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## The Christmas Song

AMONG the thousands who inhabited Judea some nineteen centúries ago,
there were many who kept their ears there were many who kept their ears open-the rulers to hear the murmurs of discontent, and the masses to hear the commands of their hated overlords. Not very fine music this; but in the towns and cities it was all that might be heard for it was an age of violence and discord of sedition and suspicion, of cruel tyranny and forced submission. But, out on the hillsides of Bethlehem, far from the busy haunts of men, lived a few faithful shepherds whose hearts were tuned to love and worship, and to them it was given to hear the music of the skies-the sweet voice of God proclaiming in the night the message of the ages-the message of love to God, and love to man, and that sweet peace which always comes when love abounds.

Surely this was a glorious conception of a world that the angels pictured-a world in which God was to be glorified as suin whe in whas to entertain to preme, fellows only goodwill, and in .which pace was to reign, because through the newly-born King, man was to be reconciled to his God. Think of what it meant in those days to have goodwill and peace in the family, the court, the vocation and the religious organization. In the families of the oreat there was faithlessness and unspeakable $\sin$; in the courts there was in trigue and unblushing dishonesty; in business dealings it was every man for himselfthere whe it was every mands of value and no recognized code of moral. And as for religion, nothing could be more debasing than the heathen worship of the Romans, nothing more empty and lifeless than the notid formalism of the Jews. So the mesrigid formalism of the Jews. It was as sage came in the fright light appearing through the gloom. a bright light appeang throusomplish what And it was destined to accomplish what light alone can do-reveal and purify. How much it has revealed of sin and crime we know, how much it has purified the homes and haunts of men we also know. Who are and haunts of mampions of purity and loveliness of conduct but those who directly or indirectly take duct but those who directy or Bethlehem? their orders from the Babe of Bethers of the institutions Who are the supporters of the institutions which make for the alleviation of surd the and pain, but those who have heard the heavenly voices? Go where you will, the story of the good and the honest, the right and the helpful, is the story of the direct or indirect influence of the Manger King. Even when men do not own His Lordship, Even when men influenced in all their ways by the ideals which He has
citizenship and culture.

## THE SONG IN A MAN'S HEART

What will it mean to a man if, in holy anticipation, he turns his ear to catch the sound of the voices in the sky? In the first place it will mean the elevation of his frst place it will mean the evo gorifies in his own soul. He who life becomes lim. The image of the heavenly is impressed on his own life, for it is a peculiarity of men that they become ike the objects they reverently gaze upon. ike the objects lying in a crevice looked The little pebble lying every night at the bright star that up every night at the it was transformed travelled overhead, until it was all the brightto a glistening diamond with all the brightness and glory of the star contained being. The wonderful boy in Faw until its tale studied the Great Stone Face until its majesty and power possessed glory of the

Highest becomes like Him in beauty and purpose and accomplishment. But this is not all. He who hears the heavenly music most, of ne whossity, begin to feel kindly towards his neighbor. That is a lovely word-goodwill. It suggests a soul without envy, spite and dishonesty-a soul rich in deeds of love and mercy and willing selfsurrender. Such a soul it is that lives in urrender. Such a which is founded in eace-not the peace which ish is born of indolence, but he p.
confidence and love.

## THE SONG IN A NATION'S SOUL

What shall it mean to a country that hears and heeds the message of the angels? Who and measure the prosperity and happiness and peace the reign of uni and peace that No more feud of rich and versal goodwill. poor for each would love his neighbor as himself; no more rivalry between creed and creed, for all would be united in a loya brotherhood; no more ignorance and ugl ness and crime, for in the clear light of truth the holiness of beauty would be as lovely as the beauty of holiness. There would be an end forever to hated class distinctions, to legalized piracy, to monopolistic greed. Each legan wed pres man Each would be as careful of his keeper. Each would be as, careful of his neighbor's rights as his own. All unrighteous self-seeking would end because it would be manifest that it is more blessed in every way to give than to receive. No more dens of vice, no more curse of strong drink, no more slavery, no more child labor, no sweat-shops, no brothels, no indecent picture sweat-shops, shows and whe loveliness of honest but everywnarious self-sacrifice, and the worship, gracious ministry of Christian love. Yus, trull this men but heard the heavenly music an would and more would be possible, for there would be ushered in the only socialism that will endure. Under its reign justice would take the place of paraded philanthropy, and pure unsullied democracy would supplant a system under which the unscrupulous and the corrupt control the machinery which corrupt cow and order. The day is surely coming, and blessed be they who hasten its approach.

The wish of The Western Home Monthly for all Canada, and for Western Canada in particular, is that peace and goodwill may particular, and the wish for all readers of these preves is that they may have their share in bringing about such a condition.

## THE GERMAN-ENGLISH TROUBLE

When two people live in the same house, they do not find their happiness in wrangthey do not find sharing their mutual joys. Wh, but men are engaged in business side Wy side, they do not find it. necessary to cut by side, they do not find They recognize that each other's throats. if trade is well bala so each has a measure make a living, and so each has a mer So, of joy in the success of his neighbor. So, too, should it be among nations. So long as our country is true to its ideals of liberty and justice, so long as Germany is true to its ideals of thrift and progress, so long as each is doing something to advance the each is dor for cause of civilization, there and they can do both on this old planet, and their time in something better indulging in body blows. calling names and indulging in sons for her If Germany has too maw to Western territory, let her send a few already come are
good Canadians, and none will deny that they have added to our wealth of character and our general efficiency. So let others come in to possess this land, along with those who are British born and those who come from the ends of the earth. Here we are going to forget race and creed, tongue and a broad Cal broad Canadian citizenship. Thish trouble.
solution of the German-Engle

## HOW SHALL A WIFE TREAT HER HUSBAND?

A good correspondent has accepted the challenge in the October Monthly, and has given the other side of the questin, Should a Man Treat His wie? The article is well worth reading, and the best part of it is the suggestion in the last line, to the effect that someone now give us a positive picture of happy contented life as it is and might be in our Western homes. There are thousands of ideal homes all around us. Will someone give the secret?

## FROM A HUSBAND'S STANDPOINT

In your October issue, under the heading, "What Shall a Man do for His Wife?" you give a very striking picture, which may be quite true to life, but, as you suggest in closing, it may be one-sided, or there may be a picture of contrast. Suppose we allow a husband to speak for himself.
Yes he remembers quite well how, with little fear and trembling, he sought the no little heart and hand He didn't own much then, came his wife. He dint owred him it was and told her so, but she assur she hat not wealth she sought, and dence in his ability to provide enough for their happiness. He told her his faults candidly, and she admitted that she, too, had just as weighty ones. Throughout their courtship he accepted his advances as would become he modest young lady, and he conany, himself that he had won a prize gratulated himsel had a happy future before him
How has it proven? He did his utmost to furnish the home to please her, and gave her all the money she asked for to use for herself or the home, even undergoing repeatedly financial embarrassment $r$ athe peate refuse her, but it very soon became than rent that all this was accepted as a apparer fourse, and he was subjected to matlo an increasing if him wonder if his than his presence in were not more desired that it. He tried to be social and agreeable, but he met with criticism upon his manner of speech. He remained silent, and was accused of being sulky. If he arranged his work purposely so as to be able to spend the evening in the home, the wife was too we to be social and retired early. She weary to be him, and seldom did not canied him to a public gathering. Her accompanied wishes, when exp dind's power yet he fied, if within the husbat was at times made to fee that he was criminally at fault because he had not been able to read her mind.
He found that if he would be at his work in the mornings, betimes, he must either get his own breakfast or go without. Upon his return to the home there was no cheery return to welcoming smile or kiss. These greeting, no welsidered signs of weakness, things were considered does not want to be but what human being on Page 80)

## Christmas and $\mathbb{N}$ ew. Year in Old Quebec

by willum Lutton

## I

TN the parish church of Notre Dame, which can possibly be communicated to Nontreal, fifteen thousand "faithful"
hear the midnight mass on Christmas
e. Every inch of space is crowded. The three great tiers present a vast sea of faces, solemnized by the impres-
siveness of the occasion. The chirrch siveness of the occasion.
is one blaze of innumerable lights; points of flame quiver on the grand altars.
altars. . $\quad$ thusic, at once mournful and


After Midnight Mass, New Year in Quebe
triumphant, makes poignant impression. The priests are gorgeous in vari-
colored vestments,-scarlet, gold, and purple, and attended by a large number of acolytes, all in white. What with the lights and color and music; the pressure of numbers, heightening feeling and
urging expectancy: the nearness of the urging expectancy: the nearness of the
Sacred Event which is in all minds,-the effect is rememberable.
And yet, for a characteristic expres sion of the holiday time in Quebec, one must go to the country parts. There thi people to the parish church which ha been gayly and floridly decorated for t! oceasion. There are tinsel and lamps and candles and paper flowers. Bunting is stretched across the alrars. The Infant Jesus is in his manger, deeked out with green boughis and roofed with straw. His Mother is lifesize fixure.
verisimilitude of the Old and young are there; the church is crowded. Nay,-many must stand out side in the frosty night, with the star glittering in the steely blue. Tre yoms people drive in the old-fashioned hurnw made for two, as the picture sets forth
There are certain camaght. And 11 mieepish look on the faces of the youn.. men and women as they move towarit the churctl from thoir sleigh might
augur early marriages. augur early marriages
The organ peals. The mass procects The organ peals. The mase proceeds
hospitality and religious feeling of French life in the province. The Exgmas poope make their gifts at Christheir wift rench friends postpone their gifts until the New Year-jour d'l'an. In the city you have the expoetry. In the country the presents poetry. be carried personally. The sleigh drives up on New Year's Eve; out come the parcels, amid shouts of merriment The gifts are carefully put away till the morning.
One hears all night the merry ring ing of the sleigh bells as the kindly people move from house to house in the country bringing their little gifts.
On New Year's morning the chidren of the family, big and little, kneel bu fore their parents and ask their bles ing. This is a touching ceremony Possibly the city families have becom too sophisticated for this raditionay peopl are not ashumed if the down strations of affection. Sons and danghthe at a distance make the greatest offorts to reach the old home on Now Coars monning for the parental heints. The old man is smoking his pipe In the corncr. The table is supplien

prise and when the visitors get out of
the sleigh, theold couple rush to the
greetings as the sleigh, theold couple greetings as
door with boisterous gred from the though they had just roppeted all the
clouds. And, this is repeated forenoon.
iorenoon.
Feasting and merrymaking ensue. Feasting and has a sleigh, harnesses his horse and proceeds to make his New
Year calls. The women of the house Year calls. The women of the house
are supposed to stay at homie and contertain the men folk. The habit is falling somewhat into destitude, which is a pity. It may have been productive of ill effects in the city, through the re-
petition of the customary glass of wine, petition of the customary gass of wine,
but in the country parts the glass of but in the country parts thre glass of
gooseberry, or cherry, or elderberry, is innocuous. There may be a little drop of gin in the kitchen to which the old man invites his particular friondsa drop of square fare on the cold and biting day.
In the evening the young men drive
to visit their sweethearts, and thie night is spent in dancing and feasting and merry-making. Every village or parish boasts a fiddler who is requisitioned for the dance. into one and both
dining-room are made int dining-room are
thrown open to the guests. The women and girls are dressed up, while the men show special sartorial effects-comically incongruous in many cases where th simplicity of nature is poorly replaced by the elaboration of art
When the fiddler strikes up "Money-

the moment. The spirit of happiness "the little people," and who may be in and abandon infects young and old. the form of a cat or dog, or even a The fildler gets warm, the men begin suake (strange as this may be) live
to shed their coats, the master of cremonies cries coats, the master of close to the French people; follow thent down the midde." The old men whon furtunes with interest; are beney are have been standing round feed the stir
of youth in their old hones and take the at the New Year time luring floor. The dance beromes fatere and gifto to those who have been kind to faster. The sense of rivalry is at uly $\mid$ them during the year,-a white dress and hets are made a- then long this for the latest child, perhaps the twelfth
 in the kitchen and whinh antint , if the old man; a raceon coat for the


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The visiting is kept up for neariy week in the country, the holiday curring at the time of year when ther is not a great deal to do on the farm. On New Year's eve the tradition of
"La Chasse Galerie" has fultillment. Many of the young men go to the shanty in the winter when the work gets shick in the winter when is imposible for to get back at the New Year time there is compulsive force in love : longing. We-do not know all the secreis
of the invisible. Certain it is without splitting hairs about it, that when the young girl thinking of her lover on New Year, looks up at the sky, she sees him in the aî̉ sailing in a celestial boathimself and others, all paddling fori dear life, all bent on meeting theiry
sweethearts as the boat glides nearer and nearer to earth. Is that not a veritable kiss ton- light and elusive, but real.. a kiss
com the "boy" who is loved all the nore in absence. Both feel it at the same time, at the same moment! the girl in her home and the lover in the how you will, whether by folklore or telepaithy, or thought transference, the ghostly boat is there and the girl sees it and knows that it contains her lover who, nevertheless, camnot come to hor
in the flesh.
But that is only one of the quaint features of the simple habitant 1 fe.
The lutins, or as we would call them,

Chasse Galerie"
> fortunes with interest; are benevolent them during the -a white dres menther man; a thationt soul, who it a

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## The Sled Dogs of the North

Written for The Western Home Monthly by H. Mortimer Batten

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URTHER back than any history dates man and his dog have been inseparable, and today we have pitched battles and lawsuits all pointing
to the same old text "Love me, love my dog." But the sled dogs. of the north are not, generally speahing, a lovable race; hard breeding and hard living go to destroy those gentle characteristics which we naturally associate with our
canine friends of more civiliz quarters. canine friends of more civiliz quarters,
In Canada today the dog team does not play so important a part during the winter months as it did in the days when Western Canada was under the jurisdiction of the Hudson's Bay Com-
pany. At that time the Northern pany. At that time the Northern Packet-the annual mai-arrived at distributed over a vast stretch of country ranging from the Hudson Bay to Alaska; and this gigantic work of distribution was carried out entirely by dog teams. The work was so arranged
that each team made a journey of perhaps two hundred miles, when the sled, with its precious load, would be taken over by fresh men and dogs. Sometimes, however, it was impossible to arrange
ould make the through journey, covering many hundreds of miles before reaching its ultimate destination. 'I here was, of course, keen rivalry between the various drivers, each team anxious to accomplish a record, and in the west one hears today stories of the wonderul "runs" made by the Hudson Bay men. 1887 a half breed and a Scotchman named McTavish covered a distance of 500 miles without resting, thus establishing a record which will live long on the lonely trails of the north, On a smaller scale the same system and scores of outlying settlements are solely reliant upon their dog teams for transportation during the winter months. Horses are unsuitable for the work, for not only are they unable. to
negotiate deep snow, but the food probnegotiate deep snow, but the food prob
lem is a difficult one, while dogs are lem is a difticult one, while dogs are country fish and meat, being the only foods they require during any ordinary
trip. The dogs generally used by the Hudson's Bay Company are the famous hus- Mackenzie, though among prospectors
and trappers the malamute is far more and trappen in the north-west. Both these breeds are very nearly related to the timber wolf, and possess many wolfish characteristics. In order to strengthen the breed of their dogs it is a common practice among the Indians to introduc fresh wolf bloorest to breed with the
side in the fores wolves. The wolf, of course, is capable of immense speed, and can travel grea distances without food, while nothing in the way of cold is likely to trouble him.
Many experiments have gone to prove, not be broken to harness. Fierce and distrustful at heart, his sullen independence of character and lack of true affection make him a most dangerous and awkward customer to handle. sled dog that enable these animals to survive the hardships of the northern winter. These instincts become most noticeable as night comes on. The driver loosens out his team, and having given each dog its allotted portion of
food leaves the animals to look after themselves.
For a little while the dogs hudde round the fire, but presently one slinks off then another. Each makes a bed deep under the snow, and there remains in the morning. However wild the blizzard may blow the sled dog sleeps snug ly in its icy bed-perhaps curled up side by side with its particular chum. When winter is drawing to a close and spring is near, the restless instincts of the wild sometimes stir his wild kindred.
sled dog just as they stion Malamutes and huskies have been known to desert their masters at this time of the year, and remain absent in the woods for days on end. On moon light nights 1 have their way to a high camp, and making their way to a high in the cadences of the wild wolf. There he is-your tame huskie-his gaunt figure thrust out against the sky line around him the great grey lonelines, and as his muzzle points towards th ness stabs the silence of the woods And what sound is like the howl of the timber wolf as it sweeps heavenwards over the tree tops-expressing all the gnawing loneliness, all the vastness and silent grandeur of those glorious but infernal solitudes
sled dog is a very prosaic individual, sled dog is a very prosaic individua,
and the man who sets out with a raw team is in for a lively time till he converts the animals to his way of thinking. Not that he has much difficulty in making them go, the sole ambitionters of the dog ahead of it , and unable to accomplish this feat the sled is likely to be overturned and the harness tangled many times ere the driver thoroughly masters the situation.
The usual way of harnessing dogs is in single file, each dog being attached
to the line by its colla.: This enables the animals to negotiate narrow trails without crowding each other, for both the malamute and $1 .$. skie are ever ready to fight. For negotiating wide rivers and creeks the "Coast" method is perhaps the best, the dogs being fastened in pairs to a single trace of rawhide. Sometimes the Labrador style is used, each dog being harnessed by a separat tr.ce, and the
team allowed to straggle out in fan team allowed to straggle
shaped formation. There is not much to be said in favor of the latter method for Canadian use, except that the animals work individually ard the idler can be carefully watched; but for neatnesa the Labrador style cannot be
with the single file and coast.
Whatever the method of harnessing, the leader plays an important part, and upon him largely depends the success of the outfit. A good leader is well aware of his own resoonsibilitie, and while
working hard himself is anxious for all to go well. I remember once trying to break in an
exceptionally rowdy, well-meaning, illhoing puppy. he leader of the team, a

## and the appealing look he gave us as we

 and the apeared the youngster behind him was truly laughable.Though at first keen and anxious to do well the puppy soon lost interest int the
proceedings, and every hundred yards proceedings, and every hie down to gnaw or so would sudie. his toes. Old Dagoe the ice it as long as he could, but eventu-
stood ally he turned upon the youngster and gave him a hiding vich, as my companion put it, "learnt that pup once and for all what he was up against."
In spite of his fierce breeding, D goe s affection towards my partrer's children was truly patıptic. If oi our return
home the childre, were nut he would home the little boy's cont and wag his tail jubilantlo then lying beside the sound of footsteps $a^{1}$ ng the trail. We always knew by old Dagoe when the children were coming long
ourselves conld
Old Dagoe died in harness after five Old Dagoe died in thate. My partner was travelling the Cripple Creek at a time of the year when the ice of that rapidly moving river is unsafe for a heavy outfit. Suddenly there was a deep booming sound; old Dagoe sat down and whimpered as though aware that there was no escapa. The heavily laden sled reared on end and crashed it. The dogs ice, dragging the t am and ere they could be recovered the poor brutes were so chilled that a revolver bullet was the only merciful proceeding.
Many dreadful things have happened on the lonely trails of the north through disagreement between driver and team. Not very far from Winniper, there lived, a few years ago, a dog driver who was
known to be particularly merciless and cruel. One day he set out intent on making a long journey ut when he did not appear at the other end his employers hecame anxious, and at lergth a party set out to look for him

They found only his remains, while the marks in the snotr told the whole terrible story. Whils asleep the driver though aware that there was a price upon their heads the animals never reurned to civilization.
Though it is difficult to believe many of the stories "lat have been told about the north west sled dogs, anyone who has had much to do with these animals will agree tha' the possess marvellous memories. They never forget an old ago a curious story was told to me by one of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s officers. This gentleman had in his employ a half breed musher who was fond of boasting that he could lack any dog int submission. At lent, th, however, the hal hreed met his match in a huge huskied lash failed to break its spirit. Delermined not to be beaten the mushe exercised all manner of cruelties, til at length the officer himself was compelled to interfere.
In due course the dog was taken into the heart of Labrador, over two thousand miles from its original home, ading the the influence of gentle handing Seven years later the half breed drifted into the L. brado, and one night chanced to be in the settlement where the dog was living, and paused in the main street to speak to its master. Suddenly he turned, and to his alarm saw his companion's For a moment they with lowered each other's eyes, each instantly recognizing the other. Then, without a sound, the huskie leapt at the half breed's throat, dragging him to the ground. The man struggled and screamed, vainly trving to reach the knife at his belt, but in was not until the brute had been knocked
So much for a huskie's hatred, but that
these fierce dogs of the northland are capable of affection just as great, the following narrative goes to prove. In winter evening was brought in on a sled, frozen stiff. No one knew the man who brought it, and having given the little one a Christian burial he returned to the woods with an empty sled.
But a day or two later the leader of the team-a large malamute-was back in the settlement-alon, and appeared
to be looking for someone. Men saw it restlessly pacing the streets, day in, day out-examiring every outfit that came in by the waterway, but heeding no one who tried to make friends with it. The animal grew gaunt and thin, and sometimes wiles from the settlement but only to return again as night came on.
For weeks the poor brute haunted the city, a lonely dejected figure amidst the bustle and life, seeking for something that was dearer to it than all else on
earth-something it could never find.

## Frivolous Definitions

Luxury-That which makes the poor discontented and bores the rich
Gossip-Social vivisection.
Consistency - The one jewel that does not arouse a woman's envy. Popularity-The price of self-respect. Diet - Denying yourself the in digestible food you like and eating the digestible things you don't like.
Bear-An optimistic dealer in pessi$\underset{\text { Actor }}{\text { mism. }}$
Actor-One who pays more attentio
to the bill-board than the board-bill. Caution-The brake that stops career from running up-hill to success. Curiosity-Paying a thousand dollars to see your appendix
to see your appendix.
Good Judgment-Finding out what
ind of advice a man wants and giving it to him.
Pull-The resource of those who have no push.
Conscie
Conscience-The internal whisper that ays: "Don't do it; you might get
aught."
Vanity-The food of fools.
Appreciation-Envy in sheep's cloth-
ng. Compromise-An amicable underA Compromise-An amicable under-
standing by which you and your wifo agree to let her have her own way. Alimony-The grass widow's pension. High Finance-Making two millions grow where none grew before

## What a Court Really is

Magistrate Robert Cornell, of New York, has acquired a new and valuable legal definition. An aged but robust negro witness the other day oted, but kept on roar ing his testomy
ing his testomy. "Stop!" the magistrate commanded. "Don't you know you're in court?
""Ya-a-as'r," replied the negro.
"Well, don't you know what a court
"Oh-h-h, ya-as'r," said the old fellow with a low bow. "Ya-as'r; a co't is a place whah dey dispenses with justice!"

Never in the Same Place There are but few who would not appear a trifle bored if compelled to histen a second mime be somewhat alleviated, however, if repeaters of sermons would bear in mind the remark of a little girl who was asked the question: "Does your father ever preach the same sermon twice?
After a moment's contemplation she replied:
ens, but I think he hollers in differ-


## Christmas Customs

Written for The Western Home Monthly
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THE present time when the Lords, good and indifferent, are
being calumniated, it may be as well to turn to the carol singers who, of old, sang their praises at Christmastide this, should-be-happy season of the year? Jeremy Taylor justly observes that the oldest Christmas carol is the song of the angels on the birth of our Saviour "Glory to God in the highest. on "arth peace while one of the oldest of mative English Anglo Norman manuscript, preserved in the British Museum, from which 1 may quote several of the tramsed stanza:

St, Lordlings, listen to our dit Strangers coming from afar,
Let poor minstrcls move a:ld pit Give us welcome, soothe our ca In this mansion as they tell us Christmas wassail keeps today, And as king and all good fellow
Reigns with uncontrolled sway
"Lordings, grant not your protection To a base unworthy crelf. But cherish with and good and true
> hase from your hospitable dwelling Swinish souls that ever cra Giluttons never can be brave

> One of the earliest of the Christmas arols, proper is that of "The Boar Head," which is still sung every dirist while the at Queents College. Oxtord decorated - is borne to the principal table in the hall with great state and solemnity: just as at roottish festival A Haggis is carried aloft to the somed of the pipes. It was printed "In
Wynk yn de Worde in his "ciristmassi Carolles," and thus runs:
> "The bore's heade in hande bring I With garlandes gay and rosemary 1 pray you alts suine merrilie "The bore"s head I understand Ioke wherever it be fande Sorvite cumcantico
> -Be gladde, lords, both more and lasse, To chere you all this Christmasse The bore's head with mustarde.

But the festive spirit of Christmas was better expressed more than a cen-
tury and a hali later in a carol which appeared in "Poor Robin's Almanac" apper 1695:
Now thrice welcome Christmas Which brings some good cheer
Nfinced pies and plum porvidge, Ninced pies and plum porvidge,
With pie, goose and capon
The best that may be
So well does the wayather
so well dowe the werather
And our stomachs agree.
Gherre how the chimuey
Do smoak all about.
The cooks are providing
The cooks are providing
For dianer, mo doubt.
But thase on whose tables
No victuals appear
O, may they keep
O, may the rest of the year.
The sour-faced Puritans did their best to discourage carol-singing; but the practice revived at old days are, in con-
fantastic carols of or tantastic carols of old days are, however,
tury. The open-air custom is how now becoming obsolete. The quaint fantastic carols of old days are.
sequence, falling out of remembrance. nor do our lugubrious "waits" do much to revive the wery pretty canticles of the
olden time. seting that their nocturnal minstrelsy is mainly taken from our hymn books. and is now less inspirited
ancicnt times "waits" meant watech men-they were minstrels just attache to the King's Court, who sounded th watch cery night and paraded streets to prevent depradations. London the was to the City Corpora musicans attached tomination, and they tion under that denomadge on the arm. hat a cong at the begiming of the ninnteenth century, Hone says, that paratory to (hristmas the bellman of paratory parish in Lomdon rang the bell at dead midnight, that the worthy master, and mistresses may listen, and he assured by his vocal intonation that he is reading a cope of verses in pratere of
their severa! virtues. espectially their their severat when the festival is over
liberality, and when he calls with his bill and hopes to be remembered."
"What 0 ' the Night
But these practices of the "waits" or watchmen were not contined to london,
They were general all over the comtry For example at the good town of Bungay, in Suffolk, the watch of
the year 1823 . - eight years aiter the year 1823 - eight years aiter
Waterloo circulated the following sheet headed by the representation of one of them with a lantern in one hand and a bludgeon in the other: copy of Christmas verses presented to
tle Inhabitants of Bungay. by their lumble servants the late Watchmen, John P'ye and John Tye which rather

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Your pardon, gentles, while we this im
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In strains not less awakening than of yore,
Those smiles we deem our best re ward to catch
And for the which we've lo:g been on Well pleased if
Well pleased if we that recompense obWhich we have taken so many steps to
gain:
Think of the perils in our calling past, The chilling coldness of the midnight blast,
The bleating rain, the swiftly driving
The various ills that we must undergo, human race,
The living Jack-o-Lanthorns of the
In his "Sketch Book" Washington Irving gives a most charming account of an old since, looking through an old ame upon a lively description Christmas at Old Court," the seat of a fine country gentleman, one of the
olden time. Let me cull a few verses to show what were Peers and People in those old days.

Come help me to raise
Loud songs to the praise
Of good old English pleasure
lud the foaming beer
And the butlery's solid treasures.
To the tuneful wait
At the mansion gate
When the carol rose
At the midnight's close
At the midnight's close
To the sleeper's ear ascending
$\because o$ all pleasant ways
In those ancient days
When (God was feared,
And the King was revered
By the hearts of the grateful natio
When a father's will
As a law by his children heede
And none would brook
When a mother gently pleaded.
Christmas Trees
But Christmas, like all other things in this changeful sphere, has sadly altered with the times. and the spirit of the season is not quite the same as before. For one thing the place of Christmas cards, of which the production has opened up a new and very considerable industry; more especially in the German nation, which supplies so many of the things we want; and has it ever occurred to any of my reader that even our Christmas trees are of werman origin? find no mention of the Christmas trees, ornamental with wool, snow and candles, and hung with presents-in any Yuletide revels up to the middle of the last century - but when Prince A over married Queen Victoria he brought over many German customs wistmas tree, and cluding that of the congenial enough soil, soon spreading into an immense pille forest. The Christmas tree would seem to be traceable to the Roman saturnalia, and was probably first imported of Ciermany by the conquering legiondant hrusus. Such a tree is distinctly reans and mannikins, is distinctly recorgies.

The Nativity

## Carned writers have shown that

 IIV of our Christmas customs had a Lan origin, and even this character. How is it that December tal day? "It does not appear,Cativity among the early Churches.
come held the festival in the month of Say or April, others in January. It is nevertheless almost certain that Decemher 2.sth cammot be the Sativity of our
raviour. for it is then the height of the ainy season in Judea, and shepherds ould hardly be watching their flocks by ight on the plains
We know that the late King dward - if I may draw a compar
on without irreverence - was borin November, but for ceremonial reasons he chose to celebrate his birthday in June. ret what has that to do with the selection of December 25th as the birthday of our Saviour? Says the writer al-
ready ynoted, "Not casually or abitrarily ready ynoted, "Not casuat the princinal was this done. vas that almost all the heathen nations egarded the winter solstice as the turning point of the year, the beginning of the renewed life and activity of the powers of Nature, and of the gods, who were originally merely ""
ersonifications of these.
The Church songht to combat and by adding, for the purification of the by adding, for the purification of the chen tained, its grandly devised liturgy, besides dramatic representations of the birth of Christ and the first events of His life.

A Merry Yuletide
Hence sprang the so-called "Manger Songs" and a multitude of Christmas carols, as well as dramas, which sometimes degenerated into "Fool Feasts" or farces, and the custom of reciproca presents and festive Christmas fare a

The stout sirloin
The the rich spiced wine
and the boar's head grimly staring, The fromenty,
And the hot mince pie
hich all folks were, for slaring
in the hospital hall of "the fine old Eng, lish gentleman, one of the olden line.
But now, alas! there is a growing hut now, alas. the family hall as the seat of our culctide festivity. The tendency began to manifest itself soon ar er mother old Waterloo, as I gather from another old Christmas ditty
For many a winter in Billiter Lane My wife, Mrs. Brown, was neer heard to complain;
At Christmas the family met there to
dine
On beef and plum pudding, and turkey and chine
Our bark has now a contrary heed,
My wife has found out that the sea is
genteel;
To Brighton we duly go scampering
down,
For nobody now spends his Christmas
For nobody
in town
For my part to spend Christmas at home is good enough for me, even
though this year it is robbed of many chough this year it surroundings, but none the less heartily shall I drink the health of an my readers, as well as confusion to my my reade
enemies.

The Variations of Love
Into a telegraph office in an Eastern town there recently came a mote upagitated young woman. she telegraph blank, tore it in halves, write a second, wher, and at treated in the same manner, and at last a third. This she ina a trembling operator, requesting, it up." The operator obeyed instructions, he When the young woman had sor had
read the two messages that she hat torn in halves.
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## On the Denver Sleeper

A Tale of Christmas Eve. Writtell By J. de Q. Donehou

THERE were just a round dozen of
us on the Denver sleeper that us on the Denver sleeper that
Christmas Eve. All we men, numbering eight, had already fraternized with that good-fellowship which is invariably begotten of common dangers
or tribulations encountered. The four ladies had not, however, up to this time, "spoken to strange men on the train,"
as was eminently proper. But now as was eminently proper.
with the entire stoppage of the wheels, with the entire stopplage of the whed have
with the certainty that we should with the certainty here, snow-bound, and that it might be a day or two before we got off again, the icy manners of the better half of
snow did not.
snow did not. "I am Mrs. Jones, of Washington, on my way to San Francisco to meet my husband, Captain Jones, who arrive from the Philippines on the 31st; an this is my daughter, who gowned and metractive looking middle-aged lady who attractive look berth No. suddenly unbending and addressing the group of us men who wer gathered near the middls of the car "And isn't this
fectly dreadful!"
All of us hastened to reassure Mrs. Jones and her charming daughter, as we most. gratefully acknowledged the compliment of the introduction. Chicago, on my way to Denver," affably remarked the stunning blonde who occupied the seat opposite tnat of the occupié
Jones'.
"I am Miss-Miss Parsons, of New York," diffidently volunteered in a moment or two a modest-looking but not unseemly-appearing brunet, "and I am on my way to Salt Lake."
Scarcely had we all acknowledged these introductions, and begun to commiserate each other, as as to our interminable speculution the
ultimate fate, when the a big, burly, good-natured man who seemed to exude optimism, bustled in to
reassure us. reassure us.
"tt's all right, ladies and gentlemen," he protested. "Sorry that you're thus he protesed; but there's plenty of fuel
uncommode
on board to keep us all warm, and plenty on board to keep us all warm, and plenty
in the diner for everybody to eat, for in the diner for everybody to eat, for
supper and breakfast, anyway. Let's supper and areakfast, and make the best of it and
turn in and turn in and mast Christmas Eve of our
spend the jollies
live spen, even if we are snow-bound out here
lives the Kiansas prairies. They'll get uis
on out ly, noon 'to-morrow, anyhow,
think.; think.,
"Bravo!" cried we all, even the ladies.
"Tt's make the best of it. A Merry Christmas Eve it slall be." With an infectious laugh and a few more cheery words the jolly conductor passed on, to infuse ne other sleepers in the rear, even as he had already done, doubtless, whilst passing through the coaches in front of us. Remarkable it
is, the influence exerted by one throughis, the influence exerted by one through-
going optimist possessing the personal magnetism that as cheerful, hopeful, and I may even say, contented, as a few moments before we had been wretched, dejected, discouraged and even fearful. How it had snowed that afternoon on
the prairies! Ever since we left Topeka as the day wore on, what at first had been merely a storm became a biozard.
The air was full of icy picules that served no longer to make the skies white
but actually darkenod them. s.s thickly they fell, and were towed atont by the
furious biants from the morthwest. our progreses. Kot even hy harking every
few minutes, then da-hing forwan under


torm that anyone on the train could remember. And though from the last
station, ten miles back, a message had been sent to Topeka for relief-snow plows-it might never reach, there, the
lines very likely 'eing down. But somehines very likely elthg it would all come how we now even if we didn't get ofr for a day or two, we were determined, Jike Mark Tapley, to be jolly notwithstanding.
"I'll tell you what I propose that we o," soon suggested Mrs. Jones, who at the possession of eminent social qualities, and very gracefuily, as the elder of the ladies present, assuming the unquestioned position of claperone and mistress of ceremonies on our sleeper.
"It's Christmas Eve. We can't have a party, at least we can't dance, or anything of that kind. I suppose, too, that a Christmas tree would ou out of the question; and I don't imagine that we ably expect a visit from ; nta Claus, there being no fireplace in evidence, and the travelling out this way being so bad that even Dancer and Prancer and the rest of his reindeers wou'd probabst, then,
at trying to reach us. I suggest that after supper we spend the evening in telling stories. True ones are the best, and each of us will therefore relate the tale of his or her fre. We may us fictitious names for persons and places,
if we so desire; but each of us is to if we so his solemu. word that his
pledge his say?" "Capital! the very thing!" shouted all of us men in unison. "We agree, and the suggestion. It will certainly make a jolly evening for us." did not, however, The three other ladies did not, however,
acquiesce quite so cordially. The modest brunette, in particular, seemed to be decidedly opposed to the proposition, as these were soon whipped into lane by the coaxings of the rest of us, and so it was settled.
After supper, and a very good one, had been served in the diner, which we all took together, ha"-ng made arrangements
to that effect with the head waiter, our little coterie,", by this time christened "The Twelve," resumed its old position in our own pullman. Mrs. Jones was by ac-
clamation called to the chair and the story-telling began, we being gathered together in a little circle at one end of the car.
Our chaperone and presiden ${ }^{\text { }}$, very considerably agreed to open the evening's entertainment, the story of her liferery pleasamlily eventful one, but full of enough humanin interest, as retailed by its very charming raconteur, to hold our closest attention. Next followed the briefer and not all exciting biography of
her daughter, but one most facinating as her fall from the lips of its pretty subject it fell from the lips of its pretty subject.
Third was the turn of the dashing blonde lady from Chicago. I am almost tempted to set down here the salient features of her life's romance, for the readers' bene-
fit-it was very enterta:ningr-but I will fit-it was very entertaining-but I wil
refrain and pass at once to the history of the fourth lady, Miss Parsons. "The name I gave your" she reluctanty
began, as urged by Mrs. Jones, "is not my real one. I am not Miss Parsons; [
am not Miss anybody; I am a widow. Greatly do I disilike to tell the story I me, ayaint my will, to promise to do his; and 1 will mot deny that I have
been graatly int crested by the tales that have already heen told. I will not, therefore, refine to contribute my own quotar
to the ceming's entertainment, much as
 in thi hillt Win Virginia, not fall
they understood it. They lived a simple frugal life on the hilly farm which had been first settled by my great-grand father more than a century what, in no was endowed, hostit spirit simply as the ex boastful spa fac ${ }^{1}$ which I know how to presignate by no other term, is called the artistic temperament-the deadly, happi-ness-destroying type of inteculture, the longs for higher eduction, cus acquaintlarger and fuller life thats would have ance the vain pomps and glories of this wicked world.
"At first they rejoiced at my love of reading, the quickness with which learned, and even at my passionate fond ness for music, and the rap-d attainments I made in that art. They gave me every ducational advantage we the neares power, and fal college, in which co-educated with honors by the time I was twenty-one. But tirey were utterly horrified and scandalized when I, a year before the end of my course, conress and them my desire to become an ac
tion, we were engaged, although my parents knew nothing of this. My
bethrothed promised to make, within a few weeks, a visit to the little town where I lived, and then, after meeting my father and mother, to seek to secure "Their consent to our marriage. This he soon did, but alas! the evil on me. I had forwarned Harold, who was a young la wyer with liberal opinions regarding all the questions of the day, about the extremely old-fashioned religious views entertained by my parents, and their violent prejudices where these were concerned. He had prombed such things were touched upon; but, unfortunately for him and for me, my father soon drew from him the confession that he was unorthodox in his belief. Furthermore, by direct questions he learned that my betrothed did not believe in the verbal inspiration of the bible, and that he held almost which the preacher in our church at home was constantly er in our c
declaiming
declaiming.
"At once, therefore, my parents branded


The Corn Pelt Creeping North. On the Tofield-Calgary in en "Both my father and mother treated $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { my betrothed as an }\end{aligned}\right.$ this proposition as nothing less than the direct inspiration of the Evil One, ate open confession that 1 wished wicked and abandoned. Each of them declared that if I persisted in this design if would inevitably bring down their gray hairs in sorrow to the grave. And in face of parents told the truth regarding the effect that the carrying out of my plans would have upon them, I gave up my cherished ambition.
"But that was not all. At the very end of my last year at college say, Harold
Iran. His name was, I will say, Dural, although of course, he had no such melodramatic cognomen as that. Handsome, well-educated, ambitious, dashing
anner, he was a very Prince Charm-
who came into my life and tonk my it by storm. With him by my side, pointment at not being permitteil ke up the career for which I longed.
my betrot most violent prejudice against heing thus stigmatized only by telling direct falsehoods, which of course conscorned to do. In addition, they ceived the idea, and quite he loss of my hinks, that soul if I married this man. They now saw in my desire to be an actress a temptation which, when I had ortunately escaped, the Pith the subtler desi had followed up eternal desdesign of encompassing to an unbeliever. They begred and implored me to give this man up, and finally forbade my meeting or speaking to him, threatening me with the awful curse of father and mother, if I trans.
and married him.
"I did not know what to do. Much as I loved this man, having given him my whole heart, yet I did not dare to elnpe at our secret meetings; for beside the at our secret meeth have seemed to me
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unmaidenly, almost disgraceful. I should
have felt that by so doing I was incurring the awful curse of which I have
spoken, the superstitious terrors of which spoken, the superstitious terrors of which
had been impressed upon me from infancy up. I should also, I belheved, inevitably
cause the death of my father and mother. cause the death of my father and mother.
Accordingly, I decided to wait for a year
or two, hoping that something would Accordingly, ioping that something would meanwhile occur to solve the problem.
"Harold vigrously combatted this,
my determination, urging that my conmy determination, urging that my con-
stancy would be put to sore trial amidst
the environments in which I found mythe environments in which I found my-
self. He particularly suggested that artifices which I would be unable to see through might be employed by my
parents to prejudice me a a ainst him and separate us. Lutt I assure.l him that I
did not think that they were capable of did not think that they were capable of
doing this. Howerer, I now know that either they were, $r$ else, as an alterna-
tive to this, $m y$ dearly loved betrothed tive to this, my dearly loved betrothed
was one of the most despicable persons I have ever known.
"For a long time I believed that the "For a long time I believed that the
latter was the case; the evidence seemed conclusive. But, later reflection has caused me to suspect, at least to hope,
that I have been deceived; for much more that I have been deceived; that my now
willingly would I believe then deceased father and mother had through religious fanaticism stooped to what
they believed righteous deception, than they believed righteous deception, than that the only man I ever loved was the
most unprincipled of villains. And after the coming of the Rev. Mr. McNeil to our village, I can readily see that my parents were so obsessed with the desire
to bring about my marriage with him, that they were lost to every other consideration.
"The respect and reverence felt for the
ministry by old-fashioned persons of the type of my father and mother were so excessive that I fear I can hardly make
you fully understand their attitude when the Rev. Mr. MeNeil fe.: in love with me and proclaimed himself a suitor for my and procmongst the older generation of
hand.
farmers about my native place the greatfarmers about my native place the great-
est earthly ambition was to raise up a son who should become a minisher, tho
next highest was to have a dangliter who next highest was to have a danghter
should achieve the distinction of becoming a preacher's wife. You can guess, then, the anxiety my parents felt to have
me forget my 'infidel' lover, as they termed him, and to safeguard my soul
salvation, as well as shed lustre on the family name, by becoming Mrs. McNeil.
"Now for this honor I had, of course not the slightest inclination. Leaving out of account the fact that my heart
was given to Harold, I do not think
int that it would have been possible for me
to have found on earth a man to whom
I whould have been less attracted than to this sickly and fanatical preacher.
"He was a wizened, sallow faced, un-healthy-looking young man, with bashful
:and awkward manners, but boundless self-esteem due to his firm faith in his
own alilities, and the importance of the
service lie was rendering mankind. My parents accepted him at his own valua-
tion, but $I$ did not; for I soon discovered that the most of his alleged profound
learning was mere ן edantry, and 1 deslearning was mere person without true
pised him as a person
culture and essentially a weakling, a cullycoddle who in any of the active pursuits of life would have been a mere Pity would better have expressed my feel ing towards him-the victim, the self-
deceived dupe of the sym under which he had been brought up. As I afterward
found out, he was essentially kindly, humane, even self-sacriticing in a way.
"And finally 1 married lim. Why
lim did so not all the explamations that could he made on earth will ever make clear
If there is., indeed, a book kept by the
ind Recording Angel, in which each himan
thought, word and action is clearly set
down, perhaps hy mature study of this I may in some future state understan
it all; but I shall never here belo
arrive at a satisfactory aualysis of the
 affection for me, with exhortation.s to
 hould have passed away. And then ame the blow. My fathicr showed me the New York paper in which was an-
nounced the marriage of Arr. Harold
then nounced the marriage of Mn. Fora!
Duval and Miss Eloise Fauntleroy!
"I "I might have wondered then a a d I did afterwards ask why my father shound
o promptly have received a copy of this so promptly have recation was that a college friend of the Rev. Mr. Mcielts atter's infatuation for me and my love for this Harold Duval, had seen the item and sent it to him. But, in any case,
it was abundantly clear that here was it was abundantly clear that here was
no case of mistaken identity. My no case of mistaked was clearly designated as a
betrothed roung lawyer, a grad
his college which I well knew, and as a football player of note. If I required any further evid it in the fact that his place, I found to ine forthwith ceased And, of course, from that day on never wrote to him.
"The rest of this sad tragedy I pass over with a few words. Rev. Peter McNave said, If can give any one reason for this, I did so because my heart was disappointed, and I felt that nothing in this wide world made any real diferencen which their hearts were set, could make my old parents any happier-smoothe their final path from the aeclivity of life I should just as lief gratify them; for it all seemed of little consequence there I might hide my broken heart for the few short years that I felt certain were left me on earth.
"But strange are the ways of providence. Within a year after our marriage my husband, who proved tarcely as much parents also reposed in the old graveyart amongst the Wcst Virginia hills and was left alone. without a near relative without a desire, sav to pass a way and fore. My husband and paren's left me a modest property, the income of which amply suffices for my needs. For a year
after their decease I lived almost a recluse in the family home; but now, hy the advice of friends, I have determined 1 have just accepted a position in a hurch school at Nalt Lake, that an on college chasmate my vay thither, faintly hoping
am on
that new give me some interest in life and possibly arouse me to action."
The company was silent as the so called Miss Parsons ended her tal
Sympathy, pity, were manifest upon a faces; but it was evident that no one knew just what to say. Mr.s. Jones was
at last about to make some remark, when a noise was heard in the smokin to which we were huddled. A large
handsome, athletic-looking man suddenly emerged, and addressed us: "I am an eavestropper"." he exclaimed
half quizzically and half defiantly, ye in an excited manner that he evident tried in vain to control. "I was an u
witting one at first, I protest; for dropped into your smoking room fro
the sleeper back. in search of a mate Xone of you moticed me, and thus
chanced that I heard the first part Misc-Miss Parsome' tale. After 1 h
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ruitting time, I understand from all the rutting time, I I have met that the slaughter of our black-tail deer by the panthers is very great. The increased bounty may decimate this sourge, but take my word for it, Vancouver Island make for. There is a noble chance here to make money from the numerous marauding panthers that live on our sheep, and the great number of wolves, almost black ones, that roam this island.
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with the deer and the bear, as well as the big, soft paws of the panther-these at fifteen dollars bounty, and an additional five dollars for the pelt should tempt many a rifle out this winter. We British Columbians do not rush

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { scales, as our Ontario friends do. Many } & \text { ber spreading out my guide-map- }\end{array}$ thousands of licenses are granted to $\begin{aligned} & \text { Devilfish Lake, another hard port } \\ & \text { age; then Long Lake with its clear run }\end{aligned}$ square patch in Nippissing, Parry Sound of forty miles. If the ice did not make and Muskoka Districts. So crowded has too hard I might win out yet - then I this favorite hunting ground become must have dozed, for when I woke the this favorite maccidents happen and many
that moon was high and I heard, borne on
fool trieks are done. Can you imagine fool tricks are done. Can you imagine a deer hunter stepping up to a fence sons that were digging potatoes in their field? Yes, and after killing the father, this idiot tried to kill one of the boys. Can you imagine sane men firing at
everything they see moving in the bush and at times putting a bullet through the top of a friend's head? The danger has become so great to the hunters that they urge the wearing of a bright red cap or coat.
the trigger tale and hesitate when the trigger finger
poorly seen objects.
The Cross Upon The "Height of Land" It was in November, all the marshes of the Kawaskagama were agliter with rime, keen nipping winds were blowing;
it was a race now, a race between a
man and the southward advancing $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { man and the southward advancing } \\ & \text { line of ice and show, with the odds in } \\ & \text { favor of the latter }\end{aligned}\right.$ favor of the latter, and dwath the price
of defeat. District as far north as an An An the
Little Current I met the fir-t wuth bound migratory flocks. Xainer, whan ing, never
Naturalist.

