

# The Lowell Ledger.

"INDEPENDENT IN ALL THINGS. NEUTRAL IN NOTHING"

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LOWELL, MICHIGAN, DECEMBER, 22, 1898.

WHOLE NO. 286.

## Greenville

### Feed Cooker.

We sell the Greenville Feed Cooker, that we know by experience is the best feed cooker made. The kettles are made uniform in thickness and are not liable to break and we sell them as cheap as the inferior grades.

#### For the Next Twenty Days

We will close out a fine line of Cooking and Heating Stoves at reduced price.

I wish to state that Our Pocahontas Coal Will Not stop up your stove pipe with soot like high grade soft coal, nor burn out your grates nearly as quick, no matter what ex-druggists or grocerymen say. A trial will convince you I am right. Yours for square dealing.

R. B. BOYLAN.

### WILL PLAY SANTA CLAUS

#### Lowell School Children to do practical Christmas Giving.

The Lowell teachers at their regular meeting, last Saturday, acted upon the suggestion of the LEDGER in the matter of accepting contributions from the children in all departments of the village schools for distribution among the needy. For this purpose and occasion the business men have agreed to sell goods at cost; and it is believed that there need not be a house in Lowell without its "Christmas." In almost every house where there are or have been children are accumulations of toys and colored picture books that are simply in the way. Let these be gathered up together with such provisions and clothing as can be spared and we predict that Supervisor White will need an assistant or two in his great Santa Claus act. The contributions made by the children are to be taken to school Friday and Mr. White will see to their distribution on Saturday.

#### Worked it Both Ways.

It is hard to get the start of insurance companies. If you don't believe it, try it sometime.

We heard an incident the other day that illustrates the point.

Before the Lowell waterworks were constructed, one of its advocates, a local insurance agent, called upon a doubtful business man and said:

"B——, we are compelled to have the water works for fire protection and we can afford to have them, because it will reduce our insurance rates more than enough to cover the increase in taxes."

Well, the water works were put in and taxes were correspondingly increased.

Finally, B's insurance policy had to be renewed, and the agent came in to do the business. Then it was discovered that the insurance rate stayed right where it was before the water works were voted.

"How is this Mr. Agent? Didn't you say our insurance rates would be lowered when we got water works?"

"Now, B——, you must know that if you have a fire and the department comes and turns the hose on your goods, the water will do more damage than the fire. So, how can we lessen the rate?"

#### G. A. R. Officers.

Joseph Wilson Post, No. 87, G. A. R., have elected the following officers for 1899.

Com.—Benj. Morse.  
S. V.—John R. White.  
J. V.—M. J. Painter.  
Surgeon—A. M. Barnes.  
Chaplain—D. O. Shear.  
Q. M.—E. G. Patrick.  
O. of D.—W. R. Andrews.  
O. of G.—Jesse Frost.

Delegate to state encampment—Reuben Quick. Alternate—A. M. Barnes.

Officers elect to be installed at the first meeting in January.

#### Notice to Tax Payers.

The township taxes are now due and payable at my office in the store of A. L. Coons.

HARVEY J. COONS,  
Township Treas.

#### Excursion Rates for Christmas and New Year.

C. & W. M. Ry. and D., G. R. & W. Ry. agents will sell tickets on December 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, January 1 and 2 at one and one-third fare on account of holiday season. All tickets good to return until January 3d.

d21 Geo. DeHaven, G. P. A.

#### Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietor of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on L. H. Hunt & Co., druggists, and get a free trial bottle. Regular size 50c and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded.

#### To Whom it May Concern

ELMDALE, MICH., Oct. 10, 1898.

To whom it may concern:

We are prepared to pay highest cash price for Wheat, Rye and Oats, at Elm Dale Elevator. A No. 1 Flour, Mill Feed, Seeds and Salt constantly on hand at lowest prices. A. WHEELER & Co.,  
L. F. BAOWA, Mgr.  
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2 cakes of Castile Soap at Blain's for a nickel.

### HOME NEWS.

#### Gossip and Chat about People and Things You Know.

Silverware galore at Higby's.

A fresh line of Christmas candies at Bush's.

BOY WANTED at the LEDGER office to learn the printer's trade.

Lowell school children will enjoy a brief vacation next week.

Lowney's Bon-Bon's and chocolates at Bush's bakery.

Fred Bruner and wife of Freeport visited in Lowell last week.

Sheriff John Whitbeck of Allegan was in town on business last Friday.

Our Christmas candies are strictly fresh. No old goods. D. T. Bush.

J. E. Lee's meat market and shoe store are now illuminated by arc lights.

We understand that there will be a new (?) firm in the Lowell ice business next season.

One hundred watches at Higby's.

L. Severy and wife of Lansing are the guest of their daughter, Mrs. A. Husted.

Miss Steketee of Fallsburg was the guest of Miss Dottie Buckley one day last week.

Best line of box papers, purses, children's books, bibles in town at Look's drug store.

Superintendent English has wired the residence of H. A. Peckham for electric lights. Who is next?

Your friend would like a box of Lowney's Bon Bon's for Xmas. You can get it at Bush's.

Deck Look says that's a mistake about his having "millions of books" but that he has plenty of them.

See Higby's holiday stock.

The young folks, including J. C. English, had a fine time skating last week but the thaw has spoiled the fun.

Dolls all kinds at Alexander's.

The entertainment and juvenile cake walk given by Band No. 1, will be repeated by request in the near future.

Mrs. E. R. Craw has returned to her home. Miss Emma who is teaching at Elgin, Ill., has joined her here for the holidays.

N. B. Sweet, of Detroit, state commander of the Woodmen of the world, was in town Thursday looking after the interest of that order.

For Christmas presents see R. B. Boylan.

Rev. E. P. Smallage of Fowlerville and Mr. Andrews of Grand Rapids reorganized the Good Templar's lodge last Wednesday.

On Xmas morn when you awake and presents from your stocking take, You'll find a bracelet, key and lock; It came from Williams' jewelry stock.

Charles Quick is making a quick recovery from his recent injury and promises to be hobbling around on crutches in the near future.

Advertised letters—Miss M. A. Black, Miss Bertha Harrington, Mrs. Lorinda Smith, Milford Jackson, John Mills, Harry Williams, Frank Ziegenfuss.

