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NO. 26.

Christmas Present

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GONE WRONG.

An Ada Man Schemes to Rob the County.

EX-TOWN CLERK MCNAUCHTON IN IT TOO

Clate Fallas Lets His Right Hand

RICHARD MURPHY'S NEW BARM BURNED

Weddings, and Local Happenings Galore.

AN ADA MAN'S TROUBLE. An extremely sad downfall of a young man of good name and good family, came to light in County Clerk Eddy's office last Saturday afternoon. Fred Crampton of Ada, married, went to the office with an order on county treasurer for \$48 for 1600 sparrows supposed to have been killed by him. The order was signed by Township Clerk A. S. Clark of Ada, and it was necessary for the county clerk to sign it before it could be 'cashed by the county treasurer. Mr. Eddy "smelled a' mice" immediately, and asking Crampton to wait a few moments, he went into the treasurer's office and put the paper under a glass. It was evident at once that the paper had been tampered with. Then the files were searched and two other orders were found for unusual amounts, which had been paid to Crampton. A. S. Clark was called up 'phone and he said he had issued an order to Crampton for 48 cents for 16 sparrows. The case against Crampton was complete and Mr. Eddy got Prosecuting Attorney Wolcott and a deputy sheriff and went back to his office to confront Crampton with his forgeries. Crampton was just going out but turned back and went into Mr-Eddy's private office with them. Mr. Eddy asked him a question or two, when he turned to one or two other gentlemen present and asked them to retire. Then he said: "Gentlemen, you know just as well as I do I am guilty," and he broke down and cried

The young man's good appearance and evident contrition won the sincere sympathy of everyone present, but it was impossible to do otherwise than make out a complaint and deliver up to the authorities. He said his wife was at the Boston store and a deputy sheriff went with him there to get her. She wept bitterly, too, when she knew what had happened. They came back to the presentor's office where Crampton made a detailed confession of the whole affair. He said he didn't know how he ever came to do it. He had never done anything dishonest beilire, but he needed money and some devil must have put it iuto his head to get it in this way. Once having done it successfully he repeated it again and then again, and was caught.

He was given a chance to procure an attorney but declined to do so saying that he wanted to plead guilty and take whatever sentence might be given him. The justice had no authority to receive the plea and he was bound over to the Circuit in \$500 bail. His father, Charles Crampton, came in from Ada on the evening train and signed his bond.

Crampton is only about 24 years old, and A. S. Clark says he is highly thought of in Ada, where no breath of suspicion of any wrong doing has ever been turned on him before.

The first order Crampton forged

\$39. The second order was issued Dec. 8 and was raised from 48 cents to \$48. He has had two other sparrow orders cashed, one for \$21.09 and the county been robbed of large sums. one for \$24, but they are questioned.

When first questioned last Saturday, Crampton said he had sprinkled inside, and that is where Crampton carbolic acid over wheat and so cap--[Monday's Dispatch.

Saturday for forging orders for spar- still, or swear if any one asked him row heads bounty, is out on bail of that he had killed the number of \$500 furnished by his father. Cramp sparrows the orders called for ton confesses to having secured \$156 Mc Naughton knew he could not work from the county on similarly forged the fraud without great danger of deorders at various times. Monday tection unless he had a partner, but Crampton said U. D. McNaughton, Crampton was foolish enough to try who became township clerk when and work it alone. McNaughton is Clark Washborne died, conspired now in California. He was a candiwith him to defraud the county on date for re-election last April, but was crooked sparrow orders and that they defeated, he immediately packed his divided the money procured in this grip and went West. It was learned way. When McNaughton's term ex- vesterday that as soon as he learned pired he went to California, and then Crampton, ltaving learned how easy orders, continued the practice by raisauthorities thought something at first of sending after McNaughton, who is ible. Crampton's father is raising money to pay back to the county his son's speculations, with a view of having as light a sentence as possible imposed upon him for his forgeries. --[Tuesday's Democrat.

HE HAD AN ACCOMPLICE.

Crampton went back to Grand Rapids Monday accompanied by his father, and the two tried to settle the matter by paying up the various amounts the boy had swindled the county out of The officials took the cash, which amounted to \$111, and in view of that and the boy's age, previous good character and sincere contrition, he will be strongly recommended to the mercy of the court when he appears for sentence.

Another feature of the case devel oped yesterday, which if proven true, will have a strong influence in lightening young Crampton's sentence. He told the prosecuting attorney that U. D. McNaughton, Clark's predecessor as clerk of Ada township, had first inveighled him into the scheme, and the two together had then defrauded the county out of \$137.49 So long as McNaughton remained clerk there was bardly a possibility of detection, as the clerk does not have to preserve the sparrow heads for any one's inspection or audition. Crampton could bring in six heads, or no heads at all for that matter, and McNaughton could make an order for 600 or 1,600 or any other number he chose to within reasonable limits, and if the scheme were cleverly worked the only way the fraud could be detected would be by one peaching on the other. If McNaughton had still been clerk Saturday when County was issued on May 13, paid on May officer has any authority to question writing.

15 and was raised from 39 cents to the township clerk's word in the matter. Of course if the thing were done June 30, paid July 3 and was raised on too large a scale, an investigation from 16 cents to \$16. The order he by the sheriff's force would have been! presented last Saturday was issued in order, but if it had been carried on within reasonable limits, the frand might have continued for years and

The prime necessity in the deal to was to have the township clerk on the made his mistake. McNaughton probtured sparrows in wholesale numbers. ably discovered the scheme and workedin young Crampton as a cat's paw, Fred Crampton of Ada, arrested giving him half the profits to keep he was defeated he drew up another sparrow order for \$45, dated it two or it was to get money on sparrow three days before election and had it cashed. The authorities have teleing orders given by Mr. Clark. The graphed to California to have Mc-Naughton held until requisition papers can be sent forward, and, if now in California for his health, but possible he will be brought back to Sheriff Lamoreaux stated last evening face a thorough investigation of his that it would probably not be dore. alleged crookedness. He was consid-If it is shown upon investigation that ered above reproach until this affair McNaughton mulcted the county, his came up and it has stirred up a veriformer bondsmen can be held respons- table sensation in Ada,- Tuesday's Dispatch.

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KNOCKED OUT.

On Wednesday of last week so we are informed, Dr. Bennett formerly of Belding and Ionia, engaged a livery rig of J. E. Fallas for the purpose of riding to Grattan Center. He got the rig, made the trip, and then acknowledged that he had not the wherewith to pay, but offered his overcoat as security. This Mr. Fallas accepted and when the doctor who was a little muddled with fire water hung up the coat at Train's hotel while he went in to dinner, Mr. Fallas took the coat away. Dinner over, the doctor wanted his coat and denied his previous agreement. Mr. Fallas came in and talked with him, and went away, his son, Clayton, remaining behind. As soon as Mr. Fallas had gone the doctor began to abuse him-so the story goeswhich was too much for alial Clate who sailed in and gave the doctor a trouncing. Beef steak was applied to the doctor's eye and he went to bed and up to this writing-Tuesday morning-has refused to get up. Landlord Train has Dr. Bennett's watch as security for board; Mr. Fallas has the over cont; Dr. Bennett has a black eye and a lame back; the LEDGER has an item, and our readers have the facts.

The nice new barn of Richard Murphy of South Lowell, burned to the ground Thursday morning, Dec. 21, about daylight. Mr. Murphy lost his summer's crop of wool, hay and grain, but saved the most of his farm implements, wagons and sleighs. He saved his stock, but two horses were badly burned and it is questionable Clerk Eddy called up Ada and asked about their recovery. Cause of the if that order for \$48 was correct, he fire is unknown. Mr. Murphy had would have said yes and that would been at the barn just before the fire, to have been the end of it, for under the feed his stock and was in to breakfast present arrangement neither the when the fire was discovered. Loss county clerk nor any other county and insurance is unknown at time of

AROUND THE STATE.

ANOTHER PROCLAMATION. HAWAII IS DEFIANT.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

The woolen mills at Sturgis have started up again.

Sarah C. French, aged 88, Branch county pioneer, is dead.

The Lapeer county association Patrons of Industry has disbanded.

Retiring Judge N. P. Loveridge was banqueted by the Coldwater bar.

The First National bank at Content.

ANOTHER PROCLAMATION.

HAWAII IS DEFIANT.

Senate.-Seventh day.—The battle has begun upon the bill for the repeal of the federal elections law. r. Cul'om Rep., of Illinois, opened the debate. He reviewed in the upper peninsula.

To the people of the State of Michigan.—The committee, consisting of Hon. W. C. Maybury, Hon. E. W. Cottrell and Hon. R. M. Preparations Being Made by the Prospect of State rights and above the power of the United States. Shall the election of Senators and States shall the election of Senators and States. Shall be election of Senators be subject alike to the frauds and outrages of the judgestion, heavily the confinitive, and the executive committee committee committee, committee, committee committee committee committees and the executive committees.

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woman, what ail'st thon? among the tall, snow-laden pine trees hy so sad?" broke upon her startled near the "Lone Star," and, loosening k

Life stands revealed where all seemed poor woman turned and fied, glancing exactly midnight.

Gubich, king of dwarfs, who spoiled the crops last year. I know his pranks, graceful firs.

Dear Christmas joy—ever sinee.madly the Harz maidens dance round the graceful firs. curse him," said the oldest of the miners. "Who in summer steals all the raspberries and strawberries? He never eats aught else, and has lived like a prince, in his rocky cavern up there among the holy firs, ever since the old giant threw these nountains out of his shoe because the bit of sand hurt him. I tell you, the Gubich can make us sick with a glance, touch or breath. Save me from going near his home! Yet they say the cones off his trees are good to

were thought to respect, and then died away among the pines in a soft, sad very day at midnight. But Pete was less mass.

dren starve; my husband never again will be well. I cannot see them ask each day for bread and give them none.

Some candles from his saddle-bag to his pockets, shouldered the pick and slowly mounted the tortuous trail. each day for bread and give them none.
I go to gather cones. Do let me pass and fill my basket."

"I would harm thee not, my friend," said the little man. "And knowest thou where the best cones can be and solvent the thou where the best cones can be and solvent the pick and slowly mounted the tortuous trail.

He had long awaited this moment.
Four years ago he had owned the "Lone Star" himself, but sickness came and the little man. "And knowest thou where the best cones can be and he could not work his assessment.