Deer Hunting in B.C.
in photographs of the feather game, game fishes, and small fur bearers. So
Hawk, my Mississaugan guide and Hawk, my canoes towards the frontior following the isotherm of $35^{\circ}$ as rapidly as our paddles could urge us. It wa mpossible to believe he now the night I strained my eyes to follow his canoe on one of the unnamed lakes, mere widen ings of Little Current, I had searched and waited in vain, waiting was a dangerous game with the frost line rapidly advancing. Already I had to
break the thin shore ice to launch out in break the thin shore ice Food was getting scarce. I relied almost entirely on my rifle and trolling line to supply me. Luckily the woods and waters were wel
tenanted, so I secured present food tenanted, delay, killing my next mea without delay, canoe as I threaded the lakes and rivers we had traversed some time before, waters that ha, rarely, if ever, reflected a white man's face. Tonight 1 had landed on deadly
south shore of Springwater, so der south after an exhausting portage that I hung my tent up to the first convenient tree, careless that the cold north wind blew directly on the almos unsheltered position; then I lighted my
camp-aye, my signal fire-and cooked camp-aye, my signal fire-
a grouse Mississauga style. Boat Song - "Row brothers row, the stream runs fast, - and daylight's past"-clipped as it was by the gusts, it disproved my first thought. Truly it was not Hawk, as the words came from English lips. Faintly I discerned
the craft in the white smother of foam the craft in the white smother of foam
the wind was raising outside the rocky point. Instinctively I waved the map, for two weeks of one's own company makes the heart glad to welcome a fel low-man. Across the waves, around th the dark object crept. Soon as the canoe's bow grated on the sand at my feet-it was a birch bark, heavily laden, in the bow a covered load showed the form of a recumbent man - I greeted
the paddler astern. He stepped over the load ashore in response to my invitation, and together we lifted and partly how the craft up a foot or two. He ing the bowman; shook it again when I urged him to bring him to the fire, rudely intercepting my outstretched that had partly fallen off the reclining head. Then he followed me and silently
took a seat beside the fire head. Theat besid. the fire.
took ack root


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, Then, as the night was grow- the name with soft loving inflecI
clear skin and well-formed bleatues, brawn hands and cully in the fullor of old age. evidently in the full vigor of old age.
His first word as he looked up was "Thanks." I assured him of how happy. I was to see him, doubly happy as I was alone in this northern wilderness. Then I pressed him to eat, but he wearily shook his head, shaking it. again when I proffered to heat the camp kettle and offered to help him to unload and draw the canoe up-the same weary shaking of the head answered this question. Was the old man mad? Certainly not, his eyes showed the full possession of his senses.
Silently I watched him as he sat here with drooping head and downcast

## A FRIEND'S ADVICE

Something Worth Listening To
A young man was advised by a friend to eat Grape-Nuts because he was all run down from a spell of fever. He tells the story:
that left me in a very weak condition. I had to quit work; had no appetite, was nervous and discouraged.
"A friend advised me to eat GrapeNuts, but I paid no attention to him and kept getting worse as time went by "I took many kinds of medicine, but none of them secmed to help me. My none of them seemed to hem down, my blood got out of order from want of proper food, and several very large boils broke out on my neck. I was so
weak I could hardly walk. "One day mother ordered some GrapeNuts and induced me to eat some. 1 felt better and that night rested fine. As I continued to use the food every
day. I grew stronger steadily, and now day. I grew stronger steadily, and now 1 winld not be avithout Grape-Nuts as I
bellwe it is the most health-giving food o world" Name given by Ca"Postum Co., Windsor, Ont. Well-
il the book,"The Road to We." in pkgs. "There's a reason. ippears from time to time. They
snowfall while I dozed-I urged him to wake his chum and bring him into the tent. Have you ever satched the fine old head droop until the white beard was almost hidden by the peak of the hunting cap; then the shoulders, that dreadful tell-tale sobbing shaking the entire frame, dry sobs shook him as the Northwestern shook the trees about us. Finally I saw the firelight sparkle on the tears that .that Nature's blessed fingers and the overstrained heart had come. There was a wan smile on the old face as he looked up, a smile of apology for the alarm he thought he was causing me-our thoughts were as transparent as crystal to one another now, so in the same mute way the simple wave of his thanks. and he bowed his thas
"I thought I was dying . saw but it passed • I had sung every old-time song I could muster up . . Just to sort of keep me company a nas pretty light; I have not eaten
head head was pretty light; I have not eaten much this last week

Oh! how I fire spoke of men. $\circ$. Oh! heng, one have longed for one human to I have struggled from daylight to dark, yes, and long after dark, hoping against hope that I could keep ahead of the ice and reach the frontier., We left the old fish a month ago, Bert voice sank to a head fell again a-we made all the port-whisper- an Deer, as we called the wide waters of Little Current, in fine shape. There was a bit of metal we were look ing for and we intended to shoot a bit too. After we got our wee shanty up we started to hunt, for the supplies were getting low, the lay along the western side of the lake, instructing me to meet him where an old pine had fallen with its top in the water. Here, from the numerous tracks, was the drinking place of the deer; and lake if
here evidently they crossed the later driven to it by the wolves or othe danger, for never a before. It was an hunted on that light when I took up m hour before danew Bert"-he pronounced
by this time, far on the opposite shore,
bir,
I can remember every item of that morning's wait. Several times I heard animals in the scrub. Once a mink swam past me and I could just catch a glimpse of its trailing tail. Then, as the first dim light began to appear and me. The lad and I have hunted in many countries. It is needless to tell you that I am an Englishman. Well, towards daylight 1 heard animals moving off, and far away over the lake I saw a doe swimming. As yet there were no sounly I was ad's shooting; then suddenly $I$ was anscious buck. Before my brain sent the message to my fingers he was one-right down the trail that led to the watering place. I knew just where he would reappear, close beside some black alders. With my finger on the trigger, I watched; then 1 saw at obbing reddish looking head just at the top of the bushes, trunk of the pine Is heard crashing and scrambling in the bushes. I leaped over the scrub and carried my rifle through the alders-and this world has never looked the same to me since-theside, lay my boy. Yes his rifle lying beside, lay my boy. Yes, sir"-and his. voice rose killed him with these hands, this finger that had learned so cunningly to press the trigger"-and he held his hand out towards me-"had fired the shot-hed was my ouly lad, sir. Bert was a good boy. I sat beside the up all my plans. the alders, they would and mo heavy to trek out; then I carried the boy, with many a rest, to the hantý. I only put a bit of flour and salt in the canoe. I have lived since, as the animals do, on thatled rapidly find. Day after day I paddled rapidy ver lakes and do night, sir. I would many portages think of the poor lad's body, fearing it would be attacked by wolves. Then I found myself talking to it, and feared I was going mad. It was all so lonely, lying there at night, tending the watch fire, always thinking of what was under the about given up when

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on the sand. I carried him and laid him on the sand. I carried him and haid him
on my rude couch and listened until
his dee breathing assured me that he his deep breathing assured me that he
was sleeping from utter exhaustion. It
it was sleeping from utter exhaustion. It
was not the first time I had heard a was not the first time
man snore from deathike weariness and man snore from death the breath made
the rattling gasp of the $m \in$ rejoice when daylight broke.
The next day all the broad lake was skimmed with ice. Hurriedly we we
cided that the only chance of our escape cided that the only chance of here. I left
was to bury the ladts body her the old man a short hour bosed my
grave. Then we hastily loaded canoe and paddled across to the por age, leaving the rude cedar cross I ha
made to tell of another of those heart breakin.
season.
Five days later, after breaking ou way many a time through the thin ice we found Hawk looking for me. He had mistaken other signs for mine until he
caught up with a trapper, then he caught up with a trapper, then
turned on his trail to seek me. Helped
and by the Indian, and aided by a timely fall of snow, we mounted our craft on rude runners, and reached the frontier in safety. A letter from the old man later
informed me that he had secured guides informed me that he had secured guide the ice for Cliristian burial. This fear ful object lesson has taught me to be absolutely certain of the identity of the
object before ' $\Gamma$ pull the fatal trigger. object before' $\Gamma$ pull the fatal trigger.

## Told on Christmas Eve

Or a Tragic Event in Manitoba's History Recalled
Written for The Western Home Monthly, by J. D. Evans, Crystal Cit
 southeastern Manituba, "the days of the long ago" were brought forward on thristring
Eve. The friend of the writer was born in Point Douglas (Winineg. and at the time of the sirring
events of the '70's was a man of some thirty years of age. His acount of the tragic death of Scott evens on the
and the disposal of whas raman rems ane always a matter of conjecture to any but those who
really did become of them and kept their counsel, is now told by the writer.

O
UTSIDE it was cold, extremely so, the statement that he had heard it the usual weather the Manitoban experiences at Christmas time,
within the cosy shack of Gouteau there was warmth, and plenty of it-good cheer without limit. .Gouteau's shack stood beneath a juniper-covered
sand hill away in the pine woods, possand hill a way in the pine woods, pos-
sibly within a three-mile radius of Hargrave Spur, a flag station on the main line of the Canadian Northern Railway in southeastern Manitoba
There wert a trio of us at this place
of Gouteau's, homesteader and Winnipeg of Gouteau's, homesteader and
citizen; McMutrie, likewise from that city, and the writer, also numbered in those days amongst its residents. It was Christmas time-that period of the
year when all the world is living beneath year when all the world is living beneath
"the peace upon Earth and Goodwill to "the peace upon Earth and Goodwite meeting Men banner; the writer, meeting
Gouteau upon Main street in the early part of December, was invited to spend Christmas at his p.ace, as he described
it, "right in the big woods against it, "right in
Minnesota."
It would be a novel method of spend ing Yuletide - far away from the madding crowds on Winnipeg's streets; hence it happened that on the twenty fourth day of December (yes, it's some
years ago now) thie writer stepped years ago now the writer stepped
from the train at Hargrave Spur, white, upon the rude planks serving as a station platform, Gouteau was a waiting his guest. After a hearty welcome, there
was a walk through the woods to his was a walk through the woods to his
place. The snow was deep, yet crisp; place. The snow was deep, yet crisp;
the tree tops were swaying gently in the evelling wind; we were in the
huge pine forest stretching far away into the United States. Occasionally a light would bean porth amso
trees when we were passing the home of a settler; but after a brisk wal Gouteau's shack was reached and we entered.
Preparing the evening meal, was McMutrie; he was sponding a few had been done to the excellent supper chairs were drawn to the stove, 1
iflled-conversation the programme. filled-conversation the programme.
Goutean, after a short while, stretche himself upon the bed. Oceasionally he dirge. The writer sat listening to the quaint melody which, in the early days of Manitobas history, was a tune with-
out which the musical portion of a out which the musical portion of a dance upon the Red Rivers banks would
be considered incomplete- in these years
in its livels
heard.
Nhats that tume yo: are humming "What's that tune you are humming.
(iontean?" enguired the writer. Its
 when he was a boy - an Fort Garry! wherein the pioneer his tory of Manitoba was laid; wall
encircled buildings within which Indian and trapper assembled in the days now passed into memory! There is some thing pregnant with interest to the Manitoban of today whenever the nam of Fort Garry is mentioned.
"Suppose you know a gi at deal con-
cerning old times in this country, cerning old times in this country have been great days all right."
"Onght to," answered Gouteau, smil ing, as he jumped from the bed to re plenish the stove. "I was born on
river bank down in Point Douglas, and-" He was interrupted by McMutri emarking that there were good times in the early days, but no person ever
dreamed that there would be anything here more than there was then. "We all got badly fooled on that dea," Gouteau continued. "At al vents, after 1870 things commenced to be different. I guess there were reasons
all right." "Tie seventies," responded the write thes ${ }^{5}$ was about the time that Manitoba passed through troublous days; at
least that's what I've heard." "In the early days, of the seventies there certainly were," Gouteau replied with a laugh. "I guess you've heard of
Wolseley. If he could only see Winnipeg now he'd just wonder where he had got off at. I remember the very day
he came into this country. I suppose he came into this country. I suppose
you know where the Dawson Road is you know. Where the Dawson that is where he
over in St. Boniface? The and his "troops marched in from Rat Portage."
"Kenora
"Kenora you mean?" suggested his
istener.
"I'es, nowalays," Gouteau answered and for a few minutes he seemed wrapped in thought. He refilled his
pipe slowly; perthaps the archives of pipe slowly; perhaps the archives of
memory were being stirred up? It was Christmas eve; at this time of the year thoughts are apt to enter our minds
which never tramspire at any other seasont. Continuing his remarks, Gouteau said When we heard that Wolseley was coming into the Fort, a whole lot of us
walked over to st. Boniface and waited at the corner of the Dawson Road. It some of his men, had gone off to the
States. They kinew that Wolseley was had been the killing of sontt, and this goold old times in Manitoba days when
the smoke of the Indian's tepee curled over Fort (iarry, which view of the
matter wat corroborated by Gouteau in


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about those times, to which suggestion Gouteau reple that there were men living in shake that thay who would rather not let their memories be taxed concerning it. it. From an acquaintanceship of many years with Gouteau, the writer was
cognizant of the fact that he was a cognizant of the fact that he was a
man upon whose information the man upon whose might be placed; greatest
neither did he appear to be reticent in relating that which he could speak of with authority.
"As I said," he continued, "Wolseley came along. He crossed the river near the place where the Grey Nuns' Hospital is in St. Boniface now. There was a ferry there in those days, and her
with his soldiers, walked into the Fort. There were-it's no use disguising the fact-a bad lot of people around: two act-a bad lot of pooples with a kind of over them. if. you belonged to one party, or the if you, you were a rebel anyway
The writer interrupted with the question as to what the trouble was about. Gou to which of the two kings, as he expressed himself, should be in command of the colony - the country was "then known by that name.
"Some people wanted no interference from the old Country. It does not matter what some men might say to-, day, they know it is a fact though, he cont expressed as absolutely correct, "There was quarreling - lots of it," continued Gouteau. "Quite a number of men on both sides were shot and afterwards thrown into the river. The one party considered that if a certain man who did not agree with them could be got rid off there would be a better
chance to do things as they wanted. Of course, this was earlier in the year-March. Wolseley didn't come until August."
Enquiry from the writer relative to whom Gouteau had reference, at once elicited the information that if the questioner walked alarge brick building erected to his memory.
"Scott," at once answered the writer. "Yeot," Scott," Gouteau replied. "He was trying to keep order in the Fort, and the rebels gave him a mock trial for something they said he had done. They never allowed him to say a to defend himself, so they brought shot outside one of the buid I was there at the time, and, what's more, I know the meu who fetched him out to be shot
butCouteau paused for a few sech with a voice which spoke of tainty in its tones, said: "I know who shot him also.'
that few people mowe the obseared to that few people nowadars appearentity
have any information as to the iden of the assassin, which remark at once produced from Gouteau the reply that "risons would not believe who did it
"en if they were told.
"Some matters are better left buried,"
id he. "It's years ago now; no name
going to be told by me."
going to be told by me."
It is over forty sears since the at is over forty vears since the
magedy of Scott's death within Fort
and agedy of scotts sad termination to
arry walls. The useful life has always been perplex-

Old Fort Garry, 1870
ing in one matter: How were Scott's remains disposed of? The only information forthcoming appears to have been that his corpse was cast into the Red
River in close proximity to the junction River in close proximity to the junction
of the Assiniboine with that stream. An old-time resident dwelling in Winnipeg today informed the writer quite recently that he had never entertained such an idea; he claims the statement to be absurd in the extreme. It was
suggested by the writer to Goutean
"I was coming to that point," said Gouteau, "That same evening, about seven o'clock, my father and I were
having supper at a house close to where Main Street bridge now crosses the Assiniboine; two men in a cart drove up to the doo-ore could get some out and asked if they was just about supper. had got him in the cart and were going to put him away


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that the body of Scott was thrust into the muddy waters of the Red River. With much emphasis deouteau repudiated Red River nor Assiniboine received Scott's remains.
"People said that at the time," said he, "they tell that yet. They claim that no person knows what diople who of Scott's body. There are reasons why do know,
they would rather not the writer remarked that it appeared strange that people should have consigned so important a matter into the abyss of in getfulness or reticence to imer of Gouteau formation. Yet the a with reason. The to this appears Manitoba of ears are not identical for, more accord was not considered conducive to a per it w's welfare to relate everything the saw, knew, or had been told.
Continuing his remarks relative to Cott's assassination, his corpse and "The rebels picked up his corpse and
put it into a shed; they stripped the clothing off Scott in there also." have you
who it was that he meant. 'Why,
cott, of course,' the man answered. We've got rid of the d--. He's been in our way quite long enough.' My
father didn't answer for a few seconds; father didn't answer for an on Sott. of
he had a good opinion of that afternoon. After a short while father said that he thought Soott's body had been thrown into the river,
bo least that's what was said in Fort at least that's what was said
Garry. 'I knew, they said that,' replied
'thets this man; 'that's what they
to say-it's a lie. Seott's body is outside in the cart. He's going to be put
in a place where people would never find
年 in a place where peopla woud never ind
him jecause they would never think he

## was there.

At this point of the story McMutrie
interrupted Gouteau by the remark that at the time of this black event in Manitoba's history he was a boy living
with his. with- his. parents in -a now-suburban onter
trict of Winnipeg. trict of Winnipeg, he had Sord hat Sott
times heard his father sailes south of times huried about two miles south of
was but
the was of the the Fort, yet he was unaware of the exact location. To which his father Gouteau replied thet
had said was correct.
had sfter supper was over," continued Gouteau, "just as the men were driving away, they When we got to the cart, one
we did. Whe of them said, 'Look over the side. It was scott
thrown some sacks over the body. One of the men, then said, 'You can see for
on yourself he's not been thrown into the
river? As soon as they drove away, my river. As
father and I followed them. They went
the through-it's Fort Rouge now- along
the Pembina trail.
You know where the Pembunctron is nowadays? some-
Portage Junction there is where they
where about stopped.
"And that is where Scott is buried, is it ${ }^{\text {is }}$, asked the writer with great sur-
prise.
cT of bush around there in those days it's the right spot, I do know that. It was a very dark night," continue
Gouteau, "but my father and I were Gouteau, "but my mather and wer
able to keep within sound of the cart.
ald When they stopped we hid in the scrub,
and the two men walked into the bush; then we walked to the cart and looked inside. Scott's body was not there
then, but we were afraid to follow the men-knew them too well to interfere with them. However, they came back to the cart after a
towards the Fort.
The writer remarking to Gouteau that his story cast a version over the
affair very different to what most peoaffiair very different to what most peo
ple are of the opinion was the method of ple enosal of Scott's remains, Gouteau
disposal answered:
"I know all about that - don't care
what they say. There's people living what they say. There's people living
yet who, if they just simply had to talk and tell the truth about the matter, would tell the same story I have just
told you. It's close to the present told you. It's close to the present
Portage Junction, where - I heard this part afterwards-a deep pit had been
dug. Can't say who dug it, but Seott dug.
was put into it. Those who caused his
le Waath said (and made others tell the story) that Scott had ben thrown into
the river near the Hudson's Bay mill. It's a deliberate lie. It doesn't matter what was said then, or what people
think today, Scotes body is out near think Juction, We We never went to loak
the Junction
where it was buried becaulse we were where it was buried becalse we were
a fraid to, but Ill stand to my state,
It ment that Scots the story of Scott the
And this was the Fort
burial place of his remains, as the burial plac ave in the cosy slack of
around the stof
Gouteau on that Christmas eve a war

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Manitoban history took place. Thic

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Scott's murder that his corpse had been conveyed in a cart across the river, and
was certainly not throwi into the stream. ${ }^{\text {Red }}$ River's murky waters, or thos Red River's murky waters, or those
A Assiniboine, did not swallow up the of Assiniboine, did not swath of immortal
remains of Soott, martyr memory. Without reason of dout, Seott, the Fort Garry hero, is sleeping
vithin the confines of a rude grave in the vicinity of the Portage Junction of today, at rest, undisturbed by soreech of the steam whiste and from the great dity of Wimnipeg, ere the advent of which he laid down his life that peace and order might reign in the Fort Garry of the stone gateway, by which today the street car and mor are rushing by And Gouteau, emptying the ashes from his pipe, walked to the door. Thir reflection or a forn brilliancy of color, a was in unusua
nultitudinous array of starland twinkled in the sky. It was now after the hour
of twelve oclock; the bark of a dog upon a nearby homestead was the only sound audible. Christmas day had
more dawned upon the earth-that day more dawned upon the time in the long
commemorative of the commemorate when the lowly shepherds upon Bethlellem's fields, tending their flocks, had seen the strange light, and
the wultitude of the Heavenly Host had the multitude of the Heavenly Host ha
chanted their "(ilory to God in the chanted ,", And even amidst tne loneliHighest.
ness of the wild pine woods of south eastern Manitoba we observed the day with mirth and glee, whilst Gouteau re lated many strange incidents of the
Nanitoba when the Indian was wont to erect his tent upon today's bustling streets of Winnipeg. As Gouteau ex pressed himself, "There were generally a bunch of tents on the Portage trail not far from the river bank, just abou where the avenue runs oday, wouldn't
treet.
Look funny today As Gouteau remarked, ere closing his yes to slumber, "Always had a Merry Christmas in Manitoba as far back as
can recollect-and that's a good many of them."

## The "Going-To Bees"

Suppose that some fine morn in May A houey-bee should pause and say, I guess I will not work today,
But next week or next summer, or some time in the by and by, Tll be so diligent and spry
An what they call a dhummer,",
of course you'd wish to say at once And waste your golden days and months In lazily reviewing
The things yourre 'going' to do, and how Your hive with honey you'll endow, But bear in mind, O bee, that, No
Is just the time for doing.'

Suppose a youth with idle hands
Slould tell you all the splendid plans
of which he dreams, the while the sands Of life are tlowing, flowing. If youid reap your share of joy
You must discerningly employ
Your morning hours in sowing.
He who would win must work! The
Is for the faitliful one who tries
Vith loyal heart aund hand; whose With toil-crowned hopes are sumny And they who seek sucesss to find
This hoinely trutl must bear in mind:
mithe That fill the hive with howey."
Vivon Waterman.

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## Me for Sall

By Gelett Burgess

Advertising ain't what it was in the old days. I can recall the time when a to speak. valley would be pre-empted by a stove-polish hustler, rocks, barns and fences, only to have his claim jumped by some quack-medicine fiend, bringing on a regular duel with paint-brushes. Many's the landscape l've spoiled and many's the barn I've disfigured in I've day. I've painted signs covered terripainted signs out, kid colors a map. I've tories the way a ke yellow ochre by the barrel; l've made block letters to fill a dictionary. Companies didn't buy space by the square foot in my day; pictures and eutectric lights; they alvertised by counties and states and mountain ranges, by jiminy! Desecrat$g$ the face of Nature was good enough or them. Those here breakfast-food eople have taken all the romance out f the business.
It was in the spring of 1879 when ot an order from the Medford Salt Company to decorate the Connecticut alley. Medford Salt was supposed to be Heaven's best gift to invalids suffering from ague, chills and fever, rheumatism, and the Lord only knows what else. It was my opinion then, and it's nothing more nor less than a fake, pure and simple, only it was not pure and not simple. I diagnosed the stuff as consisting of sea salt, alum and terra alba in equal parts. But that was none of my business; I only had to illuminate the countryside with the conspicwous words, "TRY MEDFORD SALT er phrase I; IT CURES-" or any oth er space. I was known to be equal to er space. I was known to be equal for neatness and dispatch, and the company left all details to me. hired a horse and democrat wagon, bought a stock of paints, oils and brush es, and started out to attract attenford to the sumnosed virtues of Med dat. -Besides this material I had half-dozen cases of the remedy to pay or space with where I couldnt stealit. I broke into the valley at Springfiela, Massachusetts, planning to work up the left bank into New Hampshire and
down the right-side bank back. There vere no game laws or closed seasons hen. If I fame laws already covered I painted the sign out with white lead, returning in a day or wo to use the space for Medford Salt, trusting to luck that there wouldn't be anybody with a brush along after me for some time. I took my csances part of the jol, and farmers with shotguns 1 usually manarede to fool by working on dangerous pegtes at night Whan a datk lantern.
Nhen I got up as far as Adamsten, New Hampshire, I found I'd have to
stop there some time, for there sop branch of the Connecticut came in there that I wished to adorn. So I put up at the Central House and mand that my headquarters. In Adamston 1 met Sally Twitchell, and collapsed Sor
the first time in front of a woman. She the first time in front of a woman. had a farm in her own right and who had all the beauty and none of the sense in the family.
I had talked the business over with kal, and she was terribly interested, thinking it was a romantic sort of life for a man thereby doing looth sintes first by securing Sal's consont to having the side of her barn painted. I j:ust hrew myself on that piece of work, I did the company credit.
had talked the business over with and she was terribly interested, king it was a romantic sort of life be in. She got up the design for to paint it in lemon-yellow letters Prussian bue packers I could se-
rect. There were three lines of it, and
it read this way
MEDFORD SALI
IT SATISFIES
Sal spent a lot of time watching me work, and insisted on learning how to mix paints, about the only thing in the wortd she wasu't up on besides horning barn for kept a lot of my paint. in her he'd got through foo'd don, and abore shed got through she d done over about fondness for paint went right to my
. She saw possibilities in it that Y had never dreamed of. I would have felt pretty sure of her if it hadn't been for a chap named Teddy Doane who used to come to the house as regular as I did, and between the two of us, Sal kept us guessing
Heddy had a general store in Adamston Leddy had a general store in Adamston, Yermont. Of course, he was a good deal bettettoff than I was, and a nice Chough fellow with the girls, so I was considerably afraid of him. My long suit was a knowledge of the world, in cluding Boston and New York, and I spice of adventure cocordingly. Teddy pield trumps in being right on the ground Winter and summer, so that it looked hee an even break with a chance for
each. Sal acted square with both of
us, but her little sister teased the life out of us.
Meanwhile, Medford Salt was perlovemaking to interfere with business, and my contract called for some pretty lively work. If I wanted to earn the thousand dollars 1 was to get for my trip I had to hump myself, and withou that thousand in sight I couldn't propose to Sal. I told her as much as to dared to, and say the rest.
as I had time and we talked as much as 1 had time for, and got better ac-
quainted every day. She was interested in everything I did and all I'd seen, and it seemed to me she'd be ready to sell out and go to New York whenever I said the word. She sewe on buttons for $m e$, and mended my
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& \begin{array}{l}
\text { clothes, and showed me how to get the } \\
\text { with my old mare and a heary democras } \\
\text { paint out of my finger-nails. but she }
\end{array} \\
& \begin{array}{l}
\text { paint out of my finger-nails. but she } \\
\text { was just as good to Teddy, too, being }
\end{array} \text { to the stable to get a horse and tea } \\
& \text { was just that always likes to be doing } \\
& \begin{array}{l}
\text { for her friends. I could see he was } \\
\text { getting to the point himself where he'd }
\end{array} \\
& \begin{array}{l}
\text { getting to the point himself where he'd } \\
\text { soon propose, but before either of us }
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\text { soon propose, but be } \\
\text { popped the flood came. }
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& \text { popped been across the river a way, em- } \\
& \text { bellishing the view with ochre and } \\
& \begin{array}{l}
\text { bronze-green, when, one night, I got } \\
\text { back into Clinton to find the river had }
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\text { back into Clinton to find the river had } \\
\text { broken loose and flooded half the town. }
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\text { broken loose and flooded half the carried } \\
\text { The Adamston bridge had been }
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& \text { The Adamston bridge had across to see } \\
& \text { Sal. } \\
& \text { I put up at the Clinton Hotel, and } \\
& \text { there I found Teddy Doane, who had } \\
& \text { come over to his store, and the two of } \\
& \text { use put in a pretty miserable night. } \\
& \text { fore, and we weren't over-anxious to } \\
& \text { get: acquainted. There was nothing for } \\
& \begin{array}{l}
\text { it, though, but to pretend to be friends, } \\
\text { and we played high-low-jack till it wa }
\end{array} \\
& \begin{array}{l}
\text { and we played high-low-jack till it was } \\
\text { time to go to bed. In that way we }
\end{array} \\
& \text { escaped talk by mutual consent. } \\
& \text { The next morning who should turn up } \\
& \text { but Lulu, Sal's little sister, in a pink } \\
& \text { It was seven miles to Williamsburg, } \\
& \begin{array}{l}
\text { no boat would live in the freshet. } \\
\text { There didn't seem to be any possible }
\end{array} \\
& \text { There didn't seem to be any possible } \\
& \text { hope for me, but I just sat could, to } \\
& \text { think it over an't find some way to will. } \\
& \text { see if I couldn't } I \text { looked up to a bluff } \\
& \text { about half a mile back of the town, } \\
& \text { where I'd put a big sign, MEDFORD } \\
& \text { SALT, in letters fourteen feet high. I' } \\
& \text { knew it could be seen plainly from Sal's } \\
& \text { piazza, for we'd often sat che came to me } \\
& \text { mired it. Then a nse of it. I ran out } \\
& \text { ow I could make hitched up the mare. } \\
& \text { Lickety-split I drove up a hill road, } \\
& \text { slopping paint right and left till I got } \\
& \text { to the foot of the clin. and then I had } \\
& \text { my sentiments expressed in letters that } \\
& \text { would carry two miles: } \\
& \text { ME FOR SAL } \\
& \text { But this wasn't enough. How was I }
\end{aligned}
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Vista on Buffalo Lake, Central Alberta.
party-dress, gay as a lark. She'd come I thought of a double-barreled shotgun over to Clinton for a dance, and thought that I kept in the wagon for gray it was great sport to have to stay away squirrels. I loaded her up, and began a from home until the river went down. racket that would make a Fourth of She giggled to see both of us together, July celebration seem like a country unable to get to Sal. Finally, she calle, Sa Twitchell house. Pretty soon I saw him out in the road on some pretense, $\begin{aligned} & \text { the Twitchell house. Pret waving in } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { I saw her talking to him and } \\ & \text { what looked like a towel was. }\end{aligned}$ and.I. saw her laughing like a fool. Next thing Teddy circles on the piazza. It was Sal sure, laughing like a
started over to the livery stable. In and I was fool enough, in my excitefive minutes he drove out and turned ment, to actually try to yell to her down the river road toward Williams. burg, whipping his horse like mad. I knew something was up.
"See liere," I said, "where's Teddy "See here," I said, "where's Teddy $\begin{aligned} & \text { began, to doubt whether I'd won, after } \\ & \text { all. How did I know that her waving }\end{aligned}$ gone in such, a hurry? You've given a towel meant that she'd have me? himat tip about Sal, and you've got to iv, ain or $\Gamma$ ll know the reason why. "!ats up?" "I don't mind telling you," Lulu said, "for I don't care much who gets Sal as long as the best man wins. I'm tired of this backing and tilling, and it strikes me if either of you wants to marry Sal
you'd better be up and doing. Sal's you'd better be up and doing. Sals
tired of it herself, and she told me last tired of it herself, and she ford me and night hat. Teddy's driving fown to asked her. $W$ Williamsburg to cross the bidge ther: and get back to Sal and ask thent." the Twitchell place to see if she was
was being changed, too. I strained my
wases and could make out somebody working over the wall. When she moved, what do you think I read? Sal mover, been painting out the letters until it ran this way:

## ME. SAL

The line below, "TT SATISFIES," she hadn't had time to alter
You can imagine how I felt. I knew the girl had spunk, but this was beating wireless telegraphy all to pieces, twentyfive years ahead of time. But what took the grin of my face and sent $m$ hurrying up my ladder was to see a little speck crawng ap the rand buggy therring Teddy Doane as sure as shoot ing. worked like a fiend, and spattered myself with Brandon red regardless. When I got down my sign read:

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\begin{gathered}
\text { TAKE } \\
\text { ME } 0 \text { SA }
\end{gathered}
$$

ME O SAL

By this time the speck across the river had disappeared amongst the houses of Adamston, in my proposal first. There it was over my head in twenty-foot letters that the whole State of New Hampslire could witness, and 1 had reason to be lieve that Sal was for me
I didn't have long to wait, though, for my answer. I was accepted two miles away by the cleverest lithe woman that ever handed a pain what I did see I executed a war
saw when dance, with war-paint on, too. By taking the lower line on her barn, painting SATISFIES," and changing a T and an I intó i.s, Sal had sent me her answer: I SAY Yes
They tell me those signs weren't altered for twenty years, and the Admesfon folks tell the story of sal Twitchell's. long-distan this day.

## A Christmas Hymn

W, the catm and silent night sten limdrè yeers and fifty-three Hat: Rome been growing up tonight, Arid now was Queen of land and sea Ao sonind was heard of clashing warsPeace brooded o'er the hushed domain!
Apollo, Pallas, Jove and Mars
Held undisturbea their ancient reign
In the so'omn midnight, Centuries ago
Twas in the calm and silent night The senator of heughty Rome, Impatient, urged his chariot's fight From lordly revel rolling home; Triumphal arches, geamht, sheas with thoughts of boundles sway
What sway; wrecked the Roman, what befell A paltry province far away, In the solemn idnight. Centuries ago?
Within that province far away Went plodding home a weary b A streak of light before him lay.
Falling through a half-shut stable-door Across his path. He passed-for naught Told what was going on within;
How keen the stars, his only thoughtIn the solemn midnight,

> Centuries ago!

Oh, strange indifference! low and high Drowsed over common joys and carres
The earth was still-but knew not why
The world was listening, mawar
Ilow calm a moment may prececte
One that shall thrill the world foresert.
a that still mo rens none wom more to
In the solemn midnight, Centuries ago!
It is the calm and solemn night thousand bells $r$ out and throw joyous peats abroun and s.me mow re darkess - ho name had worn no it a laiapy name is given; in that stable lay, new-horin. lic peaceful Prince of earth an ITea ven,
In the solemn midnight,
Centuries ago!

## Things for Christmas

T HE young women of a certain family in Nova Seotia pla I a pretty little surprise for their guests at a Christmas arty. One of the young girls wore a large bunch of flowers. The rriends
mingled admiration with their greetings and she remo ed : flower from her bouquet as a boutonniera for each guest. Un'", and aunts ant cousins, large and small, were served alike and all seemed to enjoy the favor. Another merry-faced girl had pinned to her shoulder a large bunch of variously colored sachet bags, hardly less beautiful than the flo wers Still another had nique favors in the shape of tiny hali-dram phials filled with of drugists' twine around the neeks and pinmed them to the shoulder of her gown as the others had done. The guests' ex periences with the flowers and sachet
led them at once to suspect that they were to be served in a similar way with regaie ; when dinner was served and the contents of the buttles were referred to and tested the fun over the favors was almost boundless.

## A Calendar

A friendship ca dar was a source of much pleasure to an elderly lady living alone. At her request, each one flifty two weeks of the year, furnished material for every the of the seven in lis weel Each one fotlowted out lis own idea for the week'scalender;entribiting favorite quotations; short pcemis, anecdotes and reminiscenees, sol ever adding cherished recipes. Li many mstances the contion tions were origind. others were
ted with shially pietures cut:from current
magazines. The result was a perpetual loving thought of a friend.

## A Pincushion

The most acceptable gift I received last Christmas was a matress pincushor and it is my constu. It is a tiny mat'ress tuffed with curled hair and civered with satin. It is ni,e inches long, seven wide and one and a half deep. It is tied down or tufted like a ma'tress, leaving nine section for pins. Each of these sections is illed with a difierent kind of diffierent colored pins, and the long sides are for satet pother and of all sizes. The ends of the cushion are for hatpins, white on one side and colored on the other. When I received it, it was so well stocked that I have not had to replenish it yet. There are blue, pink, coral, , white pearl and black pins, while there section for vari-colored ones and wo the small and reliable friend for all occasions.


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Santa Claus Stockings

Santa Claus stockings delight the little folks and the use of them is withal a very wholesome custom. They make little inexpensive gifts being sure to send them in ime to reach the children by up. The they may have them to hang and white outing flannel decorated with feather-stitching and tiny bells and had a piece of ribbon at each side at the top side and white on the other, the cap and bottom of the foot being white on the red side and red on the white side. They were in two sizes, the smaller being about twelve inc.es in length. A clever girl I know maked from twenty-five to of these stockings
What a city woman can do for a country friend is best told in the words of one who was the recipient of a kind
thought last year: "When I moved from the large flourishing city to a small, unprogressive Western town, one of the greatest trials of my new environmen was the lack of a market. As Christmas approache but the canned goods, on the available but the canned goods, on the
shelves of the general store, I was reduced to tears; but these were oon changed to smiles upon opening a box which came several days before Christmas. There, embedded in Christmas
greens, were all the daintiess afforded by a city market: lettuce, caulifower, greep peppers, eggplant, tomatoes, cucumbers, Neufchâtel cheese, Malaga grapes, and even after-dinner mints. Needless to say and the thoughtfulness of one city woman transformed what would have been many an uninteresting meal into a
feast." east."
A surprise scrapbook for an invalid will add to her Christmas happiness. get as many small articles as there are pages in the book:, such as a piece, of mbroidery with the materials for workng it, a letter, some camera pictures, a
handkerchief, a case of pins, a story from a magazine, and other small things. For a child select paper dolls or paper soldiers, puzzles, pietures, a game, etc. Fold each leaf over se as to conceal one of these gifts, seal it with one of the
bright colored Christmas seals and mark the page to be opened on a certain day In this way the Christmas pleasure may be made to last for many days.
A notebook in which to record the gifts sent to friends will prevent one from sending the same sort of gift to a
friend twice in succession. A book seven inches square is a good size. Divide the pages lengthwise into four columns. In the first column write the name, and mark the remaining eolumns for years.
Under the year write the gift sent tha
person in, say, 1910; in the second person mut down the gifts sent in 1911
colum Thus you will be able to see at a glance what was gent. wack pages of the book may be used to put down any new ideas for the coming year.

From a City To a Country Girl
By I. Elizabeth Slavin
The most appropriate gift I saw last Christmas was given by a city girl to a country cousin. The box reached the
destination Christmas Eve. When the ugly outer wrapping had been ripped off a pasteboard box tied with bright red ribbon was disclosed, and under its lid
a collar-case made of two pieces of paste board covered with blue silk and caught
boare mate together at one edge was found. The girl opened it and laughed. "Just what
l've been longing for-a turnover collar ve been longing for-a turnover collar
set' in Hardanger. Oh! and a collar of English embroid y and two tuckers." The country gi- 1 wished in her hear that she could make Hardanger collars she wouldn't in the least have minded the work. And then her mother suggested
that there was something isa in the box and the good fairy who answers girls "wishes in their hearts" around about Christmas answered this girl's; becaus in the next layer of the box she discovere
the queerest kind of book. Its cover the queerest kind of book. Its cove
was bywe cretonne, coverin: pasteboard was she cretonne, coverin, pasteboard, gis of collar But that was not allhe book also contained several pamphlets n Hardanger, English cut embroidery and cross-stitch work-any fancy-work book will give these wit designs for urnover cuffs and front pieces; and at the end of the book were cousin from the town shop counters and show-cases. The country girl's eyes danced. Oh: if now she could only rake up some materials. Again she wished, and again the Christmas fairy must have granted her unspoken wish, for cretonne bag filled with many remnant?, scraps, odds and ends of linen, lawn, ribbon and lace and some pieces that the country gir guessed were not quite "odds and e ls." And last, in the very, very bottom, answering an even unthought-of wish,
was a blue linen floss-holder with red white and three blues in mercerized cottons, and skeins of blue and $1 \cdot{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{rk}$ silk
and a book of embroidery needles. and a book of embroidery needles.

The Country to the City Girl

> By Mrs. J. W. King

A country girl who has more time and ingenuity than money sent the following To a city cousin who entertains lavish Iy she shipped a large box containing a dozen small cedar trees not cver a foot high, all trimmed to the $/ \mathrm{lm}$, size and shape; one dozen flowerpot covers mad of screen wire covered with nchens an lined with heavy grey wrapping paper; a minature trees; twelve small starshape baskets fashioned from screen wire and lichens, lined with scarlet crepe paper, having sprays of holly tied to the bandele with red ribbons; a dozen cards cot from heavy water-color paper fintar oh ofly
water-colors, representing five larg leaves arranged to form a star, chaster leaves arranged errm a star, inters
of the scarlet berries painted in centre, and appropriate quotations lettered in gold on the leaves; a blg bunch of mistletoe, ana every crack wh crevice filled with sprays of holy dind
a large star made of screen wire with everlasting flowers that had deen colored a rich red.
Then she sent the following surggestions: Use the little trees as favors, setting them in flower-pots, using the covers and moss, a decorate witu in-
expensive Christm .s-tree orr nents. The expensive Christm . s-tree orn ments. for
baskets are for bonbons and a card each place, a'so a small bouquet of mistletoe and holly tied with red ribbon. The star on a bed of holly is for a centre piece.

A Gift for a Lady
Linings for bureau drawers make a most acceptable gift for any woman. Take two pieces cardinar, each half of the width of the drawer, and cover them with pretty material-silk, muslin, or whatever you wish. Interline with sheet cotton, delicately scented, if desired. Then sow on loops of silk elastic hold handkerchiefs, gloves, belts, ribbons, hold handkerchiefs, gloves, belts, ribbons,
etc. Pieces of cardboard covered like the lining, and cut the proper size to cover folded han Ikerchiefs, gloves, etc., should be provided to slip under the elastics and over vhe articles. A covered
cardboard roll for veils and a circle to cardboard roll for veils and a circle to
inclose stiff linen collars are also supplied. A bureau drawer is easily kept neat, if Aitted up in this way; and when traveling, several of the pads may be taken out and tied together for the suitcase or the trunk.

A Christmas Post Office
We called our scheme "The Christmas Powt-Ollice." It.s ant'r sent out the
iollowing notices as invitations to each invited guest and the members of the iamily:
"Miss "December "A registered parecl awaits you at the
Chri-t mas. Post-nnice, No. 1000 Blank
in person. Office opens at eight oclock Christmas Eve. A.V. S. Postmaster. "Christmas Post-Office."
His plan was that all should neatly wrap and address their gifts as though for mailing. Anything in imitation of regular mail matter would be received by him and distributed to those present It was wonderful how the suggestion was re'elock Christmas Eve the big baywindow was piled high with packages and letters, nearly all of which were stamped with old or foreign stamps to make them more realistic. All the Christmas party were present and exger for the novel fun to begin. The childre drew straws to determine which should act as postmen, with official caps. The first presented delivered to each person had to be signed for as registered matter in a book provided for the occasion, thus securing autographs of all the merrymakers. Among the parcels besides the valuable gifts, were many jokes, letters in verse, imitations of advertising circulars, etc. In fact, brains had been racked one.
Some of the party had previously put their heads together and got out a very respectable newspaper which was called "The Christmas Times." It was full of
witty personals for all present, and


In Frolicsome Mood
abounded in original poems, cartoons and abounded in original poems, calvertisements, wart columns and editorials.

A Christmas stocking for each person may tax one's ingenuity, but the family will appreciate the pains taken. Nake the stocking of any preth fall each one with articles appropriate for the receiver. The housekeeper will like new ironholders, a needlebook, recipe-book, pad and pencil, boxes of assorted nails, some little personal gifts, a calendar, etc. Children's stockings are easily filled with to plan the stockings early, and point to plill be surprised at the many appropriate gifts they con contain.

A way to give money that is certainly novel is to fold a new bill in such a way that on'y the portrait upon it will show, then put it in a pretty little frame, suc as may be found at almost anj lipart ment store. To people who dislike to
soap box, nail polisher, comb and brushes are all very acceptable. Christ-
mas gifts on account of their usefulness.

## Mixed Emotions

A Bostonian tells of a clean, well set up young Irishman, who formerly sa is scrvice in the British Navy, but who now engaged in, busing to get home rule in Ireland, John?" the Bostonian once idly asked.
"The only way that we'll get home rule in ould Irelannd," said the Celt, "will be if France-an' Russia-an' Germanyan' Austria-an' maybe Italy-i thos would all join together to give thos blackguards of England a rase sir, we'l batin. The,
get home rule." Then, as he look cautiously round, a twinkle of cunning was added to his expression. "An' the whole lot of 'em expression. "An" to couldn't do it. sir. Oh, it's the grand navy we've got!'

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$T_{\text {past, Jean }}^{\text {OR }}$ something tike twenty years writer of penny-dreadful and blood-and-thunder fiction for the family
story papers. He dealt exclusively in story papers. He dealt exclusively inconspiracies, murders, stolen babes in the cradle. His works are not so bad, of their kind. If you ever have to go through a long, tedious illness - which God grant you maay not!-you might do worse than while away the hours of
convalescence by reading his "Mysteries of Ménilmontant," in two fat papercovered volumes. Your interest is enchained from the very first chapter, where the
iag dress, goes down into the sewers o Paris to meet an escaped convict of his acquaintance and receive from him cer
tain papers déstined to ruin the beauti tain papers destined to ruin the beaurd
ful Marquise de La-Tour-Prend-Garde who, having been exchanged in the cradle by a false nurse, is not the daughter of a grandee of Spain, as a the Faubourg Saint-Germain suppose
but is in reality the child of a plumber but is in reality the child of a plumbe
of the Rue Popincourt who by judicial error was condemned to death and guillotined in place of this very escaped convict with whom the wicked duke has a rendezvous in the uncom-
fortable and subterranean sewer. You may judge from the foregoing whether or not Jean Vignol knew his
business as an interesting romancer. business has practice was not large, and sometimes he found it difficult to dispose of his "copy," even at the most "meagre space-rates. Ho had no talent for hustling, as you say in America. tious enough. To this day there repose in the oblivion of a dark corner of a bottom bureau drawer two early and and unpublished works, composed by his head and real artistic aspirations in his heart. One of these manuscripts is a volume of poems called "Dead Sea Flowers," lamenting then designated coquetries of a young persorm of Frago-
by the romantic pseudonym letta (her real name was Sadie, and she was errand-girl in a florist's store), who is compared to all the famous heroine of love-tales from remote antiquity
the present day. The other work is a tragedy in five acts, in verse, very horrific and Middle-Aged, bearing the sanguinary title of "The Flayers-alive, and in which people wearing long black
cloaks assail one another with two cloaks assail one another with Unfortunately, Dead Sea Flowers and tragedies in verse were not negotiable in the literary market-and Jean Vigno had to live. It was in the Bellevill quarter of Paris, on the fifth floor of
sordid tenement, that he dwelt alone with his aged mother, who was a mar tyr to rheumatism. To earn a littl turned hack novelist, in the same dogged spirit that an art-schao
graduate who has failed at painting takes to photography.
With good-natured resignation he went into harness, and did his best - but, as we have seen, without mected that he would achieye any great pected so he lacked conviction, sincerity in his work, and did not take seriously enough his marquises , ho were daughters of gunading the sewers in fine raiment and white cravat: The publisher of the paper in which Jean Vignol's stories appeared complained that they were dull, and paid only two sous per line. The poor rigors of manifest destiny and, to keep the pot boiling, went on devising adventures more and more extravagant. Onee, for example, when he was behind two months rent, amont he obtained or debt, at the last moment he obtained on the strength of the following plot submitted: A double-bass player at the Ambigu Theatre-who, without suspecting it, is the illegitimate son of an anglish peer - return in his instrument case!-"Continued next week.

