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CITY NEWS.

(N. B. If you have relatives or friends visiting in the city or going to make a visit, please inform us; we collect all your local news.—Ed.)

Mrs. G. S. Johnson, one of our types, is quite sick this week.

Rev. A. H. Higga will hold Quarterly Meeting at Burn's Chapel Sunday at 8 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. Geo. Embry of Pontiac, Ill., was called home this week to the bedside of her sick daughter, Miss Laura.

Mrs. E. B. Mitchell on Crocker street was operated on at Mercy hospital this week. She is resting well.

Miss Rachel Elliott will be hostess to the loarele club Dec. 27, at the residence of Mrs. Harrison Gould.

Mr. Joseph Berry of Galesburg, Ill., is spending the holidays in our city the guest of L. J. Courtney, 1011 Crocker street.

Miss Mae D. Robinson has gone to her home in Huntsville, Mo., to spend the holidays. She is a student of our high school.

Miss Edith Comley, a student at Drake University, will leave for her home at Webster City the first of the year.

Mr. Walker left Tuesday for Marshalltown where he will spend the holidays with his daughter Jessie and son Albert.

Miss Adah Hyde and the Messrs. Alexander and Strothers, who are students at the State University are home for the holidays.

Geo. Hudson, one of our popular young men, has gone to New York City to spend the holidays with his sister during his vacation.

Remember that the best place to buy a good piano is at Lehman, 40 years in the business. On third floor in the New Department Store 8th and Walnut.

Mrs. Minnie Weeks and Woodward arrived here Sunday from Chicago to make this city her home. She at one time lived here.

Mr. Grant Thomas of Enterprise spent Tuesday in our city as the guest of relatives. He left Wednesday morning for his home in Lucas, Iowa.

Mr. Frank Williams of Chicago is expected in our city during the holidays. While here he will be the guest of his mother, Mrs. M. White and relatives.

The King's Daughters will keep open house New Years afternoon and evening at the home of Mrs. Mayme Gould 1310 Center street. All are cordially invited to call.

Mrs. Mattie Barksdale Smith, formerly of this city but now of Chicago, will spend the holidays visiting in this city the guest of Mrs. L. J. Courtney and family, 1011 Crocker street.

Mr. J. F. Morgan of Kansas City, Mo was in our city this week looking up a location to establish an undertaking business; having been in the business in K. C. We welcome him here for we believe at least one good undertaker ought to succeed here.

Mrs. S. Joe Brown, state district superintendent of the Sunday Schools, will leave Saturday for Council Bluffs where she will visit the schools of that city. She will also attend the Inter-State at Omaha, Neb. Dec. 29-30.

Will sell my fine residence in Highland Park, Des Moines to anybody on weekly payments of \$2.50. Price \$1400. Has city water, gas and sewer also barn. Dr. Lew Arntz.

A number of the intimate friends of Mr. David Johnson were entertained at luncheon Sunday at the home of Mrs. Fred Jackson on Eighth street. Mr. Johnson is intending soon to leave the city to make a visit at his old home in Virginia.

The Des Moines Negro Lyceum met Tuesday evening with the president, Mr. Elbert R. Hall. On account of the necessary business the program was dispensed with and a regular business meeting was held. The following members of the club who are delegates and alternates will leave Monday morning for Omaha to attend the Inter-State, Messrs Elbert R. Hall, S. Joe Brown, Dr. J. H. Williams, Jesse Graves, Mrs. H. W. Hughes, Misses D. Mae Lee and Frances Walker.

Mr. R. P. Reshears, a senior student in the State University College of Dentistry, stopped over in the city last Wednesday on his way to his home in St. Joseph, Mo., to spend the holiday vacation. While in the city he was the guest of Atty. and Mrs. S. Joe Brown.

Merry Xmas.

Did Santa Clause see you this morning.

Think of the poor during the holidays.

To-day is Christmas, we went to press Thursday.

We extend to you our Christmas greetings.

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Public installation of the officers of North Star Lodge No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place Monday evening Dec. 28th, at which time a short program will be rendered and light refreshments will be served. The public is cordially invited to be present.

THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER has opened her annual Christmas rates of only one dollar for one year if paid in advance, between now and the 20th of January. Those who are in debt for subscription can pay up and take advantage of the special \$1.00 rate. No commission allowed on this rate.

EMANCIPATION PROGRAM

By Des Moines Afro-American Church, at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, Friday, January 1, 1909.

Music—"America" Invocation, Rev. E. P. Geiger, Solo, Mrs. F. C. Goggins, Reading of Emancipation Proclamation, Miss Adah Hyde, State University Solo, Miss Lillian Fields Address, Atty. S. Joe Brown, President of Iowa Afro-American Council. Instrumental Selection, Miss Bertha Allen; Address, Rev. S. Bates. Solo, Miss Bessie Reeves, Des Moines College Address, Dr. John F. Williams. Instrumental Duet, Prof. and Delza Goggins Address, Rev. Geo. W. Gaines, D. D. Solo, Miss Letty Carey, State University. Music—"Blest Be the Tie" Council Benediction, Rev. H. McCravens The public is invited to this memorial service which will be in commemoration of the liberation of our race from bondage. Admission free. J. Clifford Williams, Pres. of Local Council, master of ceremonies.

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MARSHALLTOWN ITEMS.

(Special to Bystander.)

Mrs. R. P. Palmer and baby arrived here last week from Mt. Pleasant where she has been visiting her mother, Mrs. White.

Miss Letha Palmer expects to spend Xmas with friends in Enterprise.

Miss Hardina Gilmore expects to visit her sister, Mrs. Baker in Des Moines, during the holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. Palmer are now located in their new home at 709 E. Woodbury street. The Rev. is well pleased with his work and the people continue to show their appreciation and hospitality by continuing to visit he and Mrs. Palmer in their home and bringing presents. Those who have given already are Mrs. Gailory Johnson 608 W. Nevada street, basket carpet and lace curtains; Mr. Deacon Jackson, handsome range cook stove and Mr. Stevens presents amounting to \$4. Others are looked forward to the bundle social given at the church Tuesday night for the pastor and wife, under the management of Mrs. Sutter, mother of the church.

Services will be held at the Second Baptist church December 25 at 11 a. m. There will also be a Xmas ladder and program given by the Sunday School Xmas eve under the management of their superintendent Mrs. Flippens, which promises to be one of the best ever given.

Miss Anna Woods is quite ill at her home on S-ninth avenue.

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CEDAR RAPIDS NOTES.

(Special to Bystander.)