Whisky and the police get a good many men into Ironble."

found? Follow this path a hundred and when he had returned to the prosfound? Follow this path a hundred gifts;

My thanks and praise, O Lord! my thanks and praise:

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A knowing look, a caress of his white beard, a sniff of the perfumed forest air, and the little man had vanished.

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Thoches Sold only in boxes.

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We since I was a found Pete, armed to the prospect and found Pete, armed to the prospect an With glad feet the mother hurried on. tunity had come, and he determined to A patch on a boy's trousers is something Not a sound but the dropping of cones regain his property and defend it at the new under the so broke the stillness of the forest. Faster risk of his life if necessary. and thicker they seemed to fall at each The tunnel was soon reached, and the Give now thy thanks and praise! thy onward step. A perfect storm of cones, thanks and praise!

They dropped upon her head; they fell mouth, easily disclosed to his eyes and the first dose. Ask your friends about it. 50 and 510 at all druggists. Surely the sun will shine throughout the land;
land;
Surely her miracles will work the spring;
Surely her miracles will work the spring;

They dropped upon her head; they felt her shoulders; land;

Pete's location stake.

He looked at his watch. It marked what man hath done is not always what man should have done.

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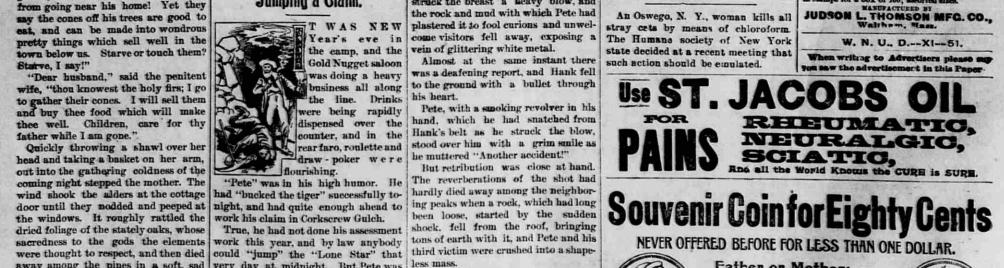
en glow of the sun.

The morrow's sun had tipped the "Hands up!" he of his pi

A Christmas Card.

I have no purse of gold, my dear, With which to buy you dainty things; The purse is empty, and the gold Has flown away as if on wings; so, sweetest wife in all the world, Tho' you possess the greater part, I'll give to you on Christmas day Another fraction of my beart.

Jumping a Glaim.



music, that brought tears to the mother's eyes. It was like the moan the bairns made for bread. The tears broke into a sob; half-blinded, with a bent head, she reached the edge of the holy forest.

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The New Year Book.

Now is the time to be glad and bright, and kind as we can from morn till night; Be quick to smile and to frown be slow, and try to learn what is good to know; For, oh, let us think how the days will look whim and were accidentally shot. So

the thongs which fastened a pick to "Oh, sir, I mean no harm. My chil- his horse's saddle, and transferring a dren starve; my husband never again couple of sticks of dynamite and Chiblane, Pies, &c. C. G. Clark Co., New Haven, C

neither to the right or left. Heavier Reaching down, he fiercely wrenched drear and dead.

O heart! my heart! thou mayst give thanks and sing.

Sing and rejoice! Ever give thanks and sing!

Life rules! Death is not, though it seem to be!

Ineither to the right or left. Heavier and heavier the basket grew. Breaththe the stake from the ground and flung it far from him down the mountain. He then lit a candle and, finding a trial package of "schiffmann's Asthma Cure to any sufferer. He advertises by giving the to any sufferer the advertises by giving the total stake from the ground and flung it far from him down the mountain. He then lit a candle and, finding a total package of "schiffmann's Asthma Cure to any sufferer. He advertises by giving the total stake from the ground and flung it far from him down the mountain. He then lit a candle and, finding a board, quickly sharpened one end of it, and, smoothing off the broad end, wrote his locatios notice on it—rechristening

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think what has happened: On the edge of the holy forest I met a little man with snowy beard who told me where to gather the best cones. I went to find them but the father I went to find the would go into the tunto find them, but the farther I went nel and "see how she looked," he took Has found that her little ones are improved While.

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A Legend: By M. A Bied.

URING THE babyhood of Santa

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It's the Gabich thou! They basket, and here they are."

While Santa Glaus' Beard is find them, but the farther I went the far

babyhood of Santa Claus—long, long ago—while still many good and worthy folk believed wood-sprites lived in the holes of tre-s, witches in glow of the sun.

"Hist, wife! Look, look thou! They are pure silver. It's the Gabich thou hast met."

"A few minutes later Pete stepped in view, with a week's supplies in a sack slung over his shoulder.

The chief objection we have to the man who knows it all is that he insists that view, with a week's supplies in a sack slung over his shoulder.

Before he could put his burden down that every one else shall know it all. too.

"Who knows it all is that he insists that that every one else shall know it all on

"Hands up!" he cried, "Tve got the

graceful firs with gold, when again drop on yer now."

Pete, seeing the other fellow had a landarake Bitters.

deep down under dearth, there lived in far Germany, on one of the lesser mountains of the Harz, a miner with his wife and seven children. Deep down in the bosom of the mountains was the mine. Here the father had worked each day from morn to night to feed, even scantily, his wife and children. At last came a season of great dearth. The miner fell sick. Sadly his wife and children. At last came a season of great dearth. The miner fell sick Sadly his wife and children. The miner fell sick Satly his wife may be the forest. The mother struggled to specify the miner fell sick Satly his wife and children starve? Who had done it? "I tell you it's the Gubich, king of dwarfs, who spoiled the crops last year. I know his pranks, will be the cops last year. I know his pranks, will be and the crops last year. I know his pranks, will be and the crops last year. I know his pranks, will be and the crops last year. I know his pranks, with and children starve? Who had done it? "I tell you it's the Gubich, king of dwarfs, who spoiled the crops last year. I know his pranks, with the mother stood at the edge of the forest. In a moment the Gubich was son and thoughtful for the forest. In a moment the Gubich was son a full hand, promptly threw up his, while Hank defitly relieved him of his firearms. "Taint worth fighting about, any only "There in the hand fight hand promptly threw up his, while Hank defitly relieved him of his firearms. "That was defit hand, promptly threw up his, while Hank defitly relieved him of his firearms. "That worth fighting about, any only "There in the forest. The mother struggled to speak. "Keep thy thanks, wish them of the forest. The mother struggled to speak. "Keep thy thanks, wish them of the forest. The mother struggled to speak. "Keep thy thanks, wish them of the forest. The mother struggled to speak." "That was of a pocket I struck which predict promises it is full that or pour shipped late of the confort of his suffer with indigestion, use Bauter's Pete, seeing the forest. The field while hand, prom

the rock and mud with which Pete had An Oswego, N. Y., woman kills all JUDSON L. THOMSON MFG. CO.,

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did I tell yer? It's nuthin' but dead rock."

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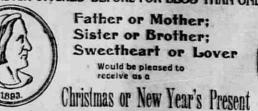
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Pityingly, out from his bed of clouds, the setting sun glanced warm and tender. He shot his parting rays among the firs, and filled their deep shadows with a cheerful glow. Suddenly, into he marked pathway of its light, stepped a little man with snowy beard, who gravely doffed his leathern cap and walted for the sad mother to reach him.

The old year had but a few minutes walted for the sad mother to reach him.

The old year had but a few minutes to live when Hank tied up his horse.

Something they could always keep as a reminder of the Columbian very could always keep as a reminder of the Columbian year. What more appropriate than a lumbian year. What more appr

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The Lowell Ledger. LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICH.

the late Mayor Harrison.

decaying state of Nevada. The idea

of 45,000 miners electing two United States senators is as absurd as it is

ers with this number a large Holiday ble chance of escape. All honor to supplement, accompanied with our the courts that are exceptions to the fervent wish that there may be a rule; and we'll take comfort in the "Merry Christmas and a Happy New thought that when God's great court

the present administration has rentinere will be no appeal, and there'll mon will be "The Incarnation. dered the country one of the greatest he no more postponements. services possible by refusing to consent to the appexation of Hawaii. The apparent is it that annexation would evening, Rev. H. Digby Johnston of have been a great mistake.—[Grand Grand Rapids Unity church, gave an Remaining in the Post Office at Lowell Rapids Democrat.

chists to a desert island where the about his subject. The entire popu- Persons claiming the above will plea wretches can fix things to suit them- lation of the islands is about 80,000, say "advertised" and give date of list. selves, and play base ball with dyna- half of whom are natives, 18,000 go start a little hell of their own.

THE principal obstacle in the way of carrying the President's policy toward Hawaii into effect has been the deposed queen. That female was not willing to grant amnesty to the ids Democrat.

AND still many of the Republican organs keep up the cry that the existing industrial depression is attributable to the election of Cleveland and the prospect of tariff reduction. Will these same papers please state what caused the panic and depression of 1873-4? Then the Republican party was in full sway, and its high protective system had been in operation for

PEOPLE who have denounced the lynchers of the South for their treatlady was assaulted one night recently by a negro on the streets of Grand Rapids, and her friends say they will save the county all expense in connection with the criminal-if they catch him—excepting for a box and a grave in potters' field. Human nature is medicine will we need to take

THE time will come when interna- Chinese and 17,000 whites; the small tional difficulties will be settled by ar- balance being of various nationalities. bitration or other peaceable methods. There are only about 2,000 Americans The United States and Great Britain there. The natives are a low race are pioneers in this movement, by vir- whose men and women live together tue of the agreement to that effect indiscriminately like beasts, and in between the two nations. We read, whose language there is no word rephowever, that England will invest resenting female virtue, an attribute \$40,000,000 in new war ships. When wholly unknown to them. Wouldn't the nations of Europe become more this conglomeration make a NICE ad-civilized or more Christianized, their dition to the United States of Amerpeople will no longer have to bear the ica? ourden of sustaining enormous stand- AMNUAL CHEAP CANADIAN EXCURSION

The D., G. H. & M. and T., S. & M. Rys. WAYNE MACVEAGH, Attorney
General under President Garfield, at one fare for the round trip. Tickets will of Cleveland Ambassador to Italy. It a long visit to friends and relatives in Canlooks as if new converts had the call. ada at extremely low rates. Inquire of all What's the matter with the old Demo-

MacVeagh will fill the bill all right, round trip to all points in Michigan and no question about that; but this is Canada also to Chicago, Suspension Bridge More of this detestable "postpone- including January 2, 1894 on all trains.

jerked through hell by the hair, while the high-born criminal or suspect is and pounds. Why buy half a dozen sleds WE present to each of our subscrib-babied, petted and given every possi-for one loy when you can get one sled for half a dozen boys? Given with five sub-

sits in final judgment, He won't ask "Jacob, the Patriarch," will be the theme

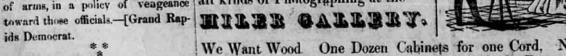
all the services of the church.

interesting description of the Sandwich Mich., week ending Dec. 16, 1893.

