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[For the "WATCHMAN." How Does Christmas Find Us?

Another anniversary of the birth of Christ is here. Three hundred and sixty five and a fourth days have come and gone since last never rests. the earth occupied its present position among the surrounding worlds of the universe-What a mighty change has been effected in the history of America since this day twelve months ago. The departing year looks for the last time upon our nation. What startling scenes are presented to its passing mo ments, and how important are the events which the fleeting seconds are weaving in the history of this Continent and the world. The earth is shaking beneath the stern tread of a million of armed men. The capital which bears the name of him whom Americans delight to honor, in the streets of which the which thewisdom of manas ever beentaxed, is ing element in the South. surrounded with the implements of war, and by those who hadstood side by side in the Revprediction of the hero of New Orleans, and tion threatened the dissolution of the Union sword.

time was ever found in the American Navy. been changed from the most peaceful and the fields will be consummated, the strife intranquil to the most warlike and disturbed augurated by two of the greatest statesman on the globe. Mexico, our Southern sister, of which America can boast. is threatened by three of the most powerful But let us not be discouraged by the darke, and her cry for assistance is not heard above the dir of our camp. terrified by the howlings of the fierce tem. and Gertie Butts, hearing of the destitute Their plains are lit by Rebel fires—the slain an outside foo, "who sweeps with ruthless but with open hand," we are endeavoing to sea of civil strife. Though breakers surshaken to her foundations by the thunder of fragment of the wreck, for such ed millions, upon our Nation, already so se- coined into a jewel for his crown. verely wounded by internal enemies.

Our coast, from the mouth of the Chesa

the descendents of the Pilgrims?

the underground rail road, and in the hearts own skill, had led them to scatter their WHATEVER is necessary to be done

Quakers in 1659 is still alive? its birth in England almost three hundred when they are so spread." The sun looked in rears ago, has agitated this nation ever since on our camp, upon a busy scene. The army t had a nationality. Nor do we pretend to was preparing for that grand stroke which

people of both North and South once met in have aimed at so high an object as the aboli- and gone since then, and now, not one of The Trumpeter of War has blown his blast, friendship; the city in which have been detion of slavery and the dismemberment of that band is left; their descendants are to As fiercely o'er the battle field he passed, cided the most momentous questions with the Union, but for the existence of an oppos- be found on the banks of the Potomac, near A skull and cross bones on a field of red,

echoing hourly to the harsh music made by place of refuge for the Roundheads, the to victory. But no British foe is there, no against each other in the fierce shock of bat- the struggle between England and her colo- fatricidal contest. tle, there to decide, above the hallowed dust nies. But no sooner was that difficulty of Washington, questions raised and debated overcome than the existence of the "spirit" was again made manifest. Though many other for birth, the old year is taking its deolution which brought this nation into birth, differences existed between the two portions parture. and humbled the pride of the haughtiest ty- of the Republic, they excited little interest, rant of Europe! And thus is verified the until in 1832 the South Carolina Nullificathe controversies once debated and settled John C. Calhoun became the advocate of Se in the halls of legislation, will be tried on cession though none knew better than he the field of battle and determined by the that it was incompatible with the spirit of the Constitution, and would inevitably, bring bloodshed and perhaps ruin on both portions peake bay to the Rio Grande, is guarded by of the Nation. A generation has been edua multitude of vessels, such as at no former cated since Webster and Calhoun were arraved against each other in the Senate of The whole continent has in a twelfth month the United States, and now on bloody bat-

ness of the night which envelopes us, nor ed in the bosom it seeks to strike. All Eu- ters of a million of stout hands supported by it. rope is in a condition to unsheath the sword stout hearts are at the pumps, and while a at a moment's notice, and even now, her plank is left, we will one and all stand by profitably followed by others of riper years; Crumbling away—they'll leave her to her fate horizon grows dark with the storm-charged her, and with our standard nailed to clouds of war, and perhaps another Christ- mast head we, will go down with mas may behold her deluged in blood, and her, and think not of escaping on any battle. The sword of England, ever thirst- thought is madness. We would but drift ing for the blood of freedom, is uplifted and farther out upon the shoreless sea, o'er only waits a pretext to hurl its murderous whose bosom float the rent fragments of maheated by the fires of a thousand bat" ny a fallen nation, until rescued by the piti-

