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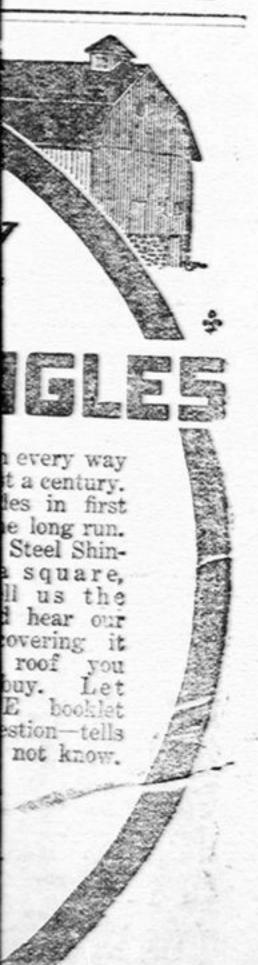
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with white icing; when this has hard-

sive ball. If not hard enough boil a lowed for thinking of an answer.

c' three eggs and the whites of two,

vanilla and just a little grated nutmeg.

Mix in sufficient flour to make a dough.

CHRISTMAS CANDIES.

become popular, many delicious and

A preparation called fondant-made

little longer, and if too hard add a lit-

tle water, boil up, and test again. Sel

as any other toothsome dainties.

are easily made.

Shrewsbury current cakes.

A Terrible Temptation

OR, THE FAMILY RING

Merlin Street, Bloomsbury, was not a very promising looking quarter of London, was Anderson's thought as his neat brougham drew up before the door of 1,000 and he sprang out and anything I could do for you?"

lis, in its uniform greyness, uniform gentle. dullness, uniform dreariness.

Each house was the counterpart of the cuild of a Mrs. James?" he asked. back a little from her touch; because every other house in the row, the only | "Little girl?" the woman looked at he remembered the news he brought breaks in the general monotony being him rather blankly; "oh! Mrs. James' her, profound pity awoke in him, and the varying arrangements of blinds daughter? Yes-she lodges here-she he looked down at her more kindly. and curtains according to the different and her mother was here together. Perhaps some of the pity that stirfancies of the tenants. Here and there and then, her pore mother bein' took red at his heart showed in his face, something approaching to taste was to the orsepital, which no doubt you've for a sudden terror leapt into her eyes, displayed in graceful draperies and heard if you're a friend of theirs, sir, she was smitten by a quick foreboding soft muslins, and at long intervals in I kep' pore Miss 'Ope on 'ere, doin' me of evil. the grey line of nouses an occasional best to make 'er comfortable, as I'm "What is it?" she said, catching her window box could be seen, giving a sure she'll tell you-she and me breath, "is mother worse? If she is touch of brightness to the otherwise bein-universal dinginess.

relief to the eye, an oasis in what was your name." otherwise a grim and depressing wild- "Brooks, sir. My name is Brooks- answer directly, not knowing how in-

Miles, standing on the doorstep, rooms for-" down-bent head and melancholy gait, door on his right. of a fare.

ently overwhelmed by the general de- subdued again by the look in his eyes, him. pression and unable to whistle, as with and deterred by it from speaking an- "What do you mean?" the girl gasped, clanging milk pails breaking the sil- planations. ence that seemed to breed sadiy over ... Anderson, left alone, glanced round slow-so dreadfully slow!' the neighborhood.

where an attempt had been made to ed the dusty window. counteract the grey monotony of the A sofa stood against one wall. It as though it were a cold winter's day street. No boxes adorned its windows, lepped forlornly over, being one leg instead of a sultry afternoon in Septhe curtains in the lower room were short, its springs were broken, and a tember. of a dingy green material and very large patch of white lining showed "I want to help you to bear what worn and faded; the windows them- through the torn horsehair which cov- will I am afraid be a shock to you," selves were thickly coated with dust, ered it. and the blinds were torn in more than An armchair, in a like condition of hands into his. "I am Doctor Anderone place, were only partially pulled ruin, flanked one side of the fireplace, son-your mother was my patient-"

A depressed virginia creeper climbed was always trying to sustain existence ominous word, and her hands gripped the house wall-its appearance led to on three legs. the conclusion that it had been strug- The rest of the room was nearly filled him,-"why do you was was? isn't she gling upwards for years, if not for cen- up by a large round table, covered with still your patient? Have you left the turies-and a recent gale had torn a torn and filthy red cloth, and adorned hospital? or is she well?" The words arway large trails of it, which no one by a glass case containing a few decre- poured from her lips in a perfect torhad enough energy to nail up again, pit and discolored wax flowers.

