# Deeps and Shallows

## The Red Bird

He found her the day before Christmas, late in the afternoon, as he stood poised to take off from the gray storm cloud.

"You are very beautiful," he

"Am I?"

He smiled at the demure acceptance of his praise. In it he seemed

her part. He was the largest snowflake chantment of living it. to be crystallized as the cold wind passed over, chilling the vapor on the dust points of the already saturated cloud. She was the small-

must leave you now," he

"Don't go, I am so lonely. What will happen to me?" "You will fall to the earth

later." "Why can't you stay with me?" "Because of the Law. I am larger and heavier and must go

first, but I will know you again . .

. . and again." As he left the cloud he whisp- horizon. The twilight lingered. ered, "Merry Christmas. To me

to remember. Her cry followed him, "Oh, come back, come back. I am so

afraid without you." But he was caught in the rythm of the snowflake dance. Gaily he waltzed with other large flakes,

trying to forget her weeping. The Law had continually separated them, but still if one remembered, as he did, the Law continually brought them together again.

There was less wind near the forgotten him. earth, and the atmosphere was marked by the mystic softness of falling crystals.

He hoped the wind would remain gentle, then perhaps she could fall close to him. He wanted the pleasure of comforting her. The beauty of the dance deepened his desire to be near her again. He would not forget her, ever.

His descent lasted brief minutes. Soon he looked upon a winter garden, pushing his way through the swirling flakes toward a blue spruce that sent out a

perfumed welcome to the snow. On a needled branch he found a retreat where he could watch for her and call out to guide her

to his resting place. He settled himself securely and

The Other Children's

Christmas

Rebecca Anthony

I think the children up in heaven

Or they would be very lonesome

Must have a Christmas, too,

For that holiday they knew.

So once a year to celebrate

They gather and they sing

When the bells begin to ring,

If you will listen with me

For the chorus up in heaven

On the snowy Christmas air.

Than any tree of ours.

"Suffer little ones to me,"

They have a childrens' party And a tree all lit with stars

The Christ-Child's day of birth,

In the still of Christmas morning

You will hear the children sing.

As the music peals out blithely

No doubt it's far more brilliant

We remember that the Christ said

So they're truly knowing Christ-

Gathered 'round His Christmas

waited.

on earth.

Is a jubilee affair,

blanketed with crystal stars. The branches above him were heavy with their whiteness Through the mist of falling flakes he glimpsed the sky.

The cloud from which he had fallen had passed, and a brisker wind was clearing the heavens. The flakes were getting smaller and smaller.

"When will you come?" breathed, "This way! This way!" He remembered she was always to recognize a vague memory on timid at venturing into a new life and then delighted with the en-

> Her changing moods were her greatest charm. He wanted her to Regent, Mrs. William F. Einbeckbe merry in the dance from cloud er, 325 East Park Avenue. Highto earth, and wished he might see land Park on or before December her descend—a ballerina unmatch- 9. These are to be personal gifts, ed in irridescent grace.

How beautiful she was as a for a boy or a girl. snowflake, he reflected, her patstars of the night, her diminutive Mrs. Richard Pritchard and Mrs. tenderness. rainbow planes held to their axis John R. Dolan. Please call Mrs.

by a crystal promise. The storm ceased. The cleared transportation to the meeting. sky held only a hint of day, a ribbon of sunset color close to the C.A.R. To Wrap Gifts

In vain he called to her. Sadly you will always be beautiful. Try he looked about the garden, in search of her.

He watched birds feeding happily at a shelter. Chicadees and sparrows chirped contentedly. A crested cardinal perched upon the shelf and exulted in song. Suppose she had been carried

miles away by the cadence of the dance to earth, or lay covered completely by millions of other flakes. Perhaps she had already melted into another form and had

He rebelled at the Law that gave her to him for so short a time. If he could teach her to remember, too, their life together might seem longer.

"Oh, why, just at Christmas, must I be parted from my snowflake star?" he sighed.

His mood seemed to interrupt the song of the red bird. There was a flash of brilliant wings as it flew from the ledge to the blue spruce tree.

