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Foundling of Christmas Morn

(Concluded from last week.)

away. Again it is Christmas Eve. men in the Indian trade.

of a feeding storm—drop down beaten cheek. "Aye, Mr. Seaton, Slap dash into the grand old hall and the knowledge that he is on aside, and the long absent one us, and make us footsore more than pace the deck to keep themselves

N.B.—All goods are warranted pure Christmas morn, the shores of himself blest after all. You're a such an occasion as this the rich has grown to. No one would know petual motion. his lonely watch.

with many a burning sun, does not

look like that of a drank od. Captain Snow has a companion be had left so long ago, but for heart.

pleasure which the heart feels at the supply-and she get downhearted. his rounds at the West End are upoutside. A company of guisards Home! home! Kenneth Seaton Winter came on, and she dreaded has lived in the neat little lodge can think or speak of nothing else. to see the little one suffer from with its porch and its roses and strapping fellow, in the garb of a How his eve brightens as he talks want. As a last resource, she re- honeysuckles at the end of the bandit chief, with slouched hat over of the young days-of the heath solved to appeal to the owners of avenue of Bellbrae for three years his masked face advances to Mr. clad hills, the mountain stream and the vessel. But she never lived to back, fairy like glens of his native land; make the appeal. The journey cost Collie is quite a gentleman now "A good New Year, and a happy dearest wish has been realized—aye, more than realized, for a little bright and the captain of the Ocean Queen her her life. She and her baby -thanks to the founding be picked one! to one and all. To you, Mr. | eyed, fair haired grandson makes the listens with a thoughtful mien, for were found dead on the street of up on that cold Christmas morn Seaton, the rebel chief tenders his grand old hall ring with his glee, and a his heart is full of memories of the London. They got a pauper's long before.

her innocent prattle; when far at biting cold night.

closely written epistle, redolent lonely sailor.

awaits him at Belbrae, come when clad trees, with their countles her beauty the more. Alas for Colin Crisp scratched at his head, replied the jailor: he was ironed ling before breakfast. It is a sure the may. Had he consulted the dic-crystal drops sparkling in the Horatius Theodore Gosling had he and fidgetted about. He was in a just before he was brought in." cure for the complaint.

tates of his heart he would have re- moonbeams like diamonds. The been here! But he isn't. Likely dilemms. At last he edged himself turned long ago, but his manly in- frost is keen, and the snow which the big lumbering dolt is simpering towards Nelly Crisp, and whispered dependent spirit would not let him. covers the ground is crimp and and smiling and dealing out his wit in her ear. "Bless me, Nelly, proudest possessor only a choice of No. He had run off to sea, and he hard. Not a breath of wind dis- and chatter to some fashionable that's him! Aint you stupid not evils. would stay there until he had mas- turbs the quietness of the night- belle in some London ball-room on to know?" tered the profession he had chosen; the very air seems to be frozen up. this New. Year's Eve. At all "Know who!" whispered Nelly of virgue is a poor guardian of civil and he has done so, for he has com- All is silent; and the full moon events Ella Bell does not care. back again. years, and has gained the character Tis indeed a fairy scene. Seven years have almost passed of being one of the most skilful sea-

Gallantly the good ship breasts "Oh! there's no place like it, cap- lighted up, sending forth many a Kenneth Seaton think were he to the cars of Roland Gray." the crested wave—the white sails tain," he exclaimed in the exuber- glorious ray rmong the crystaline gaze on the joyful band? Would . "So it is," exclaimed Roland; bending to the stiff, sharp breeze, ance of his spirits, as he winds up and the rigging creaking at every his yarn. "I hope to spend the bound, and the vessel groaning at New Year at Bellbrae." so. The hope and love which upon the ear. every lurch. Silently the tiny Coptain Snow, draws his arm particles of snow—the precursors across his face to wipe away the keeping Hogmanay, and we cannot much. The absent one is dear to | "Sure enough it is Kenneth ing of lifetime is unrolled. of a feeding storm-drop down tear which trickled down his weather do better than join them.