Mrs. H. H. Rice of Chicago, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. B. Green of Omaha, Neb., stopped a few days in the city to visit her mother and daughter, Mrs. J. W. Dixon and Miss Theima Rice.

Mrs. Rice left Monday for Chicago. She was accompanied as far as Marion by her sister, Mrs. Jas. S. Brooks of St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Jas. Brooks of St. Paul, Minn., is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. W. Dixon.

CLINTON HAPPENINGS.

Some of our people are planning to spend the Christmas holidays in Chicago.

Mrs. D. O. Greene left for her home in Chicago Monday after several weeks visit with relatives.

Messrs. Saporano and Bonney well known vaudeville artists of Chicago appeared recently at the family theatre in this city to well pleased audiences.

The concert given by the Old Plantation Jubilee singers Wednesday and Thursday evenings of last week at the Bethel A. M. E. church were a rare treat, every number on the program were heartily enjoyed. Not withstanding the very inclement weather the attendance was very good. The company under the able direction of Rev. D. E. Butler consisted of the following persons; Mrs. Eva L. Dunham, saporano; Miss Alice P. Callaway, contralto; Messrs Chas. E. Williams, tenor Chas. C. Banks, basso and Mrs. Lorena McSpadden-Wilson pianist; all of Chicago.

Mrs. W. A. Richardson, returned home Saturday from Waterloo where she visited her brother. She was accompanied home by her daughter Miss Murda Beason who is a teacher in the schools of Burlington and who came home to spend her holiday vacation.

Messrs Henry Saporano and Fred Bonney of Chicago were guests at dinner Friday evening Dec. 11th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bush.

The annual Christmas tree of Bethel A. M. E. S. S. and program takes place Thursday evening.

CHILLICOTHE, (Mo.) ITEMS.

On the 16th day of Dec. there occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cheek in Chillicothe the wedding of their daughter, Neoma, to J. W. Mackay of Burlington, Iowa. Rev. L. M. Mackay officiating. The bride is the daughter of one of Livingston county's most substantial farmers and is talented, polished and brilliant. The bridegroom is one of Burlington's leading and successful citizens.

After receiving congratulations and many valuable presents from their many friends they left for their beautiful home in Burlington.

ALBIA NOTES.

Mr. Dan Jeffers of Okaloosa, spent Sunday in Albia.

Several strangers from Buxton were in Albia this week.

Christmas shopping has brought a number from surrounding towns in Albia this week.

The new subscription from Bitterman was finished Dec. 15th and they gave everybody a free ride.

COLFAX NOTES.

The ladies of Bethel Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. Battles Thursday the 19th. The meeting was opened by the president and the roll was called by the secretary, Mrs. J. Brodren with quotation.

Our Willing Workers club is trying to raise enough money to fix up our church. Our club has seventeen dollars banked in the Citizens State Bank. The club will meet at the home of Mrs. J. Proddus Dec. 3rd and the president desires all members to be present.

ENTERPRISE NEWS.

Messdames M. Coleman, C. Rice and Mrs. J. Williams of Carney Ia., were Enterprise visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Carrie Gillette after being operated on for appendicitis at Methodist hospital at Des Moines returned last Friday much improved.

The executive board of the Iowa and Nebraska Baptist association met with Mt. Olive Baptist church of this place Dec. 8th to 10th at which time all business of importance was transacted. The members present were Rev. D. A. Holmes of Davenport, Rev. F. C. Bolden of Mt. Pleasant, Rev. S. Bates of Des Moines and Rev. J. Bowls of this place.

The Butterfly Sewing circle of the Mt. Olive Baptist church entertained the members of the executive board Dec. 10th at one o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. Robert Hunter. A bounteous five course luncheon was served.

Horn to Mr. and Mrs. Linsey Crowder Dec. 13th ten pound boy. Mother and child doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Mosely entertained the executive board Dec. 10th at 9 o'clock dinner.

Mrs. Fannie Watts of Des Moines was an Enterprise visitor Saturday as the guest of Mrs. A. Jones.

The entertainment given by the Messdames Swan, Divers and Trent last Saturday evening was a grand success.

Rev. James Bowls preached his annual sermon on last Sunday morning which was enjoyed by all present.

BURLINGTON NOTES.

(Last Week.)

On Wednesday afternoon Dec. 16th occurred the marriage of Miss Cheek to Mr. John W. Mackay at the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cheeks of Chillicothe, Mo. Rev. L. Mackay brother of the groom performed the ceremony before a large number of friends beside relatives. Mr. Ernest Mackay of Des Moines attended the wedding and many valuable and useful presents were received. Mr. and Mrs. Mackay returned to Burlington Thursday where they received congratulations of many friends and their tokens of remembrance. Miss Cheek has been a resident of Burlington but one year has she gained their friendship of many. Mr. and Mrs. Mackay have many good wishes for their future success.

Mrs. E. People of Monmouth, Ill., was in the city last week to see her brother Mr. Lincoln Cook who is confined in St. Francis Hospital with a broken ankle. Mr. Cook is getting a long very nice so far.

Mrs. Mattie Lamb and Mr. Chas. Badgett was quietly mated at Fort Madison last week and are now keeping house on 8th and Maple street. May success and happiness follow them through life.

Mrs. Geo. Tyler was hostess to the Friday Whist Club this week.

Mrs. Sofia Bird who was ill last week is able to be out again.

Miss Flora Jackson is improving after a serious illness.

Mr. Geo. Ashby of Keokuk was a Burlington visitor last week.

(This week)

The Friday Whist Club has issued invitations to a Xmas Party next Wednesday from 8 to 12.

Miss Nioma Leslie and Mr. Tom Saunders gave their friends a surprise and departed Saturday evening for Des Moines, and were married at the home of the brides sister Mrs. M. E. Miller, 1006 Center street. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders will return to the city Wednesday and remain here for the winter, their host of friends wish Mr. Joseph Young of Davenport visitor last week.

Mrs. Lizzie Weck and little daughter Dorothy spent quite a pleasant visit with her sister Mrs. Emma Martin of Washington street this week.

Good Cough Medicine for Children.

The season for coughs and colds is now at hand and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold. The quicker you cure his cold the less you risk. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliance of many mothers, and few of those who have tried it are willing to use any other.

Mrs. F. F. Starcher, of Ripley, W. Va., says, "I have never used any other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children and it has always given good satisfaction." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult. For sale by all druggists.

MAINE GHOST ON HORSEBACK.

Peculiar Spook That Has Struck Terror to Farmer Folk.

The horseback riding ghost is the very latest variety that has appeared in Bowdoinham, and he is a particular spook, making visitations only at certain times.