Heaven and too wicked for hell: let Fair Announcement Goods are No hat has Always Been Given You. O. G. HALE, On the Bridge

Artistic Photography!

officials of the provisional government, and she wanted the United States 25 PER CENT, a Big Interest. Save that by getting Cabigovernment to sustain her, by force nets, Crayons, Picture Frames, and of arms, in a policy of vengeance all kinds of Photographing at the



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ment of negro criminals may soon have a case nearer home. A young have a case nearer home. A young

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over, and the less we condemn people NOW'S THE TIME! J. ROBERTSON.

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FOR CASH.

no question about that; but this is supposed to be a Democratic administration.

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passed swiftly by, hurrying on in an ticipation of the Christmas dinner.

A little lad, thinly clad and shiver-ing, who shoveled the great piles of

snow from before a large and hand-some residence, looked wistfully up

and down the street, and now and then

sighed heavily as some gay crowd of

holiday revelers passed swiftly by. Tears rose to his eyes, but

were wiped hastily away as the door opened and a tall, fine looking

young man came bounding down the

steps. At the boy's side he paused, and laying his hand kindly on his head

said, "Merry Christmas, Freddy! you

day, you know, and you can finish

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.

Freddy, boy, it was no mistake. I knew it was ten dollars, and meant that you should have it."

But, but it is so much, Mister Horace; ain't that most too big a Christmas carols' would gush from as present for you to give me?"

"Not a bit of it, my boy, just you invest your fortune as you think best, west your fortune as you think best, and needy' and so fill their homes with joy that 'Christmas carols' would gush from their lips in grateful song. It hurts and loved a sweet young girl who in this republican country, that things are so unevenly divided? I wish we vest your fortune as you think best, had no very rich nor very poor, but the same bonnet for the prairie stretching away beyond the compant found that father, and invited him prairie stretching away beyond the compant found that father, and invited him they made a little home on the broad prairie stretching away beyond the compant found that father, and invited him at his connect for you to give me?"

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It; you're an honest fellow, Fred, and I admire you for it; but now good-bye, for I must be off at once to keep an appointment."

"Good-bye, Mister Horace, I don't hardly know how to thank you for such a fine present, but I do thank you for you've been to me. You know—you know there ain't so many as is kind to a boy like me, and them as is I never the solution of the grasping avarice of the rich, nor the sorrow and misery of the poor." And musing thus he passed up a broad flight of steps and hardly know how to thank you for such a fine present, but I do thank you hear and solution of the poor." And musing thus he passed up a broad flight of steps and the rich, nor the sorrow and misery of the poor." And musing thus he passed up a broad flight of steps and how carrying cheer and comfort to some sick or suffering child, who was greeted by glad voices and langh-looked for the bright face and cheery voice almost as for the rich, nor the sorrow and misery of the poor." And musing thus he passed up a broad flight of steps and looked for the bright face and cheery voice almost as for the rich, nor the sorrow and misery of the poor." And musing thus he rich, nor the sorrow and misery of the poor." And musing thus he rich, nor the sorrow and misery of the poor." And musing thus he rich, nor the sorrow and misery of the poor." And show carrying cheer and comfort to some sick or suffering child, who was greeted by glad voices and langh-looked for the bright face and cheery voice almost as for an angel's visit.

Thus, time passed on, and Horace Hayward's hair had turned to grey. Weard's hair had turned to grey ward so and medicine for the sick, and the money for the new domestic.

When fall had come again, and Robward hard all summer for but little ones for their sakes.

When fall had come again, and medicine for the sick, and the money for the new domestic and cheery voice almost a boy like me, and them as is I never countless mates of years gone by open brow, but the genial smile was clothes to begin the winter there; kin forget; good-bye. Mister Horace, and thank you once more."

Freddy retraced his steps slowly, looking at his treasure now and then and took up the earnest student's life

in the genial smile was clothes to begin the winter there; he his still as warm and bright as when he talked to little Freddy mid the falling should he do?

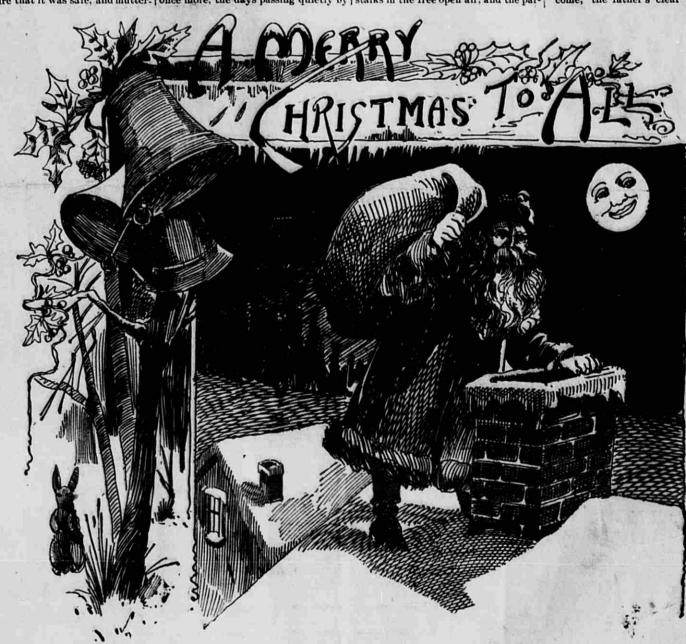
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\$10 bill you gave me just now, Mister softly, and said to himself as he sung away to the new and growing west. Robert into a seat beside him talked to handed in Softly, and said to himself as he sung away to the new and growing west. Horace!"

Mister Horace laughed merrily and countries a carols sing. "Ah. yes! bushing back the hand which held out bow glad I would be to make it a carnest ministration soon won for called into the council and it was at spirits, he



wealthy planter, who, finding his at the end.

some, courtly old gentleman in his through strife and blood and tears, but leaned his head upon his hand and On Christmas morning, as he sat at northern home was a man by the name soon laid him down to sleep beneath lived over in memory the piteous spector breakfast with his wife and nichts—of Sterling, who was janitor and genthat green and trampled sod where so tacles he had seen that day, his oldest said: eral factotum; he lived near by, and many of the nation's fairest sons were son, Robert, came to him and said; his son, Freddy, was always ready to laid beside him. perform any service for him of which Penniless and alone, heartsick and know the daily self renunciation of could have another handshaking and

his shovel he ran after the retreating light-hearted banter, had won his adfigure, crying loudly, "Mister Horace," until flushed and by the control on the control of the c

pleting his education at an eastern of did not linger long enough to see the Among those who served the hand-blessing to humanity which came little parlor and the careworn minister of Horace Hayward. pleting his education at an eastern John Hayward was a ruined man. He cruel winter weather.

An' we'll have a turkey, sure's fate, and fly to the rescue of their country and that precious baby shall have both drumsticks, bless her heart! I must go 'n get my shovel and tell Mr. Hayward that Mister Horace said I could quit for her teachings with his native air and the more of their country was parched and scorened as by a blast in you must, stay if you can. If work from a furnace. The grain wilted and died before it ripened and the grass was loaf is better than no bread' and experience is capital that is always when fall came there were no crops to good." The weeks crept by; another to-day; he's fine, is Mister Horace, I tell now he esponsed her cause and en- harvest and the farmers had no income letter came, telling them that he could

Horace Hayward was the son of a bitter suffering, the hopeless surrender came down with unparalleled sever- The winter closed down drearily.

weary, Horace now looked about him your life, and mother's. I know that much ated the visit. The custom is of

I appreciate it highly, my boy, and ing to himself, "Ten dollars!—that's a until that clarion trumpet call recents sometimes looked a trifle anxious "I don't like to see him give up thank you for him and myself. Here is a little Christmas gift for you, and I heap o' money!—I'll give mother a new hope you may enjoy it." And pressing shawl, that's one thing sure, an' little hall, which caused the farmer to lay men." The year of 18— was a disastrous and Mr. Hayward drew his last check Jack shall have a horse and cart and by his plow, the statesman his book one through all the west. The summer upon his little horde of savings and benumbed and dirty little hand he hurried off down the street. Freddy

Nell a doll—oh, cricky! ain't it fun? and pen, the student his cap and gown, was long, hot and dry. All vegetation hurried off down the street. Freddy

Nell a doll—oh, cricky! ain't it fun? and pen, the student his cap and gown, was long, hot and dry. All vegetation enclosed it to him, telling him, "Come and fly to the rescue of their country was parched and scorched as by a blast if you must, stay if you can. If work

from him and yours. your old wa and I inclos

me. I hav

ye, he ain't none o' your stack up listed under the stars and bars. It is an young bloods, if his father is well off; old story! We all know the haughty confidence and eager hope of the beginning, the desperate struggle, the list."

In anyest and the larmers had no income letter came, telling them that he could for the ensuing year. Agriculture governs the prosperity of all the towns in the was still homesick and hard worked the western states, and dismay was designing, the desperate struggle, the

ity. The people left the small towns The long strain on mind and body wealthy planter, who, finding his at the end.

"sunny south" too enervating for his feeble health, had removed to the north for a time that he might be lood home. The plantation was deviously below the field of the storm of battle had raged for his fiercely near Horace Hayward's child-hood home. The plantation was deviously from the small towns where no work could be obtained and had worn the active pastor to a shadow of his former self. And as constant the might be lood home. The plantation was deviously finding his at the end.

The long strain on mind and body where no work could be obtained and had worn the active pastor to a shadow of his former self. And as nearer to his only son, who was com- astated, the home destroyed, and left homeless and penniless to face the ing forces, his courage gave out, and

"Father, I am eighteen years old. I this morning, day the most popular

r. for all thou has

he beautiful land form a glorio d all the journey the dear Savior

dugh the gift of thy

IT MILLER.

IE WA ig down by wooden bo open with a eves wer en box wa

asked, plaintively:

"Are you regretting that you married me, my darling?"

thought that the expressage on the heavy box of wood and stone would take the very bread out of their derly.

the room in hopeless search.

