FORGOTTEN BY BANTA Three little stockings in a row Were hung by Bennie, Ted and Joe,

And left for Banta, Claus to fill, One Christman night when all was still The room was bare and block and cold, And everything looked poor and old, And what cared Bessia Ted and Joe? They'd heard of Banta and his toys And of his love for sirls and boys,

And full of hope for Christmas night. The morning came, and from their beds Out peeped three little curly heads, Their Christman stockings, oh, dear

There, hanging empty, side by side. Their little mouths all gaping wide, They naw their stockings in a row, Alas for Beaste, Ted and Joe!

Oh, how they cried, poor little dears! And Teddy faltered thre' his tears. "I fought I'd get a sled and drum, But Banta Claus fordot to tum."

That night old Santa happened by, And then those stockings caught his Those little stockings in a row,

Hung there by Bessie, Ted and Joe. "Oh, my!" he cried, "it's one day late, But I must stop, as sure as fate, And fill those empty stockings yet; What made old Santa Claus forget?

A loving little Christmas note, "Dear children," this is what it said, "My love to Bessie, Joe and Ted. "And please forgive your friend, be He's such a busy Santa Claus, And sometimes, as you may have found lie can't get all the way around,

Then, stooping down, in haste he wro

"And hasn't toys enough on hand To satisfy the big demand: So please excuse him, children dear, Ho'll be on hand another year."

The children all enjoyed their toys And that was Santa's loving letter.

THE WORLD'S DATTLE GROUND

It is very interesting to note how many of the decisive battles of the world have been fought within a small section in Central Europe. Most of the great battles that have settled world destinies have occurred in a space about half as large as Ontario. Within this section in the year & A D, the Germans annihilated the Roman army under the Roman general Varus. Within this section in 451 A.D. Attila and his Huns were routed and con-

Within this section in 486 A.D. Clovis defeated the Romans and set up the Frankish power. Within this section in 733 A. Charles Martel and his Franks overwhelmed the Saracens and thus drove back Mohammedanism from Europe. In this section the French under Philip Augustus vanguished the Ger-

mans and not up the French nationality. 1214 A. D. Within this section in 1386 A. D Within this section in 1429 A. D. the Maid of Orleans freed France and established the French throne.

Within this section in 1632 A. D. by a decinive battle, the integrity of the Protestant States was preserved. Within this section in 1764 England defeated the French and thus opene the way fer her many colonies. Ithin this section in 1767 A. the Prussians, by crushing the Aus-

trian army, became the leader of the German States. . -Within this section in 1805 Napoleon humbled Austria. Within this section in 1813 the allies defeated Napoleon and banished him Within this section in 1815 the allies destroyed the French army and sent

Napoleon to St. Helena. Within this section in 1870 Bismarck overthrew the government of Napoleon Within this section from 1914 to 1918

the greatest battles of the world have been fought.

GORED OXEN

How many people do enjoy seeing others "ronsted." Hardly a month certain shot was not intended for When you find in your stocking he's his audience to the end." some particular, person, and sometimes we are requested to rub salt You'll know by that token my story is in the wound by forwarding a mark copy to a particular address. We have known men go into ecstacles over a home thrust that they thought reached a neighbor, who are far from pleased when the bullet finds its billet in their particular locality. . We were told by a you earn it. The only people who can and its cheer, stands beckening those retailer who took umbrage at one of appreciate rest are those who are tired far and near who have a claim upon our shots that we had been "loaded up" from some kind of work. The boy its hospitality and for whom a glad by a wholesale house on his fallings, who comes home from the factory and welcome awaits. And the pleasure is and he wished his paper stopped. This cats his supper hurriedly so that he not all on the side of those who will man is one of the greatest kickers can get back to the problem he was visit the old home. Those who have and most merciless critics of other working at the evening before, and stayed by the old farm, and who it people to be found in the whole pro- which has been in his thoughts all may be for weeks past have been vince. Just as soon as his ox was day, knows more of the luxury of preparing for the home-coming, stand gored there was blood on the moon. intellectual conquest than many a col- ready to welcome with giad hearts He has dropped The Journal, but it is lege graduate who has had tutors to and open palms. And thus are old safe to say that he will not be able to smooth the puth of learning for his associations lived over again, the happy sleep until he knows what his neigh- feet. Don't envy the people all of days of childhood recalled, and the bors are getting in this column as whose time is leisure, who have to individual forced to get away from well as himself. Such is life; the man make a determined fight against idle- self and do his share towards making with the thinnest skin is usually the ness. It is the leisure that is carned others happy .- J. W. W. fellow with the thichest head .- Sol- that is sweet, and the harder the toil that paid for it, the more precious it omon, in Shoe & Leather Journal.