before a blazing stove, while he sips | end. That's my creed, Mr. Seaton, chandelier depending from the cent strains of a Scotch reel at present. from the recking glass of panch by and you'll find it not a bad one. In 'trul portion of the ceiling, and its And Nelly Crisp is as fond of him; The New Year has indeed brought the weak plants beneath them. his side. For a sailor, Captain | life time there are many changes carved cornicing, showing many a her love lit eye needs not to glance gladness and joy to Bellbrae. Snow was no drinker; but, being -ah! many changes indeed, I re- grotesque face looking out from up into his frank open face, for his But the happiness is not yet end- ness may also be the cause of mison deck during the previous watch, member the day when I had a happy among the evergreens which hang image is ever before her, lighting ed. While Kenneth Seaton is gaz ery. The medicine which, rightly the punch did him a deal of good; home, a wife to pray for my safety, around it. The familiar faces of up her young life with smiles, and ing into the depths of Ella Bell's applied, has power to cure, has, besides, it was Christmas Eve, and and to welcome me back with glad- old friends greet us on every side. her heart with pure joy. A hand- hazel eyes, another of the guisards, when rashness and ignorance prea bitter cold one too. The weather ness. Where are they now? My Presiding over the groaning some young couple they are—none whom we discover to be Captain scribes it, the same power to de-

Who'd have thought that my with pleasure.

figure, we can trace a faint resemi est port. I had been absent about ing. blance to the fair haired flute five years when I got back to Eng- | Round the cheerful hearth at the corridor gives a long warning whirr, cepting the invitation of Kenneth player, whose thrilling music dis- land. I came home to find an other end of the hall the children and then its hollow booming voice Seaton to Bellbrae, he little expectturied the reveries and awakened empty home; my wife, and the are assembled together at play, their (tolls out the knell as the year that ed such a surprise. Neither did the wrath of the great Guindstone dild which had been born about gleeful voices and merry laughter is no more. The old year is dead Nelly Crisp ever dream of such a long ago. His blue twe is as bright six months after I left were both echoing along the corridors, and and gone.

his long absence. None but he ling herself with the baby; but at Crisp, the lamplighter. To be sure strains of the grand old national air Year to all ! Colin Crisp, Esq., that has been abroad for many lost the funds gave way-for Grind- it is. But he lights the lamps of of "Auld Langsyne." years can fancy the fond gush of stone, Turner, & Co., stopped the the aristocrats of London no more;

how in after years he always made, way. Still the snow comes driving her foster father. Her happiness duced a small flask, and handed a tles down in Scotland. Hack's Court his home when he down, and the big waves roll on could only be complete by having glass to the housekeeper. returned from sea; and how on and on. God speed the Ocean him near her. So at last, on the these occasions the lamplighter's Queen! A happy Christmas to all persuasion of Mr. Seaton, the lamppretty little foundling used to sit her crew, and their dear ones at lighter left his garret room in but nae wunder, for the young laid upon his knee and amuse him with bome, who think upon them on that Hack's Court and came to Scotland.

sea the thoughts that would recur | The last day of the year is draw- and the lamp above the avenue again and agasn of the kind father ing to a close. The old year is well gate is now under a professional whom he had disobeyed and forsak- high spent; but a few hours, and it eye, and attended to as lamp never due that. I'm nae beauty, I assure en for a life of adventure; the will be numbered among the many | was before, or ever can be. in writing to him. Ella Bell did o' cakes, and we couldn't go there they say.

billows. Briskly the night watch Be it ever so humble, there's no place ceremony. What a gay and happy able feelings of pleasure.

beaten salt knows what he is about home is on the deep blue sea; my board at one end of the hall, Mr. more so graces the hall.

built, manly, open faced gentlemen have come to such an end! I was man, so rarely to be -met with calls for a general filling up of towards Nelly Crisp, and clasps her lounges on the sofa at the other sailing in a vessel. belonging to nowadays. Round the huge fire glasses, and the company forms into in his arms. "My child! my side of the stove. His dress and Grindstone, Turner & Co., at that which blazes merrily up the yawn- a ring right round the hall, each child! you have been saved to me. appearance is decidedly that of a time. It was bound for Peru, and ing chimney, immediately behind one with a glass in his band filled The very image of your poor mothson of Neptune. In short, he is a long voyage we had. Coming this jovial company, the country full of wine, water or spirits, accord- or. No wonder my heart warmed neither more nor less than our old home, we were wrecked off Cape patriarchs are gathered together, ing to the taste of the party. friend Kenneth Scalen, on his Horn; the crew were mostly all warming their aged limbs and that The old year is flickering out hall. Bless you, my darling; bless tess ege home from India. Seven lost-I and a few more only escapt ting of olden times. The reeking but a few strokes of the pendulum teen years in a foreign climate have ing. We were thrown on a desolate toddy "cheers their blaid and pits and it will be numbered with the Your own father." no doubt diered him greatly, but donst, where we lived among the a natur in a jovial mood," stirring past. Every breath is hushedstill, in spite of the bronzed face, hatives for hearly three years, until up many a frozen memory, and not a stir, not a rustle, not even a the bushy beard, and the full grown | we could make our way to the near- awakening many a slumbering feel- sigh throughout the grand old hall. thought had long ago perished with

She had no friends to help her trotted over by another; and he bursts into the hall.

