your Company, and in my opinior it is second to none on the Continent of America. The arrangements you made for me very much added to my comfort and enabled me to reach my destination in the quickest possible time, and I must say I experienced the greatest civility from the Compan's staff during my passage on your buy. These who find it convenient road. The route you worked out for to do so should tuy early and avoid the ante-Christmas rush. me was a most interesting one, and coming back as I did, over the Rockies and the Great Lakes, I did not travel over a single mile a second time except England at Death Grips with the short run between Sarnia and Tariff Problem,' says a heading. Toronto. Will you be good enough to send me particulars of your 'Round' Dear, dear. The excitement must be tariffic.

to send me particulars of your 'Round the World Tours.' I am thinking that next spring I may have another run out to the West, and if I do, I should ike to return home via the East. A New Jersey man breaks all Thus the whole of Great Britain quickly put in touch by this great rail-way system, with what frequently is said to be the uttermost parts of the earth-Dublin (Ireland) Daily Express, Oct. 19, 1909.

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A CHRISTMAS AT CAPE HORN.

NCE I had a shipmate who celebrated the most grateful Christmas of his life at the Horn. It was on the Mary Ann, in

December, 1897. She was a deep cut steel clipper, but she was a four masted bark, and four masted barks are all ngly in heavy seas. The best sea boat shoat will plunge at Cape Horn, but four masted barks are all the time under water. Sometimes they are swamp. ed altogether and float waterlegged around the Horn. Then the current pushes them south to perish in the sce jam.

Some sailors can be likened to the four masted barks. They are the sailors who have been too long away from home. All sailors plunge liberally into shore life, but the "too long away from home" fellows are, as a rule, swamped in shore life's breakers.

One of my mates on the Mary Ann was Bob Jones, a typical "too long way from home" unfortunate. But Bob still had somebody dear to his heart. He had started on more than one trip around the world with the set determination that the end of the voyage should see him rejoin his own loved ones at home.

But on pay day at the end of his trips his good resolutions had been broken. It had often gone so, and Bob was biding self despair under the grim surface of a man hating man.

Bob and I, with twelve other Yankees, Dutchmen and Swedes, were on the starboard watch under Chief Mate Dickson of the Mary Ann. When we went below on Christmas eve the sea was running high. Sleet and hail came down in the squalls. The western gale had trimmed our sails down to the lower topsails.

We had hardly fallen asleep when we heard the man at the wheel strike one bell. Before the signal for "All hands on deck" was answered forward Bob and I were out of our bunks and had our sea boots on.

"What's up now?" growled Bob, and he got his answer from Jimmy, the deck boy, who came rushing in without preliminary warning. "Rise, rise, rise, sleepers! Weather

ship for icebergs on the leeward bow. Rise, rise, rise!'

The watch on deck was already setting the fore staysail to head the vessel off the wind. She was running easy when we came on deck, and the storm spanker was hauled out to bring the



from the staysail BOB AND THE ROPE we all jumped out of the way, for a big breaker came thundering

over the weather rail. The breaker caught Bob at the fore backstays. He jumped up and put his arm through the coils of the fore sheet. hanging in straps in the royal back-

The straps were rotten, and Bob and

the coil sheet rope dropped and disappeared in the boiling deck waters. The waters surged to leeward and carried a dark object with them. The skipper threw a life buoy from

"Poor Bob!" said everybody to himself. It was all we could do for him. Bob was gone, and there seemed to be no help for it.

We had the Mary Ann snug at last. Our watch had still an hour more be low, not long enough to make it worth while to crawl into our bunks, and we lighted our pipes, lay down on our chests and discussed poor Bob.

Bill, who was Bob's own chum, went to Bob's bunk and overhauled the

"It is enough to make anybody rip ping mad to think of a rotton old stran chucking a poor fellow overboard, mused Bill. "Christmas night too Say, boys, when we auction this stuff off we've got to show Bob up hand some to his friends."

It must be explained that when sail ors die at sea their belongings are se at auction to the crew. This curtserves a double purpose. It is easier to ship money halfway around the globe than to insure the safe delivery of an old wooden chest. A good sun of money is also more welcome to most heirs than a chestrul of tarred re-Besides, the sea auctions give the ship mates of the dead an opportunity

"raise his a putation" by adding reously to his account.

