Christmas Present For a Young Lady

the First Reader Class in a lower East Side school had almost to a man decided on the gifts to be lavished on "Teacher." She was quite unprepared for any such observance on the part of her small adherents, for her first study of the roll book had shown her that its numerous Jacobs, Isidores and Rachels belonged to a class to which Christmas Day was much as other days. But Morris Mogilewsky, whose love for Teacher was far greater than the combined loves of all the other chil dren, had as yet no present to bestow. That his "kind feeling" should be without proof when the lesser loves of Isidore Wishnewsky, Sadie Gonorowsyk and Bertha Binderwitz were taking the tangible but surprising forms which were daily exhibited to his confidential gave was more than he could bear.

The knowledge saddened all his hours, and was the more maddening because it could in no wise be shared by Teacher, who noticed his altered bearing and tried with all sorts of artful beguilements to make him happy and at ease. loved her! Oh, how he loved her! Since first his dreading eyes had clung for a breath's space to her "like man's shoes" and had then crept tmidly upward past hastens to respond to Isidore's test of a black skirt, a "from silk" apron, a her creduilty

but so full of unknown terrors within. After his dusty little shoes had stum-

laying down softly and taking up gent- nasal douche, under the pleasing deluhis spirit was quite broken, and his Once more sounds of grief reach teachnerves were all unstrung when he was Down upon the floor he dropped, and cluding a tear-stained little face and a and sees that in her eyes, too, "stands which attracted the attention of the the cross He met with cruelty.

walled and wept and kicked. It was gilt saucer clasped to a panting breast. tears." voice which he now loved. A hand was floor and the voice said:

The hand was gentle and the question kind, and these, combined with a faint perfume, suggestive of drug stores and barber shops but nicer than eithermade him uncover his hot little face. Kneeling beside him was a lady, and he forced his eyes to that perilous ascent; from shoes to skirt, from skirt to jumper, from jumper to face, they trailed in dread uncertainty, but at the face they stopped they had found rest. Morris allowed himself to be gather-

ed into the lady's arms and held upon her knee, and when his sobs no longer rent the very foundations of his pink is plainly a hero, and is heard remarkand wide spread tie, he answered her question in a voice as soft as his eyes, er's hair is awful softy, and smells off and as gently said: "I ain't so big, and I don't know where

So, having cast his troubles on the shoulders of the lady, he had added his has brought her a present; he wishes throbbing head to the burden, and from her a merry Christmas. The present, that safe retreat had enjoyed his first when produced, proves to be a pretty day at school immensely.

Thereafter he had been the first to arrive every morning, and the last to her assailant, and the cup as her propleave every afternoon; and under the erty. Teacher is dreadfully embarrasscare of teacher, his liege lady, he had ed; the boy not at all so. His policy grown in wisdom and love and happi- is simple and entire denial, and in this ness, but the greatest of these was love. he perseveres, even after Eva's saucer And now, when the other boys and has unmistakably proclaimed its rela-

Krisht; you should better have no kind too, becomes urgently perceptible. I

"No money, und you papa, he has all and breathing grows laborious, while times a scarce he shouldn't to get no pride swells the hearts of the assembled more, the while the boss"- and here multitude. No other teacher has so followed incomprehensible, but depress- many helps to the toilet. None other ing, financial details, until the end of is so beloved, the interview found Morris and his mother sobbing and rocking in one another's arms. So Morris was helpless, his mother poor, and Teacher all unknowing.

And now the great day, the Friday before Christmas, has come and the school is, for the first half hour, quite mad. Doors open suddenly and softly to admit small persons, clad in wondrous wave and bearing wondrous parcels. Room 18, generally so placid and so peaceful, is a howling wilderness full of brightly colored, quickly changing groups of children, all whispering, all gurgling and all hiding queer bundles. A newcomer invariably causes a diversion; the assembled multitude, ahtirst for novelty, falls upon him and clamors for a glimpse of his bundle and a statement of its price.