Kenneth Seaton tells of that cold As he finished his narrative, the to the London residence of Mr. never be less!". Court, and the kind treatment he my hand to the helm again. The her, and their the foundling remain he shouldna come empty handit." met with from Roland Gray and hand of Providence had saved me ed. Little Nelly soon grew to be a his grandmother during the few from a watery grave, the same great favorite with all at Bellbrae said the Guisard, turning round.

dreams that would steal over him of the past. The New Year is at | She saw him there in his rough Ella Bell, the playmate of his band—the voices of millions, scat tweeds and Rob Roy cravat, his early duys, and the gladness he tered over every quarter of the countenance beaming with joviality experienced on receiving Roland world, are ready to bail the advent and fun-not a happier being in Gray's letter containing tidings of of its birth with a hearty cheer, the innocent group gambolling those whom he longed to here of. and to congratulate one another at around him. Colin Crisp is in his The seven years that had passed the auspicious event. In no coun- glory. The little ones adore him; since then had been made bright try does the New Year receive a they laugh at his Cockney tongue, with numerous letters from home. brighter welcome than in Scotland. which none of them understand, His father had never missed a mail Let us, therefore bie to the Land and no more does he know what

not forget him either. Many a neat, at a more seasonable time than the A pleased onlooker at this merry party is Ella Bell, who is seated by with perfume; had found its way | The fine old fashioned house of the fireside with two of the youngest across the deep sea to cheer the Bellbrae, with its numerous gables ones on her lap. She is lovelier and odd looking chimneys, from than over, the seven years which Kenneth Seaton is at last home | which the smoke curls gaily up | have passed away since we last saw | the side of Nelly Crisp, who leant | to have a very smooth face," said | If you are troubled with dyspepward bound. A hearty welcome wards, peeps out from the snow her having only ripened and refined on the arm of Roland.

manded a large vessel for several casts down its silvery light over all, Her thoughts are upon the scene . "Why it's Kenneth to be sure. before her, and with it the remem- I know'd somehow I'd heerd the Approaching the house, we dis brance of her own early days and tune afore." cover that the windows are all her old playmate. What would Nelly started, and whispered in

Mr. Seaton and his friends; are she doesn't know of it, tells as home to Bellirae."

scene! Rich and poor, young and The middle of the hall is alive loud, long and joyous cheer from in heat, for the cold frosty blast But God pity those who have no old, master and servant, mingle with busy feet of those engaged in the company halfs the return of no tongue is the prorogative of inpierces through their rough pilot liome. Many a poor person would jackets, and searches into their very be glad on such a night as this to bones.

Some of the control of the company mans the return of the company mans The Ocean Queen is homeward for away from land, with nothing there to enjoy themselves-need Christmas holidays. His partner among the children as if suddenly The poor have as much right to bound; and she cleaves through but the wide waters stretching pride and fashion stand in the way is Nelly Crisp. What a graceful, smitten with the dance of St. Vitus, the English Channel. With wound on every side, and think to mar their enjoyment? No. On bright eyed, winning little lady she or his legs had found out the per- the rich. Like good grammar, it is