WANTED—A man to do collecting and act as salesman for the Singer Mfg. Co., in Lowell territory. Good opening for a hustler. Address The Singer Mfg. Co., Grand Rapids. 2w

If your hubby stays out late at night, Buy him a watch that's always right. He will stay at home and roam no more.

They're sold at Williams' jewelry store.

All those owing the LEDGER on subscription or job work account are respectfully urged to settle the same at once as we have bills to meet that cannot be avoided. Please heed this call.

There will be Christmas exercises at the Baptist church Saturday evening. The program consists of a Santa Claus home, with gift distribution and a literary and musical program. Parents and friends of the Sunday-school scholars are invited to attend and bring gifts.

The township Sunday school convention that was held last Wednesday at West Lowell was a success and the best convention the township has ever held. Rev. A. B. Johnson, pastor of the South Lowell and South Boston churches, was present and brought out many good practical thoughts. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Pres. Leroy Chambers, Vice Pres. Walter Houghten, Secy. and Treas. Charles Green.

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## LAST CHANCE



That we will have to mention 1898 Xmas Goods by the time you receive this notice. What we have left in Holiday Goods must go at some price.

### Stoves?

Big—Yes, Great Big Bargains.

### Feed Cookers.

A comparison of quality and price assures us of a sale.

### Announcement

for 1899 will appear in the next issue of the Ledger. We shall of course continue our policy of being "Price Makers" on Hardware.

## KLARK & KLARK.

K-K-K-K HARDWARE.

Now

For  
holiday  
Trade.

### 100 Watches

to select from.  
Tea Sets, any number of pieces.

Silver Novelties, Rings, Chains and Bracelets.  
Childs Sets.

1847 Rogers Bros. Tableware [1847.

HIGBYS,

The progressive Jeweler.

If you want an Up-to Date

Our Fall Suitings are now in. Hundreds of samples to select from.

## Suit of Clothes,

PAIR OF PANTS  
or  
FALL OVERTOAT.

I can fit you out in finest goods at prices that are right.

B. C. Smith.

"If Smith makes 'em they fit."

**LOWELL PLANING MILL,**  
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Manufacturers of—Sash, Doors, Blinds,  
Frames for Doors, Windows and Screens, Ex-  
hibition and Shipping Cases for Poultry, Dried  
Apple boxes. Wooded Base Troughs, etc.

Dealers in  
**GEORGE FENNER POSTS, LUMBER,  
LATIN AND SHINGLES.**

AN ELEGANT LOT OF

## Carriages, Buggies, Phaetons

Surrey's and Family Rigs

Just received, as fine as silk and we will sell them at prices that will astonish the oldest inhabitant.

H. NASH.

On the Bridge,  
LOWELL, MICHIGAN.

Olive Oil Killed Flies,  
Stomach Wagon,  
Agricultural Implements.

## Holiday Candies.

Newest of Novelties. Largest Stock.  
Lowest Prices.

AT RICKERT'S.

### People who Fill

### Stockings

Are invited to seek their gifts here. Certainly, there is everything in sight which one could possibly think of for CHRISTMAS.

Oranges, Nuts, Dates, Figs, Candied Cherries, Liberty Bell Seeded Raisins (The finest made, put up in packages of One Pound each.)

### Bon Bons, Fine Souvenir Chocolates,

Christmas Candies of all kinds at prices that will astonish you.

## AT RICKERT'S.

A pickle dish, a butter dish,  
A dish that is short or tall,  
A cracker dish, an olive dish:  
Yes, Williams has them all.

Look's drug store for perfumes,  
lots of books or nice Christmas  
presents of any kind. We not only  
give satisfaction but the most change  
back.

A elegant present for your  
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opening wedge for that ring  
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The President met with a warm and patriotic reception during his tour through Dixie.

Mr. Bryan's resignation of his position in the volunteer army is all right.

Thank! thank! The good ladies of Lowell, who so kindly removed their hats at the lecture last Friday evening.

TERRITORIAL expansion has come to stay. It is a stone wall upon which statesmen will crack their skulls if they but to hard.

WE ARE apt to think that with the advantages of rapid transit have come increased risks to life and limb.

PEOPLE who have for many years been taught that doubt and unbelief are the greatest of sins, will be interested in the following from John Bascom in "Sociology; and those who are willing to learn may perhaps modify their views.

There will be an oyster supper at the home of Willis Merriman, Friday, Dec. 30, given by the young people of the South Lowell church.

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, build-up, etc.

Where the Altar Floor is Made. 'Nesth the snow-cold hills of Alton where the weeping willows grow 'tis the place for water lilies and little fish, too.

Everybody knows what Propaganda is, and the best in the world at the price.

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DOWN GO THE PRICES!

Nearly every mail brings us news of LOWER PRICES on some lines of DRY GOODS but we meet the market.

We Delight

in selling goods cheap for that means pleased customers and a customer pleased is very sure to return.

We have large line of Ladies Wrappers from 50c Up.

Our CARPET Sales are the Largest we ever had and there is no occasion for going to Grand Rapids to buy them—We allow no one to undersell us and we will treat you well.

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GOING OUT OF BUSINESS.

Stock must be closed out by January 15th., 1899. Notice the following Prices:

LADIES' AND MEN'S RUBBERS. Men's duck rubber boots, snag proof, former price \$3.50, \$2 90.

LADIES' SHOES. Ladies' kid bal, welt sole, good style, Pingree & Smith make, former price \$3.00, \$2 24.

Men's winter tan bals, calf lined, fast colored hooks and eyelets, Good-year welt, two full soles, extension edge, latest styles, former price \$4.00 and \$4.50, \$2 69 \$2 98.

Men's fine calf bals, argentine eyelets and blind hooks, Goolyyear welt, latest style, former price \$3.50, \$2 57.

Ladies' kid bal and button, welt sole, latest style, Kelly's make, former price \$3.50, \$2 57.

All Ladies' \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50 kid shoes, former price \$3.50, \$1 65.

Ladies' kid bal and button, good style, the best on the market for our former price \$1.50, \$1 18.

Ladies' dongola bal and button, good style, regular \$1.25 goods, former price \$2.00, \$1 18.