But we look for no such disastrous result; too many patriot hearts are beating or causes; some man or set of men are ac- throughout the land for such a fate to ever countable for the terrible condition in which overtake us. Dark as is the night, the friends, some toxen of regard from the High we are found on this Christmas day. Who dawn may not be far distant; furious as is to the Lowly? is it that has led forth the numberless host the gale a harbor of safety may be in sight. which crowds our Southern border, and swarms around the tomb of Washington, ready to lay in ruins the proud fabric he and his companions with so much labor and his companions with so much labor and to day the Christmas sun looked down upon blood have reared? Who has thrown open our infant Republic, and saw her surround. pluck laurels, unfad 3, that will last eterthe temple of Janus? Who has planted ed by more dangers than she is now. The nally. such bitter hatred in the hearts of brothers, army of Washington, on which depended who once, shoulder to shoulder, stood and our fate, had been driven from point, to mingled their blood upon a hundred fierce point in disgrace, closely followed by the merchant to an old s soolmate, who was than has Mrs. Douglas. She has persistentfought battle fields, for their mutual de victorious British army; the Battles of Flat- down in the world and viuldn't get a situal ly refused to entertain the proposition forfence? Dare we answer the question? bush and White Plains, had resulted disastion even as a bookkeepir. Dare we say that the germ of the plant trously. Washington, with his little band which has grown and flourished, and now of 3000 men had retreated from the North, bears such bitter fruit, was brought from through New Jersey and on the 8th of De-England in the May Flower, two hundred cember had crossed the Delaware into Pennand forty-one years ago? Dare we say that sylvania, the pursuing army of General the restless element which dethroned and be- Howe, consisting of 27,000 men, appearing headed Charles the First, drove his son into on the left bank of the river, just as the Pa exile, overturned the throne of Plantagenets, triot rear guard gained the opposite shore. and placed a brewer upon its ruins as Pro- To the Americans this was the most gloomy tector and defender of the nation's interests, period of the contest; and all hope of suchas found its way to our shores? Does it cess was given up save by the iron hearted not show itself in all the transactions of the leader of that little band of freezing and "Pilgrim Fathers;" the destruction of the famishing soldiers. The sun went down Pequods, the burning of Quakers on Boston upon the scene. Its last rays rested upon Common, of witches at Salem, and the ban. the enemies camp and beheld their preparaishment of Rodger Williams? Does it not tions for the carousal of the night, or to make its appearance in all the doings of dream of the conquest they would make when the river was frozen so that an army Is it not plainly visible in the resistance to could pass upon its icy bosom. How differthe authority of Great Britain, in the de- ent was the scene in the American campstruction of the tea in Boston harbor, and a Every soldier knew that some mighty deed the usand other acts in the beginning of our was to be accomplished in the darkness of at the opening of his sermon, that is text try," and Mrs. Douglas will not mace her volution? And, in later times, is it not the night and that the first campaign was might be found in St. Paul's epistle to the self the instrument of disobeying his dying the same element at work in the uncalled to add another page to its history. The ovinterference in the affairs of Kansas, in erweening confidence of the British, in their west.

which caused the execution of the inoffensive eve of Washington, ever on the watch, failed not to observe the error, and "now" And thus, that sleepless spirit which had said he, "is the time to clip their wings. say that it did not sometimes accomplish entirely turned the tide of battle, astonished much good, but whether for good or evil, it the world and gained for the leader of the

enterprise a name among the greatest gene-The question may be asked, do we charge rals of antiquity. At midnight the frail But it has leftits traces of the past, New England as the author of all the terrible | boats bearing the hopes of the colonies were | Like leaves of Autumn in the chilly blast calamities which have fallen apon this na. slowly crossing the river, battling with the Another year has dawned upon the world, calamities which have fairled apoint it is not storm and drifting ice, and steadily bearing the order of the continuate a storm and drifting ice, and steadily bearing the old one down the slippery Steep of Time the continent? Far be it from us to charge their living freight across the freezing stream And left it struggling in the Gulf of Crime. the descendents of the heroes, who put in to victory, safety and glory. Did the fate motion the Revolution, which resulted so of America ever look so discouraging as on How many changes? could the old year tell, diportion the Revolution, where the surface of such an apparation of such an apparation of the surface of the s gloriously, as the sole authors of such an that night of cold and tempest? Who does (I hear the whistling winds-the st the spirit which animated the army of Oliver has not heard of the almost bloodless vic-Cromwell, contributed its full share in the tory that was gained on the morning of De-Yes! many changes since the year began, work. This restless spirit would have con- cember 26th 1776, over the Hessians at Many an eye grew dim, with tears in tented itself in the invention of wooden nut. Trenton by Gen. Washington and his broth. Many from misery found a peacrful home, megs and other articles, and would never er Patriots? Eighty-five years have come In Heav'n where sorrows-earthly-never the tomb of him who on that Christmas He waved the awful banner o'er his head; While the New England States afforded a night led their fathers across the Delaware