Many ex-convicts have made good Brise, chairman of the English prison tences of penal servitude, and whose past showed him to be a man of violent character, enlisted on release in 1916. Invalided after service in the fighting line, he volunteered save another man's life by giving his blood for transfusion. Later, returning to the front, he won the M. M. and the D. C. M. His N. C. O's, and has rendered splendid

race of international interest looked over his shoulder to see how near the next man might be, and lost. Those who have important things to accomplish must not concern themselves too ing their eyes on the goal.

CERTAINLY NOT

In Sir Robert Anderson's interesting his front feet. book of reminiscences entitled "The conversation from a person somewhat scantlly equipped with humor, "Witness," neked the judge, "did the prihoner, say, 'l stole the horse?" lordship's name was never mentioned." the saddle as a souvenir.

HUMOROUS

Tramp: "Kind lady, would yer please The lady: "What! You here again? discovered the site of ancient Troy. I will call my husband immediately." Tramp: "Excuse me, lady, but I ain't world, but after he reached maturity no cannibal. I bid yer good-day."- he was an underpaid, and insignificant Bonton Transcript.

pocts) "Have you got a card?" The numberted one (with suitcase): his own testimony can be trusted, he "A whole case of 'em! Which do you had never showed any aptitude for But children's hearts are glad, you want to neo-draft, registration, most languages, but rather the reverse. But sugar, calling, milk, playing or postat he resolved that in his study of Engcard "-Judge.

Three Days in a Submarine," as And all day long their hearts were light the autiject of a sermon, proved ir- one-half of his miserable halary going der and a good deal winer not of wan pondering nomething he had learn-

his purpose, he maked: "How much?"

Pat, "put in a cork."

"For ten years," said the new

pathetic tones; "and what were you in every minute count.

JUST THAT

And had their share of Christmas joys. partakes of the qualities of the diamond But something pleased them vastly as it is mined, but whose tack of Do something to make other mortals better. trial to his oldest daughter. The old -Ida Scott Taylor. thar with both feet when some dude investors came pirutin' round the range." Not long ago the family was gathered in the library, one of the windows of which was open. "That air-" the father began, but was quickly interrupted.

"Father, dear, don't say 'that air. "Well, this car-"he again attempted "Nor this 'ere'; 'this here,' is correct," he was told.

The old gentleman rose with an angry snort. "Look hore, Mary," he said, with asperity. "Of course I know you have been to school and all that, but I reckon I know what I want to an' I'm goin' to shut the window!"

SIR JOHN A. AND THE LADIES

the Swiss won their independence from In his jokes they saw only coarse- efficiency in our industries and instituness, buffoonery and irresponsibility. tions. The truth is that he was seliom coarse and he laughed at himself as freely as he laughed at his political oppononts. He had a humer which the people understood. They forgave much because he so frankly admitted human weaknesses and because looking into themselves so many men knew that they had like faults and frailties. And because women know men better than they know themselves and better than men over suspect there was among women a passionate devotion to Eir John A. Macdonald such as no other political leader in Canada has inspired. No man of ignoble quality ever commands the devotion of women, although perhaps the standards of judgment which-we commonly ascribe to women are the standards which many son, in The Canadian Magazine.

CHRISTMAS TIME PREPARATION There's a stir and a start among thous-Think of it, think of it, dear little boys!

Think of it, think of it, dear little girls! pases that we are not asked if a And softly and swiftly he'll speed them locture consisted of an unrelated col-

HEARSAY EVIDENCE

A group of old ladies were talking knitting on a verandah. The converweighed at birth. One old lady said: The others gasped and one of asked: "And did you live?" "They may I did," unswered the other

MADE IN CHINA" NOW!