But the room was empty of furniture, save the bed and the little willow rocking chair. For answer she ran to him and mouths.

And poor, pretty Mamie, kneeling is going to be very cold," she answered there, by her suffering husband, sobbed there, by her suffering husband, sobbed harder every time that she looked at the wine she dried her wet feet at specimens—lay the sturdy wooden leg —Mamie's legacy. "And yet it would have been better back the happy olden time, the days of for you, Mamie, had you never seen peace and plenty, on the pretty little Laurie, and I must make some small over her mind: me," he sighed.

"Oh, Laurie, do not talk so. You break my heart. Have I ever reproached you?"

"Ohear my denset. You have been their birthplace — Uncle Henry's old home, and theirs. Mamie

"I must make some small preparations," she said, slipping into on her eating.

"If Mamie is as poor as you say, my break my heart. Have I ever reproached you?"

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"If Mamie is as poor as you say, my on her eating." "Never, my dearest. You have been thought of the whispering old trees beneath whose shade dear Laurie had neath whose shade dear Laurie had down on her knees.

Henry, "she sobbed, and the little bare feet went pattering across the floor.

For answer she ran to him and mouths.

ten me he wanted me. I would have her sole legacy from her dead uncle. The little purse was quite empty to coax a feeble flame under the kettle

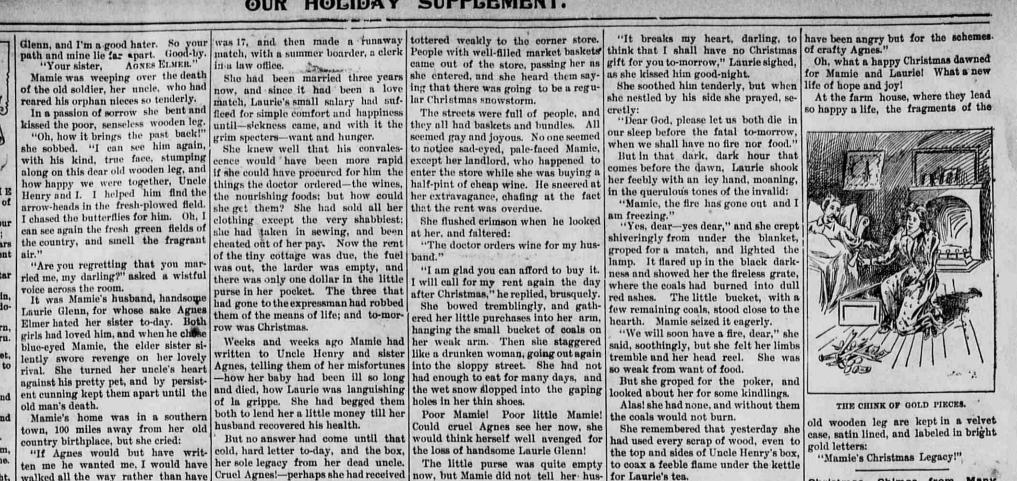
CHRISTMAS PAST AND PRESENT,

And again the voice across the room | their poverty, and had rejoiced in the | and coaxed him to partake of the wine, | and her hollow blue eyes roved about

"No, I must put on fresh coals, for it rocking-chair.

walked all the way rather than have cruel Agnes!—perhaps she had received now, but Mamie did not tell her hus-for Laurie's tea.

the letters—perhaps she knew well band that. She choked back her sobs, She crushed back a moan of despair,



"Mamie's Christmas Legacy!"

Christmas Chimes from Many Climes Christmas is always a season of good

wishes and loving kindness.
In America almost all little children hang up their stockings on Christmas eve to be filled by kind old Santa Claus. In Germany they make more of Christ-mas than we do in America. Everywhere the Christmas tree is used.

If a family is too poor to have a whole tree, a single branch only will stand in a conspicuous place, hung with the few simple gifts.

A week before Christmas St. Nicholas

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

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

After the tree is lighted the family

gather round it, and sing a Christmas

seen representations of the manger in which Christ was born, with figures of Mary, Joseph and the child Jesus, and cattle feeding near by. Often these representations are decorated with flowers, and lighted candles burn softly before them.

In Norway the people have a delightful custom of putting on the roof of the barn, or on a pole in the yard, a large sheaf of wheat for the birds, who fully appreciate their Christmas feast.

In England almost every one who

can do so has a family party on Christmas eve. Young and old join in the games, many of which belong especialv to Christmas time. From the ceiling of one of the rooms

a large bunch of mistletoe is hung. If any little maid is caught standing under it the one who catches her has a right to take a kiss from her rosy lips. In Holland the little Dutch girl puts her wooden shoe in the chimney-place ready for gifts, just as the little American girl hangs up her stocking. And so in some way all over the

Christian world on the eve of the twenty-fifth day of December the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ is celebrated. Everywhere the Christmas chimes are ringing out the message the angels brought to Bethlehem-"Peace on earth, good will to men."

the room in hopeless search.

ture, save the bed and the little willow

Under the Mistletce.

myself. I should never have taken wooed and won her. Then she thought "God send us help!" was all she could say to drag out Uncle Henry's leg starve you to death in this dreary town."

"Oh, Laurie, do not say such cruel things of yourself. I am not starving: no, no. And you will soon be well again and can go back to the office."

"Oh, Mamie, I shall never get well again, and his weak voice grew strong in out-door pursuits. He would live again, and his weak voice grew strong is ay; then she crouched on the fireless say; then she crouched on the fireless.

Young Fresh—Ah, I tell you, old say are say and sa she tugged at it, wooden leg and collection of rocks.

"No one would give me that for them."

"Oh, Laurie, there is no kindling, and — "Oh, Laurie, there is no kindling, and — "Oh, Laurie, there is no kindling, and — "Oh, Laurie, there is no kindling



A wild horror seized upon her lest Laurie should die first and leave her alone in the cold, pitiless world.

"He shall not!" she thought, frantically, and, seizing her thin shawl, wrapped it about her head and shoulders. "I will buy food and tine and fuel—a little of each—with the money, and I will not take any my—

Then death will claim me what the food might hold out a little longer for him. It would have broken his heart to know it, for all his care was for her, as hers for him. For many days he had secretly thought:

"I am dying by inches, and I hope the end will come soon, for Mamie's sake, for then surely those hard hearts would sell the old place when I am dead and move to the city, where she might catch a fine rich husband. So how Year's. Are you?

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"For I know," wrote Uncle Henry, "how Agnes hates her sister, and would cheat her out of this gold if she could. So I take this means to give it to my favorite niece, with my love and my wishes for her happiness. And I have heard Agnes tell her cronies that she would sell the old place when I am dead and move to the city, where she might catch a fine rich husband. So how Year's. Are you?

Brownly-No.

OUR HOLIDAY SUPPLEMENT.

The state of the s



that's judgin' by their face.
I'd apples an' hard cider till you couldn't hardly rest. And all the presents that I gave was of the

I got 'em at the village store for fifty cents in cash,
'Nd fifteen pecks o' winter wheat, a keg sour mash, Two loads o' hay, some butter, and a pron ise of some eggs-The cost was pretty heavy for a man with

shaky legs.

But as I thought it over, why, I didn't really mind, As long as they'd be happy 'nd be pleased with what they'd find;

Which I don't think my grandson was, because their city ways
Has played old hob with Christmas as 'twas had in my young days.

Amanda's boy. Ulysses, when he got his worsted mitts,
Looked madder than a hatter in his very

maddest fits;
'Nd when my grandchild Bobbie got a hand some rubber ball That whistled when you squeezed it, he be gan to kick and squal

Same way with Sam's small family, includin' of his wife—
I never seen a woman so upsot in all my

When what I had for her came out-jest why, I do not know, For my wife used to beam when I gave her a calico.

In fact, in twenty presents that I bought

and gave away,

Not one of 'em seemed pleasin', an' it sort
of spoiled my day. 'Nd what is worse, they've brought me down some fancy sort of jugs-

They called 'em Royal Woostershire-th handles looked like bugs;
'Nd slathered on the sides of 'em two gree green dragons sit. Sam brought a watch chain made o' gold

that doesn't seem to fit The old man's waistcoat—sort o' makes molook too kind of loud, 'Nd altogether the result don't

make me proud. I sort of can't help thinkin' that the thing they've brought to me Are worth three times as much as mine fo

them upon the tree, 'Nd when I see 'em actin' like they wasn't glad
To get the things I got 'em—why, it makes me mighty sad; true old-fashioned ring.

> was the thing. Seven of Them.

> > HERE WERE stars in the sky, but

they were dim, and

there was no twin-

kle of light in any

yindow of the Burch-

ard place. It wa pretty dark for the

ight before Christmas

and there was les

rinkle in the snow where you stepped on it than ere should have been.

Not the least sound was

When gifts was incidental, 'nd the seasor



he walked all around the house and came back to the front door. There was not much of him to see for he was very, very short. He had an appearance of being round built, but he moved about in a brisk, lively,

nade by the feet of the only person who seemed to be stirring out of doors.

He could not be seen distinctly, bu

whispered Billy. "They're all asleep. was one of those two men, saying "Best fun I ever had," said Mr. all faces in the room. Noise? Was

Mother said he wasn't going to come, Heavy sleigh runners will make some creak on any kind of snow, and so there was a little noise dragged along through the gate, at the eastern corner of the yard. It came from the east, but it was met at the gate by another creak of the same kind that came from the west, and each was drawn by a pair of horses and had a man with it.

pair of horses and had a man with it. the door, and it was another woman's them asked of the other. WILLIAM O. STODDARD.

"How are you, Santa Claus?" one of the other woman's them asked of the other. WILLIAM O. STODDARD.

Tommy's Enjoyable Christmas. "How are you, Santa Claus?" one of voice that answered in a loud but myster them asked of the other.

"How are you, Santa Claus?" one of them asked of the other.

"How are you, St. Nicholas?" replied "He's busy, all 'round town! How nothing. I stirred 'em up! It'll do Bloobumper to Tommy Hojack. Christmas come again, 'nd all my children's home; the man he spoke to. "Caught you did you get in? I don't care. Come this time, have 1? You won't go down this time, have 1? You won't go down this time, have 1? You won't go down the more Christmas and her children are going to have a special time asked of the other. "He's busy, all 'round town! How nothing. I stirred 'em up. It is the man he spoke to. "Caught you did you get in? I don't care. Come them good. They hardly missed brington ing anything they wanted. The widow ing anything they wanted. The widow and her children are going to have a turkey as I could eat," Benny went on the content of the other.