Ladies' heavy shoes we formerly sold at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00, former price \$2.00, \$1 18.

Men's oil grain bals, all congress, heavy sole and tap, extension edge, the best shoe on the market, former price \$2.00, \$1 62.

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John Wright and wife have gone to Detroit to spend a few weeks with their son, Will, and wife.

Mrs. Nellie Hine Kitchen of Georgia is making an extended visit with her father, M. N. Hine.

Readers of the Ledger will find a well selected stock of holiday goods at Look's drug store and selling prices that will please you.

Subjects at the Baptist church Sunday morning "The Star of Bethlehem" in evening, Program and song service by the B. Y. P. U.

Mrs. E. B. Hunter, Carrie and Ona will be to Three Rivers to attend the wedding of May Perrine and George Hunter, Monday.

Mrs. Hildreth and granddaughter Olive visited two days last week in Grand Rapids with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald.

Mrs. Jane H. Church attended the Christian conference in Grand Rapids last week and will spend several days with relatives there.

The best 40c tea in Michigan at Bergin's. Try a pound and you will not be disappointed.

J. S. Hooker had the misfortune to fall and break a rib while choring about the barn one day last week. He is making a good recovery.

The Lowell W. C. T. U. sent a box to the Home and Hospital at Grand Rapids Thanksgiving and a letter from the secretary shows it was thankfully received.

Judge Adair granted a mandamus Monday in the case of Peter Peterson and other taxpayers of Vergennes vs. the Township Board of Vergennes, compelling the latter to set aside its settlement with the former treasurer, John Dennis, and empowering McPherson and the other taxpayers to bring suit in the name of the township against Dennis' bonds.

Miss Daisy Crawford of Grand Rapids dancing promptly at 8:30. This is the opening of a series of dancing lessons which will be continued through the winter and in which the German and many other pleasant features will be introduced.

Invitations are out for the dancing assembly to be given in Music hall, Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, '98, by Miss Daisy Crawford of Grand Rapids dancing promptly at 8:30.

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HOME NEWS.

Children's toys all kinds Alexander. Lost, A black mitten, under leave at Lenoex office.

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MICHIGAN NEWS SUMMARY.

Doings of the Week Recorded in a Brief Style.

CONCISE AND INTERESTING.

State Grange Hold Profitable Convention at Lansing—Three Killed by a Train Near Inlay City.

State Grange Meeting. Nearly every grange in the state was represented at the opening meeting of the Michigan State Grange at Lansing. Worthy Master George B. Horton, of Fruit Ridge, delivered an annual address full of important facts and recommendations. The treasury is in good condition now, and the prospects are good for undertaking some new lines of work. Thirty new granges were added during the year. The total number of subordinate granges in the state is now 175. The total membership has also been considerable.

The Grange adopted the recommendations of their executive committee which were similar to the resolutions of the Farmers' club. The Agricultural college was given an enthusiastic endorsement, and the legislature was asked to make an appropriation for a building that will accommodate 100 women farmers. The two farmer organizations held a joint convention in Lansing, presided over by Master Horton of the Grange. Addresses were made by Thomas Mars, of Berrien Springs; President Cook of the Farmers' club; State Librarian Spencer; A. K. Bird; of Highland; A. E. Palmer, of Kalkaska; Miss Jennie Bell, of Ann Arbor; K. L. Butterfield, of Lansing, and Gov. Duggan. The convention talked on state affairs, and captured the audience.

The report of Secretary Smith, of the state grange, shows that the total receipts of the year were \$5,089.97, and the total disbursements \$4,159.23. During the year 16 entirely new granges were organized, and 17 surrendered charters were put in use again, thus making an increase of 22 subordinates. The following officers were elected: Master, George A. Strong, Vicksburg; keeper, M. H. Foster, Kent.

Farmers' Club Convention. The sixth annual session of the Michigan State Association of Farmers' clubs was held at Lansing, nearly all of the 125 clubs in the state being represented. Secretary C. M. Pierce, of Elva, reported the organization of 34 new clubs in the state during the year, and the revival of a number of dormant subordinates. About 20 of the new clubs have joined the state association, making 125 clubs belonging to the latter. The Michigan club membership of more than 20,000. The address of President E. J. Cook dealt with the importance of the organization. President August, of the U. M.; Principal R. G. Boone, of the state normal; President Bayler, of the Agricultural college; and other educators addressed the association.

The resolutions adopted favored the Kimms county salaries bill, the Atkinson equal taxation bill, the Foreman real estate transfer bill, the law relating to postal savings banks and free rural mail delivery. The Agricultural college was endorsed. The cantons system in the army was approved. The law relating to the legal holidays were strongly denounced. The officers elected are: President, L. D. Watkins, Manchester; vice-president, Mrs. H. N. Green, Flint; secretary, E. D. Cook, Orono; directors, C. S. Johnson, of Vassar, and H. C. Crafts, of Leon.

Young Couple Killed by a Train. While driving across the Michigan Central railroad track at Brown's siding, near Athens, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Churchill were struck by the south bound passenger train. Mr. Churchill was instantly killed, and his wife died two hours later. Both were young and had been married only six weeks. The buggy was smashed to splinters, but the horse escaped without injury.

Barnfire at Saginaw. The Illinois & Van Aulen barn, at Saginaw, one of the oldest on the river, was destroyed by a barnfire on June 15. The origin of the blaze is believed to have been incendiary.

Steamer Barred by Incendiarists. The steamship James P. Donaldson, owned by Bay City parties, was damaged \$10,000 by fire, while tied up at the City Dock. The fire was incendiary origin. Insured.

Chief Engineer Cooley, formerly of U. M., has been ordered to go to Manila with the cruiser Yosemite. Fire destroyed the new Episcopal church at Lyons. The building was originally the Methodist church at Muir.

Wm. Marshall, of Saginaw, is forming a company to manufacture roofing from shale thrown from coal mines. Percy Duncan shot and seriously wounded C. F. Parr and then shot himself in the head, at Sturgis. Neither would die.

DEATHS.