[Everybody wanted to fall the Clark mas sto kings of poor Bobbs folks, The chief mate, Tickson, good nature consented that the auction should held then and there and came to the forecastle with pentil and paper to all cord the sales, as fast as they'v. made.

Get your nearly fraction the quarter

htert" rasped the old chier. "First | And he did - immedpile Langui.

article is a valuable straw pillow. Remember what Bill Shakespeare says, 'Uneasy rests the head that hasn't got a pillow.' What am I bid? Two dollars? Thank you! Three-four-fivesix-six I have. Cape Horn prices, gentlemen. Eight-ten-ten-are you all done? Tom, you can have it for \$10. You may get a better one in San Francisco for 50 cents, but you can't duplicate it for \$50 within a thousand miles of this place.

"Next article is a handsome standup linen collar. It has only been worn by poor Bob in Liverpool and can be washed absolutely clean for the small price of 5 cents. It is the only article of its kind that has ever been for sale at Cape Horn. What am I bid-a dollar-two, two-fifty, three-fifty, fourfour-are you all done? Sold to Dick for \$4. Dick is a sport now. Wait a minute; there is a button in the back of the collar. You will have to luy the button separately, Dick."

And so each worn and patched garment of poor Bob was sold at "Cape Horn prices." Bob's shipmates took care that none of

> them contributed less than a month's wages to Bob's final pay The mate at last put his hand to the bottom of Bob's chest. and from a corner he brought up a bundle of

papers wrapped in an old piece of canvas tied together with yellow silken cigar bands. The mate held the bundle thoughtfully in his hand. He hesitated to trespass. "Open it up!"

A VALUABLE STRAW shouted the men PILLOW. in chorus.

"Hem! Well, we will see what is in it anyway," assented the mate. When the canvas cover was opened a score of letters in soiled and torn envelopes dropped out.

"I see no harm in letting you fellows get a little home sentiment out of these old letters," said the mate, "but you must not keep them. They must be forwarded to Bob's friends. You boys can bid for the privilege of reading the letters."

Dick for \$9 bought the right to first pick. He took the best preserved envelope and its inclosure and went away to read the letter.

The sale continued, letter after letter fetching a neat sum. Half the letters were sold when Dick came from his corner and interrupted the sale. He looked troubled and shook his letter in our faces.

"Boys, this letter is from the girl," said he. "She's a dandy. Bob was body in those days, and the wonder in ghosts. All of her Christmas charno good. He didn't go home when he was paid off in Liverpool; he didn't go home from New York; he didn't go home from San Francisco when he could have made the trip in a day. The girl is waiting yet."

The mate, who had been intently reading one of the letters, here interrupted.

"Bob's mother is getting old, and she is poor. She does not ask for money, however. All she wants is her boy. He will never return to her now. Poor Boh's mother! Poor Bob!"

At four bells the lookout gave us his "All's well! Side lights burning bright." Suddenly he began to beat the forward bell like mad.

The lookout was shouting and waving his arms from the forecastle head. where he stood clinging to the rail. When we reached the fore part of the house the lookout attracted our attention to a dark object leaning limply against the starboard lighthouse.

It was Bob Jones. We carried him into the forecastle The mate and the whisky bottle were brought forward, and Bob slowly came

to his senses. "I was slambanged something fearful, boys," drawled Bob. "That breaker caught me right, and the blamed strap broke. Then over she rolled to leeward"-

"And I saw you go over the side," interrupted Dick. "Not I. It may have been the sheet coil," continued Bob. "I was washed

away up under the forecastle head. I guess I went clean off in a faint after I had crawled to a dry place. When I woke up I made for the forecastle, but I couldn't make it. I dropped right off again at the lighthouse."

When Bob had been bandaged up and given a warm breakfast he was the old Bob once more. The boys poked lots of fun at him when they returned his things to him.

"Hold on, boys: IT WAS BOB JONES. let us make a bargain with Bob," the imperative Dick broke in. "Here is my Bible. If Bob will swear to go home to his mother and the girl from San Francisco he can take the auction money along as a Christmas present."

man, swear!" "I do, so help me, God, and a merry Christmas to you all, boys!" sebiled haunting, sleep killing and have

IN FIGTION.

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E OT until the first half of the last century was well spent did the species of literature which has come to be known as Christmas fiction effect a permanent lodgment in the hearts of English speaking mankind. The ancient parable plays and the rhymed holiday legends of the mid-

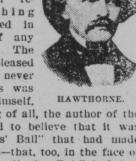
HIVING. dle ages are still in on the continent, but the more recular minded English had only the rule Yuletide jingles and the quaint arels of beef eating antiquity.

