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ed down at the squarely cut locks, the great brown eyes and dimples "Have you been bad, Mr. Arfur?" sh

"I don't think I have been so bad

"I've been good as an angel," she re sarked modestly, "so Santa Claus "In a what, Henrietta?"

"A tooing cah," she repeated; then as Arthur failed to grasp her meaning she exemplified patiently, "like Sister "Ob, I see! A touring car, you arisocratic baby. No more doll wagon and go-carts for you, eh?" he chuckled then grew gloomy again

"What do you want foh Kwismas?" "Something I am afraid I can never have in all this wide world, Henrietta." "If you are good, Santa Claus"-

sdiction, my pet." The child gazed at him curiously



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met her, and she hurried by, scarcely -you wouldn't have believed such a queen of a girl would care so much beasquerade, would you, now?"

Mr. Arfur's springing to his feet, "Sister Wose" had entered the room, and Henricata, knowing from much experience that she was decidedly de trop when they two were together, went reluctantly back to Evangeline Bell and "Good morning," said Sister Rose,

her tone suggestive of a glare of ice and a flurry of snow. "I have an engagement." But she sat down. "Ob, I am sorry. Then I will go," he

In his eyes, honest and gray, was a complexity of expressions as he watched her trying desperately to appear ery much at her ease. Love looked rom his eyes-there was no doubt of that-and admiration and approval, and yet a growing wonder that, after

"I am sorry that you are angry," he tense. "Try to realize my position, Rose. I sat there, an unwilling judgemy duty awarding prizes to the best and a line of the royal flowers reached from one sweet, bare shoulder to the hem of her gown. The chrysanthemum girl was the loveliest sight in the room.

"I hope you don't think I care because you awarded the prize to Grace Iereford," interposed the girl scornully, "and please don't for a minute hink I am angry at anything." I am

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served, looking at her reflectively. "A w I know has different names for

ou're brown; if on a green tree the for bless me iff I can see what you are "The other day when auntle was talk-

in dancing you said that you agreed do folks ought to do it. You said you "Well, I didn't intend"-"You said you had several hours"

There was a flicker of amusement

"Miss Hereford had nothing to with it, Rose," he said gently. "I went to work, as I said. About 9 o'clock Mr. "And had plenty of time with Miss Hereford," suppl

iance with her first, so I went to see

She sprang up and started for th

"Listen," he whispered. On the glowing coals smoked Ev street she pretended not to see me, geline Bell, and on the rug, with eyes though I know she did, and all because | turned to the ceiling, knelt Hen.ietta. "O God," she was saying, "now I lay me down to sleep. I give my precious the dolly, so you will make the falwy queen wiv the cwown of her golden haih bwing Mr. Arfur the little heaht he wants for Kwismas. That's all, God

> "Amen!" echoed Arthur fervently. "Grace Hereford has black hair," ob "She may have green hair for all

matters to me," said Arthur, with in politeness. "Rose, darling"-"I wonder if God will," Henrietta was murmuring, with sad eyes fixed on the mound of ashes which was once

Rose went over to the fireplace and kissed her small sister. "I think God will," she said reverently; then she went back to radiant Mr. Arfur.

Christmas For the Birds. A traveler in Sweden tells of a beaulands. He says: "One wintry afternoon at Christmastide I had been skating on a pretty lake three miles from Gothenburg. On my way home I noticed that at every farmer's house there was erected in the middle of the my heart went out-a slender little was bound a large full sheaf of grain girdle, fell in straight folds to her tiny Oh, that is for the birds-for the little eet. Crowning her small bead were wild birds. They must have a merry brysanthemums, maroon and gold, Christmas, too, you know." -- Selected.

> Ascum-What did that rich old uncle of yours give you for Christmas emething useful, I'll bet. Hauskeep-Yes, a little device fo saving coal bills,

tach to the heater? It's a bill file.

