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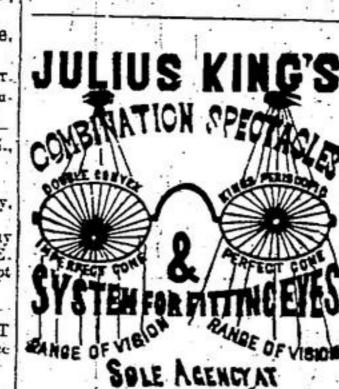
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THURSDAY MORNING, Dec. 22, 1881. POETRY.

A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS.

Ye who have scorned each other. Or infared friend or brother, In this fast fading year-Ye who, by word or deed. Have made a kind heart Weed. Come, gather here ! Let sinued against and signing Forget their strifes, beginning,

And join in friendship now ; Be links no longer broken. Be sweet forgiveness spoken Under the bolly bough, Ye who have loved each other, Sister and friend and brother, In this fast lading year-

Mother and sire and child Young man and maiden wild. Come, gather bere ; And let your hearts grow fonder, As memory shall ponder Each past unbroken row,

Old loves and younger wooing

Are sweet in the renewing. Under the holly bough. Ye who have nourished sadness. Estranged from hope and gladness In this test fading year-Ye with o'debardened mind. Made alien from your kind, Come, gather here.

Let not the aseless sorrow Pursue you night and morrow : If e'er you hoped, hope now : Take heart! Uncloud your faces, And join in our embraces, Under the holly bough.

OUR STORY.

CHRISTMAS WITHOUT A DINNER.

This is not a story of the famine, whe there was no corn except in Egypt, but They intend keeping on hand a full stock of a somewhat later period; and the scene is Meats of all Rinds, and have made up not laid in Oriental lands, nor yet in Ireland, nor any other famine-stricken coun try, but in the heart of this "Canada of ours," and in a favored spot where not only "corn and wine" and "milk and honey but many other things which we have come to regard as indispensable at Christmas time, are abundant and cheap. However circumstances sometimes force us to ab

stain in the midst of the greatest plenty. I don't know a great deal about the con Astruction of stories ; but I suppose, to b orthodor, I must divide it into chapters, and bence will begin, and perhaps end,

"Do you suppose, Nellie, you could possibly give up your visit home this winter? If a cloud of inky blackness had suddenly covered the horizon, making everything as dark as night on that bright winter's day, it would not have made a greater change in the outer world . than . these few words and hopes by strict attention to business to wrought in the hopes and prospects of tecure a fair share of the patronage of the Nellie Jones, the supposed at first her husband was only tessing, but when she looked up and saw the saxious look in his face she knew it was already virtually

"Possibly, if necessary," she answered, and two home tears fell on little Bertie's, beauty; but just fancy a hungry man say- takes place. face, making him start in his aleep. More would have followed, but she forced them back, and asked, as bravely as she could, what had happened to interfere with their

ccustomed visit "Nothing has happened," Mr. Jones re plied ; "but the Temperance cause will need all its active, earnest workers at the time, for our Prohibitory by-law is to submitted to the people on the 26th, I am sorry, for your sake and my own ; but must be here, even though I can do noth ng more than give my own vote."

Mr. Jones did not anticipate any opposition from his wife, for she was fally in sympathy with this work-fully charged with the excitement and enthusiasm of the day-almost up to the point of starting a Woman's crusade. So many houses were being lavaded and so many hearts broken by the destroyer, that it seemed a little thing for the women to give their time and energies and prayers to the work. But here was an unlicked for sacrifice, and Nellie felt that her one vulnerable fortress had been attacked. But it was not berself, so much as the dear friends at home. splendid stone dwelling on Main St. near whom she thought. The day before she had received a letter from her sister, which closed as follows: ! We are counting the days, and soon will begin to count the hours until Christmas. Mother dreamed last night that you were sick and could not come, and to-day she has talked of unthing else. She mys she is afraid you are getting weaned from home for you never stayed sway so long before. Do write at once and relieve mother's fears."