While old Mamma Vignol lived, Jean a model of filial piety, had plodded along contented yers ago, he was slone her death, two years ago, parents or friends, an habitual stay-at-home; and he found life very tedious in his he found life in Belleville.
He was, at the time of which we write, a sturdy little man of forty seven years, beginning to grow pudgy,
with a heavy black beard, a Soeratic with a heair of honest, smatl eyes, and a few sparse bristles on the top of his otherwise denuded dome of thought. Having but bad health and a medionce stomach, he was obliged to renounce Day by day his fictitous heroes, heroines and assassins greiw more irksome, until their hapless creator became almost disgusted with his owd cowleits. himself this Christmas Eve, - he mounted slowly to his fifth floor-for he was slightly asthmatic. "Here is the editor complaining that my latest. 'Behind the Bars,' wants action-meaning, of course, more bloodshed. Toujours my star criminal, and have him stab some more people-though in my last installment i had finished by throwing him from the Efiel Tower. And still they rethse me ?"
Entering his forlorn apartment, he found a whole series of petty annoyances awaiting him. In the first place, his coke fire had gone out and must be started afresh, Then, as he was cast ng a regretful lamp flickered out. A new wick was required. And, come to look, there were only two matches left in the box. Jean "Thunder and Mars!" growled Jean "Here am I in a pretty fix, if anything more happens to the lamp-for I shal have to work until daybreak to bring back my criminal to life again. A
merry Christmas Eve, to Ge sure! Shall I go down those five flights again for matches? No! rather than that, I'l His neighbor was Mêre Mathieu, a poor old widow whose daughter, a vaudeville actress abandoned by her husband, had died in childbirth the
summer before, leaving the infant to be summer benght on the bottle by the afore said Mère Mathieu. She supported her self by sewinz; for a department store. The novelist had "helped her out" with atew francs on several occasions whe her need had been greater than his own
Now he rapped at her door, and called
"Mrere Mathicu!. can you lend me a
fow matches ". He stopped short as the door opened


mattress which she had taken from her bed, leaving revealed a limp-looking tick half filled with straw. Close by, the baby slept peacefully in a wicker cradle. "Why, what are you up to now, Mère Mathieu? Going ?"
rent day comes arou. I am just going "Oh, no, M. is good for ten francs, at least; I must hurry, for they close at eight."
"What-and sleep on the straw
"Yes; it won't be for the first time You see, my younger sister, who is a widow like myself - the one who wa wardrobe mistress at the varietes-has fallen ill again, and they won't take her incurable. So I must help her a little-she has always been so good to me. In a week or so, when I get my fortnightly wages from the store, I can have the mattress back again. All that bothers me now is - what to do with the baby while I go out. Usually the janitor's wife take Chirstmas Eve, they have company to dinnef and are going to celebrate the "révellion." So I don't know what to do with the baby. Jean Vignol showed signs of agitation, not to say emotion.
"Don't do that, Mère Mathieu," he commanded. "Don't go to the pawn shop. I have fifteen francs - here are ter. As for the kid - well, you can leave him with me. He sleeps like a church-goer; he won't disturb my writing. I dare say I can rock the cradle with my foot, and even manage to give him the bottle in case he wakes up and howls."


Refreshing the Inner Man
Widow Mathieu, and she departed, side his writing table, and smiled showering benedictions upon the story-
writer.
He dragged the cradle in be- ghe muttered:
"Here's a new and somewhat peculiar serisation-my début as a dry nurse!"

In good humor over the unwonted function he has assumed, Jean Vignol seizes his pen and plunges into a vortex of adventure. His "copy" is due at the printer's tomorrow morning. The resurrection of his desperado, Biffe Toujours, will change the whole drift of the story. Never mind! the romancer is in fine form tonight. His leading heavy criminal, hurled from the eifel seizes by an elegant but foxy icom girders of the structure, climbs the rest of the way down with the agility of an ape, and gets away to begin life anew. To morrow, while they are dragging the Seine for his body, he will commit highway robbery and stab two policernen.
The public want incident and action in a serial story, and must have it, or they won't subscribe for the paper.
At this point the baby woke up and began to cry. Jean Vignol dropped his pen, seized the milk bottle and adminis tered it to the infant, not so very awkwardly for a beginner, and then rocked it to sleep again.
But, this done, the writer did not return immediately to his work. Instead, he sat pensively regarding the poor little mite, as it lay on the pillow, with two tiny fists, clenched as if already an ticipating the fight for existence. The cradle - infaney - has he ever given these a fair showing in his ab-
surd novels? How false and stupid they surd novels? How all those yarns of his seem to him now, alt chose yars substituted one for another! Now here is a real living, breathing child, and an orphan a

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ing value of a Sherlock-Manning Piano.
that - a genuine picture of misery. What is going to become of it? Its and privation - she cannot last very long. Then it is one of those unfor unates whom organized charity brings up by sufferance, and who, for the most part, turn out badly. It is from these life ones are recruited. Poor little thing, what has life in store for it? Life! that strange serial story which grows more and more incomprehensible with each in ment explains nothing
Jean Vignol has fallen into a delorous reverie. The poet he once dreamed of being is not dead in him yet. As he looks upon the cradle before him, he reand he thinks of the Babe that was born in the straw of the manger at Bethlehem. That Babe came into the world that men might love one another and yet, though the churches may have preached His doctrine fior neariy tov and misery, and all uncharitableness seems to continue right along.
The child materially and morally abandoned - the child dedicated, as it were, by a sort of social fatality to vieat book to be written, with the outpouring of all the tenderness, all the indignation, all the sincerity of one's heart. Ah! there is the novel that Jean Vignol might write, if- But why think of it? Jean Vignol has no talent - he never did, and never will tears spring up and surprise him at this moment, it is because while pitying the child's helplessness he is also in despair $t$ his own.
Meanwhile the door opens. Mère Mathieu has returned. She is all out of reath, and, oh! how tired and worn she looks; how pale and wrink
is, in her old black bonnet.


With the Daisies
But-now or never. Jean Vignol has have a home, which neither of us has at something on his mind, and is deter- present. Besides, I can help you to mined to speak out. "Listen, Mère Mathieu. I have been bring poor woman gave a startled cry, thinking about you during your ab- then sank into a chair and buried her thinking about you during your ab-
sence. When mother was alive my earnings sufficed for two. Why shouldn't they now-if you will take her $\begin{aligned} & \text { opened its eyes and began to murmur, } \\ & \text { Jean took it up from the cradle, re- }\end{aligned}$ place? Will you? Then we shall both $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jean took it up from, the cradie, re } \\ & \text { garded it at arm's length for a moment, }\end{aligned}$
nd planted upon its chubby little chee aiss that was already quite paternal.

Nor is this the end of the story. As it turned out, Jean Vignol's generons conduct bres the kind of stuff for his special public. Yet there is something about his last story, "The Orphan of Belleville," that lifts it out of the class of the others and has made all the shop-girls cry. Its success as in, and at last the author gets his paper, cents a line. It has also been syndicated in some of the provincial sheets.
The other day, as Jean Vignol stopped at his publisher's to collect his royalties, he experienced e. An industrious writer one of the very greatest novelists of the age, patted him on the back and said "By the way, M. Vignol, I have been reading one or two of your novels lately, and I find some bits very well done in deed-very sincere and touching-about The
The poor author blushed to the top of his head.
"Thank you so much, cher maitre," he stammered, with happy look. "ou see, now, I work my story from life.'

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## The Gambling Spirit of the West

Second Article. Written for The Western Home Monthly, by J. H. Kenyon

MY LAST article dealt with three of the so-called reasons why a values in the West, but there are many more minor ones, as different as the in be too tiresome a task to treat all of these reasons seriously, but I will deal with a few in order to give the real estate agent the chare the discussion waiting or since article I took the side of the customer, and gave him ethical and religious grounds for refusing to abet the game of the man who only sells lots because there's money in it. In this article, then, I shall take the agent's standpoint, and give the truth that seems to back up his calling. Yo meal keep te agent (per se) has no morality, he has no religion, he has no sympathy with the unfortynate who loses his money through his trust in flamboyant advertisements, he has lost his old faculty of putting himself in your place, and he therefore looks upon you as legitimate prey at is straight talk from real estate agent who does not make a real estate agent because he will not play the game by which it is made. And you can rely uponies.
$\mathrm{He}^{\mathrm{He}}$ comes forward ana, bowing low, smiles genially at you, as you enter his
office, and waves you to a chair near office, and waves you to a chair near his desk. Nobody could be more ponte.
The office furniture is all calculated to impress you favorably. Considerable taste has been displayed in the very arrangement of things. You cannot help arowing your satisfaction at being
sho treated so cordially by the owner oo such fine surroundings. So the righ atmosphere for business it so proposition may be, the same series of arguments apply. that you cannot lose money in a proposition which is made good by the prosperity of the country. for lots in matter. what price you pay for lots in a growing town out her in the wost, you course, a prow,- you are bound to make money. And whiat is the good of staying out here at all, unless you do make some big money? The advantages of the East are too manifest to a man with some money, to think of staying here an, Mr. life. You know what I mean, M can rely upon your intelligence not to misrely upon your
understand me,
understand me."
"But, Mr. Brown, is it not true that the Western people are doing too much of this kind of thing? Are not most people overloaded already . Able slump will happen when the inevitable slump comes to readjust values
with the economic law of sufficient rewith the economic livested?"
turn upon capital invest
turn upon capitas a suppose a lot of people are carrying too much real estate, but on the other hand, they are carryng it be cause it is very profitable. Other peo ple have made large fortunes by mea of the same old plan, and thousan might new people will do likewise. Yone somedy
as well be with them, because somet as well me withe money, if you don't ac cept the unusual chance which I am eift the you.
"Besides, it is always the case in a new country which is growing at the rate we are growing, Mr. Smith, folish always the case that some are off more ellough to go wrong, When a man does
than they can chew. not know how much he can carry, no one can $t{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{h}$ him. The losers are men who deserve to lose. They were actuated oo much with greed. blinded with it, "fact, so they could not see the invitable reckoning day alead. Surely they do not deserve our pity or sym-
pathy. Business is business the world ver, and the man who makes a success
of it is the who obeys the laws that govern it; the man who disobeys them cannot help failing, since he has to pay
the
 "Yr." Smith?"
"Ye"s,' but don't you think now, man to mian, that there must be a slump agaip pretty soon, just as there was one of Money "ane of the indications?"

man with lots of money, since he can afford to invest to advantage whenever the oppors S . No, Mr. Smith, the present situation is first class. The capital of foreign countries is flowing int and the end of
faster than it ever did, and it is not yet in sight. And you may depend upon it, that as long as so muth money keeps coming in, we shall have splendid prosperity. Towns will come into being overnight. Railways will be $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { extended in every direction. New ports } \\ \text { will be established. } \\ H 0 \text { Hesteaders will }\end{array}\right]$ rush into the country, seeking for rush into the country, offices will be
homes, so that the land embarrassed by too much business. Rich farmers retiring from hard work will flock to the new towns to hive future lives of ease, so that bor years lots will be in great And where the and years is, there will come manufacturers and wholesalers of all kinds, erecting their factories or depots, employing countless men and women, increasing the circulation of money, which is the blood of commercial health, my dear sir, as you well now, an a gize ${ }^{\text {building }}$ astonishing. Can you conceive the possibility of a slump under these present circumstances?
Mr. Smith is silent for a moment. The torrent of fervid eloquence has almost made him ashamed of his doubts. In fact, his blood is tingling with the
ioy of living amid such splendid condijoy of living ames. He feels that he
tions of progress. should have come out here years and years ago, in order to have taken his yhare of the vast wealth which has already been distributed. Why did, he not do so when he hai Lod, whe than he has now? Good profits he might have made!
And, Mr. Smith, I do not have The figures of our last statistics more than bear me out in all that I have said. You know that. Our country is
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Oxo Cubes add nutriment and relish to meat-pies, stews, hashes, boiled rice and mashed potatoes
perous countries like the United States perous countries hordes. They come beand Englay can make more money here by simply growing up with the new Canada than they can by remaind every their birthplace and working hard every day of their life. This is don't have to about the West. Your of your work-
toil and moil every hour ing days, in order to make sufficient money to meet your daily wants. - On the contrary, you can go to a small town and just settle down there, and the unearned increment few years. You rich in the coursork for your wealth to don't have slave in order to get it, like the average man down East. and the have to do will make your lots and farms valuable. There is no other place on the face of this earth where the man of a little money can make so much with it by actually doing nothing himself, except invest a few dollars. Don't you
believe me? Of course, you do. No one believe me? Of course, you deny an obvious fact."
can d.
can Mt . Smith is still silent. He is so impressed that he is secretly calculating how much money he can get together to
ho put into Mr. Brown's care. enthusiastic study is noticed by the ented. Hence agent, and rightiscourse:
"It may interest you to hear that I met a man whom I knew about five years ago. After we exchanged greet
ings and shook hands, we asked each
 atheng' I asked. 'Oh,' he replied, 'I am doing finely. You know, when- $I$, went to Saskatoon. Well, I had just forty dollars when I arrived there. Have you followed my career out there a little, I answered. I have heard that you made over a million in real estate." 'Well,' he said, 'whòver told you that is not far wrong. And I, made it all zby investing that forty dollars just as sis
beat it?
"If you will take the trouble to cross the road to get to the Queen's Hotel, I ean show you there a man who used to be a boot-black two years sago. Today he lives like a lord, all because he was
wise enough to put his savings in certain inside lots in Edmonton. "A deacon of, one of, the leading churches here the other day conféssed that his accumulations were wbothering him. He was a Scotchman, and But his trying hard totheng him so much money that he was getting more afraid of hell-fire every day he waxed richer. 1 And he said it was a lot harder to give away money than to make it out here, and he
didn't know just what to do. He wanted to earn Heaven, because he was orthodox, but at the same time, he wanted to take advantage of his large capital now that he had finally got it. How to die poor enough for Heaven, and
rich enough for Winnipeg is almost too rich enough for Winnipeg, is almost too
hard a problem for him to solve. He showed me his profits in real estate on Portage Avenue last year, and they astonished me."
"How much were they?" asked Mr. Smith eagerly. four hundred thousand dollars, and the surprising thing about it is that the man can
hardly read or write book in consequence. Yet he is one o the leading pillars of one of the leading churches in "Indeed!"
"And I could give you a thousand in stances of the same sort, all showing the wonderful opportunities there are ou here to grow rich in spite of all things. is sufficient for an intelligent man like you, Mr. Smith. You don't have to be coaxed like a country jay to accept your chance in life. Now is the time, and here is the place, and if you will do al that I tell you, for it is to my interest guarantee that you will never regret trusting me. I have made so much money for my own clients that I am confident I can make you a lot. Really, Mr. Smith, if I was not sure that I think of taking up your time in this
conclusion that it would be rejecting the overturest of Providence to let your oiler meet with a refusal. I owe a duty to my family, as well as to myself, and for their sake, I should do all in my power to insure their future against want. Please show me bargains, and "let us get right down to business at once. Money talks the best."
Thereupon, Mr. Brown, nothing loath, for this is the very result he has been trying for, gets his map, and shows his new client the lots that he can heartily recommend as first-class buys.
"These, you will notice, Mr. Smith, are rightly situated to give you an enormous profit in a little while, say a
couple of years. By that time they will couple of years. By that time they will
be overtaken by the business of the bewn, and be worth as much a foot as they cost by the lot now. I am speaking advisedly, I assure you. "Do you really think so?" more eagerly asked Mr. Smith, his greed now inflamed and intensified to a burning point of co
"I certainly do, Mr. Smith. Did I not sell this lot here to a client only a year ago, and now it is worth a year ago, and cent more than he paid for it. This is but an instance of what I have been privileged to do for a large number of people, including trustees, their money to advantage, you know."
without' seeing it, and at a price that
hets our friend, Brown, about a thousand per cent profit in six months. In all the transaction described by a man in the business, there is no quesright or wroug of it, no feeging that to get something for nothing may be opposed to the great law of honesty which prevails in God's kingdom on earth or in Heaven. The only desire apparent is how to make the most money with the least amount, and this is shared by both the wily agent, who knows enough and by the customer whose greed is the actuating cause of his investment or speculation. Can you admire the speculation. Can you adm
cupidity in it all, the selfishne uppermost, the disregard for all th highest things that should enter int our calculations, even in daily business Where is the conscience that should weigh values? of the habit thus established? Can we escape them? The good and the great God knows we cannot; and al clear-minded thinkers are on the side of the Infinite and Almighty, whose laws are the object of their search.
What I contend is that no ultimate or satisfactory good can come out of this general practice of gambling with
values that are not made by the gamblers, and with the future of which no man knows anything. The inevitno man knows anything. The inevit-
able reaction will take place, soon

"In Lakeland," East of Winnipeg on the G.T.P.
"Well Mr Brown, if you say so, I | enough, Heaven knows, and when it think I will agree to follow your advice, does come, it will sweep many for I know so little of the thing myself.; $\begin{aligned} & \text { thousands of misguided people into the } \\ & \text { whirlpool of ruin and despair, for there }\end{aligned}$ What money will you want from me?" "We can easily arrange details, Mr. Smith. Leave yourself in my hands. I assure you I will do all I can for you. Suppose you decide to take these ten lots, and these four Tots, and be twenty lots in the heart of a town that is so rapidly growing that in a couple of years, perhaps in a year, you will be comfortably situated for life. A young friend of mine put only one ths ago. dollars in Saskatoon he has been offered What do you
"Perhaps five th
mured Mr. Smith. "Five thousand! Why, Mr. Smith, my riend was offered $\$ 45,000$ for the hundred feet he bought, simply because thes." "Did he accept it?"
"No, sir. He was too astute a kid for that. He asks $\$ 50,000$, and I think he "Dear me." And then Mr. Smith, now convinced that he made the big mistake of his life in not coming out here years ago, is quite ready to sign biggest cheque he can to cover the payment on the twenty lots ght, altogether on the recoo interest him, except to get his money away him, except to get his money away uld not buy goods he had not seen, is no resistance possible to stem the flood of a panic which destroys arbitrary prices.
arbitrary prices.
The only possible safety for this country is in the sane and healthy growth of values in accordance with their intrinsic worth, that is the in-terest-bearing value they possess. And we sooner we realize this, for all concerned, especially for our children, and their children. For we must build up a prosperity for the future - not merely for the present day in which we may loom large or small; and any practice that discounts honest labor, honest value, must inevitably invite its own doom, and precipitate it upor the matter in the light $I$ do, both as a real matter in the igh seller, I have no hesitation in affirming that the general gambling tendency of our Western people is demoralizing them andard of morspring, reducing the star regardless of ality, cano of commission or omission, frivolizing the spirit of the age to a point where any serious attempt to find the truth in any other pursuit, excep that of money, is made ridiculous, and debilitating both the miarge For this reason, I have spoken the truth on the subject, as best I could. and am govern subject, as best condingly in my business. - accordingly in my

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## Out of the Christmas Snow

## By Louise Forsslund

B D through the snow to the end of through the snow to the end of
the veranda and flung down the Christmas tree．Softly swirling all
about him were the snowflakes，and al－ about him were the snowflakes，and al－
though he had left the house but ten though he had left the house but ten
minutes before he was as white as if minutes before he was as
all the wintry imps of the air had been pelting him with snowballs．He winked his lashes energetically to relieve them of their weight of snow and，looking
between the blinks to the，door of the between the balled in the soft，kindly，
vestibule，he call idiot＇s
Edie！＂
As if it had been waiting for the call the door flew open and，set like a pic－ ture in a frame，Mistress Edith ap－ peared in the lighted interior，holding fast to the collar of a great，straining
mastiff． ＂I was afraid you would have to come back，＂she exclaimed with concern，peer－ ing through the swirl of the snowflakes．
＂Dop＇t go around to the kitchen，Bub． ＂Dop＇t go around to the kitchen，Bub．
Come in this way，＂
Bub braced one foot against the upper


Falls on the Smoky River－Mount Robson District，G．T．P．
step of the porch and with both hands ${ }^{\text {sport crammed into one day，and a little }}$ rested the heavy covered basket that he carried on his knee．
＂M－m－mis＇Edie，＂he stuttered，＂I－I kin carry the basket all right；but I－I
couldn＇t carry that air Christmas tree ef yer sent me back ter Yap－ma－hank！＂ To Bub the worst place on the face of the globe was＂Yap－ma－hank，＂or
Yaphank，the county poorhouse from Yaphank，the county poorhouse from
which Edith had rescued him ten win－ which Ed
ters ago．

Edith smiled at his earnestness
＂But are you sure you can carry the ＂Y－y－yes：I＇ll be back before you kin say J－J－J－Jack Robinson．I＇ll give the leetle gal her or－or－naments，an＇her
cap an＇mittens，an＇－an＇－her candy an＇ oranges，an＇－an＇－an＇everythink，an＇ tell her that Santa Claus＇ll bring along the tree termorrer
Forgetful of the
Forgetful of the storm Edith stepped out upon the porch，the dog straining to
be ahead of her． be ahead of her
＂Bub，Bub！＂
＂don＇t forget the little girl sid mother．The child is tiny，they say，so
you will have to warm up the broth for Mrs．Holmes：and mind that you tell her that 1 did not know anything about her froube until today，Oh，
Bub！＂，Looking with still greater dis
trust in the foolish，inow－wiled Edith stepped farther across veranda：＂Rub，I wish I could go with
you．＂look of rare intelligence shot acrose
the idiot
Edie．＇Tain＇t fit fer women－folks ter be outdoors．Go straight back er I＇ll send yer ter Yap－ma－hank．Duke，take her back．G－g－g．good－night！I－I－I used ter warm up the broth an feed it te porehouse．＂
With seven－league strides of his With seven－league strides of his great hip－boots Bub went plunging into
the snow．When he reached the gate he looked back． ＇Christmas Eves a Mis＇Edie，with all her folks＇ soor Mis＇Elie，with an her forks a －hangin＇up in Heaven，＂$h$ muttered as he turned to face the bit－ terness of the north wind．And some－ thing more thears the Bub＇s eyes．

Edith ${ }^{*}$ stood ${ }^{*}$ looking at ${ }^{*}$ the Christm ree while Duke sniffed at the cedar ranches with his ever－inquisitive nose Suddenly he lifted the nose and gave edar tree，pungent，spicy，prickly and tickly，had used to mean a year full of the house，long before the sun had popped up until long after the sun had gone drifting into the west．Might no With another glad bark Duke seized hold of the tree and dragged it acros the veranda into the vestibule．But there Edith closed the storm door，and， opening the great Dutch door of the ness in her voice to drop the tree and come within
Together they went into the library and sat down before the open fire．The sat there a long time，Edith gazing in to the glow and tumble of the firelight，
Duke watching the face of his mistress until at length he felt that he could not endure the silence，with its memory of a sternly－spoken word，an instant onger．With a little whining sound he thrust his head beseechingly against
Edith＇s knee．She turned her gaze from the fire and looked into the eyes of her companion．
＂I＇m lonely，Duke，and so are you． e＇re not philosophers，you and 1 ．We make a good play at it three hundred and sixty－three days in the year，and hen when Christmas Eve comes we＇re
nist one more lonely dog and woman． Heigho，Duke！＂She rose from her Chair and，standing back to the fire－ place，slowly－surveyed the room．＂You Wanted it too，Duke；I wanted it，too． doggie，as you used to do？And I
wanted it too，Duke；I wanted it，too wanted it too．Duke；I wanted it，too．
want to sre it over in that corner
wher it used to be，with Dorothy dane－
＂Y－y－you go back in the house．Mis＂
ing around it. . I want to see the little pair of stockings that used to hang here"-she lifted her hand and touche the mantel - "hanging here again. want-oh, Duke-I wost! And I've got-just you!'
lost! And looked at him with wide, tearless eyes filled with the sorrow of widoweyes and the dumb aching of mother loss; and he took her hand within his soft, moist mouth and held it lovingly as he had been wont to
fearless Baby Dorothy.
fearless Baby Mrs. Holmes, of whom we never heard until today," went on Edith never heard "even she, poor, unknown, sick, and, like me, a widow - even Mrs. andmes has her little girl tonight."

Duke whimpered, and Edith, taking her hand from his mouth, laid her head against the mantel and solling of a single silently without the falling of a single tear. sobbed on that first Christmas Eve without Dorothy, but then Dorothy's father's arm had been around her, Dorothy's father's shoulder waiting until she could lay her sorrow-drooping head against its sheltering breadth. And now he and Do
Christmas together
"Sweetheart," she could hear him saying out of the time gone by, "do some thing. Scream aists and hit me. Do something.' Edith raised her fa , haggard and old, though still in its beautiful youth "Doggie, what shall I do?"
Duke ran to the hall and barked at
the front door. "Bring in the tree!" he barked.

Edith smiled a half-whimsical smile Ed. reflected that, when one has no human being to please, one might a well please a dog. She opened the door and Duke leaped out into the vestibuie to come back the next moment lugging the tree. Across the hall he dragged it,
into the library, and over to the corner where a Christmas tree had set every whear of Dorothy's brief lifetime. Then he looked up at his mistress inquiringly. of a sudden her face lighted, and her girlhood - her lovely, capricious girlhood - seemed to flit back across he mobile face.
"All right, Duke! We'll play that Dorothy's coming to see it!" a sprite
She went darting like a through the house and up into the attic. There she found a box wherein another tree had stood many Yuletides ago, some shining colored balls and a profusion of silver tinsel. After bringing the box in the old Christmas-tree corner of the library
"If Dorothy herself can't come why some other little girl will come to see some other A soft blush rose was now blooming on Edith's cheeks. Her eyes sparkled. "Now, Duke, the presents! You know the little girl must her presents!" fhey found old toys laid away with Dorothy's wardrobe in a cedar closet upstairs and away in the corner of the closet Edith's hand fell upon a pair of
white stockings rolled into a little ball. white stockings rolled into a little ball She took the ball and, placing it hurriedly within the bosom dog to see gown, looked askance at He was silently if he had observed her. lifting between his that he had used to carry for Dorothy in the days of long ago. Edith filled the skirt of her dress with toys from the cedar closet and then followed Duke, the toy horse sirst Edith placed the
down the stairs. First down the stairs. First Edith placed the
doll of the last. Christmas of Dorothy's brief life away up in the top of the tree, holding out its arms as it had held them out to Dorothy
"You're not a bit rumpled or broken, dolly! You're almost as free from childish finger-prints as I." at the doll. Oh, if she would only come and muss Tnder the tree Edith placed a doll's high-chair, gilded like a throne. Nothig else that she had looked new, but set battered little toys here and
here on the branches, and scattered here on the branches, and scattere loor. It looked almost as if Christmas
and come and gone; the toys been tried
and not found wanting; and the tree be ginning to think that it must soon be stepping down from its throne in the corner to m
New Year.
The dog placed his wooden horse beside the other toys and wagged his tail with joyful anticipation. He gave a sharp, quick bark - the bark which
used to mean: "She's coming - Baby ased to m
"Duke," whispered the widow, "it seems almost true! Let's go upstairs and get thie old tea-table."

In the attic, where Dorothy had played on rainy days, there was the
grown yellow and set around with dishes now covered with dust. A folded der the cover of the sugar-dish. Edith placed her lamp on the table, and, kneeling down, took out the folded piece of paper and unfolded it slowly. Across its page was printed with baby fingers:
"Dowothy invites Mamma to her teaparty. Please bring gingersnaps."

Edith covered her face with her hands and knelt there under the attic eaves a long time. Then slowly she placed the note back under the cover of the sugar note.
dish

I think we will leave the tea-table here, Dul
instead."

Near the south whedow they found a
dozen half-burned candies in little tin Christmas holders.
"Hurrah!" cried Edth soitly; "the little girl shall have her candles, Duke.' She went downstairs and fastened the candles one by one on the tree, doing it
slowly, for she knew that the task was almost done, the play nearly over. Then almost done, the play nearly over. Men slowly, she lighted the old candles-who shall tell what ashes of hope were blown about her heart as she set fire to the tapers? The tree lighted, she turned out the light of the lamp. It was very dim in the room. She wald
slowly to the fire place and looked at the tree. The dog came and stood be the tree. The dog came and stood be
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THE day broke clear and calm-a fore their worthy mayor had died sudlittle cold perhaps for a day in denly. Heart trouble, brought on by Kay-be scheduled for that afterMarathon a comparatively early hour the streets of Symonsville were thronged with people, citizens and strangers, all absorbed in the one engrossing subject. The race was an important one, and attracted world-wide attention. England, Italy, France, Ireland and Sweden were local entries was enough to disgust the committee. The betting was lively. Shortcraft, the unbeaten Indian, and Bush, the clever English champion were favorites. Some people, however, ob-
sessed with a keen gambling spirit, sessed with a keen gambling spirit,
placed their money on runners of a placed their money on ruuners oria
darker hue, whose chance of winning was according the estimate of the sporting editors number one to the same digit followed by twin cyphers.
For over a year the Symonsvilleites had been doing their utmost to collect a purse large enough to tempt the big men of the racing world to patronize their town. In this effort they had succeeded beyond all expectations. Just a
month before by holding a special "Tag Day" they managed to bring the total Day" the required five thousand dollars. There was to be one prize only, so the numerous copper, silver and gold coins collected were exchanged for five one-thousand-dollar bills, and placing them in a large blue envelope ready to hand
to the winner. The committee on arrangements deposited the package for prime mover of the whole affiair. On this festive day the pleasure of the townspeople, however, was marred by a feeling of gloom. Just a week be-
dere their worthy mayor had died sud-
denly. Heart trouble, brought on by
business worries, was the cause, so the business worries, was the cause, so the
doctors said. Though always considered wealthy, he died comparatively poor, owing to his having been involved in
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The late mayor had been the most honored man in the whole town and district, loved and respected by all, a man whose word and bond were spoken of in beyond reproach. To mourn his loss were left a sorrowing wife and an only
son, a youth scarce out of his then son, a youth scarce out of his 'teens.

On the morning of the race, David Symons, son of the deceased Mayor, sat at breakfast in depressed silence, dread forth. Two weeks previously he had been the unwilling witness of a scene that had haunted him ever since he thought of the outcome. It happened in this wise. He had been sitting quietly in the library of his luxurious home reading until the dim twilight when suddenly his father entered David assumed that the older man knew of his presence and did no safe and took out a large blue envelope With trembling hands he broke the seal and withdrew five crisp bills and put them in his pocket, while the son, dazed and horrified, watched. The father refastened the package as before, paced safe din ing pigeon hole, closed the room and house before David fully un-
derstood what had occurred. One can imagine rather than realize the state of
the poor fellow's mind as he tries to think what will happen when the victor of the coming race opens the envelope and finds it empty. Something must be done. He has but a few short hours in which to save the honor of his dead and, Finally he springs to his feet and, leaving his half-eaten breakfast, ries out of the house and down the street. Ten minutes before the specified time for closing the list of competitor the name of David Anderson Symons was entered in the Marathon race.

As each contestant stepped into the wide quarter-mile track he was greeted with oud cheers and hand-clapping, which was acknowledged in each case in a
manner distinctive of the nation to which the runner belonged. Shorteraft ejected a grunt of satisfaction. Ledoux, the Frenchman, made several elaborate to imitate the Frenchman, almost fell over the Englishman, while Murphy, he of the Emerald Isle, entering directly behind Blando, the Italian, made several rapid circular movements with his right hand which was not lost on the crowd. And so on down the list.
David Symons was the last to present himself, and even before his spiked
shoes touched the hard cinder track his name was shouted from all sides of the closely-packed grand stand. The youth's pale face flushed with embarrassment at the unlooked for attention, and he fain would have retreated to the waiting rooms, but it was too late; already the men were lining up.

Precisely at three o'clock the sharp crack of a pistol sounded, and the run ners were off. Beno Symons had sped to the front, his desire being to obtain a good lead at the commencement, and to hold it if possible to the end.

The first five miles was easy; he had often run that distance at college, and such good time did he make that at the egnining of the sixth mile his nearest plder men did not mind thehind. The ime they had seen a this. Many orge ahead for five ten and even fif een miles to drop out suddenly, broken wind, heart and spirit. At ten miles David had stolen another lap, and was hus now two to the good. Then came the struggle for supremacy. First one, and then another, would try to shorten the gap between himsel and the slim unner ahead, but all back to second third or fourth place as the case-might be; and so they all pressed on.
Mentally, Taylor, the Indian's trainer, sized up the runners as they passed. Already over half the distance had been worried and he was beginning to feed ing, and roung symons was easily to suit this critic. Taylor wondered if he had made a mistake. Were they watch ing the wrong man? Again David passes the grand stand. Taylor notes the long hip bone, and closely kni muscles, which mean speed and en the chest, indicating abundance of wind chest, indicating ab
Bush, who had been running third, suddenly came to the same conclusion as Taylor, and put on such a grea
burst of speed for the next half hour that when he had completed his twenty-third mile he was but one lap behind the local runner, and nearly a hundred yards ahead of the Indian. But the effort was beginning to tell on the English sprinter, and a quiet word rom his trainer warned him to keep
speed for the final miles. The Indian was beginning to limp badly; a weak knee had played him an old trick, and even the caustic words of his trainer could not force him to increase his speed.
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the race had become intensely exciting. David, though he ran with seeming ease, was really in distress. The pace was having its effect on his delicate frame,
but he dare not for one moment slacken his speed. To a person of his proud nature the victory meant life or death-and so he kept on. When the flag dropped, indicating that he had bu one more mile to go he looked back-there came Bush scarce half a lap
behind, with Shortcraft close at his behind, with Shortcratt cose and the runners
heels - and the of the straggling in the rear. Some persiste only by reason of the cheers of their friends, or the taunts of those who
would have them lose. would have them lose.
Poor David! No one knows what he
suffered in that last terrible mile. His
aggers from side to side; he is beond feeling pain and runs mechanically. He neither sees nor hears the madly heering throng in the grand stand as plunges forward. Five yards from Hysterically hals. extends his hands mongst the cinders in front of him and rawls-and crawls. After a seeming ge, he drags his body over the tape and is safe. Not a second too soon, for the next instant both the Englishman wire in one wild final rush.
Tender willing hands carried the unconscious hero off the track, and the waiting emergency ambulance conveyod him swiftly to his home, where the
mother, wet-eyed and heart-stricken

By Rev. D. S. Hamilton, B.A.

List! the message of the ages As the Christmas-tide dra Glory, glory in the highest,
Joyous are the notes we hear: Peace on earth, good will is promised Unto the remotest bound; Let the world take up the chorus

Yea, let all the prophets tell it Yea, let all the people sing Till the world has learned the story And the Christ is crowned the KingKing and Saviour, mighty Prophe When with strife and discord banished All shall dwell in harmony.
Slowly seems His plan to ripen As we view the darksome cloud, As we hear the clash ond the cannon thunder loud,
As we see the Christian nations
Glaring with inhuman hate, As if man were made for slaught
seems it that the great illusion
Holds the nations in a spell, And the war god, winning worship Leads them in the ways oeble protes Or approves the threatened fray, Heedless of the mighty message Of the first glad Christmas Day
Not in military madness
Shall we see the Kingdom's sign,
Not in armies nor in navies
Shall we find the conquering line
But with those who find in service,
They have caught the King's own spirit He their every act inspire

He in patience moulds His Kingdom By sweet love's constraining power
Of the 1 dod a
When the crowning of the Sovere
Shall all prophecy fulfil,
And is realized in fullness-
"Peace on earth, to men good will."
(A) feet were almost raw with the pressure took him in charge. The old family
of stiff new shoes; the muscles of his
doctor looked grave. "One chance in a legs seemed to be almost wrenched from hundred," he said. the bone, and his lungs felt as if preath, while his heart seemed ready to burst.

The spectators became mad with ex sitement. Would this unkmown rumer win? Would the famous Englishnan be
beaten? Would the loulian that (iontinth of strength - be vanqui.hed ly beardless boy" They watchew in. tently-breathlesw one lap-twn
laps-three laps of the last mils ay laps-three laps of the bat mis
reeled off, and the long striding Dum reeled off, and Bush and is slow ly hol surely, closing the gap betwen

Hour after hour the mother and nurse sat beside the death-like boy,
weeping and praying. About nine weeping and praying. About nine
o'clock a gentle tap came to the door, o'clock a gentle tap came to the door,
and the nurse answered it. A silver tray was handed in, and on it a large thay was handelope-the Marathon prize. The patient stirred. opened his eyes, and canted forward. The mother, hardly the bed ace for tears, as she sat beside late husband's own dear hands had caled, and withdrew, wondering-a mink slip of paper-a certified cheque to ITith a great ery of and dollars. Mith a great ery of joy the boy fel
and his face illumined with the knowl , his face illumined with the knowl-
that a double victory had been won.

## The Darks Hole

Written for The Western Home Monthly, by Margaret Bemister

THE sullen-faced boy scarcely glanced up as the turnkey un
locked the door of his cell. "Captain Thomson wants to see you, Marshall," he said harshly. The boy rose in a dogged manner and stumbled himself behind Marshall and their heavy footsteps grated on the paved floor as they marchnd to the door leading into the office of the Reformatory
Taking out the great keys, the turnkey placed one in the lock. With oiled
smoothness it revolved and threy stood before a stern man with keen grey eyes.
eyes. "You may go now, Monroe," he said. "I shall ring when I am ready for you." "Yes, sir," answered the turnkey respectfully, and the iron door swung heavily into place behind him. Captain Thomson
boy in prison garb.
"So you have been
again, Marshall," he said
This sir, answered the boy sullenly "nth is the second time within a No answ not?
No answer. "Will you tell me why you are so determined to run away?", asked Captain Thomson, looking closely at the boy's For a rew seconds flarsiall stood hands clenched and face flushed he turned to the warden.
"Wha'd" you ast me that fool question for?" he cried harshly. "Wha'd' you s'pose I want to get away for? Do you
think this is such a swell place that a think this is suchld like to live here, dressed like guy would like to live here, do and cooped up like a rat in a trap and watched every moves he trap and
makes? An' you bet I'd 'a' got away this
time, too, if it hadn't 'a' been for that
sneak of a turnkey that is always aspringin' on you like an old Tom cat The Captain stood looking straight at the boy during this outburst, then he said very quietly, "Marshall, I am afraid you don't understand what we are trying to do with you here. You have had a pretty hard time in this
short life of yours, and while you are in short life of yours, and while you are in
here we want to try a d make you see things differently, so that when you go out your life may not be lived 'in the same old haunts, but I know you are finding many of the rules hard at first, but just have patience, my boy, and you will see why you are asked to do some of these things. Now I know you hate this uniform," pointing to the
overalls with one leg made of blue duck and the other of white, "and I do not blame you, but remember when half of your time is up and your behaviour has been good, you will be given over alls of one color. Then you will not feel quite so much nike a prisoner.
The boy made no answer, his gaze The boy made no answer, his gaze
still fixed sullenly on the floor. The Captain went on, "Now, Marshall, I have something to say to you that I am finding very hard - the punishment for your offence is the Dark Hole."
The boy looked up with a quick, startled glance, his eyes grown wide
with fear. with fear
"Yes, I know it is a terrible punishment," said the Captain, "and I only wish I could change it, but I also must slowly, "My boy, I am going to tell you something. I was afraid of the dark, too, when I was a boy." Dan made as if to speak, then stopped. "Yes, the what it is like, so do not mind, and be-
cause I understand I am going to do something 1 have never done before." Turning to his desk he opened a drawer and took out a candlestick. He laid a
match on the holder and said, "I am gomatch on the holder and said, "I am go-
ing to give you this to have with you ing to give you this to have with me that you will not light the candle unless you have reached the end of your
courage, and remember, Marshall, that although I am sending you to, such a terrible place, it is not because I am angry with you. You are my boy for year, to care for and to love." with a slow, incredulous look.
"Yes, to love," said the Captain, "and I want you to remember that when you are alone in the darkness," then reaching . up he touched a bell, the ironstudded door swung slowly open and he turnkey appeared
"Take Marshall to the Dark Hole and leave him there until seven o'clock to-
morrow morning. Place a tin pail of water and this candle within the cell," commanded Captain Thomson.
"Yes, sir," said the turnkey, as he picked up the candle. Then placing Marshall in front of him they passed out into the corridor
The great key was turned in the lock. marched past the long row of cells to a door at the end of the hall. Opening this they tramped down the narrow stone steps, and Marshall saw they were now in the basement of the build ing. Down the length of this they passed until they reached the farthes
end and Monroe paused before a stee end and Monroe paused before a stee
door in the wall. Taking his keys, he fitted one in the lock, and with a grating noise the door opened. Giving the boy a push he said, "Now go in there you young limb, and see how you like that for a change, and I only wish you weren't going to have this water,"
this candle to help you out a little." Placing the small tin pail on the floo and the candle beside it, he pulled the door shut with a heavy clang.
Dan heard the lock snap and he was
shut in alone and in darkness. Instinc tively he put out his arms and felt he moved along it until he felt himself in the corner. There he let himself slip down to the floor, crouching against the hard wall as if he could get away from the awful blackness around him. He closed his eyes to shut it out. White rings and flashes darted and circled around him until he opened them againness of the darkness seemed to close ness of upon him as if it were taking his breath and he felt himself sinking. He put up his hands to push it away and cried aloud in terror, but there was no answer to his cry. The darkness seemed to change into bright-colored stars and strange shapes that danced and whim-
like things possessed. He threw him like things possessed. He threw him-
self full length face forward on the floor and screamed. Suddenly one hand touched something cold. He started, then remembered it must be the candle Wildly $r$ : clutched on it, then felt for the match. It was gone. Creeping over he felt along the floor, passing his han in a widening circle. with a little cry of joy he drew it across the floor. It snapped, but did not light.
Suddenly Captain Thomson's words came to him, "I want you to promise me not to light the candle unless you have reached the end of your couragard Had he? that such a few moments of darkness had used up all his courage? Slowly he put the match into his pocket; then crawling back along the wall he seated himself in the corner again. But this time the darkness did not seem so dense. He seemed to hear
the Captain's voice again, "and when the Captain's voice again, "and when
you are alone remember that I love you." Did he really mean that? Love him, a little, vagabond thief who had never had anyone to care for him in al his life? Could that big, strong man really love him?
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denly through the awful stillness he felt rather than heard a noise. With every nerve tightened he listened. Agim, a little rasping noise. In a moment it stopped and Dan had almost moment
persuaded himself that he had imagined
lit it. Once more it came, this time a little louder and clearer, a grating, rasping
sound Tuning Dan laid his ear to sound. Turning, Dan laid his ear
the floor and could clearly distinguish the soound of something grating against
the the stone. Even as he listened it stopped, and then he heard another noise which he could almost have sworn
was voices. He sat up quickly, trembwas voices. He sat up
ling with excitement. What did it
With mean? Voices meant human be ings-and the rasping noise; could it be some one trying to escape? He tried to think. His head was in a whirl Hadn't some of the boys sain ther
were two Dark Holes as well as one in the Reformatory, so perhaps the cell on the other side of perhis
this wall was the Dark Hole of the Prison.
He He dropped to the floor again and pressed his ear against the rough stone.
The noise was louder now and he could distinctly hear the breaking of stone. Suddenly a harsh whisper said, "Be careful, you ,fool; you are making to

Suddenly he sat erect. What was he thinking of? Going to run away agaiu
and from Captain Thomson, the man who loved him? With a smothered ery he crouched in a heap against the wall. What a coward he had been, and worse than a coward. Suddenly he sat erect, his ear. strained, for the hoarse whispe
was saving, "Are you sure the fuse is was saying, "Are you sure the euse
all right?" "You bet," replied the other. "All I have to do is to slip under the steps and touch it, and before we board the Flyer the whole place will be blown to atoms, and then, there'll be no danger of them, thinkin', of us or
tryin' to track us." "Good," said the other. "You've got a fine head. Dang me if you haint.".
Every pulse in Dan's boly was throbbing. What could this fiendish plot be ${ }^{3}$ A fuse under the stepp, the whole place
blown up. What could be done? The steps must mean office steps. How could he stop them? How could he get the fuse? Slowly his brain began to clear. His head stopped its terrible pounding, and out of his thoughts a plan leaped clear and plain.
He must let themu escape.
must follow them and put out the fuse before it had burned in too far. A rumbling, crunching sound now caught his ear, then heavy breathing.
He leaned forward to listen better aud He leaned forward to listen better and
knew that the men must have removed knew that the men must have removed
the last stone and were making their


Pyramid Lake near Fitzhugh, Alberta
answered, "We have no time to lose if $\mid$ way through the hole. The one with we are going to catch that Midnilt the hoarse whisper was evidently going Flyer." "Well, dang me," said the firs other one, "we will not catch anything if you keep on with that racket." The roices ceased, and with muffled steadiness the rasping continued.
Dan understood it all now. They must be prisoners in the Dark Hole of to escape by making a hole under the wall, which separated them from the hall 'in the caretaker's part in the building. Could they do it?
Suddenly, with a wrench, the stone under the very one Dan had his ear
against seemed to give way and the against seemed sounded almost in his cell. "Dang me, that was fine," said the hoarse voice. "Another jerk like that and we are out.
better hurry," said the shrill whisper "It is not far off midnight now, if you ask me." "It won't take long now," said the first, "but we had better keep still for a few minutes. Maybe someone heard that last yank., Utter silence now, and Dan leaned against the wall, beads of perspiration
standing out on his forclead. For, as he put his lands on the ftyor to raise
limself, he felt the stones move and wildy he thought of what it meant. Part of the floor in his corner had been
loosened by their last strenumons eflo and now if he could only lift these stones he could escape, too. His heart heat so furiously that he thought the men must hear it. Would they nuw go? It would be safe to follow in

Dan crouched, scarcely breathing, fo what seemed several minutes, then slowly, cautionsly, he began to work a the loosened stones. He dug his fingers
into the cracks and pulled with all his into the cracke times the largest stone
might. A dozen yielded and nearly came out. ${ }^{\text {might. }}$ Then, with a click, it fell back into its place again. Dan grew desperate. The men must be nearly out now. In a few minutes they would touch the fuse.
How long would it burn before it How long would it burn beare
reached its deadly goal? out before too late.
Gritting his teeth, he grasped the large stone again and pulled with a strength born of desperation. It gave
way suddenly almost sending him backwards. A little cry of joy escaped him. Eagerly he felt in the opening. Some smaller stones seemed loose. He jerked them out and felt again. The opening now was large enough to admit his body. Leaniug down, he began slowly
to crawl in. It was dark and rough. He reached out lis hand and felt an opening alead. With infinite care he drew himself through and saw that he Wis in a loug, dimly highted hall. With the wall until he reached the ent; then darting across, he gained the foot of hiwn. so he crept up, and the creaking ,f every step solunded like a cannon roar in his cars, At the head of the stairs
inher was a door. Very softly he
room faintly lighted by the street lights, which burned outside the win the Court Room for the Reformator and the Prison adjoined the Court House. As he stood, scarcely breathing, he saw a shadow pause on the ledge of one of the windows, then it dropped.
Dan did not move for the space of a moment. There was no other movement, no other shadow to he seen, so he knew both window. With ṇoiseless tread he crept across the flyor until he stood partly at the open window. Outside was a fire escape, and in the light from the street lamp, he saw two figures dart across the road and disappear. He scaled the ledge, slid down the ladder and dropped on the ground
below. Then, with a dash, he reached below. The steps of the office and darted under. A tiny red glow in the corner was all there was to be seen, but he knew what deadly peril it meant. Reaching in he grasped it with his right hand, crushing it with all his strength. he barely shot up his arm. If only he could put out the fatal spark before, the spot. After a moments space he no glow to be seen now. Reaching in his hand he felt around, just as a heavy grip caught his collar and he was dragged out.
"So ,"t is you, you young limb of Satan," said the rough roice. "Now his pets."
Lifting Dan bodily, the turnkey almost threw him up the steps and through the door of the office. Captain Phomson turned quickly from his desk at the sudden noise.
"See here, sir, what I found under the steps," began "Ontroe. "Oh, please, sir," said Dan, "do catch
them- they are going to board the Midnight Flyer. They are over there by night Flyer. the old stable."