Contrary to the prevailing notion, the aventor of the tale with a distinctivey Christmas flavor was an American. is likely that it would occur to few Americans and to no Englishman to lissent if it were asserted in their resence that Charles Dickens origiated the Christmas story. His name so inseparably connected with so such of the holiday literature endrined in the popular heart that it is mall wonder the mention of Christmas suggests him. The credit of the 'literary find," however, must be given to another, a man who was at the end of his thirties when Dickens was born, who had been at Malta when Nelson's feet sailed away to Trafalgar, who had isited Sir Walter at Abbotsford and and captivated him and who was afterward secretary to the United States egation in England. That, of course, heans Washington Irving.

Irving's first book, "The Sketch-Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent.," had pleased everybody, so much so, indeed, that it was republished by John Murray in London and translated into several coninental languages. Both the publishers and the public were urging him to do something equally meritorious. Nobody realized more keenly than did the her of the exquisite work the diffiulty of producing its mate, and he was not a man to be driven into mediocrity. Three years later he published 'Bracebridge Hall," and the chapter of hat masterpiece of literary workmanship entitled "Christmas at Bracebridge Hall" was the pioneer holiday tale of English literature and has furnished a model for subsequent fictionists which excelled. Its easy grace and felicity of | bowl. expression were a revelation to every-

and the charm are potent still. William Makepeace Thackeray, maser of a realism that is the wonder and the despair of those who have followed

him, needed no model and chose none. His "Mrs. l'erkins' Ball' resembles nothing ever conceived in the mind of any other man. The public was pleased with it, but never so much as was



Plackeray himself. Most amazing of all, the author of the tale professed to believe that it was 'Mrs. Perkins' Ball" that had made his reputation-that, too, in the face of the fact that "Vanity Fair" had just been published. This perversion of Thackeray in regard to the literary value of his wares and his lack of faith in his masterpiece-he had so little confidence in the success of "Vanity Fair" that after it appeared he applied for a small government position-are proof sufficient that the man who creates a masterpiece may have a dim conception of artistic values.

All the makers of great fiction are more or less under the spell of their immediate surroundings, but few have made it more apparent than Charles Dickens. Those who knew the circumstances saw plainly that he had put nimself and his sad childhood into many of his pathetic short stories. This is especially true of "The Ghost (n Master B.'s Room," which is an account of things which happened to aim in his troubled boyhood. As a child he was a firm believer in ghosts, and it is probable that he never entirety abandoned his faith in spectral appearances. Many of his tales are peooled with disembodied spirits, and they are like the ghosts of no other writer They are the spooks that appeal to one and make one believe in their genuineness. They are frequently more real than the living characters who consort with them. Although they are dead they conduct themselves like living en-

Dickens' Christmas ghosts are unique in the realm of literature. Of all the silent shapes that have been sum-



upper and nether worlds to lend on chantment to t Christmas ta his alone h become accilied. There is er anything pulsive a had

moned from the

THACKERAY. "That's right! Come on, Bob. Swear, lonable spooks ever invented. are seldom seputabrai, but are quently cheerful. They meet a Bob. "I will go home, bays-I will" expressed phantens of the foliage out noticel personalities, from the day

nortal restrictions in regard to locomoion that come to us when we bid them nd vanish politely when we are weary

f their presence. Bret Harte never made a secret of

is admiration for the creator of Little Nell and Tom Pinch. Like Paul at he feet of Gamaliel, he was content to receive his lesson from the man be acknowledged to be his master. Not antil after Dickens had finished his work did the young literary light who stood revealed in the far western firmament learn that his model had seen hat exquisite elegy "Dickens In amp" and had been heard to express his admiration of it in the most genrous terms. The dying novelist declared that the work of the new Amercan writer contained such subtle strokes of workmanship as no other writer in the language had yet exhibited. And then he asked, with a humorous gleam in his weary eyes, 'Don't you think that his manner is very like my own?"

Like Dickens, Harte had a genuine fondness for the doings of Yuletide. hie who knew him best says that up to the last day of his life "he thought nuch of the Christmas season and to the last kept up the fond and foolish ustom of sending generous presents a his friends" Better appreciated in ingland than in his native country, Harte spent the later years of his life abroad, but his stories were to the last listinctively American. In that adnirable performance entitled "How Santa Claus Came to Simpson's Bar" here is no flavor of the old world Christmas, and Johnny, clothed in the stars and stripes, is a young American of the most unmistakable sort.