Teacher watches in dumb amaze. What can be the matter with the children? They can't have guessed that the shrouded something in the corner is a Christmas tree? What makes them has been disclosed and its treasures disbehave so queerly, and why do they look so strange? They seem to have grown stout in a single night, and "Say, teacher, I got something for you," Teacher, as she notes this, marvels

The explanation is simple, though it comes in alarming form. The sounds tween his shirt-waist buttons and of revelry are pierced by a long, shrill | through the gashes he calls pockets. yell, and a pair of agitated legs spring | This is the ordinary costume, and the suddenly into view between two desks. funds of the house of Mogilewsky are Teacher, rushing to the rescue, notes evidently unequal to an outer layer of that the legs form the unsteady stem finery. of an upturned mushroom of brown "Now, Morris, dear," says Teacher flannel and green braid, which she rec- "you shouldn't have troubled to get me ognizes as the outward seeming of her a present; you know you and I are cherished Bertha Binderwitz, and yet, such good friends thattheir prey, the legs restored to their rupts in a bewitching rising inflection sormal position, are found to support of his soft and plaintive voice; "I know

Teacher, too, is more beautiful than right, un' he kisses my mamma a kiss. ever. Her dress is blue and "very long So my mamma she sets and looks on down, like a lady," with bands of silk the present, und all the time she looks and scraps of lace distributed with the she has a glad over it. Und I didn't eye of art. In her hair she wears a bow to have no soap, so you could to have of what Sadie Gonorowsky, whose father | the present," works by fancy goods," describes as black from plush ribbon-costs ten

Isidore Belchatosky, relenting, is the first to lay tribute before Teacher. He comes forward with a sweet smile and a tall candle-stick-the candy has gone to its long home- and Teacher for a that all that length of bluish-white china is really hers "for keeps."

"It's to-morrow holiday," Isidore assures her; "and we gives you presents, But her efforts served only to increase | the while we have a kind feeling. Canhis unhappiness and his love. And he dle-sticks could to cost twenty-five

"It's a lie. Three for ten," says a voice in the background, but Teacher

"Indeed, they could. This candle-stick her "light face," she had been mistress could have cost fifty cents, and it's just of his heart of hearts. That was more what I wont. It is very good of you thankful." than three months ago. How well he to bring me a present."

stows a large calendar for the year be- Teacher's desk again, carrying on the 2. Where is he—This inquiry in Jeru- palace, not in a house of luxury, not in force last. So its Constant of the year becup and saucer; Isidore Applebaum be- fused class. And at 3 o'clock he is at | the object of their search. was told in mute and white-faced desoair from his mother's skirts.

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nerves were all unstrung when he was er's ears. Rushing again to the rescue, me a kiss?" pushed into a room full of bright sun-shine and of childen who laughed at upon woe personified. Eva Gonorowsky, ously, "perhaps it ain't for boys." his frightened little face. The sunshine her hair in wildest disarray, her stocksmote his timid eyes, the laughter smote ing fouled, un-gartered and down-gyved his timid heart, and he turned to flee, to her ankle, appeared before her teach- him. But the door was shut, the large boy er. She bears all the marks of Hamgone, and despair took him for its own. let's excitement, and many more, in-

then he heard for the first time the "Eva, my dearest Eva, what's happened to you now?" asks teacher, for forced between his aching body and the list of ill-chances which have befallen this one of her charges is very long. pretty room-for she was, unofficially, "Why, my dear little chap, you And Eva wails forth that a boy, a very a greatly pampered young person-and mustn't cry like that. What's the mat- big boy, had stolen her golden cup "what reveiwed her treasures. She saw that I had for you by present," and has left | they were very numerous, very touchher only the saucer and her undying ing, very whimsical, and very precious.

that for ladies' present."

A Timely Hint.

One time there was a little boy so naughty

His record was denominated shocking:

So good St. Chris. observing this, remarked

And dropped his grandma's spectacles

Although I ain't a peevish saint I must obey

A-blowing on his fingers all a-tingle;

Then suddenly his face grew stern

As from the pack upon his back he took

package plain, A wicked looking spanker labelled 'Willie.'

The Saint looked sad, "Too bad, too bad!"

Where Molly lay and Jane the gay,

He said, a teardrop down his nose

little chap will look."

stocking.

he murmured with a sigh, A moment through the bedroom door a-

The naughty, naughty Willie was a-sleep-

Think how forlorn to-morrow morn the

A spanker ain't so awfully consoling."

and laughed, "It's all a joke-They can't be sad when Santa Claus comes

Then lustily across his knee the wicked

And dropping a silver watch in Willie's

Then up the flue and up the flue swift leap-

To where his merry reindeer stood a-feed

YULETIDE DOGGEREL.

Which mystic light does burn so brigh

We'll kiss our aunts and cousins,

Our wife, and all the pretty girls,

'Tis Christmas! Merry Christmas!

And we'll assauge our grief

By amply eating cold mince pie

And underdone roast beef.

We'll sit upon the holly,

And eat all we can stuff.

