Inbe Skates

icles too num-

"I'm not, so to say a good man," Will

went on dreamily. "Churchgoing bored

cheer me now. I mean nothing irrever-

speaking about; but if I thought I was

be sorry for me, and make me happy

with the rest, tearing, galloping in

mad sort of way-and it was real, Lyn,

"Go away, Aunt Priscillia," said Eve-

lyn, fiercely. "Go away-leave him to

Will looked at his wife, and his face

There's no one could throw a stone at

father: I am the youngest and quite dif-

ferent from all the rest, and people said

I was fast because I liked hunting and

sports of all kinds, and some one spoke

to father and said that it was a scandal

that an Evangelical clergyman's daugh-

-and he made me tell him just how I

felt, and he said I had my grandfather's

blood in my veins. (Grandfather had

lived in the bush, and that was where

and instincts of nature which were mine

by nature, and he saved up and bought

go to the meets, and it was there I met

She paused a moment, out of breath.

trying to choose the right words for the

"I want to try to remember what fa

ther said—the very words; they were

something like this: He said he could

understand because he was my father,

and that was why God understood. He

knows all about us through and through,

as we are. You are a sportsman and an i

outdoor man, and He cares for you like

that, and He'll make you happy in your

own way, not in some one else's way. And

After a short interval he began to

He cares. He understands."

many thoughts which crowded in.

me. Will do you remember father."

lighted up.

It was a sultry afternoon in the mid- "But am I nothing to you?" sobbed dle of August. The hot air, which had poor Yyn, who felt that her cup of ana slight haze, hung like a transparent guish was indeed full. curtain of light and heat. The coach on which Will Godfrey had laid ever me, and that's the truth. I went besince his hunting accident in the spring cause you like it, darling, and because it had a view of a flower garden richly was the right thing for the squire at the decked with scarlet and gold, and be-yond it of the sun scorched park where confoundedly bored—I've nothing to oaks, elms and chestnuts spread great branches, clad in the tintless foliage or ent, though perhaps it doesn't bear late summer. The deer were huddled together in the shade; there was little going anywhere where they understand sign of stirring life; all nature seemed | -if I was going to a fellow who would

The doctor was sitting near Will. His in a way that I care about-if-if I eyes at the present moment were so might even go on dreaming about the full of sorrow that he dared not raise sport; things are duccedly real in a them. There had been a consultation dream, Lyn! I vow last night I saw the that morning with the great London meet clear and distince—the bare trees surgeon, and the result was supposed to and the hedges standing out against a be favorable-life might possibly be pro- yellowish sky-and I was coming up longed under certain conditions. Will was a man of almost gigantic

build. He looked like Goliath laid low. much more real than this-" Goliath dying by inches instead of by his own sword. "How long will this go on, doctor?" he said abruptly, looking at his friend

with great, wistful eyes. The doctor did not speak for a mo- "He was a good ma, a saint upon earth ment. He raised his eyes, but not to his patient's face, they wandered round the room, the walls of which were full of pictures of hunting scenes.

There was a certin monotoy about the subject-horses everywhere in various attitudes. In front of the couch -just on the level of Will's eyes, was ter should care for such things. And faa photograph of the last winner of the ther"-Evelyn's voice broke-"he took Derby. A little further on to the left | me into his study-I was seventeen then was another picture of an accident in the hunting field-a man lying on his back with his neck broken, and a horse standing over him.

"How long will this go on?" he repeated, insistently. "It may last for months - even for years. You are suffering from creeping paralysis, but that is often very me a horse, and, as you know, I used to

"There is no hope for recovery, not even of partial recovery, doctor?" "God knows I wish there were; that's one of the hardest parts of a doctor's life, the being unable to do more than patch up a magnificent frame like

"There was a rabbit once, half-killed and quivering-we knocked it on the head and put it out of its pain; we didn't leave it in its misery, we didn't feed it up to prolong the anguish. And the very horse which fell with me, whose legs were broken, was shot, that very hour; it wasn't left to linger. Man is less cruel than God. Man understands-God does not."

"Hush," said the doctor, gently. He was a man of great reverence of thought and feeling.