Two of the most strikingly dissimilar Christmas stories ever written are Hawthorne's "Christmas Banquet" and Miss Mitford's "Christmas Party." There is little of

Christmas in Hawthorne's grewsome tale. The joyous festival is only a literary makeshift around which is woven a weird

DICKENS. psychological study that drives all remembrance of the blessed season from the mind. Its ghosts are not the sociable and easily banished spooks of Dickens. They are formless and creepy and all pervading. They are the fearsome specters that rise in the frigid vapors of German mysticism, and they are made icier still with a strong admixture of New England transcendentalism. It is a masterpiece in conception and in treatment-no question at all about that-but it does not make the Yule log glow more brightly or has seldom been equaled and never lend a better flavor to the steaming

Mary Russell Mitford does not deal acters are flesh and blood people, and they are not of the sort that "will not stay dead when they die." Her "Christmas Party" is as dainty in its workmanship as anything which ever came from her careful pen, and that is saying much. It is as restful and nonsuggestive as a pastoral, and its influence is as soothing as the delicate savor which escapes when the cover of a potpourri jar is lifted or the drawer of an old time cabinet is opened-the faint, pervasive odor of crushed rose leaves and dried lavender.

THE RATIONAL CHRISTMAS.

By ELLIS FRAME (Copyright, 1909, by American Press Asse-

"Let us give in reason this year," she 'suggested;
"Not merely for the sake of giving things.

It's the spirit, not the money invested.

Let us, therefore, turn from foolish squanderings.
Let the gifts we give be things that may, be needed Instead of trash soon to be cast aside." "My darling, your suggestion shall be heeded,

She did her shopping early, being guided By lessons learned from much experi-She would show her lord and master, she

For there is wisdom in it," he replied.

How excellent a thing was common For their baby boy she purchased a French corset And an oriental rug that caught her

"Though the darling longed to have a rocking horse, it Wasn't sensible," she murmured, with a They had promised not to buy things for

They would merely get a few things for the child. She would sacrifice her sister and her mother, And it gladdened her to see the way he

As he said his people, too, should be ornit-So the wise and winsome woman, day by day, From shop to shop, with sweet emotion, flitted,

Having dry goods bound up and sent He bought a pipe and splendid smoking With these the child could make no such

Of oil Toccaccio and Rabelala,
So that their little one might be elated
And long have glad remembrance of the

displayed
They gut upon the sofa side by side,
And while their child looked up at them,
domayed. He and a culprit's manner, and she

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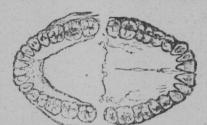
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Mr. Wm. Sherrard, of Strathadam was in town to-day.

Miss Mary Ingram is spending a few days in St. John.

Mrs. Jas. Pleadwell, Lower Derby.

was in town Saturday,

Jack Creaghan of the U. N. B. is home for the holidays.

Mr. Robert Hickey, of Bangor, is visiting friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Irving and son of Chatham were in town on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Grimmer are der moodily. spending the holidays in Fredericton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gregory Leighton are spending the holidays in New Work.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. and"-Russell is recovering from an attack of "Walk back! Such nonsense! Of

Miss Frances Fish of the U. N. B. arrived home on Saturday to spend her vacation.

Sheriff O'Brien of Nelson was in town on Sunday attending the funeral, and grasped his hat, but Mrs. Philanof the late Ray Irving.

Miss Laura Aitken, of "Toronto Ladies College" is spending the holidays at her home here.

Miss Bertie Ferguson of Halifax Ladies College is spending her vacation at her home here.

Miss Jessie Lyons of Millerton has accepted a position as stenographer in Heights. I saw a very handsome pine T. W. Butler's law office.

. Misses Rena and Elizabeth Mather Jeft this morning for Bangor, Maine where they will spend the holidays.

ceiving congratulations on the arrival of a baby boy on Saturday morn- got the base for the tree and all the

son of Chatham Head were in town his arctics and turned up his coat colon Sunday to attend the funeral of lar. "Just bring me the spade from the late Ray Irving.