Two vigorous pulls at the shaky bell board with its varmish scraped off, com- in the eyes of a wounded animal. derson, waxing more impatient every apartment. blinds were half down, all were torn; brightness--' and curtains were drawn across some. His meditations were interrupted, the cipated; but she died almost before we of the upper windows, giving an added | door was opened sharply, and a girl | could realize that any change had effect of desolation to the already suf- came flying in, exclaiming breathless- come."-

ficiently desolate abode.

he said grimly, at the same time lift, and glared defiantly at Miles Ander, able amazement, she turned fiercely ing his other hand and giving a thun-1 son. dering knock with the knocker.

opened, footsteps clattered out to the mentarily deprived Anderson of the her die, alone, in a strange place area stones, a sharp voice called out:- power of speech, and he stood looking without me? How could you? how could that din?" and Miles, looking over the on him, too amazed to do anything but | The pitiful wailing cry ended in a railing, saw a short slatternly woman stare at her. ci the cause of the disturbance.

change which swept over her wrathful only look at her vacantly, and say mist before Miles' eyes. countenance, as she caught sight of mentally over and over again:him, brought a 'smile to Anderson's "But this is not at all what I expect, ewn limitations as he realized them at face, and he called down to her:-

"I want to get into the house if any

ner seemed even more alarming to the faltering voice:woman than the unusual apparition "Have you come from mother?" of so grand a gentleman on her doorstep, and murmuring:-

"Im sure I beg your pardon, sir," your mother," again, and in a few seconds Anderson the girl clasped her hands, and look, shoulder:the front door was slowly opened, and agony of appeal in her eyes. "I haven't end was very peaceful?" he said kindthe woman reappeared, wiping her seen her for six weeks, and-I was Iv. face in embarrassed fashion with an just thinking to-day that she would. At his touch she sprang to her feet

"I'm sure I beg your pardon, sir." be better after six weeks in the hos- Her lips quivered pathetically; great she said again; "I made sure it was pital. Have you come to say she will lears rolled down her cheeks. one of them boys; boy's hereabouts are soon be home?" the most tiresome young devils, if Forgetting her awe of the tall well- I wasn't there," she said fiercely again, you'll excuse me sayin' so, sir,"

"I'll excuse anything, my good we- hand and touched his arm, her face wasn't ever harpy without me. Ohl man, if you will let me come inside lighting up eagerly. the house and get my errand done." During the few minutes in which did they let your die without your own

The varying emotions he had already passed through in the course of the afternoon, beginning with his intensitie press him favorably. This fastidious explained bead to foot and she did not intensitie press him favorably. This fastidious explained bead to foot and she did not intensitie press him favorably. This fastidious explained bead to foot and present the favorably with the long dead on the storage No. It is always and trimpess the favorably and for the flow ill she had been foot and for the third time him to a pitch of exasporation which. He intended then foot a passion to the first time.

ing this desire, but possibly it gleamed

The street closely resembled hun- on her face that Anderson was smitten have reminded a less prejudiced being dreds of other streets in the metropo- with compunction and his tone grew of the changing deeps and shallows of "Have you a little girl lodging here,

The sight of those few straggling patiently; "the point is that I want to only put her hand upon his arm but lebelias and geraniums was a positive see the little girl-Mrs.-I don't know shook it impatiently. "Don't you

waiting with what patience he might Please take me into a sitting-room overwhelm her. for a tardy answer to his ring, looked and bring the little girl to me,' the up and down the street, and wonder- doctor said slowly, with difficulty re- at last, speaking slowly and painfully, ed why the inhabitants did not die of pressing his renewed longing to hit and I am afraid that I am not bringmonotony and general inanition. One that dirty face now overspread with ing you good news."

admit of him looking round in search might pass into an apartment of the striven so hard after self-repression most typical lodging-house type.

the customary sangfroid of his kind; other word, much as she yearned to her eyes growing wide and startled; the milkman slowly dawdled past, his break forth into a fresh stream of ex- "is mother really worse? oh! who are

the room with a little shiver. It smelt | Again her small hands seized and derson stood was not one of those had passed by since any one had open- was shivering all over with fear and

and they dragged forlorn lengths up. Two cane chairs, a sadly ancient of her cheeks; the anguish in her eyes

within the doorway, panted after her would faint. "That ought to felch somebody out. hasty rush from the top of the house. But all at once, and to his unspeak-

A door in the basement was noisily breath away, something had also mo- said passionately; "how could you let "Whatever d'you want making all at the apparition that had burst in up- you? Ah! mother-mother."

ed-not at all what I expected."