thousands of soldiers called together for its Carolinas and Virgina sheltered the escaped foreign enemy threatens the life of the na- Quietly sink to rest indefence. The banks of the Potomac are Cavaliers, and both brought with them all tion, but here is congregated two hosts bristling with bayonets, and crowded with the bitter animosities they had held in the which at no distant day will meet in the the numberless ranks of two hostile armies, mother country. These were for a time field of battle, and shake the dust of some star we cowards from that country ready at any moment to be hurled against laid aside, while each needed the other in Washington with the thunders of the For Leroes must to craven cowards yield, So, amid the fierce struggles of one Nation, already established, for existence, and of an

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> > For the Watchman

Infant Benevolence.

BY " GAY." "Won't you give me something, to buy a or woman a dess," fell on my ear, the other day, as I was sauntering along the

street. 1 turned my head-the applicants were three little girls, yet on the verge of infancy, whose earnest faces plainly told of good little
Of rapine, blood, and murders manifold,
Enough to taint the virtues of a race, hearts within

I learned that these little "Sisters of Charity,' Lidie Sourbeck, Mollie Cherry, And other States have cause to blush with she for while she struggles for existence against pest before which our old vessel is madly condition of a poor woman, on whom Pover- And laws are active or with their blank. shake off the serpent which has wound its dangerous coils about us, and to ward off ship pitches and rolls in the fierce strife the blow of a secret and crafty foe, nourish with the demon of the storm, three quart- and took this method to raise funds to buy Italia with her skies and balmy air,

> The example of these little ones might be With tottering pillars shaking 'neath the State, prospectly, and who have forgoten that many, many, outside their own sphere, are structling along in Poverty and Destiother, who are basking in the sunlight of All Europe feels the deadly scourge of war,

these little Lirls might frequently receive That rises in imagination's sight, And haunts me in the silent hours of night. small continuous that would cheer the tles, and tempered in the blood of slaughter- less hand of some military wrecker, and hearts of Oh how many of God's creatures. My clothes are worn, I work agoinst my will, who are striggling and toiling over the How aches my head-how weary are my feet,

Young ladies would it not be a pleasure Ah! happy you, to sit beside your hearth, to present in he name of many generous And watch with careless eyes. the snow-clad

So, then, when necessity calls you, your flowing with grat ide and you, too, will

"Haven't got the cap al," was the dole-

ful reply. "I suppose you know hat I commenced

on," resumed the mercha, with something of sternness in his tone at wair. "Yes-next to nothing. "Well, why can't you do he same?"

"I don't know why -bu can't." ·Did you ever try ?" No-I thought it was no That's it! Just one half

use" to try .- The whole of s success centres in the act of trying Never give up the ship!' A NEW Eristle. - A good s

had become mixed up in the land speculations in Minnesota. On entering the recently, he announced to his con-

ungod'y exortations, that the same spirit to obtain more comfortable quarters. The yoke necessity with impossibility.

THE CARRIER'S ADDRESS TO THE PATRONS OF THE

DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN,

BELLEFONTE, JANUARY 1st, 1962 ANOTHER year is hastily borne along,

Oh! Hideous War! return within thy cave, But like the swelling of a peaceful sea,

Another Star," the hellish monster cries I'll pull it down, I'll cut the field in twain, And never more shall Freedom rise again.

Ten thousand Patriots sprang to shield the trust, Placed in their hands by sires-long in the dust, Sires that fought and weltered in their gore, And carried war and death to Britain's shore. Ah! many Heroes sank beneath the frown, They fell—their bleaching bones, lie strewn

Camly they passed within the vale of Death

'Silent they sleep," to dream of wars no more They sleep the sleep of death, their native shore, Has drank their blood—their spirits passed away, War! War! with horrors! holds its dreadful

Virginia's ruins, could a tale unfold. And blot from History every loyal trace.