A pencil factory, with a daily output service throughout, and that after of one hundred gross has been started three months in the hottest part of in Shanghal, China. This marks the establishment of a new industry in the country. The product compares favorably with that formarly imported from Germany and Austria, and may in time

> BALLOONING A COWBOY Flying Cadet Rober, during the

course of his spherical balloon trainmuch with what other people are doing. jug at Ban Antonio, Texas, while on Their chances of success depends on his solo flight and proceeding along doing their best continually, and keep- about twelve miles an hour on the nolitely, "don't yer know there ain't no guide ropes, saw a cowboy and pony crossing the field ahead of him. The cowboy caught the guide rope and tied it to the horn of his suddid.' This was the signal for the pony to plant

Much to the surples of the cowboy Farmer Harnbeak, in reply to the Lighter Bide of My Official Life," there and more so to the pony, the balloon inquiry of a friend; "I'm getting atong is a story of a judge who was trying proceeded along its way. After being real well with my new motor car." I dragged across the field the cowboy have already learned to remember not threatened to shoot the pilot unless to paw around when I want a little no stopped.

The situation was finally relieved or 'Clee!' when trying to turn by the cowboy exchanging his revolve, corner. I recken likely by the middle "Oh, no, my lord," the witness re- for a knife and cutting away the guide of next month I'll be about over the plied, in a deprecatory tone, "your rope, leaving a knot on the horn of habit of throwing a halter into the materially lessened by increased pro-

WHEREVER HE WENT HE HAD A

Hehllemann the archaeologist; who was one of the great linguists of the study of English in the hopes of better-Policeman (rounding up draft ous- ing himself. He had always been troubled with a poor memory and if ligh, he would work hard enough to make up for these handleaps. Of course he had his living to earn.

realistably attractive tota country con- to pay for his English lessons, for he gregation which had been making took a leason every day. Wherever he ttself conspicuous by its absence from went, he had an English book in his church services. A good deal sad- pocket. As he walked the street he people left the church at the close of ed. If obliged to wait at the store, the that sermon than had entered it, for book came out of his pocket and furthe submarine proved nothing but a nished him a means of improving his parmon's trap to discourse on Jonah. | time. Every day he recited to his tencher pages of English that he had A story is told of an Irishman who learned by heart. When he walked went to a chemist's shop for an empty in the night, he was in the habit of bottle. Belecting one that answered repeating to himself what he had learned in the day. The result of this unremitting, tireless effort was that at "Woll," said the chemist, "if you the end of six months he had a very require the empty bottle it'll be two- thorough knowledge of English. Anpence, but if you have something put other six months made him equally in we won't charge anything for the proficient in French, and by this time so retentive had his mind become "Bure, that's fair enough," observed under this strenuous discipline that he found himself able to master such languages as Spanish in six wocks. The great archmologist in generally boarder, "my habits were as regular as regarded as a linguistic genius. Perclockwork. I rose on the stroke of aix, haps that is not too big a title for a and half an hour later was at break- man who can learn to read and write fast; at seven I was at work; dined at a foreign language fluently in six one; had supper at air, and was in bed weeks. But in his case the definition at nine-thirty. Ate only plain food, of genius as hard work seems to come and hadn't a day's illness all the very close to the mark. Certainly if genius-tolls in this fashion, mediocrity "Dear me," said a hearer, in sym- should gird up its loins, and make

THE DAY OF LOVE

No matter what your lot this Christman There is a certain old gentleman who Suffering, lonesome, sad of heart or

"polish," says Harper's Weekly, is a Nor pause to question: "be they goo gentleman, as he expresses it, "got Give, O give! a hand clasp, smile Something to show the day of lov "is here. Forget yourself: There's much for you When the day's over you will murmur: "True.

No purse or heart to-day-Say, 'that there,'" the daughter ad- A beggar's smile can make the gloum Seek for the needy, then give, give but was as quickly brought to a halt. You'll find there's more than self for which to live. -- Carret O'Connor.

DEVELOPING LEADERS

While we are thinking about the many benefits resulting from the war. say, an' I am goin' to say it! I believe we must not overlook the training I feel a cold in this ear from that air both men and women are getting in "putting over" the various campaigns. The system, business methods, and organization, team work, public speaking and leadership to which we are being called mean development in business It was very, very hard for Liberals and executive ability and the producto laugh with Bir John Macdonald, ing of capable leaders for further

