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A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

Oh, Christmas is coming again, you

And you long for the things he is

But the costlicat gift may not gladden

Nor help on the merry bell's ringing. Some getting is losing, you understand,

What you hold in your hand may slip from your hand;

There is something better than hav-

We are richer for what we give; And only by giving we live.

Your last year's presents are scattered

You have almost forgot who gave

But the loving thoughts you bestow

An long as you choose to have them.

Love, love is your riches, the ever so the

Your own, without atint or measure:

It is only love that we can give:

No money can buy that treasure;

It is only by loving we live.

The Light of the wide creation?

dear little Child in a stable born.

That can make our life worth th

He shows us the way to live,

On Christmas

Day .

By Rosalle Q. Mendel

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n horror and cried, "What more does

She herself did not know. That was

she felt she loved him; but when he

was with her often she became dis-

Once he had angrily kicked her

brother's small tramp dog. This bho

could not forget. And then, again, he

made aport of her settlement work

Turning toward the library table

he tenderly toyed with the rich red

"My love is like the red, red rose"

A joyous confusion was heard and

collected, one by one, as we came clone

and we've brought our appetites with

"That's good news," laughed Arlino

biggest goose in goosedom for dinner

"But where is Dr. Truder" asked

Bernice, as they removed their wraps.

"Dr. Trude?" exclaimed Dudley in

surprise. "Arline, why did you invite

"liccause he is a friend of mine."

"He just telephoned, however, that he

would be unable to come to our Christ-

call. A doctor never can call his time

"I suppose not," asserted Dudley,

with a shrug of his shoulders, "if he

bables. This Trude cares more for

aire patients put together. I wager

handed a note to Arline, temarking:

lo says ho'll wait for an answer."

rettlement practice than all his million

that man who lives in the egitlement?"

answered the young woman simply

"Wo're starved," cried Harvey,

satisfied. Doop in her heart was a

happiness.

lost in deep thought.

little uncortainty.

ip the front stairs.

nothing but the bones."

his own, you know."

gutter creature."

"He is the only one missing."

queation.

Like Him, let us love and give!

Whose love is the world's salvation.

He was poor on earth, but He gave us

and happy the Christmas Day we call That is spent, for His sake, in giv-

-Lucy Larcom

Yours always, from robber and rust

bringing;

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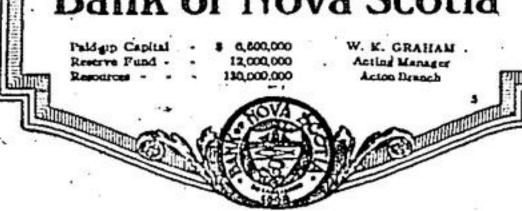
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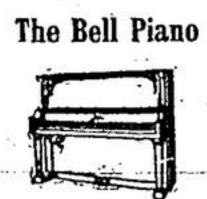
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### The First Christmas

ND there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by

the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, fear not; for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a

babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another : Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning the child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things

which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them

in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as



Pleas coin. I'm sorry on christmus to usk you. She is vere sik. respectfuly Mrs. Huggins." Without a moment's hesitation Ar- tion to another case?"

fine arosq with a little tremer in her voice and said: "My friend Tiny has been hurt. She is crying for me. You all will forgive me if I go, won't your You can have and her settlement friends. This she could not forgive. But she surely chred just as good a time without me, and Tiny needs me." a great deal for him, whether the feel-

ing was love or not—that was the her settlement friends readily assured her that they would take care of themnelves-all but Dudley Grant. He remained allent. As she went for her oses that stood in the high Japanese vane. "He surely is thoughtful," she hat and cloak he followed her, protesting. "It's all nonsense, your rushing off sang out her small brother with a in this way-spoiling our whole Christ-

twinkle in his eye as he passed through mas party. Besides, you promised to the room. "Say, sis, can I be best send one of the muids to Tiny?" "Mulda!"' gasped Arline, opening wide her soft gray eyes. "Tiny docun't he merry dinner party came bounding want a maid. he wants me." "Well, I want you, too," rtated Grant It's abourd for a hostess to leave her

jurty. 'Quixotte: There is such a thing "- being too conscientious-" "Good-bye, Dudley," said Arline, extending her hand, and there was al with sparkling eyes, "for we have the tone in her sweet, vibrant voice that and the rest of the family are going to the man had never heard. liefore long Arline and Jimmy' ar-Aunt's. Mother says we should leave rived at the tenement house. Jimmy led the way up three flights of stairs.