## New Year Dance.

"Who?" cried the Captain rising. quietly as he took hold of Dan's arm "The men who were in the Dark and gently but firmly drew it around. Hole. Oh, hurry! hurry!" Three sharp clangs of the gong rang through the building and almost in stantly three men in uniform appeared in the doorway.
"Two prisoners have escaped. Folthe flyer. Cross the open lot near the stable!" commanded the Captain quickly. The men saluted and wheeled. The Captain turned to Dan. "We, will hear more about this tomorrow," he said. "Monroe, take Marshall to his cell." "Yes, sir," said the turnkey,
ing the door.
". Captain Thomson cried as Dan passed Capta
him.
"No "Nothin', it's all right," said Dan, putting his hand behind his back.
"Let me see it," said the Captain

## he heard steps coming down the cor

ridor and stop before his cell.

- "Are you asleep, my boy," asked Captain Thomson's deep voice.
"No, sir," said Dan eagerly

The Captain opened the door and en tered. He seated himself on the edg of the bed and lightly touched the bandaged hand.
"Is it very painful?" he asked gently. "Oh! no, sir," said Dan. "It hardly, hurts. But did they catch them, sir? "Yes, they were caught just as they were boarding the train," answered the
Captain. "You acted very bravely tonight, Marshall, and I have just finished writing this application to the AttorneyGeneral," drawing a paper from his pocket." "In it I have asked that your sentence be commuted and I have every reason to hope it will be granted
"And then 1'll-" cried Dan, sitting upright.
"You will be free," said Captain Thomson slowly.
There was a long moment of silence, Then Dan exclaimed hoarsely, "Tear it up, sir! Tear it up! Tear it up!" "What do you mean?" cried the Captain.
"Please, sir, I doant want to go away. You're the only one what ever lovei me-and I o:ter to stay-1 deservo The Captain looked at the boy's face The Captaing white in the dim lig'it from the showing white in the eyes were shining like stars and an answering light came into the Captain's face. For a moment the two looked deep into each other's eyes. Then slowly, deliberately, the elder man tore the paper, piece fo piece, and let rl "I guess I'll go to sleep now," said The Captain leaned over him.
The Captain leaned over him. "Another name has been added to the said softly, "and I think it is written in said sors of gold."
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## Scotch Column

Conducted by William Wye Smith, Scottish Export on Standard Dictionary,
ranslator of New Testament in

The First Verse of a song in praise of Miss Margaret Fullerton, by Robert As I gaed up the side o' Nith,
Ae simmer morniñg early,
Wi' gowden locks, on dewy leas
The broom was wavin' fairly
Aloft, unseen, in cloudless sky,
Aloft, unseen, in cloudless sky,
The lark was singing clearly,
The lark was singing cleary, I spied My pretty Meg, my dearie.

## A wheen Scots Proverbs

 He has a bee in his bonnet-lug! I wadna ca' the king my cousin Jouk, and let the jaw gang by!Law-makers should na be law-breakers. L'll say naething, but I'll yerk at the TII say ninking!
Keep yer tongue a prisoner, and yer body will gang free
Laugh at yer ain toom pouches! It's gude to hae yer cog oot, when it raias Marry for love, and work for siller.
"Auld Reekie." Robert Chamber tells us it was an old Laird of Largo who invented the name "Auld Reekie" for Ed inburgh. This old gentleman, in the long of evening family-worship by the appearof of the smoke of Edinburgh. When the
good folks of the capital were preparing good folks of the capital were preparing
their supper, and the "reek" began to rise, their supper, and the "reek" began to rise,
the Laird would say, "It's time noo, the Lair would say, beds, for Auld Reekie, I see, is pittin' on her nichtcap."

The wallie never failed us
E'en at our sairest need;
But when the heat assail
We ran to it wi' speed!
And as we sloked our drouthie craigs, Ilk ane was fain to cry-
"It's braw to hae a wallie
$\therefore$ When the burn rins dry." -Robert H. Calder
The Cambuslang School-Board are distributing $£ 30$ in prizes among the schools of the parish. A good idea.

The Dumfries School-Board a year ago made a rule to compel the wearing of a certain regulation Academy hat. This year they are
ed the foolish regulation.

Border fat cattle were selling at prices higher this Spring than were ever known.
As to farm-wages; at Stirling Feeing Fair for farm-servants, married men were engaged at 20 to 23 shillings per week, with free house; junior ploughmentgo

Broughty Ferry and Monifieth will shortly be included within the Corporation of the City of Dundee.

Aberdeen barbers have raised the price of a "shave" from three halfpence to twopence; and haircutting from threepence to fourpence

Andrew Carnegie, LL.D., as Rector Aberdeen University, gave his Recto-
o homely advice, about honesty, ability and character, and severely scorned the use of liquor

Come busk ye braw, my bonnie bride, And hap ye in my gude grey, plaid;
And ower the Brigo, Doon well ride Awa' to Carrick hills, love! For there's flowery braes in (aurick land,
There's wimplin' burns in Carrick laud And beauty beams on ilka hand, Amang the Carrick hills, love! An Edinburgh firm was fined $£ 30$ or 60 days") for selling Esen worth of Real Kerry weed to made in Scotland

Gin God gang-na till the stoure, kings wad be wysser at hame!-Hately Waddell.
Scots Names. "Beckett," at the little brook
"Carr," rock, hollow place or grove "Calhoun," hazel-tree dwelling. "Pringle,"," the pilgrim.
"Prescott," the priest's cottage.
"Aylmer,", renowned race.
"Powell," son of Howell. (ap Howell).
"Powell," son of Howell. (ap
"Redham," red or reed home.
"Allerton,", alder-tree town.
Kissing. One of those tender caresses, which ladies sometimes bestow on each other, with unnecessary prodigality; to the great dir Walter Scott.

The Minister of Biggar, in Lanarkshire whose abilities, whatever they might be, were held in the utmost scorn, on accoun of his "reading," was one day concluding his discourse as an old woman of the
true leaven was leaving the church. He rue leaven was laa his sermon and those of the Bible at the same time, saying with emphasis, intended as a sort o clincher to his argument, "I add no more." "Be

Hurrah for the land o' the brown-covere brae, 'the land owan, the haw and the Slae! Where waves the blue harebell in dingle The land ond the pibroch, the bonnet an plaid. _-_
John Clerk, the famous Advocate, had been at his potations one fine morning in Edinburgh, and was wending At on particular place he stopped confused, with his back to the wall, and hied a street caddie, or porter.
"Can you tell me, my man, the road to John Clerk's house?"
"Ye're a fine fellow," replied the caddie "to ask the road to John Clerk's, house, when ye're John Clerk himsel. "I ken th Advocate "bery weel," replied the house. Oxter me to his house, and there's a shilling.'

In a' yer dealins, gie yer neibor the cast ${ }^{\prime}$ ' the bank.
The Weavers of Jedburgh brought home with them the banner under which They old/banner was lost in a fire 14 years ago; but a colored drawing of it has now been presenilson.

The Provost and Council of Elgin are furious at the Secretary for Scotland, in dealing ,with Elgin as something less than a "city"" They say it was acknowledged as a city by the King of Scotland
long ago as the Twelfth Century. O Scotland mine, my mother-land, How grand, how fair art thou! The sunbeams play about thy feet
The lightnings round thy brow! How stout of arm, how fierce of speech, In battle and in storm;
But to thy children, bosom-nursed How tender-souled and warm!
"In Church, Sir." When Lister, the rreat surgeon, was in a professor's Chair in Elinburgh-Lister himself was han . many to sere him. He called at Lister's flolise on a sumday (having arrived in Bidinburgh the night before), and ask
of the maid who opened the door if her mazter wat at home. "Sir, he most where ${ }^{\text {ertan }}$ is not" "Could you tell me "You will find him in chureh, sir, where yon omght in be!" Ther doa't be

A Scotsman says you may say what you like in the care to contradict yourself in the papers."
The Rev. Sydney Smith wrote in later years, of his five years' sojourn in Edinburgh-"Never shall I forget the happy days passed there, amidst odious smells, barbarous sounds, bad enlightened excellent hearts, and most entivated understandings.'

A strike of gravediggers in Glasgow A strike of gravediggers men getting another shilling a day. "Folk maun be bury't," and they all went to work again.
Oh, weel I lo'e our auld Scots sangs The mournfu' and the gayThey charmed me by a mother's knee
In bairnhood's happy day; In bairnhood's happy day; And even yet, though ower
The snaws of age are flung, The blude loups joyfu' in my veins Whene'er I hear them sung!
Somebody suggests a statue of Mr Carnegie at his birthplace Dunfermline Fifeshire, and that the work be en trusted to a Scottish sculptor.
"Fine morning," Donald. What's the day going to be ?", "Weel, I'm thinkbaromaybee ithl rain." "But the barometer is rising, Donald." "Yes, but
it's very little heed the weather hereabouts pays to the barometer!",
A Scottish angler " several times thought he had a "bite," but was mis taken. Making another and very sack of his coat just too high, and just too low to be reached with his hand. He tried to rub it out against a tree, in vain. Then he looked for somebody to help him. He kept on down stream, for five miles, and saw a man. "Will you kindly pull that hook out of my back. I've come miles to
get help." "Certainly, sir; but why on earth didn't you pull off your coat?" He had not thought of that.

Harry Lauder has a brother-Alick -who is also funny. He has been do ing South Africa, and is now in Aus tralia.
"A Bee in His Bonnet." At a political meeting in Glasgow the other night, cal meeting in Glasgow the other night,
his bonnet," and he demurred, till one man called
Aberdeen will let out a tramear street car) for 30 shillings, for a
funeral. The cab proprietors, backed up by the undertakers, are up in arms against the new innovation. "Nobody ever heard of such a thing before!"

## Just Think of

A Congressman, who is recognized as an authority in matters of state, had been to Baltimore one afternoon with
his family. When they left the train at Washington, on their return, his' wife discovered that her umbreila, which had been intrusted to the care of her hus band, was missing
"Where's my umbrella?" she demand ed.
"I'm a fraid I've forgotten it, my dear," meekly answered the Congressman. "I must still be in the train."
"And to think that the atiairs of the nation are intrusted to a man who doesn't know enough to take care of a woman's umbrella! ${ }^{\text {² }}$


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## DECEMBER

$1791-1 s t-$ Proclamation of Division o
Canada into two provinces appeared in Quebec Gazette.
1841-1st-"Canadian Spelling Book," the first book granted a Canadian copyright.
term -1st-Adams George Archibald term as Lt.Gov. Manitoba ended. Gov. Manitoba
1738-3rd-La Verandrye entered the village of the Maudans
1827-3rd-Presbyterians
appealed to the Home Government for appealed to the Clergy Reserves. 1881 -3rd-Edgar Dewdney appointed Et.Gov. N.W. Territories.
604-4th-Estate of Brittany decide to support the demand of the merchants
of St . Malo for freedom of fur trade
with Acadia.
1835-4th-Sir Richard Cartwright born at Kingston, Ont.
794-5th-Lt.-Gov. Simeoe made the trip from York to Kingston in an open boat.
837-5th-Mackenzie's march on Toronto.
837-5th-Martial Law proclaimed at Montreal.
892-Jin-Sir J. A. Chaplean appointed
1892-5th-Sir Mackenzie Bowell, K.C. M.G., appointed Senator.

1678-6th-Niagara Falls discovered by Hennepin.
1739 - 6 th-Lt.-Gov. Col. L. Armstrong's second term as Administrator of Nova Scotia ended.
1855-6th-Fourth Battery Field Artillery, Hamilton, organized. 1861-6th-Seventh Battery Field Ar tillery, St. Catherine's, organized.
$1600-7$ th-Agreement of Jehan Brouét for five crowns per month for his ser vices as doctor on one of Chauvin vessels sailing to Newfoundland. 1649-7th-Father Charles Gariner mur
dered by the Iroquis at St. Jean, a Hered Mission.
1739-7th-John Adams made Governo of Nova Scotia.
1770-7th-Hearne left Fort Prince of Wales the third time, with famous Indian guide, "Matonabbee"
the "Fete of the the Fete of the Immaculate Concep tion" at Father Point.
838-8th-Von Schoultz
Kingston. 1852-8th-Charter of Laval Universit Quebec, signed by Queen Victoria. Can7789 - 10 th Parliament closed. Agricultural Society formed, stıll in Agricultur
1868-10th-Earl Granville appointe Secretary of State for Colonies. 1889-10th-Hon. J. A. Lougheed, Cal gary, appointed Senator. McClure. McClure. 1862 -lith-13th Royal Regt., Hamilton Ont., organized.
$1812-12$ th - John Sandfield Macdonald born at St. Raphaels, U.C
831 - 12 th-Wm. Lyon Mackenzie pelled from U.C. House for libe.
$497-13$ th-Edict of Henry VII. grant ing Pension of $£ 20$ per annum to John Cabot.
1665-13th-Treaty of Quebec - D Tracy's treaty with the Iroquois. 804-13th-Joseph Howe, states 18il-13th-Hon. W. J. Macdonald Victoria, made a Senator.
1855-14th-N.W. Territories as an ad ministrative unit came to an eud. 1653-16th- England.
$1876-10$ th-Luc. Letellier de St. Just appointed Lt.-Gor. Chelpece.
$1892-16$ th-Hon. John N. Kirch Kofler Brandon, appointed remator. Asociates
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Island of, Montral. to the
 to de Ments a monopely of the furs
trade of New France for ten years.

1704-18th-Simon Denys de Bonaven ture administration of Acadia began 1854-18th-Parliament of Canada ad journed.
1854 -18th
ernorship of Lord Elgin came to end.
$1876-18$ th-Fu
18. of Quebec, from "Spencerwood."
$1890-18 t h-H o n$. G.'G. King, Chipman, 1896-18th-Hon. G. G. King, Chiphan,
N.Bade Senator. N.B., made Senat 160-19th- Whree ships sailed from
London, by London Co. for furs 1813-19th-Gen. Riall crossed to Lewiston, took and burned its 1913-19th-Death of James McG:11, founder of McGill University.
1853-19th-Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, 1833-19th-Sir Charles
K.C., M.G., born Quebec 1854-19th-Sir Edmund Walker Head became Governor of Canada. 1863-19th-Hon. Adelard Furgeon, K.C., C.M.G., C. V.O., M.L.C., born. 1891-19th-New Westminster, B. C.,
and Old Westminster were directly connected by C.P.R. Telegraph and Bennet-McKay cables.
1615-20th-Champlain 1615-20th-Champlain with Huron guides reached Huron towns
1867-20th-First Session minion Parliament adjourne 1883-21st-Royal Canadian Dragoons organized, Toronto, Ont., and St. John's Que.
1887-21st-New Court House, Quebec, inaugurated. tween England and United States). 1881-24th-Hon. Thos. McKay, Truro N.S., appointed Senator.

1635-25th-Mare Antoine Bras de fer
de Chateaufort appointed administra tor of New France.

1650-25th-Mass first celebrated in
Church of Notre Dame de la Paix Church
Quebec.
Quebec.
1791-26th-Constitutional Government became effective in the Canadas (Up per and Lower)
1610-27th-Contract of marriage be
tween Champlain and Helen Boullé tween Champlain and Helen Boulle 1855-27th-Governor-Generals Body
guard Dragoons organized Toronto. 1694-28th-William III. inaugurater King of England.
1852-28th-St.
1852-28th-St. Patrick's Institute
founded Quebec.
1852-28th-Duke of Newcastle ap
pointed Secretary of State for
Colonies.
the Missouri
the Missouri. adrift and sent Caroline" was cu 1868-29th-Lord Lisgar (Sir John Young) GCMG appointed Gov. General of Canada. for Legisla 1870-30th-First election for
tive Assembly of Manitoba. tive Assembly of Nantoba.
1491-31st-Jacques Carter born (?) 1491-311st-Jacques Charts Charter of Island of Newfoundland to Sir George Cal

1iā-31st-At 4 a.m. the American began the assault of Quebec, Mont gomery's point of attack Pres-de-Viri barricade; 431 of Arnold's men su
rendered, and Montgomery killed. 1813-31st-Black Rock (Niagara Dis trict) captured by General Riall. 1605-6-Winter of - M. de Corcell spent winter among the Mohawls an
makes first mention of Lake Thousand Isles (St. Lawrence River) 1790-Population of Canada, 161,311. 1818-Population of Upper Canada estimated 120,000; Lower, 375,000. 1840-Population St. John, N. B., 19,28 1870
Winnipeg, December 1st, 1912.

## The Interrupting School

Richard Mansfield's interesting young son has begun school life. He was sup posed to be enjoying at ane morning recently, found his father, seated hin where he carelessly in the largest chair, and said: "I'm getting tired of goin father. I think I shall stop." in some surprise," "what's your objection to going surprise, "
to school ?"
"Oh"

Oh," answered the youngster, suppressing a yawn, "it breaks up the day
so."

## Unavailing Evidence

"Of what were you accused?" a of risoner was aske. by a visitor to a gave, nade a good fight. I had able counsel, and he proved an alibi with ten witnesses. Then lie made a powerful speech to the jury. But it was of no use; I got two
years." "How was it that in the face of such rebutting evidence you were not acquitted?" asked the visitor. "Well, sir," explained the prisoner, "there was watch was found in my pocket!"

## A Progeny Problem

A miner living in the North of Eingland took his two liftle sons to school for tl:e irst time. "Are schoolmaster. "Yis, sor," answered Geordic. "Then, I suppose, as their ages are both the same, they're thins? "No, No," cried Geordie, theyre no twins, sor!" The schoolmaster thouigh for a moment. "Well, if they are broth-
ers and both the same age," lie" said, 4 , ers and both the same age," he said, 111
admit you are cleverer tlan I am you can prove that they're not twing?" "W,y can prove that they re not twor
theyre triplets, sor, but the other yenf
deed!"

## Christmas at the Windward Light



CHRISTMAS out at the Wind'ard Light,
Waves blue-green with a fringe of white,
Feel in the air like snowin', Breakers jumpin' acrost the ledge Flingin' the ir sprays tergether
Bell-buoy settin' yer teeth on edgeMy, but it's windy weather!

SCHOONER footin' it east by soun,
Runnin' at every scupper, Beatin' in fer the harbor mouth, Home fer the Christmas supper.
Skipper holdin his hat on tight,
Hailin' me clear and jolly:
"Merry ChristmastheWind'ard Light!" "Same ter all on the Polly!"

By Joe Lincoln

COAL-BARGE swashin’ along
Tug a-puffin' and gruntin’ Deckhouse hung with the Christmas green,
Bright with the Christmas Buntin';
"Merry Christma!" the lighthouse bell Calls as it clangs abo
"Toot, toot!" answers the whist
"Same, and amen

CHRISTMAS out as the Wind'ard Light,
Ma at work in the kitchen, right,
Settin' yer mouth a-twitchin',
Youngsters playin' with doll and drum Praisin' up Santy's glory
Calkerlatin" he must have com Round last night in a dory.

OLD notheaster keeps on ter Clouds ain't a bit the thinner.
But what of it? From down below
Ma is a-callin" "Dinner!" in't complainin' a single mite, Wouldn't swap jobs with manymistmas here in the Wind'ard Ligh lust as merry as any.


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# The Feast of All Peoples <br> N 

Specially Written for The Western Home Monthly by R. F. McWilliams, B.A., LL.B.

ARISTMAS DAY is the one universal day of joy in all Christmas lands. Whether we be orthodox or heretic; whether we or our fathers were borin under the skies of Britain, or France, or Italy, or Russia, we all celebrate this one great day; and gather families and friends about that we may enjoy be one of especial value to us of the West. In this, be one of especia
vast melting pot of the twentieth century where the hardy and courageous of all lands are gathered to carve out homes for themselves, and to develop new ideals for a nation, it is well that we should welcome and make the most of those days which are dear and
of loving memory to all. From whatever lands we may have comet this day is an old friend clothed with memories, and for all it has the same meaning. In commemoration of the birth of the Babe whose life was to be one of innocence and unselfishness and who was to become the light and hope of countless mile and kindnesses and loving remembrances as most beititing the spirit of the Child Jesus.

Most men if asked from what race the English of later generations have come would promptly answer 'the Anglo-Saxon,' and would perhaps boast
of their purity of blood.' No greater mistake could of their purity of blood. No greater mistake could be made. It took the Anglo-Saxon-Jute combination of the earlier time and even then the conquest was only accomplished by the absorption of the older and utterly different race whose blood mingling with that of the conquerors has produced those special types of Engligh character which even today had Alfred established some unity in the land, when he whole eastern half was conquered by the Danes and their blood mingled with that of the Angles to form a type which still lingers along the east care and among the fen Confessor restored again a nominIly English rule, than the country was overwhelmed by the Norman invasion and for 300 years England was ruled and her whole national characeereak the formed by a people who did not even speak the tongue of the Anglo-saxon. and the English language developed, and it is to the fusion of the strongest elements of these divers people that we owe that character But mad the nation the greatest in the world. For centurie mixture did. not cease even then. For centuries England was the refug, whom prosecution had driven out of their own homes, cast in their lot with the people of England, enriching her blood and adding many,

The American who crosses the line to join his fortunes with ours is in most cases the inheritor, a fortunes with of all the glories of Pritish history. He may have as much right to boast of Balaclava an Waterloo; or his fathers may liave fought with ours in the great struggle against France for world-wid empire; or fough of Europe and of religion. Even if for the freedom on traces his ancestry back to the Mayflower he but makes himself of the best Englishl blood whichi proved in its very leaving of Elizabeth and Shakespeare. If he has separate from his father's house, it has been but to buid up a new Britain dominated at heart by the eame great priai to the weak; the same love of liverty, the same birthright of free goyerm", is liws are just, our the "American Invasion?" If our laws are just, our people and our courts honest and our government administered for the public good, we slas loyal to "Inviders" quickly becoming Canadians las of their the la
birth.

And who shall deny. to the. French-Canadian any place in the making of this people?
the contincut in search of the Western sea, first to carry the Clristmas message to the Indian triluses
first to make lis lome in the promised lamul. hue has
a right to share in all its privileges and prosperity Beaten through no fault of his own in the struggle for military supremacy, he has loyally acceptel his place in the Brish or the side' defence. His or the race which thousand years held first place among the nations His heart is as true, his hand as steady, his courage as great as any man's. He will make his contribution to the new Britain of the west as the B
the old did to the Britain behind the channel

But what of the other less well-known people But what of the other less well-known peoples
from the continent of Europe. Of what material are they? What can they contribute to the fibre of ou people? What answer can they make if challenged
to show their right to share in the privileges of this people show their
to
Western land?

Twenty years ago there began an immigration from Iceland, and Englishmen wondered what thes people wen of the north had back of them centurie of wonderful literature. It was not long before we learned that they had minds and ambitions which needed but opportunities, and that they could pro duce students and business men fit to compete with ago most of the Icelanders were laborers and poo farmers borrowing the means to build their homes; already they are on their feet and many of the are lenders or employers. Today we welcome all the settlers we can get, not only from Icelanl, but from They came speaking a strange language, doing our laboring work, looked upon as foreigners, but today regarded as among the best of our Canadian stock Of the Germans, the Dutch, the Belgians, the Swiss, little need be said. We know something of what these peoples have done in their own lands, for has it not been. With these that our owiss we have had to compete. The Dutch a loved because of those very virtues which we most highly prize, and our fathers have many times stood shoulder to shoulder in the battles for freedom both civil and religious. One generation of union and national strength has developed the German people mistress of the seas as they strain the bounds of their limited area and cast wistful eyes on the broad areas England holds for her sons. We need in this country the patient, thorough, determined industry of us and the stronger the ties which will bind these two peoples together and prevent their drifting into a frightful struggle for military supremac

Then what of the Poles, the Galicians, the Russians, the Hungarians, the Bulgarians? Do we forget that for centuries the Poles were one of the great fit to compare with that of any land? That in the days when the fate of Europe and Christianity hung in the balance before the invasion of the Turks in the time of their might, it was the Hungarians who bore the brunt of the battle and sucrificed their own prosperity and development in the protection of the
Western nations? And that in the most critical of all times it was a Pole who was chosen to lead the allied armies of the Cross and who won the victory that settled the fate of Europe? Is there not room for peoples who have the spirit of the thousand o Greeks and Bulgarians who but a month ago threw
to the winds their prospects and their hopes in this to the winds their prospects and of to hasten back to the help of native land in the mighty struggle to free their people from the yoke of the unspeakable Turk? Are the Ruthenian
Galicians who have, during centuries of foreign rule, Galicians who have, during centuries of foreign mint
oppressed by stronger neighbors, maintained their oppressed by stronger neighbors, maintained their
language and nationality and their own peculiar form of Christianity, not a people with the strength of character, the ideals, the ambition to bring into the
melting pot elements which shall add to the power melting pot elements which shall add to the pow
and the fibre of our composite race? Watch the Galician laborers crowding their churches on a Smi day, size them up, and see whether they have not
these very qualities which we value minst in tho briti ish working poople. Comsider whether there
not in these peophes, who after centurices of "hpme
ion and absolute rule, have still the courage to emirate thousands of miles in search of a land where hey. may win homes and liberty for themselves and heir children, that same spirit which drove new ands where they might enjoy liberty of conscience nd the right of self government. Consider with What steadiast faith the Doukhobors have clung to church of the Apostles. Then ask yourself whether these peoples have not earned the right to share in the good things of a land which cries out for men and women of ambition, of faith, of character, of en-
durance.
durance.
As we think upon these things, we are forced to see that there are among all these diverse peoples, elements of common interest and influences for union far stronger and deeper than at first appear. First and foremost, there is the bond of a common Chris lian faith. With all the differences in forms and tian peoples a common faith in the gentle, loving lesus, a common acceptance of his teachings, a common devotion of the spirit of his cross. Christianit is the great bond that shall eventually unite al peoples, and God has given to us Candians of the
West the opportunity to show to the world what the spirit of his truth can do to break down the batrier which have so long separated the peoples of the eearth and made them enemies instead of friends.
Christmas Day is the world's great day of joy and peace. It is a day of joy for the birth of hitim
who was so soon to become a light to lighten the who was so soon to become a light to lighten, the Gentiles and whose very birth brought forth magnifi-
cent songs of joy for the glad tidings which he came cent songs of joy for the glad tidings which he came
to bring. As we think of the child in his lowly cot sharing not the luxury of the rich or even the comforts of the well-to-do, the hearts of every one of us are drawn to him and we rejoice with one accord and
join in the universal song of love. "Peace on earth goodwill to men," was the very essence of the meaning of this birth and every x ar as the day comes round we acknowledge the beauty of the messag and profess the truth. Sometimes our hearts are very narrow and our good will scarcely passes beyond the
bounds of our families and our friends; sometimes it reaches out and embraces the people of our own land and our kin beyond the sea; sometimes, though rare ly, we realize that the good will of Jesus knew no distinction of race or creed or country; that it mat ters not to him whether a man be English, Irish,
French, German, Galician, Russian, Bulgarian; that he meant us all to be His brothers and brothers each of every other.

Sometimes men try to imagine what would happen if Christ were to come to visit us and take again Ior a time the human form. Among what surroundchoose for his companions? What would men do in the presence of the Son of Man? Where think you
he would wish to spend the Christmas Day? Would he would wish to spend the Christmas Day? Would it be among the nations of Europe, armed to the teeth for slaughter? Would it be among the rulers prosperity while the rich grow ever rich and the poor struggle for existence and jostle each other for bread? Would it be in the great cities of this continent that was once the land of oppottunity for all but where now the powerful of our own race trample under foot the poor of all races in a struggle for gold more ter-
rible than any war. Vould it not rather be that he would seek out that country where men of all races and creeds lived together in peace and harmony and yood will and every man hat thought for his neighhor's good. If he found in this We.st a Canada which
knew no distinctions, where every man was valued for kuew no distinctions, where every man was valued for
liic own real worth, where peace aud good will were his own real worth, where peace and good will were life. might it nut hee even here that he would wish to olphd hix Christ mas and: departing, leave "upon us hii* henenctiction: "Mr peace 1 give unto you." The message of thic, the greatest of all days, was The message of this, the greatest of all days, was
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## A Christmas Suggestion



## Give Your Wife a Hoosier Cabinet save miles of steps for her tired feet

## Do you know how many miles of steps your wife takes in the

 kitchen? Her table is the center of her kitchen work. To that she must bring everything and then carry it all away.must bring everything and then carry it all away.
You can see her now as she works around in her kitchen-never You can see her now as she works around in her kitchen-never
still-never stopping-always moving until you are impelled to say to her-

## "Don't You Ever Stop?"

A woman never stops-she can't-there's too much to do. The time she might spend in resting she puts in walking back and forth in an inconvenient kitchen, getting things together that ought to be all in one place. You can save her countless steps by giving her a Hoosier Cabinet. It combines pantry and cupboard around a big table covered with pure aluminum, and puts everything at her fingers' ends.

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buying it for their wives this Christmas to cut their kitchen work in two.

## Designed by Women

This Hoosier Cahinet has been developed year by year from the suggestions of housekeepers. It is compact and wonderfully con-venient-built of solid oak to last a lifetime-beautifuly
handsome enough to grace the finest kitchen in the land. handsome enough to grace the finest kitchen in the land. Every woman who owns a Hoosier Cabinet urges her fin two. To have one. Enormous sales ave bent, the factory fixes the price. Thus you get the give you the benefit, the for mearth at much less than you would have to pay if it were made in small quantities.

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## THE YOUNG MAN AND HIS PROBLEM

By James L. Gordon, D.D., Central Congregational Church, Winnipeg

THE walld's greatest master was a servant. He associated himself with the poor, sought out
the needy, and gave himsclf to the things which were obscure. The world's greatest need is an extraordinary specialist in the realm of ordinary. Men who can do small things in a great fashion. Men who are too big to regard any necessary thing as common or unclean. "J. B." of the Christian
World is a great writer. Let me quote from him: Worrd is a great writer. Let me quote from him:
Louis Philippe once said that one of the qualificaLions for being King of - rance was that of being able to black his own boots. It was a jesting reference to the instability of a. French throne; but it is an excellent teaching for kings and dignitaries generally.
If. we are capable of service-even if it be in llacking boots-we are all right; without that ceapacity there is nothing right.'

## GOOD FEELING

Christmas stands for the enthronement of every holy sentiment. Cinristmas means the exercise of generous emotions, toward all men on the ground of a common origin and destiny. Since. we are brothers
let us be big brothers. Why should I not differ with man and vet love him. Let anger, even, be for moment and limited to the realm in which it was manifested. It is related of the late Lord Randolph Churchill that in a conversation with Mr. Archibald Forbes, the famous war correspondent, the tall turned from a prolonged and minute examination of Indian affairs undertaken at the instance of the paper on which he was employed; and Lord Randolph hai just completed a term as seretary of state for India To a statement of Mr. Forbes, Lord Randolph said "I know you have been in India, but from what you
say I shouldn't suppose you knew where it was." And say I shouldn't suppose you knew where it was. An
Mr. Forbes replied to Lord Randolph: "Yes, you Mr. Forbes repilied to Lerd Randioph: sealed book to you." Doesn't that sound promising for a family feud? And yet immediately after the two men were ladies; to think of each other as self-respecting men laught to think of each other and none the worse that they differed from each other on matters pertaining to India.

## YOUR ENEMIES

Pick out your enemy for some special kindness, Melt him with kindness. Pat his children ofn the head. Speak pleasantly to lis wife. Be kind to his
dog. Go out of your way to confer a favor. Send dog. Go out of your way to confer a favor. Senc article over to his store. Let it be known that you article ove to
rejoice in his sucess and are pleased with his conrejoice in his siccess and are pilase it. It will fetch
tinued prosperity. Kindness will do it. him - sure. The racy writer remarks: "Both in private and in public life,' says Shafteslury, 'Palmerton was a very pacaile sirity at all. ...On one ociasion he had decidel to name a certain clergyman to a vacaut bishopric. A day or two afterwards he wrote to me to say that since he had made up his mind for Dr. --, he had reecivect a letter from ord Russell, with a request that a friend ontion might be appointed to the see. If, he cont huend
Russell's man lee a gool and proper man, 1 should wish to appoint him, hecause you know Russell once lhreatenell me in a very rough way, and I desire to show hium I have quite forgiven it "" A goonl lessunn
to many twoth in aul out of pulitics, who take revenge to many lw th in and out of pol
whenever opportunity offers.

## DO SOMETHING

The holiday season is a good one for action. Do omething. Send a gift to the poor and a present for those who are not so poor-a book for your
pastor $\overline{\text { that }}$, s me) -a dollar for your postman-an apron for the maid-a piece of silver for the grocer's erk-a box of mixtures. for the newshoy aething!of coal for the poor thar British Weekly begins with
splendid article in the - bre these words: In "The Remains of the Rev. Richari Ceeil"-a forgotten bat powerful book-there is a
saying which Bulwer has put into the mouth of saying which Bulwer has put into the mouth of
Austin Claxtori. It is very relevant today. "The state of the worlid is such, and so much depends on action, that everything seems to say aloud to every man, Do Something-Do It-Do It." We wrh chact one word and say: "The state of that everythin!
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It-Do It.,

## GIFTS OF THE POOR

The gratest gifts have heen the gifts of the child of poverty. Out irom the haunts of hunger
was poor yet he presented humanity with a new empty purse may be slender and thy hand empty of good and silver but thou hast something for said concerning a the worla. Lord John Rassell ised to come to me generally in the evening, and always enveloped in a poncho or cloak, which garment he never quitted while the interview lasted. This ap peared singular. I sub.equently ascertained that his
reason for coming means to purchase lights for his own use-and there fore he wrote and prepared his orders, maps, etc., as long as daylight lasted, and then came to me. He wis clothes, for he literally had not wherewithal to procure a decent suit. The pay and rations that he ought to have received from the Government of Montevideo never reached him, or only a trifling part of them.

## BROWNING'S MANNERS

That man is a poor Christian whose manner and style are not improved by his religion. Tact is such a useful attribute of personality. Politeness is such a superior piece of velvet in the realm of social inter-
course. Thoughtful consideration is such a rest producing lubricant in the wear and tear of life's machinery. Study to say the right word. Stndy to do the right thing. It is worth while and will be rememBrowning: "I heard this little story exemplifying his yood manners. His son- 'the third incomprehensible in the world, as some wit said when he heard of Robert Barrett Browning's birth-was holding an
exhibition of his sculpture in Rome The sell exhibition of his sculpture in Rome. The sculptor had given a card of invitation to the servants, and 'Mr. Robert's's' work. She arrived very shyly at the exhibition just when the room was thronged with fashionable folks. The poet discernefl her nervons-
ness, and instantly left the group of friends by whom ness, and instantly left the group of friends by whom
he was surrounded. With a courtly low to the cook, he said: 'May I have the pleasinre of taking youl round the room? And master and servant went round the studio, Robert Browning explaining each
sulbject with as much care as if he had been escorting a duchess."

## SINCERITY

Sincerity is a heart quality. No true orator ever lacked it. It is the golden glory of the home and the silver light of the pulpit. To lie real, true, vital, of its present-day hero. How Thomas Carlyle pladed for sincerity. Thomas (iuthrie was a splendidid illus tration of the thing for which Thomas Carlyle labored. He says: I had gone through a more constly ank complete preparation or the mimistry than most men. I was not open to the charge of vanity and better than many, who had got in while I was left out in the cold. I had waited by the pool for five long, weary years; and all this was so distheart cuing and mortifying, that, hut for Gool's sustainine hand and good providence, I had alandoned the pro-
forsion in discust-resolved that, if I could not enter the Church without forfeiting in sacrificing my principles forir a living. 1 would seek to support my welf and serve (ionl in some secular finssuit."

## FRAGMENTS

Fragments of time. easual remarks, wayside grectings, common-place decils, every day points of contacts, circumstantial involutions, evolutions and revolutions-the olds and ends of life - the things which both please and aunoy-these are things which
work their wav into the faltiric of lift. In one of her letters Mliss liavergal writes: "The lits of waysile work are very sweet. Perhaps the odd bits. when all is done, will really come to more than the semmingly greater pieces! - the chance conversations with rich
and poor, the seed sown in ondd five minutes, eveen the and porr, the seed sown in ond five minutes, oven the
tables dhiote for me and the rides and fricmes talloses tables dhlote for me and the rides and frimnd tand
for von!

## CECIL RHODES

The Child of Nazareth was a dreamer. Tie had : vision of a world redemed. The circle of his will wat
as large ats the circomference of the rate? He luld humanity in his eye. And every great dreamer. In mateclless one. What is vour dream. your vision,
 consecinus of the magneti $i m$ of Africa, the sit tract iown
of that vast unexplored region to the Sorth, wlich
was one day to receive from him its name, he would hamself find it very hard to say. But, at any rate, he had already for many years ruminated over the idea when, sixteen years ago Mo Moving his hand as a pointer over the map of Africa, up to the as a pointer over the map of Africa, up to, the
Zambesi, he said, 'That's my dream-all English.'"

## TOIL AND TEARS

In almost every case greatness has been consecrated by sorrow-and sometimes sorrow overwhelming. I' would like to be great, famous, popular and
world renowned, but, I fear the cross.- Think of Carlyle and his temperamental gloom. Think of Beecher and his great trial. Think of Lincoln and his sad love affair. Think of Grant and his miserable failure in business. But how heroic it is to be great in sorrow, noble in suffering and firm in tribulation. Following this line a modern writcr says: "It has been pointed out that Walter scott becams oreat his a man and realized the highest expression ont her his life. Mr. Benson pointed out the commenplace character of Scott's personal journal up to the time before the, failure of his publishers took place. But after that failure a new note became vocal in the
great writer's journal, a new personality emerged great writer's journal, a new personality emerged.
One remembers in this connection the letter which upon the day succeeding the news of the disaster Scott wrote to an intimate friend: "I have walked for the last time in these halls which I have built, looked for the last time in all protability at the do
main which I have plantel, but death would hâe taken these things from me if misfortune had not." The letter concludes with the words, "Adversity is to me a tonic and a bracer." "Look at that manuseript, says Ruskin, referring to Scott's novel of "Wood stock" which was in course of writing ate the time
"written in the very maelstrom of that adversit' and not by the quiver of a hair stroke, not by the suggestion of a single tremor in the laind, not 'by an erasure or change, not by any falling off in the creative interest of the story could hiyone detec that when seott wrote the second partor of that nove
hie did so under a cloud of litter adversity."

## Two STANDARDS

There are two ways of looking at life-through eal glas. row and exclaim: "I have climbed it!" or you ca measure the immeasurable distance between the high est peak and the nearest star and allirm that ho and sliip wille ever span such a stetch of atmospherical hue. King (eoge of hid, harten colonies, proclaimed a day of thanksyiving because of hie return of peace His chaplaiul said to him: "For what woold your majesty have us give thanks? for hie fact that you have lost thirteen of the brightest ewels of your crown?" "No, not for that," sadid the ing. "Because "we have added millions to our Because tens of thoossauls of people of the same Gace have been destroyed?" "No. not for that,", said the king. "Why, then ?", insisted the chaplain,","and or what shall we give thanks?" "Thank (iod," said he king with great matters are no worse.'

## SELF CONTROL

This is the time of the year when we are lovingcomperlled to think of the things which are highlest.
 hiigh mountain range of all true achievement in the Beeclier tells an interesting stury concerning his father which illustrates our thought: $\quad 1$ remember that once a manc came to our house red with wrath
 listenend to lime with great attention and perfeet quie thess unt il he had got it all out, and then he said to him. in a soit and low tome. Well, 1 suppose goul
ouly wint what is just :und right ?' The man said, Yery gently went on the state the case over againt meryenty father said to lime If you have beend ing tonw what the trintu is:" He said he would. Thewn bat her wery quietly and gently made a state the man! wet ul, and said. Forgice me. Doctor. For Sive me:" Father had beaten lim by hix quiet, gentle


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## What the World is Saying

Woman Suffrage in the States
pproximately 630,000 women will yote this year Approximate they will probably number millions. New. York Aḿnerican

Think They Can Sing, and Can't
Truly, there are more people in this little city who think they conn sing and can't that

## Fourteen Happy Couples

"Why go to Canada?" Ask the fourteen young women who arrived in Montreal on an ocean steamer last week and were all married wit
landing.-London Daily Chronicle.

## One Effect of the War

There will probably be less currants in the $\mathrm{Ca}-$ nadian Christmas puddings this year on account of the war in Turkey.-Ottawa Citizen.

## Scotland Without Any Scots

Canadian magnetism is doing for Scotland what American magnetism has done for Ireland; it is deAmpulating it, and prophetic Scotsmen are dreading the advent

## Many Diverse Tongue

The Bible is said to be taught in 45 languages in the schools of Winnipeg. If true, the descendants of the builders of the tower of

## The Cost of High Living

Drinkers and smokers are paying "Uncle Sam" $2,000,000$ more a month this year than last, but they seem to think that phase of

## Prosperity and the Politician

Prosperity is a matter of indifference to the poli-tician-when times are good hes something to holler and when they are bad he

## The High Cost of Living

A New York woman pays ten dollars a day for a hotel room for her dogs and employs a maid to take care of them. Here is mald.

## One of Ye Editor's Joys

One of the greatest joys of editorial life is to read the effusions of nameless critics, who try to be smart at an editor's expense. Such things make on

## A Prize System of Bank Examining

An employee of a Michigan bank is said to be short more than $\$ 44,000$, much of which was taken sixteen years ago. That would indicate a prize system of
examining banks in that state.-St. Paul Pioneer Press.

## Home Life at Fault

The trial of 1,500 cases before the juvenile, court n Montreal suggests to the Herald that there is something amiss with the education of the boys and girls There certainly is. Their home lif.
wholly, at fault.-Kingston Whig.

## A Look into the Future

There is little doubt that there are many people ow living who will see the day when the population of Canada will exceed that of the created will bring with it situation which will be thus created

## A Delusion to be Dispelled

The practice of wife beating is partly due to a delusion that a man has a right to chastise his wife as he has to chastise his children. few floggings for wif this illusion more Tolegram

## Sobriety on the Increase

The Lackawanna Railroad has issued a notice to the effect that any employee caught drinking intoxithe effect tiars either on or off duty will be dismissed. This is in line with the action taken by sevcral other railways of late. The day when a man could yet intoxicated and still hold his position anding tw make
promotion has passed. Industry is working
a sober world.-Montreal Gazette.

## A Good Word for Pie

In its proper place pie is not only a palatable but utritious staple, an excellent vehicle of carbohydrates and fruit. It is not essentially indigestible, and denands only proper mastication and insalivation to

> A Progressive New Town. Think of it. The new town of Grouard, in the Peace River and Grande Prairie country, has before it a proposition for electric lights and waterworks. The first thing it knows it will be fully modern and will have a police investigation. - Edmonton Journal.

## Uncertain Visitors

The discovery of a new comet is reported in France, but after the trick Halley's will o' the wisp played on the astronomers they will hesitate to vouc for it until identificat on is established.-Lethbridg
Herald.

## The True Way to Improvement

Some persons have a notion that more of the right sort of interest in the children while they are tende and needfar of $h$ ip would rob the penal institutions of a large percentage of the toil levies upon humanity and
would make the world more glorious.-Saskatoon - Phoenix.

## Lesson of the Doukhobors

Whether they stay or go, the Doukhobors have unconsciously done Canada a service by fixing as a cardinal feature of the Canadian immigration foreign the principle of no publie invitation orden (B.C.) Star

## One of the Many Calls of the West

So many Toronto police officers are resigning to ccept positions in the West that the efficiency of the orce is threatened. Larger salaries Eastern blue coats can not resist.-Calgary Herald.

## A Kindly Smile Rewarded

That a pleasant smile is an asset is evidenced by the fact of a wealthy London woman bequeathing $\$ 500$ the fact of a wealtiled genially at her coming out of to a girl who smiled genialy expression was caused by the old lady not having her bonnet on straight.- Hamilton Herald.