Mr. Harry Atkinson, who has been attending Wolfville N. S. College, is spending the vacation with his par- plied Philander irritably. He was ents, Rev. Frank and Mrs. Atkinson vexed with himself for having forgotof Blackville

Ladies College" arrived home on Friit that morning and have it sent to his day to spend the vacation with her suburban home later in the day, but parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson. an important business matter had driv-

who has been convalescing from ty- when he opened the door recalled it to phoid fever, returned on Friday from a visit to her sister, Mrs. A. F. Bentley of St. Martins.

Irving, Miss Gertie Irving and Mr. the walking was not so bad. Gray and Mrs. Wm. Baldwin of Douglasfield were in town on Sunday to at- corner. When he reached the strip of tend the funeral of the late Ray woods it was snowing beavily, and he

Miss Greta Friars, student at Sackville College, was the guest of the along, for his spirits were rising. He Misses Williamson on Saturday, en route to her home in Blackville to spend the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Friars.

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punishment lit the crime. A Newark could see nothing, nor was there the N. J. judge has just sentenced three faintest tinkle of bells. It was a youthful and grimy misdemeanants to very lonely spot. hav their faces washed three times a Mr. Philander knew that the strip of day for a month.

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The Toronto Grand Jury thinks that rderers skould not be tried by jury. Most murderers will, we fancy, go with a few lusty blows laid the tree . . a farther than that and include

judge as well.



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"HERE is the tree?" whispered Mrs. Philander anxlously as her husband shook the snow from his coat and carefully wiped his feet on the brand

"Couldn't get one," returned Philan-"Couldn't get one! Why not, James

"I forgot it, Bella, until just as I got off the train, and as that was the last train from town I couldn't very well walk back and look up a tree. By that

course if you haven't thought enough of the children to buy them a tree"-

time the shops would all be closed

"My dear," interpolated Philander desperately, "don't say another word. I'll find a tree somewhere tonight if I have to rob the church of the Sunday school tree!"

He thrust his arms into his overcoat der put out a detaining hand.

"James," she said seriously, "you cannot find a tree in Rose Heights tonight. You know there is not a shop in the Heights, and where else would you look for a tree?"

"I shall walk into the woods and dig one," returned Philander, with dignity. "Well, you could do that, James, but it is 11 o'clock now and there is no

moon. You will lose your way." "Nonsense!" returned Mr. Philander. "I hope I know my way around Rose tree in that strip of woods back on the Turkey hill road. I could walk there blindfolded and lay my hand upon that tree," he asserted rashly

"Very well," returned Mrs. Philander reluctantly. "I hate to have you go, James, but the children will be so dis-Mr. and Mrs. T. W. G. Hay are re- appointed. The presents are all ready. and I have been up in the attic and ornaments-in fact, everything is ready

except the tree." "The tree will soon be here." said Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnston and Mr. Philander grimly as he jerked on

the woodshed, please," he added. "A spade, James! I thought they chopped trees down. The ground is frozen."

"Of course, the ax, by all means," reten to order the tree, which was one of the necessary adjuncts to the Phil-Miss Jean Robinson of "Halkax ander Christmas. He had never foren the remembrance of the festival Miss Ella Gray, of the teaching staff, from his mind until his wife's greeting his attention.

He sallied forth, bearing the ax, and waded through the newly fallen snow to the corner of the street, where he turned toward Turkey hill road. The Mr. Andrew Irving, Mr. John snow was only six inches deep, and | ered about him eagerly. clouds hung low, and there was a thick flurry of flakes as Philander turned the could only guess at the location of the

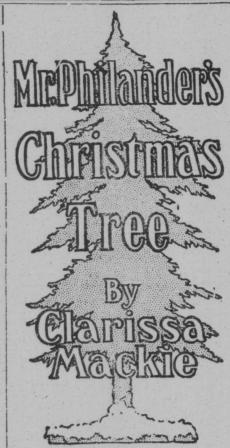
particular pine he had in mind. He whistled cheerily as he walked felt a warm glow stealing over his tired frame as he anticipated the delight of the three small Philanders when they beheld the selfsame tree that they had so warmly admired a short while before set up in their own parlor, ablaze with candles and rich

with gifts. Mr. Philander stopped and thrashed himself vigorously with his arms. There was a faint grayness in the air that was reflected from the fallen snow, and there was the tickling rush of flakes in his eyes. When he reachwhere they had admired the tree he turned around and looked carefully up . There is nothing like making the and down the road. Of course he

> woods was private property, and he also knew that he could make it all right with Lake, the owner of the woods, on the following day, as Lake lived four miles away and it was impossible to ask his permission now.