merry England will appear in sight. young man, Mr. Seaton, and have should open their hearts to think her to be the same as the lamplight. Ella Bell, blushing and trem-Thoughts of home and happiness; health, wealth, and happiness. Long of the poor and to relieve their er's foundling who sung carols in bling, clings to the side of Nelly bodily health should have primary of bright fices and the Christmas hay you enjoy them; but take the wants, while the poor should be the streets of London seven years Crisp, hiding her face in the bosom attention. The tree of knowledge hearth; of smiling welcomes and counsel of an old salt and never de- taught to have better feelings to- before. Roland Gray is very proud of her friend; and when Kenneth should be grafted with the tree of bosom of each mariner, and cheer egorically speaking, however dark But let us look around the grand we suspect that it was more for the takes her burning hand in his, the If any man is rich and powerful, of her, and well he might; and seeks out his old playmate and life. and stormy the night is, the dawn old hall, with its pannelled walls sake of seeing her than Bellbrae tears of joy, and happiness, and he comes under that law of Ged by Down below, in his snug little is sure to come. The wildest hur shining in the bright light which that we find him "tripping the love, which she can keep no longer which the other branches must cabin, the Captain toas a his toes ricance that ever blew came to an emanates from the rich massive light fantastic toe" to the lively -runs down her soft, round cheeks, shade those that are lower; by

humored face, although bleached dust in a panper's grave. Aye, ayo with his humor and good natured its last moments are fast fleeting his eyes are fixed on Nelly Crisp. with many a storm, and scorched there are many ups and downs in a remarks, his kindly old face radiant away. The dance is given up—the The lamplighter is called to the with smiles, and his oye sparkling music ceased. The low buzz of council. The foundling is evidentmany whispering voices is heard, ly the subject of their talk. foung wife, blooming with health The worthy host is a grand speci- whilst watches are consulted and leside Lim-a handsome and well and surrounced with plenty, would men of the fine old country gentle- time compared. The host rises and at once, with a joyful cry, he springs

The leader of the band, a tall

Seaton, and takes him by the hand, best wishes. Many a New Year | baby Seaton crows in the nursery. To explain. Roland Gray's visit may you see, and may your guests name. She is Mrs. Gray.

Christmas Eve, seventeen years Captain was obliged to wipe away Seaton, with glad tidings of the "Whoever he is I cannot tell, his daughter away at the altar to Roland ago, when a runaway he, wandered the tears again. After a short si- lost one, led to Ella Bell making but he's a braw, weel made chield," Gray, who has now succeeded to the Leod, living on the 12th concess through the streets of London, lence, he looked up with a smile. the acquaintanceship of the poor remarked the old housekeeper, who of Mr. Chovey dectased, and is rapidly for tax on the lot on which he was playing on his flute for coppers to Yet, for all that, Mr. Seaton, I Waits, and the result was that when stood near her master. "Sirs, sirs! growing rich. London does not contain." provide his supper and bed, of the didn't despair. What was past she returned to Bellbrae with her he's our first fit at Bellbrae, an' a happier pair than Roland Gray and requisiter, but from which he had strappin' loon. But losh keep us! his young wife. They are in treaty for given up in December hast. The

"Neither he does, Mrs. Tamson, tire in a few years.

Captain Snow is still plowing the occupy the house until next spring.

When seized the cow was on the days he spent there before he got a hand would bear me against the and Ella Bell could not part with He kens a trick worth twa o' that. ship; how little Boland and Colin affliction which had come upon me. her companion on any account. You yersel, auld leddy, shall be the

chiel. Bellbrae ne'er had a first-fit; Christmas, to keep up the good old cusis comin' hame sune. Sirs, sirs Now he is happy as the day is long, tak' aff that unco like false face, and let's see wha yer like !" "Na, na, Mrs. Tamson. I canna

> who were all anxious to see their entertainers. A song was called taking a small flute from his pocket, creatures, yet. struck up the air of "The Blue Bells of Scotland," while they joined in with their voices, making the old hall ring again and again-'And shouts in the chorus for ever and

The Blue Bells of Scotland, the Scottish Blue Bells." Ella Bell stood a little apart. by

ing but glad bearted father. A bold effort to surmount.

right well; his fresh colored, good wife has long ago mouldered to Seaton keeps the company alive The old year has almost gone; versation with Roland Gray, while Snow, is earnestly engaged in con- stroy.

you! I am your father, Nelly.

Truly Captain Snow has found Hark! the old clock in the its unfortunate mother. In ac-

and his heart as light as ever. He dead. You see our vessel had been ringing out upon the still night Another year is born! A happy, The old lamplighter went nearly was happy at the prospect of being given up for lost long before, and like music bells. What a happy happy New Year ! rings throughout rampant mad with joy. "Did I soon at Bellbrae among the friends the sad news almost broke my wife's group, as hand-in hand they go the old hall; the glasses are not allers say so? Nelly was a be had left so long ago, but for heart.

whom he cherished a warm affection, "Still she lingered on, hoping midst of this fairy circle, who is he warm hearty shake, while every Three-cheers for Nelly Snow! rendered all the more dear from that I might turn up, and comfort—the master of their revels? Colin voice breaks out in the heart stirr- Hip, hip, hurrah! A Happy New

> Reader, our tale is ended. But be add a few words more about those who

the truth must be told we are loth to dearest wish has been realized-aye, consfortable home.