"You have something to comfort you, he added, after a painful pause; "there is your wife. Some men in your condition are left to hired nurses. I never saw anyone so eager to find new ways of cheering you. She was asknig me to-day about chess. She wishes me to teach her the game."

Evelyn Godfrey came in at that me ment, a beautiful woman with a singularly young, girlish face and an extraordinary expression of vitality. She was pale, with a soft, creamy paleness, and had black eyebrows and intensely gray

black-fringed eyes. She waited till the doctor had gone, and then knelt down by her husband and stroked his hand.

man, Lyn, aren't you?"

She shook her head.

"Do you know what I said to the doc-

"I spoke of a rabbit that had been

wounded to death, whose condition was

hopeless. I said if a man saw that ani-

mal he would immediately put it out of

its pain; he would be thought a brute

if he didn't. The mere brutes are bet-

ter off than men-they're not allowed

to live when existence means fortune.

And yet the two cases can't be compared

for suffering; the brute has a certain

amount of physical pain, but that's all;

"But the mere brute isn't taken care

"That's only a refinement of cruelty

when there's no hope. Little woman,

he went on, gravely looking at her with

very kind eyes, "you married a strong

man, fond of sport, full of the joy of

living, to whom life meant health and

strength and a roaring good time, this

cripple lying on a stretcher is really a

"Ah, don't say that," she cried, im-

"It must be true. I'm a stranger to

myself. I can't imagine myself chained

to this stretcher unable to move with-

out pain. It's not Will Godfrey who

is lying about in my dreams, leaping the

ditches here-no, Will Godfrey is the

ing the ditches on a chill spring morning,

man I think about in my dreams, !eap-

ploringly, stretching out her hands.

of, nursed tenderly," said Lyn.

till last spring."

agony ten-fold."

stranger to you."

"I was thought an idle man, wasn't Lyn?" he said, softly, smiling at heroh, what a sad smile it was!-"but 1 made a business of sport and active

games; there was no season of the year when time hung heavy on my hands. you and I, you on Black Princess and I There was hunting in the winter and early spring, fly-fishing in May, grouse But the radiant ook vanished, a shadow shooting in August, partridge and pheas-

crossed her husband's face like the wing and shooting afterward, and between of a dark cloud. His Aunt Priscilla's words were evi-"Doesn't it hurt you to talk about dently haunting him. it?" said Lyn, with a break in her voice.

"The river," he murmured, in a dis-"No-it's the only comfort I have. I tressed tone of voice. "I'm close to it never knew I had such a strong imagination. I shut my eyes and see the very "Leap it," she cried, suddenly, "You scenes where I have been so happy-: he can do it, I'm certain. Why, I could do ly outlined as an effort to have an hongolf links, the meet at the cross roads, the moor, the covers-but sometimes an

the pictures run into one another like a Then his expression changed to a joyous ecstacy of resolve. "Shall I read to you?" said Lyn, "By jove! I'll have a try, Lyn,"

whispered, still in his sleep. "No-talk to me. You're a good wotancy, his left hand was outstretched, retired, although the records show that "I don't know," she answered tremgraspin ginvisible reins ulously. "I was a very happy woman-

His pulse gave one tremendou bound. It was the last. His head fell quickly back -his left hand relaxed its hold. His lips still smiled. It was a smile of triumph Will Godfrey had leaped!-London On-

British Fisheries. No fewer than 26,140 steam and sailindustry off the British coast. The greater share is owned in Scotland, but England has the greater number of steam trawlers, a class of vessels slowly but surely displacing the sailing vessel, though the steamers are cordially disliked by the sailors, who declare that they will kill more fish than they

it has no imagination to paint pictures of never-to-be-had-again delight, no highly strung nerves to increase its There are almost two thousand of these boats, and as they are able to go greater distance out and yet market their catch more promptly there will come a time when the smack will be used only by those who expect to dispose of their catch in the immediate vicinity of their fishing ground.