Private Fred J. Collins, Co. E, 7th U. S. Infantry, at Ft. Wayne, Detroit, was cleaning his Krag-Jorgensen rifle on the upper floor of the barracks when it was accidentally discharged. The bullet cut through Collins' foot and passed through the ceiling and plaster and struck Private Sands, of Co. H, in the neck, passed close to the bone and cut through the vertebrae, breaking the bone. It then passed through another two-inch oak floor and finally landed in the basement. The hole in Collins' foot is now by a falling stone, but both hands and feet are cut through and hardly a splinter being torn off the sides of the hole. Sands may not recover. Collins didn't know it was loaded.

Three Killed by a Train. A southbound engine on the Pontiac, Ontario & Northern railroad, struck a freight train containing five people four hours north of Inlay City, throwing them out, seriously injuring two and killing three outright. The dead are: Mrs. Thomas Robb, of Lem; Walter Robb, aged 4; Mrs. John Yerkes, aged 12 months. The wounded are: Mrs. John Yerkes, of Fort Huron, and Mr. Dawson, of Detroit.

The party in the sleigh had been visiting at Mrs. Robb's farm and were returning home when the light engine, which had struck the rear end of the sleigh as it was crossing the tracks near a curve.

ANTRIM COURTSHIP. Antrim county wants a new court house. It has a plan for a new one. It is 40 feet long and 16 feet wide. It is to be built on the site of the old one. It is to be built by the Antrim county board of supervisors.

LEO HUNG, proprietor of the Chinese laundry at Muskegon, and Mary Smith, colored, were married at Muskegon. The woman refused to live with Lee until he cut off his queue and declared his intention to become a citizen.

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WISCONSIN.

Maggie Hamilton, aged 4, was burned to death at her parents' home near Alpena. She was playing with a kerosene lamp.

Nathan Fine, a merchant tailor at Kalamazoo, was fatally injured by falling on the sidewalk. He was carrying a large bundle of clothes.

John McNeil, farmer near North Branch, was killed by a runaway team. The horses were pulling a heavy load of lumber.

The 34th Michigan was reviewed by President McKinley, together with the other troops stationed at Augusta, Ga. The review was a grand one, and the troops were in excellent condition.

Henry Campau, a miner, died at Sablewing from the effects of a blow by a falling stone in the Michigan Standard coal mine.

Leroy W. Midlam, a former post and prominent citizen of Marquette, committed suicide at Utica, N. Y., by shooting himself.

Michigan department, G. A. R., will push a law in the state legislature to prohibit persons wearing the G. A. R. badge or button who are not members of the order.

The total number of deaths registered in Michigan for the month of November was 2,185, or 229 fewer than the number for the previous month. This is the smallest number registered since June.

Henry A. Goodyear, aged 81, of Hastings, was a member of the 1847 legislature, which held its sessions at DeLansing, and voted to locate the capital at Lansing. He has a clear recollection of early legislation.

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THINGS OF THE TELEGRAPH.

News of the Day as Told Over the Slender Wires.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS.

President McKinley sits up the enthusiasm of the Southern People by His Timely Patriotic Address—Pinar del Rio Province in Bad Shape.

McKinley Cheered by Georgians. President McKinley participated in the southern peace jubilee at Atlanta, Ga., and made a speech before the Georgia legislature which aroused the most intense enthusiasm among the people. He said: "Sectional lines no longer mark the map of the United States. Sectional feeling no longer holds back the love we bear to each other. Fraternity is the national sentiment, and it is the duty of every citizen to uphold it. The Union is one and indivisible, and it is our duty to maintain it. We are all Americans, and we should act as such. Let us forget our sectional differences and work together for the good of our country. Let us be true to our Union, and let us be true to our God. Let us be true to our country, and let us be true to our fellow-citizens. Let us be true to our principles, and let us be true to our honor. Let us be true to our duty, and let us be true to our conscience. Let us be true to our God, and let us be true to our country. 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CHRISTMAS HYMN.

THROUGH the solemn mid-
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Falls the sweet,
Triumphant
Victory of the choir
Of the choir
Hear the mes-
sage of peace
And gladness
Bring our hearts
From the echoing
choir
Hushed voice of God's own angels
Echoing word of His evangel.

NOT GEORGE'S FAULT

OW, George, ain't
these little
tin kitchen just
cute? Do you see
how they're
fixed up?
Questioned Mrs.
Brown, who was
repeatedly tug-
ging at the brown,
threadbare sleeve
of her son.



SANTA'S MISTAKE.

Old Santa has spoiled this little boy's fun
By making the slightest mistake—
A doll in his sock instead of a gun—
Now he says that Old Santa's a "fake."

longer than many of the little man-
who would possess them.
"Santa Claus," mused Mr. Brown,
"has a little boy's name."

As I do about it. It's just extravagance
and waste in his eyes.
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ivin' 'r receivin'. He was fetched up
that way; he ain't to blame.
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Hard to Understand.
"Of course," he said, reflectively,
"it ain't making any complaint about it."

The Best Christmas Present.
The best of all gifts at the present
time is yourself.
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Her Little Surprise.
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AT CHRISTMAS TIME

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last year
So many friends
That now are
gone were
here!

Lost Opportunity.



We stood beneath the mistletoe,
Her hand I clasped in mine.
Her red lips pouted temptingly,
As she looked up at me.

Christmas Carol.

It takes Santa Claus a long time
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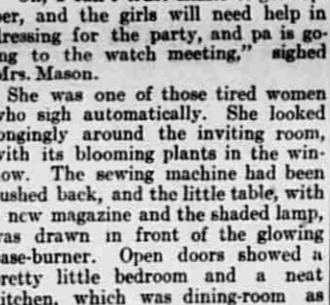


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The year that's past is dead and gone
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MRS. MASON'S NEW LEAF

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"Mrs. Mason, I'm sorry to hear that
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Through the Hoop of Time.