He finds us very queer;

Then it is very clear,

Till indigestion seizes us,

We'll stand beneath the mistletoe,

And shout that we are jolly,

And cheer to think it's Christmas,

And we cry, "Hold, enough!"

We give a groan and feebly moan,

We shouldn't long be here!

So when the doctor calls next day,

If Christmas day were once & week

We'll fill the children's stockings ful

We'll sing a song of Christmas,

Its sloppy mud, its rain, its snow,

We'll eat the hot plum pudding,

All floating in blue blazes,

Our eyes it almost dazes.

We'll osculate in dozens.

And underneath the mistletoe

Its berries red, its bills.

Its many thousand ills.

ed the sprightly elf

and thunk and wunk and wunk

His beard was white, his smile was bright,

He saw the stocking hanging by the ingle.

'Too bad dear, dear!
I'll have to put a switch in Willie's stock-

Before Eva's sobs have quite yielded frayed pinkish paper, rather crumpled to teacher's arts Jacob Spitsky presses | and a little soiled. For it held the love terrifying aspect and hungry teeth, and | and the magic of a home, for Morris an air showing forth a determination | Mogilewsy's Christmas present for ladies to adjust it in its destined place. Teach- was the receipt for a month's restn for er meekly bows her head; Jacob forces a room on the top floor of a Monroe his offering into her long-suffering hair, street tenement. and then retires with the information. "Costs fifteen cents, teacher," and the courteous phrase-by etiquette prescrib. ed-"Wish you health to wear it." He ing to less-favored admirers that "teach-

perfumery." Here a big boy, a very big boy, enters 18, but he has long known teacher. He gold cup, and Eva Gonorowsky, with renewed emotion, recognizes the boy as

of price for Teacher, his hands were as | Meanwhile, the rush of presntation empty as his heart was full. Appeal goes steadily on. Other cups and sauto his mother met with denial, prompt cers come in wild profusion. The cesk is covered with them, and their wrap-"For what you go and make, over pings of purple tissue paper require a presents? You ain't no monitor's whole attention. The soap, feelings over Krisths, neither; you papa is of all sizes, shapes and colors, but of uniform and dreadful power of perfume. "Teacher ain't no Krisht," said Mor- Teacher's eyes fill with tears of gratiris, stoutly; "all the other fellows buys tude as each new piece or box is pressher presents, und I'm loving mit her; ed against her nose, and teacher's mind it's polite I gives her presents the while is full of wonder as to what she can I'm got such a kind feeling over her." ever do with all of it. Bottles of per-

"Well, we ain't got no money for buy fume vie with one another and with the nothing," said Mrs. Mogilewsky, sadly. all-pervading soap until the air is heavy

Teacher's aspect is quite changed, and he "blue long down like a lady dress" is almost hidden by the offerings she had received. Jacob's comb has two massive and bejewelled rivals in the "softy hair." The front of the dress, wont to rest, is glittering with campaign Up. Lightfoot, Whitefoot! haste, the night in outtons of American celebrities, beginning with James G. Blaine and extending into modern history as far as Patrick Divver, Admiral Dewey and Captain Drevfus. Outside the blue belt is white one, nearly clean, and bearing in "sure 'nough golden words" the curt out stirring invitation, "Remember the Maine." Around the neck are three haplets of beads, wrought by chubby ingers and embodying much love, while the waist-line is further adorned by tiny and beribboned aprons. Truly, i

is a day of triumph. When the waste paper basket has been twice filled with wrappings and twice emptied; when order is emerging out of chaos; when the Christmas tree tributed, a timid hand is laid on teacher's knee and a plaintive voice whispers. and teacher turns quickly to see Morris her dearest boy charge, with his poor little body showing quite plainly be

when the desks are forced to disgorge "Teacher, yis , ma'am," Morris inter-

-Illustrated Bits a fat child —and Bertha was best des- you got a kind feeling for me, and I inch minnow, was recently delivered by vine order. That alone is enough to cribed as "skinny"— in a dress of the couldn't to tell you even how I'm got a Pittsfield, Mass., milkman to one of cause rejoicing.

V. The child J

present. I didn't"—with a glance at the crowded deak—"I didn't to have no soap or no perfumers. soap or no perfumery, and my mamma, she couldn't to buy none by the store;

but, Teacher, I've got something awful

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selves before him according to the east-

knees, his forehead at the same time touching the ground. It was used to

express both civil and religious rever

ence."-Clarke. gifts-The people of the

of kings without bringing them presents.