The hunter's ghost, they call him, and the big man on the big white horse who comes galloping down the Lisbon road on the full of the moon right up to the side door of Sunny Crest farm strikes terror to the heart of the farmer folk as he raps smartly with his riding whip on the panels of the door. Whenever one appears in answer to the knock the ghost, they tell the story, wheels round and disappears at a gallop, turning into the old woods road much used in revolutionary times by the soldiers of that stormy period.

Ghost of the old Cap'n, they call him, connecting this horseback riding spook with a certain officer of unenviable fame who once haunted the district of Maine. It is on the hunter's moon when the ghost rides abroad, and nervous people on the Lisbon road are much disturbed by this galloping horseman.—Lewiston Journal.

A FEW OF LIFE'S PARADOXES.

All True, Though at First They Seem to Read Rather Odd.

Peace we secure by armaments, liberty by laws and constitutions, simplicity and naturalness are the consummate result of artificial breeding and training; health, strength and wealth are increased only by lavish use, expense and wear. Our mistrust of mistrust engenders our commercial system of credit; our tolerance of revolutionary utterances is the only way of lessening their danger; our charity has to say no to beggars in order not to defeat its own desires; the true epicurean has to observe great sobriety; the way to certainty lies through radical doubt; virtue signifies not innocence but the knowledge of sin and its overcoming. The ethical and religious life are full of contradictions held in solution. You hate your enemy?—well, forgive him, and thereby heap coals of fire on his head; to realize yourself, renounce yourself; to save your soul, first lose it; in short, die to live.—Prof. William James, in Hibbert Journal.

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FREEMENT THAT "GROWS" IRON

Peculiar Property of Castings Put to Practical Use.

Why should an iron grate bar become warped, twisted and cracked after long use?

The reason appears to have been discovered by Alexander E. Outerbridge, Jr., of Philadelphia, who tells us that cast iron when heated and cooled swells so that a bar of it becomes not only longer but thicker, and that this increase in size may continue with subsequent heatings and coolings until the volume of the bar is 40 per cent. larger than it was originally.

Microscopic examination shows that the texture of the swelled bar has become coarser grained. This discovery, which was made about three years ago, is now put to practical use in various ways.

For instance, a gas engine piston that had worn small was caused to "grow" by this method until it again fitted its cylinder.

Again, several tons of steam radiators that had been condemned as too short were successfully treated until they could be used as at first intended.

NORMAL THEORY IS DISPROVED.

Quite Preposterous in the Light of Present-Day Extremism.

Philosophers seldom tire of booming the normal and deprecating the all-round abnormal tendency. They insist that the normal life is good for our bodies, and etc. for our consciences.

But this is absurd. We cannot enjoy ourselves and at the same time be normal. Every pleasure is some thing which is abnormal to us. Every man and woman at the present day who sets out with the object of achieving distinction, or popularity of any description, must be abnormally good or abnormally bad before it can create an impression. The "normal" theory is a preposterous one.

Imagine a woman in normal clothes! At the present moment woman has attained the pinnacle of notoriety in the opposite direction, and on its top most point is set her hat. Imagine the successful athlete in a normal condition. Imagine the winner of a motor race as a normal pleasure seeker; and there are others—too many to mention.—Philadelphia Record.

Paying the Price.

"Is it not some reproach upon the economy of Providence that such a one, who is a man, dirty fellow, should have amassed wealth enough to buy half a nation?" Not the least. He made himself a mean, dirty fellow for that very end. He has paid his health, his conscience, his liberty for it; and will you envy him his bargain! Will you hang your head and blush in his presence because he outshines you in equipage and show? Lift up your brow with a noble confidence, and say to yourself: I have not these things, it is true; but it is because I have not sought, because I have not desired them; it is because I possess something better. I have chosen my lot, I am content and satisfied.—Anna Letitia Barbauld.

A Restrained Grief.

Back in the ridges of Tennessee two mountaineers got into an argument. Words led to blows, and in the fight that followed one of the men was killed. A neighbor rode on ahead to the dead man's cabin to prepare his wife. He found her seated at a table eating apple dumplings. He broke the sad news to her as gently as he could. She listened quietly, with a dumpling poised in the air half way to her mouth. When the neighbor paused she stuffed the dumpling into her mouth and said: "You jest wait 'til I finish this hyer dumplin' an' then you-all 'il hear hollerin'!"—Harper's Monthly.

The Truly to Be Pitied.

Stevenson: Pitiful is the case of the blind, who cannot read the face; pitiful the case of the deaf, who cannot follow the changes of the voice. And there are others, also, to be pitied, for there are some of an inert and ineffectual nature who have been denied all the symbols of communication, who have neither a lively play of facial expression, nor yet the gift of frank, explanatory speech; people truly made of clay, people tied for life into a bag which no one can undo. They are poorer than the gypsy, for their heart can speak no language under heaven.

The "Jim Crow" Law in Heaven.

Uncle Wash, an aged colored man who is given to seeing visions, was recently regaling a group of brethren and sisters in the church with a dream of heaven that he had had the night before. As he was graphically describing its gold-paved streets, its gates of pearl and the hosts of white-robed, fair-haired angels playing upon jeweled harps, an old woman interrupted with the query: "See any niggahs dah?" "Huh," he snorted, indignantly, "does you s'pose I went round to de kitchen?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Catching Rats.

Do rats drink water? Do they require water? The best way to catch these rodents is to put any animal subdum into a trap. This induces them to enter readily, and even draws them from a considerable distance, as they are extremely partial to this oil. An ounce of oil of rhodium will cost you 50 cents. Catnip to a rat is nothing like rhodium to a rat. Oil of rhodium is made from a species of bindweed, and is used in perfumery.

CHILDREN OF EXALTED TASTES.

Little Ones Used to Dignitaries of High Estate.

A well-known family in Catholic circles, living in Spring Garden street, and blessed with three very small daughters, spent, last winter, in Rome, where the small daughters were sent to school. The family, being quite hospitably inclined, entertained quite lavishly some of the dignitaries of the Vatican.

Returning to Philadelphia, they received a hearty welcome, and among others some of their old priest friends called to bid them welcome home. The mother, always proud of her three small daughters, sent for them to be brought downstairs to see the father. After awhile they came, the three little golden-haired girls; but they only stood in the doorway of the spacious room and refused to come any further.

The mother, much mortified at such behavior, said to the eldest: "Come here, dear; don't you remember good Father—who used to come and see us from the cathedral?"