Armored Umbrellas for Dreadnoughts
The new British battleship now building is to have its funnels protected with what may be calle armored umbrellas whissiles dropped from airships. There are few inventions in the way of destruction that are not followed by others that offset their power of doin harm.-New York Tribune.'

## Courage and Optimism

Nature is usually lavish with her gifts, and the promise that "so long as the earth remaineth seed time and harvest shall not fail" still remains good, even though local conditions may nol long way towards Besides, courage and optimism go a ong way towards nuch a process as a result.-Crystal City Courier

## Newfoundland's Old-age Pensions

The colony of Newfoundland is the first cisAtlantic commonwealth to provide old-age pensions. It has 800 old men of seventy-five years or more on the pension roll this year, bis calling for an increase in each, and the ropte -Toronto Globe.

The Yorkton Sage to the Young Man
Let the young man about town out of a job try year on the farm. Plowing behind a mule will give him an entirely new constitution, take the kinks out of his stomach, the weakness out of his legs, the corns of his stomach,
off his toes, and give him a good appetite, an hon
living and a sight of heaven.-Yorkton Times.

## Facts vs. an Ancient Joke

Two men who appeared before Judge Fry in the Debtors' Court in Chicago, swore that supported by their mothers-in-law, wour whom the in justice to a much-matigned class, whic pected is not at all as had as some son--i

Twenty years is a long time to spend in prison, but such a sentence is none too severe for a man who showed such readiness to resort to gun-play as O'Brien who has just been sent down by Justice Walsh a Lhothbridge. The incursion of these thugs from which Alberta has of late suffered has been a serious public menace and too strong an example can haral
of those who have been rounded up.-Calgary Albertan

## A First Need of Foreign Newcomer

deciding to open a night school for foreigners in the east end of the city, the board of education is doing what it can to aid these new arrivals to become good citizens. Their citizenship can never be of a satisfactory quality unless they obtain as least he udiments of an English educat themselves of this educational opportunity.-Hamilton Times.

## The Professor's Suggestion

Dr. Hugo Munsterberg, psychologist of Harvard niversity, holds out the possibinity of the previc sug of crime by hypnon intending crime committer frò his purpose. So might another kind of suggestion such as a policeman's club. The difficulty is to ge the criminal before he accomplishes his crime. H does not usually Advertiser.

## British Emigration

Principal Lloyd, of Saskatoon, declares that England has ten million more people than the land can support the way things aolitical and industrial unthat is the reason here Westerner is correct or not, it is rest. Whether the Westerner is correct or not, going on all the time. The satisfactory feature of the situation is that the great majority are going to other parts of the Empire. They ar allegiance.-Toronto News.

## Fashions and Expenditure

Mrs. Potter Palmer, the Chicago society leader, tacks the present styles as outlandish and immodest and hopes women will gradually learn to pay less attention to the modes of the minute. She also thinks oo much is spent on dress. It is feared Mrs. Palmer ope will not be realized. The women are paying history of the world, and there is no sign of a change As for the spending, it is going on at a great rate. A an example, Montreal stores are advertising evening dresses at $\$ 250$, evening coats at $\$ 30$, and they are selling them.-Montreal Witness.

The Material for Poetry Always With Us
It is not because the English language is "rubbed an worn by use" that there is at present no grea poetry being produced. It is the materialistic spirit of the age which has sterilized poetic imagination Nature is the same now as ever, and the human heat is the same, and human experiences pretty much the same. The material for poetry will never fal and the imagination and the artistic skill to use the material in the creation of verse that will live, the resources of the old language he will find all-sufficient for his art.Ottawa Journal.

## A True Hero

Not many can have read without a pang of true and keen sympathy of the death of William Rugh, the Gary newsboy who risked and lost his life to save that of a young girl whom he had never seen. One is at a loss to say whether the pathos, the chivalry, and the self-sac:ifice of mise or because of he feeling that it is typical of the quiet heroism which is to be found in is typical of the quiet heroism thousands of men in the humblest walks of life. Hardly a railroad disaster, a perilous fire, an accident on the water but furnishes its tale of instant courage, and self-forgetfulness. But these is something peculary
touching in this quiet and undramatic sacrifice in the touching in this quiet and undramatic sacrince in the
Ciary hospital. The girl has suffered extensive burns through : in explosion of gasoline. in a motor-cycle. this, and that only the grafting of a large amount of "uticle could the gi l's life be saved, he offered his "ippled lag for amputation. He was, warned that the opreatien mioght result fatally. "What's the odds,
hu aid, "if it will only save her life? The leg is no
 1.... thead and cut it off." No heroics in it at


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## The Women's Quiet Hour

By E. Cora Hind

F we're happy at Christmas, why not
the day before an' the day that the day before an' the day that
follows, and so on evermore"Wilbur D. Nesbitt.
When the editor-mansends round a little notice "Please get copy in early, our Christmas number will be large and Christmas presses so and so. Make Once More it suitable to the season," it immediately has the effect of knocking all Christmas feeling out of me, in fact it makes me plain ross. Still the editor-man is right and if the Monthly is to be with our reader whether in the mood or not. So, just because my spirit of Christmas has not yet emerged from its wrappings, I have hosen for my readers the following on


Christmas by the good and the great, and with these verses go my heartfelt
wishes for a happy, happy Christmas for wishes for a happy,
you one and all: Christmas Bell
The old gray bell in the old gray tower Is ringing so glady across the town, And the red, red dawn, dike a shake
flower,
Scatters the Christmas glory down. Oh the light of the sacred morn Of the day when
Christ was born!
Oh the sweet winter air,
When it's Christmas,
everywhere. Henry W
Henry W. Longfellow.
The Song for Christmas
Chant me a rhyme of Christmas-sing me a jovial song-
And though it is filled wit
it be pure and strong.
Sing of the hearts brimmed over with the story of the day-not die away.
Of the blare of the tassled bugle and the timeless clatter and beat,
wie drum that throls to muster the drum that throls to muster
squadrons of scampering feet. But, O , let vour voice fall fainter, till, blent with a minor tone, beaty You temper your song with the beauty
of the pity Christ lath shown. And $\operatorname{sing}$ one verse for the voiceless; and yet, ere the songe be dome.
anse for the car that hicar mot, and a verse for the sightlo... ome. For though it be time for singing : Let a low, sweet moice of pathos rup

Nellie L. McClung's new book is out Nellie L. great pleasure in suggesting to my readers that they may not only buy it with confidence for themselves but as a gift for their friends for Christ mas. As stated book of short stoThe Black Creek ries, the longest, and The Black Creek the only one with amie to the book. Many readers in name to the book. Many readers in
Manitoba will recognize plenty of the Manitoba will recognize plenty of the
incidents of that story as the everyday happenings of the stopping houses along the trails which, according to their qualthe trails whes wane or the blessing of he men who had, in those days, to haul heir wheat such long distances to Capable, cheerful, courageous Maggie Corbett is a type which the West has reason to call blessed. Her thought of and tenderness for the little hride, fresh fromater for the brides of the West, a not unusual thing. From end to end this story breathes the very spirit of the West. The cold, the storms, the wrong doings are ignored or hidden, but they are given their proper setting,
to wit, the hope and help and sunshine which have made the settlement of the great prairie provinces possible.
Other stories in the ", book are "The Runaway Grandmother;""The Ungrateful Pigeons," in which I feel sure I can trace not a little of the doings of the Tell," a clever and effective snub for the over conceited city women, who think, because a clever woman has married a farmer she must, of necessity, have West", which is a unique Twelfth o July celebration; "The Return Ticket," the only bit of real sadness in the book; and the "Illusive Vote," which, as th author declares, is a strong argument in favor of Woman suffrage. It is a bright


Mrs. Card
for the men who, for party purposes, are not ashamed to tamper with the
ignorant voter. It is an o'er true tal captured from the actual doings of the general election of 1911.
The look is dedicated to the pioneer women of the West and the dedication is a gem. I give it in full.
"The pioncer women of the West, who made life tolerable, and even comfortahle, for the others of us; who fed the hingry, advised the erring, nursed the -ick. cheered the dying. comforted the alo rite for the deald.
"The beloved piomeer women, old be-
ann. thair timn with hard work, priva-


## Mrs. Wessels

in whose hearts was always burning the hope of better things to come.
"The godly pioneer women, who kept alive the conscience of the neighborhood, and preserved for us the best and
of the race. days some of whom we see no more, for they have entered into their inheritance, this book is respectfully dedicated by their humble admirer, the author."

I am including in my page this month four photographs which have a special interest for readers of "The Western Home Monthly."
Last month I spoke of Mrs. Wessels, and the wonderful work she had done in
grain for the exhibition in $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Strong } & \begin{array}{l}\text { grain for the exnection with the } \\ \text { conner }\end{array} \\ \text { Women } & \text { Farming Congress. } & \text { I am }\end{array}$ Women Farming Congress. $\begin{aligned} & \text { sorry that in the picture her }\end{aligned}$ face is so indistinct, but I think there is enough in the pose of the figure to convey something of the woman's strong capable and like my readers to note the way whe has her hands closed and her arms hanging at her sides. To me the figure is potentially Western.
Mrs. Card was the first white woman in Cardston, the largest of the many Mormon settlements in southern Alberta. She is an old lady and not the least ashamed of that fact. Hers is a typical pioneer face, and it is worthy of note that she same position as the



#### Abstract

ounger woman, Mr:s. Wessels. She is come next. She was one of the most interesting figures at the Congress. Mrs. Holt is also standing as if ready to start on some fresh enterprise. She is a marvelo s woman in her capacity actively managing three farms and run-


ning a newspaper. She was a special accredited delegate of the Panama Cana Exposition to the Congress, and she suc ceeded in making us all feel that that ever else happened
exposition in 1915
Woman's Congress, from the East, and her face and attitude are in striking
ontrast to the other three. It may be oticed that she is looking downward, Mrs. Stavert made a good presiding officer and she is learning rapidly to be Western spirit if not in appearance. She is a busy woman and a capable editor of country life, a three children, to mother adequately her three children,


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spend the months before her marriage plans we knew she was full of great for her old home in Owen sound
spend the months before her marriage
with her mother and on the 27 th of for their Christmas together and
now, alas, he must spend it alone.

## Christmas Suggestions

Written for The Western Home Monthly.

## Gifts from the Camera

F Foul are fortunate in having a - camera your gifts for Christmas can 1 be quickly made and such gifts that
your far off friends will thoroughly appreciate.
Art calendars of various sizes can be
and bought for about ten cents each and
the calendar pads cost about the same the calendar pads price per dozen. Paste a shap of your
pro own work on it and you have a unique gift. linen note paper using a colored paper paper can be made in the same way and paper can together with ribbon, decorating the cover with water colors, stencil or
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your pictures in various shapes and sizes and if you care for an expensive gift
use the albums with leather covers.

## Stencil Work

For the buse woman a stencil outfit is a cheap and good investment. Many simple as well as expensive gifts can
be made by stencilling and if care be taken anyone can use it with success.
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June, 1912, she was married to Ernest Clutten, a mining engineer, and went to make her home, for a November the 14th, like a bolt out of the blue, came the message that she was dead. Only
then did the Winnipeg branch of the then did the Winnipeg branch of ho press club reaize Possibly. the passing of no other member would have left quite such a sense of personal loss. Florence Lediard was a woman of a deeply re-
rious nature with an extremely keen gious of humor, a combination as rare as it is delightful. She had a genius for friendship and had the power, in a marked degree, of meeting the need of the friend she was with, without the slightest disloyalty to any other frien
The desolation of her husband must be The desolation words. From all over the West ay sure a great wave of sympathy will go out to him. From little things in her EVERY DISH MORE APPETISING. MORE ENJOYABLE.

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pea coseys, slumber boots, bedroom slippers and a viation caps are gifts which add comfort to all who are fortunate in receiving them.

## Boudoir Caps

Two yards of colored mull, muslin or Persian lawn will make three or four boudoir caps. These are cut the same ize and shape as a dust cap. Small pieces of to make the desired size, edge our cap with lace and run ribbon through beaded insertion about two nches from the edge, tying in a pretty bow at left side.

Fancy Collars and Ties
Dutch collars can be made from, odd pieces of muslin, edge with a fine
Valenciennes lace and tailored bows of ribbon are easily made to wear with them. Ribbon rosebud ties are worn a great deal. These can be made of satin or satin ribbon, slaping the ribbon like rose petals by turning down the petals. Wreaths of roses made in this way make pretty bandeaus for the hair and the party girl would certainly ap preciate on

Do the Best That's in You

## J. II. Larimore

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Always hammer with a hammer that is sire to hammer right,
. unst use the best sword in the lot if pin wolld win the fight; electric light-
And do the best that's in you all the

Let the old men sing the glories of the Set your face to the future- keep the Tust keep a-smiling ev'ry day, don't fret or whine or cry-
Ind do the best that's in you all the Tn the fight to hreak the shackles forged in liquor's cruel reign
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## The Young Woman and Her Problem

By Pearl Richmond Hamilton.

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER OF A $\mid$ see! I see the glory of the Christmas FALLEN GIRL IN THE CITY star! It is the birth of the Christ in the Down the street, 0 God, I wander among a surging crowd of men and women and children. Myriads of hearts go by but not one is. a comrade heart to mine. I am starved for a little bit of love, for a word of cheer, for a smile the seas I se my home-folks gathered the seas the dear old fire-place. Mother is there and so is father and the little ones. Perhaps they are thinking of me; 0 the heartache of a lonely girl. The loveless eyes of those about me rob the day of Christmas joy. The wreaths of holly in home windows that breathe messack of greetings to happy hearts, mock at me. world. In the country where one sees no other people one feels not the laugh and racing rivalry of Christmas revelry. God's out-doors does not flash other people's blessings in one's eyes. Peoplepeople everywhere but not one friend for me.
Great spirit of Ciod, guide a friend to me. Let me have one companion who I am hungry for the pulse of human hearts. Send me a friend.
Why is the heart of a fallen girl of so little value? If I have erred in the path of right, I am but a worm for polished boots to trample on and crush. Thot flash on that protected woman's fingers were bought with dollars dipped in my blood. It is her Christmas present.
Guide me, 0 God, into the light of Thy love. The world is through with me and I turn to Thee. Reveal Thyself to me as a friend, I pray
Ah, what is that I feel wrapped so tenderly about me-it is a cloak of swee strange strength, and hope breathes a new message in my being. see! It is the Christmas star. It i the birth of the Christ child in the hea of a fallen girl.

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER OF A LONELY GIRL IN THE COUNTRY
The bells of joy are ringing today and everyone is glad, but my heart is heavy for no one understands its ache. On, am bigness of the great outdoors: is not with me. In the distant city he seeks the hungry gnawing of an awful fear
Perhaps he has put aside the girl of his boyhood love. My gestures may be a bit awkward, my manner quaint, and my dress suggests a home-made fil. my heart is full of a great pures of artificiality cannot blight. It is as God has made it-pure, sincere and undefiled for him who plighted his love for me. My mind is filled with sadness today-the future is "dark and empty and have nothing to live for in this life. Let mi go to the city where 1 may the day is art in are false and fickle I shall never trust another. fickle. I shall never Infinite, great spirit, reveal thyself to me as a friend. Thou who guidest souls through the sea of life, send a ray of comfort to me today. Fill my lonely life with love and tenderness. Make me see the nobleness in mankin. Take the litterness out of my heart and ict the Chist love come in. The way is clomel. Thow, who guidest trusting souls, make me feel the value of this bitter lesson. (iive me a clearer vision to ser my lifework. what is this that is filling my heart as I commune with tenderness, joy, sweetness,
have filled the empty" place. Bure mi happy. I thank Thee for the lWessed
comfort of soul communion. I see! I

## A MOVING PICTURE PANORAMA FOR CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

Every Christmas I turn to the Book to earn more of the Madonna. This year 1 turn the pages of the Old Testament from cover to cover and I see a panorama of women. In the story of Eve, which is the first love poem, we learn complete alone. She God, man is incomplete alone. She is ordained man's companion, but she becomes by her in-
trinsic qualities, his leader. For or evil she will give the tone to human

Then next is Sarah-the earliest por trait of a woman in the Bible. When strong faith rushed into her heart she became beautiful in the strength of mother love. She was a woman far from perfect, appeals to our sympathy in her hunger of heart, and in the joy of satisfaction. She furnishes a sober warning to all women in the violence of her jealousy and the persistence of her hatred.
When we first see Rebekah she appears as the most winsome woman in
the Old Testament. Her sweetheart comes to her from a distance and wins her, for it is God who speaks to a girl and bids her to love. The two lifted up their eyes and saw one another. From the ends of the earth elect souls come, guided by the finger of God to be united, and often the May not a young girl pray that the soul which is her own counterpart and fulfilment may be led across the continent or the seas to her side? May she not commit this great blessing of her life to God
made in heaven.
The next picture flashed on the screen of my mind is Rachel-a woman beautiful and attractive, but devoid of the deep qualities, intellectual and spiritual, which ideally ought to engage the af
fection of men. Yet men are her defection of men. Yet menen hurl their voted admirers bitter wollosy at her, just bitter weapons of jealousy at her, just as they do today at ene mocobs by their charms and smiles. She, like Mary Queen of Scots, was irresistible to thos who saw her, yet when we study her history we do not see mond no fault But Jacob loved her and found no of one in her, and shall we inspire a life-long devotion from Who can inspi?
Following Rachel we see the face of a emptress-Potiphar's wife, a woman who was intended to be the helpmeet or a man but she became his ruin. There are types of her today, who earthly what dor men who have made shipparadise. Bheir lives, realise with horror that their fall has been directly or in directly a woman's work. When spirit uality fades from a woman's heart it i positive disaster. Turn the screen-I do not want to look longer at the face of Potiphars whose picture is given in the Borst man whom do we see now? The dauchter of Plaroah, a true woman who feeling a chidd in distress tugging at her heart. helps the little one. She is an example of the divine mother This is the guarantee of human progress. (iond wom en are the influence to the world alwayWe turn to another fare and anm she cerely anty example of a woman receued
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that God would have us revise our hasty $\mid$ recent battles is the crushing of heart | judgments about the forlorn sisterhood | of wives and mothers and little chiliren |
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| The fascinating face of Rizpah is the |  | of fallen women. $\quad$ A not truly my sister's keeper? When she has erred should I trample her in the mire?

A lovely picture of womanhood is before us now-Ruth. Ruth is the kind of woman that draws the world after her. There is no hint of a gift of beauty, but
we love her for her lasting qualities of we love her for her lasting qualities of
unselfish devotion, of lowly servicableunselfish devotenly, modesty. Humanity ness, of maidenly modesty. The portrait of
loves to remember her. Ruth wins the love of a
model for girls to imitate.
model for girls to imitate.
Then we see Deborah-an inspired womThen we see Deborah-an inspired wom-
an-whose voice and manner are charged with the invisible presence. It is no reproach for any man to recognize this note of authority in the inspired
woman. Deborah wielded one of the most powerful weapons that women employ in their influence over men, the faculty of enthusiastic and admiring praise. She closes her song with a
touch of tenderness to the mother of touch of tenderness to the mother of
Sisera. She realizes that the salvation field, soon burns out. Where the heart of Israel orings sorrow to a woman's is rich and deep, love, like fire in coals,
heart just as the greatest tragedy of
lurns long and fervently, leaping into
new and unexpected flame, glowing with beauty even in the embers. What is the secret of retaining a man's love? Culti vate a personality that has charactercharacter that is
Christly heart. Christly heart.
The face an
sion but it requirm may kindle passion but it requires a heart to create
genuine love. More men are shamed out of their religion by the bewitching and laughing eyes of women than we can ever estimate. There have been but few
men in the history of the world who men in the history of the worid who,
once enchained in a woman's love, could go calmly on in the discharge of religious duties which she despised. The shafts of scorn are always terrible. David was full of tenderness to Michal
but he was still more full of God, and but he was still more full of God, and
his retort to her sarcastic taunt is worthy of consideration. Michal was punished by a severe penalty. She began with the traffic in the affections of men and ended in the rejection of God. Such women are always punished. tion of character. She is a woman of good understanding and of a beautiful countenance. The praise which is paid to beauty sometimes spoils a character.
There is power in the attraction of wisThere is power in the attraction of wan. Abigail, the beautiful and sensible wife, was mated to a base cowardly man. Her words are among the most eloquent in the Bible. It is not surprising that Dractive Michal to the savingly attractive Abigail. Abigail's eloquence rose to singular heights of prophecy and poetry. Every true and good woman has some of the insight which is prophetic and poetic. A good wo men by her power of conveying great lessons and by her gracious appeal to the nobler side of human nature. The power of such a mind over a man is incalcurably attract Michal, the most dangerously attractive woman in character was too shallow to hold his admiration. On the other hand, Abigail, the most savingly attract ive woman in the Old Testament, won David, and her character was so pure and inspiring th The Queen of Sheba, who is in search of truth talks on the high planes of thought and the little captive maid is a instructive study of the fact that $n$ does not push back into girlhood and

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charm from the fact that they are done charm from the fact that they are done
without hope or thought of recognition. The study of the little captive maid becomes a lesson in th.e influence which girls can exercise for God and for the good of men. Men are wonderfully ingood of by a girl who is modest and unspoiled. No girl can have a more honorable and beautiful ambition than to mould her nature into purity and harmony. Music from such hearts pierces salvation of society. Huldah, a prophet of the court, to whom the high officials and the king himself went for advice, proves that women held responsible positions in biblical days.
The last picture in this group of women in the Old Testament is Esther, the woman who had the courage to carry of women in the Old Testament, we find of women who were very much like the woman of today; and familiarity with nishes warnings that are important in the development of character. It is a fitting study for the Christmas season.

## CHRISTMAS CLERKS

The real heroines of the business world are the girls who are forced to wage-earning of family fortune, death or illness or such, and it is an unjust battle when she has to work with the girl who does not need to work; for the latter girl keeps her wages down and makes it Then, too, many girls who are needed Then, too, many girls who wage-earners. at home are among our wage-earners.
Only the other day $I$ learned of a girl
who is neglecting her mother by going out to work. It is very difficult to
fathom the real deep feelings of the girl in business who does not have to pay. She who has to earn a salary to faction of opening the envelope at the end of the week. She has earned that money honestly and with her best work. Perhaps she is tired but she deserves a sense of satisfaction that she can pay for what she has. But I wonder how the girl feels who opens her envelope trying to decide which theatre' she will go to
or where she will buy the new necklace. When she opens that envelope does she When she opens that envelope does she girls who are staring over the "Help Wanted" columns of the daily papers? At this season of the year girls apply for work during the Christmas rush, they can appear more attractive than the gir
who must work and consequently they who must work and consequently they
sell more goods. The manager watches this and after the Christmas rush, he dismisses the girl who must work and keeps the girl who does not need to
work. Seek out when you shop the work. Seek out when you shop the

WOMEN WITH CHRISTMAS QUALITIES
It is not the gift of gems or money that contains the message of Christmas so much as the gift of a
dropped into the heart of another. In my library of biography I have searched for women with Christmas qualities. I find history is full of women whose hearts have burned with the fire of kindliness. Then, too, I find that never in all history have there been so many Christmas women as today. They are
beginning to feel that while charity bebeginning to feel that while charity be-
gins at home it must not end there and gins at home it must not end there and
women who are really doing most in women home are doing something outside, the experience of which makes them broader and better able to make their home more successful. Whenever 1 ing all
of my time to my home" in that martyrlike tone and please-admire-me-men air I look for her household drudgery story
next. Now some of the best housenext. Now some of the best house-
keepers and mothers I know are women who are helpful in work outside of their home. These women are usually brilhiant hostesses and their husbands and children are proud of them. While on the other hand the wonan who likes to say: "I have no time for anything outside of my home" is often the woman
who wants to tell you of a family tragedy. It might be well for our young bride-to-be to bear this in mind. She who entertains in her heart the message of Christmas-love. kindness, and sincerity, is the young woman who has Christmas qualities for the entire year. The queens of Europe and ou own ladies of the land are earning their hiving-by this I mean they are earning
the right to live. Our own queen has in the right tisposition so much thought and consideration for others that she works beyond her strength in her efforts of helpfulness. The queen of Roumania, who is helping the blind of the world; sick-hed of the unfortunate; and the queen of the Belgians, who studied medifine that she might be of service to her sulbjects; all inspire us with Christmas messages.
One woman with conviction and courage to carry out that conviction is worth more than ten thousand who have no courdge. One woman can influence an
entire community. Maud Miner, who is entire community. Maud Miner, who is saving New York's young women;
Sophie Wright, whose death will be mourned this Christmas season by New Orleans' working people; Jane Addams, Chicago's uncrowned queen; Oklahoma Kate, whose deeds of love make it pos sible for men, women and children Mar live; and our own angel of mercy, Mristmas qualities. I see also a woman with Christmas qualities in the hostess who invites homeless
Christmas dinner.

There is in this city a home wher Tany home-sick people have enjoyed Christmas hospitality in this way. This one home has done much towards promoting good citizenship in our city and he seeds of Christmas hospitality sown in this home have produced a rich har est, for in like manner do other homes that our homes may be open to the stranger, for the immigrant's heart is especially lonely at this time of the vear. We are all lonely at times, even Queen Victoria in one of her letters that expressed her loneliness said: "There
are times when a woman requires a womare times when a woman requires a womlook for the bonely stranger in our midst this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS WEIGHT
Down in Oklahoma, Kate Barnard, a woman of great influence and the most popular citizen, is a friend of the poor and unfortunate. When she wants a
man elected, she has done so much mood elected, she has the so men good among the poor that the mer
whose families have been blessed by her service, will vote as she suggests. They say that she is Oklahoma's best "vote getter." She weighs only eighty-five pounds but some one has said she is eighty-five pounds of dynamite, for
every pound of her radiates force. How very pound of her radiates force. weight many pounds of my reader's weight
radiate force? This is real Christmas weight.

THE BREAD AND BUTTER LETTER During the Christmas holidays, young women are invited to spend a time at the home of a friend. Upon the retur the one who has entertained them and thank the hostess most kindly. This bread-and-butter letter should never be neglected, because the hostess will appreciate a letter of this ind and m, tou,

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## A STENOGRAPHER'S PROBLEM

About the liveliest discussion I have had in my club of young women wa when I asked the question: "Are the Old Country girls crowding Canadian girls out of positions?" Stenographers have been telling me lately that it is not
so easy to secure a position this year a so easy to secure a position this year as
it was last year. There are several it was last year. There are severa,
reasons perhaps for this. One is that many young girls with very little education in the primary branches such a
reading, writing, spelling, composition reading, writing, sielling, composition three or four months in the busines college and come out as full-fledgel stenographers. Go to the stenographi headquarters and you will see scores of just such applicants who wonder why
they cannot secure positions. On th they cannot secure pored stenographe does not remain lorg without a positio: Business men say tilat the Cld Country girl who is experienced has a bette
fundamental education. l'erhaps busi-
nen to break their engagements for this casom. It rolw him of his self-respect ift. present is more expensive than his ift. When a girl gives a young man an im it places hearted girl I know dates the broken engagement from the Christmas that she gave her sweetheart a silver smoking gave had a locket set with a diamond. She was a wage-earning girl. He borrowed money to "go her one better," as he stated it, and went without a warm

## A CHRISTMAS TOAST

"Hiere's to the woman who has a smile for every joy, a tear for every sorrow, a consolation for every grief, an excuse for every fault, a prayer for every hope."-Sainte Foix.

## NOTICE

Gften girls from rural communities and girls from the Old Country do not know where to go when they reach the city. If any girl, who contemplates care to Winipeg, will write to me in shall be the Western Home Monthly, I shall be pleased to see that she is met fundamental education. rerhaps busi- vironment. We have made arrangement.s


Berg Lake at the Foot of Mt. Robson on G.Ty.
ness men are in a measure responsible $\mid$ with the ladies representing the for the Canadian girl inasmuch as they $\begin{aligned} & \text { Travellers' Aid to meet any young won- } \\ & \text { do }\end{aligned}$ do not demand a. lavivenforcing compul- an who makes this request through
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rate the business man demands efficiency The Western Home Monthly. The womrate the business man demands efficiency
and there is usually a position for the the Traveller's Aid wear a badge
e. of silver metal, the centre of which is capable girl. One bright Scotch girl ex- a Maltese cross. The letters, Y.W.C.A. claimed with her usual generous im- are enamelled on the outside circle. If pulse: "Well, if the Old Country girl has any young woman who desires help in wetter edacational training, the Canadian this way will write to me, describing
cirl makes up for it in other qualities- herself and the time she expects to arshe is progressive and ambitious!" And rive, I will give the description to one in this club of cosmopalitan girlhood, of these women, and she will give special we really came to no definite conclusion. Perhaps our readers may help us out. I might add that the dictaphone is doing away with some experienced sten-
orraphers. A business man told me that a certain firm wanted five male stenographers. At any rate the steno-
sraphic field has been floded witl ingraphie field has been flooded with in-
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A HINT FOR CHRISTMAS
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The Mysterious Mr.Wedderburn
Written for The Western Home Monthly by E. Loyds.

"MR. WEDDERBURN would be happy to see Miss Montresor uesday, without fail."
The missive was written on thick vel mom note paper with a gorgeous crest at the head of the sheet and on the flap of the envelope. But the handwriting and wording of the note did not accord with the stationery, and Ida Montresor summed up the impression made on her mind in two words, "Nouveau riche."
Of gentle stock, brought up in a retined home, she shrank from contact
with self-made wealthy folk, but necessity knows no law, and her case was desperate. Her father, a widower, had died suddenly, and to her horror and shame, had died bankrupt. Ida had never suspected the true state of af fairs, for her father was one of those sanguine men who are often their own and other people's worst enemies; and the blow peasirited girl, and as soon as the lawyer had broken to her the news of her penniless condition she proceeded to look for highly paid employment, determined not only to support herself but to pay back in full some of her father's debts. An advertisement for a high-class governess in the "Morning Post" seemed to offer the opportunity she sought. She answered making an appoint post
At ten o'clock, to the minute, Ida eached the Hotel Cecil. She was a tall slight girl, fair-haired and brownher style of beauty. A faint pink tinge coloured her pure complexion as, with a heart beating nervously, she asked for and was admitted to the presence of Mr. Wedderburn.
The appearance of her possible employer seemed to verify Ida's worst apprehensions. He was a small man, short and thin, arrayed in ultra smart morning dress. He wore a new black displayed across his, vest, and a light tie adorned with a diamond pin. A beard and heavy moustache concealed his mouth and chin, and he wore gold spectacles, so that Ida would have been at a loss to describe his features, but the general impression produced upon her mind was one of ostentation
and vulgarity. Mr. Wedderburn was standing on the hearthrug, his hands behind him, though it was high summer, and no fire burned in the grate As Ida was announced he stepped for ward with extended hand which it would have been useless for Ida to pre tend not to see. She gave him the tips of her fingers, bowing stiffy a Nr. Wedderburn exderne in a heart
voice,
"Glad to
a Fancied from your note you'd suit me One of the old Montresors of Derbyshire, I suppose?
Ida bowed.
$\cdots$ nought so 1 It's hard luck tor those fine old families to be thrown on their beam ends; but every dog taug his day, I suppose. Eh?" re la is our coarsely. "And your mistortune Whod luck. self-made man like nuyself have had the chance of securing a lady like you to teach his daughters?-Well, Miss गontresor-by the way, won't you sit down? yes, that's better-so! Well, 1 "as going to say-there's no neecl nive to put you through a catechism Mishments my girls require. If there's pliskments my girls requre undertake tlon harp, say, or mandoline-well, it's easy harp, say, or mandoine-w get a special for that. What I want is a laty-a rral, genuine, himh-toned lady-to form the manners and give what you may c:all 'Chick' to the girls. And I can hred."
Ida turned saentet. Was it possiblc
that she could enter the house of this that she could enter the house of this
man? She half rose, but her unterviewer was not deficient in shrewdness. He saw he had ofiended, and hastened to apologise.
"Pardon, miss;-um-Miss 'Montresor should say. Sorry I should offend you. I was just puting my thoughts into words-not always a wise thing to do, but Tm a fearfully outspoken man. oo secrets, no reserves, for me. I, beg
your pardon, I'm sure. Granted? "You have not yet told me what pou You have not yet told me what you
wish me to undertake, Mr. Wedderburn," said Ida callmly

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& \text { burn," said Ida calmy. } \\
& \text { "ha, ah, well, I shall leave that to }
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$$ you if you're so kind as to come. My girls are twelve and fifteen. - Sharp, clever little fillies, but in need of a training hand. The wife's 100 weak for them, and that's the truth. And that's nother thing, Miss Montresor-Mrs, W. wants a lot of cheering up. She nervous, and to thind of life we're gettin into now, and finds country life a bit depressing."

"Where do you live?"
"In Bucks. It's convenient for town now the new railway is opened. But it's only temprixy. I expect to retir from business in the spring, and the I'll take the lot abroad, well enough, you'll come with us. Azything more, miss ${ }^{\text {w }}$
""l'm afraid," began Ila, but as if divining that the young lady was about to decline his offer, Mr. Welderburn broke in-
"The screv, I should say, is a hundred and twenty pounds per ann. paid monthly in advance. How does that suit you?"
Again the swift colour rose to Ida's cheeks. A handred and twenty pounds! Why, in the first year she would be able to pay a hundred pounds to re deem her father's honou "It is very liberal," she saill, rising. "You'll take it on?
"Yes. Thank you." "Geo hest news I've had my "Goon! Best news
wife for many a day. Can you come wife for many a day. down myself by the 430 today from Marylebone. The motor's to meet me. If you'll come then, $\mathrm{I}^{\prime \prime l}$ wire the wife.
Ida hesitated.
"Very well," she said
Many doults assailed Ida as she returned to her lodgings. She ought to have asked for references, th have ar ranged about notice. But the had been cast now. Whe gor father had quar-
too tempting. Her relled with his family. Her social circle hcld no acquaintance whom she coun confide in. At the appointed time sit was at the Great Central.
Mr. Wedderburn was on the platform smoking a big cheront. He thed it was Ficket to her, ind that he was travelling First Class, and that he wa handed her into a carriage, made a rush for the bookstall, and returned with a quantity of papers and magazines which he thrust upon her.
At this moment a tall thin man with a lig fair moustache, wearing a light dustcoat and a panama hat came upto. The Wedderburn and drew him andie.
two men held a hurried confalulation, two men held a herried carn came back and then
to Ida, his friend following close behind him. him.
"Awfully sorry, Miss Montresor. Find I must return to the City. Pres. ing business.
sees and tell her to expect me when she
eook out for a red motorsees me. Look out for a red motorlandau.... ", he broke off.
Ida saw the two men walk quickly a way, arm-in-arm. with amusement at
literature provided for
hite journey. Doubtless her employer had seen members of the class he wa ying forme start -uch procicion journey and so had

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followed their example with consider ably more zeal than discretion. The first object to attract Ida's at tention on reaching her station was an ing outside $A$ was seated in it a chauffeur stood on the platform. He enquired if she were for "Mr. Wedderburn's" and conducted her to the car The lady in the automobile was a pale, thin, depressed-looking person. She was ingly, and she cast a shy, deprecating glance at Ida. On receiving her husband's message she showed peevish an-
noyance. "Always the way," she said. "He's for ever disappointing me like that. Just as I hope hes going to settle
down and live quietly, more business crops up. I wish we'd never left London. I see him less than ever now." Soon the machine was rushing up a steep hill and plunging into the depths of beautiful country. Mrs. Wedderburn ing Ida from under the shade of an enormous feathery, flowery hat, restlessly moving her hands which were encased in white kid elbow gloves. At last Ida spoke, asking if she liked the country.
It's so dull. No shops, no music halls, no friends."
"Perhaps you have not been in your new home long enough for people to call
yet."


Yellow Head Lake-the Summer Waters of the Great Divide on the G.T.P

 | "Oh, they've called right enough. | $\begin{array}{l}\text { be when he bought this place. I wanted }\end{array}$ |
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| to live at Richmond or Brixton- |  | That, and the parson, and squire, and

doctor. All as stuck-up and hoity-toity $\begin{aligned} & \text { somewhere lively. But, no, he must } \\ & \text { be a country gentleman. When I say }\end{aligned}$ doctor. All as stuck-up and hoity-toity
as they're made. I told him how it'd
these grand folk, he just laughs quiet like, and says, 'T'll make,
they snub you, my gir. Mrs. Wedderburn, having begun to talk, went on without ceasing. yery rich, but how he made his money his rich, but no idea. He was always racing about; sometimes went to America or the continent. He was no sooner at home than he was off again. If it were not for Mr. Ma children to talk to, days on end.
"Who is Mr. Taunton?"
Mrs. Wedderburn looked at her, surprised.
"He's the boys' tutor." "Indeed!" Ida's colour rose. This was a situation she had not contem-
plated. What new horror of a male inmate of the house was she destined to meet?
"He's a very genteel young man; reated to some great swell. The boys like him first rate. Well, Miss Mont resor, here's our place."
A flock of children came running out and as soon as the ladies had alighted they took possession of the car, the The troop sight of whom Ida's heart sank, for they were hoydens of the most pro nounced type. Their mother called to them, but they paid no attention, and she turned to Ida with a pathetic she turned t,
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"I can do nothing with them. might as well speak oo filled with ivy pointing to
"That must not be allowed," said Ida, as she followed Mrs. Wedderburn up to her room. that dining-room, and Ida came downstairs dilmost at once and went into the garalmost She crossed a lawn and entered a shady path that led to a shrubbery. As she came into the little plantation she saw a man in tennder a tree stretched at full length She turned hursmoking and reading. She had been riedly, but not before she had buicky; seen. Her nam sprung to his feet and was the man had sprung
running towards her.
running Miss Montresor-you here!" "Ida! Miss Maunton!" The girl's face erimsoned, her voice trembled on the name. soned, her voice man put out his hand;
The young man his dark handsome face was illumined with an expression that told plainly what his feeling to her was. Ida gave him her hand, striving hard ho present the appearance of a calm she was
from feeling.
"How strange to find you here. she said. "Stranger that you sho
Do you know these people?"
Do you know these
"Surely-oh, it isn't possible!-" he stopped, colouring deeply.
stoppea, the new governess."
"Never! Oh, Ida!" There was a look of passion in his e
resentment in his tone.
"Please, Lord Taunton!" "But-it is past understanding. You "But-Htack?"
are in black?" "My father died a month ago. I am my own breadwinner now.
my own bread winner now. came back to England two weeks ago. By Jove! It's really rather comical. What do you think I'm doing here
"I cannot imagine." "I am
"urns."
"But I thought-" shall be before long. This is an inI shall be before awkward interval. My erlude-an and sems, were to see me
trustees, it seem through college, and then at twentyfive to hand me over my uncle's property. But no provision was made the interim, so when 1 res, I was told without a penny, oyself for fifteen I must support mysen to raise monmonths. I expectations on pain of for ey on my experest in the property
feiting my inter foe I got a year's engagement as travSoling tutor, and when I got back I saw a tempting advertisement, sained this post."
tain
"What sort of people are they?", "Some
"I fear he's rather shady. thing in the city. down."
him when he comes down. A year ago Ida and Gerald ach other, had seen a great deal of her. Then and she knew that he lorted, the words
suddenly they had par left unsaid.
left unsaid. "There were other conditions of my inheritance," he said in a low voice. "I will tell you them when I can. Mrs. is the gong, for the family tea. Wedderburn's education has not an vanced to the nic,
drawing-room ye
Ida laughed. "Thises to be an amusing ex"This promises to be an her companperience, sas grave.
on's face was grave.
"I don't know about that," he said. Ida found her hands full with her riIda found her has the drilling of the
otous charges and mournful Mrs. Wedderburn in the conventions of her new station. In a few days Mr. Wedderburn appearel, with his approval Ida remodellea tutor household. At her ine assigned a sepa-
and his charges were rate apartment; a decoions iat cen urr was substitutecl all the family were
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of the shortest and Ida found that his wife had just cause for her complaints,
for though he paid frequent visits to for though he paid frequent visits to
lis country house he seldom remained long. He was fond of taking his family by surprise, turning up in his motor at the most unexpected times, sometimes arriving in the middle of the night, sometimes in the early hours of the morning. In spite of kis robust man, or at any rate to live at too great a stress, for he was subject to attacks of his heart which necessitated his sending for a doctor at the most inconvenient times.
One day Mr. Wedderburn returned on his wife's "At Home" afternoon. Hhs appearance in the drawing-room,
where half-a-dozen dowagers and matrons were patronising his wife, created uite a sensation. His wife started, and spilt her tea; old Lady Bustard snorted and fumed, and looked as. if she thought of ordering the man whose
viands she was consuming to leave the room. The Honourable Mrs. Magnus put up her lorgnette and took stock of him. Fluffy little Lady Perkins smiled upon him, coquetting, as she did with every man she met. She commanded him to bring her an ice, and blue eyes danced with delight at his failure to render the smallest service with ease; and she shot her little shafts of hidden raillery at him unmer cifully
Mr . Wedderburn declined to sit by the dog, but he drew a cha:r near to the lady, and gazed with un'issuised
admiration at her pretty face her stylish dress, and her glittering jewels. All at once she made a suggesti: $:$ n. "Your wife finds it dull. Why don't you give a big house-warming?
Mr. Wedderburn rese to this a Mr. Wedderburn rese to this at once.
"I did think of a ball"" he annowi.d,
"llut we nough in this place yet"et set firm "Gh, I wouldn't have anything as big as a ball. Indeed, unless you broug:
a lot of friends from town you couldn't a lot of friends from town you couldn't
get one up, and we mightn't-" get one up, and we mightn't-" "Like my friends? Likely enough. You old country people-"
Here Lady Bustard sniffed, for Lady Here Lady Bustard sniffed, for Lady irrepressible little lady went on.
"A house-warming, now, sounds so old-fashioned and cosy. I am sure Miss Montresor would arrange it all, and I'll be delighted to help. I can bring a

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full next month." ful next month."
"Done!" cried Mr. Wedderburn "Thank you, ma'am, thanks. Will al you ladies come?" "Not I, thanks," replied Lady Bus tard, bridling. "Lord Bustard and have engagements for
we leave for Egypt."
"And you, máam?"
Mrs. Magnus couldn't quite say. She must ask the Colonel. It was really a delightful id mange it.
said Mrs. Wed you thinking of, Dick! said Mrs. Wedderburn tearfully, as the
last visitor departed. "How can we give a party? Didn't you see how they were all laughing at us? 'Nonesense "Nonesense, Min, my girl. I'll have
the laugh of them. But you'll see the laugh of them. But you'l see
they'll come, every one of them. That they'll come, every one of them. The. She knows how to keep thingṣ lively. Ain't one of the old blood herself, you know. Her husband is a City knight. Heaps of money-dotes on her-loads her with
diamonds. Curious, now, she should have suggested it. The very idea I was trying to get hold of."
Mr. Wedderburn was in high spirits. Mr. Wedderburn was in high spirits.
He greatly enjoyed his after-dinner ci He greatly enjoyed his after-dinner ci-
gar with "Mr." Taunton that night. gar with "Mr." Taunton that night. retiring before long. "One big coup,"
he said, "I'll finish in style, Then I'll enjoy the fruits of my labours in quiet. That is, if I can. I've got a yacht, a real clipper. But I fancy I may miss the excitement." "I believe it's hard to give it up," "The young man tentatively
"To give what up?
Air. Wedderburn looked at him queer-
"Oh, yes, certainly," he said.
Preparations for the house-warming diwn a number of painters and had tors from London and superintended thrm himself. He had bought a new notor, smaller and lighter than the
red one, and was red one, and was constantly backwards and forwards, paying surprise visits. Lady Perkins was a frequent visitor Che bicycled over and held long consul-
tations with N'r. Wedderburn, to the tations with M.r. Wedderburn, to the
evident chagrin of his wife, who was clearly a prey to the green-eyed mon
One day she came in great excite "Have you heard the news? There Was a burglary last night, the thir
round here lately. Of all people round here lately. Of all people it
was at the Bustard's. Can you imag. ine the old lady waking up in the night to find the electric light full on and a masked man demanding the key of her safe! And she had to give it! For
her husband was away. I can't help admiring the cleverness of these thieves finding out the exact time for their naughty doings!-Where's Mr. Wedderburn?" "He is ill," said Ida. "He had one of his heart attacks, last night. The
doctor was called at five this morning -oh, Mr. Wedderburn, ought yorning be up?" as the master of the house "Oh, yes, I soon pull round. What's this Lady Perkins is saying?'
Lady Perkins repeated her story. Lady Perkins repeated her story.
"Poor lady!" remarked Mr. Wedderburn. "She wouldn't be one to cave in two eas.y.-I wonder you ladies who have such tine jewels's don't keep 'em at a bank," he continued. "I can never understand why you have them in
your bedroons or carry them about in your bedrooms or carry them about in
jowel boxes when you travel." "What would be the good of having them if we don't use them?" cried Lady Prerkins. "I keep mine in my ward-
"They seem to have had a ligg haul served Mr. Wedderburn. "I was in
Paris then. Whap papers were full of it."
"What happened"" asleel "" asked Ida.
"Oh, there was a dinner" and a big
dance" in homor of his son's coming of age." said Lady Perkins. "Twoor three lo in a most mysterious way. The

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She sat down to rest in the conservatory and dozed. When she awoke every bit of her jewellery was gone tiara, necklace, bracelets; it was is ful of course for her, and there is no clue; but it was really too funny in words!" And Laty Perer.
a peal of liquid laughter. "I sincerely hope you will not wear "I sincerely hope you little burst," said Mr. Wedderburn.
"What an idea! Of course I shaii! And I shall expect you to see they are not stolen, Mr. Wedderburn.
"I shall do my best, but I make n? guarantee. I shall have a lot of plain clothes men about, and 1 shall keep a bright look-out myself. But when Scotland Yard is baffled, where am I? No, I give you fair warning, your ladyship, jewels."
jewels."
ayou will owe me something like a
a hundred thousand pounds if they're stolen," said Lady Perkins, playfully shaking her finger at him as she mount ed her bicycle and rode off.
As the time drew near for the hoisewarming, various changes in the scheme of entertainment were made. It was arranged open-air fete in the afternoon for an open-air young people; illuminations and the young people; to begin at midnight and be kept up to the early hours of the morning. Sir Joseph and Lady Perkins with their party were to come to lunch, and a suite of rooms was made ready need their use, as the day guests woud numto change into evening dress. A her of people were to sleep, most them men from London, recognized the host, among whom who had met him at Marylebone. One or two of these gentlemen were of Mr. Wedderburn's style, loud and self-assertive, but most of thell were yuiet, and some really shy and retimed Poor little Mrs. Wedderburn seemer
iore miserable than ever.

nd sundry were welcome. Most of the guests who were invited to the dance came over early to enjoy the show neighbourhood; and, wrapped in cloaks neighbourhood; and, coats, walked about the gardens and coats, waiked about the gardens
discussing the peculiarities of their

host. Mr. Wedderburn's gentlemen
friends were very friends were very popular, and the la-
dies of the country side were most affable in their patronage of them. Menfolk were scarce at their assemblies, and the ladies strolled and talked with them in the gathering gloom with a confidence
his friends.
At eleven the show was over. The house party had already retired to make the necessary changes in their dress; the ballroom was filling.
Ida had slipped up to her room to put on a white evening gown, when she.
was startled by a loud and prolonged whis started iny aloud and prognged
shriek side her room. She threw open her door. On the landing beyond the passage a group of ladies was assembled,
all talking at nnce was Lady Perkins, arrayed in decollete was Lady Perkins, arrayed in decollete
gown, her bare arms raised in gestures gown, her bare arms able tale.
to acentuate her voluble
Her husband, a short, rubicund man, stood beside her in his shirt sleeves. He was uttering at intervals loud cries of "Wedderburn! Wedderburn!"
"The matter! My wife's diamonds have been stolen! Burglars were at work when we were in the garden, clearly. There's a ladder outside the window. Where are the policemen? Where is Mr. Wedderburn? -will you call Mr. Wedderburn? It seems thieves have been here ", But Mr. Wedderburn himself had now appeared. He seemed in a furious rage.
To think that a man couldn't have an To think that a man couldn't have an
evening with his friends without this
happening! "Where were the police?" sir Joseph might well ask! Drunk, every one of them. He had packed them
off. Disgraceful! He would let the ehief constable know. Had he sent for more? Of course he had. The minute worr had been robbed, too, but of course her trinkets weren't worth a thought her trinkets werent
beside Lady Perkins' adiamonds. He only hoped none of the other ladies had suffered?
But Nr. Wedderburn's hopes were vain. Every lady had been robbed; and the gentlemen had suffered also.
Their dressing cases had been deasit ed; whatever mones had been despoil their rooms was gone
Lady Perkins was in hysterics now. Mrs. Wedderburn was in a pitiable conHer husband told one of the maids to take her out into the garden that the fresh air might restore her.
In the midst of the commotion Ida saw Sir Joseph Perkins draw the tuto aside. The young man nodded and ran
downstairs. Mr. Wedderburn too no ticed the consultation, and followed Mr Taunton.
"Where are you going?" he asked as the young man sought coat and cap. "Sir Joseph wishes, word ${ }^{\text {s }}$ sent to Scotland Yard at once.
"Of course. I am see "Of course. I am
self. It's my place."
"Certainly. Can I be of use?"
"Yes; keep 'em all quiet. I'm going myself, The motor's ready. Just keep ail those people in hand. Give 'em champagne and whisk. Miss Mont
beats the record for pace. I'll be back in no time."
Mr. Wedderburn disappeared, and Lord Taunton, going to the ballroom, found a scene very similar to that he had left upstairs. The ladies whe had work display declared that pickpockets had been about. One had lost a jewelled fan; another, a bracelet or necklace, and all who had worn jewels in their hair had suffered. There was a general demand for the master of the
house. Taunton quieted them as best he could. It seemed, he said, that a gang of thieves had been at work. Mr. Wedderburn was losing no time in getting police help.
In the midst of the clamour a clatter of horses hoofs was heard. In another
moment a dozen police inspectors and constables poured into the house through the open hall door.
"He has been smart," whispered Taunton to Ida, who, pale and distraught, stood near him.
"Oh," she whispered; " strange has happened. Mrs. Wedder burn, it seems, went away with her husband, and all the children are gone. They left more than an hour ago in the red car. What can it mean?" "It has been dawning upon me this last hour what Mr. Wedderburn's occupation is."
"A professional mean?", pered; "and these burglar," he whislice, come to find their bird flown." $\underset{\text { wired was right. Scotland Yard had }}{\mathrm{He}}$ wired to the Chief Constable, warning
him, but unaccountable delays in the transmission of the message had ena bled this prince of burglars to finish a victorious career, as he himself said, in style. A man of numerous aliases and versatile accomplishments, he had made his final coup as housebreaker, pickpocket, train-robber and "cracks-
man" by gathering together under his man" by gathering ogether under his own roof the victims of his of posing
terprise. The audacious idea of por as a self-made man of the people who had only to present an appearance of boundless wealth in order to win an entrée into the sanctum sanctorum of county society, had fascinated him. He
promised hifnself and his chosen band of four associates known as "Lively Dick's Quartette" one grand splash be. fore retiring with his ill-gotten gains to the Far West, there to find "fresh fields
and pastures new." To enable him to and pastures new." To enable him to tended to be a man of delicate health, and whenever he had executed a particularly daring feat, he hastened home to bed and summoned his physician. On the evening of the robbery at Lady Bustard's he had such an unusually se tor had to be called up in the night, little dreaming that in his patient's room were concealed the jewels of the lady he was to attend next morning, suffering from nervous collapse. Mr
Wedderburn's visit to Paris on the oc casion of the burglary at Lady Missenden's was paid on the morning fol lowing that catastrophe, he having been present as a member of the string band and walking out of the house And now with his high-speed moto cars and his vacht, "Lively Dick" and his friends had succeeded in making their escape after this last and grand est. score.
Lady Perkins, in spite of her dis tress, showed herself a kind-hearted little woman. She offered Ida a home
until she could find another, and was until she could find another, and was
in raptures when in a few days her guest was able to tell her of a happy solution of her difficulties.
Lord Taunton, by his uncle's will, had not only been forced to become self-supporting for a twelvemonth, but had also been restricted from forming any matrimonial engagement. the eve of
striction he had learned of on the proposing to Ida a year before; but the time had expired on the day following "Mr. Wedderburn's Entertainment." Gerald Taunton had attained his twenty-fifth year, and the words
which had trembled on his lips during which had trembled on his lips during
the two months of their life as tutor and governess were at length spoken. Tda's lover had inherited great wealth. The debts her father had left were but a trifle in the sum of his riches. To satisfy her scruples, he deducted them from the amount of the handsome marriage settlement he made upon his bride
and the short lout eventful time spent under the roof of their strange employer was one of the episodes which ther still amme themselves with re-
calling from time to time. calling from time to time.