As it swayed and teetered on the snow-scented bough calling melodiously to its mate, a shower of crystal stars was scattered through the needled branches.

A small snowflake fell . . . and rested . . . close to him. "Merry Christmas!" she said,

### The ground was fast becoming "Am I beautiful?"

#### Miss Highwood Chosen At Thanksgiving Dance Miss Edna Bruder, 122 Prairie

avenue, was honored Thanksgiving eve at the Highwood Legion dance, held in the Labor Temple, with the title of "Miss Highwood." Miss Bruder, 19, is an employee of the Illinois Bell Telephone company. The queen was crowned by Mayor small touches The Christmas songs they learned Mussatto in the presence of 600

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### **DAR Makes Plans** For Christmas

On Thursday, December 9, Mrs. F. J. Friedli, State Chairman of Ellis Island will speak at a meeting of the North Shore Chapter of the DAR at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. Roy H. Olson, 2731 South Deere Park Drive, Highland Park. The DAR is the only organization allowed to do rehabilitation work on Ellis Island; this work being done at the U. S. Marine Hospital there. Members are requested to bring a silver offering for Ellis Island.

Members are reminded to bring Christmas gifts for the children of the DAR schools who are of grammar and high school age to this meeting or to the home of the individually wrapped and marked

Dolan, H. P 1291 if you need ents of the kits were very, very

### **For Indian Children**

On Saturday, December 4 from cesses." 3 to 5 p.m., the Junior Group of the Blackhawk Society, Children Father-Son Sports of the American Revolution, will Program At Elm meet at the home of Mrs. Sidney Frisch, 144 Ravinia St. to wrap Christmas gifts for the Indian children at the hospital at Bethel, sons enjoyed the Sports Night Alaska.

ing gifts to the same hospital and ing, November 22. This annual the proceeds from their "Snow- event is sponsored by the Elm Ball," which will be held Decem- Place P.T.A. Mr. and Mrs. Marshber 23 at the Ravinia Village all A. Levy, Co-Chairmen of the House, will be used for the In- Activities Committee, made ardian Scholarship Fund.

#### Girl Scout Friendship Kits Joyfully Received

For the past year Girl Scouts all over the U.S.A. have been collecting, mending and washing good used clothing to be sent overseas. The Kits have been assembled for a particular age group, from babies through 14-year-olds. and have contained a complete minimum wardrobe for the age selected. American Girl Scouts per troop.

Highland Park-Deerfield Girl Scouts have already sent more than 2 kits per troop and will send

Following is, in part, a report of a worker for the American Friends Service Committee in of rope climbing. Vienna, after the kits arrived:

"By 8:30 the next morning a line of people was waiting, when the doors opened at nine the distributing room was immediately filled. The children were all barefooted. The smallest, a girl of Hostesses assisting Mrs. Olson three, had a bad case of rickets. tern in intricate lace, designed by for the afternoon are Mrs. Sidney All had faces much older than the Law that also fashions the Frisch, Mrs. Hamilton Winton, their years, faces that knew no

It was evident that the recipihappy. They will not forget this day when they were showered with such richness, having been Cinderellas so long and being turned so suddenly into prin-

# Place School

Approximately 200 fathers and program at the Arthur H. Swan-The Senior Group is also send- son gymnasium on Monday evenrangements for the program.

The program included activities in the recently dedicated new gymnasium, a movie on baseball in the auditorium, followed by a short talk and question and answer period by Andy Pafko of the Chicago Cubs. Door prizes were given in the form of a baseball glove and several baseballs autographed by Pafko. The grand prize for fathers was a live turkey won by Mr. Diehl.

Highlights of the sports activipledged 100,000 based on one kit ties in the gym which were put on by boys in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades were a radio skit acquainting fathers with the after-school program, a demonstration of a regular class period in badminton and table tennis, followed by a tumbling show and demonstration

The script for the radio skit written by Mr. Al Danakas, Director of Physical Education at Elm Place described in an interesting manner the after-school program.