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of you and showing their gratitude."
Mrs. Mason was used to her friends'
plain speaking, but this time it struck
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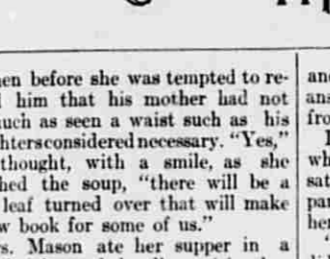
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"I wonder if it is my fault that he
loves his mother more than me?"
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cake for her own hands had made, be-
cause it was a special kind her husband
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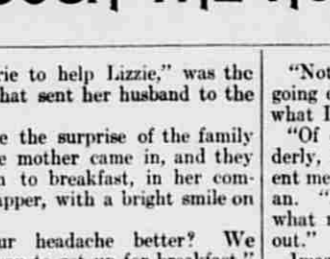
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very "new woman," she put her hand
down, and added aloud: "These tears
led to a long talk that put matters
on a different footing with the hus-
band and wife, and the much of the
conversation came to the girls as they
went through the hall: "I can't help
thinking, dear, you are to blame for
the girl being so selfish and lazy."
But the father got this back, for later
he overheard this interesting remark:
"Mrs. Mason said to her maid the next
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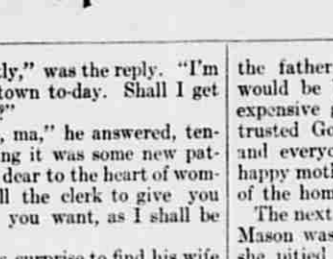
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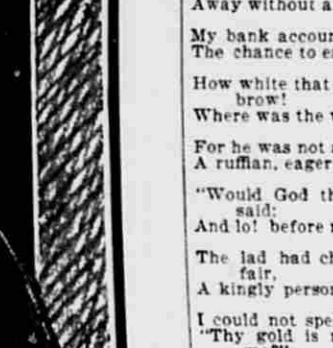
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THE RICH MAN'S CHRISTMAS STORY.



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A STRANGER to my door came,
And he was not my friend.
My mind was filled with dreams of gold,
My glare was stern, my voice was stern.

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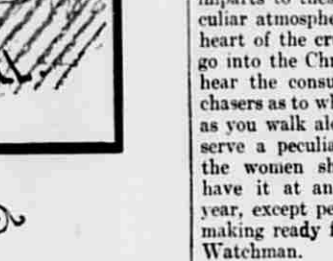
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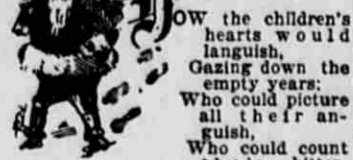


THROUGH THE HOOP OF TIME.

It takes Santa Claus a long time
to fill the girls' stockings in Chicago,
but he makes up for lost time when he gets
to Boston.



# Christmas-tide will come again.



How the children's hearts would languish, Gazing down the empty years. Who could picture all their anguish Who could count their bitter tears?

What a dreary, hopeless sighing, From the ocean to the main, If the mandate were sent flying: "Christmas never'll come again."

Can you picture the commotion, All the exclamations wild, Echoing from sea to ocean, From the lips of every child? Grief and indignation swelling In the wee hearts torn in twain, By the sad thought upward welling: "Christmas never'll come again."

Stockings limp and empty hanging, Chimneys clean, and moss-grown roofs, Wait in vain the cheery clanging Of the tiny reindeer hoofs. While a crowd of pleasures vanished In the old Saint's merry train, Hopes and joys of childhood banished— "Christmas never'll come again."

Ah, for wreaths of withered holly Shivering in the wintry breeze; Mistletoe, sweet tender folly, Hanging black upon the trees, Well may children's tears be falling Like the sobbing autumn rain, Spirits of the past are calling— "Christmas never'll come again."

Quenched the light of holy giving In the Christ child's blessed name, To the wretched creatures living, In the haunts of sin and shame; No more Christmas carols chanted, Silent all the sweet refrain, Only hearts by memory haunted— "Christmas never'll come again."

Dry your eyes, ye children weeping, Raise once more your joyous strain, While this world is in God's keeping, Christmas-tide will come again. —Ruth Argyle, in Good Housekeeping

# Christened For Christmas.



THAT a very pretty girl she was, and how the 20 years of her fair young life had combined to crown her with all the graces of sweet womanhood. I saw her one evening at a reception, and though I was long past my beehood days, I could not resist the radiance of this sweet girl, and, following her with my eyes as she fitted about among the guests, I asked who she was.

"Why," laughed the gray-haired woman of whom I asked the question, "don't you know her? I thought everybody knew Santa Claus Conway."

"Why do you call her Santa Claus? Because she brings joy and gladness and all good things to all whom she meets?" I inquired, bowing gallantly.

"I shall tell her that," smiled the lady, "though that is not exactly why she was so christened. Still, she went on, musingly, "that was the reason, too, though I hadn't quite thought of it so."

"Please go on with the story," I suggested, for I knew there was a story that must go with the pretty girl who seemed to be rather a being out of a book than one of the every-day creatures her associates were.

"There is a story," said my companion, "and I shall be more than glad to tell it to you. Twenty years ago, living not a dozen blocks from where we now are, was a couple who had been married ten years before the light of a baby's eyes shone into their home and their hearts. When at last that wonderful light came which never was on sea or land except it came from a baby's eyes, and of which no one knows the radiance except those upon whom it has fallen, that father and that mother almost forgot there was yet a light greater than that which blessed them from their baby's eyes. I do not say that I am quite of the belief that God is such a jealous God that He will break the hearts of His creatures to gratify His pride, but I am quite content to believe that we should not worship any gift we may receive to the exclusion of our duty and debt to the giver, and particularly the Great Giver. Whatever my opinion may be, it has naught to do with the case, and for four years this fa-

ther and mother lavished all their love and their generosity upon this one ewe lamb of theirs. I can remember what a scene of fairyland their house was at Christmas for the little girl and for her troops of friends, for all that love could suggest and wealth could secure was brought and laid at the feet of their darling.