> LOYALTY GROWS BY SACRIFICE As long as we think only of what our country has done for us, our patriotiam is likely to be of the quiescent sort, hardly equal to making | its presence known. But when we begin to think of what we may do for our country, patriotism leaps into flame. Self-absorption is disastrous to all high motives. Loyalty, as well

as love, grown by sacrifice. JOSH BILLINGS ON MILK "Your note on Josh Billings," writes subscriber to the New York Outlook "reminds me that while a young colwomen least respect.-Sir John Willi- lege student I heard Josh Billings deliver his tecture "On Milk." He had placed on the platform table a pitcher and a glass. As soon as he was intro-

duced, he poured milk from the pitcher into the glass, took it up, looked at it and said: "I have seen several articles on milk; I have read some facts written on milk; but the best Thousands of dollies are brushing their thing I over saw on milk was cream." Then he drank it and went on with Santa is coming with reindoer and his lecture. He did not mention or refer to milk in any way again. His lection to pithy sayings which held

with more cagerness than in the city. Leisure is never worth anything until The old farm home, with its brightness

PROTECTING THE SOLES OF SHOES WITH ORDINARY

Chambers' Journal is responsible for inferior type of copal variats to the sation got around to how much each sules to keep out the water. The leather must be quite dry and "Well, I weighed just three and a bare when the varnish is applied. New boots should therefore be worn for a day before treatment, so as to remove the black varnish from the soles. The operation is carried out by brushing woman, "and done well."-- The Boston on the varnish at intervals of half an hour, until the leather will not soak up any more. This condition may be

> dry for about twelve hours the boots are ready for wear.

recognized from the surface remaining

shiny all over, instead of becoming

dull in places. After being hung up to

NO "H" IN MUSIC the 'Ill." sung the little boy at thu lingged Belgol treat. But somehow his version of that line in "Kathleen Mayourneen" jarred on the nerves of "My little man," he said, kindly,

'h' in moosie? It only goes up ter O!" LEARNING TO DRIVE

"Carn!" advised the little man,

more speed and I seldem heller 'law! machine before I start for town."

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A MOTORCYCLE AND AN OLD-FASHIONED BUGGY

In many a barn there is now an old-fashioned buggy with a newfunbloned motorcycle resting near, but no horse. In Oklahoma a high-powerclimate, with benefit and ed motorcycle was placed between the shafts of a buggy, the breast band of the single driving harness was put around the forepart of the machine, and the traces hitched to the singletree in the usual manner. Then a short the was made to support the shafts and holdback straps to keep the buggy from running over the machine when making quick stops. According to a Western correspondent two passengers rode in the buggy, and the metercycle carried two passangers.

> A CHRISTMAS GREETING There are plump folks,

and lean folks, And sort of in-between folks; There are near folks and dear folks And folks of avery kind: There are happy folks and lonely folks. But after all The only folks Are folks like thee The nicest folks. I find.

THE REAL OWNER

The real owners of the beautifu portions of our earth are not the one who pay the taxes upon them, but those who can enjoy their beauty most and gather from mountains and lakes and quiet meadows inspiration for coming days. The real owners of the world's great books are not the ones whose library shelves are crowded with volumes of masterpieces, but those who from the printed pages learn the lessons which make life a different story. The real owner of anything is the one who gets from it its best; and as often as otherwise, this is not the nominal owner.

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out an existence as best she can-

VERY ECONOMICAL

hearers became sceptical. "I really can't see," said he, "how so large a family could be fed and clothed on so small a wage."

cost of footwear alone." "Ah," said the laborer, "but that beat feyther. When our shoes got thin, 'c went fishing an' brought 'ame a few soles an' cels,"

OWNING UP

Theoretically we are all ready to A laborer was bounting of the admit that we make mistakes. I'raceconomy practised by his parents dur- tically such acknowledgments choke us. infallibility, we dislike most intensely particular instance. flut since we should not think of making the absurd claim that we always know what is "Yes," added another, "think of the best to do, why should we hesitate to own up that in a given instance we were wrong. If you learn to acknowledge your mistakes without foollah humiliation, and your faults without undue suffering, you have taken a ong step ahead.

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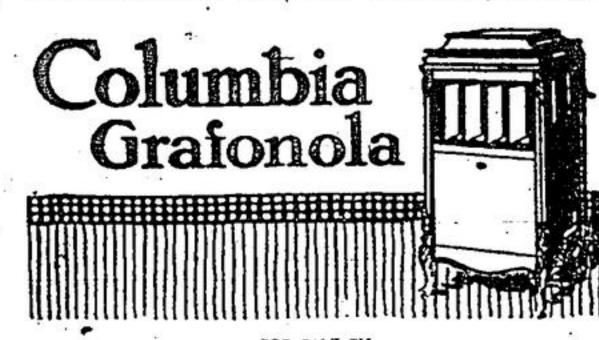
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