The custom still prevails in many places.

were the very presents Isaiah mention-

12. warned of God in a dream.—God

The Birth of Christ .- Matt. 2: 1-12. nice for you by present."
"And what is it?" asks the already rich and gifted young person. wise men (vs. 1, 2.) 1. When Jesus was know; I ain't so big like I could to birth is uncertain there is no reason while frankingous and myrrh were prizknow"-and truly, God pity him! he is why it may not have been on December passing small-"it ain't for boys-it's 25, B. C. 5. But why do we say that tha's accumulated taste in dress is an established custom. In nearly all cases gives my mamma the present. Scoper It was the week before Christmas, and | purple. Investigation proves that Ber- for ladies. Over yesterday on the night | Jesus was born "before Christ".' Simpsome centuries after Christ's time there they shall bring gold and incense" (Isa. the glory of holiday attire is hung up- she looks on it, sooner she has a awful was no calendar in general use, but each the solid foundation of everyday glad; in her eyes stand tears, and she nation dated from some event in its hisclothes, as bunting is hung upon a says, like that—out of Jewish—Thanks, tory. Finally, in the sixth century, building. The habit is economical of un' she kisses my papa a kiss. Und learned monk, Dionysius Exiguus, was time and products a charming embon-point.

my papa, how he is polite! he says— out of Jewish, too—'You're welcome, all Christ's birth, and it was ordered that calculations in A. D. 526, put the birth of Jesus about four years too late .. In Bethlehem-"House of bread." name properly applied to a place where "But did your mother say I might?" the true Bread was manifested for the "Teacher, no, ma'm, she didn't say like that. She didn't to know. But it's

life of the world."-Clarke. Of Judea-To distinguish it from Bethlehem for ladies, un' I didn't to have nothing. Galilee, mentioned to Josh. 19: 15. Her You could to look on it. It ain't for od-Herod the Great. He was an Edom ite, and although a proselyte to the Jewish religion, was notorious for his moment cannot be made to understand ish paper. As teacher reads it he wickedness and cruelty. He reigned 37 watches her with eager, furtive eyes, years in Judea and died a few months dry and bright, until hers grow sud-"the sceptre was departing from Judah, denly moist, when his promptly follow suit. As she looks down at him he a sign that the Messiah was now at ally a class of priests among the Persians and Medes, who formed the king's did the wise men do? "It's for ladies, und I didn't have no "But, Morris, dear," cried teacher, un. privy counsel. They were men of learn-

"You're welcome, "says Isidore, retiring, and then, the ice being broken."

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"You're welcome, all right. That's parts of the world in right cultivate little farms or patches of the world, as in one or an eousness."—Whedon. From the east—dom, John's for love, Jesus' for salvadom, Jesus' ing, and then, the ice being broken, the First Reader class in a body rises his place emong the month of the rest of the world, as in a cultivate name has power to save.

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Solution of the world of the wo house, so familiar from the outside, to cast its gifts on teacher's desk, and but so full of unknown terrors within. Its arms seemed to suppose that when they ham" (v. 1.) An insignificant village, but so full of unknown terrors within. the rest of that exciting day he is a reached the capital of the Jewish nation not mentioned among the many towns Nathan Horowitz presents a small shining point of virtue in a slightly con- they would have no trouble in finding at the time of the division of the land.

Born King of the Jews-This was a this to teach how little God cares for ex- elephants. title unknown to the earlier history of ternals? kissed Eva Gonorowsky. I'm loving over the cross.—Carr. Notice that Jesus a stranger to this world; there was no seem that even with their combined a stranger to this world; there was no terpreters, especially those who seek to eliminate the supernatural explain the Herod hunted him (v. 7). His own par-"Perhaps," suggests teacher, mischiev- eliminate the supernatural, explain the ents "understood not" His youthful as- would still be impossible to turn out a would st "star," or "sidereal appearance," by a pirations (Luke 2. 49). His own towns-But a glance at her "light face" with conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, men rejected Him (Luke 4. 29); He had there wooden animals: that it would be completely which compared in May W. C. 7 and again. its crown of surprising combs, reassures which occured in May, B. C. 7, and again not where to lay His head (Matt. 8. 20; take considerable time to begin with him. "Teacher, yis, ma'm, it's for boys," he however, much more in harmony with spired to crucify Him (Luke 22. 66; 23. in their first stage; but at this stage