Sam's in from New York city, 'nd Corneel's come downfrom Rome; Amanda and her young uns, and my darter Susan's boys,

Arrived last night at ten o'clock with trunks 'ad bags, 'nd noise Enough to last the hull year through, 'nd plenty more to spare.

Bus what's the odds' Noise ain't the worst of list we have to bear.

But what's the odds' Noise ain't the worst of list we have to bear.

I had a gift for every one this mornin' on the tree,

'Nd what I gave 'em was the sort as used to come to me

Sam's in from New York city, 'nd the chimney!"

"Thou loads won't burt 'em! Pitch down for for to bring."

"I'll take ye all lum in my sleigh," said billy, 'rawing away won't wake 'em all up." They were tall, broad-shouldered men, such as are able to pitch firewood easily; but the sticks they pitched refused to alight altogether in silence. Not that they plenty more to spare.

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'Nd what I gave 'em was the sort as used to come to me

Thou das won't valce 'em! Pitch there's going to be more Christmas!"

"I'll take ye all lum in my sleigh,"

"Just at that moment there was a little noise up-stairs.

"Billy, 'said Jack, right out aloud.

"I'm going to go and tell mother."

"Why, Jack,' said Billy, 'sis no use.

She wouldn't believe a word of it. She locked the front door herself."

"I'don' care, 'said Jack, 'shed want to know. May be she'd let us go down to knish."

"Then als many oranges.

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would you?" asked Billy. "You might bad turkey and cranberry sauce, no girls," said Jack; and in another that's judgin' by their face.

In the day of things."

There was no noise whatever in the see some of 'em."

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They were too late, a little, anyway; baddows went through the door. There that's judgin' by their face.

In the day of things," and a lot of oranges and dates; and I would you?" asked Billy. "You might be see some of 'em."

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In the day of things, and I had lots and lots of plumpudding; and I had an awful stomach ache, and two doctors. I guess you another room was pushed open, and a can't beat that."

there any noise? Why, the children huskily:
"Well, Mrs. Jones! I do declare! "It's almost Christmas now," said were finding out what had come, and

The shops' display

This holy night, when When hands are class dear,— I know it all; it once My thoughts go far Across the chims

And here and there, 1 The steadfast churches I cannot hear, though i Chime out their tale of Still far away sad men To church yard fields.
Beyond the chimnes

The city gleams fad Though Christmas e Since through my w What though its joys I n Sweet peace that come With me may bide, Beneath the chimne

The poet sings in hone; "It is not always Ma The spring but lasts a Soon summer flies a
But heed not all the p
Too oft a fickle guid
One friend at least th
All hail to Christme

Once more the merry Or pautomimic reige And hear the clown b Of "Here we are a While Harlequin a The honors with o All hail to Christ

Ay, let the drear Do Its frosts, and fogs A dozen months app No matter. Let t No matter what ha Or what the futu



UNDER THE MISTLETOE.

The wood was unloaded quickly nothing but some dark shapes feeling more than half-frightened voice said: energetic way.

He stood in the stoop and looked at the gate more than a minute before he said:

The wood was unloaded quickly nothing but some dark snapes feeling their way around, until one of them their way around, until one of them that had a match found a candle.

Even then you couldn't say there than nall-frightened voice said:

"Mother! Mother! Santa Claus has been kep that had a match found a candle.

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"Libby," came back, in a suppressed the lane.

Christmas.

Our years are brigh All hail to Christi The C BY NELLIE O. 1 Through the light of J Looking back, I read t While good shepherds And the glad star gos And the Father's sy S'esps the Christ et Cradled in a manger And the eve of fait As the wise men, dr Worship and true To the Christ chi King of heaven Though of low! Farther on we The crucified a Of a Savior ki Who is now or And our bea And for Chri And we folk To the scept Bett First. Set The In her Polly First, a Then !

this job is doned. Two bear everywhere is million. The could think of Two stirred 'em up and stirred 'em up "Oh, Mamie, I shall never get well again, and his weak voice grew strong with anguish. He lifted a thin, transparent hand, and held it up to the light. "See how thin I am, I am getting weaker every day. It is four months now since I was first attacked months now since I was first attacked with la grippe and I we lain here every lay. The lain here every lay that there every lay that the little hat here was that the little hat here was that the latter with la grippe and I we lain here every lay. The lain here every lay that the latter with la grippe and I we lain here every lay that the latter with large and I we lain here every lay that the latter with large and I we lain here every lay that the latter with large and I we lain here every lay that the latter with large again. The would live golden hair slipping loose, like a crinkly with the tears in her blue eyes and the golden hair slipping loose, like a crinkly with the tears in her blue eyes and the golden hair slipping loose, like a crinkly with the tears in her blue eyes and the golden hair slipping loose, like a crinkly with the tears in her blue eyes and the golden hair slipping loose, like a crinkly with the tears in her blue eyes and the golden hair slipping loose, like a crinkly with the tears in her blue eyes and the golden hair slipping loose, like a crinkly with the tears in her blue eyes and the golden hair slipping loose, like a crinkly with the knew!"

Up went the little hatchet, and came along the knew!"

Up went the little hatchet, and came as leep. There was even a faint color in his thin checks. Her heart therilled with the knew!"

Up went the little hatchet, and under the room Laurie had fallen peacefully a sleep. There was even a faint color in his thin checks. Her heart therilled with the knew!" with la grippe, and I've lain here ever since, weak and ill, while you had to struggle with poverty alone. We have sold what little of value we had—my watch, and your few jewels—and lack of proper sustenance. The hand-whing we could spare from this c; and—and—it has dwindled

But what there was only with joy to see it.

"The wine has made him better, and there is a little left for to-morrow. To-morrow—ah, what a terrible Christmorrow—ah, what a terrible Chri c: and—and—it has dwindled the large dark eyes were rimmed with Laurie slept sweetly on, never guessing notes to the amount of \$5,000.

And a little note among them gave little Mamie was starving herself in this little fortune to his dear niece ing near. expressman A wild horror seized upon her lest secret that the food might hold out a Mamie Glenn:

Ohe

The Manger.

t well may be the Bethelehem Hear

Thines out across their way

Leading them safe, or near, or far,

Go the price of the deathless day.

OhiBear that over the manner scood

The night when Christ was born

When the only porent the Only Good.

Came down to this world forlorn.

Extill shine in the heart of mother and child

Wherever love reigns and sings.

And the face of a little one undefiled

h! Bechelem Hear throudpain and loss.

Ind comfort us if a shadowy cross

There olimmer in faint outline.

For we cannot but take the self-same path

That was trodden by kings and sages,

And sought the Pearl of the Alpes.

When they dared the base world's vemost wrath.

Acill over the cradle shine.

Hath that which may conquer kings

While she lives over and yet again in memory, all the happy hours they knew once-so long ago it seems; though but a twelvemonth-the hour rings out softly, clearly, with slow nusical strokes upon the golden bells of the pretty toy that stands above the fire. She pauses to listen and count, and recalls with a thrill how Harold looked at just this hour a year ago as he stood listening to the midnight chimes ringing out the old year, ringing in the new, and waiting with longing and-yes, she is sureloving eyes, yet dignified mien, for her word of forgiveness or dismissal. And she? How could she let him go thus, she thinks, without an explanation? True, he ought to have known; but there-how should he know?

And so the twelve strokes fall upon her heart, lingering, slow, telling that the old year is dying and the new year close. Close? It is here! And all at once a sudden impulse seizes Jessica; she flies swiftly to her ivory escritoire in her haste, so eager she can scarce control her pen to trace the words, and she writes, at first many words, then upon a new sheet of paper, only a line: "Come to me-if you care to.

and dates it New Year's day. Softly she hies her way to the lower hall and deposits the missive in the box at the door, whence she knows it cannot be rescued save by the post collector, and then she creeps, all atremble with her own emotions, into her nest, where slumber soon sets its seal upon her fluttering heart and snowy lids.

"New Year's eve," says handsome Harold Gray, as he throws himself into his favorite chair, which, somehow, scems not to fit his broad frame and lazy length so comfortably as usual. He strikes a light for his cheroot, but with a listless air, and looks up at the clock, a massive ebony figure, holding a spear upraised with which to strike a brazen shield when the hour bids. I is near midnight, and Harold's eyes darken and his lips grow tense beneat their blonde mustache as he recalls this night one year ago. He has been ecking diversion the past twelve nonth in travel, only to find his hear as left behind, with the image

concludes; and yet—, just then the clock strikes; the spear falls in full, round, sonorous strokes, each seemingly of a purpose to remind him of the day and hour. He counts involuntarily until the last vibrates into closes 12 midnight, and perches upon his shoulder and pecks at the counts involuntarily until the last perches upon his shoulder and pecks at the closes 12 midnight, and perches upon his shoulder and pecks at the closes 12 midnight, and perches upon his shoulder and pecks at the closes 12 midnight, and perches upon his shoulder and pecks at the closes 12 midnight, and perches upon his shoulder and pecks at the closes 12 midnight, and perches upon his shoulder and pecks at the closes 12 midnight.

vibrates into silence; 12, midnight, and the New Year! Harold walks deliberhis heart. He forces himself to go out ately to his desk, sits down and writes:
"May I come to you? HAROLD."
And dates it "New Year's day." He steps quietly down to where the letters lie, for the early postman's call, and then betakes himself to bed, Shall he be laggard in love? Oh, it is shannefaced but contents to go out and walk, walk, until he finds himself close to the street where Jessica lives. Then he turns, goes back whence he steps quietly down to where the letters lie, for the early postman's call, and then betakes himself to bed, Shall he be laggard in love? Oh, it is shamefaced but contented.

* * * * * * * * too early; what shall he do? Buy some flowers, of course; why had he

sprawling, unmistakable chirography. a word, almost a sob: From Harold! It cannot be an answer "Harold!" to hers so soon! She tears it open and "My Jessica: my own!" levours the one line:

have written at precisely the time she flesh. he will come. So she makes herself twelve last night."