There they stood, the three little blonde tots, and looking most disapprovingly at good Father—the eldest spoke: "We like cardinals," is what she said.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

NO WONDER SHE DIDN'T KNOW.

Woman of Experience Not Hasty in Expressing Opinion.

Before he had been in the car three minutes most of the women passengers and some of the men were explaining to their neighbors what they would do with the little imp if he belonged to them. Spanking was the popular remedy, and if that boy had received them and there all the paddlings that his critics were aching to administer he certainly would have been well blistered.

To the general babel of advice and fault-finding, however, there was one woman who contributed nothing. She was a gentle, gray-haired body, who remained unruffled in the midst of the small storm raging.

"If that child was mine," said the determined woman beside her, "I'd make him mind if I had to half kill him. Wouldn't you?"

"I don't know," said the little woman, mildly, "what I'd do."

"You don't?" said the determined woman. "Well, I know. But maybe you are not used to children? Maybe you never had any of your own?"

"Oh, yes," said the little woman. "I brought up 13. That is why I don't know what I would do."

Concrete Not Modern.

Concrete is a very ancient material for construction, but reinforced concrete is scarcely half a century old. It is said to have started in a happy idea that came to a Frenchman who wanted large flower pots for his plants which should not be thick and clumsy. He reinforced them with wire. Nowadays we see glass reinforced in the same way, especially about elevator shafts.

Coffinet and others developed the reinforcement of concrete for buildings, at first, merely useful buildings like conservatories. As early as 1874 a concrete villa was built on the north shore of Long Island sound, but it was many years before the idea "took" here, although in France, Belgium and Germany it was seized upon with avidity.—Smith's Magazine.

No More Gold Lace for Afghans.

The ameer has published an edict, which applies to all parts of Afghanistan, prohibiting the import into the country of all kinds of gold lace, including embroidered kullas, lungis and embroidered shoes. The ameer is evidently actuated by a desire to prevent his subjects from spending their hard earned money on showy dress. It is the poorer classes who are notoriously addicted to this extravagance which his majesty has decided to check. The gold laced coats and Afghan is decidedly handsome, and although the ameer has acted wisely in bringing into general use clothing less costly, his majesty's orders will doubtless be received by his subjects with rather mixed feelings.

Proper Bestowal of Charity.

Dickens: There are not a few among the disciples of charity who require in their vocation, scarcely less excitement than the votaries of pleasure in theirs; and hence it is that diseased sympathy and compassion are every day expended on out-of-the-way objects, when only too many demands upon the legitimate exercise of the same virtues in a healthy state are constantly within the sight and hearing of the most unobtrusive person alive. In short, charity must have its romance, as the novelist or the playwright must have his.

Will Found in a Hat.

Probate has been granted of the will of a peddler who left an estate valued at \$11,937. He was Mr. Harry Norman, a Polish Jew, of Mill road, Cambridge. The document was found in his silk hat after his death. It was dated January 15, 1908, and by it he left the whole of his property equally between Aadenbrooke's, Newmarket, Cambridge, and the London Jewish synagogue for the relief of poor and needy Jews.—London Evening Standard.

Flagrant Violator.

Mrs. Crawford—What did your husband say when you told him that you and your daughters were going to Jota and your antiseptic club? Mrs. Chatter—He said he hoped it would keep us quiet.

He Guessed It.

Howell—What became of Rowell who was here when I lived here? Powell—He died of throat trouble Howell—Well, I'll be hanged. Powell—Yes, that's the way he died.

Waterproof Coats of Grass.

In the tropics of Mexico, where torrential rains fall a part of each year, raincoats are a very necessary part of man's apparel. Owing to the intense heat which prevails in the summer season, the ordinary rubber raincoat cannot be worn. A rainproof coat is made from native grasses, and is worn by the men of the middle and upper classes. The grasses are woven close together and it is impossible for the rain to beat through them, no matter how hard the storm may be. Some of these coats are made with a hood which protects the head as well as the body.

Sleeplessness.

A good remedy for sleeplessness is to wet a towel and apply to the back of the neck, pressing it hard up against the base of the brain and fastening over this cloth to prevent too rapid evaporation. The effect will be prompt and pleasant, cooling the brain and inducing a sweet and peaceful slumber. Warm water is better than cold for the purpose. This remedy will prove useful to people suffering from overwork, excitement or anxiety.

Howell Guessed It.

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TRUE STATUS OF A TRAITOR.

Well Defined by the Father of Sir Walter Scott.

Among the treasures which adorned the "den" of Sir Walter Scott was a china saucer—the memorial according to the author of "Edinburgh Under Sir Walter Scott" of a striking incident in the domestic life of Scott's father and mother. One autumn Mr. Scott, Sr., had a client who came regularly every evening at a certain hour to the house, and remained in his private room usually long after the family had gone to bed. The little mystery of the unknown visitor excited Mrs. Scott's curiosity, and her husband's vague statements increased it. One night, therefore, although she knew it was against her husband's desire, she entered the room with a salver in her hand, and offered the gentleman "a dish of tea," as it used to be called in eighteenth century parlance. Mr. Scott very coldly refused it, but the stranger bowed and accepted a cup. Presently he took his leave. Then Mr. Scott seized the empty cup and threw it out on the pavement. His wife was astonished at first, but not when she heard the explanation. "I may admit into my house, on business, persons wholly unworthy to be treated as guests of my wife. Neither lip of me nor mine comes after Mr. Murray, or Broughton's." The client who had called was none other than the traitor, Secretary Murray, who bought off his life and fortune by giving evidence against his gallant Jacobite associates.—Dundee Advertiser.

SOME SMALL ENGLISH PARISHES.

Dozen Inhabitants in One; in Another Only Two Houses.

Probably few people know that this country contains a number of parishes so small that their population can be housed under one or two roofs.

For instance

Events of Recent Occurrence Throughout the Commonwealth.

Change the Date! "Change the date!" exclaims the Washington Star, referring to inauguration day. By all means. Let us all pull together, and the date will be changed. Perhaps the reason of past failure is that it is rarely suggested except immediately after a presidential election, and then, as it is too late to benefit the incoming president, the desired reform is dropped and nothing more is heard of it for four years. The proposition to move inauguration day along toward the close of April has never been before the house. "There is no doubt," says the Star, "a majority sentiment in the house and senate in favor of the change, and indeed the senate has more than once adopted the joint resolution looking to this amendment. The trouble has been that the house has never appeared to regard the subject of sufficient importance to warrant its consideration. Yet congress has lost some of its valued members through exposure on the fourth of March at inauguration time. There is not a member of the two houses soon to meet who will not run a risk from the raw winds that sometimes mark the early days of March in this city." Let us hope, says the Rochester Herald, that some one will undertake to inaugurate this desirable change at the next session.