For half an hour previous to Mr. Jones coming, she sat rocking Bertie, and looking out luto the busy street, but seeing noth ing : for the words of her sister's letter were making sweet schoes in her heart, and site saw only the deer old home, where she the only absent member, was so constantly

at least give us a hearty welcome and a thoroughly enjoyed. without a dinner ; so don't go too late.

Nellie could scarcely repress an exclamation of impatience, as she thought hew poorly that would compensate for her disappointment, and how little the thought of dinner entered into her anticipations of Christmas. Little sorrow would it cause her if there was no such thing as dinner on | part. Christmas. So she thought | but she was s womas -men think differently.

Auntie Stone was not their 'really, truly' sunt, as the children would explain, but a kind old lady with whom Arthur had once boarded, who had since been his most ardent friend and admirer, and latterly Neille's in a modified degree, for his sake. A week fater she called and repeated her invitation, which they accepted without hesitation. "Don't take too much treuble for us." Nellie said ; " Arthur may be detained in some way until it is too late; if so, shall we drive out for supper ?"

Come when you can," Auntie replied and as for the trouble, there is no one. after my own boys, that I had rather take trouble for than Arthur."

"What time will Auntie expect me !" Arthur asked on Christmas morning. Nellie did not know, but no one aver thought of having dinner before one or two o'clock on Christmas, she imagined. However, they had better go earlier; and she charged Arthur not to stay in his office too late. So she didn't see him agiin until nearly one o'clock, and they had to drive six miles for their dinner. They reached Auntie Stone's at two o'clock, and were welcomed so warmly that had it not been for the lingering thoughts of "home and mother " Nellie would have been entirely satisfied and happy. It struck her, upon the rank, fat goose hangs high before the entering, that everything in the dining- shops in a most unseemly manner. Colls

room had a remarkably put-away look, and of indigestible sausages; flabby, clammy casional opening and shutting of doors re- thankful that Christmas comes but once a vealed nothing, except that the occupants year. of the kitchen were not saleep. There, too, everything seemed in a state of the most

admirable tranquility. What a model household! Nellie reflected. What perfect machinery to run so smoothly ! Just then Christmas which fills our streets with pleafluished. It was brought for his inspection, mas, for it is a day when the blessed of all and he made a feeble attempt to praise its menuions, the re-union of the family circle, ing anything complimentary, with a prospect of no dinner in the distance. You

can't do it Again poor little Bertie whispered, "I tay, ma, I'm hungry;" and for the first time Nellie realized the peculiar danger that threatened her from that quarter. The time had passed when they could with propriety confess that they had had no dianer. and now if Bertie betrayed the fact, Auntie would never forgive their want of frank ness. No, no, Bertie must suffer hunger if necessary, rather than cause her such

chagrin, to say nothing of the trouble of preparing a second dinner. Taking Bertie aside, she told him that I he would not tell Auntie he was hungry, she would give him all the money she had in her pocket, and ever so much more when they got home. Bertle took in the situstion at once, and demanded not only his mother's money but her waich, which she took off with the air of a martyr, and pu it into her little boy's pocket, The littl tyrant strode up and down the room, dis playing his possession, and Auptie, no doubt, pitied in her heart the poor, weak mother, that seemed to be entirely at the mercy of his three-year-old despot Calling Bertie to her. Auntie saked what he is tended to do with his money. He thought a moment, and then replied.

"I dem I'll buy free or four turkeys fo "Why, didn't you have turkey for your

"No : you didn't div me any, and my ma's doin to div me some when I do home, and a lot of monies, too," answered the litpart of the compact.

ment ; but dear, true-hearted eld Auntie inv their creator than all the talk you can remembered and so faithfully loved. I ap- bever took the hint; and when apples were give them the rest of the year. Their bepeal to every home-sick woman, in the first | brought in, and cake for Bertie, the danger | hef in the reality of old Sents Change lades

Whole No. 857 Stone's lavitation for Christmas; she would | and butter and other substantials more Monal. - Christmas isn't much, after all

Ohristmas Thoughts

What men call accident is God's own An eminent reputation is as dangerous as

The best religion is the most tolerant.