through a long, narrow, dark hall and softly opened the door of a dreary little When Mrs. Huggins saw Arline her face lit up through the tours, and she uald, "I know you would come, honey, even on Christmas day." "I'm glad I'm here," softly answered

Arline, as she knelt down by the coarse bed and placed her soft, cool hand on mas dinner as he had an emergency Tiny's fevered brow. At first in vain degrees the little girl became calm. and late in the afternoon sank back on her pillow in a doop and restful spends half his time with crying slum Then Arline, rising, saw Dr. Trude blessed kingdom of Poace.-Foncion.

for the first time since she entered the room. As they tiptoed into the next this 'hurry call' wan unly to some little room she said: "Ho thin was your em-Arline drew a long breath, but said orkency call?" "Yes, but you did more for our little

bout the beautifully decorated Christ mas table. Fun rolled merrily on, but fall us when Mrs. Huggins sent for it will never do to be doubtful of your Y for the roungsters who scurry to toys. somehow for Arline there was a little you. God bless you, little woman." ability to be a match for what is rift in the lute and the words, "Only The doctor took both her hands in his before you. Doubt is almost as had as a little gutter creature," kept flashing and held them fight. Then again the troublesome words, hearly as fatal as to acknowledge, of II for the helly that shines through In the middle of the dinner, us the "Only a gutter child," flashed across can't." Do not give such thoughts it for the reindeer we seek for in vain, we feel that toys of good design and laughter was at its height, the maid her mind, and in answer done the admission to your heart, or such words I for the reindeer we seek for in thought, "This is a man," and all at a place on your lips. "He can who if for the stockings for Santa to fill-"There's a little boy outside ma'amonce, as a beacon light from the dark- thinks he can," and the inner con- T for the tinsel that hangs on the tree, training I had in an architect's office, Arline opened the folded paper and ness, she knew her own heart.

Automobeel. Can you come back

swered, coming closer to her. "And now-us you were so successful with one patient, can you give your atten-

Arline asked in aurprise. "Yes, to-day and every other day," Trude replied with a quaver in his cure him."

"Who is ho?" she asked softly under this day. his inight. Will you accept the case?" Christman Day. frude opened his arms, without one but haughter that abounds with happy moment's hesitation she nestled close wholesome, merry sounds and so in- will be is fuce who said:

NOBLE SAYINGS

"And on Christmas, too."

Without its excellent reward .-Holy to human kind and ever Acceptable to God. -John Greenloof Whittle

It is better to suffer wrong than do it, and happier to be sometime cheated than not to trust .- Johnson. Happiness is the natural flower duty.-I'hillips Brooks.

You will find angling to be like the virtue of humility, which has a calmness of spirit, and a world of other blessings attending upon it.-Izaak

To be prepared for war is one of the

most offective incans of preserving peace .- George Washington. By pure manners and love of justice. propare for yourself a place in the

### THE TONIC IN "I CAN"

There is a tonic in the words "I can." friend than I could," he answered as If you are facing a hard day's work, or D for the evergreen, flanta's delight! he gased upon her with deep, sym . a trial that looks colossal, or a temptapathetic eyes. "I knew you wouldn't tion that is insidious as well as strong. It for red ribbons for red ribbon bows; to meet the demand for well-made despair. To say, "I am not sure," to C for the candy canes, yellow and red.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO

rom the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 29, 1898 The "Soldiers of the Cross" have

cen invited to go to Georgetown New Year's night to take part in the pro-Behool anniversary. .

on Monday. During the morning an exciting game was played between two teams of theclub. In the afternoon the ice was given up to skaters generally and an exciting time was spent. The mercury was down to the zero the stone altar, shattering it; but point yesterday. The Sunday Behool entertainments

BL Alban's Cantata "Santa Claus is coming" consisted of a varied programme given by the children and young people of the school. Baptist Sunday Schoool were entertained by a series of colored lime light views of the city of London. The Methodist Contata "The Message of Peace" was given by the school. The scholars of the Disciples' Sunday School were given a tea and Christmas treat by the teachers.

The Christman promotions in Actor Public School took-place-last-week also the closing exercises which were en- ing life, for its leaves are ever green joyed by a goodly number of parents and, see, its finger points to heaven and friends of the children. The appreciation of the members of the Methodist Sunday School Orchestra homes, not in the wild forest. There it of the valuable services of Mr. J. C.