## Relished the Punishment

An old Scotsman. Andrew Leslie by name, always rode on a donkey to his on the road or wherever he might be. It was suggested to him by a neighbor ing landowner that he was suspected of putting the animal to feed in the fields at other people's expense.
"Eh. laird. I could never be tempted to do that, for my cuddy winna eat ony-
thing but nettles and thistles."
On a subsequent occasion, however, On a suldsequent occasion, however,
the laird, while riding along the road,
saw Andrew at work, his faithful heast saw Andrew at work, his faithful beast up to the knees in one of the laird's
clover fields feeding luxurionsly. "Hrello Aelds feeding luxuriously. "Hello. Andrew!" exclaimed the laird,
i thonght vour culdy would eat nothing but nettles and thistles."
"Are. are," was the response, "but ly kicked me over his head; so I put Iv kicked me over his head; so
him in there just to punish him."

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thing handsome about him," as Dog thing handsome about him, as mog berry says, phrase), for any Message
the ribald ph e with a capital initial letter to it. Imagine a stately and portentous communique, a solemn evangel, from this modest shack on the banks of the
Firth of Clyde, from this humble Firth of Clyde, from this humble stringer of phrases and spinner of
dreams, to a race of giants felling the forests, breaking the virgin glebe, and building up the cities of a new world! No, no, sir; let us have some regard for the fitness of things!
A cheerful hail across the water to old friends and countrymen-now that were a reasonable proposion A glass up salute as best becomes wayfarers in this wilderness of the world, met togather for an hour in the Christmas Im-yes, I can do that with some sense of gravity. And I can do it with the more fervor, and with less fear o being misunderstood, and lice so many as an impertinent of these pages mus be Scots. They, at least, will not mi understand the salutation of a brother Scot, who, sitting this tempestuous November day, in sight of the Highland hills, and hearing of the native lochs remembers the sea-disparted find in and exiles, and, remembering, finds in himself ancecinant of Gaelic proverbs"Men may meet, but never the "Mentains," has a spiritual sense pro founder than its usual application: the mountains may eternally stand apart, indifferent and cold to one another, but in the hills of Home, though far from us they may be, at least our hearts can always meet. It is because in now the waste of seas," our hearts at this the waste of seas, land of our youth or our heredity, I accede to your request, and send-no, no l not a Message - a salutation to our own folk.


## To Exiles

Wild cries the Winter, and we walk song -haunted
Over the Wills and by the thundering
falls, :
Or where the dirge of a brave past is chaunted
dolorous dusk by immemorial
Though hails may beat us and the great mists blind us,
and lightning
Yet are we strong, yet shall the mon
ing find us
Children of tempest all unshaken still.
We wander where the little grey towns cluster hills or selvedging the sea
By farm-lands lone, by woods where shelter from the days inclemency night will come, and then tho gi the darkling
ing glen,
will mind us of some fond sparkling
et torrents pour, then let the great winds rally,
Snow silence fall or lightning blast the pine, That light of
And, exiled son of Scotland, it is thine. ar have you wandered over seas of And now yo
And now you drowse, and now you
When well may weep, all the recollections come a
thronging
Of this rude country where your fathers sleep.
They sleep, but still the hearth is Wharmly glowing
While the wild Winter blusters round
their land
That light of Home, the wind so bitter
blowing
Look, look and listen, do you understand?
Love strength and tempest - oh, come back and share them
Here is the cottage, here the open
and are our hearts although we do

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A Xmas Wish from W. A. Buchanan M.P., Medicine Hat

To the great West come annually multitudes from over the seas, from south of the border line, and from They eastern portion take possession of the are entering to take possessich extend throughout the length and breadth or our territory, to make use of the opportunities and to follow the noblest industry in which men expend time an labor, that of home building
This is an industry which we in the West value highly, and in all our striving the sentiment of home, though as new home, is always amongst take pride in the West, and which makes it so endearing to us.
We welcome those who enter with this spirit. It is one which, if imbued will help to make the sojourn here delightful one.
The Christmas season is particularly associated with home. To the reader of The Western Home Mas of those who my greetings. time amid new surroundings I trust that the same sentiment which they held under other skies will abide with the here.
From Principal MacKay, Westminster Hall, Vancouver, B.C.
Christmas is a yearly recurring, challenge to every form of strife. It commemorates the birth is the precursor of Peace and its sprig. We, in Canada, stand at a focal point of the world that Europe and if we binild a great and pron perous nation here. hood and righteousness, we call to bring about a cited world peace. Neither rampant the Ellristmas spirit issuing in clean lives, high ideals and Christian inst worthy of our high destiny.


## A crackerjack of a Christmas present Gig $\mathfrak{O}^{2}$

REMEMBER when you were a kid? -the presants that were all shiny -weren't they the ones that you were proudest of?
Something for your roomsomething you could use all year-something like big poope had in their rooms. Deal to you best when you were a kid? Think back a bit and see.
Then think of Big Ben for those boys and girls.-Toys, of course, should never be displaced. It wouldn't be Christmas without them, but mix in useful things-things that develop pride and make
little people feel responsible. Give them presents to live up to and to live up with. Don't make the mistake of thinking they don't feel the compli-ment.-Let one of the firs things that greets as mornboy and be that triple nickle-plated, handsome, pleasant-looking handiceable, and inspiring seck-alarm-BIG BEN.

Just watch if they don't say, "Isn't that a crackerjacks Why! is, that for me to use myself?" - Then see proudly they carry Big Be upstairs "to see how he self in that boy's or girl's place.
Chris Ben is a crackerjack-of-a

 doth by and And hers as good
dat as he's pleasing to hear.
He sands seven inches tall, ster-
der, handsome, massive, with a biz. der, handsome massive with a big,
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The topographical features of Manitoba are not of the characteristic bunthteresting, to the contrary. Additional to vast grain acreage, woodlands, waterways, she is in possession of magnificent
stretches of beatific landscape, and the traveller upon various of the Manitoban network of railways is cognizant of such. There are scenes upon lier broad
lands which constitute a delight to the

Carman stand forth in bold relief, huge receptacles towering ikyward; those of Homewood and Sperling are distinctly
noticeable, and should the atmospheric noticeable, and should the atmospherc
conditions be favorable, the village of Brunkild is plain to the naked eye. But it is the casterly aspect that re
wards the observer, the vision gazes wards the observer, the vision gazes
over a landscape which will create sensation of amazement.
Rolling land, cerealic acreage, gras meadow, sylvian scene, through which the steel of the Canadian Northern of this highway can be traced. Rose bank, nine miles; Roland, eight mile eastward of this point, the numerou elevators of which town appear as the agricultural domain. Eastward again agricultural domain. Eastward again,
the buildings of Myrtle are discernible

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0CE the O. name was Robert Reeve; had to speak a piece
had to speak a piece
moon he had a store
of recitations in his head
kept learning more
And now this is what happened: H And totally forgot the piece lie was And about to speak!
His brain he cudgeled.
manned within his head!
And so he spoke at random, and this
what he said:
My Beautiful, my Beautiful, who staidest proudly by,
was the staking waves dashed high
Why is the Forum crowded! What means this stir in Rome
nuder a spreading chestnut
is no place like lone!
"When Freedom from her mountain height cried, "Twinkle, little star."
shoot if you must this old gray head, hoot if you must this ola gray head Roll on. thou deep and dark blue castled crag of Drachenfels, Ny name is Norval, on the (irampian Hills, ring out, wild bells
"If you're waking, call me early, to be The curfew must not ring tonight! Oh The curfew must not woodman, spare that tree
Charge, Chester, charge! On, Stanley Charge, Chester, charge will be clever : The boy stood on the burning deck, but 1 go' fin forever!
-Carolyus, Wells, in "Saint Nicholas.
Cured Without Medicine
The young husband who had been an only son at home, petted and indulged beyond every point of reason,
show signs of petty loyalty soon after his marriage. Most of his friends were men of great wealth who lived extremely well, and association with them made him somewhat hard to please in the matter of cooking. Scarcely without at his home table
criticism from him.
"What is this meant for?" he would
"Witism them ask after tasting an entice that his bride had racked her brain to prepare. "What oil earth is this? say, when dessert came "In. "Is this supposed to be salad! he
would inquire sarcastically when the would inquire search sasticaly
lettuce was served. the men as she could, and finally decided to retaliate. The next evening she wore her very prettiest gown. and fairly
bubbled over with wit. They' went int to dimmer
The soup tureen was brought in tear, and that card was written in big round hand:
.This is soul?
Recast beef followed with a placard announcing
The potatoes were labeled. The gravy dish was placarded. The olives how a carried a tar marked "Salad," and when the ice pudding came in a car when the the ed "This is really ice pudding. The wife talked of a thousand an Trent things all through the meal
 "rafter did she say a wort about em , and never since that evening the name of anything set bolo

The Flame of Destiny
During the course of ennerestion
the single list," adding: "I. too, am on two such estimable women as ourselves should have been overlooked in the
great matrimonial market! Now that great matrimonial market! Now that
lady," pointing to another who was passing, "has been widowed four times mated. That woman," she continued, "is plain and uninteresting, and yet she ha them to burn."

## Hope Deferred

They sat each at an extreme end of he horse-hair sofa. They had been years, but the wide gap between ha always been respectfully preserved. "A penny for your thochts, Sandy," murmured Maggie, after a silence of an hour and a half..
"Wreck," replied Sandy slowly, with "surprising boldness, "the tell ye the truth, I was fist thinking how wee bit
wad be if ye were ae gie me a we kissie."
"Iva nae objection," simpered Maggie. slithering over, and kissed him plumply on the tip of his left ear. Sandy relapsed into a brown study once more, and the clock ticked twenty seven minutes.
noo--anither, eh?
oo. "Is it, laddie?", asked Maggie softly Her heart was going pit-a-pat with
pectation. "An' what mich it be?" pectation. "An' what, micht it be ! "that it was aboot time ye were paying meithat penny!" $\qquad$
He Could Not Resist A young Japanese, with the national love of cleanliness, came to London to study. As he was a stranger in the city he had to select his own log. His first choice was not happy; the hall especially was very dirty. This the say nothing then.
say nothing then. One rainy day the maidservant put up this notice:
"Please wipe your feet
seizing hrs opportunity
Inventions Which Hinged Upon Seeming Trifles
Incidents of a trifling character have influenced the career of more than
one successful inventor. E. J. Mantile was a hard-working machinist, live. ing in Waterbury, Connecticut, when, one day, he heard a woman complaining because she had pricked her finger with a pin. A pin that would not prick
fingers, he thought, would have a ready lingers, he thought, would have a ready
sate. I week later he had worked out ate. A week later he had worked oh
the safety pin, and within five years his the safety pin, and within rich. Carlos French, another Connecticut mechanic in the course of a railway journey noticed the jarring and jolting of the car, and fell to thinking how they could
be overcome. The problem kept him We overcome. for some two years, but in the emit her spring is now used on al
that his car spire George West finglonse was led, in a somewhat similar mane, to invent the air brake. Fo
van the son of a manufacturer, and pos fused a marked mechanical bent. Once he was in a railroad collision, the result
of a brakes failure to do its work. II immediately started to devise a brake with greater certainty, than the one as completely suresoful in his color and for thirty years he has constant Weriow- of his one and buying those ing. hat bern -imply enormous.
belled to flee from the czar's empire in
order order to escape banishment to
Siberia. He tramped through Germany and France, to spain, where he took a ship for Cuba, sailing thence to Nell Orleans. The emf of a series of hare ships found him a penniless Wanderer in
the streets of Kansas. City. There, with the aid of men of his own race. he sup, plied himself with a modest stock of fruit, which he sold to passersby. So I shambled in and looked timidly


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"Certainly," said the accountant.
The manager was a grave, calm man. crumpled ball in my pocket. "Are you the manager?" I said. God knows I didn't doubt it.

Yes," he said.
"Can I see you?" I asked. "Alone?" I didn't want to say "alone" again, but without it the thing seemed self-evident. The manager looked at me in alarm. way to a private room. He turned the way to a priv. he said; "sit down."
We both sat down and looked at one another. I found no voice to speak. "You are one of Pinkerton's men,
He had gathered from my mysterious manner that I was a detective. It mad me worse.
"No, not from Pinkerton"s," I said "Ton't know, "I am not a detective at all. I have come to open an account: I intend to keep all my money in this bank." The manager looked relieved, but still serious; he concluded now that I was young Gould.
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A big iron door stood open at the side of the room.
"Good-morning," I said, and stepped into the sate. "Come out," said the manager coldly, and showed me the other way. and poked the ball of money at him with a quick, convulsive movement.
My face was ghastly pale.
"Here" I said; "deposit it."
He took the money and gave it to another clerk. He made me write the um on a slip and knew what $I$ was doing. The bank swam before my eyes. "Is it deposited?" I asked in a hollow
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"You withdraw your money from the bank ?"
"Yes," I again said.
The clerk prepared to pay the money. "How will you have it?" he said. "What?"
"How, will you have it?"
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upon his hands, and $I_{\text {s }}$ must give him her and prayed for her every day since ny sympathy, rather than my criticism then. Sure, its in Heave she is. and censure.
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every friendly word cheers us, every every friendly word cheers us, every
loving word ennobles us, every brave loving word ennobles us, every brave,
honest word strengthens us.
Speak honest word strengthens us sean sean

## Ring Out, Ye Merry Bells

Ring out, ye merry bells! Welcome,
Wright icieles!
Welcome, old holly-crowned Christmas Blithe as a child at play, keeping his holiday,
Welcome him back from the snow peak and plain.
Up with the holly bough, green from Lock up your ledgers and cares for a day; Out to the forest go, gather the mistle-
toe,
old and young, rich and poor, up and
away!
Up with the holly bough, ay, and the In laurel now;
In with the yale log, and brighten Quick! here he is
Quick! here he is again, come with his
Laughter and musie, and friendship and mirth.
Up with the holly boughs, high in each manor house,
hall; "neck" of corn with a gay Rich as the bloom
Rich as the bloom on the cottager's
Wealth has its duties•now, Christmas,
Think will allow
Think, then, ye rich, whilst your
Think of those wretched ones, Poverty's
Weeping whilst children are asking Weeping whil
for bread.
Ring out, ye merry bells! ring till your Out o'er the mountain, and far on the Ring till those cheerless ones catch up your merry tones,
Singing, "Come Christmas, again and again."

## Never Too Late

The other day I read an account in the newspaper of an old negro lady, an
tx-slave, who has learned to read at Xe-slave, who has learner name is Mrs.
eighty years of age Her adly neglected. At eighty, having done her life work, she decided to go to school, and although shit has only bee
there five months she has got so that there five months she he lias gote, save for
she can read most of the she caw words she cannot pronounce.
a few
When she was asked how she learned to Whew she was asked how she learned to
Wead so well and in such a short time
real read so well and in such a short
she explained it by saying: "Then I do a thing, I do it. I ain"t looking here and dere, and everwhich-
anway.
Ise looking right where anay.
book. is."
That struck me as a good motto for those who are beginning to learn at the
other enl of the scale of life. The aged negress has foundit the secret of success and it is a secret that bors ane gin
need to loarn as well. The secret is to
look "right where de book is." If a lad at scloool is interested in everything that goes on round about hinm execpt
that bit of work which in his own, and that bit of work whe in ing, he will
which is straight before him, "Looking turn out to be a bad scholar. "Look
plains many of the fithtures of the
orld.
The same thing is true in the larger
The same thing is true in the harger

As a rule, the people who mind other aspale and and iner mind their own
and, after all, it is our own tasks tha we are responsible for.
The Apostle Paul taught just the same lesson as the negress when he
said, "one thing I do." The suceess in said, "One thing 1 do. The success
life comes to those who do one thing, life comes to those who do one thing,
and do it well. "All things come to him who waits," says the old proverb. would rather read it." "All things come to him who sticks" - that is, if he sticks long enough. There is no roya
road to getting $a$ thing done, but the road to getting a thing
common road of doing it.
"When I do a thing, I do it. I ain" looking here and dere and everwhichaway. "'se looking right where d away.
book. is."

## "World-Loneliness"

Work with the hands which leaves the mind free is partly accountable for
the overwhelming loneliness that the overwhelming loneliness that op-
presses many women. Not only are presses many women.
they conscious of the isolation of the farm or the kitchen, but they suffer from that vague "world-loneliness which is not the less torturing because it is so inexpressible and so insuperable.
Maeterlinck deseribes one aspect of Maeterlinck deseribes one aspect of
it- the isolation of mankind among the other animals of the earth. "We are alone," he says, "absolutely alone on this chance planet, and amid all the orms of life that surround us, not one excepting the og has made an aliance
with us. A few creatures fear us, most are unaware of us, and not one loves us."
It is not only that we are unable to establish communication with the biri or the deer, and that we find the winh
and the flower and the wave and the mountain dumb to our speech, but that our friends do not respond to our mute entreaty for companionship.
The woman who comes nearest to finding society even in the midst of whose children's arms are round he neck and their voices sounding in her ears. But even for her, and for all
other women who struggle under the other women who struggle under th burden of their own isolation in a only motto is Sir Philip Sidney's inspir ing word, "They are never alone that,
are acompanied with noble thoughts."

## FAITH

He was the strongest man I knew, Serene and self-secure Fashioned to mock at t.
To suffer and endure.
I saw him poor, unknown, despised,
Hew out his gradual way
saw him battle mighty
saw him batte mighty
As if the war were play.
I saw him lift men up, and best,
When life went like a song
of pleasant things, I saw him still of pleasant things, I saw him stil
Simple and pure and strong.

And, learning of his faitl, I asked
How such a thing need be
one so strong, and whence it cal n one so strong, and whence
"God lives, Gool reigns, God loves the
This much at least I know
With all my heart and soul hewnse
Because I need Him so!'
Poor Richard's Junior's Philosophy
The man with no, calling is seldom
heard from.
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ridiculous.
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## HOW NATURE CURES CONSTIPATION And Why Drugs Are Boing Used Loss

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wintah.
When When luck knocks at de doah, hii $i^{2}$ don't hang erround ter listen to de man who gits mad fer bein' waked up. Il notice one thing: bumbebees-bigest when dey first gits out, but spryer aftah deh knocks agin' de world a bit.

## REST

The san glows red in the burning west, And the swallows hie to their nest; The robin swells his beautiful breast, And sings his mate to rest.
Nature is lulled in a sweet repose, And her hush is gentle as dew; Dull care is banished and and


Johnnie Cannuck in Winter Garb

Spirit of Rest! Brood o'er us tonight! Epirit of Rest! Brood oer Enfold us with sheltering wings till sladows are lost in rosy light And Heaven's life-bell rings.

Essentials of Friendship
Essential to the highest friendship are
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a common ${ }^{\text {a }}$ com hope mon ideal, and a common hope
Friends may meet on the lowe Friends may meet on the low planes and yet be of rainhest expansions culture; but for the hegard, it is neelful that there be of regard, it is neone another. comprehension of one another. language
Two who speak the same will get on better than if one speak a foreign tongue that his fricud cannot uuderstand, or if one expresses himseli only in dumb show. The mane or woinan with low ideals as to no to as to courtesy, as to self-denial, as an find piration after righteoussness, end who ber converion. she at once went to
 qualities and endeavors.

A hope in one divine Saviours an an-
icipation of culc cterual Home a love weipation of one "ternal Home, a love granted, and never entertain a doubt buikd a foundation for real friendship.

## Sowing the Bible

Bible Armenia the distribution of the ficult. by missionaries is especially difthe natives when it falls into their hands, as may be gathered from this story, told by one of the Bible men. A copy of the Bible was given to a
patient in the hospital, and by him patient in the hospital, and by him carried to his home in a village. Here
an Armenian priest took it from the man, and having torn it to pieces, threw it into the street.
A grocer picked it up and took it to his shop, where he began to use it as wrapping-paper. So for a time olives, cheese, candles and other things sent forth from that store were wrapped in
pages upon which were printed the "Wages upon wherds of Life."

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Design by May Manton. 442 Single Breasted Coat 777 Four-Pi ¿ 477 Four-Piece Envelope Skirt, made with straight fronts and plain, long sleeves and that treatment is bes the coat can be given quite a different dfect by using the cutaway fronts and either the three-quarter or long sleeves. Treated in such a way, it becomes adapted to velvet, silks, wool velour allo various other materials of after cither with this skirt or with any other that may be liked. If serge is not liked for the suit, cheviot, cordurey or home pun could be substituted or whe wo ratine that is being so me to fit for the seams all extend to the shoulder and the skirt is made in just four pieces to be finished with a belt or just above daist line. For the medium size, the coat win require $43 / 3$ yards of matemial ards 44 or $17 / 8$ yards 53 inches wide ith $1 / 4$ yard for the collar. For th
 creqe or wher material with nap, 5 varts will ha. if incho- wid.

The May Manton pattern of the coat

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## A Pretty Negligee and Cap

Every woman likes a variety of pretty and beroming negligees and here ing. It means almost no labor for the
making. It is thoroughly comfortable making. It is thoronghly comfortable
to wear and attractive to look upon. In the picture, it is made of one of the cotton erepers showing Japanese deIndian silk, while with it is worn little boudoir cap of white muslin and pretty ribions. The soceres the back can be made with a seam that shapes it slightly or left plain as each woman may choose. Also a kimono can be cut off to sacque length so that it really the afternoon rest, nothing prettier could be asked, but there are lovely

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kimono $31 /$ yards 27 or 36 or $21 /$ yards 44 inches wide. For the boudoir cap will be required $11 / 4$ yards of material 36 inches wide with $11 / 2$ yards of banding and 3 yards of ribbon for the rosettes.
The May Manton pattern of the ki-
mono 7614 is cut in three, small 34 or

Good Models for Various Occasions
$\qquad$ 604-Girl's Double-Breasted Coat. 7597-Three-Quarter
and Small Women 7610 -Four-Piece Skirt for Misses and Small Women.
616-Semi-Princesse Gown.
Separate coats are to be much worn this season and, consequently, entire gowns will be in great de
mand. For the coats are used in mand. For the coats are used in
an almost numberless variety of fabrics
and they are shown in many styles and


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| coat is a favorite ad the one illustrated |\(| \begin{aligned} \& with 1 yard 21 or 1 / 2 yard <br>

\& mes wide for the trimming\end{aligned}\) is among the best. For little gris, rothing is better than the long coat that completely covers the dress and this season fancy collars are in vogue and they give a certain touch of dis tinction. For the gowns that are worn both within doors and upon the stree
beneath the long coats, silk and wool meneath the long coats, have equal vogue. Lace is
miches wide for the trimming.
ine May Manton pattern of i60t is cut in sizes for girls trom coat 3 years of age.
The coat shown on the second figure is a most satisfactory one adapted woth small women and young girls. It can be rolled back to form revers or as occasion demands. In the llustra-
find the slightly open necks becoming but the cloaking materials of the season give them the preference although it is are many, and lighter weight cloth can quite correct to cut the neck high and we wat more dressy effect. The fronts can Hish it with a stock collar. ilustrated is be made straight or curved and the charming one that is perfectly simple. patch pockets can be used or omit a charming one that is perfectly simple. $\begin{aligned} & \text { patch pocket. The skirt beneath is a } \\ & \text { There are only the shoulders and under } \\ & \text { ted as liked. The }\end{aligned}$ arm seams, and the sleeves are the plain one cut in four gores with the regulation sort with upper and under edges at the left of the front and at portions but without fullness at the the right of the bade wih either straight shoulders. In the illustration, dark blue celours in a deep ivory shade.
For the 6 -year size, the coat will For the 16 -year size, the cost will refor the 0 -year size, the coat will re- quire $41 / 2$ yards of material 27,3 yards $\begin{array}{lll}\text { quire } 31 / 2 & \text { yards of material } 27,21 / 2 \text { yards } \\ 36,2 \text { yards } 44,13 / 4 \text { yards } 52 \text { inches wide }\end{array}$

wide. The width of the skirt at the lower edge is $13 / 4$ yards.
The May Manton pattern of the coat 7597 and of the skirt 7610 are both cut in sizes for misses of 14,16 and 18 years.
The semi-princesse gown is an exceptionally graceful one and, in the
illustration, it is made of charmeuse illustration, it is made of chat material being a pronounced favorite of the season. The sleeves are long, cut in one piece each, but with tucks at the inner arm that frovide fullness for the elbow. If shorter sleeves are liked they can be cut off below the elbow and finished with cuffs. The skirt can be cut in either two or four pieces as best adapted to the
material, for the four-piece skirt means simply joining the edges at the front and back and, as the: skirt is laid in tucks that are lapped to give the effect of inverted plaits, such joining is invisible.
For the mediam size, the gown will require 8 yards of material 27,5 yards 36 or 44 inchese wide with $7 / 8$ yard The May Manton pattern of the govn 7616 is cut in sizes from 34 to 46 inches bust measure.

The Fashionable Trimming of Plaid
Plaid is being extensively used as rast is adways a pretty one. This gown is espegally well adapted to two materials


Design by May Manton. 7354. Blouse with Vestee, 34 to 42 bust 7553 Two-Piece Skirt,
22 to 30 waist.

22 to 30 wais
little vest in the waist. It allows effec tive use of buttons, too, and the lines are all graceful and becoming. The plaid with the plain material makes an any tractive contrast but there are it posfabrics of different sorts that it is posmakes ideal trimming and it contrasts
fabrics. Entire silk gowns are being much worn and plain silk could be compretty effect could be obtained by using triped material for the entire gown and cutting the trimming portions on is made, the lines remain the same and they are essentially smart, giving notably slender effect at the same time that the skirt is of moderate width. The waist portions are over-lapped at the ront but the closing is made at the Fark.
For the medium size, the waist wil require $21 / 4$ yards of material $27,15 / 8$
yards 36 or 44 inches wide with $3 /$ yar 21 for the vestee, $1 / 2$ yard 18 for the yok and collar, $3 / 4$ yard 21 inches for the vest and cuffs. The skirt will require $33 / 8$
yards of material $27,25 / 8$ yards 36 or 44
with $11 / 4$ yards any width for the panels. The width of the skirt at the lower dge is $21 / 4$ yards.
The May Manton pattern of the waist 7354 is cut in sizes from 34 to 42 inches
bust measure; of the skirt 7553 in sizes from 22 to 30 inches waist measure. They will be mailed to any address by the Fashion Department of this paper, on receipt, of ten cents for each

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As any child may wish.
The world is full of lullabies And loves for little heads, And mother-dears to sit beside The sleepy trundle beds, And pretty dreams to run among The world is such a happy place For any child to be. -Carolyn S. Bailey.
$\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { prefer a minister who speaks his own } \\ & \text { thoughts, however mediocre they may }\end{aligned}\right.$ The following story is told illustra ting the aversion of congregations $t$ sermon reading.
A sermon-reading clergyinan called one day on a humble parishioner, a cobbler He sat mending a pair of boots and
reading his Bible at the same time. reading his Bible at the same tiles?" asked our friend, with a benevolent smile. our "Prophesyin'," Giles answered.
"Prophesying? Nonsense!" curtly, "if "Well," said the preachin,' isn't readreadin a sermocy prophecyin'?"
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## Only a Flower

Only a flower, yet whisp'ring fond Only a flower, yet whisp realms above,
The tiding glad from real Bidding our hearts with joy respond Bidding our hearts wh's boundless loveGuiding our souls, when tempest-driven, Across Life's dark and angry main, To where the beacon-lights of Heaven
Bring rest from earthly care and pain.


A Pleasing Reflection

The Mother's Influence
Mothers still make garments for their children-not on the loom or with their busy needles merely, but by their holy
and ennobling characters displayed from day to day before young and quickly observant eyes, by their words and conversation, and by the habits of their daily devotion.
and unconsciously the gentleness or rudeness, the reverence for religion, or indifference, the refinement or coarseness of manner
daily presented to their $\mathrm{g}, \mathrm{ze}$
daily presented to their g.zze.
As fish take on the mottled.color of the ground on which they lie, and as the plovers change their plumage to match the winter or the spring, so children
wear the robes which their mother, wear the robes which their mother's
character and behavior, temper and character and behavior, temper and
tones, weave for them.-F. B. Mever. tones,

Second-Hand Wisdom
Sir Roger de Coverley obliged his chaplain to deliver sermuns written by fanous old divinus instead of or'ginal
preachments, and Aldison assura us preachments, and Addixom assure
that many clergymen would do win to

Only a flower, yet it may teach, In all its simple loveliness, Mightier truths than sages preach,
How faith sublime the world may bless, Forming the bright and welcome tokenE'en as the stars at night that shine,
emming the azure arch unbrokenOf wondrous love and pow'r divine.
Only a flower, yet He Whose hand Hath bade each bud with beauty O'er earth and sea hath stern command, O'er summer's joy and winter's gloom; But in His mercy stoops to listen To Sorrow's wail, to Suff'ring's prayer And bids the tear no longer glisten, The heart no more of rest despair.

## The Stay-at-Home Sister

A correspondent writes feelingly about the daughter whose duty it is to stay at home and help with the housework. Her earns a salary; besides, having regular hours for rest, their Sundays and their
evenings are at their own disposal. The renings are at their own disposal. The
home-keeping sister is busy all day, and home-keeping sister is busy all day, and
her feet, she has mending and making to do for the others. On Sunday she has to help with the dinner, and it is late before she gets through. She has remuneration thont is at all regular, any remuneratio home people fancy that and, is very well paid because she has her board and clothes. But is she?
I read between the lines that the writer of this letter feels herself unfairly treated, as indeed she is, since she is doing her full share since her efpenses in the family, and since her ei-
forts leave her sisters free for self forts leave her sisters
support, it would be a good plan for them or her parents to give her a them or her palar weekly sum to be entirely her regular
own. One of the sisters in turn should relieve her on Sundays, so that she might be free to attend church: If all took turns in getting the Sunday dinner, none would have a reason to com plain of hardship. The is enter every privilege that the others enjoy.

The Sweetest Gift of Love By Frank L. Stanton

What shall I give her - my little girl With the soft dark eyes and the Of tresses, with many a sun-bright curl? What shall' I give her-my love, my What pet?
What shadl I give her of beauty and
To mise
ogives me to kiss?
My avel I have given her that tis old - her life, though her face is have given my darling my heart to
whe sweetest songs that my teteeart has sung! this-

She is chimbing up to my arms-I see
The chitht of Heaven in her lovely The lient of Heaven in her Over the tace on itain its spleindor lies. ourng to give her save only thisThe kiss ion the curls the she gives me \& to kiss!

## CA Wortd Without a Child"

(Sefection from Mr. Coulson Kernahan's New Book)
To all men, even to the impure, God grants the gift of memory, But the memory of the impure is liwe an. It shows backed mirror hung ond. But sometimes, only what hies behind. (iod gives, in place of memory's mirror, a magic glass, as crystal pure even as their hearts-a glass in which may be seen, not only the mirrored picture of what lies behind, but also of what lies before. . These are the pure in fore, to look into the future is denied fore,
thee.
Very lovely is the confidence of child hood., We do well to speak of "King Baby," for the right, by which a litte chili shall rule, is a diviner, sweeter right and sanctity than ever was ac
corded to Kings. corded to Kings.
right, the reyal prerogative of every right, the royal prerogave world assurcd
child to come into this that its coming will set joy-bells of the heart a-ringing.
Creed is more often the outcome of conduct than conduct is of creed. To decide to disobey God, to persist that disobedience, meang God your life
decided to do without And when you have decided to put God out of your life, you are already an atheist by choice, and must not complain if you end in becoming one conviction.
tian. .., The words "atheist" and of each other.

The earliest snowdrops - those nums among the flowers, crystal chaste and celibate from birth-which it may -be, we first see standing ("little Sisters of
the Poor") beside some humble door or in some cottage garden wearing the white robe of their order, and with downcast eyes and drooped head, that they may not so much as look on evil.

## Winning

It takes a little courage And a little self-control, And some grim determination
If you want to reach a goal. It takes a deal of striving, And a firm and stern set ch No matter what the battle, If you're really out to win.
There's no easy path to glory, There's no rosy road to fame, Life, however we may view. it But its prizes call for fighting For endurance and for grit, For a rugged disposition,
And a "don't-know-when-to-quit."
You muststake a blow or give one, You must risk and you must lo And exect that in the struggle But you musn't wince or falter But If a fight you once begin, Be a man and face the battle Thates the only way to win.

## Ten Not Enough

It was an examination on the Bible, and the first question the teacher asked was; "How many commandme? The little boy th then hè answered,
"A hundred." No, of course not," said the examiner. "That widl do for you." And the little boy went out sadly He had failed. But he hung about the building, and in a half-hour another boy appeared. He; was on the way to the examination, too. He asked the boy who had failed what questions häd been put to him, and the unhappy failure answered: "The teacher wanted to know how many commandments there were. will you say when he asks you.
"I'll say ten", was the reply. The boy who had failed laughed loud and long.
and, long; he cried. Well, just try him with your ten. I tried him with on with your ten. he wasn't satisfied.

## Biased Judgment

"Daily bread" means "daily bread" to the East End child of London. It is no euphemistic expression for chicken any emonade. When it is lackidren of the nome, as it often is, the chborhood all know it, and sympathize with fecling born of common suffering.
In an East End mission was held one ight a week a "Happy Hour for Children," says the Rev. Richard Free, in "Seven Years' Hard," in the course of which friendly competitions were held singing and games. Small "champions" One irls, Connie and Hilda, were opposed in the singing contest. Connie's father was out of work, and there was great distress at her home. The little ones were crying for food, and their parents were half-crazy with worry and hunger. the Happy Hour chid. They manibut the curate interest, buzzing like so many flies when the two girls stepped There was not the slightest doubt of the superiority of Hilda's voice. .he sang in a clear, correct soprano. Connie on the other hand, whose voice would Every woman, most of all every

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that she broke down twice and was $\mid$ Links our life and death together?croaky and throaty. to Yet, when the
children were asked to vote, with one accord they shouted, "Connie!" -F. W. H. Myers, in "Fragments "You should vote for the girl who sang best, not the one you like best,",
said the curate. "Now, then, for Hilde?" said the curate. "Now, then, for Hilda?
Not a hand went up. "For a hand went
A shoal of hands appeared
"What! Do you mean to say that Connie sang better than Hilda?" expostulated the curate.
"But, my dear children, Connie broke down twice."
That made no difference. They shouted, "Connie!" and only "Connie!" and would not have Hilda at any price. shillings a week. In the end the curate yielded, and
with a roar of delight the little EastEnders applauded while he gave Connie the money prize.
"Lov-ely!" exclaimed a little girl in
front seat. "Now they'll thing to eat at her house!"


Ready for the Camera
Then the curate understood and ap- dren-at-law require, outsiders may not preciated the biased judgment of his Hlock-a judgment in which the de
feated Hilda entirely concurred.

Perfect Love
Love, they said, is faint and dying; Love, they said, is worn and old, -
Chained with customs, bought with Hark! gold:- heard his voice replying, "Though ye flout him. what
Love is master: Love is free!
Love, they said, not long will linger,Slights his choosen, leaves his own:-
Woe's the heart whence hove has flown, Touched in spring with autumns finger
Say, your doubts have done hin wove is deathens, love is strong: Love can bind with lightest tether Heart to heart and soul to soul:-
Nay, what law but Love's control
meddle, but from a friendly and considerate circle outside may come many little alleviations and distractions. To
ask to see the grandmother when paying a call is a simple enough courtesy, but it is often neglected. Often, too, the grandfathers a grandmothers are not nearly old enough to be counted on the retired list when religious or philanthropic activities are
in question. It is sometimes at just this point that the change from the earlier life, so full of usefulness and importance, is most poignantly felt. The working force of some churches might be perceptibly increased energies of this older generntion the energies of this older generation.

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scrubbed the kitchen floor every night just before she went to bed. One night she forgot that her husband was at work in the barn, and just as she" got the floor "clean enough doear. Rather han let him soil the floor she made him spend the night on the haymow.
Are there any floor-worshippers n-well, let us say the room where you are reading this paragraph?

## Mother Storie

By L. C. from "Under Mother's Wing."
The Donkey

There was once a poor little Donkey n wheels. It had never wagged its tail, or tossed its head, or said "Hee haw!" or tasted a tender thistle. It always went about anywhere that one pulled it on four wooden wheels, carryround hat and a long cloak, because he had no legs. Now a man who has no legs and rides a Donkey on wheels has little cause for pride; but the Knight

American Indian Folk Tales
The Raccoon and the Bee Tree The Raccoon had been asleep all day in the snug hollow of a tree. The dusk stretched himself once or twice, and jumping down from the top of the tall, dead stump in which he made his home set out to look for his suppe
In the midst of the woods there was a lake, and all along the lake shor there rang out the alarm cries of the water people as the Raccoon cam nearer and nearer.
First the Swan gave a scream of warning. The Crane repeated the cry, the Loon, swimming low, took it up and echoed it back over the still water. The Raccoon sped merrily on, and finding no unwary bird that he could seize he picked up a and the the meat A little farther on, as he was leaping hither and thither through the long tangled meadow grass, he landed with all four feet on a family of


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was haughty and seldom remembered; Skunks - father, mother and twelve his circumstances. So the Donkey little ones, who were curled up sound suffered sorely, and in many ways. asleep in a soft bed of broken dry grass. One day the Donkey and the Knight "Huh!" exclaimed the father skunk were on the table in front of the child "What do you mean by this, efi to whom they both belonged. She was cutting out a little doll's frock with a large pair of scissors, "Mistress," said the Knight, "this Donkey tries my temper. "Will you
give me some spurs?", give me some spurs?"
"Oh, no, Sir Knight," the child "Oh, no, "Yo kould hurt the poor Donkey; besides, you have no heels to put them on." "Cruel Knight!" exclaimed the Donkey. "Make'him get off, dear mistress I will carry him no longer. "Let him stay," said the child gently "he has no legs and cannot walk." "he has no legs and cannot wars?" "Then why did the world, dea Donkey; just the way of the world. Donkey; just the way Donkey, "some ways are very trying, especially the world's." And then it said no more, but thought of the fields it would nerer see and the thistles it would never
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narrow crevice. He tasted it and it was deliciously sweet.
He ran up the tree and down again, and at last found an opening into which he could thrust his paw. He brought it out covered with honey! Now the Raccoon was happy. ate and scooped, and scooped and ate the golden, trickling honey with both
forepaws till his pretty, pointed face was daubed all over
Suddenly he tried to get a paw into his ear. Something hurt him terribly just there, and the next minute his sensitive nose was frightfully stung. He
rubbed his face with both sticky paws. The sharp stings. came thicker and faster, and he wildly clawed the air. At last he forgot to hold on to the branch any longer, and with a sereech he
tumbled to the ground.
tumber to the ground $\quad$ There he rolled and rolled on the dear leaves till he was covered with leaves from head to foot, for they stuck fast to his fine, sticky fur, and most of ali
they covered his eyes and his striped they covered his eyer and his striped
face. Mad with fright and pain he face. Mad with fright and paing to
dashed through the forest calling to some one of his own kind to come to his
of the moon was now bright, and many second Racods people were abroad. A to meet it. But when he saw a fright to meet it. But when he saw a
ful object plastered with dry leaves rac ing madly toward him he turned and ran for his life, for he did not know what this might be.
The Raccoon who had been stealing could hoping to overtake and beg the other to help him get rid of his leaves. So they ran and they ran out of the
woods on to the shining white beach woods on to the shining white beach,
around the lake. Here a Fox met them, around the lake. Here a
but after one look at the quer object but after
which was chasing the frightened Rac coon he, too, turned and ran at his best
speed. $\quad$ Presently a young Bear came loping out of the wood and sat up on his
launches to see them go by. But when he got a good look at the Raccoon, who was plastered with dead leaves, he
serambled up a tree to be out of the
way. this time the poor Raccoon was so fratic he was doing. He ran up the tree af ter the Bear and got hold of his tail. "Woo, woo!" snarled the Bear, and
the Raccoon let go. He was tired out and dreadfully ashamed. He yid now know what he ought to have done at the washed off most of the leaves. The he got back to his hollow tree and eurled himself up and licked and licked his soft fur till he had licked himsel clean, and then went to sleep.
risk. -Elaine Goodale Eastman

## Little Brown Thrush

Little Brown Thrush was very sad in-
deed. He sat on the topmost branch of deed. He sat on the topmost branch of
a low maple tree and peeped in the a low maple tree and peeped in the
saddest tone possible - for he was so
 he always wore, and at ayes were the
of envy as he gazed at an Oriole on the nearest tree. The Oriole was singing a merry little tune and did not even stop as the sad little bird hopped up to him
and said: "What makes your coat such a beautiful color?", happv," trilled the "Because 1 an so happs" trilled the
Oriole, who having ended lis tune, flew away to another tree, where Brown
Thrush heard lhim beginning another joyous song. can never have anything "There, I can never have anything
but my ugly brown cont," said the sad
little bird to himmelf, ior I I am so unhappy, that I can, do nothing but
weep." and away he hopped into the weep," and away he hopped into the
darkest shadow of an old pine tree
das the wind whistling through the And the wind, whisthyg through the
tree, made a noise whilich sounded to
little Brown Thursh like "U-g.-.-
B. ugly-u-g-l-y! so sad?" peeped a cheorful
"Why so
sttle little voce the sun-line. salw a happ



"Blue Jay," he peeped, and his voic and his voice sounded like a sob, "why are you so merry, and what makes trill seemed like a peal of laughter. Thrush! Your question is so easy: be cause the sky and water are so blue, and away he flew.
For several minutes Brown Thrush pondered over Blue Jay's answer, then a happy thought struck him. A and, yes, it was as Blue Jay had told him. The sky was a bright blue and seemed to make the water just its color. He would dip down into it and perhaps his old brow
blue. In went one little foot. My! But it was cold! But what did it matter? He was brave and he wanted a bright
coat so much. In went his whole body, even his head, and his eyes were so Gilled with water that it was some time
before he was able to see whether or not his coat had turned blue. But his cold plunge was in vain. The water had made his coat even darker, and as he flew away to find a place to warm himself he heard a Frog croak:,
brown; still brown; it's brown,
Brown Thrush's disappointment was so great that he did not even notice that he had pearci.ed on a high post near a Robin, and it was only when he heard a cheerful What's the rrouble, head. "Where did you get your bright red
vest ?" he sobbed out, and the Robin, hopping about from one twig to another, un is!" Brown Thrush looked at the un preparing to sink in the west, and t. looked like a great ball of fire. For moment he felt alnost happy, for he
thought that at last he would get his ${ }_{\mathrm{He}}^{\mathrm{Wish}} \mathrm{w}$
He would fly as near the sun as pos. color his vest red; and without stopping to say good-by he started for his jour hey to the sun. He flew, and flew, and flew, and seemed to get no nearer. In act, the sun seemed to be getting dim and was now only a delicate pink But still he flew on. It seemed so hard for him to breathe, and he closed his yes for a little while just to rest them When he opened them and looked and little clouds were trying to cover it up entirely. He was so tired that he was scarcely able to move his wings All he could do was to spread themtout and sink to the earth. And what a long journey it had been! And how
happy he thought he would be when his feet touched the brown earth! "Why, this!" he said.
Down, down, down he went until at last his feet touched the soft grass Feebly he heak into the cool wate
dipped his How good it tasted! And before knew it he was singing a little song of thankfulness.
"How beaut "How beautifully you sing!" croaked
the Frog, and Brown Thrush show how much better he could do warbled on still more sweetly. Then away he flew to the old pine tree "Whoo, whoo, whoo!" called an Owl drom the branch of a tree. "Who? echood the bird; "why I'm little Brown
Thrush, and I'm tired, and sleepy, but oh: so happy to be at home one more." Wind, and the Evening Star seemed to look down and smile as Brown Thrush
sat contentedly oin the brawn sat contentedly on the branch, singing
loud and clear his happ. good-night.
Sophy C. Smith.

