

A CHRISTMAS STORY

BY ALBERT APPLE

A phantom man from Mars, exploring in an airplane, visited our earth. He landed at night in a clearing at the centre of a forest. Leaving his plane, he set forth to a great city and mingled for days among the people.

Now, this man from Mars had a magical power of making himself invisible. So no one saw him.

Returning to Mars, he reported: "The earth people impressed me as selfish, self-centred. It's every man for himself. They scheme against each other and are guilty of meanness, even crime, in a struggle to get more wealth than they need. Life on earth is a hard fight, wearisome, disappointing. The earthlings are not yet sufficiently civilized to realize that they would all be richer and happier by co-operating—by helping instead of opposing each other. The result is that in a world of plenty there are millions of unfortunates who have only the bare necessities of life. Envy and jealousies are rife. It must be a wretched place to live."

The Martians sent their phantom

explorer back to earth. He arrived on Christmas Eve, spent a few days and returned home amazed. This time he reported:

"The earthlings have a most extraordinary festival known as Christmas. On this day, every one is generous, kind, happy. It is the only day in the year when the goal of the earthlings is to give instead of to get. With thrills of pleasure they bestow gifts on their loved ones. They seek out the poor and help them liberally. All is peace, happiness, good fellowship."

The phantom explorer paused and eyed his bewildered listeners.

"The remarkable part of Christmas on earth," said he, "is that the earthlings realize Christmas is the happiest day of the year by reason of this Christmas spirit. It seems not to occur to them that all other days could be as happy if the Christmas spirit were in force all the time instead of just one day a year. Perhaps, later when they see the light, every day will be like Christmas. True happiness is in unselfishness, liberality and helping others."

THE MARKETS

TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.70; No. 2 North, \$1.66; No. 3 North, \$1.62.

Man. oats, No. 2, CW, nominal; No. 3, 53¢; No. 1 feed, 51¢; No. 3 feed, 49¢.

Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, 92¢.

Millfeed—Del. Montreal freights, bags included. Bran, per ton, \$30; shorts, per ton, \$32; middlings, per ton, \$29; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.30.

Ont. oats—42 to 45¢, f.o.b. shipping points.

Ont. good milling wheat—\$1.37 to \$1.40, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.

Barley—Malt, 67 to 69¢.

Buckwheat—No. 3, 70¢.

Rye—No. 2, 80¢.

Man. flour—First pat., \$9.30, Toronto; do, second pat., \$8.80.

Ont. flour—Toronto, 90 per cent. pat., per barrel, in carlots, Toronto, \$6.50; seaboard, in bulk, \$6.50.

Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$9 to \$9.50.

Screenings—Standard, re-cleaned, f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$20.

Cheese—New, large, 22 to 22½¢; twins, 22½ to 23¢; triplets, 24¢; Stilltons, 26¢. Old, large, 28¢; twins, 29¢; triplets, 30¢.

Butter—Finest creamery prints, 47¢; No. 1 creamery, 46¢; No. 2, 44 to 45¢. Dairy prints, 41 to 42¢.

Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 78 to 80¢; fresh extras, loose, 75¢; fresh firsts, 60 to 65¢; storage extras, 46 to 47¢; storage firsts, 42 to 43¢; storage seconds, 36 to 37¢.

Dressed poultry—Chickens, spring, 1½, 30¢; hens, over 4 to 5 lbs., 24 to 28¢; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 22¢; roosters, 18¢; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 23 to 26¢; turkeys, 40¢.

Beans, Can. handpicked, lb., 6¢; primes, 5 to 5½¢.

Maple produce—Syrup, per imperial, \$2.40; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.30 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26¢.

Honey—50-lb. tins, 11½ to 12¢ per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 11½ to 12¢; 5-lb. tins, 12 to 12½¢; 2½-lb. tins, 14 to 14½¢.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 26 to 28¢; cooked hams, 40 to 42¢; smoked rolls, 22¢; cottage, 23 to 25¢; breakfast bacon, 32 to 38¢; special brand breakfast bacon, 38 to 39¢; backs, boneless, 30 to 37¢.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$22 to 30 lbs., \$20.50; 20 lbs. and up, \$19.50; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$48.50; heavyweight rolls, \$39.50 per barrel.

Lard—Pure tierces, 18 to 18½¢; tubs, 18½ to 19¢; pails, 19 to 19½¢; prints, 20 to 20½¢; shortening tierces, 13½¢; tubs, 14¢; pails, 14½¢; blocks, 15 to 15½¢.