Although Mr. Philander had stated was cured of Inflammation by Although Mr. Philander had stated MiNARD'S LINIMENT. In the dark, he found it rather a difficult thing to do after all. He lost himself several times in the dense thickets, and all the tree trunks seemed unfamiliar to his touch. Then, all at once, he emerged from the underbrush, and spicy boughs of pine brush-

> "Hit it, by Jove!" he exclaimed. He dug the snow away from the trunk and low and dragged it trailing through the snow. He lost his bearings once or twice, and finally, at a moment when be almost despaired of reaching home



that night, he found himself standing lors." before his own gate.

back door, and with Mrs. Philander's help it was taken into the house and set up in the parlor.

Mr. Philander thawed himself out in front of the kitchen stove and quaffed fragrant coffee that his grateful wife had prepared.

gleefully; "the finest we ever had. How delighted the children will be. I am sorry, though, you are so tired.

"Oh, I'm all right now, Bella," said Philander cheerfully. "I was worried after I found that I had forgotten the tree, but I closed out that deal with Wells today, and I was busy every mo-

"How lovely that you got the contract, James!" cried his wife excitedly. "That is a fine Christmas present for

"You bet your life it is," returned Philander jocosely. "Now let us get the tree ready for the kiddies. Everything handy?"

"There isn't a thing for you to do. dear, save to hang them on the tree," said his wife, leading the way to the lighted parlor, where the tree stood, its symmetrical branches glistening in the light and exuding a fresh balsamic

"By Jove, it is the handsomest tree we ever had!" exclaimed Mr. Philander, surveying the shapely conifer admiringly.

They were soon at work, and presently the beautiful tree blossomed forth in glistening festoons of gold and silver tinsel. A radiant star tipped the highest point, while daintily decorated gifts burdened the branches and were heaped at the base

It was with unusual satisfaction that the Philanders retired that night. They were joth to leave the resplendent tree. but utter weariness drove them to bed. It was daylight when the first delighted shriek from a small Philander awoke his tired parents. Mr. Philander groaned dismally. He ached from head to foot, and he was sick from lack of sleep. Mrs. Philander was equally tired; but, with the self abnegation of mothers in ger-ral and mothers in particular on Christmas morning, she got up and went downstairs to enter into the joys of the happy children.

When Mr. Philander came downstairs to breakfast the children gath-

"Father," asked Jack, the eldest, "is this the very tree we saw last Sunday when we walked along Turkey hill road? Is this the very tree?" "Who told you that, Jack?" asked

Mr. Philander sharply. "Oh, mother did. I told her I had seen it somewhere before, and she said it was that very tree." "I fought Santy Claws bringed it!"



wailed Bessie, dragging her new doll remorselessly by its flaxen hair. "An' I finked it came that way, too!" protested Robin indignantly.

"It's a Santa Claus tree, babies, so don't feel bad about it. Run away and play," said Mr. Philander reassuringly. Then he turned to Jack, "Yes, it's the very same tree, my boy," he said proudly.

"It doesn't look like it, father," said Jack bluntly. "Doesn't, eh? What's the matter

"Oh; nothing. It's fine, but it isn't the tree we saw," insisted the boy ob-

"Never mind, never mind," returned Mr. Philander good naturedly. He sought his wife, who was helping Norah with the breakfast. "Our tree

was a great success, my dear," he said genially.

"It is beautiful," replied Mrs. Philan der happily. "The children are so de

lighted. "Well, I'm glad of that. I was tell ng Taylor yesterday morning going lown on the train that Christmas was not Christmas without a tree, and he said that it wouldn't be Christmas at their house, then, for they were not zoing to have one.

"How strange!" uttered Mrs. Philan der. "Why not, pray?"

"Oh, I don't knew, He said some thing about hard times. He said the good, old fashioned Christmas suited ien well enough; that they would mag their stockings before the fire and all that, you know.

