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## OUR CHRISTMAS GREETING IN ACROSTIC

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**A**ND the ploughman listened and bowed his head:—"To-day and to-morrow God's will," he said as he trimmed the lamps on the wall, "He sendeth us years that are good, as He sendeth the dearth."—*What the People Said.*

**M**AYBE I'm wrong as I can be—hideously wrong. I must find that out for myself, but I daren't turn my head to dress by the next man.—*The Light That Failed.*

**E**VER keep Hope, for in this is strength, and he who possesseth it can worry through typhoid.—*Counsels.*

**R**ESISTED, and became a man, which is much more important than being any sort of a viscount.—*The Man Who Was.*

**R**ARE good company . . . a way o' layin' hold of folks as made them think they'd never had a live man for a friend before.—*On Greenhow Hill.*

**Y**OU must be infinitely kind and patient, and, above all, clear-sighted.—*The Judgment of Dungara.*

**C**ATS is dogs, and rabbits is dogs, and so's parrots. But this 'ere tortoise is an insect, so there ain't no charge, as the old Porter said.—*The Golden Gate.*

**H**OW did Sir Frederick Roberts get from Cabul to Kandahar? He marched an' he niver tould how near he was to breakin' down. That's why he is what he is.—*Krishna Mulwaney.*

**R**EMEMBER this. We must try to be cheerful, said the girl. "We know the very worst that can happen to us, but we do not know the best that love can bring us. We have eat deal to be glad of."—*Children of the Zodiac.*

**I**M . . . do my own work and live my own life in my own way, because I'm responsible for both.—*The Light That Failed.*

**S**TAND to your work and be strong, halting not in your ways, baulking the end half won for an instant dote of praise. Stand to your work and be wise—certain of sword and pen, who are neither child nor Gods, but men in a world of men!—*Song of the Tugboat.*

**T**HIS we learned from famous men, knowing not its uses, when they showed in daily work man must finish off his work—right or wrong, his daily work—and without excuses.—*Stalky & Co.*

**M**OREOVER, only women understand children thoroughly; but if a mere man keeps very quiet, humbles himself properly, refrains from talking down to his superiors, the children will sometimes be good to him and let him see what they think about the world.—*A Preface.*

**A**CCCEPT on trust and work in darkness, strike at venture, stumble forward, make your mark, (it's chalk on granite), then thank God.—*One Viceroy Resigns.*

**S**O he was indifferent to praise or blame, as befitted the Very Greatest.—*The Head of the District.*

**F**IGHTING for leave to live and labour well, God flung me peace and ease.—*Song of the English.*

**R**IGHT about face. Go back to your duty, and let's hear no more of your diseases.—*Mutiny of the Mavericks.*

**O**H! where would I be when the bullets fly? Why, somewheres anigh my chum; if 'e's liquor 'e'll give me some, if I'm dyin' 'e'll 'old my 'ead, an' 'e'll write 'em 'ome when I am dead—Gawd send us a trusty chum!—*Barrack Room Ballads.*

**M**Y work is everything I have, or am, or hope to be, to me, and I believe I've learnt the law that governs it; but I've some lingering sense of fun left.—*The Light That Failed.*

**T**HEN the young King said, "I have found it the road to the rest ye seek; the strong shall wait for the weary, the hale shall halt for the weak."—*An Imperial Rescript.*

**H**OW can he speak? said I. "He has done the work. The two don't go together."—*A Conference of the Powers.*

**E**RE they hewed the Sphinx's visage, favouritism governed kissage, even as it does in this age.—*General Summary.*

**C**OME and honour, O my brothers, Christmas Day! Call a truce then, to our labours—let us feast with friends and neighbors and be merry as the custom of our caste.—*Christmas in India.*

**O**PPRESS not the cubs of the stranger, but hail them as Sister and Brother, for though they are little and fussy, it may be the Bear is their mother.—*Maxims of Balvo.*

**L**OTTA knew little of the tongue of the Buria Kol, but when mother calls to mother, speech is easy to understand.—*Judgment of Dungara.*

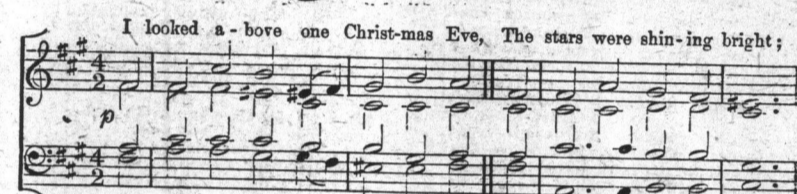
**O**UR heart's where they rocked our cradle, our love where we spent our toil; and our faith and our hope and our honour we pledge to our native soil.—*The Native Born.*

**O**, 'taint because you bloomin' can't. It's because you bloomin' won't.—*On Greenhow Hill.*

**I**T is well to be of a cultured intelligence, but in time of trouble the weak human mind returns to the creed it sucked in at the breast, and if that creed be not a pretty one trouble follows.—*Mutiny of the Mavericks.*