"And what a dreadful change when the fifth Christmas came. In the September before, the little girl, a bright and beautiful child, suddenly sickened, and within a week she slept on the sunny slope of a gentle knoll looking out over the beautiful blue river sweeping by with a murmur as of angels' wings. For weeks the father and mother refused to be comforted, nor would they go away to other scenes. There the little one had filled their hearts and lives and there, they insisted, should the empty shell remain. Elsewhere in the world there was nothing; in that spot were, at least, the memories of their idolized one. I was with them a great deal, and as often as I could I sent my own children to visit them, and from these and other playmates of their lost one they derived much comfort. But I

enough during the early twilight of Christmas eve, but as night came on and there were only shadows and stillness in the great house where lights had gleamed and children's merry laughter had filled their halls, the depression became so overpowering that I began to feel as if a crisis were approaching and that something was going to happen to make a great change, either for the better or for the worse, and end the painful chapter. Once or twice as the evening dragged slowly along and the streets became still, I started nervously and gazed anxiously at the chimney place, feeling sure that Santa Claus would come down that way, or if he did not I would very soon go off in a fit of hysterics. If you have never had such an experience, you should pray that you never do. About midnight, and just a minute or two before the bells of the city rang out their Christmas welcome to the day, I ventured to suggest that probably they would find some forgetfulness in sleep, and as I did so I arose and with me the mother stood up, leaving her husband sitting with bowed head. She stepped forward to touch him and, as her hand was laid upon his shoulder

whose gladness cannot be described, heran to me and, snatching the baby from its covering, he kissed it and laid it down on the bosom of his wife with its fat little fists digging into her cheeks and neck. I don't know, nor does anything human, what the baby's power is, but in a minute the woman began to stir uneasily, and to move her hands about as if searching for something, and then, with a cry like her husband's for gladness, she opened her eyes and her arms, and the baby, with a satisfied ooo, cuddled close to the mother's breast.

"That was the crisis, and as the father dropped beside the side of his wife with the child in his arms, and prayed fervently, I broke down completely and cried as if all the sorrow in the world instead of all its gladness had come into that lonely house this Christmas eve. So they called the baby Santa Claus, and as she grew up she became indeed, as you say, a veritable Santa, bringing only good things to all the world that lay about her." "And do they know nothing of her?" I asked.

"Everything," she answered. "Her mother was a widowed relative of the

autumn leaves or the boughs of winter, these things are marking their line, and how old we are is being written day by day so clearly that he who runs may read. God gives us eternal youth in the vigor with which we press upward, and in all best things gives us such rapid growth that we may soon gain eternal years. "We live in thought, not breaths, in deeds, not years. In feelings, not in figures on the dial; We should count time by heart throbs, be most lives Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best." —Washington Home Magazine.

### Johnny's Suggestion.

Johnny (on Christmas eve)—"Mamma, can't you give the baby something to make him sleep to-night?" Mamma—"Why, Johnny?" Johnny—"Because if Santa Claus hears him yelling, he might think we're all just as bad." —Current Literature.

### A Modest Wish.

At a mission Sunday-school at Woods Run the children were talking of Christmas. "Johnny, what

# CHRISTMAS BELLS

HERE seems to come from lands afar The echo of the chimes Which long ago, 'neath Orient star, For earth rang better times. To-day upon the wintry air The holy anthem swells, And all its peace beyond compare While ring the Christmas Bells. The ripples laugh o'er Kedron's bed, The olive lifts her crest, The modest lily bows her head Where Jesus loved to rest; And calm to-day is Galilee, No storm dismay foretells, As far and wide o'er land and sea Ring out the Christmas Bells. They breathe the story of that morn When, in the fragrant hay, The Prince of Heaven, newly born, A smiling infant lay; From pole to pole, from coast to coast The pean loudly swells, As if the bright, angelic host Rang all the Christmas Bells. With music sweet they fill the glen, And from the steeples high 'Tis "Peace on earth, good will to men!" Where'er bends the sky, No land so far but the dear strain Of earth's redemption tells, And Bethlehem is crowned again While peal the Christmas Bells. Let every soul rejoice to hear Their prophecies of peace; In every kingdom far or near Let sin and turmoil cease. Each sacred note that floats afar The clouds of woe dispels, And once again gleams Judah's star Above the Christmas Bells. —T. C. Harbaugh, in Chicago Advance.

WE'VE met, and now good-bye, Old Year: In war's red glare you've served a part— You're mustered out! I enter here With peaceful hopes within my heart.



# MUSTERED OUT.

feared for the coming of Christmas. That was the joytime of the year when the child was the very soul of it all, and I did not dare think what that father and mother would do in the thick darkness that had fallen upon them.

"When the time came around I tried to get them to come to my own house



and spend two or three days, but they would not hear of leaving, and, fearing something, I knew not what, I determined to slip away from the brightness and cheer of my own home and go into the dreary darkness of this one of my friends'. It was sad

der, there came a ring at the doorbell so sudden, so powerful and so insistent that the woman screamed and fell to the floor in a faint. Instantly her husband was bending over her, and telling me to go at once for a doctor who lived directly opposite. I ran away in obedience, quite forgetting the cause of all the disturbance. Jerking open the front door, I almost stumbled over a basket sitting there, and then I nearly fainted, too. You men never know why women do such things as they do, but they do them just the same, and the minute I saw that basket I knew what was in it, and I knew that there wasn't any need of going after the doctor then. And I didn't. I simply picked up the basket and carried it back to where the stricken mother lay, with her husband over her, ching her hands and kissing her white face as his tears fell upon it.

"Without a word to him, I opened the white silken flannel which was folded thickly all over the precious package within, and as I dug down into the soft folds I found something warm, and then I came to a bit of filmy lace, and under that the sleeping face of a baby, six or seven months old. I turned up the light and the baby opened its big blue eyes wonderingly and, with a chubby fist held up at the light, it crowded as only a baby can crowd. The man leaning over the woman had not even noticed my return, but this baby's crow was to him like a call from some other land, and he turned toward me. With a

family who died only a few weeks previously, leaving two or three children, and this little girl was sent to the stricken parents as a Christmas gift in this way with the hope that has been so happily fulfilled." —W. J. Lampton, in Detroit Free Press.

### Growth of the Soul.

Though times and seasons are not as important as many would have us think, still nearly every thoughtful person at the coming of a new year remembers how old he is and wishes he were not quite so old. Let us turn our minds away from the tabernacle of flesh, the least real thing in our lives, and think a little of the inward growing old. For the body every added period is a loss; for the soul every added growth is almost incalculable gain. How old are we? How much older than a year, two years, ten years ago? How much quicker to recognize the Divine voice? How much stronger our hand and clearer our voice against evil? How much swifter our feet to bear the message of good will to men? How much gain has there been in power and willingness to serve? How much more faithful are we in the chaos of small and common duties and cares? How much truer are we in friendship, warmer in the home loves, more patient with the mistaken and the bad? Round our tree of life, as it has struggled up toward the sky, whether it bear the spring buds or the summer green, or the dead russet of the

would you like for Christmas?" a teacher asked of one little fellow. "I'd like a pair of pantaloons without patches, ma'am," replied the boy. —Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

### Dirt Cheap.



Mrs. Crawford—I always thought smoking was such an expensive habit. Mrs. Crabshaw—Well, isn't it? Mrs. Crawford—Why, no; I bought my husband a whole box of cigars for Christmas, and all they cost was 69 cents. —N. Y. World.