Every moment of time is precious, even suniversary of the day the Saviour of all as a grain of guid. Good actions ennoble us, and we are the

ons of our own deeds. A taste of every sort of knowledge I necessary to form she mind. Evil often stops short at itself, and

with the doer of it; but good, never. Time is a wave which never murmurs, because there is no obstacle to its flow. The sublimity of wisdom is to do those things living which are to be desired when

Commencing a right thing is a cheap substitute for doleg it, and with this we are

too apt to satisfy ourselves. -The man who employs his time advantage of others, is as worthless a crea ture as he who is always idle.

are often those which contain the germ of the profoundest and most useful truths.

Ohristmas Edibles Fearful, recking mince pies have smeller to heaven for ten days nest; blosted turkeys insult our dyspeptic vision in every street that she never saw a hostess so easy and un- unwholesome looking oysters; apoplectic, disturbed just before a Christmas dinner as awful plum puddings; black, moist, fru'ty Auntie seemed to be. Nellie admired her cakes; every catable thing which makes a serenity; but the ride had sharpened her dyspeptic man miserable has been thrust appetite, and she was quite ready to excuse forward with horrid enthusiasm. Butchers, her hostess if only she would leave her to poulterers, greengrocers, bakers, seem to entertain herself and go and look after the suppose that all men have suddenly been dinner. Yes; it must be confessed, women endowed with cavernous stomachs, and do sometimes chang: their minds, and even ostrich like digestion. The Christmas sea Nellie began to wish for her dinner. As son is regarded as a carnival of greasy esthour passed, and still she sat talking and ing. Suet is the most pronounced comknitting, and not the faintest odor of goose ponent of a holiday diet. The land sends or turkey had reached them yet. The oc. forth its deplorable fatness. Let us be

> Hall, Joyous Christmas! Hall, foyous, merry Christmas, all hail

Bertle whispered, "I'm hungry, ma; when sure and our houses with laughter. Hail will Auntie get dinner ?" Nellie glanced at glorious festival, which gladdens the hearts her watch; and instinctively looked at of the little ones and sends Santa Claus, Arthur, who was also consulting his, and along with sleighs drawn by reindeers, the despairing look on his face nearly sent | which travels as fast, and far more noiseher into convulsions. Their hopes of din- lessly, than the wind. Banta Claus the ner were growing smaller by degrees, for benevolent, but the invisible, for whom it had just dawned upon them that they millions of bright eyes are watching and had arrived too late. Arthur looked say. waiting, but which, without seeing the disagely at Miss Stone's elaborate embroidery, penser of excellent things, close in heavy and her mother, mistaking the look for one slumber to open in the morning and distend of interest' told her d ughter that Mr. Jones | with delight at the treasures their ancient was looking at her work, and perhaps he friend has left behind him. But it is not would like to see the piece she had just the young alone who welcome royal Christ-

Merry Christmas to you all and happy

To neh and poor And great and small In lonely cot, or stately hall, in friendship We send our kindest wishes,

Hoping of loaves and fishes

on have your share.

Of turkey and "plan duff" We trust you have enough and some to spare For those who in this merry season Lack food, -and tire perhaps to keep

So don't begrudge your gifts of break There's few that e'er repent their Xmas

Christmas comes but once a year, and I an age like this, when everything is changing, we do not know how it could be made to come oftener. For the sake of the young, who usually find it a time of deliverance from tasks, and a time for receiving marks of affection, we could vote for a pair of them at wide intervals, if the arrangement could in any way be made to harmonize with nature and with facts. We can have

Only One Christmas.

memorable birth-day-could not happen in

two fairs, or any number of them ; two or

twenty bolidays of a nameless kind; but

two birthdays and Christmas is an ever

Make Chris mas Joyous, Make Christmas merry. Repecially tle innocent, only half understanding his the children have a real holiday, a few shill lines now can fill's whole year with ples Nellie said she felt as if she were sitting east memories and teach them grander leeon the ragged edge of despair at that mo. sons about honoring their parents and lov-

CHRISTMAS BOSES

Pale winter reces, the white ghosts Last beauty that the Old Year boosts

Ere his reign oloses I tather you, so farewell gift you fade, his moments swift

Will all be byer. Kind ghoete ye are, that trouble not, But wake fond memories half-forgot,

And thoughts that gladden.