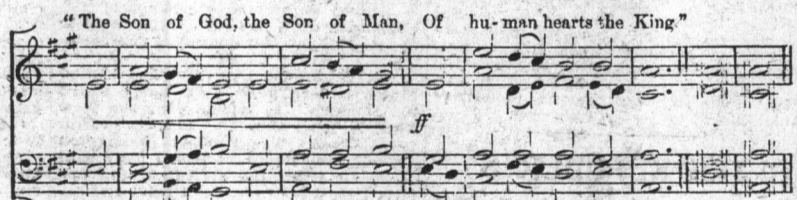
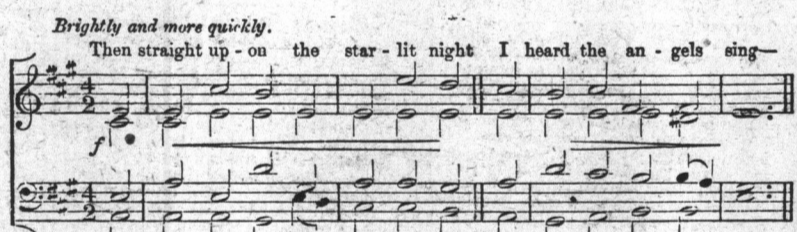
**S**TRAIGHTWAY answered the Colonel's son, "Do good to bird and beast."—*Ballad of East and West.*

**T**HE old lost stars wheel back, dear lass, that blaze in the velvet blue. They're God's own guides on the Long Trail—the trail that is always new.—*L'Envoi.*



I looked on earth as she pursued  
With thrifty husbandry  
Her faithful toil, but she too seemed  
Indifferent to me.

Around were beauty, order, work,  
But none to understand  
My aching heart, and so I craved  
The touch of human hand.



Dear Christ of God, pure Child of  
heaven,  
To Thy rude manger-bed,  
As if by magic sympathy  
The souls of men are led.

Oh lay Thy quickening touch on us,  
That living we may be;  
Shine Thou on us, that we may shine  
With light that comes from Thee.

And ever let us know the love  
That Christmastide doth bring,  
That taught by love our hearts may  
learn  
The music of our King. Amen.

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OVER SIX HUNDRED LIVES SNUFFED OUT IN TEN MINUTES BY FIRE

Smoke and Frightful Rush of Panic Stricken People

The Iroquois, the City's Newest, Largest and as Far as Human Power Could Make It, the Safest, Burns With a Roar

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Three hundred people were killed in ten minutes by a fire that broke out in the Iroquois theatre...

DEAD AND INJURED

The Iroquois is a partial list of the dead and injured in the fire. Killed—Mrs. F. A. Merrill, Mrs. A. Wilson, Mrs. W. T. Marshall, Mrs. Donnelly, three men employed in the theatre...

FIGHT LIKE MANIACS

George E. Elliott, secretary of the Iroquois theatre, was in a building fire and remained in the building until the fire was extinguished...

THIRTEEN FAMILIES HOMELESS

New York, Dec. 30.—Thirteen families were rendered homeless by fire in the Iroquois theatre. Four persons were injured. Nine houses were burned and five others partially destroyed.

Japan Will Not Yield To Russia

Compromise Cannot Be Expected on Basis of Manchurian Stipulations. Japanese Will Insist on Demand That Integrity of China Be Preserved.

Japan will not compromise with Russia on the basis of Russian supremacy in Manchuria and Japanese control in Korea. The Japanese are insistent upon their demand that the integrity of China shall be preserved...

Fire Department Wants More Pay

Last Evening's City Council Meeting the Last For Year 1903.

Only Routine Business Transacted—Petition From Firemen Referred.

The chief item of business was the petition of the men of the fire department for increase in salaries, which was referred to the incoming council for its most favorable consideration.

Communications were read from Hon. J. Justice Martin, asking for electric lights on St. Charles street between Cadboro Bay road and the turn, also asking for repairs to the street.

From the building inspector re cabin on 10th street, advising that the cabin was not up to the standard of the city.

From the men of the fire department for increase in remuneration for the coming year.

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Freight Rates Are Advanced

Cost of Transportation Will Be Increased by Seventeen and Half Per Cent.

All Pacific Coast Freight Is Affected By New Ruling of Railroads.

Transcontinental freight rates will be subjected to a general advance of 17 1/2 per cent on January 15 next.

Announcement of the new tariff was made at Vancouver by Mr. B. W. Green, general freight agent for the Canadian Pacific railway.

A HUGE MAJORITY

Pembroke, Dec. 29.—Complete returns give Dunlop, the Conservative candidate, a 222 majority in North River.

A LIGHT THAT FAILED

Verbatim Report of What Promised to be an interesting time.

DESERTING THE UNION

Chicago, Dec. 29.—A positive refusal to arbitrate was the decision of the joint executive committee of the American Federation of Labor and the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of the World.

A CANADIAN DIASPORA

Professor Dowie Will Establish Capital in Canada.