"Dear, dear! I think the children refer a tree just the same," said Mrs. Philander regretfully. "Foor little Tommy Taylor! We must invite him over to see the children's tree this after-

"Yes, indeed, that will be an excelent plan. Suppose we invite a few people to spend the evening and enjoy the tree with us. We can put on some small remembrances and have a jolly time," said Philander, warming up to the subject as be proceeded. "That will be delightful," agreed

Mrs. Philander "Let us ask the Tay-

"Sure, we'll ask them!" chuckled. He carted the tree around to the Philander, "Fit show Taylor the way to keep Christun

That afternoon Mrs. Philander busied nerself in preparated for the evening's entertainment. The Taylors had ac cepted gladly, and so had the other in ited guests, and , ir Phitander, who was the soul of hospitality, walked "It is a beauty, James," she said about and rabbed his hands with pleas int anticipation.

He made supiry trips to the cellar for apples and ender and cracked great bowls of buts. He carried in huge arm loads of wood for the tireplace and surveyed the roaring blaze with complacent satisfaction. It was at that mement that Jack

Philander burst noisily in. "Oh, father, what do you think"- he began breathlessly. "Well, my boy, what is it now?" ask-

ed Mr. Philander indulgently as he warmed his contails comfortably. "I beard Mr. Taylor telling some men that somebody chepped down the tree from his front laws bast night?" "What tree?" asked Mr Philateles

absently. "Why, that tree-you know, the Nor way pine that steed on their forn "What a pilly!" excluding the

ander. "Mrs. Taylor told me it was ne pride of her husband's heart." "How did it happen, Jack?" asked

Philander, with interest. "Mr. Taylor said his wife heard some one chopping about half past 11 last night, but she didn't think anything of it, and this morning they found the tree was gone-only the stump left." "That's very strange," observed Mr

"And, father," continued Jack ear nestly, "I was in the woods on furkey hill road today and that little tree we saw last Sunday is there yet You didn't cut it down. I knew that one wasn't it!"

Mr. Philander paled slightly. "Why, father," pursued the terrible Jack with a directness born of sudden revelation, "this is Mr. Taylor's tree

knew I'd seen it before!" Mr. Philander shrank from their bor rified gaze. "The Taylors will be here in a few

minutes, James," said Mrs. Philande. "My dear, I must have got the new around in the storm, but the Loro

only knows how I got in Taylor's yard. "It's on the other side of the woodfather," said Jack sympathetically

"and I guess you walked right through and into Mr. Taylor's yard." "I must have done that," grouned

Mr. Philander. Then with sudden in spiration be stripped the tree of its ornaments and candles and carried it through the house into the back yard He scratched a match, and in five min utes the Philander Christmas tree was a charred ruin.

"Too bad, old chap," said Taylor commiseratively as Philander and tatedly explained the absence of the tree. "That's one reason why I don't believe in Christmas trees. They are apt to take fire, and there you are I am glad it happened before we ar rived!"

"So am I," ejaculated Mr. Philander But all the little Philanders name that it was the most beautiful Christ mas tree they ever had.

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Wines that year shall all be good: The harvest shall be wet with flood Pestilence fall on many a country Ere that sickness shall have passed And while great tempests la Many young people dead shall be.

Princes that year with iron shall die, There shall be changing of many lords high.
Among knights great debate. Many tidings shall come to men; Many wives shall be weeping then,

Both of poor and great estate. The faith shall then be hurt truly, For divers points of heresy That shall then appear Through the tempting of the fiend, And divers matters unkind

Shall bring great danger near.

Cattle shall thrive, one and the other. Save oxen; they shall kill each other.
And some beasts—they shall die. Both fruit and corn will not be good, apples will be scarce for food, And ships shall suffer on the sea.

From Harleian MS, in British Museum Fifteenth Century.

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and interest has grown each year,

indicated in this article. The price of the individual stamp is addresses a postcard, mails a news- many times over before Christmas.

It would mean a routing of the enemy | ing the stamp.

STIMULATED by Tuberculosis that would bring hope and joy and gladness to thousands of year ago the National homes and communities in all parts of

tion have made large preparations for the sale of the Christmas is as shown in this article, but printed Stamp of 1909-10, issued on behalf of the as the regular government postage

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may bring the accommodation up to 300 beds as the outcome of this year's sale of this little one cent messenger stores and many other stores will self them. Women's clubs, church orga

consumptives in that country. The idea was taken up by the Red Cross Society of the United States in 1907, help in forming an army of willing workers to sell these stamps all over A year ago a Christmas stamp of the Dominion. The Muskoka Free special design was put in circulation by the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives is in the fullest sense a national institution caring for patients from every province in Canada.

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