Heavy steers, choice, \$8 to \$8.50; do, good, \$7.75 to \$8; butcher steers, choice, \$7 to \$7.75; do, good, \$6 to \$6.50; do, med., \$4.75 to \$5.50; do, com., \$4 to \$4.50; butcher heifers, choice, \$6.75 to \$7.25; do, good, \$5.75 to \$6.25; do, med., \$4.50 to \$5; do, com., \$3.75 to \$4.50; butcher cows, choice, \$5 to \$5.25; do, fair to good, \$4 to \$4.50; butcher bulls, good, \$4.50 to \$5.75; bolognas, \$3.25 to \$3.50; canners and cutters, \$2.25 to \$3; springers, choice, \$90 to \$110; good milk cows, \$75 to \$85; medium cows, \$45 to \$60; feeders, good, \$5.75 to \$6.50; do, fair, \$4.50 to \$5; stockers, good, \$4.75 to \$5.50; do, fair, \$4 to \$4.50; calves, choice, \$13.50 to \$14; do, gd., \$12 to \$13; do, grasser, \$4.75 to \$5.50; good light sheep, \$6.50 to \$7.50; heavies and bucks, \$4.50 to \$5.50; good lambs, \$13 to \$14; do, med., \$12.50 to \$13.50; do, bucks, \$10 to \$11; do, culis, \$11 to \$12; hogchick smooths, fed and watered, \$13.10; do, f.o.b., \$12.50; do, country points, \$12.25; do, off cars, \$13.50; select premium, \$25.75.

MONTREAL.

Oats, No. 3 CW, 60½¢; extra No. 1 feed, 57½¢; No. 2 local white, 55½¢.

Flour, Man. spring wheat pats., firsts, \$9.30; seconds, \$8.80; strong bakers, \$8.40 to \$8.60; winter pats., choice, \$7.60. Rolled oats, bag 90 lbs., \$3.40 to \$3.50. Bran, \$30.25 to \$31.25. Shorts, \$32.25 to \$33.25. Middlings, \$39.25 to \$40.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14.60 to \$15.

Cheese, finest wests, 22 to 22½¢.

Butter, No. 1 pasteurized, 42½ to 43¢; do, No. 1 creamery, 41½ to 42¢. Eggs, storage extras, 46¢; do, storage firsts, 41¢; do, storage seconds, 36¢; do, fresh specials, 76¢; do, fresh extras, 65¢. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, Quebec, \$2.60 to \$2.75.

Veal calves, best, \$12.50; do, fairly good, \$11.50; do, grass-fed, \$5; hogs, select, \$18.75; do, mixed lots, \$13.25; sows, \$10.50 to \$11.

He had been looking over the Christmas cards on the counter for some time when the saleswoman suggested: "Here's a lovely sentiment: 'To the Only Girl I Ever Loved.'"

"That's fine," he said, brightening. "I'll take five—no, six of those, please."

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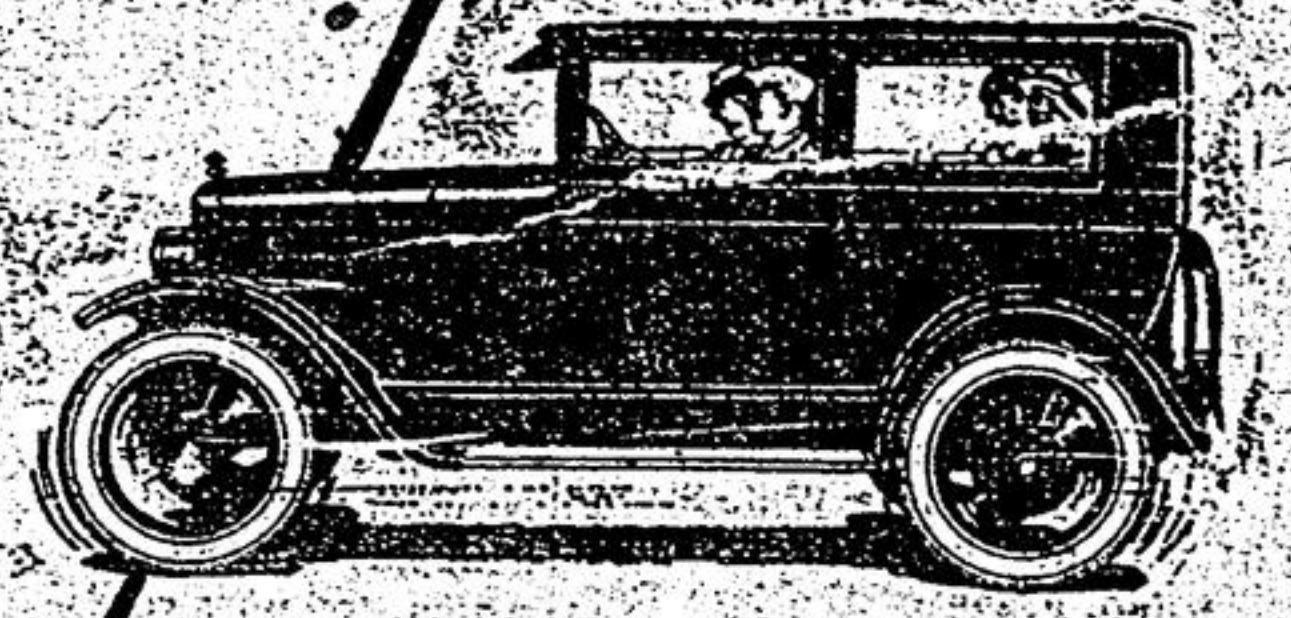
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TWO CHILDREN KILLED IN DELAWARE VILLAGE

Motor Car Crashed Into Telephone Pole Owing to Icy Roads.