Harold Gray, tossing, restless, sleeps call?—when you were so-so-" but little, alternately wrathy with his "Never mind that evening," says he, "weakness" as he disdainfully calls it, and again glad in his heart of hearts that to-day will settle the matter. If that to-day will settle the matter. If Jessica refuses to see him, why—then he'll none of her! He will go for good, anywhere, away from the world, if need be, to forget her winsome face. If she sends him a word, just one word, and that "Come," why how happy they will be. Only a short delay will he brook; a whole weeking year has been wasted

raises her luminous eyes to the clock, "Just one year ago," he mutters, him and his eyes have flown to the raises her luminous eyes to the clock, a pretty toy in ivory and gold, all romping Cupids and cooing doves, chasing the hours and ringing them out in sweet chimes upon golden bells.

The track of the sthing waves;

The wave sear angel's blessing the hours and pulling savagely at his cigar and defining hurch pulling savagely at his cigar and pulling savagely at his cigar and defining hurch pulling savagely at his cigar and pulling savagely at his cigar and pulling savagely at his cigar and defining hurch pulling savagely at his cigar and

A great peace seems to fill Jessica's soul as she awakes New Year's morning and remembers with her first conscious thought that she has recalled Jessica must have grand flowers; orher lover. Pride, quotha! What has chids and rich crimson-hued roses, pride to do with true love? Surely camelias and blossoms of gold. He Harold would not slight her call, and consumes the time and at last, as she lies in her dainty nest of lace at last! he is on the steps, and down, with Harold, Harold, Harold at the door, in the hall; semehow ever coursing through her brain, her he or the man disposes properly

ever coursing through her brain, ner little maid enters bearing the morning cup of chocolate on a silver tray. Beside the steaming drink lies a bunch of blush roses, the blood surges like lava through his the blood surges like lava through his we are to be married just as soon as I with love from doting parents, and beside that a letter. She lifts it uninterestedly, only to stare at the great estedly, only to stare at the great estedly.

Happy, thrice happy she. He must is hers, and they twain shall be one what you want him to bring you for

and both right. She must make haste; minute after the clock had struck the fender, began: he will come. So she makes herself twelve last night."

"Well, Mr. Claus, I want a three-charming; fresh as the dawn of the new day and the New Year and sweet that very moment," she tells him with off the other kind and break my neck.



love."

She rises impatiently and paces the floor in her unrest, the white draperies floor in her unrest, the white draperies she still love him? Still? Did she still love him? Still? Di

of her gown making a soft frou frou on the rich rugs as she walks. Pride and love have fought within her too often for her not to dread the struggle; only—she feels to-night that she must see him the results of the possible, and surely his constancy will move her heart.

She still love him? Still? Did she ever? Surely she did once; no woman day."

And the date? Why, it is "New Year's day."

So, he thinks with a grim looks so like me and whom you have ploss so like me and whom you have shaken he is, that the same impulse shaken he is, that the same impulse shaken he is, that the same impulse walks with anyone else, after raffle wuz gone dis meant would walks with anyone else, after raffle wuz gone dis meant would walks with anyone else, after raffle wuz gone dis meant would walks with anyone else.



EMMA I. MCLAGAN.

levours the one line:

"May I come to you? HAROLD."

And then, in one long kiss, the reconciliation is accomplished; the And the date—it is New Year's day.

Harmy Abdie harmy

have written at precisely the time sne did, for the sweet missive to reach her at this hour; and by now he has her letter; both were eager; both wrong letter; both were eager; both wrong "As near as I can recall at about one the fireplace, and sitting down before

as the blush roses she pins amid her a happy little laugh. "And do you I want lots of marbles, and tops, and know, you haven't asked me a single railway engines, and steamboats. Got question about that evening; you re- that?"

"Go ahead," said his father. "He

"And I want a pony, and a dog, and wagon, and lots of books and tin soldiers. In fact, Mr. Santa Claus, you might bring me a little of every-

About the Wassall Bowl, In the "Midsummer Night's Dream" the "gossips' bowl" is supposed to be the "wassail bowl" of early days. The contents of this bowl were spiced ale, nutmeg, sugar, toast and roasted crabs or apples. Our ancestors loved to assemble on New Year's eve at each other's houses, and while "they quaffed the flowing bowl" they renewed promises of friendship and laid aside resentnents they had cherished.

"Say, Santa Claus come ter my house





Would like to.

J. N. Hubbel is gaining slowly.

Visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Wisner's last

Thomas Leese was around soliciting aid
for John Brown, who recently lost his hay
and straw by fire. He was meeting with

would like to.

J. N. Hubbel is gaining slowly.

Visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Wisner's last
week were James and Joseph Martin,
David and Edith Mange, Miss Barber, A.
Buck and family, all of Lowell.

Corn and Oats, per ton...
Butter. and straw by fire. He was meeting with Buck and family, all of Lowell.

A large sized rain Saturday, but it did not demolish the sleighing. Theodore Ingersoll is very sick with the

grippe and pneumogia. was well attended, people coming from far Hall's Hair Renewer. and near. A good all round time was had by all, old and young. golden weddings are ouite a rare occurance. Arthur Shillton and Mart Schneider are

Samuel Onan is very sick, but is on the gain, some again. Another boy at Edward Stinton's Dec. 19. Proud parents.

VERGENNES.

entting wood for James Green.

James last Saturday evening and a good Mrs. McDannell and daughters went The Reading Circle met with Miss Della time was enjoyed by all. The W. C. T. U. will give a ten cent tea

We are very glad that our good sleighing cently.

Shepard Hale and wife. James Dec. 16. Allen Bennett will enter- county clerk recently. The only featain the next one Dec. 30, with the follow- ture of the marriage was the embar-

the Bible.

o Invasion of Maryland. Questions in history-Geg. Lee.

ville McPherson. Reading-Clare Findley.

Nelson McCaul's.

Henry and Eugene McCall of Ada, visited at Riley McCall's Sunday. Lee Porter of Beechwood, upper penin-

SOUTH BOSTON.

Elmdale is to have a new saw mill, John

. Hendershott is the last one on the sick

Mr. Buck is not improving as fast as he Corr

The sick are all getting better. DUDE. Beef.

29, at five o'clock sharp. The Silver Melal Contest at the Bailey their western home next fuesday. church last Thursday evening was a grand Benson White and wife of Ada resuccess, the church was full, the speakers ceived a new daughter December 8. did extremely well. Miss Bessie White John Carter of LaBarge has sold a carried away the medal. Receipts of the fine span of horses to a Lowell man. evening were nearly \$20.

Thanks McGinty, we will try and stay Grand Rapids was in town Thursday.

Monday morning the home of Alexander | Blain's Olan of Vergenness, burned and most | Ora Folster of Ada died on Mon-

of 19 years

Roll call answered by quotations from Sherk of Caledonia, 67 years of age,

Reading of minutes. Less m in history, from War in the East formed and gave one of the deputy clerks a motherly kiss.

Recitation-Nettie Kerr. Biographical sketch of Gen. Lee-Mel-

Pronunciation Test, words being pronounced by Miss Ina Findley; Miss Bertha Lee and Miss Edith Aldrich choosing the participants.

Parsy.

"A Snake in the grass" is all the more dangerous from being unsuspected. So are many of the blood medicines offered the public. To avoid all risk, ask year druggist for Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and also for large Allangerous produced by Miss Ina Findley; Miss Bertha tender sympathy aided us in this sad bereavement of the loss of our dear Gaylord, whom we so dearly loved. And also wish to thank the K. O. T. M. and L. O. T. M. and others for their kindness in furnishing on temperance. Subject, "Our Worst Enemany of the blood medicines offered the public. To avoid all risk, ask year druggist for Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and also for the subject of the public of the subject of the subject of the public of the subject of the sub

gist for Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and also for Aver's Almanac, which is just out for the new year.

RIVER ROAD RIVAL. Alonzo Coonrod is having a tussle with

Mrs. Will Worden of Lowell, spent Sunday with her friend, Mrs. C. B. Carter. Ray Hendricks of Bowne, was a visitor at John Engle's last week. Peter Sharples of Ada, spent Sunday at

A number from this neighborhood a tended the medal contest at the M. E. church in Vergennes Thursday evening. Cured by Aver's Cherry Pectoral. Mrs. P. D. HALL, 217 Genessee St., Eugene Lee and family are recovering Lockport, N. Y., says: from the grippe.

hearing my father describe the wonderful curative effects of Ayer's Cherry sula, joined his wife here Monday and after | Pectoral. During a recent attack of La | year for \$1.40. a short visit with relatives and friends they will start for their future home in Balti-McGINTY. used various remedies and prescriptions.

Lenhart proprietor. J. C. English has sold his farm to George and Charles Klahn, consideration \$7,500. The sick in this neighborhood are on the

"Over thirty years ago, I remember

While some of these medicines partially

alleviated the coughing during the day, none of them afforded me any relief from

gain.

Farmer's Institute Thursday and Friday at Alto.

Mopey Custer is weaving carpets at Elmdale.

J. C. English thinks of buying ten acressome where in the country where he can keep a cow and horse and live easy away from the cares of drawing wood.

Mrs. Jacob Layer is reported on the gain.

Not every woman, who arrives at middle reters to all every woman may do so by the occational use of Ayer's Hair Vigor. It prevents baldness, removes dandruff, and cures all scalp diseases,

and had about decided to sit up all night in my easy chair, and procure what in my easy chair, and procure what is leep I could in that way. It then occurred to me that I had a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. I took a spoonful of this preparation in a little water, and was able to lie down without coughing. In a few moments, I fell asleep, and awoke in the morning greatly refreshed and feeling much better. I took a teaspoonful of the Pectoral every woman, who arrives at middle retens the color and beauty of her hair, at every woman may do so by the occational use of Ayer's Hair Vigor. It prevents baldness, removes dandruff, and cures all scalp diseases, removes dandruff, and cures all scalp diseases are removed to set them could in the nature of the scale of the material scale of

PRACH HILL GROVE.

Mr. and Mrs. Kiser are visiting friends Eggs ...

HOME NEWS,

Miss Huttie Wilson went to Green- John Cutler, proorietor. Overhauled and ville Friday. refitted throughout, and now ready for the Frank Knapp of Chicago is visiting traveling public. Rates reasonable. at L. H. Hunt's. J. HARRISON RICKERT, F. H. Wallace and wife of Ada Dentist. Over Church's bank, Lowell.

have a new boy. MILTON M. PERRY, Bowne Centre will have Christmas Solicitor in Chancery and Pension Attorney Lowell, Mich. exercises this evening.

to Grand Rapids last Friday. Notary public. Your business solicited. Of Mrs. Henry Pipp of Kalkaska, visi- fice in Graham block. at the home of Mrs. W. L. Merriman, Dec. Miss Ethel McDannell this week, 8 P. HICKS. Loans, Collections, Real Estate and Insu

E. A. R. Hunt and bride leave for ance. Lowell, Mich. O. C. McDANNEL, M. D. Physician and Surgeon. Office, 46 Bridge street, Lowell, Mich. M. C. GREEN, M. D. Physician and Surgeon. Office at Residence

Business Directory.