The fisheries give employment to more than one hundred thousand men and boys, but the number will be decreased as time goes on and the steam vessel puts its weak opponent out of commis sion, and some of the papers affect to fear that the encroachment of the steam propelled fleet will entirely dis-

The Bosnian,

The Bosnian is as celebrated in Europe | ed and noted. No effort was made to for the firearms, sabres and knives preach reform to the people with whom the ditches on a child spring the lightly caught around the frame so as narching over the grouse moors with ants of Spanish Toledo were for their was simply passed along that the electelling a girl shannot this corpse of a man, dead to ants of Spanish Toledo were for their was simply passed along that the electelling a girl shannot this corpse of a man, dead to ants of Spanish Toledo were for their was simply passed along that the electelling a girl shannot this corpse of a man, dead to ants of Spanish Toledo were for their was simply passed along that the electelling a girl shannot this corpse of a man, dead to ants of Spanish Toledo were for their was simply passed along that the elec-telling a girl shannot this corpse of a man, dead to ants of Spanish Toledo were for their was simply passed along that the elec-telling a girl shannot this corpse of a man, dead to ants of Spanish Toledo were for their was going to be honest.



LADY MARY HAMILTON.

decreed that Lady Mary Hamilton should father was born.) And father said it be a girl, but not so unfeelingly did they would be cruel to stifle all the desires forget that everything in life has its of ten Scottish and two British titles, was made the occasion of rejoicings on !. Duke of Chatellerault, premier peer of | the scale usually reserved for sons and Scotland, hereditary keeper of the palace heirs, for she is deservedly popular of Holyrood and inheritor of a magnifi- among her tenants, who find in her a cent rent roll; as it is she rests content | "master" after their own hearts.

From a purely mercenary point of as the wealthiest woman in Great Brithe Isle or Arran, and the mistress of on record. considerable estates at Wickham Market

How Philadelphia's Election Was Won

you don't want any teaching about One night, just six weeks before the some things. You don't want to be trainelection, forty-two men met secretly in ed not to be cruel or to give needless the office of a well-known Philadelphia pain. Your're a sportsman every inch lawyer. There was one man for each of you, and there'll be something for ward in the city-one who had ability you to do-I swear it: you may be or influence or power, and who could taught other things but you'll have that. be trusted to work for right and keep You won't have crushed out of you what the pact. Included among them were makes you yourself. You are not respon- some wealthy merchants, some promisible any more than I was responsible. nent doctors, and lawyers, and publicists -every one more or less acquainted with After that Will lay quite still with practical politics, and all stanch Rehis eyes half closed. In a few minutes | publicans.

he was fast asleep, breathing regularly | The purpose of the meeting was to like a child. It was evidently a happy form an organization—an roganization to slumber. He was dreaming and the meet the gang on its own ground and dream was vivid and intensely real. His pit against it some of its own methods lips were curved in an almost joyful |-only to pit them for good government and an honest ballot, instead of graft. No chairman was elected, however. no committees were appointed. Instead "The mare is fresh to-day, Evelyn," he of the ordinary method of procedure folmurmured in his sleep. 'This is our first lowed in such cases, these men listened ride together since my accident. Oh, it's to the reading of the "platform" and had outlined to them, by the master

"Yes," she answered in a low, clear mind, the contemplated course of action. roice, which had a ring of laughter in it, Then each one of them, on his sac-"it's good to be riding together again, red honor, and on his oath to each of the others as fellow-men, and to the whole gathering as a company, swore to take charge of the campaign in his ward and do his part of the work to the best of his ability, and keep mum

to the big outside world. The following Monday each one of the 10,000 office-holders in Philadelphia were 1 ly. summoned to a meeting in his ward by the man who represented that ward at the secret meeting in the lawyer's office. The purpose of each meeting was briefest ballot at the coming election. Be-Only for an instant did Will hesitate. fore going into particulars as to the means to be pursued to this end, it was announced that every placement who did not feel ready and willing to do his part might retire. Taken all in all, probably He raised his head with eager exlpec- twenty-five per cent. of those present between ten and fifteen per cent. of these came back at subsequent meetings and joined forces with the majority.

Those who remained were first told that their positions were absolutely se cure for the remaining eighteen months of the present city administration-the administration of John Weaver. They were told that the mayor had given his promise that, no matter how the election resulted, no ward-heeler would have the power to remove them for any cause short of that constituting inefficiencyand that was never a "cause" with any

ward leader of the ganag! Then they were asked to stand up and take their oaths that they would do all that lay within their power to insure an honest election. Each man was to be held personally responsible for those raudulent votes of which he was aware -and it may be stated truthfully that within the knowledge of these 10,000 placemen was included every fradulent vote in the city. That was part and parcel of their qualification for office inder gang rule.