"Yes," Miles answered, finding his! Presently, as her weeping grew less!

soon be coming home now. She must and faced him like an animal at bay.

dressed stranger, Hope put out her sebs choking her me she spoke; "she

they had confronted one another, little Hope? Why did they let you die?"

round her in quaint folds, and was co short that it allowed an excellent view to be obtained of downtrodden shoes full of holes and untidy stockings.

Her badly-made, ill-fitting frock hung

A brooch pinned crookedly into the neck of her gown seemed to be the only means of keeping it together, and she Her hair, hanging in loose unkempl

masses round her face, had evidently been combed hurriedly into a heap and speared through with a great silver dagger, the untidiness of the whole prevented Anderson from seeing how picturesque wer e those dusky masses of hair, and how soft and curly were the tendrils that lay upon her fore-

He only saw that her head was un tidy, and untidiness in a woman was in his eyes, for the lady of the house to him an almost unpardonable sin. drew back with considerable prompti-He noticed that her complexion was sallow, but he failed to see that her "Please to walk in, sir. Was there eyes were remarkable and beautiful.

green in color, and with wonderful There was so terrified an expression lights and shades in them, which might a mountain stream. Because she repelled him he drew

"Yes-yes," Anderson broke in im- once-at once," and this time she not hear?" she reiterated, when he did not me and my husband we've kep' these deed to put into words for this impetucus child the great trouble that was to

"Yes-I hear, Miss James," he said growler crawled slowly down the mid- ar. unctuous smile. "Can I go in He chose his words with the utmost dle of the road, the horse walking with here?" and he touched the handle of a care, only anxious now to let the shock come to her as lightly as might be.

the driver sunk down on the box in Mrs. Brooks hastened to open the at the moment only consumed by the that words and looks of sympathy or silence. An errand boy slouched by, appar- "I'll send Miss Hope down," she said, tenderness were almost impossible to

you? Do tell me quickly, you are so

excitement, whilst her teeth chattered

Miles said very gently, and taking her faced by a rickety bamboo table that "Was-was-" -she caught at the at his with a grasp that positively hurt rent, a spot of color burned in each

had been fruitful of no result, and An- pleted the depressing contents of the "Will you try to be quiet, my child?" and I promised her that I would do fuls of warm water; then stir it into he said, speaking to her as though she moment, drew back on the top step and "Good heavens! what a place, and were much younger than was the scanned the forbidding looking build- what an atmosphere for Mrs. James' case; "I have very, very bad news to ing from top to bottom, but no sign unfortunate little girl. Certainly I tell you. This afternoon your mother of life appeared anywhere. All the must find a good school where some became suddenly much worse-nothing so sudden had been in the least anti-

The girl's hands dropped out of his. "Is everybody dead or gone away?" | "Oh! who are you? Have you come she stood looking at him silently for Anderson muttered; "get in I must, from mother? May I go and see her? a moment, as though his words had by hook or by crook," and he again Why has no news of her come to-day?" turned her to stone, and the color fadseized the bell-pull and tugged at Want of breath alone prevented a ed out of her cheeks and lips, leaving with all his full force, not loosing his continuation of this shower of ques- them so white that Miles stretched out hold of it though the bell echoed over tions, and the new-comer, standing just his arm towards her, fearing that she