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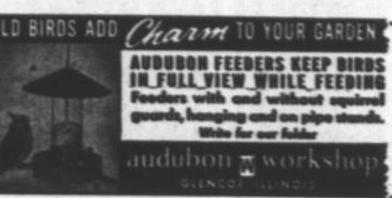
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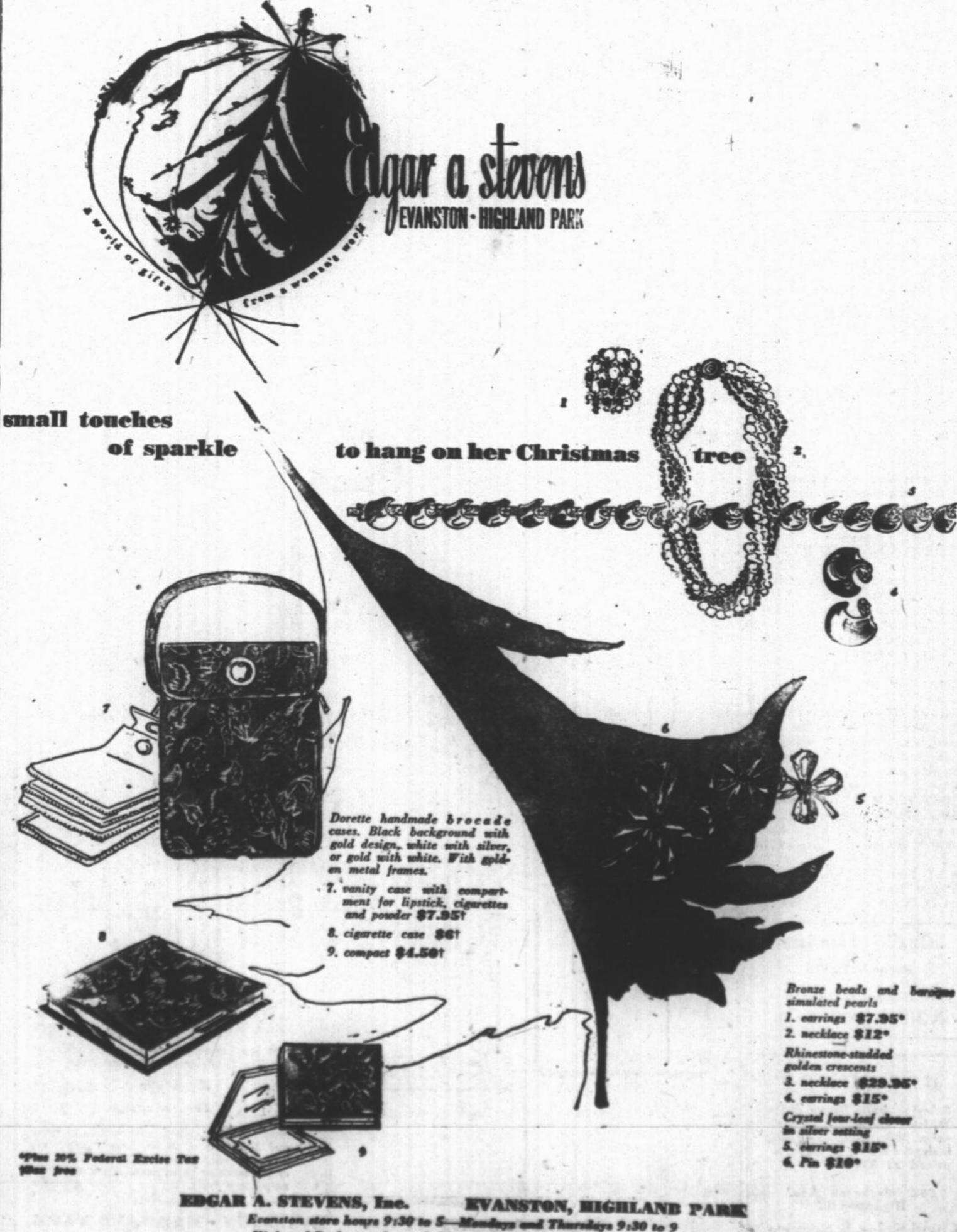
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