Away with war, I hate the very theme Yes? on's having more advantages than I have no thought of it—except some dream, My heart is sad. I feel old winter's chill As trudging round-I go from street to street

The whirlwing-sterm-or drizzling rain without Or noisy children tossing snow about.
Oh! will you not, one happy thought employ, WILLIAM GRAFIUS.

Mrs. Douglas. -- Very few people indeed THOUGHT IT WAS No USE. — "Why don't have been placed in a more trying position you go into business v' said a prosperous and sacrificed more for the sake of the Union warded to her by a special messenger under a flag of truce from the Governor of North Carolina, asking that the two sons of the late Senator Douglas be sent South to save her present reduced circumstances, they may buying but little work. thereby eventually be placed in straitened nate people in this world thin wit is of no astrously against them in after years. But in disgust." her answer was worthy of herself and of her late distinguished husband. If the rebels wish to make war upon defenceles children, and take away the all of little orphan boys, is told it must be so; but she could not for an inof a hard shell missionary at Melina, who stant think of surrendering them to the enemies of their country and of their father .pulpit, His last words were: "Tell them to obey gation, the Constitution and the laws of the coun to Illinois and must remain the North. Illian be nois and the North, we take it, will see to it WHATEVER is necessary to be done in the off a thought and more than the composition of a thought and more a wind the composition of a thought and more a wind the composition of a thought and the composition of the compos ness and patriotism of their mother.

Singular Career of Gen. Schoepff. A Frankfort, Kentucky, correspondent

the Cincinnati Gazette says: Just now when all eyes are turned to orces there, and whose skilfull generalship alone we can rely on for success against he overwhelming odds.

rebels, that the aristocratic Tennessee Congressman, who commands the rebel army, has been once ignominiously defeated by,

When Gen. Schoepff came to this country ne was without means. Nothing better ofof porter in one of the leading New York general, whose second victory we are hourly expecting the wires to flash over the country. After a time he went to Washington where he continued as porter in one of the hotels, until his unvarying politeness and industry brought him under the notice of Mr. Holt. Pleased with his appearance and determined to see whether he would rise if he had a chance, Mr. Holt gave him a sitranged for him more suitable to his newly

discovered abilities. the eye of Gen. Scott, and his military edument till educated officers began to be demanded for our volunteers, when the New

states that he entirely destroyed the weev ils that had badly infested a grain bin for two or three years, by keeping it filled with plaster of paris a few months. It should be understood that this insect is a small the morning it was found that the curiously ly called the weevil. Midge, or wheat fly is the correct name of the latter. We do not see what better effect could be devised from plaster of paris, than from the same in handsome cloths, and got so much into quantity of fine sand or soil .- Lime should quantity of fine sand or soil.—Lime should be better than any of these theoretically, at her to the theatre on the night of his arri-

GENERAL JACKSON, while in command of a large force at New Orleans, and after rebegan to get short, and the -soldiers comwant of provisions, when General Jackson up his quarters in the new lodger's apartwent to them, and in a speech said, "Sol- ment he awaited his return-previously sat diers we will have provisions to day. Gen, isfying himself that he was on the right George Gibson said he would be here to day scent, by discovering the settee shaped box with provision, and George Gibson was nev- among the luggage. On Mr. Heath's return er known to tell a lie." At the conclusion he found himself arrested, and a very curof this sentence Gen. Gibson made his ap- sory examination enabled the practiced eye pearance upon the ground with provision of the detective to discover his prisoner was when the soldiers exclaimed, "You are an not a he at all, but a member of honest General."

their extensive estate in Mississippi from out west, caused him a vast deal of vexation It was clearly proven that she alone had carconfiscation. If she refuses, a large proper by their saving habits and persistence in ried out the robbery, everything stolen bety would be taken from the children, and in getting all their tubs and casks repaired, ing found in her possession. On the applica-

circumstances. Here then, was an appeal one day old Sam Crabtice brought in an old be complete. m-de directly to her tender regard for them, bung-hole, to which he said he wanted a How she learned to smoke cigars with which, if she should refuse, would work dis new barrel made. Then I quit the business impunity, and accustom herself to trowers

A KEEN REPLY. - John Wesly, in a congreat earnestness, the doctring of Vox Dei. against his sister whose talents were not unworthy of the family to which she belonged. worthy of the family to which she belonged.
At last tile preacher to put an end to the with hair and blood, to throw suspicion off controversy put his argument in the shape herself, and lead people to suppose she had of a dictum, and said:

is the voice of God," "Yes," she replied mildly, "it cried cru-

cify him, crucify him." God's mercies are like a large chain, every sure you of future ones.