Hill, their leader, was shown on Baturday evening at their weekly practice. In an informal manner he was presented with a nickel plated music stand enclosed in a leather case. The Municipal Council and Schoo Board were re-elected by acclamation The Council: Reeve, J. B. Pearson; Councillors, James Clark, Isanc Francis, John Clarke, J. A. Murray. Trusteen: George Hynds, Robert Holmes,

Robert Wallace, H. Swackhamer, A. A. Secord and Wm. R. Kenney. MARRIED SMITH-NIXON-At Ashgrovo.

Tuesday, December 22nd, Mr. David Smith, L.L. B., of Gladstone, Manitoba, to Minnie, daughter of J. H. AACPHERSON-At the home of hi slater-in-law, Mrs. Janet Macpherson, Bower Avenue, Acton,

Christmas morning, Peter Macpher-

#### son, aged 61 years. WHAT SHALL I GIVE AT

CHRISTMASTIDE Give Ear to those who cry for crumbs and heap their homely larders high, or lo! the Joyous Season's hero-and Give Hands to those who need ulde, nor cant a thought of race or

reed, since Brotherhood is all worth while at Christmustide. Give ateps to those who cannot pled on their own errands to and fro above suddenly: "Futher, I want you'to ask the crisp December sed, as others go. Give Thought to what you best can do to cheer the heart and soothe the mind and make the world seem good and kind to those less fortunate than Give Smiles to all whose yeary load

steep road; for smiles with them are money to her every week to pay b taught, for some there are who do suspicious twinkle in his eyes where not know with what our Christmas- | battl it too. Perhaps the larr

tide is fraught; and speak of Him. man was thinking of har-"Now? To-day? On Christmas?" the manger-born, beneath the Eastern for both his little daugh-Star's pale glow. Give Courage to the fearing band that needs the clasp of friendly hand voice. "You are the only one who can and cheering smile and all good-will; are always queer give courage, then, to such as they to look after the ? I'm and kissing her

Give Heed to others and their need, father's arm of chicks. We'll have "A man who heeds you more than They know, they feel, they have desire, "There's a dea ........ boy." Tiny-more than anyone else in the hor is it what you think is best, but almost cried the herself under her world-a man who loves you with all rather what they most require that brought my be confidently, and said: world-a man who loves you with all rather what they had do and say on looked so long his heart, with all his soul, with all you should give and do and say on looked so long the heart, with all his soul, with all you should give and do and say on looked so long the heart. The weekle "I'll try," murmured Arline and as | Give Laughter-not the scornful sort

to him. Then, raising her radiant fectious as to bring a like retore I'm we' Oive Heart -the heart that beats for family and ar lattle Mother:-This letter all upon this day; the heart that hom greets the lowly and the high; the thin heart that grows with sympathy and t knows but love for those who passi'y one, or just a smile, or yet a simple loune. But that is nothing to an

toy, or words of praise or even go but give them all and you will give ER or me about you and last Sunday I Give Praise to Him, that yoken 'ld - all our dear old Hunday hymna, many things-good friends, and health—and life's long spel wive "O mother, it is all your prayers for l'raise to Him for all these the s and, your homesick boy in a strange city. best of all, the Brotherhood of Man . I could hardly sleep, I was so happy." And giving these, you will have given more, by far, than prince or shape itself from the home influences

potentate or modern Midas-

than stocks and bonds or lands or You will have given that which neither pomp nor power nor highest boy's need. influence can command-You will have given that which rold nor favor nor fear can buy-You will have given that which He Star. was over giving to the lowly and the poor, comfort and strength and hope and rest and courage and faith-for of these things are the Perfect Christ-

You will have given better things

# A CHRISTMAS ACROSTIC

man Offty made.

indence is developed and strongthened M for the music of laughter and gloo; and last year I made up my mind, in Turning away so as to hide her real by putting it into words. Bay, "I can," A for the absent remembered and dear, Scelings, she murmured, "And will Thy till your heart ochoes it, and success to H for the season's glad greetings of

-Mabel Livingstone Frank, realize my ambition.

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THE CHRISTMAS TREE o fruit it bears in Autumn days, In orchards, sunny wide, But oh, its boughs pre laden down

When Winter winds are piping loud, And all the world in white--Then is its splendid harvest-time. Upon a wondrous night.

