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It was a little Christmas tree, with candles all aglow,
And golden baubles and silver stars,
And children's hands around it, and joyous voices,
And not a single tear on any cheek,
But next week, all of a sudden, it was all over,
And the little tree was left alone,
And the children's hands were cold,
And the joyous voices were still,
And the tears were on every cheek,
And the little tree was left alone.

him, the 'lousy gentleman.' She says she plays an organ somewhere. And then your old Mrs. Stone would talk perfectly proper."

"It would not do at all," said Nan softly. And she fell to work energetically on the bill of fare. "I've got the member's list down. Mince pie and—"

"Nanny Heywood, you are trying all over that menu. Give us the pencil."

"Mamma used to make—such lovely mince pies, and I used to help her!" Nan sobbed in explanation.

Dodo pushed the unused pencil tragically at her. "And you are breaking our contract."

"Not to attend to home—Christmas or our own people? I know it—I know it!"

"Think about Mrs. Stone. Nan. It is tough on her."

"Dodo's own voice was not perfectly steady, and she looked under the word 'member's' she suddenly blurted out 'lousy'—"

"O, you are getting badly mixed up with retirement. Let us return to our—"

"Turkey, of course."

"The menu finished. Dodo pushed the pen away and hit her down the pencil. "Well, I suppose it will be the main party."

"It can't be him, Dodo. That is simply out of the question."

"The typewriting mill was older than the little main teacher by several years. She also was not as fat. Indeed she was plain. The two things fitted her for leadership."

"That Christmas, and in His Name!" It is not as if we were inviting any one for company's sake, Nan."

Dodo was very pretty. She had a sweet, sensitive mouth, large, innocent blue eyes and the kindest brown hair in the world. Her figure was one of those trim, compact ones whose symmetry not even a slight white could destroy. Nan looked at her reflectively.

If Dodo was not so exceedingly pretty, it might not be so unfeasible to have that lovely, heavy eyelid argue some downy curls with the Christmas dinner. But Dodo was not "out aged" in her countenance, and he might presume on it.

CHRISTMAS COOKING.

The Turkey—Select a fat, tender turkey. After it has been nicely dressed fill with the following stuffing. One pound of nice light bread finely crumbed. Mix with it half a pound of nice ham, well, black pepper and a good amount of cayenne pepper, also two stalks of celery finely minced. To this add two quarts of the best oysters carefully picked of shells and with only enough of their liquor to moisten the bread well. Fill the turkey perfectly and sew it up carefully. Fill the hollow in the breast from which the crew was removed and sew that up also. Rub with salt and pepper all over, dredge with flour and set in the oven to roast. Place in a large tin or a heavy iron pan. Heat the fat in the roasting pan. Heat the fat in the roasting pan. Heat the fat in the roasting pan.

CHRISTMAS GUESS.

Christmas balls are something to be desired. It is not a thing to be despised. It is a thing to be desired. It is a thing to be desired. It is a thing to be desired.

LET CHRISTMAS STAND FOR PEASUOE.

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A CHRISTMAS STORY.

It was a little girl seven years old, with bright golden hair, a fair complexion and large deep blue eyes. Her mother and father were dead and she lived with her Grandpa in a very large house in San Francisco. Violet was always laughing, dancing, happy and gay. She was sweet and good to everybody and had all sorts of nice things given her. But she had no brothers or sisters. Not a child was in the house. Violet became very homesick and tired of playing with her fine dolls and china dolls and rag dolls.

"I might have known it. Both young, both so beautiful, both so loving hearted as birds in mating time. I mean, when Dodo wedded them together—I guess Dodo will have something to tell me to-night."

Which Dodo did.

"He belongs to a good family as mine, Nan, dear, but his father nagged again, and these women's pleasant for him at home. He has been on trial with the girl. Christmas's people, but now they are going to pay him a lovely salary, and he won't have to wear such drab clothing as we have. He has concluded that we would like to get married just one year to a day from this night. I never could have had the face to do it."

"Dodo," said Nan reproachfully; then, after a solemn pause, "I will never trust a man in a cravering show again. He just looked himself into your eyes."

"I've already said what I will make him walk so like a scrawny old man over our heads, and he says he supposes it was because he felt a thousand years old and as feeble as the wandering Jew before you invited him to that dinner on Christmas day."

THE BEST LOVED OF ALL.

Three new dolls are in little chains. Waiting for Christmas Day.

And they wonder, when she saw them, "These are the three little girls?"

They looked at the money like the girls; and they looked at the money like the girls; and they looked at the money like the girls.

CHRISTMAS GAME.

You are to write a capital D on a sheet of paper while standing at a table. At the same time you must try to "make" your right foot swing in the opposite direction from that which is following on the paper. It sounds easy. Try it in every way you can think of. First get your feet going toward the left in an easy swing and then start your right foot and see what will happen. Then try beginning the latter foot and going in perfectly with the proper click in the opposite direction. If you do not laugh at the result, you will probably be profane. Nan Francisco's Fairy Post.

COULD WILL TO MEN.

Of all things beautiful and good, the gift of Christmas is the best. It is a gift that is not given to the rich, but to the poor. It is a gift that is not given to the young, but to the old. It is a gift that is not given to the beautiful, but to the plain.



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Christmas came and there was an unworldly, crackling up and down on its ropes of the dingy front water that did duty for the entire building. Nan had gone out early after breakfast and come back with a green wreath with a red star for a heart. "Dodo was the churchgoer of the twin. As she pinned her Sunday hat with a long pin she settled the dinner table with Nan."

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