From the Toronto (Canada) Leader. Extraordinary Case of Robbery in

A robbery, accompanied by some extraomerset and Shoeff's brigade, it may be ordinary novel features, has just been comnteresting to supply some particulars in the mitted, and deserves to be recorded, as areer of the General who is leading our showing a clever scheme to avoid capture well carried out, and only failing to be successful by neglecting a precaution that would have struck any one. It appears that a It is one of the mortifing humiliations, of family residing at Vauxhall agreed to acwhich the war is bringing so many to the company some friends to the the theatre one evening lately, only leaving the master, a Mr. Barker, and the servant girl, Mary Newhall, at home. Some time after their dend is now again opposed to, a late New parture. Mr. Barker went out, saying he should return soon. On arriving home about nine o'clock in the evening, he could get no at ention paid to his repeated assaults on the fering, he asked and procured the situation door knocker, although the gas was alight in several of the rooms, which were apparotels, and many a lady who reads the Ga. ently occupied. Thinking this strange, he zette this morning has had her trunk carried applied to his neighbor, and with the latter's up and down stairs by the present brigadier assistance, succeeded in entering his house by means of an open window. Once inside a most extraordinary scene presented itself. In the passage a poker broken in two, with a quantity of blood and human hair adherag to the thick end, was found on the floor and near it some more hair and a pail full of what appeared to be blood. The whole ouse was in a most disordered state, proper ty being strewn about in all directions. Mr. uation in the Patent Office. At first his duarranging models, and the like; but he was gradually tried on more important labors, and it was still found that whatever he done was resumed, with no further was resumed, with no further ance of his house can be imagined, sought was well done. A position was then arbonnets, which proved that she had either been taken or had departed out of the house without one. All over the house property in him, and missed no opportunity for his advancement. When he was transfer ed to the War Department he took Schoepff with him. An important survey in Virginia chanced to be needed, and Schoeff are a carpet bag were missing and it was suited to the schoeff and Schoeff are a carpet bag were missing and it was suited to the schoeff are a carpet bag were missing and it was suited to the carpet bag were missing and it was suited to the carpet bag were missing and the car chanced to be needed, and Schoeff was entrusted with it. This brought him under Among others a box made up into the shape cation and acquirements were for the first time brought to light. Thenceforward his rise was sure. He continued to be employed on important business in the War Departs and by the peculiarity of the form of this box was the thief eventualy traced. Suspicion first alighted upon the servant, but or York hotel porter was appointed brigadier that one of them had driven a young gentle-general, and sent to protect the state of his benefactor from invasion. Mr. Holt has benefactor from invasion. Mr. Holt has already the proud satisfaction of knowing Railway, who had luggage exactly corresthat the man he took from hotel drudgery in ponding to the trunks stolen. Inquiry at Washington, won Wild Cat; let us hope it the station elicited the further facts, that may speedily be added that the same leader after walking about the p'atform for an hour, smoking eigars, this individual had A READER of the American Agriculturist taken the train for Brentwood. Here he hal slept all night in an apartment to him e understood that this insect is a small shaped box and its owner had departed for beetle, and not that which infests wheat in Great Yarmouth, where he was afterward traced by a de ective, living in furnished lodgings, under the name of Mr. Heath .-He had made himself very agreeable, and had smoked continually, dressed hin self out

The detective arrived on the following Sunday morning at Yarmouth, and soon disnaining there for some time the povision covered where this mysterious gentlemen lodged. He found him out, having escorted menced to show symtoms of mutiny for his land ady to church—but ouietly taking sex, and no less a person than Mary New hall, the servant herself. She was brought THE customers of a certain cooper in a town to London and examined in her mail attire tion of the detective she was remanded until "I stood it, however," said he, "until next week when the chain of evidence will

and coats, in so short a time is a mystery. But for taking that unfortunate box, possibly siderable party, had been maintaining with However, in these times, a novel mode of she might have made good her escape .robbery rarely occurs-and Mary Newhall deserves some credit for her ingenuity .been murdered, was something quite out of "I tell you sister, the voice of the people the common. Possibly some poor cat had to provide these tragic accessories.

> LORD PALMERSTON recently said in a speech that a man ought to know a great