They stood and swore. How well these oaths were respected is evidenced by the fact that not a single charge of fraudulent voting has been made against the reform elements since

The organization once formed, it set to work quietly but in dead earnest. A nouse-to-house canvass of every one of the 1,101 election districts in the city was made by the enlisted office-holders, and every fraudulent vote was locat-

Every watcher for the reform party was informed by the ward leaders who had banded together for good government that he was to go to the polls armed; that in the event of any attempt being made to cast or assist in the casting of a fraudulent vote, he was to call in the police; that in the event of a police officer refusing to do his duty physical force, and that if it became necessary he was to shoot. He was to aim straight, too!

Together with this information, he was told that there had been provided nut street a branch of the swiftest automobiles in Philadelphia, to carry bondsin the quickest possible time.

On election day the automobiles were lined up as promised. The bondsmen and the lawyers were ready and waiting. But the only need for bail that and hard to handle, it takes shape nice-

casts and in others by social leaders. where directed. It was a great coming together of all classes to fight for an honest ballot, and when the honest ballots were countthe candidates of good government .-Leigh Mitchell Hodges in Leslie's Week- a bright spot, wherever placed, that

A Christmas Discovery (George Clay Lloyd.) 'Twas the night before Christmas and Santa

In his palace of ice and snow, As he rubbed his hands before the bright His cheeks had a ruddier glow. His hair was as white as his palace of snow, The beard on his chin was the same,

His eyes sparkled bright as a diamond that As he smiled on his white-haired dame, "Tis the eve before Christmas," he said to

"To-night I must hasten away, The sweetmeats and toys for my girls and Are snugly packed now in my sleigh.

"My boys and my girls have been good all I am pleased so well have they done Though some chimneys be small, I'll visit them all. And a present I'll give each one."

He sped with the wings of the wind, His heart was aglow as he passed o'er the And left the cold northland behind.

Then onward he sped o'er valley and hill Till he travelled the wide world through, That hearts may be light as his own was

Then I heard ting-a-ling ting-a-ling at the And quickly I leaped from my bed, I knew very well it was Santa Claus' bell, And wanted a peep at his sled. I peeped through the door that was standing

Expecting the saint I should see, But there stood papa, with presents, ha And was filling my stocking for me. Young People's Paper, Elkhart, Ind.

Quiet Time at the Dance. (Miami, I. T., Herald.) The dance at the Ottawa ball on Tuesday night was the best in the history of our coun try, not even a dispute of any kind oc-curred. Forty numbers were on the pro-gramme, which brought out nineteen danoing indies, and all had a complete sufficiency before it closed. Can't account for the extreme good behavior, only that it was court

THE USE OF HOLLY FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON.

THE PLANT THAT HELPS TO BRIGHTEN UP THE HOLIDAYS.

sons, the approach of Christmas is an-nounced chiefly by the appearance of the chandelier if one would be ornate. red berry and its prickly green leaf. Children are told all sorts of things about the holly; that it is a fairy berry the reindeers on an early journey.

Really, it grows in the southern woods and is picked and brought in wagonloads the buyers and shipped to the big cities.

The handling of it is prosaic enough. sidered and such details as freighting, unpacking, selling again, and finally dis- and there wherever they look pretty. tributing to the street-hawkers. But the one who does not connect holly with the commonplace early surroundings is the 50 years ago. At the Christmas ban person who will enjoy the berry most, quet she was to wear the holly wreath for there is in it that which savors of which was supposed to be imbued with mystery and of Christmas. With a sprig charms potent to drive sorrows away. of holly one can have Christmas, but To this day the wearing of the holly lacks something. The two go together, ners. Gray-haired and well bearded men

for a living and who depend upon it for is pretty to look upon.

all the good things of life. imports it into the cities. He works only into a custom. A little sprig, no mattwo months in the year, and by the time | ter how small or how large, is attached Christmas has dawned, he has begun his to the central light, be it oil, or gas or vacation to last until another year comes | electric, and allowed to dangle therearound. The wholesale holly man works from. To stand under it means a during September and October and per- | Christmas penalty for the girl who dares. haps for a few days in November. But as soon as he has brought his holly to town | might be no Christmas. It is difficult view the fates dealt harshly when they tain, the possessor of the famous black and sold it to the wholesaler his work is to imagine Santa Claus venturing into pearls of the Hamiltons, the owner of done. It is the shortest business season a land which has no festive green. But