If natural causes had taken her "You ought to have felched me!" she

slorm of unrestrained weeping, and with arms akimbo, and crimson indig- If this was Hope James, then Hope Hope flung herself upon her knees benant face gazing upwards in search James was not a child at all, not even side the armchair, burying her face in a little girl, but a grown up girl, al- hands, and sobbing in a pathetic. The extraordinary suddenness of the most a young woman; and Miles could heart-broken fashion that brought a Never in his life had he realized his

that moment; whilst on one hand he The girl, startled by his silence, and felt utterly powerless to soothe the litone would be good enough to open the a little overawed perhaps by his ap- tle shabby figure that knelt sobbing pearance, moved slowly across the beside the shabby chair, on the other His suave voice and sarcastic man- room towards bim, and repeated in a he felt himself to be a brute for being unable to do anything but stand awkwardly watching her.

voice at last, "yes-I-have come from violent, and the hysterical sobs died down into little choking gasps almost she vanished through the back door "Oh! and please may I go to her?" more pitiful to hear, he touched her heard creaking steps within the house, ed up into his face wislfully, a whole | "Would it help you to know that the

"It couldn't have been peaceful when mummy darling, mummy darling, why



"Whew, here I am with presents for little boys and girls,"

"You must be quiet at once," he work said, "and you must listen to what I want to tell you. You must stop crying directly."

The grave voice, the slern manner, and the firm clasp of his hands produced the effect he desired; and though she still sobbed softly under her breath, the wild hysterical crying ceased, and | a lethargic sleepiness too deep even to door for him, holding it wide that he futile wish that he had not all his life she looked up at him with frightened eyes, and quivering lips subdued into

> "Come and sit here,' he went on drawing her on to the sofa, "I want!

Hope clutched at the hand she sail oven for one hour.

to take care of you."

fured her to himself, those difficulties square or round pan and bake in a to a good school, and supervising her mest idea in the world what to do with fold in the well beaten whites and an hysterical girl of eighteen! (To be Continued.)

---NOT THAT.

sportsman. Are you fond of fishing?" and when cold cut with a sharp knife sized turkeys really are far more ten-Walton-"That's where I draw the into oblong pieces the shape and size der than those gigantic birds so proud- Tell your audience that it is in your

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> > AN AFTER THOUGHT.

all fruit cakes, is the better for stand-"Your mother's one trouble was lest ing. Seed and chop fine one pound of on the pavement of the grimy area. | bookcase, and a three-cornered cup- hurt Miles, it was so like the agony you should be left uncared for. She layer raisins. Dissolve a quarter of a spoke to me very anxiously about you, leaspoonful of soda in two tablespoonall I could for you. I have promised half a cupful of New Orleans mloasses; add to this half a pint of thick sour The magnitude of the task he haed cream and a cupful of dark brown undertaken flashed across Miles' brain sugar. Sift three and a quarter cuoat that moment, and a thousand unfore. I fuls of pastry flour; add to it the mixseen difficulties forced themselves into ture, and beat thoroughly; then add a prominence, as he looked down at the tablespoonful of allspice and a table-

> If she had been the child he had pic- add the raisins, floured. Turn into a would have been solved by sending her moderate oven for one hour and a half. Domino Cakes .- Dominoes are not education. But as things were, he sud- difficult to make. Beat half a pound denly realized that the problem be of butter to a cream, adding gradualfore him had assumed gigantic propor. by two cupfuls of sugar; add the yolks tions, and that he had not the dim- of four eggs. Beat thoroughly; then three cupfuls of pastry flour sifted with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, her that muscatel raisins will give the judge. Pour into greased shallow pans to puddings a richer flavor and better the depth of half an inch. Bake in a color. You can buy them cheaply if players are either in prison or promoted moderate oven for fifteen minutes, loose and not in bunches, Dallon-"I hear you are a great When done turn out on a cloth to cool, When Choosing the Turkey .- Medium of a domino. Cover the top and sides by displayed by poulterers.

CHRISTMAS CAKES.

Farmers' Fruit Cake.-Chop fine half thoughts of you-she smiled so radi- ter must be the thickness of ordinary paper.