It is probable that no woman is so much an object of envy to other women as a great prima donna, yet almost invariably these queens of the operatic stage discourage girls from trying to follow in their footsteps. Mme. Calve, who above all the rest seems to get pleasure out of her life, is quoted as saying to such girls: "If you have no home, if you have no money, if you are absolutely without affection, if there is nothing else you can do, then sing, but if not do anything else. Make corsets, hats, dresses, I care not what." She says it is a hard life which singers lead, and involves deprivations of what most people call pleasure. The voice and its care must have the first thought and the last, which means in fact that the singer is a slave to her precious voice. And yet, remarks the Indianapolis Star, all that Calve and her sister singers may say will not hinder one girl from striving to stand where they do if she has the ambition with any sort of a voice.

Europe is not the only part of the world where earthquakes have been felt. From the grimly named Death Valley comes the announcement of a series of shocks there and in that vicinity, causing great consternation. Heavy boulders have been tossed about, miners have been thrown out of bunka, the usually placid mounds have been driven to a frenzy which caused them to stampede and there have been general "ructions," one result of which has been the fleeing of many miners to regions where Mother Earth shows less of an antic disposition. No really serious firm is reported, but the upheavals, in connection with perturbations elsewhere, would seem to show that there is a very lively and extensive agitation going on in the world's interior.

Cases of homicide by pistol shooting have been alarmingly on the increase. From different sections of the country come almost daily reports of murders for which the too ready use of the revolver was responsible. The greater percentage of the fatal shooting affrays recorded in the press during the past three or four months have been the outcome of personal quarrels, many of them paltry and none justifying a resort to the so-called "unwritten law." The time appears ripe, says the Jersey City Journal, for legislative action on the part of the different states to curb the sale of deadly weapons to people who, by reason of their temperaments, ought not to be permitted to carry concealed implements of murder.

The sale of darning cotton is falling off, and the local manager of a big New York dry goods house says this is a sign of prosperity. The American woman, he declares, will not darn her own or anybody else's stockings more than once when she can afford to buy new ones, and in this view he is supported by the president of a New England thread mill, who has observed the fluctuations of the darning cotton trade. They undoubtedly slander American women by this assertion. Do not women darn their stockings, hard times or not, because they dislike to have holes in them? It is a point that ought to be settled.

The people of Persia appear indifferent to the disputed parliament. If they do not want representative government badly enough to show some energy in getting it, the shah ought not to be blamed in being clever enough to take advantage of the situation. No people deserve a better government than the one they are willing to accept.

France is to have a system of air-ship garages. Wouldn't that elevate you?

A Philadelphia bard has written a poem in praise of the stork because she has just brought him his seventh child. He can never hope to be enthusiastically received by our Lake Shore drive set, remarks the Chicago Record-Herald.

One of the lecturers alleges that women in prehistoric times were more intellectual superior. Perhaps the claim upon the support of the ancients is not in these days

NAB GIRL IN MAN'S ATTIRE.

Prisoner At Cedar Rapids Tells Story of Adventure.
Cedar Rapids.—A young woman, masquerading as a man, and telling a strange story of adventure, with which a murder committed two years ago in Philadelphia may be connected, was arrested here under the name of Earl Waters. The police arrested "Waters" for the perpetration of a practical joke in robbing his own room and filing a complaint against another person. Then they discovered "Waters" to be a girl, apparently about 18 years old. The girl does not know her own name unless it is Pearl Waters. She says she was born in Europe and that her earliest recollections are of life in New York. A woman with whom she lived was abusive and four years ago the girl donned a boy's suit and left. At Philadelphia she fell in with a young man, becoming his companion, though she did not reveal her sex. She says they became involved in a quarrel, afterward committed murder and then fled. They came to Cedar Rapids two years ago, since which time both have been employed as newsboys on trains.

WILL BUILD BIG CLAY PLANT.

Project Backed by Lehigh and Indiana Capitalists.
Webster City.—At a large meeting of business and professional men held at the Wilson hotel, a deal was practically closed for the erection of an immense clay products plant for the manufacture of sewer and drain tile in this city. The plant will be erected in the spring at a cost of some \$175,000, will employ 100 men, and will have an output capacity of from ten to twelve car loads per day. The company behind the movement is composed of practically the same men who own the Lehigh Clay Products company of Lehigh, Ia., and the Portland Sewer Pipe Manufacturing company of Portland, Ind. This company has asked Webster City to furnish them a site of thirty acres, and an agreement was reached upon this point. In return for the site the company agrees to erect its plant here.

NEW IOWA BUTTON PLANT.

Old Factory at Lansing Is to Be Reopened.
Lansing.—The New Jersey Button company expects to begin operations at Lansing, Ia., with a force of fifty men on Jan. 1. Under the supervision of Manager Ritchie, the old plant located on the river front has been rented and its capacity materially increased by the addition of new machinery. When all is complete Lansing will have one of the largest and best equipped pearl button factories on the upper Mississippi. A similar plant has been in operation at Guttenberg for several months. A force of one hundred men are employed in grinding and sawing the shells of the Mississippi mussel.

GRAND JURY INDICTS JUROR.

Member of Petit Jury Held on a True Bill.
Council Bluffs.—The unusual and remarkable incident of a member of the petit jury being indicted by a grand jury was witnessed here when a true bill was returned against Charles Sayles, a member of the petit jury for the present term. He was arrested and taken into custody by the county officials on a bench warrant. Sayles was indicted jointly with Harry Hall. It is alleged that they broke into an Illinois Central freight car on Dec. 14.

Short Course at Central.

Pella.—Pella has closed a successful short course, conducted by Prof. B. K. Bliss, Wilson and Edith G. Charlton, of Iowa State college. All other work in the college gave place to the study of corn, the judging of stock, and to domestic economy. Farmers and their wives and men and women in Pella have become deeply interested. The horses, cows, sheep and hogs that the men brought with them from Ames attracted much attention. Farmers brought in other stock for study. Central college is the second college in the state to secure the short course. It has spoken for it again next year.

Cash Gifts to Workers.

Des Moines.—Cash gifts equalling ten per cent of their monthly salaries will be given to all of the employees of the Crane company in all its thirty-five branch offices, including Des Moines. Fifteen men who are in the service of the big Chicago firm, handling plumbing and heating supplies in this city will receive cash presents. The gifts made in this manner by the company will total close to \$350,000 for all its offices.