-practically all, indeed, that the laws are those who gather it from the woods | tions of the Christmas berry. compensation and failed to mollify her | before which even the fates seem to bow | where it grows wild. While it costs in bounteous measure. Had she been allowed her father, the twelfth duke, to nothing for the holly itself, it costs a born a boy she would now be the holder leave her. Her coming of age recently great deal in time and labor. Then, too, the holly is difficult to handle, and it breaks and loses its leaves and becomes | What They Wear When They Go Into unfit for the market.

Once packed and delivered to the holly man, who, as a rule, visits the holly woods and makes his purchases on the who makes a good profit out of it by selling it to the retailer, who, in town, sells it to the street men. Finally it appears upon stands and on street corners, waiting to be bought.

The woman who buys a sprig of holly for ten cents and goes home and places it behind a picture frame feels that she has made a beginning toward the observance of the holiday season. She who and make the arrest, he was to use buys a wreath and hangs it in the front ber backed silk serves for fine storm window does more, for she not only an- coats, with cravenetted wool goods as nounces Christmas to her family, but to second choice. the passers-by.

If one were asked to name the most important adjunct to Christmas joy one same qualities, though most persons misby some of the rich men of the city a would probably say the Christmas tree, take it for velvet and therefore consider fund of \$600,000, to be used in bailing But, on further thought, it is not the any watcher who might be arrested for holly? Few families indulge in a tree thus interfering forcefully or shooting; annually, but a great many treat them- the sporty country contingent wears that all expenses incident upon any trial | selves to a sprig of holly. If holly were would be met out of this fund, and that to be banished off the face of the earth, rule these coats are more than loose. there would be lined up in front of the a great part of Christmas would disapheadquarters of the city party on Chest- pear. There may be some from whom Christmas would go out entirely; for there are those whose only Christmas men and lawyers to the scene of action | treat lies in the sight of the carts and | quimaux. baskets of prickly holly that line the roadways in December.

Holly is a queer stuff. While prickly it looks very docile, and, though stiff day existed within the ranks of the ly when trained by slender fingers around picture frames and doorways. Its The police didn't go over. The people very prickles assist it in the using have done duty for dress wear. wards they were guarded by social out- festoon naturally and hang gracefully

The color of the leaf is another thing in its artistic favor. It is a brilliant green, not faded, nor dark, but a bright, ed they showed a majority of 50,000 for beautiful tone that goes well with every drapery. Its gaudy little berry makes catches the eye and holds it.

Another point in favor of holly as a Christmas favorite is its durability. It does not fade, nor wilt, nor do its berries or leaves soon drop off. In a med ium temperature, not too hot nor too dry, say in the atmosphere that prevails in the family living-room or in the drawing-room, it will keep bright and pretty for two months, and need only to be removed when Easter favorites drive it from its point of vantage.

Holly is the one thing that must sure y be used at Christmas time. Mistletoe is very well in its place, under the chandelier, and, as a kissing berry, it should find its way into every civilized home, but holly is prettier and much dies. Originally the land belonged to more uheful for a decoration. It is cheaper and more plentiful.

Styles in trimming vary in holly as in other things. One year it is the thing Holland was taken down and the Engto bunch all the holly into great vases lish flag alone floated, only to give way and stand them where they can be seen to Spain again. The Knights of Malta from the open door. Another season were the next possessors, and from them the picture frames must have holly it passed to a company of adventurers, stuffed back of them, until they fairly who lost it to France, which sold to a bulge out from the wall, swinging with Danish company, the land finally comtheir heavy load of green upon the back. ing into the possession of the Spanish This year the portiere gets its share of government. England again took possesthe Christmas holly. Festoons of it are sion in 1801, and eight years later it strung across the front of the curtains passed to the Danish government again. and draped back or looped as artistic Eventually it will probably become a fancy may suggest. A long holly chain part of the United States, two bargains can be caught from the two upper cor- having been arranged, but never comners of a portiere and looped again in pleted. the centre high enough to make a classic curve. Or one long chain of it can be allowed to swing from the upper cor-