"It's polite you kisses me a kiss over worship him-To do him homage. They of the Jews" (v. 2). The gospel of family perhaps, and skilled by experiwere bold to confess the object of their Matthew is the story of Jesus as King. ence in that sort of work, takes a Late that night Teacher sat in her coming. But above all the rest she cherished a already by the crimes of his past career, He is waiting still for the kingdom he was thrown into a fresh paroxysm (Luke 19. 15; Matt. 26. 29). The prayer. of alarm and anxiety by the visit of "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done these magi, bearing the strange intelli- in earth" (Matt. 6. 10), has never been

gence that they had come to worship a literally fulfilled. It will be some day. new-born king.-Farrar. Herod feared Christ rules His own to-day as a Shepa rival. All Jerusalem with him-Fear- herd. ing that he would make this an occasion | V. A place of prophecy. "It is written or renewing his acts of bloodshed. 4. Had by the prophets" (v. 5). A study of progathered-He assembled the Sanhedrin. pression probably comprehends the act- | Gen. 49. 10; Hosea 11. 1; Zech. 11. 12, who had been high priests-for at this Psa. 22. 1; 60. 21; Zech. 12. 10; John that is far more advanced. time the office was often transferred by 1. 45; Acts 13, 27; 1 Cor. 2, 8). A special which David had distributed into so

terpreters of the Mosaic law, and the collectors of the traditions of the elders. Many of them were Pharisees. Demanded of them-Because they would be most likely to know. Where the Christ (R. V.)-Or the Messiah, the official title of the promised deliverer. "The wise men had said nothing about the Christ, or the Messiah, but only about the King of the Jews. But Herod saw that this king must be the expected

Messiah."

many courses." Scribes-The learned in | 22, 18, 19).

5. By the prophet-Micah 5: 2. Matthew does not quote the exact words found in Micah, but the anse is given. It was an accepted truth that the Messiah must come from Bethlehem. 6. Art is no wise least (R. V.)-Micah says "Though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel." This made Bethlehem "in no wise least." Although Bethlehem was little, yet it was exalted above all the other cities of Israel. The princes-"The thousands" (Micah 5: 2). The tribe had been subdivided into thousands, and over each subdivision there was a chieftain or prince.-Morison. A governor- To 3. 16); as saved ones we are God's gift control and rule. Who shall be shepherd (R. V.)-To feed and care for, as a shepherd his flock. Christ is both shepherd and king. My people Israel-Israel was God's people in a peculiar

sense. They were his own peculiar trea-III. The intrigue of Herod (vs. 7, 8). 7. Privily called-Herod desired to keep the time of Christ's birth as secret as possible lest the Jews who hated him should take occasion to rebel. Enquired of them diligently-"Learned of them exactly."-R. V. He enquired of them the exact time and received positive positive information as to the time the star appeared. Assuming that the star appeared when the child was born he would thus have some idea of the age of the child, 8. He sent themassumed control; but they followed the directions of the Lord. Search diligently -Herod was honest in making this charge to them; he greatly desired to receive definite word concerning the new King. And worship him also- What hypocrisy! He only wished to find the child in order to murder him (vs. 13,

16); he was crafty and subtle, saying one thing and meaning another. IV. Guided by the star (vs. 9, 10). 9 the star . . . went before them-The same star which they had seen in their own country now again appears. The star disappeared for a time and this led them to inquire in Jerusalem for the young King whom they sought. Supernatural helps should not be expected where ordinary means are to be had. stood over -The star pointed out the very house .-Benson, 10, they rejoiced-The Greek is very emphatic. They rejoiced exceed ingly because they saw they were about to find the child and because they had A bottle of milk, containing a two- such unmistakable proof of being in di-

V. The child Jesus found (vs. 11, 12). My gren'pa knows Santa Claus.

For Santa Claus' & Dal The Way They Make Toys By Wholesale in Germany

time he gets in Germany, and many of largely these home-made wooden anresinous gum, flowing from a tree, gashtime he gets in Germany, and imals from Noah's arks they make year

In toy-making Germany there are, furniture. communicated his purpose to them in a large What was Die character of this king? other hand there are toys that the table, each doing some part of the Who came to Jerusalem seeking for ished in factories; but there are still work. Jesus? From whence did they come? other toys of kinds long familiar that Perhaps one may fashion on the head

Among toys thus home made are, for completed. instance, the animals to be found in In fact, specialization is PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS. I. A place of salvation. "Now when parts of Saxony. This is a region much toys, and another locality producing the common belief is that there were but ter than perfume; and you're quite right, it is for ladies and I never had the Christ? "We be the christ?" "We be the christ? "We be the christ? "We be the christ?" "We be the christ? "We be the chris

family that makes the little wooden duction, as for brooms or for plows. "In a manger" (Luke 2. 7). Not in a animals that come in the Noah's The people who are engaged in toy arks, when the summer's work out of their accustomed pursuits, but the toy

genious means greatly facilitated. magi was provided for the ocasion. To IV. A place of royalty. "Born king The home worker, the head of the