THE DAVIS HOUSE,

Mr. Berry, telephone manager at E Bridge street, Lowell, Mich. W. F. BROOKS, M. D., with the Lenger stribes, company prevented us from being one of your number wented us from being one of your number Henry Brown and Mrs. Emma Physician and Surgeon. Office hours, Baker of Caledonia were married re- m to 3, p m. and 7 to 8 p m. FARMERS HOTEL.

keeps with us yet, hope it has come to stay miti March.

Miss Minnie Blakeslee who has been sick for the past week is back again at \$100 per day, \$3.50 per week. Good meals and clean beds. everything was consumed, with no insure day Dec. 11 of pneumonia at the age Breeder of Hambletonian Horses and Proprietor of TRAIN'S HOTEL,

Birth in Vergennes Wednesday, a girl to Henry B. Proctor of Cascade, who Accommodations first class, rates reasonable. Detroit Ly is supervisor and justice of the peace Also proprietor of The Vergennes Reading Circle spent a combined, merged two palpitating train's OPERA HOUSE, very pleasant evening with Miss Della hearts into one in the office of the Seating capacity 700, ight-dby electricity.

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Methodist Episcopal Church.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all our neighbors and friends who so willingly and with such tender sympathy aided us in this sad between the superintendent.

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none of them afforded me any relief from that spasmodic action of the lungs which would seize me the moment I attempted to lie down at night. After tenor twelve such nights, I was

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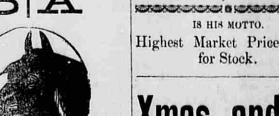
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enough to justify such risks.

and the burning of fireworks was the work almost wholly of the small boy, and the effigies of the conspirators, once a great feature of the celebra- ! tion, were few in number and ineignificant in size.

drawn, and they are living like doves. The pistol of peace should hang in that household above the sign "God bless our home,"

object of testing the amount of corn | WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE.

talian Peasants Riot-Eight Mobbers Shet

rioters fell dead and 14 others were wounded.

A Boston thoater's published an amouncement for a recent week was "The Black Crook" every evening again and directed their fury against the tax collector. They forced the doors and attacked the collector and his wife, both of whom were killed with axes. Their bodies, still warm and bleeding, were dragged into the street and terribly mutilated by the peasants. The heads of their victimate has been formed from the view-point of Abo or his craditors is not stated.

Thus new disease of appendicitis.

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bose formed from the view-point of hot previous above the Abo or his creditors is not stated,

This new disease of appendicities, en new that its name cannot be found in any dictionary, is carrying off many voctions. Since "beast failure" has been officially problibled, as it were, this new allment may properly take it a place.

When you have done all that years it within a month or two of the granter from that new allment may properly take it aplace.

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THE celebration of Guy Fawkes' day, the British Fourth of July, is fast going out of vogue. This year in London the building of bonfires other arrests were made later on. It

A FEW months ago Mrs. Crimmons
of Oakland, Cal., brought suit for
divorce. While the matter was pending she had occasion to shoot her
husband, which she improved. Apparently she also improved the husband, for the suit has been withdrawn, and they are living like

Cattle—Good to choice. \$ 400 to Hogs.
What Good to choice. \$ 400 to Hogs.
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Oats—No 2 white spot. 30.
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Eggs per doz. 21.
Live l'ouitry—Fowls. 6.
Chickens. 7

Some of the enterprising farmers of Floyd county, Virginia, have organized the "Corn Club" with the phiest of testing the amount of Corn

salized the "Corn Club" with the object of testing the amount of corn that an acre of Floyd land will produce. The member producing the largest yield from an acre in 1894 will receive \$10 in gold, and at the time of awarding the prize the club will give an old Floyd county Thanksgiving dinner of roast turkey.

At an inquest held the other day in England the evidence brought to light the queer fact that the dead man's life had been insured for by patronized. No secret was made about the matter, it being perfectly fair and above board, the liquor dealer whose bar heckelly fair and above board, the liquor dealer only wishing to dissure himself against the lors of business consequent on the dead on the wishing to dissure himself against the lors of business consequent on the death of a values and a value and a valu

When He Returned.

-Tax Collector and Wife Slaughtered. He was tall and lanky, with a long of these trousers are awith short lish beard and mustachies, a droeping "Well, you told my collector the gust Klein, and his selected bride was TAX Collecter and Wife Slaughtered.

Cable from Rome: A serious riot occurred at Giardinelli. A mob started on a march through the streets, shouting "Down with taxes!" and "Long live socialism!"

A REQULAR police guard is maintained about the premises of Miss Helen Gould. Probably this is quite annecessary, but the young lady can safford peace of mind even if she has to hire an army.

—Tax Collecter and Wife Slaughtered.

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Sub.-Lieut. Cimino arrived with 75 soldiers. He ordered his men to fix bayonets. One of the soldiers raised his rifle and fired. His example was followed by six others. Eight of the rioters fell dead and 14 others were to hire an army.

A scene of the wildest confusion en
The blue dungarge pantaloons were

Rev. — of that Eastern Massa- and means "long river."

His III Luck Was Only Explained Straight? Mrs. G.lkson—Be a man, always behind time in his engage-

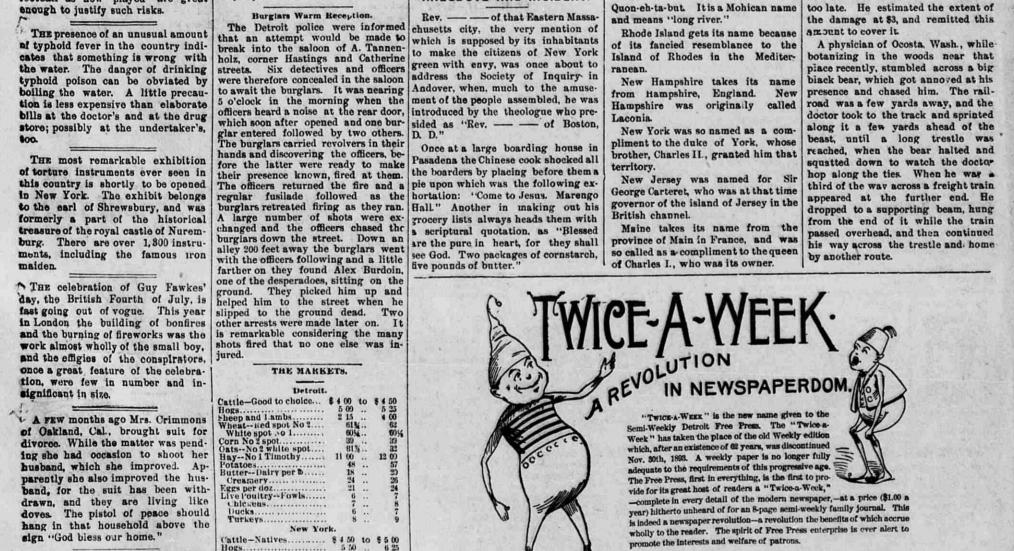
He was tall and lanky, with a longThese trousers are awful short. Egg Harbor, N. J. His name is Au-

Gilkson, be a man.

ruling holding the sun to be an accessory before the fact when the offer of The American Drug Asso.

The deaths during the football season of six students of English colleges and a great many more students of English colleges, from injuries received in the game, have started a general inquiry as to whether the benefits derived from football as now played are great enemy to justify such risks.

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1st.—The Twice-a-Week Free Press comprises 8 or more pages and is published every Tuesday and Friday

A Family Laxative.

Physicians are not inclined to recom hat her almost, and his clear, unbacked for a remedy which can be kept in the house for family use as a laxative, that shall be effective, free from danger, and not unpleasant to take. When absent on our summer vacation we were asked by four different parties, representing as many families, what we thought of the "Syrup of Figs." Not one world id we volunteer on the subject, and we were somewhat surprised to find that there was this small token of the very general use of that preparation. These parties said they derived more pleasant to take. When the first that there was this small token of the very general use of that preparation. These parties said they derived more pleasant to take. When the first that there was this small token of the very general use of that preparation. These parties said they derived more pleasant to take. When the first parties is many families what is a star, when it is the parties and the valuation of the volunteer on the subject, and we were somewhat surprised to find that there was this small token of the very general use of that preparation. These parties said they derived more benefit from it and found it more pleasant to take. When I wait for—My queen, my queen. Bah: what fo by, to be sure! I will drive such thoughts from my brain; the meantime for an adventure.

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A STRIPPER'S WILD RIDE.

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Lieutenant Arneid's story of the Awfal Seedy retired to cover up he feetily that the three has been contingent and men' are often failures.

In the meantime Eric Fane traveled applied to the two the start sugar plantation where his bard m mend self medication to the laity.

"I decline to be classed among them, mother dear," he returned, firmly; "we will not speak of such a thing as my marriage at present. Unless you are anxious to get rid of me?"



from it and found it more pleasant to take than anything of the kind they had ever med. The simple question were also that the properties of the properties

A man may be in touch with a toothache there are a dozen hearts at her feet accordingly.

"Son!" in a tone of reproach. Then they were joined by the elder Fane, a portly old gentleman, with a

eral times removed. He had grown to hate her almost, and his clear. unbiased judgment detected the artificial veneering to a cold, selfish, cruel nature. He felt that death would be preferable to marriage with such a Miss Marie Grey tried to cover up her chagrin at his departure. She consoled herself with the thought of his speedy return, and planned a campaign which could only result in his capture. Rut "the best laid schemes of mice and men" are often failures.

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My niece, Emeline Hawley, was, taken with spitting blood, and she

Fane, a portly old gentleman, with a pleasant smile upon his jolly good-humored face, and the meal began.

"Louisiana!" REPEATED HIS FATHER AND MOTHER.

Winchester was in my hands. The properties and exerts a wonderful influence in toning up and strengthening her

eral times removed. He had grown to ly married three days ago. I loved

N TOW comes the I v season when dainty and delicious cake and pastry are required. Royal Baking Powder is indispensable in their preparation. For finest food I can use none but Royal .- A. Fenres, Chef, White House, for Presidents Cleveland and Arthur.