### A Great Opportunity for Willie.



Willie Richdad—See what I got for Christmas! Bobby Fivefifites—Aw—say, if you let me play with it awhile, I'll—I'll let you lick me.—Up to Date.

### Christmas in New York.

Jacob A. Riis, in an article in the Century Magazine on "Merry Christmas in the Tenements," says: In a hundred places all over the city, when Christmas comes, as many open-air fairs spring suddenly into life. A kind of Gentle Feast of the Tabernacles possesses the tenement districts especially. Green-embowered booths stand in rows at the curb, and the voice of the tin trumpet is heard in the land. The common source of all the show is down by the North river, in the district known as "the Farm." Down there Santa Claus establishes headquarters early in December and until past New Year. The broad quay looks then more like a clearing in a pine forest than a busy section of the metropolis. The steamers discharge their loads of fir trees at the piers until they stand stacked mountain high with foot-hills of holly and ground-ivy trailing off towards the land side. An army-train of wagons is engaged in carting them away from early morning till late at night; but the green forest grows, in spite of it all, until in places it shuts the shipping out of sight altogether. The air is redolent with the smell of balsam and pine. After nightfall, when the lights are burning in the busy market, and the homeward-bound crowds with baskets and heavy burdens of Christmas greens jostle each other with good-natured banter—nobody is ever cross down here in the holiday season—it is good to take a stroll through "the Farm," if one has a spot in his heart faithful yet to the hills and the woods in spite of the latter-day city. But it is when the moonlight is upon the water and upon the dark phantom forest, when the heavy breathing of some passing steamer is the only sound that breaks the stillness of the night, and the watchman smokes his lonely pipe upon the bulwark, that "the Farm" has a mood and an atmosphere all its own, full of poetry, which some day a painter's brush will catch and hold.

THE NEW YEAR ON THE THRESHOLD STANDS WITH THE KING'S MESSAGE IN HIS HANDS; FOR SO A THOUSAND CAME BEFORE, AND A LIKE ROYAL MESSAGE BORE.

AND WHO, SAVE LOVE, DESERVES TO READ THIS GOSPEL, IF THE WORLD GIVE HEED? FOR ONLY SHE, BY DAY AND NIGHT, MAY TELL TIME'S MYSTERY ARIGHT.

"I AM THE LAW FULFILLED," SHE SAITH, "COME PEACE OR WAR, COME LIFE OR DEATH." SHE DOTHS UPBUILD WHERE OTHERS MAR, AND HATE AND FEAR FALSE PROPHETS ARE.

THROUGH ALL THE EARNEST YEARS THAT WERE, LOVE HATH BEEN LIFE'S INTERPRETER; OF ALL THE GOLDEN DAYS TO BE, LOVE HOLDS THE KEY, LOVE HOLDS THE KEY.

FRANK WALCOTT HUNT, IN N.Y. INDEPENDENT



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## THE CARUTHERS AFFAIR

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came in to see about it, and happened to get here in time."

"Oh, he's gone," said Kola, grimly. "He is a coward. He knew what I was going to do in regard to the dead-fall and was too chicken-hearted to face it."

"Kola," said Hendricks, "it can do you no possible good to keep back information in regard to Gielow's whereabouts."

"You will never know that from me," answered the Indian.

Hendricks' face fell. He signaled Dr. Lampkin to follow and led the way downstairs.

In the basement they found nothing of note except a trunk bearing the initials of Weldon Caruthers.

"That's what he brought the body in," said Hendricks.

In the big cellars below, they found, directly under the trap Kola had arranged, the yawning opening of a deep pit.

"An awful hole," said Hendricks, as he turned away. He pointed to some large steel vessels and two large copper cylinders such as are used for making lime light in the theaters.

"That's where he cremated the body section by section," he said. "He thought, as most murderers do, that his secret was well guarded."

They searched through all the rooms of the cellar, and then Hendricks stopped.

"We are losing time," he grunted, in disappointment. "I believe Kola told the truth about his being the only one who knows the secret of Gielow's hiding-place. I am also sure that Gielow is somewhere under ground. We have seen one cavern, and it is not unlikely that there are others. It has long been believed that they are under this hill.

Can't you think of some plan to wring the truth from that imp?"

They had paused before the door of a little room where a dim light shone over the transom. Lampkin tried the latch, and, finding the door unlocked, he pushed it open. The room had shelves on all three of its walls, and these shelves were well filled with all sorts of bottles.

"His laboratory," said Lampkin. "No, I cannot tell you what to do. Ah! I have an idea."

The doctor took down a bottle and read the label and then uncorked it and applied it to his nose.

"Ether," he said. "This bottle reminds me of an experiment I once saw

performed at a medical college. A thief was made to confess under the influence of ether. In the first stages of anaesthesia a subject almost invariably becomes talkative and will talk about exactly what he desires most to keep back."

"Bring it upstairs, for the love of mercy," cried the detective. "It can't do any harm."

As they entered the reception-room Kola's questioning glance became fixed on the bottle in the doctor's hand.

"Huh!" he grunted, "you need not try to give me that. I won't take it."

"Find me a towel, Hendricks," was all the doctor said. He spoke like a determined man who is thoroughly angry.

Hendricks darted into a bathroom near by and returned with the required article.

"Now lay his lordship on the floor," the doctor said.

Kola wriggled like an eel, but, with Hendricks at his head and Sergt. Denham's determined hands at his feet, they soon had him laid out. Dr. Lampkin folded the towel into the shape of a funnel and saturated it with the fluid from the bottle. Then he started to put it over Kola's mouth and nose.

"Hold on, give him one more chance," ordered Hendricks. "Where is Gielow, Kola?"

The only answer the Indian made was to close his lips tightly.