Red ribbons look well with holly and should match the berries as nearly as ossible. An immense red satin bow, just the berry color, sets off the stems as nothing else will do. The portiere, that is to be caught back, can be looped with a big prickly bunch. Let it be tied securely and fastened upon the curtain just at the spot where the curtain hook performs its office. It is pretty to allow a long string of it to trail down the

Decorating the picture-frame is easy. The holly should be wired together to make one long chain and this should be to trim well the corners and the sides. The old-fashioned way of twining with

It is the holy season. To many per- holly can have a chain of it running

Making a wreath is something that falls to the lot of every holly-trimmer, for the wreath is part of every decorafrom Santa Clausland brought hither by tive scheme. One in each window is the rule, and one in every doorway, if you can get enough wreaths. In these days of pretty things all ready to use, it is to the villages, there to be bought by not everyone who will go to the trouble of making a wreath, but if holly has been bought by the wholesale, and there for there are barrels and boxes to be con- is plenty of it to spare, then let simple wreaths be put together and hung here

The making of a crown of holly was one of the social duties of the girl of without holly the merriest Christmas | wreath is a thing to be noticed at din-Christmas and the Christmas berry, and can be seen seated at table with the you know that one is coming when you holly resting upon their shining brows. The maiden in holly dressed is a pretty It is a wonderful thing to relate, but sight, and she who will take the trouble holly is a whole Santa Claus to certain to make herself a prickly crown will be people. These are the ones who handle it | rewarded by the consciousness that she

The placing of the mistletoe upon the There is the wholesale holly man, who | chandelier is a thing that has grown

Without holly and mistletoe there with them there is Christmas in all lands Those who work hardest at the holly for no country is without its importa-Augusta Prescott.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS.

It is interesting to note the raiment worn by fair ones with full purses, long ground, there comes the city wholesaler | Christmas lists and frenzied faces. No two dress alike.

> Frock coat suits are undoubtedly the most general choice. These are made of the various cloths, the coat being long and the skirt short. A modish storm coat crops up as the

> important bit of wear. Beneath it the details of many a costume are lost. Rub-

Corduroy suits are smart and endlessly serviceable. Velveteen boasts almost the it too dressy. So-called Englishy coat suits—the sort

Some from near-by rural districts descend upon the shopping centres in enough wrappings and furs to suggest a cross between Kriss Kringle and an Es-

Footwear fashions of a snowy day range from low shoes (they have been seen) to rubber boots. Gloves, when fashiouable, are of the heavy pique sewn, mannish variety. Knitted ones are en evidence. Also seen,

alas! are the soiled white gloves that did vote and their votes were honestly for they twine and intertwine, loop and As for shopping bags, not all of them guarded and honestly counted. In some interloop, lace and interlace, until they are "latest hints from Paris." The latest bit of chic in leather is held side by side with a roomy cord bag, which bulges like the pack of Santa.

In the shops open coats show waists ranging from heavy broadcloth and velveteen to filmy affairs of the lingerie

Many women who wear fur coats cling to the shirt-waist suit of cloth, Louisine, taffeta or other material. These improved shirt-waist suits are very becoming, to many who do not look well in waists and skirts of a different color.

After all the great thing is to be dressed comfortably, and very many women seem to have accomplished this. It must be admitted, though, that too few remove the coat when making a prolonged stay in a store.

Under Many Flags.

Possibly no possession has changed nationality so frequently as the island of Santa Cruz, in the Danish West In-Spain, and it was taken from Spain to be under the joint rule of England and Holland. After a while the flag of

As Ye Sow.

As ye sow must ye also reap, Be it kindly or evil seeds, Ye reap the grain and the weeds

As ye sow must ye also reap Ye may see 'tis so in the field So plow ye the uplands deep And reap what the sumer yields.

As ye sow must ye also reap, For the tares of your youthful years, In your age you must sit and weep And reap a harvest of tears.

As ye sow must ye also reap; 'Tis well that ye plant the rose, For the nettles will slyly creep, Ye reap as the harvest grows. As ye sow must ye also reap,