Strikebreaker Set Free.

Toledo.—Toler, the strikebreaker who shot and killed an Iowa Central striker at Marshalltown last summer, was quickly acquitted of the charge of murder by the jury. Just thirty-five minutes' time elapsed from the jury's retirement until it filed back into the jury box and notified the judge that it had found Toler not guilty. Toler's defense was that he shot to save his own life.

Big Sum to Morningside.

Fort Dodge.—Fort Dodge Methodists have offered \$10,000 as their contribution to the endowment fund of Morningside college. Stow City, it is hoped that \$2,500 can be raised here and the rest in the Fort Dodge district. This sum will help to complete the \$55,000 yet remaining of a \$150,000 endowment fund that the college authorities are trying to raise.

JUDGE N. W. MACY RETIRES.

Capt. John H. Clark, Veteran Court Reporter, Also Retires.
Clarinda.—With the adjournment of the district court here and by his own desire, Hon. N. W. Macy leaves the bench after a most honorable record of twenty years as judge in the Fifteenth Judicial district of Iowa, and simultaneously Capt. John H. Clark, the oldest court reporter in the state, lays down his pen after a service of thirty eight years. No district judge in the state has equaled the record of Judge Macy in the almost invariable indorsement of his decisions by the supreme court. He will be succeeded by Eugene B. Woodruff of Glenwood. After spending the winter in California, Judge and Mrs. Macy will return to their home in Harlan, where they will enjoy the judge's retirement together. Captain Clark likewise will take his easy the remainder of his days at his home in Council Bluffs. Before the adjournment of the term here the members of the Page county bar presented Judge Macy with an elegant velvet rug and Captain Clark with an offering of gold.

OTTUMWA IS DRY.

Thirty-Eight Liquor Houses Close Their Doors.
Ottumwa.—Thirty-eight saloons and wholesale beer and liquor houses closed here when the petition to close the saloons was filed with County Auditor McCarty. The closing of the saloons is the result of an agitation started by Billy Sunday at the close of his recent revival and which has been kept up by his followers. When it was thought that sufficient names had been secured, the petition was filed. Action on the validity of the petition will be started by the saloon men. It is claimed by the leaders of the movement that over 2,900 voters have signed the petition to close the saloons, and that these represent more than a majority necessary to make the petition effective, as there were 5,355 voters at the last general election.

DALLAS MAN ON WAR PATH.

Calvin Brewer, Heavily Armed, Resists Officers.
Dallas Center.—Murder was probably prevented here by the arrest of Calvin Brewer after his threat to shoot Clyde Brenton, cashier of the local bank and one of the most prominent men of Dallas Center. Brewer was apprehended at the home of his father-in-law, where he had defied anyone to come to take him from behind the furnace where he was hiding, heavily armed. After talking with him for three hours County Attorney Miller persuaded him to give himself up. The difficulty arose from a dispute over the sale of a crop of grain by Brewer from the farm which he rents of Brenton.

MRS. MYERS FOUND GUILTY.

Mt. Pleasant Woman Convicted of Charge of Arson.
Mount Pleasant.—A verdict found Mrs. Anna Meyers guilty of arson. The jury was out twenty-five hours. The defendant was surrounded by her three small sons, her father and husband as the verdict was read. Eighteen ballots were taken. Her bond was fixed at \$2,000. A motion for a new trial will be heard Jan. 13, or sentence will be passed. She is arrested and taken into custody by the county officials on a bench warrant. Sayles was indicted jointly with Harry Hall. It is alleged that they broke into an Illinois Central freight car on Dec. 14.

Losses His Leg; Gets \$15,000.

Newton.—A verdict of \$15,000 for the loss of a leg was awarded to Michael J. Hughes of West Point, Neb., against the Rock Island railway in a damage suit which was on trial here. Hughes was injured at Colfax, April 2, 1907, while a passenger on Rock Island No. 6 from Omaha to Colfax. The train arrives in the night, and Hughes attempted to get off at a point near the interlocking switch west of the station, thinking that the train had reached the platform. He was thrown to the ground with his grips and fell under the wheels, his leg being crushed so badly that it had to be amputated. Hughes and other witnesses testified that the porter called the station and that the train stopped.

Religious Fanatic Released.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Della Pratt, follower of James Sharp, the religious fanatic, and whose husband and daughter were killed in a battle with the police here Dec. 3, was released on a \$5,000 bond. She is charged with complicity in the murder of A. O. Dalbow, the police man who was killed. Sharp and his wife are in jail here.

His Arm Buys Farm.

Iowa Falls.—William L. Rhodes, the young man who lost his arm while in the train service of the Des Moines Short Line and whose verdict of \$3,000 damages against the company was recently affirmed by the supreme court, has purchased the Arno Moe farm of 120 acres southwest of Dows and will occupy it as a permanent home.

Plan Allison Memorial.

Dubuque.—Plans are nearing completion in Dubuque for the organization and incorporation of an Allison memorial association, with the purpose of erecting a memorial to Allison in Dubuque.

All Albia is rejoicing over the completion of the new interurban road to Hiteman. A recent trial trip by the officials of the road proved a success, and it was followed by a trip for newspaper men, bankers and business men of the town.

JUSTS STANDARD

REPUBLIC OIL CO. AND WATERS-PIERCE CO. FINED.
DISSOLVE WATERS-PIERCE CO.

Supreme Court of the State Finds Oil Trust Guilty of Conspiracy.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 24.—The supreme court of Missouri handed down a decision yesterday morning, ousting the Standard Oil company of Indiana and the Republic Oil company from the state, forbidding them ever to do business in Missouri, and dissolving the Waters-Pierce Oil company of St. Louis. In addition each of the companies is fined \$50,000. The order dissolving the Waters-Pierce Oil company will become effective January 15 unless the company on or before that date furnishes evidence that it intends to operate as an independent concern. The court finds that the companies conspired—

1. To regulate and fix prices to retail dealers.
2. To control and limit the trade in the refined products of petroleum.
3. To control and limit and prevent competition in the buying and selling of these products.
4. To deceive and mislead the public into the belief that they were separate and distinct corporations pursuing independently their business as legitimate competitors.