London, Ont., Dec. 20.—When their motor car skidded and was wrecked against a telephone pole in Delaware Village this evening, Ruth Marie Collins, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Collins, of 1133 Benjamin Street, Windsor, was instantly killed, George Edwin Collins, aged three, sustained fractured skull and died later, and Mrs. Collins suffered a fractured leg and other painful hurts. Bruce Boughner, aged 22, also of Windsor, a brother of Mrs. Collins, who was driving the car, and Mr. Collins had minor cuts and bruises.

The party had been on a week-end visit in Brantford and had returned through London en route home to Windsor. A light rain had fallen late in the afternoon, and a subsequent frost coated the pavement with a thin sheet of ice. At the foot of the Delaware Hill the car got out of control and crashed into the pole in front of the Town Hall. The little girl, who was in the rear seat with her mother, was thrown out and died instantly with a deep wound in the head. Her little brother was also thrown out and was brought to Victoria Hospital here to-night with injuries so severe that he died. Mrs. Collins was distracted with grief and suffering from her own injuries, and for a time it was feared that the consequences in her case would also be most serious.

The victims of the accident were attended by Dr. Bice, of Delaware, and later sent to London. There will be no inquest.

Princess Mary Starts Work on New Tunnel at Liverpool

A despatch from London says: Work on the world's largest tunnel was begun at Liverpool by Princess Mary, who used for the purpose a golden key shaped like an electric drill. She unlocked the boring machines and set them to work on the Mersey tunnel, a task which they will not complete until more than a million tons of rock have been hewn and a passage two miles long and as broad as a city street has been made. It will be 44 feet in diameter and will accommodate four lines of traffic.

Queen Breaks Custom by Giving Drum to Grandson

London, Dec. 20.—Queen Mary believes in useful Christmas gifts, but this year she has departed from her usual custom and purchased a drum and a bugle for her grandson, Henry George Herbert, eldest son of Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles. Henry George Herbert, nearly three years old, will receive the presents on Christmas morning with the distinct understanding that he leave these noise-making toys at home whenever he goes to Buckingham Palace to visit his grandfather, the King.

KING ALI ABDICATES THRONE OF HEDJAZ

Collapse of Defences of Jeddah Ends Struggle Against Arabian States.

Port Sudan, Egypt, Dec. 20.—King Ali of the Hedjaz, eldest son of King Hussein, who was forced to abdicate in October, 1924, has himself abdicated, owing to the collapse of the defences of Jeddah, invested by Ibn Saoud, Sultan of Nejd.

For many months, in fact since he succeeded his father on the throne of Hedjaz, King Ali has been engaged in a desperate struggle to put down the opposition of Ibn Saoud, head of the Sultanate of Nejd. Several days ago Ali was reported to be planning his escape from the invested city of Jeddah, whence he fled after the Wahib tribesmen under Ibn Saoud had captured the Holy City of Medina.

The conflict between the Arabian states of Nejd and Hedjaz actually began in 1919, and the warfare became more embittered when early in 1924 Hussein assumed the caliphate, made vacant by the deposition of Sultan Abdul-Majid by the Turks. A violent attack against Mecca, capital of the Hedjaz, was begun by the Wahibis, and when the city fell into the hands of Ibn Saoud, King Hussein, pressed to abdicate by the people of Jeddah, relinquished the throne, having held it for eight years.

Bank Teller Dead in Vault, Revolver in Hand

Wheatley, Ont., Dec. 20.—The lifeless body of Warren Moses, teller of the Royal Bank here, was found in the vaults of the bank at 1.45 p.m. Sunday by D. M. MacGregor, manager of the bank. Death was evidently self-inflicted, a 32-calibre revolver, the property of the bank, being found clamped in the right hand.

Two letters were clasped in the other hand, one addressed to his mother, Mrs. Anna Moses, of Hamilton, and the other to J. A. Thompson, teller of the Bank of Montreal. Mr. Thompson's letter indicated that the act was premeditated. It is not thought Moses was in any financial difficulties but that he was in a peculiarly morbid state of mind. He had been in Wheatley only a few weeks.



A Brave Soldier.
Jack-in-the-Box: "That's a fine specimen of a soldier. I must say, I've scared all the sawdust out of him!"

MUTT AND JEFF—By Bud Fisher.



Jeff Wants to Have a Mutual Understanding With Mr. Tiger

Jeff: "BUT WILL THE TIGER KNOW IT'S ONLY A MAKE-BELIEVE STRUGGLE? ANSWER ME THAT!"