"The devil is trying to hold his breath!" cried Lampkin. "I'll show him a trick that will beat that. I can make him take it."

And, holding the towel over Kola's nose with his left hand, he began to punch him violently in the chest. This proceeding made the Indian gasp for breath, and forced him to take deep draughts of the ether.

"Good, good!" approved Hendricks, as Kola's body began to grow limp. "Give him some more!"

"Oh, no, he must not be too deeply under it," objected Lampkin. "He is just right now. Let him loose. I'll manage him as easily as a rowboat downstream. Now, if he will only talk!"

Kola's face was bloodless. For a moment there was no sound inside or outside of the house. Lampkin raised the towel a little, for the lips of the Indian were moving.

A harsh laugh broke from the death-like face.

"It's the wisdom of the east," chuckled Kola. "I'll never be suspected, and when Hendricks is out of the way, I shall be free. Yes, free, and rich, and as powerful as a king."

There he paused. Lampkin held up his hand to warn the others not to speak, and in a distinct voice said:

"But Gielow—will he be found?"

"Never!" burst impulsively from Kola's lips. "No one else knows the secret door. No one would think of the head of the dragon."

The eyes of Hendricks and the doctor met. Hendricks' flashed knowingly, and he grunted as he turned and ran into the hall. A moment later Lamp-

kin followed, finding the detective examining the walnut dragon at the foot of the stairs.

"I believe on my life that the head of the thing unscrews," Hendricks exclaimed, excitedly. "See where it has been rubbed by use. By Jove, I have it!"

Grasping the head in his hands, Hendricks gave it a powerful wrench, and it began to turn. In a moment it came off, and they saw, protruding from a hollow tube in the neck of the dragon, a steel rod with a ring on its end. Hendricks tried to push the rod downward, but it resisted his efforts. Then, ascending the steps till he was above the ring, he pulled it steadily upward. A little bell inside the dragon rang. This was followed by a creaking sound under the ball floor, and a tall gilt-framed plate-glass mirror in the brick wall near by leaned outward on one side. Running to it, Lampkin pulled it out and found that it turned on hidden hinges. And behind the mirror was revealed a doorway and a narrow flight of stairs leading downward into the darkness. There was a lantern on the first step, and Hendricks lighted it, and holding it above his head he hurried down the stairs. At first the steps were of wood, but deeper down they were of unheavened stone.

Perhaps 40 feet from the surface of the earth, they found themselves in a long, narrow cavern, which wound about like a serpent's trail. And when they had gone perhaps 200 yards from their starting point they found themselves stopped by a brick wall in which was a rusty iron door. The door was locked, but a bunch of keys hung on a hook near by.

"We have found him," said Lampkin.

Hendricks nodded as he began to try the keys in the lock. After many failures, the door was finally opened, and in the combined light of the lantern and a streak of daylight that came in at a tiny crack in the rock, they saw, crouching in a corner, a white-faced creature with walling eyes and disheveled hair.

"Who is it?" came from his lips in a rasping whisper.

"Friends," said Hendricks.

Gielow tried to rise, but fell backward.

"In God's name—water!" he gasped.

"Here, drink this first," said Lampkin, kneeling and drawing out from his pocket a flask of brandy. Gielow tried

to take the bottle in his hands, but his fingers were too stiff from cold. Dr. Lampkin placed the bottle to his lips, and Gielow drank.

"Oh, thank God!" he said. "Is it true, are you friends?"

"This is Mr. Minard Hendricks," answered Lampkin, with a glance at the holder of the lantern, "and Miss Huntington is outside in a carriage waiting to take you home."

"Oh, no, really?" cried the prisoner, and then he lowered his head to his



knees and laughed like a happy child. "It seems like years since I came here."

He tried again to rise, but Lampkin stopped him.

"You must first drink some of this liquid food," he said.

As he opened the bottle, Gielow eyed it like a famished beast. As he was taking it from a spoon from the doctor's hands, Hendricks peered out through the crack.

"I have the solution now," he remarked. "In cutting the new road along here, they came within a few feet of chopping the end off this cavern. The blasting caused the crack. He must have thrust his message through it."

Gielow nodded as he ate, but he made no comment.

"Now, that is enough for the present," said Lampkin. "We must get you out of here and warm you up before we do anything else."

They raised the artist to his feet, and bore him slowly between them along

him to bed, and the doctor is preparing something warm for him."

Without a word, she got out of the carriage, and dumbly followed him. As they were ascending the steps, she paused half-way up, the flight and looked at Hendricks pitifully, and then down at her feet. Her knees bent and she clutched his arm.

"I—I don't know what's the matter with me," she faltered. "I don't seem able to move. Oh, please pardon my weakness."

"It's the shock," said Hendricks, almost tenderly. "You must try to calm yourself. All the trouble is over, you know, and the prisoner is in chains."

"I thought something serious had happened," she said, slowly recovering. "I heard the crash, and then, as you did not appear, and the sergeant remained. I thought something was wrong."

"Perhaps you had better go back to the carriage and not try to go in," suggested Hendricks.

The remark seemed to rouse her to action.

"Oh, no, I must see him! I can help," and, releasing his arm, she mounted the steps unaided.

Hendricks led her to the door of the room where they had taken Gielow. Lampkin appeared on the threshold.

"He's begging to see you, Miss Huntington," said he.

He pushed the door open, and when she had gone in he closed it and stood facing Hendricks. For a moment they looked into each other's eyes without speaking. Then Hendricks turned

[TO BE CONTINUED.]



"WE HAVE FOUND HIM."

the dark passage, and up the dark stairs to the hall above.

"We'll take him straight to Kola's room and wrap him up," said the doctor.

CHAPTER XXI.

When they had put him in a bit soft bed in the chamber adjoining Kola's reception room, Hendricks went out to the carriage. The green curtain was still down, but he saw that it was pulled aside, and that the occupant was peering cautiously out. When she saw him coming, she opened the carriage door and looked anxiously into his face.

Hendricks smiled. "Gielow is safe," he said. "He is weak, of course, but he will pull through all right."

She seemed unable either to answer or to move. The stare of her eyes seemed to indicate doubt on her part as to the verity of the news.

"I think you might come in, if you wish," added Hendricks. "We have pu-

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