LABOR LEADERS GIVEN PENALTY

Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison Sentenced to Prison.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—The famous contempt case of the Buck Stove and Range company against Gompers, Vice President of the American Federation of Labor was decided by Justice Wright of the supreme court of the District of Columbia adversely to the federation officials. Gompers was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment, Mitchell to nine months and Morrison to six months. Pending an appeal to the United States court of appeals of the District of Columbia all three defendants were released on bail, the amounts being fixed as follows: Gompers, \$5,000; Mitchell, \$4,000, and Morrison, \$3,000. A local surety company furnished the bonds. Each of the defendants before sentence was passed upon them made statements in response to the usual inquiry if they had anything to say. The case grew out of the alleged boycott of the company's products and the putting of that company on the unfair lists. The federation's alleged violation of Judge Gould's recent mandamus has attracted wide attention.

PITTSBURG CORRUPTION.

Awful Proportions Are Reached in the Smoky City.
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—Municipal corruption of Pittsburg has developed into the most gigantic and sensational scandal in the history of city government in America. Seven councilmen and two bankers arrested here Monday night for conspiracy and bribery were given a hearing yesterday before a police magistrate. Following the investigation of testimony which implicated many councilmen at present unknown, the defendants were held for court trials. According to the testimony it was an easy thing to bribe a majority of the council by the payment of sums ranging from \$100 to \$500. Positive charges were made that William Brand and John Klein, councilmen, had each accepted \$500 for the passage of an ordinance. It was also identified sixty councilmen had divided \$45,000 graft money recently in connection with the filtering plant. With the exception of councilmen Klein and Wasson, all the defendants have been released on bail amounting from \$14,000 to \$30,000.

FEEDS MILLION AND A HALF.

Salvation Army Also Receives House For Orphan Asylum.

New York, Dec. 24.—A million and a half men, women and children, throughout the country will be supplied with dinners, and thousands of destitute children be given toys suited to their age on Christmas day from the proceeds of this year's Salvation Army "kettle" contributions. Among the donations received by Miss E. Booth in behalf of the Salvation Army is a large seventeen-room house valued at \$20,000 at Long Branch, N. J., which will be used as a refuge home or orphan asylum. The donor is a wealthy New York woman who prefers to have her identity remain unknown. Another acquisition of value to the Salvation Army is a new home for young women, the site for which has been purchased in Los Angeles, Cal. The building, which is soon to be erected, will cost \$35,000.

NIGHT RIDER IS ARMED.

But Court Forces Witness to Put Away Revolver.
Union City, Tenn., Dec. 24.—When William Russell, a self-confessed night rider, was called for cross-examination a huge revolver projected from his pocket. The state's attorney noticed it and sent the witness out of the court room to dispose of his artillery. The state attempted to show that Russell had been threatened with death since the trial began. He said he had, but as the prosecution could not connect the threat with these defendants it was excluded.

Warren Morris was the next self-confessed night rider to take the stand for the state.

His story was a close corroboration of all that Fehring and Russell had told. Morris recognized at the Ranken murder five of the prisoners, and eight other not yet on trial.

Buchanan an Iowa.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—W. I. Buchanan, who has been sent to Venezuela as special commissioner to conduct relations with the government, is well known in Iowa and was formerly a resident of Sioux City. Mr. Buchanan has become probably the foremost diplomat in this country's service in dealing with Latin-American affairs.

Railway Man Dies Suddenly.

San Francisco.—George W. Fletcher, a district agent of the Southern Pacific railway, and a prominent member of the Bohemian club, died suddenly Thursday of heart disease.



It Won't Speak.

HEARST'S PUBLISHER ACCUSED

S. S. CARVALHO CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL LIBEL.

J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., Bases Complaint on Article Saying He Originated Peonage in Stockade.

New York.—On a charge of criminal libel, made by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., S. S. Carvalho, president of the Star Company, publishers of William S. Hearst's New York American, was arrested Thursday and arraigned in police court before Magistrate Finn. At the solicitation of Clarence J. Shearn, attorney for the Hearst publications, and without any objection being raised on the part of Assistant District Attorney Garvan, who had charge of the prosecution, Mr. Carvalho was paroled in the custody of his lawyer until December 26, for examination. Mr. Rockefeller, accompanied by his counsel, Lawyer Murphy, appeared in District Attorney Jerome's office early in the day and made complaint that the article published in the New York American of December 17, under a Chicago date of December 16, with the headline, "J. D. Rockefeller, Jr. originated peonage in stockade, it is said," tended to injure his good name, reputation and credit and to make him appear ridiculous. He submitted a typewritten affidavit embodying these charges to District Attorney Garvan, to whom the case was assigned. On the presentation of the affidavit to Magistrate Finn, he issued warrants for the arrest of Mr. Carvalho, Bradford Merrill, treasurer, and Edward H. Clark, secretary, of the Star Company. Mr. Carvalho was found in his office. Merrill and Clark were not in their offices. Mr. Carvalho took his arrest good naturedly. Bradford Merrill, treasurer of the Star Company, explained Thursday night that the article at which Mr. Rockefeller had taken offense had come from Chicago in the regular routine way, that it had not originated in New York, and that an investigation would be started at once. "If we find that we have wronged Mr. Rockefeller," said Mr. Merrill, "we will, of course, do everything in our power to atone for it."

FREEDOM DAWNS IN TURKEY.

New Ottoman Parliament Is Opened by the Sultan.

Constantinople.—Turkey made her bow as a full fledged constitutional monarchy Thursday, when the new Ottoman parliament held its first session. Thursday was proclaimed a general holiday in honor of the parliament and the city did its best to observe the occasion fittingly. The decorations were unprecedented and most of the population was in the streets eagerly discussing the prospects of the new regime. Practically every regiment in the Constantinople garrison lined the route under arms when the sultan drove to open the assembly, while school children stationed at vantage points along the way sang the hymn of liberty as the imperial cortege passed.

Five Arrested for Rioting.

Waycross, Ga.—Five prominent young men in this county have been arrested on warrants charging rioting as the result of the bombardment of the town of Beach, 19 miles from here, on Friday night. The men arrested are Stewart Lee, Jack W. and Robert Sweat, Robert Lee and Lee Smith.

Stock Broker Kills Himself.

Joplin, Mo.—Standing before a mirror in the bathroom of his apartments here Friday, Col. H. B. Marchbank, a prominent stock broker, sent a bullet through his brain. Marchbank left a note to his sister ascribing ill health for his action.

Lad Killed in Boxing Bout.

Philadelphia.—James Curran, 18 years old, was killed in a boxing bout with Benjamin Barnett, 17 years of age, at the Broadway Athletic club Friday. Barnett was arrested.

Woman Accused of Murder.

Charleston, W. Va.—Charged with the murder from ambush of Grafton Starbuck, a leading prohibitionist of Fayette county, at Cayley, November 28, Mrs. E. V. Smith was arrested Thursday and is now confined in the Fayetteville jail.