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separate them. He got a shot through the wrist, and then the two proceeded to kill each other. I saw vanced takes. The will see the wind the second takes to the control of one fellow lying dead with a hand-

kerchief drawn tight around his neck. He had been strangied, and when searched \$450 was found on him. When I made the rush I wore mighty little and carried no arms, but I felt more comfortable when my BRADFIELD'S FEMALE REGULATOR

proceeded to kill each other. I saw

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Only the way of New Orleans, as the Central Route

A Distant Relation.

"It is terrible to be engaged to a naughty boy like Eric who is always away from home?"

Orly quietly and coldly did Eric From her embrace, while his dark eyes gazed into her own.

"Cousin Marie," he began, in a low, every distant?

"Coolly excusing himself the young made her trember and the nedestity of the impending journey, made his adieus and took his departure.

Stop-overs are given as New Orleans and at the Springs, as well as at Mobile, Perssonia

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DEATH OF GAYLORD FULLER.

On Sunday, December 17, Gaylord, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Fuller died of congestion of the brain after an illness of only three days. He was but 5 years, 10 months and 16 days old. With him, to be known was to be loved. Funeral services were held at the residence on Tuesday, conducted by Rev. E. H. Shanks.

HUNT-WINEGAR WEDDING.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Winegar, on Monday evening occurred a pleasant social event, the marriage of Mate E. Winegar to Ernest R. A. Hunt. Rev. Jas. Provan performed the ceremony in the presence of about forty guests, with Miss Mabel Smith of Washington, D. C., as bridesmaid and Harvey Coons as best man. Many beautiful gifts were bestowed upon the couple, among which were a China tea set and an onyx table from members of last vear's Social Club. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt will spend the Holidays with Lowell friends after which they will depart for their future home at Wakonda, S. D., accompanied by the best wishes of their many friends.

GARDNER-VOORHEIS.

Cards are out announcing the weding of Elizabeth E. Gardner to Harrison S. Voorheis on Wednesday evening, December 27, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gardner.

S. O. V. PARTY. C. R. Perry Camp No. 9, Sons of Veterans will give a Christmas party at Music hall, Monday evening, Dec-25. Music by Worden's orchestra. The Women's Rehef Corps will give

HOME NEWS

a supper at 50 cents per couple.

Merry Christmas to all. Thirteen pages this week. Next Monday is Christmas. Malaga grapes at Rickert's. See Rickert's Xmas candies. Society gossip is only chin deep. Nuts, figs and dates at Rickert's. Buy Christmas candies at Rickert's. The LEDGER to Jan. 1, 1895, only

Our dealers are buying dead loads of pork. Maccabees elect officers Tuesday

night. Cut rates on holiday goods at

Look's. C. M. Findlay was in Grand Rapids

Tuesday. E G. Nash was at Grand Rapids

Toesday. Twenty-five newspapers, 5 cents,

this office Fancy Florida oranges cheap at

Rickert's

Rev. A.P. Moors was in Grand Rapids Monday.

C. G. Stone has a handsome Christmas window.

Everlasting photographs beats them all, at Hiler's

Have you seen H. A. Sherman's Ferris Wheel?

A few extra copies of this week's LEDGER for sale.

F. H. Stowe of Saranac, was in Lowell Saturday.

Gents' velvet embroidered slippers at J. Robertson's.

Neal McMillan

Rockford Monday.

Be sure and see Look's boliday goo is and low prices.

M. C. Griswold was in Grand Rapids Saturday last,

Wilson's gallery is newly furnished.

Get your photos there. Loafing is a hard business to learn.

It takes all your time.

Everything is new in Wilson's gallery over the post office.

Get your holiday pictures at Wilson's over the postoffic

The new gallery in the Lee Block

is now ready for business.

Neal McMillan, State Oil Inspector, was in town last Monday.

D. G. Look was doing business at Grand Rapids Wednesday.

Beautiful embroidered slippers selling cheap at J. Robertson's.

Jas. Bristol and wife of Ada spent Sunday the 10th in Lowell. Poultry and Horse Review free

with the LEDGER for one year. If you want photographs for the holidays at the new gallery come at

Death does not end all. Look at the large number of centested will

Solon Palmer's perfumes, the best made in the United States, sold only

at Look's! When a man has no bills against

him he must feel as if he belonged to The LEDGER free for one year with goods at Look's drug store.

every dozen best photographs at the Hiler gallery.

County Clerk Eddy was on our streets Wednesday shaking hands with friends.

J. C. English will probably become a citizen of the village of Lowell the coming spring.

McMillan's grocery store has re-opened with better prospects of success than ever before.

Next forty subscribers to the LEDG-ER get the Poultry and Horse Review free for one year.

A marriage license has been issued to Ernest E. Lessiter and Kathleen J. Hunter both of Grattan.

Another show troupe "busted up" in Lowell Wednesday night, the Metropolitan Novelty company. More goods for your money at

Look's drug and stationery store than any other place in the city. If you want an outside newspaper

or magazine you can save money by clubbing with the LEDGER. Pay a year's subscription to the

LEDGER and get the Poultry and Horse Review for a year free. J. C. English of South Boston, has contracted a sale of his farm to the

Klahn brothers at \$50 per acre. Geo. A. Roop manufactures and sells a superior article of stove blacking at

Boylan's. Sample only 10 cents. Richmond & Perkins have

menced taking photographs in Lee block, corner of Main and River sts. Call at the new gallery, and get ac-

quainted. We have the Wilson negetives and will furnish duplicates cheap.

A paper advises: "Never interrupt any conversation, but wait patiently the privilege of sending them the pa-your turn to speak." This does not per. If they will be so kind and con-

apply to married men. The LEDGER is six morths old today, and half-year subscriptions beginning with No. 1 have expired.

Please renew promptly. Baskets! Baskets!! Mrs.

M. Hiler has the largest and choicest line of Baskets, China Silks and

Drapes ever shown in Lowell. 26 Miss Bessie White won the Demorest medal in the elocutionary contest held at the Bailey church in Ver-gennes last week Thursday evening

Samples of The Poultry and Horse Review to be given to the next forty persons paying a year's subscription to the LEDGER may be seen at this

A very appropriate present to your best rellow would be a pair of those velvet embroidered slippers which J. Robertson is selling at greatly reduced prices.

The next forty persons paying a year's subscription to the Ledger will be presented with a year's subscripton to the Poultry and Horse Review.

Dr. J. Hul optician, will be at R. A. C., M. C. Greene; Trens, J. W. Hunter and Spa's store December 26 McPherson; Sec'y, H. Nash; G. W. 3d. and 27 for the purpose of fitting spectacles. Parties in need can call on gar; G. M. 1st, Chas. Quick; Sent., J. those days, or adies can leave orders H. Adams; Chaplain, A. D. Oliver; and be called upon at residence. Organist, S. P. Hicks. After election Satisfaction guaranteed. Prices right. J. B. Hull.

Carl S. English has invented an electric automatic regulator for the guidance and control of electric machinery and has applied for a patent

Mr. Perkins of the firm of Perkins & Richmond, of Grand Rapids, who has been fitting up photographic rooms in Lee's block, went home sick last

Hiler is agent for the best crayon houses in Chicago. Call on him for the permanent and fadeless cabinets before the 15th, for Christmas and save 25 per cent.

Dr. J. B. Hull pipe organist from Lansing, will officiate at the organ in the Congregational church on Christmas Sunday, Dec. 24. Some of his own composition will be played.

A Nevada hunter spent three months hunting for a grizzly bear, and the man's relatives have been spending three months looking for him. They think he must have found the bear.

It is a singular phase of human nature that when a man gives his wife a dime to buy a box of hairpins, or a gum ring for the baby, it looks about seven times as big as when he planks

it down for bitters. We saw advertised the other day "a mahogany child's chair." We have heard of wooden headed by ys, but we would like to see the mahogany child, whose chair is announced for sale in

the public journals. A confectioner that would cut a gum drop in pieces to sell a little child would sell cross eyed spectacles to a blind woman, but if you want to get

W. S. Winegar is ready for the Holiday trade. Call at his store and look over his stock of albums, toilet cases, perfumes and a great variety of

elegant articles suitable for presents for Christmas and New Years. A celebrated manager is on the hunt for a new curiosity for his show. He is trying to find a young married man whose wife can cook as well as his mother did. Twenty-six States have thus been explored without suc

A large and attractive display of Fancy goods and Materials, Linen Table Sets, Lunch Cloths, Splashers, Cnt. Ont. Table Mats, Wash Embroidery Silk; Roman Floss, Tassels, and all fancy work materials at Mrs. M. Hiler's.

The Twice-a-Week Detroit Free Press and the Ledger one year only \$1.75. Both papers on trial three months for 50 cents. A card to the Free Press will get you two copies of that paper free. Free samples of the LEDGER can be nad at the office. Don't borrow your neighbors papers. Take some of your own.

Boys see here! Bring us five yearly subscriptions or subscriptions amounting to \$5, and we will make you a Christmas present of a patent tubular hand sled "Youth's Companion" worth \$2. Call at the office and see sample. Here is the chance of a lifetime to secure a handsome coaster for a little effort. Go in for it with

Those people who subscribed for the LEDGER six months ago and have not vet paid a cent for it must imagine that the publisher has a large bank account and is doing business for fun-Possibly we owe them something for descending as to present a bill, we'll try to pay up.

There's money in turkeys. Here are a few sample purchases made by McCarty Tuesday: Mrs. Gotlieb Rit tenger 29 turkeys for \$34; Mrs. John McCarty 72 for \$7960; and Mrs. Peter Corrigan 37 for \$45. On the same day Michael Downs of Ver-gennes sold turkeys, chickens and beans to the amount of \$434. This doesn't sound like hard times.

At the annual meeting of Lowell Lodge No. 90, F. & A. M. held at Masonic Hall last Tuesday night the following officers were elected: W. M., W. S. Winegar; S. W., M. C. Greene; J. W., J. H. Rickert; Sec'y, H. N. Stone; Treas., Chas. Althen; S. D., J. Mattern; J. D., R. Ryder; Tiler, J. C. Moore, Chaplain, A. L. Coons; Stewards, D.G.Look and Frank

Hooker Chapter, R. A. M., elected the following officers for the ensuing year at their meeting Wednesday evening: H. P., Chas. W. Wisner; K., W. S. Winegar; S., John Beery; C. H., C. G. Stone; P. S., G. W. Rouse; gar; G. M. 1st, Chas. Quick; Sent., J.

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