Its key-phrase, "kingdom," is found small squared block of wood, cut out II. Light from the scriptures (vs. 3-6). fifty-six times. Its key-phrase, "king- not lengthwise, but across the grain, 3. Had heard-The magi had created no dom of heaven," is found thirty-two and upon one end of this block he small stir by their inquiries which im- times, and nowhere else in the New Tes- draws the profile outline of, say, mediately attracted the attention of the tament. Mathew gives His legal genea- horse. Then with a scroll saw he saws king. Troubled-Herod, now sunk into logy, his royal pedigree, from David, away from the block, down through its the jealous decrepitude of his savage source of Jewish rule; and Abraham, whole length; all the wood outside the old age, was residing in his new palace source of Jewish blessing (Matt. 1 1). line as drawn on the end of it for a on Zion, when, half maddened as he was Jesus was born king, but He waited- guide. So now he has a block of wood in the right outlines of a horse, very Then from the block he splits of

down through it with the grain, as many sections as the block will permit, three or four or maybe half a dozen, each one of these containing the makings of a horse, a little horse in blank, and then these blanks are taken in hand by the members of the family, phecy gives a miniature life of Jesus and each fashioned into its final com-Lightfoot. Chief priests— This ex- (Isa. 7. 14; Michah 5. 2; Isa. 9; 1, 2; pleted form. In this way much labor is saved at the beginning; but there is ing high priest and his deputy, those 13; Zech. 13. 7; Isa. 53; 12; Psa. 22. 18; another way of preparing the material In this part of Germany there are

the Roman authorities and "the heads blessing is promised to those who read wood turners who make a business of of the twenty-four sacerdotal families, and hear and keep the last great pro- supplying to home toy makers what are phecy of His second coming (Rev. 1. 3; called animal rings, these rings being rings of wood from each of which VI. A place of guidance. "The star .. | many animals can be cut. The ringcame and stod over where the young maker cuts from the end of a stick of child was" (v. 9). Heralded by a star, round timber a disk of wood of a thick-Jesus ushered in the day of grace at the ness equal to the height of the animals beginning of this dispensation. The to be made from it, and then mounting star which illuminates our pathway and the disk in a turning lathe he begins goes before us to guide us to Jesus is work on the body of wood at the disk's produces a pillow much richer looking. the Holy Spirit, of whom Jesus says, outer part around its rim, turning away "He shall testify of me" (John 15. 26). | the material in such shapes that when VII. A place of rejoicing (v. 10). The the ring is finally finished and wise men, rejoicing at the cradle of the apart it will show, and of course the same wherever out, the outline of the infant King, carry our thoughts forward to another day when a multitude animal thus fashioned in it.

of redeemed men and angels shall cry | The turning of these rings is the work of specialists who attain in it great skill, which indeed they need to have to VIII. A place of worship (v. 11). follow it successfully, for a good part of They gave themselves, then their gifts the results of this work can be seen (2 Cor. 8. 4, 5). They saw, they "fell only when the ring has been finished down," thus presenting their "obdies and cut apart. They must turn away a living sacrifice" Rom. 12. 1); they the material not only from the outer "worshiped," pouring out their souls | side of the various parts of the animal, adoration; then "they offered unto Him but from the inner sides as well, and they must do this in such manner as not pre- only to produce a lifelike shape when sented unto Him gifts; gold, and frank- the ring is cut, but so as not to leave incense, and myrrh." As a Saviour, some parts of the animal too thick or the other.

Jesus is God's great gift to us (John some too thin. A good part of the result of his work as he goes along he can't see until the work is finished, but by the aid of long experience and by the exercise of care and skill and judgment, and with an artistic taste and a nice sense in the use of his tools, the ring turner turns out rings that are well proportioned as well as lifelike.

> All specialists, the ring turners individually specialize on particular animals, one turning only cow rings or horse rings, another sheep rings, still another goat rings, and so on. There are rings for grazing animals, for walking animals, for jumping animals, for all sorts of animals, each produced by the turner who makes that animal his specialty.

uses this material is about to start on

its winter work it buys its rings from

the whole family is employed.

