

MOTHER'S CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

With a soft good-night, her boy, grown tall and strong; she, alone in dim twilight, across the years has gone.

TWO CHRISTMAS EVES.

The mid-day train was ploughing its way through billows of drifting snow. The storm was increasing in violence, and the engine moved more slowly as it advanced.

One of the passengers who left the train at this point was a noticeable figure, in the shape of a large ulster which completely enveloped him. He was unusually tall, and erect, and was young and handsome.

It was a sunny morning, five years ago when he had last travelled this road, and he had thought of it as holy ground, because he had passed it. And now the long separation was over for ever!

He does not know the woman. "Is Rose Miss Rose Morris at home?" she asks, hurriedly.

"There ain't no mistake about it," returned the woman, with a sniff of indignation. "I'm Mrs. Green, an' I've lived with these two years—ever since her mother died—an' I worked on her wedding dress."

Out in the driving storm again, but helpless and half paralyzed by the sudden blast of his hopes. Whose was the fault? He had loved her and trusted her so completely.

The fury of the storm rose higher, and he neither saw nor heeded where he went. There was deep despair in his heart and brain, and he went blindly on, growing colder and more hopeless at every step.

At last he realized with a grim sense of humor, that he who had bravely faced the pitiless storms of the northwest—was lost in the snow in the little town where he was born.

There was silence for awhile, broken only by the low crooning of the child, and the sharp howling of the wind outside.

At last the old man looked up—"God have mercy upon all homeless wanderers in such a storm as this. Hark, what was that—did some one knock?"

A tiny figure pushed passed him, and a sweet child's voice rose high above the storm. "Ganna, ganna, tum twick! I tink it's Santa Claus!"

When John Wentworth came to himself, kind faces were bending over him. He felt dazed and weak, and was conscious of a steady rain in his left arm, which lay powerless beside him.

The doctor bent over him, "My poor boy, this was a rough welcome home to you, after all these years! Strange, strange—why John Wentworth, I pulled you through the measles and the whooping-cough when you were a boy, and thank God, we found you to-day before you had perished in the snow!"

By and by, when the arm was set and he was comfortably settled in the large, easy chair, he heard a little voice outside the door, pleading for admission. "Mamma, mamma, dear, let Fay tum in; Fay wants to see poor, hurt Santa Claus!"

The doctor laughed. "It is our baby, John; she found you! It was her sharp, little eyes that spied 'poor Santa Claus, halt buried in the snow.'"

"Let her come in," said John. Little Fay approached on tiptoe. "Santa Claus," said the sprite, "Fay so sorry, and she reached up to kiss the dark, bearded face."

Presently the storm abated, and the doctor sent to the station for John's traps, insisting that he should remain with them until the broken arm was well again.

Christmas Greeting from Mrs. Kendal. I speak the same tongue, am warmed and cooled by the same sun and wind; but I have one slight disadvantage (some think advantage); I am an actress. Now, it is generally supposed that a creature who paints her face, and wears different gowns, cannot retain the same simplicity of thought as other women; but this is not the case.

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