Kansas Glassblowers Strike.

Coffeyville, Kan.—The window glass blowers of the Kansas Window Glass Company went on a strike at noon Friday and at midnight the blowers of the Coffeyville Window Glass Company quit work.

Steamer Sunk in Collision.

New York.—The British freight steamer Daghestan was sunk outside the harbor Friday night by the tramp steamer Catalone. There was no loss of life, the crew of the Britisher being picked up by the Catalone.

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ABOUT THE LADY DOLPHINS.

Child's Inquiry Natural, Perhaps, to One of Her Sex.
A theatrical manager at the Play-ers' club said of the school of classical dancing that Miss Isadora Duncan conducts: "Miss Duncan bears some quaint remarks as she converses with her child pupils. One day, preparatory to the first lesson in a dolphin dance, she delivered to her class a little lecture on this fish. She described the grace of the dolphin, and afterward she described its habits and mode of life. "And, children," she said, "a single dolphin will have 2,000 offspring." "A little girl gave a start." "And how about the married ones?" she gasped."
ECZEMA ALL OVER HIM.

No Night's Rest for a Year and Limit of His Endurance Seemed Near—Owes Recovery to Cuticura.

"My son Clyde was almost completely covered with eczema. Physicians treated him for nearly a year without helping him any. His head, face, and neck were covered with large scabs which he would rub until they fell off. Then blood and matter would run out and that would be worse. Friends coming to see him said that if he got well he would be disgraced for life. When it seemed as if he could possibly stand it no longer, I used some Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, and Cuticura Resolvent. That was the first night for nearly a year that he slept. In the morning there was a great change for the better. In about six weeks he was perfectly well. Our leading physician recommends Cuticura for eczema. Mrs. Algy Cockburn, Shiloh, O., June 11, 1907."

LOVE'S SACRIFICE.

"Wat's de matter, Reginald, have youse sworn off smokin'?"
"Yes, you see, I'm engaged now, and my fiancée objects to a disagreeable breath."
Personal Observation.
"Boys," said the sweet young teacher, as she smiled graciously upon her Sunday school class, "it seems to me that this lesson teaches that what one begins another continues or completes. All work does not devolve piecemeal on one person. Can you illustrate with an incident from your own observation?"
"I've known father to be on a tear all night," timidly informed little Bob, "and then mother would continue to rip him up the back all next morning."

Disease Damages Tea Crops.
A curious disease which has done much damage to the tea crops of northeast India is known as "red rust." An account of the species of rust (Cepaleorus virens), which causes it, is given by C. M. Hutchins in the "Memoirs of the Agricultural Department of India." It attacks the leaves and stems of the tea plant, forming yellow patches. It is propagated by two kinds of spores, one carried by water and the other by air.
Starch, like everything else, is being constantly improved, the patent starches put on the market 25 years ago are very different and inferior to those of the present day. In the latest discovery—Defiance Starch—all injurious chemicals are omitted, while the addition of another ingredient, invented by us, gives to the Starch a strength and smoothness never approached by other brands.
The Family Skeleton.
Visitor—By George! But you've added a great many beautiful volumes to your library since I was here last. Must cost something, old man?
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THE FAIRY CHRISTMAS TREE

AXMAS Fairy Story Children
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The wife and husband looked up in astonishment. The berries on the mountain ash were glowing with a deep, soft, red light. The tree seemed to be hung with lamps carved out of large round rubies. The inexpressible beautiful radiance of the tree, and the brighter, flooding all the room, and transfiguring, with its strange rose-tint, the wondering faces of man, woman and children.

"Listen!" said Peggy, who had the quick, fresh sense of a woodland child. "Music sounded faintly in the distance, and then came nearer and nearer. Peggy ran to the door and unlatched it, and into the room there swept a troop of pretty little forest elves. They were all clad in Lincoln-green, except their Queen, and she wore a bodice and a kirtle of pure, snowy silk, with a girdle of gold and a golden headdress.

"Thank you so much," she said to Dan, "for bringing the fairy tree into our house. It will be much nicer for us to dance by a warm fire than out in the chill forest."

"I'm sorry we're nothing of a supper for you, ma'am," said Doll Derrick. "But if you'd care to taste our rabbit pie!"

"No!" said the Queen of the Elves, touching the table with her wand. "You must permit me to provide a feast for you this Christmas."

The table at once became covered with a splendid dinner. There were roast turkey, and Christmas pudding and grapes, and nuts and sweets, and boxes of crackers, and every good thing, in fact, that the heart of man could wish for.

"Now," said the Queen of the Elves, "while you are all enjoying yourselves we will do our Christmas homage to the Lady of the Mountain Ash. Strike up, my merry harpers!"

Four little men, with four little harps, sat down by the fire, and began to make a sweet, fairy music, and the Queen and the other elves took hold of hands, and danced round the red-lighted mountain ash. As they danced they sang.

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"Yes," said the keeper; "I've been tracking you in the hopes that you were after the deer again. But it doesn't matter. Soon as Christmas is over I'll have you up for it."

He walked away, leaving Dan Derrick in a state of hopeless misery. This capped it all. Dan was a wood-cutter. But the winter before his right arm had been crushed by a falling tree, and he had lost the use of it. With the help of rough, however, he had managed, since this accident, just to keep his wife and children from starving.

Now all that was over. The magistrate would impose a fine on him, and, having no money to pay it, he would be sent to prison. What would become of his wife and the five little ones?

"Well," he said, with an attempt at cheerfulness, "if you'll spoil their Christmas by telling me of what's waiting for me a couple of days after."

He returned home by the way he came, and picked up the rabbit and the mountain ash, and went to bed without saying anything to his wife.

It was to the merry-making by candlelight that they all looked forward. The morning they spent in gathering holly, and the afternoon in decking the cottage with it; and Dan himself forgot his troubles in a secret work of decoration. Shutting himself in the shed, he planted the mountain ash in a deep box filled with leaf mould, and clipped off a few unsightly leaves and tied bits of gayly colored paper on the branches. When the rabbit pie was at last placed on the table in the full light of the solitary candle, he told his two eldest boys to bring in something which they would find in the shed.

The bells ring clear at Christmas tide,
From steeples and from towers
All hearts with love are beating high
Love is their stepple bower
There is no time in all the year
When hearts are more attuned—
The Christmas bells to winter are
What rose are to June.
But steeples bells and tower bells
Ring not for saint or sinner,
A sweeter note than bell of home
That calls to Christmas dinner

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After Numerous Failures By Other Opticians Dr. Arritz Skill Proves Superior.

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