At the glad Christmas-tide.

What other tree such treasure beard Or brings such perfect joy! And amiles, and laughter bubbling ou From little girl and boy! -- Allx Thorn.

Once upon a time, long ago, Wintfred an English prince, left Wenger, with a

#### HE STORY OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

train of followers, to take the gospel o his heathen kinsmen in Thuringia and Heund. On Christman Evo they arrived at their destination. - They found the people gathered around the Oak of Glorman, sacred to Thor. Old llundrad, priest of Thor, proclaimed the night to be the "death night of the sun god, Baldur the Beautiful. Thor was angry with his people and demanded the most precious thing in the kingdom us a sacrifice to stay the calamities which otherwise must come." . The people obeyed with fear and trembling. Asulf, the son of Duke lvold and the darling of the people. gramme of the Methodist Sunday was chosen. The boy consented, Armed like a soldier, he knelt before the stroke. Hundrad's weapon was raised. He was about to strike the fatal blow when suddenly it was arrested by Winifred, who, from behind, turned it off with his staff. The great ax fell upon Asulf was safe. Then Winifred preached. Christ to the astonished crowd and during the week were enjoyed by all. proclaimed the birthright of the Savfour, "fairer than Baldur, kinder than Freya the Good, greater than Odin the Wise." When the crowd was quieted and still wondering at his words, he hewed down the blood tree of Thor. Behind it, unharmed by the ruin, stood

a young fir pointing to the stars. The old priest raged. The people ed. Pointing to the fir tree, Winifred seeing their god was powerless, listenspoke again: "This little tree shall be your holy tree to-night. Its wood is the wood of peace, for your homes are built of fir. It is the type of everlant-Let this be called the tree of the Christ-child. Gather about it in your will shelter no doeds of blood, but loving gif's and rices of kindness."

They took it home. . In the great hall of Duke Alvold's dwelling Winifred told the story of Bethlehem and the angels' song. All listened intently. They were charmed to stillness. The boy Asulf, on his mother's knee, whispered into her car: "Mother, listen now; I hour those angels singing again behind the tree." Some say it was true. Others say it was Prince Gregory, with his companions at the lower end of the hall, softly chanting, their Christmas hytnn: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward

men." Bo runs the most beautiful of the legends of the Christmas tree. Whether true or not, it gives now meaning to the trees which decurate 9 homes and churches at Christmas tide. ' It picks out the most precious lessons of the Christmas tide and weaves them into a nover-to-be-forgotten picture, both beautiful and real.-The Lutheran.

### JENNY WREN'S CHRISTMAS

A wealthy man in Washington. whose new house cost many thousand dollars, and whose business was a fortune in itself, had only one little daughter, twelve years old. He called her Jenny Wren, because she had gray eyes and was so tiny and sweet. As she chattered beside him one day, u little before Christman, she said

the new boy in your office to take Christmus dinner with ua." "To dinner! What new boy, Jenny?" "Why, father, you know; the one you send home lately on errands. He looks lonesome. I think he's homesick. Mother asked him yesterday about his pair, and bends them low o'er life's his mother is a widow the gents

office boy. However down close to Jenn' Spy surprises on either check, ad he put his face .ded: "Jonny Wrons Jenny tucked

yesterday when he andle, and I thought he y letter to Baltimore read jolly, and you'll cry for joy! il acquainted with the lovellest y in Washington,-I never will be sesick again. I was so lonely in his big city; but Mr. Ward has taken

er old futher now! I

to the sweet woman to ent my ple her littleday school with them. We o hund I stayed to church. The whole future of that boy may

who to his home, Ruch a splet

of that family. Elegance and luxury, used In His name." The love of one little girl "proclaimed the glory of God," and her wide-open gray eyes saw the lonely Eccp always, wide-open eyes, dear boys and girls; open your homes to the homelous -and lonely .- The Morning

### WOMEN TOY MAKERS

Two sisters, Mrs. A. H. Cole and Miss M. E. Chaffey, who run a toyfactory in Vancouver, sturted with very little capital or machinery. Now three wooden building comprise the factory where eighteen woman are em-It for the room where we hang up the played, and it is anticipated that the staff will be doubled in the near future

Miss Chaffey said: "For years I have had the greatest ambition to be a toy maker. We feel that children are, after all, the business of women, and workmanship are not wasted on even the youngest children. I got what view of the great shortage of good toys, that now, if ever way the time to-