Nelly Crisp has again changed her tax collection, has occurred in the the purchase of a small estate not far owner of the property, Mr. Alex. from Bellbrae, where they intend to re- Love, had given McLeod leave to

deep in the Ocean Queen. He loves the When seized the cow was lon the salt water better than the land. But road. McLeod is advised that Crisp stood upon the pier and saw I went to sea, and here I am."

Yet surrounded as she was with first to drink from the stranger's to leave the sen, and take up a berth in the home of his daughter when she set perty off the lot, and that his private pro-Nicholas Carrol, with his family keeps he has action for damages against

> Old Mother Gray is no more. She any property actually on the lot, sleeps the aleep of the righteous." The great Grindstone is dead too. coals at Christmes is not missed, for Roland Grav trebles it without a grudge. With his death, the old firm of Grindstone, Turner & Co. came to an end, By this time the Guisards had and the Co. deserted "'Change" for been surrounded by the children. the idle, insigid life of the West End. In spite of his wit and gallantry, Horatius Theodore Gosling is a bachelor the upper right hand corner turned still, but the fashionable beau has not for. The leader placed himself in lost heart, although he lost Ella Bell, the midst of his followers, and for he knows many denced charming

> > of getting a brass plate with the words fixed upon the door of the lodge at bereavement. The rule most Bellbrae, where he still resides and at generally understood is the turning tends to the gate lamp, but he has not of one end of the card, which deyet quite made up his mind on the notes a wish to see the ladies of the

"The prisoner at the bar seems

Gems of Thought.

If you want enemies, excel pothers; if you want friends let

others excel you. To be cheerfully disposed at the hours of meals is one of the best

signs of health. He who is false to present duty gleams in her soft eye, although allow me to be first to welcome you breaks a thread in the loom, and will see the defect when the weav.

we enter at once without the least his way home gives her unaccount rushes into the arms of his wonder- the rocks, which require only a

It is a happy meeting with all. which the tall trees must protect

No picture of life can, have any veracity that does not admit the odious facts. A man's power is hooped in by a necessity, which, by many experiments, he touches on every side until he learns what its capacities are.

SWALLOWING A FARM -- Somebody says, "Our Government land costs one dollar an acre, and good whiskey two dollars a bottle. How many men die landless, who, during their lives, have swallowed whole townships trees and all !" There is food for reflection in this statement. Every day of our lives and almost every hour of each day we meet individuals not merely landless, but houseless, homeless, penniless, who, in the course of their lives have swallowed ardent spirits enough to pay for land and house, and have money in their pockets besides. But it is not the drinker of urdent spirits alone who thus deprives himself of the comforts of a home-the tobaccochewer, the cigar smoker, the young man who spends precious hours of each day and evening in worse than listless idleness. How rarely such persons reflect upon the folly of their course. The young man who smokes three five-cent cigars a day -and many of them use double the have figured in it, and with whom, if quantity, at double the price puffs away enough in the course of ten years to give him a handsome start Ella Bell is now the happy wife of years to give him a handsome start Kenneth Seaton. Old Mr. Seaton's in business, or to provide himself a

A NICE LAW POINT. - A case of some intricacy, in the matter of township of East Williams. The case is stated thus Ronald Mcperty off the lot had been reized the offices of Mr. Gray in the City, but the township. It is possible that "Eh, deary me! Yer a bonny he regularly goes "waiting" every the collector should not have seized the cow, but should have seized or in default of such being found returned the taxes as unpaid to the County Treasurer.

VISITING CARDS .-- In the practice of turning card corners the upper left hand corner denotes "visite." and is used for an ordinary call; down means "felicitation" and is a visit of congratulation; the lower left hand corner, "conge," repre-Colin Crisp is as hearty and good na. | sents a farewell call ; and the lower tured as ever. He has serious thoughts right corner, "condolence," ex-Crisp, Esquire, engravad upon it. presses a desire to sympathize with

a spectator to the jailor. "Yes," sia, ent a peeled apple every morn-