He get a grea' big rockin' chair the turner, ordering so many cow rings, An' sit down in it ever there; so many stag or camel rings and so on It seems ist like it 'twas yesterday down through the list of animals they When he would wait by candle light are to make. At home the animals, For Santa Claus to come at night. which are made in various sizes ranging from half an inch to as much as five inches in height, are chopped off from So all the folks they go to bed. But me an' gran'pa, wait, instead, An' he gets talkin' 'bout the time and finishing the animals goes on. When he's a boy, ist same's if I'm The general outlining of the shape of A grea' big man like him, or he let a little boy like me; To come down where their fireplace was. tially, but still these chopped off sec- draw impurities to it. Change it every tions are as yet only so many blanks | ten hours. and now, with deft cuttings on these,

Nen I tell him how some folks say There ain't no Santa, anyway! An' he stomps 'at lame leg o' his An' says: "You tell them folks there te!" An nen he tell me how he brought The bestest gift he ever got-'At Santa on one Chris'mas Day Give him my gran'ma, anyway.

An' nen I laugh, but he don't speak-To some place where the angels stay; An' so I hug my gran'pa tight-

with a loud voice (Rev. 5. 12).

IX. A place of presents. "They

Gran'pa's Christmas Eve.

WILBUR D. NESBIT.

(The Pilgrim for December.)

On Chris'mas eve, my gran'pa he

An' say it's time 'at I'm in bed;

But I say I'll not say good-night-

I'm go' sit up, pa said I might

As long as I want to, buhcause

I'm go' to wait for Santa Claus.

Nen gran'pa he ist laugh again

An' say he en-vy me; an' nen

He'o me set up my Chris'mas tree;

An' non he laugh an' shake his head

gifts" (R. V.)

to Him (John 17.6.)

So in the families of that part of Ger-Claus gives to children at Christmas | many in which the toy production is and Lebanon. Myrrh is also a gum eb-tained from a tree in Arabia."—Whedon, there in homes with children taking families that devote their time in like

communicated his purpose to the line to be sure, many toy factories in which manner that they understood, and the to be sure, many toy factories in which families engage in the making the making the manner that they understood, and the to be sure, many toy factories in which the manual to be sure, many toy factories in which the manual to be sure, many toy factories in which the manual to be sure, many toy factories in which the manual to be sure, many toy factories in which to be sure, many toy factories in which the manual to be sure, many toy factories in which the manual to be sure, many toy factories in which the manual to be sure, many toy factories in which the manual to be sure, many toy factories in which the manual to be sure, and the manual to be sure, and the manual toy factories in which the manual toy factories in manner that they understood, and to be sure, many toy factories in the making of anithat they at once obeyed. another way completely, and then there are some mals that are to be covered in some They could easily go east from Beth-sorts of toys that are made in the way, perhaps with fur or with fleece; lehem and thus leave Jerusalem on the rough factories and then sent out to as for instance sheep. Some such are be finished by workers in homes, as made in factories, others in homes; Questions—Where was Jesus born? be finished by workers in homes, and on the and in the homes where these are When? Who was the king of Judea? other hand there are toys that are made the whole family gathers around

Why was Jesus called King of the Jews? are yet, as for hundreds of years they part a plaster face and nose to How had the wise men been led in their have been, made entirely in homes, the give the animal a more perfect finish; search? Why was Herod troubled? whole family, old and young, being enwhy was Jerusalem troubled? Whom gaged in their production, each doing pecially competent for such work may did Herod gather together? For what what he can, homes in which the art cut out the coverings that are to go purpose? What charge did Herod give and custom of making these things have on the body, and still another puts the wise men? Why? How did they ap-

the Noah's arks, many of which are toy-making Germany, one locality or dismade by dwellers in the mountainous trict producing only certain kinds of right, it is for ladies, and I never had one in all my life before. Lam as well believed in the cause of the country of the co one in all my life before. I am so very thankful."

The Christ? "We know that the Persian his name Jesus" (Matt. 1:21). A man's mountains and mins and valleys, or life they might produce toys of a single they might produce toys of a single size or in homes they might produce toys of a single size or in homes they might produce toys of a single size or in homes they might produce toys of a single size or in homes they might produce toys of a single size or in homes they might produce toys of a single size or in homes they might produce toys of a single size or in homes they might produce toys of a single size or in homes they might produce toys of a single size or in homes they might produce toys of a single size or in homes they might produce toys of a single size or in homes they might produce toys of a single size or in homes they might produce toys of a single size or in homes they might produce toys of a single size or in homes they might produce toys of a single size or in homes they might produce toys of a single size or in homes they might produce toys of a single size or in homes they might produce toys of a single size or in homes they might produce toys of a single size or in homes the size or in homes they might produce toys of a single size or in homes they might produce toys of a single size or in homes the size or in magi believed in a Messiah or future name represents his character. Herod's saviour, who should in the latter day name is a synonym of cruelty, Abraname is a synonym of cruelty. one family makes always, year after cotton mills, another for its flour mills, year, toys of the same kind. So in a and still another for some special pro-