Taddy Frog
"Ah. but this is a niee log!"
Taddy Frog sat beside his mother on beautiful log that lay across one end if the pond which was his home. The liked it even better than in the cool


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back, and he could fiity feel himself He looked up at his bg, lovely mother, and heped he would soon grow to be big and beautiful like her; and he nearly
fell asleep with the pure bliss of living when something happened, and Taddy and his mother found themselves in the water making frantic efforts to hide un-
der the roots of the weeds stone had hit the $\log \mathrm{j}$ st between them. "That stone, was thrown at us by a very bad boy," said Mother Frog. said Taddy trembling with fright us? "Wes, my child; he would like to kill "I don't see why," said Teddy; "we "t don't see why," said Teddy; "we little Frog lay a long time quietty
among the weeds thinking about the many queer things in this strange world into which he had come

Emma E. Lente.
A Farewell
My fairest child, I have no song to give No lark could pipe to skies so dull Yet, ere we part, one lesson II can leave For ${ }^{\text {you }}$ every day
Be good, sweet maid, and let who will Do $\begin{gathered}\text { be clever; } \\ \text { noble things, not dream them, all }\end{gathered}$ And so make

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Do you get all stufted up?
Do you get all stufled up?
Do you have a hackingocough?
Do you have pain in the chest?
Do you have pain in the chest?
Is is thard to breathe sometimes?
Is it hard to get your throat clear?
Do you sometimes cough until you
Do you somet imes cough until you giont
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Thus ran the busy hours away By many a labor blest The Tractor had no rest
For while the farmer, peaceful eyed Read by the tungsten's glow, The patient Tractor stoo
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[George Fitch in Preoria (III). Herald Transcript.]

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thoroughly wet and leave the grain in thoroughly wet and leave the grain in
a pile for two or three hours. then a pile for two or three hours, then
spread out thin so it will ily. Aftor tha
be sacked and held until needed for use The process is so simple and so easily applied that every. bushel of small grain, whether it be oats, sprigg wheat, though the etermer is pretty well convinced that smut spores'are not present in his own seed. It does not require much smutte seed to result in a loss of 5 to 10 pe cent of the crop. Anyone can figure himself what this re Be sure that the formalin is up to
full strength. Formalin is 40 per full strength. Formalin is 40 per cent
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then it will be possible to absolutely prevent the presence of smutted grain Dipping the
Dipping the grain in hot water at a usually prevent smut. 133 degrees will placed in coarsely woven baskets coivered with wire netting or baskets covgunny sack. The water or in a coars lowed to go $h^{\prime}$ her than 145 degrees, and the treatment at this higher temperature must not extend beyond five miputes The hot water treatment, while effective is more difficult to apply. It require much more labor and some appliances
so that anyone will not be disappointed if he sticks to the formalia treatment.

Will Poultry Improvement pay? M. G. Kains

Many farmers hecitate to improve the haracter of their poultry because they car improvement will not aid them. If
they look upon improvement solely from the standpoint of others, they are doubt make monery eren tnough many farmer


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poultry raising for feathers but for market. Perlaps the best refutation to
their argument may be found in the experience of canadian poultry raisers. experience of Canadian poultry ra
It may be epitomized as fol Jws About 10 years ago the Canadian government sought to develop an export lade in poultry, the market being Eng. in both live and dressed fowls and in eggs. During the year 1902 the value of the exports amounted to more than $\$ 2,000,000$, but by 1905 there had been a decrease to about $\$ 750,000$, and by 1910 the exports had disappeared entirely. Last year there was no export
either. ither.
The reason for this is not that the the careful teachings of the government's experts, the quality had not only been raised to meet the British standard, but had continually improved during the decade. The real reason for the falling off is that the improved quality created a demand in the home markets of Can ada, which even now are not, as a rule, ver supplied. When there are grod prices,
there is no reason for developing foreign market foreign market.
Here is a clear case of success which

The Child and the Hen By A. G. Philips
In order to show what a club can do in a small school, a particular case in a very small Western country school will be cited. A poultry enthusiast whe
lived cose to a small school, which was taught by a city girl, was much in terested in its success. He believed that agriculture in some branch should be placed on a respectable footing in ever school.
One evening six of the oldest children were invited to his home, accompanied
by the teacher. They all had a jolly time and ended the fun by agreeing to build a poultry house in the schoolyard, provided the farmer would furnish the umber and superintend the work. Since three of this smali crowd were girls, the boys did all the work, and placed the house in the front school
When the house was built each child brought a hen from home and placed it in the house. Each took turns feeding and keeping records for a week. At the end of six weeks the children became jealous of each other's ability to feed

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ing hens, they learned mathematics when they figured profit or loss, and compo-
sition and writix; were both necessary
in the preparation of the reports. Thus in the preparation of the reports. Thus
the contest fulfilled seme of the requirements of the school curriculum.
What is the object of education, Cer-
tainly it must be to teach the child how to be a valuable man or woman. These children learned what dry studies never teach, and the respect for education that they acquired caused them to look for ward to conlege careers with the hope of
developing into successful farmers. deacher was taken at the end of the term at almost twice the salary, because she had become a better instructor. American scliools need more of this, kind of education; it brings results. Children
should be educated with interesting and should be educated with interesting and
concrete things, and be shown - how poncrete things, and se shool work can be made.

Controlling Potato Pests

> G. R. Bliss, Iowa

Rotation, the use of healthy seed and spraying will control all potato pests.
After they have once started the only remedy seems to be spraying. This should be done very thoroughly, seeing
that every leaf and stem is covered, and that every leaf and stem is covered, and
the mixture should be properly prepared. In order to prevent injury to
the leaves, fresh stone lime should be used. Spraying with lead arsenic or Paris green will control the Colorado and pay well but from a utilitarian

should have a yield of 30 bushels to the acre, 5 miles from Mirror, Alberta, on the G.T.P. Railway
beetle. This should be first applied when the old beetles first appear. If properly
done this will destroy the slugs as soon as they are hatched. Usually three or four applications are sufficient. A great
many farmers pick off the old beetles my hand and kill them immediately by dropping them into kerosene. The eggs dropping them into kerosene. The eggs
should also be destroyed in this way.

Thorough Cultivation Helps
: The long bodied blister beetles are often known appear in great numbers, and if not instantly checked will completely defoliate the potato vines in two or three days. There are several
species, but only two are troublesome to species, but only two are troublesome to
potato growers. These are the striped potato growers. blister beetle. These insects lay their eggs in the ground. In a short time the active larva appears and feeds upon the eggs of grasshoppers
and solitary bees. It molts several times and finally forms a pupa in the ground appearing as an adult late the following spring. The adults only are injurious to potatoes.
In the first place, cultivation may prevent them from getting a start, and
may compel them to leave after once may compel them to leave after once
started. But if they are present in large numbers, more drastic measures are necessary. A spray of lead arsenate
or lavis green should be applied to the vines upon the first appearance of the quently, for although this means instant death to the insects they are quickly replaced, and constant attention is
necessary. They may be driven out of
standpoint the looks of the birds may be very considerably overemphasized. Most of my ding birds have free range. Others have al at an eighth of As acre run with thei: colony houses. Red, this plan works very well. I use both hens and incubators f $\sim$.. hatching, but prefer the $i$ cubators because they save time, are cleaner, are always ready
for use and are more economical. In for use and are more economical. In for early winter, I like to have all the hatching occur between April 10th and May 10th. In six months, Rhode Island
Red pullets, if properly managed, can Red pullets, if properly managed, can
be brought to laying development. I be brought to laying development. I of this breed so as to bring the hen.s
into laying condition earlier. If this into laying concition earkier.
is done, the chances are the pullets will be more or less weak and not likely to stand the strain of egg laying.
During the first two weeks I feed noth ing but chick feect, water and charcoal The floors of the brooders are covered with coarse sand. No feed at all i
given until the chicks are 24 hours old given until the chicks are 24 hours ol
After the first week or two I make? After the first week or two I make
mash of about equal parts of meal, bran and middlings, and add one part to sis of meat meal. This is fed three time
daily and followed with a little har grain, mostly cracked corn. When thout two months old. the masl feed is sive twice a day and followed with a feed of grain.
My chic
runs and ope
kept in small
like flock necesary. They may be driven out ou
boys beating the bushes. After several
drives they usually disappear. It is a drives they usually disappear.
good plan to drive them into a windrow, of hay, straw or other combustible material and set fire to it. However, it is by far the most satisfactory and easiest
method to spray. This is comparatively imple, and it pays to take the troyble There are several other injurious in sects which attain considerable imporance at times. Among them are the potato flea beetle, the po white grub, th? potato tuber worm, the scab gnat, plant lice, wireworms, cutworms, leafhoppers, and grasshoppers. Most of then
be destroyed by spraying. Rotation is the only practical means of handling the stalk -borer, the stalk weevil and only on very rich or heavily manured only on
soils.

Fowls lay in six months Robert Wallace
In order to lay the foundation of a laying flock I think it important to start with only cne pair of fowls. Thes
birds should be the be possible to ob birds should be the be possible to ob
tain. They should be of good size and shape for the brced and always in good condition prior to the breeding season; that is, they slould never have bee sick. It is all well enough to hare good min


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crowd and injure one another wefere always sufer most, but by how 4 ig hapdy birds as parents, the num beftiof weak the most vigarois and ale Hy selecting the most vigarous and aler Midds, especially those that are good
lixers, I have been able in the last 10 dayers, yars to increase the guerage egg yeg
ofny flock from 120 to nearly 190 eggs ayear.

How We May Endear the Home to the Child
"Whe other day a little boy sai
Where is your home? I inquired of Hin
[ "Oh, it's the place where I hang my aat," he said.
that home was small boy, of ten say that home was on on the wall upon which he hing his hat was enough to arouse con sternation. That remark +ayed in my mind and possibly made me more obdervant of my little daughters and her playmaite came, "house." They imitated
 our clothes, served and talked just as粼did I soon noticed that after a play * bad it was my daughter who always Whad the dishes. So on day I casua Y sfida to one of my daughter's little pliymatels: "Efsther
 pied thuththully. "That's why I like to stay here so much. When I go home there are afways dishes to wash.
So to one boy home meant only a place to hang his hat, to a girl it meant dish-washing. Home ought to mean more to our little ones; but we mothers have so much to do and our ays. are so
full and busy that perlaps we have neglected to do some of fle vital things that will endear the home to our childrep The woman is the only one who can make a real home and this big responsi bility reests upon her. Allathps fieven Woman sould stop lo
 Why her house isn't whe well nadayd or
 dren you are tired all the time there is something wrong somewhere. A woman
 to meet the emergences. .ias Have you ever stopped to think why you do rot feel like yourself when you are all tired out? When you are tired your circulation is poor; your nerves are unsteady; your digestion is out of order and you are more liable to disease. You are cross and little things annoy you. We cannot always avoid fatigue, but every woman
ought to know how to deal quickly and eught to know how ostively with so destructive an enemy. Have you ever tried having a nap every day? If not, try it immediately. It will do wonders for you. After a woman has been on her feet all morning, baking, sweeping, dusting, es nning fruit or doing any of those thousand and one things she is always doing, she is physi-
cally tired and deserves a long nap of an hour or two. You may say you haven't time, bit you must take the time. Better to let the house go undusted or the fruit uncamned than that you should so tire yourself that you are in tro condition to enjoy the evening hours when your
Pesponsibility and Thoughtfulness
I know that every woman, no matter how busy she may be, can have her nap every day if she so wills. My mother was the mother of five vigorour
clildren. She d.d all her own work children. She d.d ancer her oll children could give her. Every arternoon after the diuner dishes were washed and left in the drainer, my mother, usually takiing the youngest cliild with her, went up airs for an hours's nap. I can remem the face of the earth was to disturb during that time. We became 隹eter Mur play, answ ored all telephone call
kept friend and foe away from her (im. If we were asked to go to a Cbor's house to play we would say: and go now, mothers
no over." If the King of England ad called upon mother during her napping time we sliculd -politely have inbust not be distne was asleep and nust not be disturbed, and he would card. When mother awakened from her our's sleep she was greatly refreshed and turned to darning and sewing or
some of ithe lighter household duties. She always made it a rule never to work in the kitchen in the afternoon until time to get supper, and when we return home and find mother up from her nap neatly dressed and waiting for us in the living-room.
Frequently I was permitted to go home after school with playmates and I can remember how queer it seemed to find their mothers oning in the after noon, or baking bread or mopping the to wash the dinner dishes, which were left in dirty piles awaiting their return from school. That was something mother never left for us and I have always been grateful to her for that. We children always did the breakfast dishes before we went to school, and we did
the supper dishes and never minded it: the supper dishes and never minded it; the afternoon to find huge piles awaiting us I feel sure our hearts would have rebelled inwardly, though they might not outwardly.
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 of time to wipe dishes. Every dish was
rinsed in hot water after being washed and then allowed to dry in the drainer The dishes were cleaner and glossie looking than if we children had aipper
dish towels over them, and after an hour or so they had all drained off and were perfectly dry and ready to be put a.way

Labor Savers and the Man "il
You may say my mother was an ex exceptional because she used system in her home, taught us children how to perform the lighter tasks and kept wide awake at her post, and took in all the ideas by which she would be able to
become more efficient in her work. Every woman could be exception. 1 if she would only try. It is as necessary to have system in the home as it, is to have it, in factories and offices. Without system there can be no leisure for the
women. It takes a little time and thought at the beginning to install a system, but it will pay you a hundredfold and will make the work considerfold and will make the work consider- the happy recollections of my childhood


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| My mother had conveniences in her | Father took his easy-chair in the main |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | kitclien. There was a hook here and a for cutting bacon, fruit, and so forth, and a spatula saved maly minutes in removing cakes and pies from pans. All

the convenient articles were inexpensive but wonderfully useful. In cherry time she invested in a cherry pitter, which cost 50 cents and lasted for y'ears. We children delighted to work the pitter and it was a great saving of time and strength for mother who had enough to
do with the actual canning do with the actual canning
friend who lives on a large farm and has thirty-five cherry trees. She has a large family of her own and in addition tonardssiseveral hired men, so naturally
she cans maníy quarts of cherries every she cans many quarts of cherries every
year. She has alwavs pitted them by hear. and so was delighted with my inex pensive gift. I was pleased to see when left that her two little boys, nine and
six years of age, were vigorously pitting six years of age, were vigorously pitting
cherries at a great rate and having lots of fun out of the new toy. of fun out of the new toy.
Let the boys help in the honserk as well as the girlx. My brothers werd
taught to wash dishes, make beds, cool
hallway and there, raising his voice
loud enough so that the child in the farthermost room could hear, he opened a large Bible-story book and reaf us to sleep I can hear father's voice reading about Moses in the bulrushes or abou the little boy Jesus. Mother refused to get down on her
hands and knees to scrub. She had a hands and knees to scrub. She had a mop and she always made the floor to save her strength for her children and grandchildren than to expend useless energy on her hands and knees! In some shops men are forbidden to stoop. To stoop means to lower the upper half or
the body, which weighs 100 pounds or more, and then to lift that weight again. To do so is to waste human life and A fireless conker will save a great amount of strength and many hours of time. It is a much as the farmer husband ought to have otime and strength-saving ma-
chinery. On the farm all the large cuts chinery. On the farm all the large cuts
of meat can easily be prepared in the
freless cooker. The cereals are better if cooked this way and stewed fruit s delicious. Every housewife will be her fireless cooker.
By having such things as these in her home a woman can save herself and give something of herself to her cears. I do carry through thether our house was always dusted or whether the kitchen foor was always spotlessly clean but $t$ do remember that I had an efficien mother who, to the best of her ability equipped us to meet hife's wors
Another thing that endears home to the children is to know that they are free to bring playm Friday or Saturday evening to be able to invite in a few young friends. We could always have as much company as we wished just so long as we straightened the rooms afte the guests' departure and washed any dishes that may have been used.
never expected mother we prepared them When we were very young, of course mother assisted us, but as we grew older she threw the entire responsibility upon us. I have frequently been in a home where the young daughter had ah unusual amount of company, but shis never offered to help her mother. The girl litle was the mother's may extra steps the realized to take while she was enterto thing lier guests in the parlor.
"Turn About is Fair Play"
We have a rule in our house to the effect that whoever had a guest was excused from dish-washing, although we always helped get the meal a friend at mother it was her privilege to go from the table directly to the living-room and we children cleared up and washed the dishes. If I had a guest I was excused and the boys helped mother; and in turn I did the same for to help More often our guests begged and in and we would give them aprons and would be all washed, for you shay "many hands make light woaky 4 , a In the summertime Sinday © OMg supper was looked forward to by wo us children whth the greatest antuppa tion. It had been mothe s , dea that w should drive to some hit frem which we could see the sunset gat ofter a piark. The supper there, recessful in every way, and our friends whom we often included in the weekly excursions were always eage
to ge with us.
We found a beautiful spot on the top of one of the highest hills in the vicinity which was only three miles drive from home. We were all aldy before start ing and when we reached the hill each one was responsible for a certain part to the preparation. A small fire was built, over which the coffee for the grown-ups" was boiled and the eggs were cooked; we usually had the wiches and lemonade and some fruit to finish with, made a delicious supper. After we had eaten, the wooden plates and papers were added to the old fire in order to start a big bonfire. Then we sat round this and sang hymns and old-time songs until it was time to g. home. These Sunday evening excursmer were kept up roularly in of them.

Early Care Makes Good Calves L. Burlingham, Finn County, Ia.

Last year I was more successful with ung dairy stock than ever before. By tarting early and giving them persistent are I had, when pasture time cals 19 cows trong, vigorous calves frem and Dewich freshened in November and walthy young animals before they were First, put the mothers in proper ervice to the time of calving we kept m in such condition that they we ning rather than losing flesh. taken, however, that the cows did
had shown this to be conducive to weak calves and weakness in calves at birth is a great handicap A few days before freshening time we put the cows in diy, well-highted box and heavily bedded. The dates of breeding had stretched over a period of several weeks so that at freshening time we never found need for more than three box stalls at one time
We left the calves with their dams or about 48 hours. In previous yeax we had sometimes left that long a to make the cows more restless when the calves were finally taken away, and it also made it more difficult to teach the calves to drink. When we took the calves away at the end of the two days we had little difficulty in teaching them to drink, especially when they were not The amount of th
The amount of the first feed was
varied with the size and vigor of the varied with the size and vigor of the
calves, from a mixture of two pounds of whole milk, testing 4.5 p.c to 5 p.c. and $11 / 2$ pounds of separated milk to nearly twice this amount. The whole milk ration of each calf was supplied from the milk of its mother for at least ten days as the new mik We were always careful not to feed too much and paid as much attention to regularity, punctuality and cleanliness of feeding as to the amount of feed. The value of paying careful attention to the milk ration of the calf is shown by the fact that no time were any of the
calves off feed and none were attacked calves off feed disease which caused the death in our neighborhood of many calves which were less carefully fed. When the calves were six to eight weeks old, varying with their condition and growth, the milk ration was very gradually changed milk. At the same time the total amount of milk fed was slowly increased.

## A Grain Ration Heips

As soon as the calves could be taught 0 eat, a graih ration was supplied. We ed only whole oats, giving as much a hey would clean up gave good results This plan of feeding gave good results ot tend to fatten. Feeding it without grinding forced the calves to chew thei food and not bolt it.
For roughage they were early given good, clean, clover hay. They wors were all they would eat, but the left empty leaned out once or a few hours. pens and supplied plenty of pure wate On warm days we turned them into dry, sunny lot, taking care to drive then


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into the pens before they became chilled This made them hardy and fie
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About the middle of April we began turning the calves on pasture, at first only a few hours a day, but by May 5 they were left out from morning
till night. From May 15 on they
 were given no shelter excepting a
shed which opened to the south. They
she were not fat at any time, but were arways in good growing flesh. They
made rapid gain throughout the sum made rapid gain throughout the sum-
mer and paid us in full for the care mer and paid us in fuld.
taken to start them right.

## Make Churning Easy

## G. A. Gilbert, Colorado Agricultural

 CollegePractically all cases of difficult churn ing can be readily overcome by methods of handling. Ripening the cream to a higher degree of acidity and churning
at a little higher temperature will over come most of these cases. Cream at sour at too low a temperature and kept too long before churning. It should be ripened at a temperature of about 7
degrees, and when it has developed degrees, and when it has developed clean, sharp acid taste it should be churned. A thermometer is almost a necessity in getting cream ready for churning. The temperature at which to churn cream will vary wit conditions, probably not be below 60 degrees.
probably nhick cream is put into a churn
When the at a low temperature the agitation may
cause it to incorporate bubbles of air which make the cream swell and froth and behave as though it were be:tcn. but must be warmed gradually several degrees and then the churning started
again. Tlis can be accomplished by a again. This can be accomplished by a
little lukewarm water added directly to the cream or by warmated airecty ti
the cream from the outside.
water should not be added or difficulty in churning will result from the thinness of the cream.
Sometimes, when the churning temperature is low, no frothing will result,
but the formation of butter seems to but the formation of shart of theaking point.
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The difficulty The difficulty is overcome by slightly
warming the cream or ly adding a tittle dry salt. The salt affects the viscosity so as to
globules.

## How Much Seed Oats?

In the recent article in your paper by C. D. Smith, one is led to believe that the more oats one sows to the acre, the
less oats he will harvest, provided the less oats he will harvest, provided the
phosphorus content of the soil remains the same. Theoretically then, if one
bushel of seed oats is sowed to the acre and the soil contains enough phos-
phornus to grow a 40 -bushel crop if two phorus to grow a 40 -bushel crop, if two
bushels of seed are sowed we will get bushels of seed are sowed we will get
a yield of 22 bushels to the acre. sup-
posing now that a man has a nice lot posing now oats and sows three busthels to
of seed ond
the acre, what will be the result If
we follow Mr Smitlis theory this man
we we follow Mr Smitll's theory this man
will harvest three or four busiels to the acre. It has always been my experience that
It the more seed one sows the more plants
will come up. I don't mean to say that
In will come up. 1 don't mean to say that
there will be a greater crop of straw
at harvest, for everyone knows that the oats plant, stools out when it gets above
the ground if it has wlenty of room. If the ground if it has plenty of room. If
a man sows one bushel oo oats to the
acre there is not much crowding of acre there is not first appear. They
plants when they for
have plenty of room to stool and ouy have plenty of room to stool and one
stalk will be far ahead of three or four sthers that might be called suckers.
other mety sure
Cuckers in a hill of corn are Suckers in a hill of corn are pretty sure
to be the bearers of the nublins. Cer tainly the short, backward stalks that are the result of stooling will not be in
slape to get the beeiefit of the sun and air received by the parent stalk.
If we sow two bushlels of oats the the
acre, the plants all come up at the same acre, he phants al come up at cha same
time and eacl has an equal chance to
hustle. There is not the room to stool

grain is matured at the same time. One year 1 sowed a half-bushel of seed oats o the acre, and though seemingly sowed two bushels, the grain yield was only 35 bushels. Last year 1 sowed without any more straw secured a yield of 71 bushels. I fully appreeiate that phosphorus as well. as potashand ittro gen is necessary to the oats erop and use fertilizer mixed on the farm, but-1 think that more seed sowed to the acre
on well-fitted land will stool less and $b$ ing about a better and a more even harvest.

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## The Christmas Song

loved and to know by outward sign of some sort the feeling of the heart to
wards him? Is it anything to be wól dered at that, after repeated attempts to break through these barriers to his happiness in the home, he should turn
to his pet driving horse, his best milk to his pet driving horse, his best milk
cow, his sheep dog, or even a Plymouth cow, his sheep dog, or even a Plymouth
Rock rooster? find appreciation of kindnesses shown.
fot at all surprising that when Brown calls, he is shown the latest housing for the live stock, about which the farmer has been compelled to centre his in-
terests. Call him rotten with pride if terests. will he is but human. In the woman of his choice he has not found
the loving and helpful companion he the loving and helpful companion he
sought and thought he had found; she has condemned him for his faults, nor aimed to help him overcome them,
been continues to idolize her, and refuses to
believe her at fault-but he must have love, and finds somee e ittle consolation in
associating with the lower

## tion. Long ago the "little shack" might

 have given place to a pretentious dwell-hing, had the wife but recognized at least some slight semblance to the sivine in her husband, and tried sym-
pathetically to bring out the best that was in him. The farm could not be made to produce as it should, or its
products be properly cared for without implements and hined help, and the
hired help and the mathe hired help and the machinery notes
must be paid if the farmer goes bankrupt. The wifes hands may be ever so
honest and her heart faitliful, but she cares not a rap for the appreciation of
others, and if in trouble, for the pathy even, of her husband who, after
all, being born of woman, hal inh more of such tendencies. There was a
time when he was suscentible to loving time when he was susceptible to boving
influences, which had they been brought to bear on him properiv, might hav
at least changed the whole aspect or lite for himself and wite if for no
others, but now he has developed a
clironic moroseness that would require an earthquake to break up.
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these columns, and an effort will be made to publish all interesting letters received. The large amount of correspondence which is sent us has,
hitherto, made it impossible for every hitherto, made it impossible for every
letter to appear in print and, in future, letters received from subscribers will of the magazine, offering a kindly criticism, writes that the correspondence column has at times an air of monot-
ony, as one writer after another follows ony, as one writer after another follows
the same phraseology. We wish to warn our correspondents against this common error. A little independent and readers of The Monthly will find valuable aid in the study of the many instructive articles by eminent men that appear from month to month.

## A New Topic

Ontario, October, 1912. Dear Editor: As I have not seen any letters from this part of our country in
print I thought $\frac{1}{1}$ would write and let you know, and the readers know, that we receive your valuable and ever-improving paper in Essex County, the most southerly county of letter from "Critic" in the October issue regarding Mr. Wheeler, the winner of the one thousand-dollar prize for wheat-the best in the world. We as Canadians, ought to be proud of this,
man and the province which has won man and the province which has won
such fame for us. Although we cannot boast of our grain growing, unless it be corn, yet we can grow
greater variety of crops in this county than in any other part of Canada. Now I hope you will not think I cannot write about anything but farming. As nearly everybody has something to say abou card playing and dancing, I will refrain rom giving my opinion. But, let me say, that topics is one of the best things for these columns. Thanks to Josephus starting this one regarding dancing. Those who have learned by experience, and those who have as yet only hopes and fears might give us their opinion on this subject:
marriage wait for prosperity, or shall marriage wait for prosperity, or young love laugh at poverty, a doter As
couple make the struggle together? Aen I am not married and have never been in love, I cannot see tha up, girls, I have anything to say. I will answer all letters. Wishing The Western Home Monthly and readers
success. I am a

What is the Attraction of the West?
Ontario, September 7, 1912. Dear Editor: As I have never written to The Western Home lines now. The Western Home Monthly has just been brought in and I have been reading the correspondence. I think it a splendid magazine. There are so many useful and helpful topics discussed. "greatiy ad
mired the letter written by "Constance." mired the letter written should tell more of their grod qualities and not so much about all the games and sports they can take part in. I see the majority of correspondents are discussing dancing either, but I think something more useful might be found just as enjoyable and not so tween skating and dancing. Skating is out in the open where you are inhaling the pure, fresh air that will strengthen you. Dancing is generally in a room where it is quite warm with so many people, and, of course, they are nearly all purspiring. Ther card playing. gard to dancing. trying to win a game of cards. It seems to be a game that takes a person's
on right and wrong side to everything. am onf expressing my own opinion.
"Sport No. 9 " must have been clever to
resist all the temptations of liquor and
tobacco. It must mean a lot of courage to have to say "No" so often. Yes, I
think it is only a coward who will attempt to ruin a young man's life with liquor or tobacco. Well, I live on the farm and don't think I am always busy with something. I like Nature, watching the beautiful outside world. I like outside work better than inside. As I live in the East, I don't know what
the West is like, but I do know nearly every young man around here is gone to the West. It leaves hired help pretty
scarce. It must have something in it which Ontario has not to be drawing so many people there. Well, editor, if yout many people there. Well, editor, if yout
have other letters more helpful just drop this in the w.p.b. as I like to see something worth while in your fine magazine. I only wish I could write
something uplifting.
Canadian Kid. Canadian Kid.

## From Uld Ontario

Nassagaweya, April 9, 1912. Dear Editor: I have been a constant for two years, and I certainly do appreciate it, especially the beautiful stories and the Correspondence page. I think it is the best magazine published. live in old Ontario, and think it is not a bad place at all. My father keeps general store, and the post offce. m sixteen years of agt, and am dark
feet five inches in height. I have dark eet five inches in height. I have dasic essons on the piano, and like it very well. I can play cards, dance a little bit, and skate. I think skating is one of the best sports going. We have nice country around here, especially in the summer. I like fishing very much, but guess it is an uncommon thing for
girls to fish, so I don't do much at it. Wirls to fish, so I don't do much at at. written to the W.H.M. I think it is long enough. I hope my letter will not be put in the w.p.b., as I would like any of the members to correspond with me. I
wish the paper much success, and will leave my addre $\qquad$ The

## Two Jolly School Girls

Morris, Manitoba, September 13, 1912. Dear Editor: Please allow a little space in your valuable magazine for
two jolly school kids. Altho' both subscribers we live just five miles apart but being always of the same mind and opinion we planned to writo as one. We shall not give a description of our selves'as there is nothing extraordinary about either of us, only Number One is a little stouter than Number Two and the loveliest brown eyes. Our ages are the lovetiest brown 20 , and we might add we both passed our Entrance this sum mer and are going back to take up our Third Class this term. Although we go to school we both help it to a great ex on the farm and enjo crops are going to be splendid this year. The wheat is "filled to the tip" and it is with pleasure we help to do the stooking and other work as well. The gardens, too, are like blessing this summer. The water melons will soon be smiling towards just now and anyone wanting a piece just
come along. Well, wishing your Club all the success it deserves we will close and anybody wishing to write to us will find our names with the Editor. We shall answer all letters and cards received. Number One and Number Two.

## The First Snowfall

Dear Editor: This being a dull day and the first snowstorm of the year house. I thought I would make a be ginning and write to The Western Home Monthly. I am a bachelor formerly o Michigan. I am 23 years old, height
feet 6 in., brown curly hair, and like lots of fun. I do not use strong form. I like to dance, play cards, base

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ball, foot ball, and skate, and sometimes I play a little on the violin. I have a man and wife working for me this sumI have five horses, four work horses I have five horses, four work hors of
and one driver. I have 100 acres flax but I am not sure if I will get it threshed as it is hard to get a machine this fall.

The crops are pretty good
eat goes from 25 to 30 bushels per acre; oats 40 to 75 ; flax 10 to 15 . live eleven miles from town. I expect town this year. I guess I will close signing myself.

ormer Michigan Boy

The Tobacco Question
Saskatchewan, October 26, 1912 . Dear Editor and Readers of The The Western Home Monthly for several years and enjoy reading it very much think has greatly improved within the last six months. It used to be treated as a joke around here but now I find many interesting as well one getting married through correspon one getting married through correspon
denge! None of that for mine. would rather be acquainted first. N wonder there are so many unhappy marriages if they are going to treat it way the readers are expressing their opinions on different subjects. Josephus, I respect you for the way you have spoken up on dancing. I only wish we had more young men like you. Some people make he excuse he dances. Why not organize a literary society? That will keep you busy a good part of your time - preparing debates, recitations in it. I once heard a young fellow did not believe in dancing-say he be lieved religion was all right, but he did not see any use in anyone going
"batty" over it. Well, now, I think religion is about as good a thing to go certainly what some of the young peo ple are doing. They can't think of anyple are doing. They can't thark of any-
thing else. This may be hard on some of the young people, but I offer no apology for what I believe to be true.
There is another subject that I think There is another subject that I think
would be good to take up, and that is would be good to take up, and that is
the tobacco question. As for myself, I think it is the most filthy habit anyone can indulge in, and I would like to shake the girls who say they see no harm in it and don't mind if a young
man does use it. Boys, you do not man does use it. Boys, you do not
have much respect for a girl that would use the filthy weed, do you? And, girls, if you only knew how much influence we could have by taking the right
stand I believe you would think difstand I believe you would think dif-
ferently. I have lived in the West now five years and have seen tobacco used more extensively in these years than I
ever did before in my life. I wonder ever did before in my life. I wonder
why this is? I have in mind a cerwhy this is? I have in mind a certain town in the East where the girls
all went together and resolved to have nothing to do with any boy who used tobacco in any way. They not only won the respect of the community, but they received much more respectable company. I wish more girls would take
that stand. I think much good could be done. I know some of you will say I am old and cranky. No, I am not old-only nineteen-and I don't think I'm cranky; but, of course, none of us think that. l'm sorry I can't give such
a brilliant description of myself as some of the writers can, and rather some of the writers can, and rather part. Hoping to see this in print, I will close with every good wish for
The Western Home Monthly.

Is a Subscriber Now Carbon, Alta., Oct., 1912 .
Dear Editor; Have you room in your
paper for a letter from a Lonely Cowpaper who comes from the beautiful Province of Quebec. This is my second
letter to your paper, but my first wa not in print. Well I do not blame the
Editor as I was not a subscriber then Editor as I was not a subscriber then
but have subscribed lately and would
not be without the W.H.IV. for a for
tune. I, think it is the best paper in the province of Quebec some years ago, and I like the West very much. I am dancer and a sport for a some of the
would like to hear from sol young people in the W.H.M., and will answer every letter. I will correspon in either English or French, and woy like to hear from any girl or boy.
will leave my address with the Editor A Lonely Lowboy.

## Only a Visitor

Esterhazy, Sask., Oct. 21, 1912. Dear Editor: Will you admit an Ontario girl to your circle. I am already
fascinated although I have only been reading your paper for a few months as I am visiting at a home just now,
where The Western Home Monthly is one of the most popular magazines subscribed for. I like this Western country where the very air you breathe seems to inspire you with life and fills you with a desire to press onward
Everyone is ambitious and I am too. I want your readers to understand that I am enjoying single bliss and enjoy every enjoyable thing that life brings. I am fond af amusements of all kinds and reading and answering let-
ters is one of my special delights, so I ers is one of my special delights,
would like to hear from correspondents of tither sex but would especially like to hear from "Black Beauty" in July issue also "Montana Bill from Porcupine" in the October issue, as they pondents and I want to keep in touch with the Western young people after I have returned to my Eastern home. As
I am only a visitor and this is my first I am only a visitor and this is my first attempt I must withdraw and sign O, You Brown Eyes.

## Opinions Differ

Carnduff, Sask., Oct 14, 1912. Dear Editor: We have taken your valuable magazine for over two year and think it is fine, I enjoy reading th
correspondence column every month. live in the country and enjoy myself al the year around. I do not see any harm in having a few friends in for the evening to play cards or dance as the winters are pretty long around her all healthy sports, but like riding horseback the best. I do not agree with "The Laughing Chicken" in the October num ber where he says that there is no harm in smoking and drinking. If anyone of letters. My address is with Editor Wishing your paper every success.
a Western Lass.

Circumstances Alter Cases
Wiffington, Oct. 19, 1912.
Dear Editor: This letter is going t be short but sweet as I am rather shy, the w.p.b. before, have courage to tr once more even if only to tell you again how much I enjoy reading your paper.
wait very patiently (or rather im wait very patiently. (or rather im
patiently) for the W.H.M. every month and when I do receive it, I seek th am very fond of dancing first of all. happier than when at a good dance, but you know "Circumstances alter cases" and I believe those who oppose this en joyment do not have the right sort of partners. I also like a good game o
euchre although I must confess I have won the "Booby" prize more than once Well, Mr. Editor, I dont want my short (?) note to fall in the waste basket. Will some of the readers get busy
and write to me, and if they do I will and write to me, and if they do I wit
get busy and answer at once.

> A Few Facts re Country Life
> Viscount, Sask., Oct. 19, 1912. scriber to your magazine for some time and in my opinion the W.H.M. is the pondence circle very much and a letter saw in the October issue made me fee
ike saying a few words in regard to ountry life versus city life. I say t country hife versus city life. I say th
city by all means. Why should
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nothing left. I am a farmer and have been farming in Saskatchewan for six years and think I know something about it. I am on a farm at the present time and, like a good many others I know will have to stay until I ean make enough to get away, so will probably the W.H.M. every success I sign my the W.H.M. every success I sign mer.
self,

## Many Thanks

Manitoba, September, 1912. Dear Editor: Kindly let m $\in$, through the aid of your valuable paper, thank the many correspondenter which appeared me in reply to my letter which appeared
in your July number. I received such a number that I find it impossible to answer all, but I'll do the best I can Harvest will soon be over in this par and threshing will be genera. I sha now close. Wishing both Editor and homesteaders every success, especial those who wrote to me, I rema's,
"The Old Home's Joy."

The Best in Canada
Mission City, B.C., Oct 9, 1912. Dear Editor,-Some time ago I wrote a letter to The Western Home Monthly Correspondence column, but it must have found its way into the w.p.b, so will try again and hope that it will b printed and escape the fate of the last one. We take The Western Home Monthly and like it very much. It is the best paper in Canada that a number of in every way. Indee ts are discussing of your correspor am a dancer and have
dancing. Now, I am been for some years, and, for the life of me, I cannot see what harm there is in it. I live near a town of about a
thousand inhabitants, and during the thousand inhabitants, and deal of dancing winter there is and not for these dances I do not know how we would pass away the evenings. Of course, we do not dance every evening, but once or twice a week. Some critics of the dance of a ject to the way a fellow tait that some girl in a dan look nice, such as the Turdey Trot, Grizzly Bear, Bunny Hug, etc., but out in the small towns these dances are very seldom seen. I cannot see any harm in the way a fellow holds his partner in a waltz or two-step, and I think, as "Bonne Soir inketh no evil." I think I will bring my letter to a close with a little description of myself. I am twenty years of age, five feet eight hair, weight, 160 lbs . I have never bust a looking glass or camera yet to my or drink. Would like to hear from any of The Western Home Month
pondents (girls preferred).
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Semans, Sask., Oct. $19,1912$. Sear Editor: I have been an interested reader of The Western Home Monthly for some time and think it
wonderful how it has improved, in the last few years. Every time I read the Correspondence column I am tempted to join the jolly lot, but this is the first time I could pick up the courage to write. Now, if any of you nice young
girls would like to write I will answer girls would like to write
all letters promptly. I sign myself,

## Needs No Reminde

Nanton, Alta., Oct. 14, 1912. Well Mr. Editor: I was very ${ }^{\prime}$ pleased to receive your valuable paper again this month. I guess my subscription
will be pretty near run out. I will get after renewing it, as it is the best paper I take. I would not be without it. I take great interest in the young man's
problem and also "The Philosopher." think that correspondence is a fine thing

## Suggestions Invited

Balcarres, Sask., Oct. 23, 1912. Dear girl who wishes to join your Western clirl. We have taken The
Western Home. Monthly for a Western Home Monthly for a number of years and think it is a splendid maga-
zine for old and young. I like reading zine for old and young. I like reading
the Correspondence column, as most of the letters are interesting. I suppose I must express my opinion towards dancing. I cannot see any harm in it. I do not danee myseif and I have never been
anxious to learn, but $I$ don't see why anxious to learn, but 1 don't see why
we should be against those dancing who we should be against chose" wrote a very good letter, and I second the motion to give the club a name. I do not think can suggest a better one than "On-
looker" suggested, "The Westerners' looker" suggested, "The Westerners
Club." I also propose giving the Editor a post card shower. What do you say, Editor? Are you agreeable? I think have overstepped my traces for the first
time, and hoping this letter will escape time, and hoping this letter will escap that awful w.p.b.. I will sign
[Please send name.-Ed.]
all Letters Will be Welcome
Saskatchewan, Aug. 18, 1912. Dear Editor: I have been a subscriber
to your valuable magazine for a conto your valuable magazine for a con-
siderable length of time and must say I enjoy reading it greatly, as there are so
many invaluable articles . within it. I many invaluable articles. within it. I am taking at present six papers and
three magazines, but I consider The Western Home Monthly the leader. One of the most important pages in my estimation is "The Young Man and
His Problem," as it certainly tells the His Problem," as it certainly tells the
young man what to do. And that page, young man what to do. And that page,"
"The Young Woman and Her Problem," must not be overlooked either, as those are the kind of girls we Western bachelors are awaiting for. But how
many of the young folk that read these many of the young folk that read these
pages pay any attention to them? Some $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { pages pay any attention to them? Some } \\ & \text { may, but I think a great many of them }\end{aligned}\right.$ may, like many who go to church every
are
Sunday. If you were to ask them what the text was, they could not tell you. They go merely for the pleasure of
getting out. The ladies go to see what getting out. The ladies go to see what
sort of a new hat Mrs - has and eye some other girl's clothes, but never hear a word of the sermon; and the men go for the purpose of taking this lady to church, and perhaps they might see a man tho Now, homen of you readers may not agree with me on this subject, but it's right if you only take
notice. As so many of the contributor notice. As so many of the contributors
to this page have given the dance problem an overhauling, I will stay quiet, but if they need my vote cannot see any harm in it (private
dances I mean), and truly believe that if there was no sin committed but what was in dancing, this world would be al most free from iniquity. I am one o
those Western bachelors on the sunny side of twenty five, living alone: so. of
and boss of the ranch, but still 1 m not altogether contented. as the evenings
seem rather long although the days ary

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"A Girl in Durham County" (Ontario). "A Girl in Durham County" (Ontario). close by saying that $I$ will answer all letters. My address I leave with the your valuable space. I am just

By the Sad Sea Waves
$\qquad$ Dear Editor: Will you kindly make room for another correspondent? $\mathrm{Be}-$ fore I say anything else, I must say way he gets up The Western Home way he gets up The Western Home zine. I am very fond of all outdoor sport, and also enjoy a good country dance. I cannot see any harm in daneing any more than having a game of cards or any other sport unless we make harm out of it. How many of us
like to travel? I think it is nice to travel, as it broadens one's mind. As for myself, $I$ rather like the seashore as I now live by the sad sea waves. My occupation is a fisherman. I wonder how many like fishing? I guess I will soon have to close. I would like some correspondents, and my address is wit The Western Home Monthly A Fisherman.

## Now Then, Bachelors!

Rabbit Lake, Sask. Dear Editor: My father has been a Monthly for nearly two years and I think there is nothing so interesting as the Correspondence column. I would very much like to miss the w.p.b. I'm in the West for quite a few years. in the West for quite a few of myself out as I am very apt to scare someone. I am very fond of all sports, especially shooting wild animals. I do not think there is any harm in dancing and play ing cards as .I have done both since was twelve, and have not seen any harm in it yet; but I think it beep pleasant past, and I hope some day to a house a. Western bachelor happy. I make a like to hear from either sex, for I will gladly answer, and I am too shy to write first. Wishing The Western Home Monthly

A Lonely Yankee Maid.
Can Bake Good Bread
Prince Edward Island, Dear Editor: Western Home Monthly with great interest although we have only taken it ways look forward with pleasure to the arrival of The Western Home Monthly. I am a farmer's daughter and enjoy out door life, but a tane an bake a good batch
work as well. I can work as well. taste of Mountain Bill's flapjacks. I taste of would be good for a hungry bachelor. I don't see any harm in a good game of cards, and as for dancing, there is not any harm in it in want to right company. I suppose Well, I am not like U. S. Maid; I am not a bean pole, like ${ }^{\text {m }}$ medium height and fair. 1 would like to hear from some of the lonely bachelors or others.

