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## Puts a Halo on Another Head

By Christopher G. Hazard

Artist Finds  
New Place for  
Circle Because  
of a Service  
to Mankind

DAVID SPENCER looked again at his watch with some anxiety. The hospitality of the old southern home had been lavish, the exhibition of his paintings had been successful beyond his hopes, there had been congratulations, and flowers, and commissions. Quite overwhelmed with courtesies and attentions, charmed by the quaintness and beauty and customs and scenes new to him, the artist longed to linger, and was loth to leave the old city. But the northern train that he must take was almost due, the station was distant, and his hosts had seemingly forgotten all about it, until they suddenly appeared with apologies and delivered him to the black coachman and the family coach. Fortunately, the train, burdened with its load of Christmas cheer, was late, also, so that when it moved on Spencer was among its passengers.

The rather monotonous landscape threw him back upon reflection, and he found himself reviewing the sights and experiences of his visit with pleasant amusement. Again he witnessed the bargaining of the old market. "Is you got enny algs?" "I ain't sed dat I ain't." "I ain't axed yer is yo' ain't, I axed yer ain't yo' is." He recalled the curious operations of the revival meeting that had so illustrated the picturesqueness of negro character and hummed to himself the song that had there been so intensely sung:

Dere's a halo on His bald,  
A halo, oh my Lawd.  
But dere's one for me He sed,  
A crown ob glory wen I'm dald.  
A halo, oh my Lawd.

Dat's de kind ob hat ter git,  
A halo, oh my Lawd.  
In rain or shine hit's bou'n' ter fit,  
I sholy am a-wantin' hit,  
A halo, oh my Lawd.

And I kin feel hit sproutin' now,  
A halo, oh my Lawd.  
A crown ob shinin' on my brow,  
Each time to Him I mek a bow,  
A halo, oh my Lawd.

As the train sped on the artist's reminiscences were interrupted by the voices of the conductor and one of the passengers. "But this train does not stop at Redfield," the conductor was saying, as he looked at the old man's ticket. "It must sure stop this time," answered the passenger; "I just got to see Jim once more before he goes. I only got the message this morning. I want to wish him a merry Christmas and a happy New Year where he's goin'."

The conductor hesitated, then seemed to yield as he passed on, and the old man sat back in his seat, unaware of the atmosphere of sympathy around him. Shortly after the bell rope was pulled, the train drew to a halt, and kindly looks followed him down the aisle and on to the platform of the little station.

The incident was barely finished and the train had attained but little headway when there was a sudden and terrible jolt, followed by a crash and the bumping of the cars over the ties, then a stop and an affrighted silence, broken by the voice of the Pullman porter, crying out, "We's run through an open switch and we's wrecked, but ne' min, de train am standin' on de groun'." Engine, baggage cars and dining car were off and broken, but the Pullmans remained on the track. "If we hadn't stopped at Redfield," said the conductor, "we'd a' been going forty miles an hour and all heapeu up at the bottom of the embankment."

In the artist's studio today there is a picture of the Christmas Christ, with the halo that believing love has placed upon His head. And just below it another halo rests upon the head of an old man, pictured there because of his unconscious but real service of mankind.

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### RING OUT

Ring out! Ring out! ye happy bells,  
and make a joyous lay.  
For Christ the child has come to us  
and we would have him stay;  
Make ev'ry hill and valley ring, all  
earth and sky with cheer,  
For we who have received the Christ  
would show him welcome here.  
—F. H. Sweet.  
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### AT CHRISTMAS TIME

We ring the bells and we raise the strain,  
We hang up garlands everywhere  
And bid the tapers twinkle fair.  
And feast and frolic—and then we go  
Back to the same old lives again.  
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