"Und my mamma," he says, insinuat- Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem. child open his infant eyes to earth. Was making little wooden horses, cows, tigers, many seem strange to us because the Thus they work the winter through, as does the manner in which many of III. A place of cruelty. "In the days by their combined efforts turning out them are made, because they are not kissed me a kiss und I seen how you Messiah. It reappaers in the inscription of Herod the king" (v. 1). Jesus came animals to a great number. It might things of commonplace everyday utility, where the toy-making inhabitants make

ldustry the finished toys are carried into towns in which are located comthem, and who may indeed have fur cries, as he feels her arms about him, all the facts to believe that the star 1, 12). All the way from the cradle to the work is by very simple and yet in-The way in which these toys are in which they are made is almost as interesting as the manner of their mak-

> brought in a wagon drawn by a horse, or by a horse and a cow; or it may be brought in a bulky load-though not quite so heavy as it looks, for the toys are light-in a great basket carried on the back of some member of the family. In the towns where they are thus gathered these home made toys are sorted and packed in whatever manner is appropriate to their several kinds. and then they are ready to be sent to trade centres or shipping points whence, with myriads of other toys of many

children throughout the world. CHRISTMAS CHEER

parts of the country, they will find their

A handsome sofa pillow can be made by using discarded hair ribbons. If soiled, clean with gasoline if they are not wash ribbons. Arrange them in harmonizing strips, joining them together to fit your pillow. Finish with cord to correhave a pretty pillow at a small cost. By featherstitching each joining in bright colors an Oriental effect is given and A ribbon roll round which ribbons are wound, and thus kept smooth and tidy, and at the same time out of the wa may be made of a large pasteboard tube covered with a layer of scented wadding and then with a piece of silk some longer than the tube, the ends hemmed and drawn together with baby ribbon, giving the appearance of a small bolster, Around this the ribbons are wound, and each pinned separately at the ends.

Take a big stretch of deep cream colored blanket material of firm consistency so that it lies as flat as a rug. Embroider with a scattering of gay colored worsted animals and birds. Birds and animals are drawn on any scale and are placed at generous distances apart to invite a creep from baby from one to The centre space is left for baby

name in easy flowing script. The animals should be worked in the fast, brightly contrasting worsted colors that endear toys to baby's heart, for of course the blanket needs many cleanings. The delight babies take in these blankets justifies the work upon them. They pat and rub the vivid hued animals with absorbed interest or crows of glee.

"The blanket has saved me no end of efforts," says a mother. It always de lights baby and keeps her busy for an hour at a time when I can get a deal of mending done while she is patting and scolding her embroidered pets.

Meats hard to digest are: Sausage salt meats, pork, goose, heart, brain, liver, veal, duck, lamb. Meats easy to When a family of animal makers that | digest are: Venison, sweet bread, turkey, chicken, partridge, beef, mutton. Fish hard to digest are: Eels, salmon,

> salt fish, lobsters, crabs. Easy to digest are: Trout, pike, oysters. Vegetables hard to digest are: Cabbage, celery. Easy to digest are: Potatoes, lettuce, beets. Fruits hard to digest are: Pickles,

pineapple, cherries, plums, pears, Easy the rings and then the work of shaping | to digest are: Grapes, oranges, peaches, stra wberries. Set a wash bowl of water under the the animal in the manner described has | bed, put a few drops of carbolic acid and of course forwarded the work substan- cut a raw onion into the water. It will

Do not throw away collars worn at features and contours are produced, the edge. They make excellent bandages. bringing the animal into a lifelike re- First soak out the starch and then tear semblance, the measure of this depend- into strips. Each collar makes four nice ing of course on the skill of the carver strips, which are always in readiness. and on the grade of animals produced. | Cut a groove along the side of the

Many of the cheapest forms of animals cork of a medicine bottle; put back in are only roughly shaped out, while oth- the bottle, and it will be easy to count ers are wrought to a high degree of nat- the drops one by one, without pouring

The most expert member of the fam- Burn some paper on the flat side of an ily does the carving on the animals, all axe. This causes a kind of oil to form the rest, including the children, doing on the steel. Dip a bit of cotton in this what work upon them they can. Thus oil and insert in the ear, and it will give almost instantaneous relief.

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