Hardly conscious of what she did, ed cake pan, and bake in a moderate ever variety of nut meats you prefer seat and the sheriff immediately runs held, and a spasm passed over her Poor Man's Fruit Cake.-A delicious a roll. Cover this with plain fondant, caught. The prisoner is taken before the face, but Miles' restraining power pre- cake, but must be made most careful- roll in granulated sugar, and let hard- judge and the sheriff makes a charge. vented her from sobbing afresh, and ly to bring about good results. It, like en until next day, then cut crosswise. The charge may be anything. For in-PLUM PUDDING.

spoonful each of cloves and cinnamon;

amount may be made at one time. In right one. to tell you what were your mother's a pint of dried apples; cover with half divide the mass before kneading, and left the room were told that they must making several pounds it is better to | For instance, the company who first a pint of cold water and let them soak cach part may be flavored differently, act a word that rhymed with "dell." "Did she tell you?" Hope asked, a over night. The next morning add a Chocolate Creams.—Dust the mold- One of them immediately came in ringcurious, incredulous expression flitting cupful of golden syrup; simmer gently ing board with as little flour as pos- ing a tea bell. over her face, for the man beside her for one hour. Stand aside to cool, Beat sible and roll a piece of fondant into "No," said the audience, "it is not was strangely unlike any one who had half a cupful of butter to a cream; add a cylindrical shape. Cut in into regu- bell." The house before which Doctor An- musty and close, obviously long ages shook his arm, and he realized that she one cupful of granulated sugar. Dis- lar shaped pieces, roll between the lar shaped pieces are shaped pieces. ed lodgings, indeed altogether differ- solve a teaspoonful of soda in two palms of the hands until round, lay on is obliged to guess what word the coment from the very few men Hope had tablespoonfuls of water and add it to parafin paper, and let harden until the pany is acting, while the company must half a cupful of buttermilk or sour next day. Melt a cake of chocolate in guess the word the audience wishes 'Yes, I was with her at the end, all milk; add this to the batter; add two a rather deep vessel that has been set acted. her last words were about you, and— teaspoonfuls of cinnamon, half a tea- in a pan of hot water, add a piece of Sell, well, tell and Nell were acted to I think she died with the thought of spoonful of cloves, and one egg well paraffin half as large as a walnut, the ne purpose, but when "cell" was repreyou in her mind.' A memory of the beaten. Sift two cupfuls of flour; add same amount of butter, and one-fourth sented it was pronounced the right wonderful smile on the face of the dy- a little flour, a little of dried apple mix- feaspoonful of vanilla. Boll the cream word. ing weman made him add softly, "she ture, and a little more flour until you in this by using a steel fork or crochet must have had some very sweet have the whole well mixed. The bat- needle, and place again on paraffin antly when she spoke your name." | cake batter, Pour this into a well greas. | Nut Rolls,-Take equal parts of what, judge and a sheriff. The judge takes a

One pound of butter, one pound of The prisoner must answer in such a one pound of sugar, two and a half reply: pounds of flour, two pounds of raisins. seeded and chopped, two pounds of currants, stemmed and washed, one-quar- with testimony, as, for instance: brandy, one-half ounce each of cloves and mace, two grated nutmegs, Cream eggs, alternately with the flour. Steam

CHRISTMAS HINTS.

Raisins for Plum Pudding .- Remem- leased and promoted to be assistant

ants for mince meat and Christmas tain you," you must say. "and I shall pudding bear in mind that if left all not bind you in any way, but all the damp they cause heaviness and if they same you will not be able to get out of are dried in a hurry before a quick fire the ring, struggle as you will, without their flavor is spoiled. For the Boys .- When the housekeep-

to the house during Christmas,

dishes pick some nice leaves from the off his eyes he will see that it is imposstalks of holly and wipe dry, then sible for him to get out of the "ring" place them on a dish hear the fire to without taking off his coat, and the audiget quite dry, but not too near to ence will landisheartily at the joke. shrivel; dip them in oiled butter, sprinkle over them some coarsely ground sugar, and dry them before the fire. To play the game of "baste the bear Pudding .- A good recipe for Christ- one of the places is chosen bear. He one pound of currants, one pound of yards long hed afound his waist, the raw sugar, half a pound of sultanas, intr end one pound of finely chopped suct, one pound of flour, one pound of breadcrumbs; two ounces of candied peel. half gunce of bitter almonds, one gunce of sweet almonds, four wass one lea-

ened dip a wooden skewer into melted chocolate and draw the lines and make the dots of the dominoes. Children always are delighted with these little # FUN FOR CHRISTMAS the dots of the dominoes. Children al-Sand Tarts.-Beat half a pound of + GATHERINGS. butter to a cream and add half a pound | + of granulated sugar; then add the yolks