One of the Ranch Boys Glenister, Alta., Oct. 21, 1912. Dear Editor and Readers, of your been an interested reader of yow and magazine for almost a like to write to
often thought I would often thought I would column, but I al-
the Correspondence ways put it off. October number, I simply cannot kee still any longer. I enjoyed and "Bonne Soir." They sure were fine. The wrote Maid you say knew a girl who wrote
to the page and got fifty letters a day
all you girls of the club, come along wappy thought of Curly Bill's, and I second the motion. (This, of course, does not include the U. S. Maid, as, from what she says herself, some of her recipes must be pretty strong) As
everyone has been giving his or her everyone has been giving his lately on dancing and card playing, I will fall in line and say that heartily agree with Bonne Soir when she says that those who think so much evil must be just a "wee bit" inclined that way themselves. Of course, there" are exceptions to every rule. "Bumble Bee"-I agree with you that pool rooms do more harm than cards. The game itself may be all right, but it's the com-
pany that one meets there. Well, you pany that one meets there. Well, you
may say it is not necessary to be friends will all you meet there, but you know the old proverb, "Evil companion corrupt good manners." Now, friends, I am not a preacher; I'm an Imp, greenyed and yellow-haired, but all the ame, I do not drink or frequent pool much, and I see no harm in smoking a pipe although I don't indulge myself Now, kind Editor (I should have put this in at the first), will you please have on your Sunday smile, be in good
humor, and, above all things, keep away from that w.p.b. when you read this etter. If you don't I'l- write again sure. I would like to receive letters from persons of either sex and whi answer all promptly. Would someone who has been in Florida please write? My address is with for your time and ing you, believe me one of the club boys space, believe me one of the club Imp.

## Arbitrary English Language

We'll begin with box, and the plural is boxes,
But the plaral The one fowl
called geese,
Yet the plur
be meese.
you may find a nest of mice,
But the plural of house is houses, not hice.
If the plural of man is always called Why sho
pen?
pen?
The cow in the plural may be cows or kine,
But the
But the bow if repeated is never called
bine,
And the plural of vow is vows, never vine. And the plural of foot, and you show me If your feet, And I give you a
If one is a tooth and the whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth? these,
these, Should the plural of kiss ever be nicknamed keese?
Then one may be that and three may be those,
Yet hat hose,
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose. We speak of a brother, and also of brethren,
But though we may say mother, we never say methren.
Then the masculine pronouns are he
his, him,
But imagine the feminine she, shis, and shim! Is the funniest language you ,ever did

## Raised in a Day

William had left home at the tender age of thirteen to be a grocer's clerk. into the store and asked:
"How much are these chickens?" "We sell them at twenty-five cents pound," William replied.
Do you raise them yourselves?" "Certainly, ma'am. They were twenty "Certainly, ma'am. T"
wo cents yesterday."

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## Children

The Christ Child and the New Year Boy

T was New Year's day and the bright afternoon sun was shining down into one the pleasa was full of pictur
and books and toy so many of them the very kind that children like best There was a rocking-horse, there were tin soldiers and guns and trumpets ar drums and steam engines and games
and paint-boxes and so many kinds of picture-books thai one would think the
child who lived in this nursery would be quite as happy a anyone could wish to It seems a pity that I should have to tell it, but att the time I am writing about, the owner of this lovely room, nd all the nice things in it, was lying screaming with all his might, so that his face was quite red and ugly and not at all pleasing, as it should have been. A few moments ago Nurse had brought

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the little lord of this pleasant nursery the little lord of this plo she had been obliged to carry him by one arm and ghe leg, becaus he had refused lo com in any other fashion. She did not know or care just then where he was, he was so very angry
Nurse had taken him from the front hall floor, where he had thrown himself in the bitterness of his disappointment when papa and mama had kissed him good-by and gone awa to make a
without him. He had been left at home because he was too young to go so far and stay up so late. He had been having such a beautiful New Year's day, it was a shame for me had forgotten entirely how long she had been playing with him and reading to him, and he had forgotten too, that dear little New Year Boy, about whom she had been reading th.
This New Year Boy was said to go bout and sit in children's nurseries and. write down on his long New Year's scroll all the things they said and did; when the things were goo, loving, happy ones they made the page all white and fair and beautiful, and made the page dark selfish ones ugly, and the New Year Boy was said to weep very bitterly as he recorded them.
Little John and mama had had such
a good talk together after she had a good talk together after she had
finished this story, and before they were through John had determined not to give the New Year Boy one unpleasant thing to write down on his roll all this year for he was so good and cunning John couldn't bear the thought of making
him cry. And then, after all, forgetting everything about him the very first time something not quite pleasant hap pened-this troublesome temper had had its way again, and he had kicked and screamed in that dreadful manner which her go away with the sad look in her
eyes. When Nurse laid him on the couch, he kicked so hard that one pillow went off on to the floor, and then another, and he
screamed till he was tired and his screamed till he was tired and his
throat hurt; and then he stopped and began to count the little circlos and squares in the pattern of th3 paper on the ceiling. He counted them through his tears, as he lay there on his back, circles began to change into other things, and the squares looked like something different, and then there began to be pictures on the ceiling, where the little figures had been beiore.
One picture seeme' $t$, "be of his own nursery, and there was the the edge of the table writinr, and as he wrote, he took out a little pocket-handkerchief from somewhere and began to wipe his eves, and he wiped the again and again
as though they vere too full of tears for as though they rere too full ory boy on
him to see to write. The angry bor the couch knew that he must be writing about his anger, and oh, he was so sorry! He turned his head down among the pillows and his face burned!
After a little, the New Year Boy
jumped down and walked very slowly jumped down and walked very slowly
and sadly away with the roll under his $\underset{\text { John }}{\text { arm. }}$
John never thought of speaking to
him but while he lay there thinking him but while he lay there thinking there seemed to come another picture
on the ceiling. He knew it very well, from the one mama had given him on Christmas-day, and which papa had hung over his bed right there in the nursery; that was of the Christ-Child in the manger, with the gentle Mother
bending over him, and Joseph and the Wise Men and the cow. But this picture was different, because Mary and Joseph and the Wise Men were gone away and the Baby was lying alone in the manger with only the kind-faced cow over ther keeping watch.
And while the boy on the couch was
looking and wondering where they all had gone, there came walking into the stable the figure of the little New Year Boy. He looked tired and travel-staine as though he had come a very long way
and his face was anxious and troubled The roll was in his hand and he walked to the side of the manger and tried to
climb up to where the Christ Child lay.

It was high up and the New Year Boy must have been tired, for his chubby roll and had to go back and pick it up. Then a soft light seemed to shine out of the manger and the Christ Child sat up and smiled and the light of his smile slined down on the head of the New Year Boy as he turned to clinb up again over the side of the manger. The Christ Child put out - his hand, still smiling, and lifted up the down hay, the Christ Child and the New Year Boy together. Their little heads bent down over the roll the heads Year Boy had brought and they seemed to be reading it
John grew hot all over for he knew they were reading about his anger. He turned over on his iace, and buried his unhappy shameful little face in the pillows again; it seeme ne bear it, and he stretched out could hands pleadingly to the two sad little companions as they sat there, in the companions. He tried to say he was sorry and he would never, never-but he could not speak. speak. Somehow the Christ Child must have known just how smiled, a beautiful smile that made it light everywhere and shone on the little bowed head of the New Year on the as he sat there weeping bitterly. Then he patted his little visitor gently on the head and laid his cheek against the tear-stained one for a moment and
then he took the wrinkled scroll the New
white; then he bent down and kissed him tenderly and softly on the lips.
John put up his arms to give the kind hittle friend a good big hug, but as he pened his eyes and : oked up, the New Year Boy was gone and his own dear mama was bending over him and waking im with a kiss. John's arms wen round her and he said, "Oh mama, was sorry and the Christ Child gave the
New Year Boy a clean new white scroll or me, so we can begin all over, onc more, and I am sure he will never, neve have to write down any anger for me have to

Staying Out Late

O mother, let us stay out late
Cried little Tom and Fred;
"Always before it's really dark
You make us go to bed.
We're sure that we would like the We're sure that we would
dark, They say some owls are in this grove, Don't make us come so soon!

Down sank the sun, up rose the moon The tree-toads made their noise: Two little owls began to hoot, Wack to their homes they quickly ran Back to their homes they quickly
They heard the watch-dog bark: "Mama, we want to come to bed, We're frightened at the dark!"


Year Boy had 1 rought, for it was all Stained with the very black writing about the anger, and the tears that had been slied on it, and he put it away or sight, so that John never saw it again. Then the Christ Child seemed to reach down somewhere in the hay and he took a fresh whits scrol fromane it into pillow, John thought, and gave it into panion. Then they $b$ th smiled, such panion. Then they loright wonderful smiles, that all the stable shone again, and they spoke together for a moment and the Christ Child , haid his baby hanu lovingly on the bowed head and tumbled curls of the New Year Boy, and blessed lim as he went. Then he helped him carefuly $\begin{gathered}\text { of the manger, and the climbing seemed to }\end{gathered}$ be so easy now, th ght they were such tiny hands that helped. The New Year Boy trotted away with a quick glad step, with joy in every motion, and the Christ (liild lay down in the hay again to rest, the light still shining about him. Bo. John watched the Neh fair hoid lis. breath for joy for he was sitre the Hew white scroll must be for him, be n"w white scroin must he knew the Christ Child wa witle and forgiving when people were ry; and surely, surely it was for him.
at that moment in walked
pry looking New Year Boy,
dind for joy, with such a merry
jumped right up on to the edpe couch and held the scroll

0 mother, let us stay out late Cried little Fuzz and ball. Before it's light at all. Before its sure that we would like the light;
We want to see the sun;
They saw two boys come to this grove And that will be great fun!' Down sank the moon, up rose the sun Loud crowed the barn-yara fow Two little boys began to shout, Which scared those lre they flew; Back to their here big and bright: "Mama, we want to go to bed, We're frightened at the light!"

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 Doll's shoe.

How the Toys Looked for Father By Murray Fisher. T was Christmas Eve. large circle, and waited for fu er Christmas. And while they waited they
played "hunt the slipper" with the Wax
The clock downstairs struck twelve, and the White Monkey caught the slipper and gave it back to the Wax Doll with a smile. The Wax Doll did not smile. She was cross about them playing with
her shoe, so she didn't even say "Thank you," which was rude of her. "If you go on letting "irse children bump you about on the floor," said the Prancing Carthorse, "your nose will be as flat as a I Mncake. and stared at the ceiling. and stared at the ceiling. She did not like people talking about her nose, because it used to be so
beautiful, and she was new only last beaut.
year.
"Be quiet," said the Jack-in-the-box "Be quiet," said the Jack-in-the-box
sharply; "he will be here in a minute." The Wax Doll and the Prancing Cart horse stopped immediately. Most people obeyed the Jack-in-thebox, because if they didn't he used to
throw things at them, and the kind of things he threw were generally hard. so they all went on waiting for Father
Christmas to come.
"I'm sure he is very late," said the
White Monkey thoughtfully. "And I


" The Wax Doll Tossed Her Golden Hair."
wonder what he is like! You ran't see
much of him when he is putting you down a long stocking." The Jack-in-the-box stared angrily at
the White Monkey, and began to look round for something to throw at him. round for something to throw at him.
The White Monkiey left off hurriedly and looked nervous. "Silence!" said the Jack-in-the-box severely. . Butl Father Christmas did not come, and presently the clock downstairs come, and presently
struck Jack-in-the-box got up and shook
The Jackhimself.
"It is no good waiting any longer,"
said. "Somet ling must be done." said. "Somet ling must be done."
"But what?" asked all the toys.
But what asked alte up and shook
The Jack-in-the-box got und began to think. Presently he jumped and began to think. Presently he jumped
up again. "Someone must go and look up again. "Someone must go and look
for him," he said. for him," he said.
The toys did not like the idea, but
they didn't say so to the Jack-in-the-bor they didn't say so to the rack-in- he-box.
"I shall go and look for him," he went
on decidedly "And the Wax Doll shall on decidedly. "And the Wax Doll shall
come too."
This made the Wax Doll jump and turn pale because she did not want to go
out into the cold white snow and look out into the cold white snow
for anybody and she said so.
But the Jack-in-the-box was very
fierce, and he said hat if she didn't come fierce, and he said hat if she didn't come
he would thirow all the little box of red he would thirow all the little box of red
soldiers at her; and the soldiers looked solders at
very prickly, so she said she would go.
So they set off down the stairs and So they set off down the stairs and walked along hand in hand, because if
they had not, the Wax Doll would have they had not, the Wax Doll would have
run home; and they looked everywhere run home; and they looked everywhere
for Father Christmas, but tleey con:ld
not see him.

Presently they met a Policeman who was nearly asleep, because he was tired; and the Jack-in-the-box asked him if he happened to be Father Christmas. But
the Policeman looked very frightened the Policeman looked very frightened ing, and he kept on rubbirg his eyes and saying, "Oh! I never did! Lawks mercy!" until the Jack-in-the-box got so cross that he called h:m a stupid idio and went on.
The Wax Doll looked back, and the Policeman was holding up three fingers
in front of him and saying "Two." She in front of him and saying Two. She doing it for, so she looked back again. And the Policeman was still holding up some
of his fingers in front of his face and of his fingers in front of his face and
guessing how many there were; but lee always guessed wrong.
So they still went on; but the couldn't see Father Christmas anywhere, and the Wax Doll began to cry because she was getting tired, and the snow made went on asking everybody they met if they on asking everybody Father Christmas, and they all looked very frightened and said they were not.
At last
At last they met a Little White Fluffy
Dog, and the Jack-in-the-box smiled and Dog, and the Jack-in-the-box smiled and ubbed his hands, because he thought he had found Father Christmas at last. Fluffy Dog if he happened to be Father Christmas
Now the Little White Fluffy Dog was that he was, and wondered whatever

And the Jack-in-the box thought himself very clever at finding Father Christ
nas, so he shook hands and said that all the others were waiting to see what kinds of new toys he had brought with him for Christmas.
But of course the Little White Fluffy Dog had not brought any kind of toys do, so he said, "Ssh! Ssh!" which made o, so Wax Dolt begin to cry, because he said it in such a frightening way. And the Jack-in-the-box jumped and looked all round him.
Then the Little White Fluffy Dog was very confidential, and said, "I had to
disguise myself, because I had an enemy running after me and it made me late. But I will get my toys and come with you." H , rather liked pre-
tending to be Father Christmas because tending to be Father Christmas because
it seemed to make the Jack-in-the-box it seemed to make the Jack-in
so nice to him.
The Jack-in-the-box wanted to get The Jack-in-the-box wanted to get
home, so he said, "Oh, please get your toys and hurry up." So the Little White Fluffy Dog went
round the corner, and he entered a Post round the corner, and he entered a Post
Office, and when the postmen were not looking he caught hold of a large parcel and took it back with him to where the Jack-in-the-box was waiting. He did not know at all what was inside, only
he hoped it was some kind of toys. So they set oft was some kind of toys. So When they got back, all the toys were still waiting for Father Christmas. So the Jack-in-the-box told them how he had found Father Christmas, and himself becanse of the enemies. and the tors all thought that the Jack-in-the-bo

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them what hee had brouglit in the parSudidenly the Wax Doll began to ery, hecause she said shte heard funny noists in one of the walls; but the Jack-in-theox said he would throw the little red she did stop. The Little. White Fluffy Dog smiled to
The himself, and he drank a whole saucer of milk that the children had put down on
the floor as a Christmas present for the the floor as a Christmas present for the At last the Prancing Carthorse asked him what he had brought with him for Fluffy Dog told them they could open the parcel, while he went on looking for some more milk.
So all the toys went to undo the par cel except the White Monkey, and he ot on a chair and watched the Little milk. Just then the Wax Doll began to funny noises in the wall again; but the Jack-in-the-box got up and threw some of the little red soldiers at her, which made her stop very quickly. And the White Monkey sat on the chair and wondered to himself about tail.

"The Jack-in-the-box Threw. Some of the Soldier
at Her." doing the parcel, and all the other toys looked over his shoulder. And the from the other side of the room, because he did know what was in the parcel himself. cel. And that one thing was a Jack-in-thebox! the other Jack-in-the-box, only it was newer and brighter and pretterd "Oh!" and they looked first at one Jack-in-thebox and then at the other. They were cross, because they and they didn't want any more Jacks-in-the-box. Now if the old Jack-in-the-box had
been a really nice kind of person, he been a really nice pleased to see the new Jack-in-the-box, and would have smiled nicely at him, and as it hap-
what his name was: but as what his nam't a bit nice, and he just got crosser and crosse-the-box coming
like another Jack-in-the was, so he he that was round for the Little White Flutfy Dog, and he threw at him.
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they wondered what was going to happen. The Little White Fluffy Dog thought he would stop pretending to be Father Christmas and would go home instead; him by his fluffy tail and would not let him go. And the funny noises still went on, and they seemed to come from the chimney. Suddenly they saw a little man jump down on to the fender. He carried a great bag, but he was very
black, because of the soot in the chimney
And the Jack-in-the-box got behind the Prancing Carthouse, and asked the little man whoever he was and why he came down their chimney. said that he was Father Christmas, and said that he was Father Christmas, and
that he was coming down the chimney because it was a short cut, and, he got stuck.
Then

Then all the toys were very surprised, and th y turned round and looked the White Monkey still had hold of his tail, so that he could not get away. And the toys said: "But this is Father Christmas
Then the little black man told them to look in his bag and not to be so ound. So they opened his bag and roud a of toys, which showed that he was Father Christmas.
And the Little White Flufy Dog was so frightened that he gave an extra Monkey and ran off
And all the toys chased him right out into the cold wet snow

## The Christmas Pudding

When Sarah brings the pudding The children make a merry din. At last, at last, the time is here
They've looked and longed for, all th "Hip! Hip! Hooray!" cry Phil and "It's all on fire and burning blue!" And baby Betty's eyes are bright; She claps her hands in sheer delight. But May keeps very calm and still And looks quite shocked at Hugh and With folded hands she sits quite good, As little ladies always should. But when each child is served in turn, You will not be surprised to learn That even May-it tastes so nice Begs mother for another slice.

Story of a Dog
A Swiss Canine Guide, Philosopher and Friend.

Having lost my train through the stupid conceit of the stage driver, , who declared that in all his fifteen years' experience he had never belated a passenger, I found myself stranded in a smal
Swiss viliage with three hours to get rid of before I could continue my journey. It was a dismal, unpromising looking place, and I inquired of some of the peo-
ple standing about the station if there ple standing about the station if there were any points of interest in the neighborhood which could be visited in the
space of three hours. With one accord space of three hours. With one accord
they answered: "The Caldron; go to see the Caldron; it is well worth a visit." "Where and what is the Caldron!" "It is half-way up the mountain, but the road is somewhat complicated. You must have a guide. Go to yonder little
white hoise with the green blinds, and White house with the green blinds, and
rou will find the best guide in the country, and the best fellow, tooFather 'Simon."
I knocked at the door of the little white house. It was opened by an old woman. "Does Father Simon live here?" "He does, but is it to go to the Cal "ron!", "Yes."
"Well, he is unable ?' go out to-day His legs have given out and he cannot difference. I have someone who will do
"All right; send Nero to me." "All right; send Nero that mero is not 2 person."
"Not a person!"
"No, he is our dog."
"What do you mean?" my husband would. He is accustomed to do it. For years all the points of
his master; knows view, and can guide perfectly alone by view, a
limself. He often guides parties of travellers, and they always compliment us on his cleverness. You need not rear. He has quite as much intelligence as
you or I. All he needs is the gift of you or I. Al he neets is the
speech. That is not necessary in this case, as it would be were he shatd have to a. monumates and relate anecdotes about it. Take Nero. It costs less, too. Only thirty cents for Nero, and husband would as much for you
for three dollars."
"Sleeping outside in the sun. He has already taken a party to the Caldron arready this morning-Nero! Nero!"
He came leaping through the open window, an ugly little black poodle, with long, curly, woolly hair. he had a tainly was not handsome, but he had grave, decided, ispore. He looked at me was most impressive. with said:
"You are a stranger, and you want to see the Caldron?"
Not wishing to lose another train, I explained that I had only three hours in which to make the excursion. "Yes, I know," said Mme. So sock, train. Nero will bring you back in time. Now, Nero, be off! be off! do you hear?" But Nero did not move; he stood nixiously at his mis ress,
"Ah, stupid that I am,", he oried. "I
had forgotten the sugar." had forgotten the sugar."
She handed me four lumps that I put She handed me four is why he would
into iny pocket. "That is with you, old fellow. To the Caldron! to the Caldron! to the Caldron!" She repeated this three times slowly and distinctly, and as she did so I watched the effect on Nero. He an-
swered the words of his mistress by sivered the words of his mistress by
wagging his tail; each time more emwagging his tail; each time more em-
phatically than the last, as one would phaticaly "Of course I understand. Do you take me for an imbecile? The gentleman has the sugar and wants ou see ly, and then trotted on before, I following meekly.
As we crossed the village the children called out: "Hello, Nero; come here,
Nero," and tried to frolic with him, but he turned from them disdainfully; he had no time for play now, he was on duty and wished to honestly earn his thirty cents.
"Let him alone; don't you see he is, guiding a gentleman to the Caldron," and they screamed with laughter laughed too, but somewhat grimil. I, a man, was being led by a dog. He was for the moment my superior. He knew where we were going. I did not. I hurried from the village, anvious to find myself alone with Nero and those
beauties of nure that he was to show beauties of nuture that he was to show
me. He walked along the hot and dusty me. He walked along the hot and dusty culty in keeping up with. I tried to curb his ardor by calling to him, "Good Nero, not so fast, old fellow," etc., but he took no notice, cadmly pursuing his way, even flying into a rage when I ventured to sit down a moment to rest unangrily and looked at me reproachfully of the usual routine. Finally his barking became so irritating that $I$ arose and resumed my walk. Nero at once calmed down and sprang gayly on before. delightful minutes later full of flowers, delightful woodpath full of flowers,
shady and sweet-smelling, with a murmuring brook and bowerlike trees. Nero little by-path. I followed breathlessly. awaiting me with sparkling eyes and wagging tail, in a grassy dell made
cheerful by the singing of a merry
brook. There was a rustic seat at
which he looked, and then which he "ooked, and then at me, as if
to say: "Yess, yes; this is the place to
rest; how lovel ; it is low were fool enough to wish to rest on the were hoor enogy. I will allow you to
dusty highway
sit down as long as you want to? I sat down and lit a cigar. I really felt as if I ought to offer one to Nero. He
was quite capable of smoking. However was quite capable of smoking. However,
I thought he would prefer a lump of suyar. He caught it cleverly as I Itossed self up at my feet, and was soon asleep As for me, I determined to trust im plicitly to Nero, and gave myself up to
a comfortable siesta. After ten minutes dose, Nero got up, looked about him stretched himself, and said, in dog lan guage, "Come now, my friend, we mus ike old friends, taking it easy unde the trees, both enjoying the cool quiet of the place. Out on the high way Nero hiad walked quickly, firmly, steadily; he
wished to get out of the dust and heat wished to get out of the dust and heat.
Now he strolled along, as if merely for the pleasure of walking in one of the loveliest spots in the Vaud Canton. Th
road became very steep and rock k , an I had to pick my way with the greatest care. Nero sprang from rock to rock but always with a watchfur eye on
Presently tance a sound as of fiercely boiling water. Nero barked loud and joyously.
"Courage, courage," he said. "We are almost there-now you will see the Cal-
Then. Caldron turned out to be a small, insignificant stream of water, falling from an insignificant height into a hollow rock-the boiling sound produced by the echoes. It was a pretty sight,
but would not have repaid me for such a hard climb had I not had Nero as a guide - he being much more interesting than the relebrated
side of the stream were tiny cottages in which two pretty peasant girls in their national costume sold milk to the weary traveller. One was blonde, the other brunette. I thought the blonde had the prettier eyes, and was approach ing her little cottage-looking like a toy cut out with a jig saw-in the door oo
which she was standing, when Nero which she was standing, before me and began barking furiously.
What was the matter? Had he preference for the brunette I turned in the other direction 幺nd he quieted down at once. I sat down at a table under the trees and ordered a pitcher of milk. The brunette entered the through the followed by Nero. I peeped through the
window and watched him, the sinnerwindow and watched him, the sirnerhe was not aboved before me to a large bowl of cream. He came out presently, the cream dripping from his black moustaches, and watched me earnestly while I drank my milk. I then gave him a lump of sugar, and perfect half an fied with each or the invigorating breezes hour enjoying the inilltop twelve hunthat blew on the sea level.
Presently Nero began to show signs of restlessness. I got up, paid for the mik, we had come was surprised to see Nero lead over to the left, to the entrance of another path. I had made so much stood his eyes to say:
"What do you take me for? Do you think I would take you over the same route twice? No, indeed,
business. We will go down by a new road."
The new road was even more beauti ful than the old one. Nero, delidite with himself, kept turning towards me
with looks of triumpl. As we crossed the road on our way to the railway sta tion the dogs oftention, but he repulsed
to attract his a their advances as before. "Do you not see that 1 am on the railway station." I aentleman ohen I was safely deposite
was only when
in the waiting-rooms that he would in the wating- leave me, laving gayly
consent to leae lait lump of sugar devoured the two last lumperpreted hit
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A Christmas Prayer for Such as Are in Sorrow By George Hodges, D.D.

$\mathrm{O}^{\circ}$FATHER of mercies and God of all comfort, beh lu how we sit solitary in the midst of gladness. our neighbors keep the feast with merry
hearts, Thou seest how our souls are filled with grief. Bless us also, Father with a Christmas blessing,
We remember, Lord, the strangers' how how they watche $\cdot$ - their flocks in the chill niglit under the black sky. Thou didst open heaven's gate; Thou didst send multitude of ansels, shining and singing
round about them, with messages of round about them, with messages of peace. Lighten now, $\begin{aligned} & \text { bitter darkness; speak to our souls. }\end{aligned}$ We remember, Lord, the strangers how they came on their lon, journey, friend less and bewildered, cut of the way, knowing not whither they went. Thou didst shine upon them in the right path,
wonder, setting them in the giving them great joy, and bringing them into the presence of the King. We, to 0 Father, have lo $t$ our way. Guide us, we pray Thee; show us Thy star of hope. We remember, Lord, the stathe of
Bethlehem, how the holy mother came Bethlehem, how the hoy moth and pain, there very weary, in finding a forlorn lodging. Thou didst glorify the place. Thou didst change sorrow into joy, and darkness into light cternal. Visit, 0 Father, our poverty of soul, our weariness
visit us with Thy salvatic:
Thou Thyself didst come, 0 Lord, as on this day, to live our life; help us now to live it, when it is very hard. Thou hast borne our si kl esses and carand our sorrows; we are heavy lift us and, bless us with couraçe, strengthen our faith. We are in tribulation, Lord, in a world which we cannot understand
But Thou dost unde"stand; Thou hast But Thou dost unde"stand; Thou hast 0 overcome even death itself. consolation; grant us Thy peace; help us to enter grant us Thy peace;
into the Christmas joy
Some gifts for sick pople are sug. gested here: For a girl or boy who is
in quarantine, and whose gifts must in quarantine, and whose gitts must necessarily be burned later, may send ture, puzzles, crayons, beads, pieces to sew for patchwork, cheap picture-books and painting-books. For one sick in a
hospital, a round basket lined with the hospital, a round basket lined with the
Christmas crepe-paper 3 -plins and filled Christmas crepe-paper 3-p-ins and filled
with fruit or home-made jelly and delicate cookies will be most welcome. Tie on the handle of the basket a ribbon
bow to match the napkins in color, and bow to match the napkins in color, and attach a pretty Christmas card. For
an adult convalescing, books of charades or puzzles will help to pass many hours pleasantly.

Children's Teeth
The teeth should receive far more care and attention than is usually given to them. It is a great mistake to neglect they are milk tee $h$, and not important because only temporary. Tb character of the teeth in after life is very much determined by ths character and treatment of the first teeth; therefore, every
mother should fonlly tuder-tand that the mather sirst teeth are of the greatest importance. and need ecial care for their preservation. The first little teeth should drop out of the little mouth as white as snow, as they usually do if th
had proper care and attention.
had proper care and attention.
To preserve the first set of teeth from decay, wash with lukewarm water con-
taining a little horax. and lirush with a soft brush directly after each meal It is most important to preserye the
first set of teeth from decay, as if they are not retained up to the proper

## lefective. Teething

Cutting of the teeth frequently calles
in number-ten in each jaw. Of hese the first to come through the gum are the central incisors, or cutting teeth, which about the end of the seventh month take up thir $p$ es in the middle of the jaw-two in the top and two in he bottom. Two months later two more teeth make their appearance in
each jaw. They are known as laterat ncisors, or side cutting teetn. At the end of the to elve months the front grinding teeth are due; at eighteen
monthis the dog teeth are to te expected, monthis the dog teeth are to be expected,
nd six months later the back grinding and six months later the back grinding
teeth come forth and complete the set of twenty milk tecih.
of This is very easy, to read, and if the
teeth only came after this fashion the teeth only came after this fashion the
infant's life would be robbed of one of infant's life would be robest terrors. Even the most its greatest terrors. Even the ore or less, with each fresh instalment of cutters or grinders. To assist the teet in forcing their way througl the gum amber beads or coral may be given to
the child to suck. A picce of lump sugat the child to suck. A picce of lump suga
rubbed on the $\varepsilon \cdot i m$ is also helpful. Pro vided the little one is fed and nursed properly, there need be no fear of any itness resulting fr m teething. Should the teeth be very late in making their
appearance, a doci had better be conappearance, a dociv- had better be con-
sulted, for the chances are that the sulted, for the chances are that the
baby's constitution is weak in some par ticular.
The permanent teeth make their appearance about the seventh year, an
are thirty-two in number. The grindin are thirty-two in number. The grindin
teeth usually appear first, and are fol lowed by the central cutting teeth.' The dog teeth appear about the twelfth year and the "wisdom teeth" any time be tween the ages of sixteen and twen three.

## Infantile Paralysis

In its early stages this is an acute rebrie disease of childhood, and seems may be lifelong and shockingly prippling. For this reason it is, to the physician who recognizes it in its early stages, one
of the most dreaded of all the ills of childhood except those which directly threaten life. The disease begins, like most of the acute fevers of childhood, with an indisposition to play, loss of ppetite, sometimes nausea and vomiting, ngs, or sometimes actual convulsions, and fever. The fever is seldom high, and at first the child does not seem to be very ilt. The symptoms suggest rather a little digestive upset than a erious disease
the child is seen to be paralyzed, and the paralysis increases rapidly in extent until sometimes the power of motion is abolished in both arms and both legs. But usually the muscles are not so wide-
iv implicated, and only one or two ly implicated, and only one or two
limbs, perhaps the leg on one side and the arm on the other, or maybe only parts of these limbs, are affected. By this time $t$ e acnte symptoms have
generally subsided and if it were not generally subsided, and if it were not
for the paralysis the child would be up for the paralysis the child would be up
and about again as usual. But the paralysis persists for a few days of weeks, and then gradually recedes, until only a comparatively small part of th original area involved remains per manently affected.
Tren, and more comsentially one of chilalthough young commonly of boys, athough young adults are occasionally
attacked. It is believed to be an infectious disease, although probably not contagious or "catcling," and it has been knewn to occur, in
'fuite extensive epidemics. paralysis that remains is accompanied by atrophy of the muscles and retarded growth of the affected limb. When it
affects the leg it is the most common cause of acquired clubfoot. Although a complete cure is seldom which offer greater reward for persistent treatment. At the beginning massage treatment. At the beginning massage
and electricity are of the greatest use,

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could easily imitate by collecting material of equal interest in connection with other countries.

An invalid man, who often amused himself by playing games with cards, small, light lapboard, about eighteen inches long by ten wide and a quarter of an inch thick. It was made of oak, and carefully finished with a dull polish. It proved handy for holding many other
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A collection of snapshot pictures of friends at tleeir sports, with the date and a little story of $t$ sir merrymaking ritton onds, will help to while away photographs, wany an liour in the sick
pleasant
room.

## Weighing an Atom

Recent scientific researches have ap parently not only proved the actual have actually succeeded in weighing them. This wonderful result has been accomplished almost simultaneously by two physicists-Perrin, of the Universit of Paris, and Millikan, of the University of Chicago.
Professor Perrin arrived at the alled covery by a stants of minute particles, the nature of which had not previously been understood. He conceived the idea that the curious dancing and twinkling of minute particles seen to the bom under a microscope are due to the bombardment of the visible pa By applying visible particles, or of physics to the problem, he was able to determine that problem, weight of an atom oi hydrogen is such that three million billion billions weigh one gram ( 15.4 grains). But the atom is not the ultimate particle, but a group consisting of a thousand or more of smaler parte of called electrical currents, atoms may powertule to throw off some of their electrons. Profe:sor Mill:kan devised Charge. letermined hy thr a two wholly, differen methots armer wedy bermined by

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The Latest Word about Cancer
The idea that cancer is a disease peculiar to human beings is disproved by numerous cancer researches which have Bashford in recent time. Dr. E. F of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, in the recently published annual report of this important laboratory, states that 21.6 per cent of mice of non-cancerou
portion rises to 32.1 with mice of iminediate cancerous arcestry. One of the most important facts shown by the
work of the labe atory is that the bework of the labe"atory is process quite
ginning of cancer is a ginning of cancer different from the growth of cancer. It has been found, for example, that cancer is clearly connected with certain welldefined habits, such as the chewing of the betel nut in India, carrying of smal
charcoal stoves next to the abdomen in charcoal stoves next to the asdomen in
Cashmir, and the eating of hot rice in Cashmir, and the eating of hothfully be added the smoking of pipes, cigars and added the smokg Germany, England and
cigarettes in
America. Cancer, says Doctor Bashford,
an abnal condition on the host." Doctor Bashford is convinced the $t$ cancer is not due "to any common causal parasite, although cancer sometime results from the chronic irritation produced by parasites of various sorts." It is evident, then, hat thection with cancer research is to find out the causes of the condition of the body which precedes and invites cancer. That this state of the body is somehow favored by the
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she told me to get a bottle of Dr. Wood's she told me to get a bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, and give it to him much good it did her children, so I got a bottle, and gave it to my little boy, and was so pleased with the result that 1
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2. Restrain the movements of the
lung from which the hemorrhage comes by strapping that side of the chest with adhesive plaster.
3. Apply hot water bottles, thermo-
phores, photophores, phores, photophores, or other applications
of heat to the legs.
4. Tie a light bandage around each leg and each arm, close to the body, hold back the venous blood and not sufficiently tic it to interfere with the arterial circulation.
5. Apply an ice-bag over the affected lung. Introduce into the rectum small enemas, each ontaining a out one dram and a half of gelati, in a half pint of
water with half a teaspoonful of salt. water with half a teaspoonful of salt.
This increases the coagubility of the This
blood.
7. Empty the brwe : by means of enema at 100 degrees. Avoid straining in emptying the bowels.

Stories of a Physician
Not long ago I was sitting (says Sir Thomas Clouston) between two artist
at dimner, one a Royal Academician at dimner, one a Royal Academictist
the other a budding and rising artist The former said, "I do not know why it is, but I have never been able to touch one single drop of alcohol; "it gets into my head at once." I said, "That is just because your brain is so finely constitut ed; in fact, you are a genius." He was perfectly satisfied with the answer. The
rising artist on my left said, "I can rising artist on my left said, and not feel it." "For a very good reason," I fect," He did not seem so satisfied with the answer. Me have approached this doctrine of temperance for years fromthe medical point of view. not always nately, this prescription is Sir Andrew Clark was once consulted by a ScotsClark was once coran enquired carefully into the details of the case, and ad vised him to give up alcohol. Thor
Scotsman made a bee-line for the door "May I remind you," said Sir Andrew "that my fee is two go," was the rewill get no fee from me," was the re-
ply, "I am not taking your prescrip${ }^{1,18}$

## Temperance in the Army

The Rev. A. A. L. Gedge, Chaplain to the forces, Fulwood Barracks, in Hall course of a brief speech at the Guid mall,
Preston, Eng., made special allusion to Preston, Eng., made special allusion ob
his experience among the recruits, ob serving that out of $28 \%$ who recently went
through his hands 260 described them through his hands
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## A Plea for the Babies

$I^{r}$HAS been truly said that it is twice as dangerous to be a baby as
as to have smallpox. Infant mortality is alarmingly high in our large cities, especially in the poorer
quarters, where the people are crowded quarters, where the people are crowded for their lack of sanitary equipment. Naturally the mortality is highest where such conditions exist, but unsanitary surroundings are not alont, to be held responsible for this slaugh such proportions that it is stated that the infant death rate is twice as high as that of untreated typhoid fever. Naternal ignorance is a far more po
tent factor in this terrible destruction of life than any kind of environment nor is this charge confined to the poorer section of the population. Many women, otherwise well informed, are lamentably ignorant on the subject of infant care. a disproportionately small amount of vital force with which to resist disease, but their capacity for recuperation is also greater in proportion. Were it not for thas fact, the mortality among infants woub better than cure, but with children it is pre-eminently so, licnce the necessity for mothers, both actual and prospective, to seek instruction on this most important subject. Gastro-intestinal troubles are the
principal ones that beset children, and principal ones that beset chilren,
are as prominent a cause of infantile convulsions as teething. One form of this class of troubles is especially common, namely, diarrhoea, but this is
almost invariably due to infection of almost invariably due to infection of
food, principally milk. This statement food, principally milk. This statement ren of Jewish parents, no matter how poor they may be, are practically excapt from diarrhoea, because Hebrew mothers always nurse their own children. Here is where precathen should
ticularly applicable. Mothers should suckle their own offspring, or if that is a physical impossibility, then the milk should be safeguarded in every possible manner by being pasteur
strictly hygienic conditions.
But when disease pressents itself, ignoance or carelessness frequently tends to make recovery problematical, or, at least, to aggrayate the trouble and retard recovery Mothers are prone to recommended to them by some one, recommendinformed, or to some panacea that has a reputation among her friends, as a wonder worker in childish disorders. Laxatives, even when comrosed of such seemingly innocent ingredients as
simple herbs,
become stipation in babies may usually be relieved by the injection of a teaspoonatroduction of a soap pencil, but if the mi! is carefully looked to, little troubl perhaps the most dangerous foe to infant life is that ready resort of the ing syrups. The number of lives that have been sacrificed through their use can only be faintly estimated. Not less harmful is paregoric. Miany mothers
and nurses who mistrust soothing syrups will administer paregoric, besyrups will administer at least, the constitution of this drug is known, but its use is detrimental to the child's health, and n
child to whom it is halitually child to whom it is habitually administered thoroughly robust adult life, eren if it days are not prematurely cut short. Patent medicines should be rigorously tabooed. Risky in all cases, they are especially so where children are con-
cerned. Apart irom the possibility of deleterious ingredients, few people know the effect of cumulative doses. Even the most harmless substances may be come positively
persistent use. persistent use. Even such a simo to produce convulsions. Yet many mother, who would rather die than in
jure lier child, falls into the error
imagining that a remedy is void of harm beeause she is familiar with it, and therefore safe for the baby
There are numbers of harmful There are numbers of harmful prac-
tices in common use, all of which are tices in common use, all of which are
inimical to the welfare of the baby. inimical to the welfare of the baby.
One of them is, putting the child to the breast immediately, or soon after it has vomited. Under such conditions, the baby up and down, than which nothing could be more harmful. The stomach needs rest, and nothing should Le administered but a little warm water, a teaspoon, until the condition
passes. It is an unwise practice to passes. It is an unwise practice to length of time. Milk for the baby should always be kept cool, and warmed only when wanted. Warmth favors the development of bacteria, and milk is an admirable culture medium. It is a beprehensible practice to
baby's milk too miteh, as it thereby loses its anti-scorbutic quality. It is
positively dangerous to feed a baby alpositively dangerous to feed a baby al-
together on either sterilized or contogether on either sterilized or condensed milk, as

> to induce scurvy. The quotation.
of this article doe the commencement reme when we not seem to be exdangers that beset consider the countless during its first few months of life, and not from sources hostile to it, but
chiefly from those who have its inlack of knowledge, subject it to a
multitude of dangers. What is the remedy? It hes in a ampaign of euture mothers of the present and future mothers of the interest at stake, it should be made a national issue. Money should be appropriated to establish training
schools for mothers, and to furnish a corps of instructors to visit the homes, especially in the poorer localities, to teach mothers, at least, the rudihe. Considerable weially in New York, hut not of any comprehensive manner It is a matter fraught with the greatest interest to the world at large.

How to Preserve the Teeth
By Alfred B. Olsen, M. D. tain stoppings or have been provided who do not appreciate the ground teeth. $A$ good set of teeth imse of clear, distinct speech, and, most

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> THE BLUE BONNET By Ada Stewart Sheldon

> My true love wears a bonnet No lace or ribbons on it And us a thing of grace; And when that fetching bonnet
She ties benealh her chin I give my word upon it The color of that bonnet Fit for a poet's sonnet, For dreams the long, night through It knows no freak of fashion, It shields from sun and heat, Who would not have a passi
For anything so sweet?

> Oh, dear mel and oh, dear me! Has cast a spell, I fear me, 1 never can break through. And when I see her don it What darling blue sun-bonnet That darling blue sun--
I'd follow anywhere! chiefly from those who have its
turests most at heart, but who, from
lack of knowledge, subject it to a mentary principles of conserving infant
life. Considerable work is being done in

It is a real distinction nowadays all batge of health aristocracy for at adnlt to prossess thirty of them conNevertheless, there are few people necessary, not only to give character to
the mouth itself, but also for the purmportant of all, for the proper mas of
mation of the food. The first step of and is a l
assimilation.
The exposed part of a healthy tooth
is covered with enamel the hardest is covered with enamel, the hardest
structure in the cent or more of the enamel is composed of mineral matt
its compactness.
Externally
Externally, the enamel covers the dentine or ivory, which makes up the
great bulk of the tooth and the inner, narrow cavity of the root which is composed of nerves, blcodvessels, and a delicate network on
fibrous tissue. This is the pulp of the fibrous tissue. This is the pulp of the
tooth, but it is more commionly known among the laity as the nerve becaus of its great sensitiveness.
Each tooth is set in a bony pocket or cavity of the jaw, and is fixed in place
ly a dense fibrous membrane. The gums, a continuation of the mucous membrane of the mouth, surround and protect the teeth as they emerge from heir bony sockets.

## A Foul Mouth

Most people are very particular, and rightly so, about having their food and drink clean and free from filth, but unery careless when it comes to cleanliness of the mouth. Indeed, a foul mouth reeking with the vile odors of
germs, decaying teeth, putrefying food,
and oftea tobacco is, unfortunately, not nearly as uncommon as it ought to be
Such a condition of the mouth is positively a menace to good health, and is frequently a direct cause, not only of an offiensive breath, which makes such a person's company anything but turbances of digestion, bringi"g in their train much physical discomfort,
as bodily weakness and aneria There is no excuse for a dirty mouth It simply means gross carelessness on the part of the owner. If the neglect necessary to have the worst of the teeth drawn and others properly
stopped, in order to insure a clean mouth. The mouth should be washed cach meal. A pinch of salt in is glatse water make
mouth wash.
If decay and putrefaction have bee poing on in the month, it will be neeres
sary to use some mild antiseptic suld as peroxid of lydrogen, or some similar
preparation properly diluted with water

## Cleansing Agents

Mere rinsing is not sulficient to keep the teeth clean, and a medium soft
brush will be required. it is foor econony to buy a cheap hruth, for the
bristles soon come out and beenme :a great nuisance when brushing the tweth. ntiseptics might be utilized to al vantage.
which co
we have direct and full control, is mastication. Thorough chewing of the
food and itsi consequent incorporation food and its consequent incorpora the burden of gastric digestion enormously,
kinds. The plain precipitated dry chalk may also be used in cleansing the entifrice is, provided it is free from injurious ingredients and is used faithfully at least once each day.
Bear in mind that the milk teeth of a child require more care and attention han those of an adult; for they are less dense in stru

> ject to decay. The teeth

The teeth are given us for service as well as ornamentation. They are formed
of the hardest tissue found in the body, and nature intended them to be used for chewing and grinding the fooll. It is a law of physiolog* that if an
organ is neglected and disused, it organ is neglected and disused, it
promptly weakens, atrophies and bepromptly weakens, atrophies and be-
comes more or less useless. Put your arm in a sling for a few months, and it soon becomes feeble and powerless. The same law also applies to the teeth. Consequently, it is a great mistake to
feed solely upon slops and soft, mushy food. Reasonably hard foods are required in order to keep the teeth in a
healthy fit state. If they are not properly utilized in the process of mastication, there is not only great danger
of their softening and becoming decayed of their softening and becoming decayed
but they are also liable to get their sockets and become more or less useless. The very act of chewing strengthens the jaw, and, in the case
of children, enlarges it for the perof children, enlarges it for the per
manent teeth. Give the teeth, as well manent teeth. Give the teeth, as well
as the muscles, daily exercise if you as the muscles, daily exercise if you
would maintain them in a healthy and eff:cient state.

Influence of Diet on the Teeth
Another important consideration about the diet is the water and quantity of salts it contains. For the proper
development of hard teeth, a sufficient quantity of lime and other earthy salts are essential. Wholemeal bread and graham bread is far superior to white bread in this respect, and either may truly be regarded as the staff of also valuable in this respect.
We believe everyone to call woun the wise for least once a year for the purpose of having the teeth inspected and starting decay attended to. The dentist will be on the teeth, and will detect the first beginnings of decay. Further decay is easily remedied by a small stopping and the life and usefulness of the tooth are thus preserved.
A Few Hints

Avoid extremes of
in food and drinks.
Avoid vinegar and similar acids. This precaution does not apply to the mild A oid micine ond tonics and hydrochloric or other acid draughts.
Avoid cracking nuts. The teeth were is danger of chipping oft the enamel, s danger of chipping on
thus leading to early decay.
Be strict about keeping the mouth clean by rinsing and gargling it frequently, and also by brushing all food particles that gather about and cling to the teeth
Avoid slops and fluid foods as far as possible. Take zwieback or hard bis-
cuits with your soup and other soft foods, and condeavor to sive the teeth a reasonable amount of exercise daily.

## The Key to the Graveyard

There is satid to be an old church near Bern, Cermany, which is very attractive
o tourists. The rraveyard back of the l:urch is kept locked, but on a gate is graveyard is notice: "The key to the graveyard is to be found in the tavern. a great truth. A great army of men a nrually find the key that opens the way for them into the graveyard by going
into the tavern. They not only unlock the graveyard to theyselves; but oftenwomen who innecent children and helplan


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