O changeless Past ! I would the year Laft of leat hours No ghosts that brought more shame or feat Than these white flowers

Christmas Proparations

There is one argument in favor of christianity which is felt far spd near. At the account the anniversary of the birth of our Lord, a change as irresutible as it is apparent comes over avery man. People amile more and laugh oftener than at any other period of the year. A wholesome love for the beautiful and the good enters into every man's breast. He is more generous, more doble, more considerate, he is a different man than at any other time during the hast twelve months, nothing takes possession of their hearts like the season surrounding the

men was born into the world. Nothing reminds one so much of the approach of this festive season as the windows of our stores which bear a holiday aspect and are filled pleasing to the taste, and, attractive to the eye. One is amazed at thu beauty of the many Christmas cards that invite one's admiration at every turn, every color of the rainbow, almost every shape and figure in nature, are wrong in to make Christmar cards attractive, and yet on nearly all of them the dear old legend "A Merry .. Christmas" is found. Oh, how beautiful. How every one weald miss them if there was no Christmas. The old mother sitting by her fireside knitting, opens the large envelope and lo, her boy far away sends her a card. Her tears drop on it as she marmars : "God blass him," she will show it" to all who come into the house. It has The obscurest sayings of the truly great made her life more beautiful, and the far away boy, not so good perhaps as he should

be, is a better manfor having sent it. Everybody gets Christmas cards, father, mother, sister, brother, wife, sweetheart, school girl, preacher, merchant, clerk, from the lowest to the highest, all get pleasing reminders of the holiest of all anniversaries. Some are only a few cents, others cost dollars, yet they who get the plainest are as pleased and proud as the happy receiver of the work of an artist. The best of them can only convey the same meaning; the

sublime remembrance of our Saviour.

Ohristmas Tit Bits little bit of patience often makes the sur And a little bit of love makes a very happy

A little bit of hope makes a rainy day look

And a little bit of charity makes glad a

Since Last Christmas

If you have been gaining little by little every day be content. If your expenses are less than your income, you are constantly accumulating riches. Be content; so far as conceras

money you are doing well. Have you been caining knowledge every day ! Though it be little by fittle the aggregate of the accumulation, where no day is permitted to pass without adding something to the stock, will have been surprising to

Little by little never omitting to learn

reading, always studying a little between the time of rising up in the morning and lying down at night; this is the way to socumulate a storeheuse of knowledge. Finally, have you been daily improving in character? Be not discouraged because it is little by little. The best men fall short of what they themselves would wish to be.

dewn-hearted so long as you are approach ing nearer and nearer to the high standard at which you aim. . Little by little fortunes are accumulated : Little by little knowledge is gained; little by little character and reputation are

Strive to be perfect, but it's not become

schieved.

Ohristmas Humor An er hange asks : "Do beets pay ?" Dead beats never nav.

In view of the buck wheat season the New Haven Register calls in a loud voice for scratching posts. When six young ladies sit down to telk

about a new dress paltern a small boy with

a tin horn is a refuge for the weary. . "Are you feeling very ill ?" asked the physician; "let me see your tongue) please." "It's no use, doctor," replied the poor patient: " no tongue can'tell how bed

Now is the time when ittle boys Prepared for fun and frolic. Find all too late, that Christmas Joys

Merge sadiy into colic.

Seasbnable.

Ohristmas Carols, Who has not felt his heart stiered to its inmost depths by the sound of the Christmas carola? What sour so truly fall of peaces of love and of lev as that ! And what would merry old Christmas be, with all its old time festivities, without its glad carols ringing out upon the frosty sir, to the accompanying music of the sweet

And all the halls on carth shall ring. On Objectmen day, on Objectmen day.