The following jolly game was recently Dust your baking board thickly with played after this fashion: The guests granulated sugar. Take out a piece of were arranged in a circle around the dough, roll with a thin sheet, cut with room. One young man occupied a reround cutters and bake in a moderate velving chair in the centre of the circle. oven until a light brown. Dust the top so that he could easily face any one in

of the sheet with sugar instead of flour. "Ladies and gentlemen," he said, "I to prevent the roller from sticking. By are here for criticism, advice and conadding half a pound of cleaned currants demnation. I am not sensitive, and it o the above recipe you will have doesn't matter what I get, but the principal words of your answers must begin with my initials, J. C. F." Turning to the first one he said, "What sort of a Confectionery is one of the prere- chap am I?"

quisiles of childhood and is looked for "Jolly, careful and frisky," was the at Christmas by people of all ages, and prompt answer.

as choice French candies are beyond! To her right-handed neighbor he said: the capacity of many a purse, and "What sort of a wife ought I to have?" he capacity of many a purse, and "Jaunty, cunning and fast," was a cheap ones are often made unwholesome, if not positively dangerous, by rather disconcerting reply. "What ought I to eat?" he asked the adulteration, home-made candies have

attractive varieties being as easily made "What profession am I best fitted for?" was asked the next person. "Janitor, carpenter or fisherman," was by removing boiled syrup from the fire the reply. just before it will harden is the foun-"I don't agree with you," he exclaimdation of nearly all French candies, ed. Appealing to the next person he

"Jam, custard and fish," she answered.

and when once the art of making this said : "What do you think I am best is mastered, a large variety of candles fitted for?" "I age, commercial lawyer or finan-Fondant .- To one pound of sugar cier," was the more flattering answer. add one-half pint cold water and one- And so the game went on. . When a fourth teaspoonful cream of tartar and person failed to make an answer se was boil rapidly for ten minutes without obliged to change places with the guesstirring. Dip the fingers into ice water, I tioner, and, giving his own initials, ask drop a little of the syrup into cold questions about himself. No question is water, then roll it between the fingers allowed on any other subject or about until it forms a soft, creamy, inadhe- any one else. Only two minutes is al-

DUMB CRAMBO.

aside in the kettle to become lukewarm. To play this game the guests are divithen stir the mass with a ladle until it is white and dry at the edge. It turns in leaving the room. When the should then be taken out and kneaded. first six go out those remaining select a lexactly as one would knead dough, word, then a word rhyming with that one until it is creamy and soft. By covering with a damp cloth and keeping in then re-enter the room, one or more, or e cool place it will keep well for sev- all at once, and proceed to act other eral days, and several times this rhyming words, until they find the

RHYMING COURTS.

"I caught this person stealing some

"The sheriff's brain must be astray."

This continues till the prisoner fails least six times, the judge thunders some-"Discharge the sheriff for not being

can respond immediately with a rhyme, I'll work day and night," that player gets the office, while the prisoner is re-

right." And if any of the other players

Thus the game continues till all the to be assistant judges.

MAGIC CIRCLE.

power to place any person present in Christmas Pudding-Allow the Christ- lie middle of the room and draw a mas pudding to sland for at least five circle round him, out of which, although ninutes before turning it out of the his legs and arms are free, it will be imbasin to serve; it lessens the chance of possible for him to escape without taking

Currants.-When washing the cur-1 "I shall use absolutely no force to de-Your audience will be considerably

ing purse will allow it, an extra batch puzzled, and some one is sure to offer to of perhaps plainer mince pic, etc., give be put in the magic ring. Place the pergreat pleasure to the various er and son in the middle of the room, blindfold boys and messengers who may come a piece of white chalk and draw a line right around his waist, dutside the coat, To Frost Holly Leaves.-For dessert When the bandkerchief has been taken

"It's curious about that stilch in my tion as cook) Have ton ever worked neck," said Mrs. Smiley. "I can turn for Mrs. Hierarties of worked my head only one stay and that's to "Applicant—Yis, marain; who week, the right. It's a good thing, loo, After Mrs. Upmore—Well, if you suited her

suit me at all, Good morning.

Mr. Christmas Shopper suddenly remembers that he has not paid last this I shan't be afraid I'll see the new for as long a time as that you wouldn't moon over my left shoulderi"

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