Instead of harvesting his crop ld oats a wise man reforms and let Almost every woman likes to have 60 Brock Street. a friend whom she can snub occaMistletoe

'Now, Mrs. Li Hung Chang, what

shall I do? Archie loves me. I know from a dozen-yes, a thousand-



the library door had shut to with the

switch on the lights. Her own tiny try, must be appeased by another cerelight but made the darkness visible. It | mony specially devised for his glorithe dark, so she burried and pushed the room under the chandelier, with the mistletoe on it, and then brought a delicate, long legged, gold painted chair, on which she climbed timidly, listening all the while for a sound. The chandeller was high and Polly

not tall, so do her best, standing on her tiptoes, she could not reach the fixture "I must get up on the table," she said to herself, "and I hope I'll not fall and break my neck and rouse the house." Just as this very courageous little maiden stepped to the table with one foot, while the other was still resting on the insecure chair, there was the able brother Fred, and the other voice if Fred discovered her.

She tried to step down from her in secure perch, but the treacherous ornamental chair tilted, and Polly came down suddenly, striking her head against the table. She was too frightened to feel the hurt, for the noise was great enough to startle Fred into saying: "What's that? Burglars, I'll bet.

Saying that, Fred bounded forward a heavy cane from the batrack, sprang into the parlor. But Polly had managthe library door, dropping one of her | for turkey. lamp behind her; but, try as she might and stood there pulling with a strength born of desperation, while Fred said;

"Burglars! Here's the light. They're after the gifts on the tree. Come on!" With his cane swinging like an Indian club, Fred sprang into the library while Archie, with his umbrella, fo lowed, and both advanced upon th burglars. They could hear the rattlin of the doorknob, and Fred shouted:

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with light, which was reflected from a and by the illumination Fred and Archie saw a miserable little figure in yellow pajamas, huddled up like a cold kling, with one bare foot and with frame as though trying to hide.

From her baby days Polly had had a braid of hair, turned her around to th light, while the miserable girl covered her face with her hands. Fred laugh ed loud and long, saying:

Fred, I am ashamed of you. You ned square plano, to the instant de action of two plaster ornament

wrapped the shrinking little figure in other lay on the carpet in convul-ons of laughter. She sobbed out: "I-I-forgot-something-and that is

"Ab, bosh! You just wanted to see if Archie had put a present on the tree "Oh, Fred; don't!" she cried, while tears trickled down her bands.

"Mr. Adams, I consider your treatment of your sister very harsh-very "Well, I suppose she can't help being a little fool," continued Fred,

"Sir, another such remark concerning this ang-sh, your sister-under circumstances will sever on friendship. Pol-Miss Polly, I have your present here. I was going to give it to you tomorrow, but under the

with it you will have a protector." With a malevolent look at Fred, he found a small box. Then he reached for one of Polly's wet little hands. Archie looked very imposing to Polly. and little by little her sobs ceased, and could see through her dimmed eyes

is the famous snake dance, concerning American Family Magazine

Christmas Post Cards. The favorite Christmas post cards have very little room for writing. The entire back of the card is covered with a "Madonna and Child" by Murillo, times, Gabriel Max or Bouguereau. The coloring is most artistic, and these cards are quite worth framing as little works of art. Some of these Madon nas-for instance, the Raphael "Madonna of the Chair"-are framed in a wreath of glowing holly, which consound of a latchkey in the front door | trasts vividly with the colors in the and then a blast of wintry wind and Roman scarf flung over the back of two voices in the hall. They were the chair. Other subjects are to be had in these truly artistic post cards, notably portraits of fair women by belonged to Archie Steadman. It was Romney and Lely, Reynolds and too much for Polty. It would be awful Gainsborough, Greuze and Le' Brun.-New York Globe.

Turkey Which Ended Long Fast. mas celebration in St. Louis was the breaking of a month long first by James Barrington, who had been in custody two and one-half years on charge of murder. Barrington expect ed turkey for dinner Thanksgiving day, and when the jail rations were served minus the national bird he refused to declined his provisions consistently unto get on her feet and scamper to | til Christmas, when he got the pined

The Gladsome Bells. "Do you enjoy hearing the gladsome Christmas belis?" we ask of our friend who has retired from business pur "I did last year, and that's the

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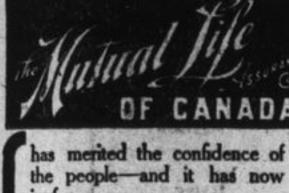
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