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Father's Christmas Presents.

We were talking about Christmas presents, the girls and mother and I, when father came in. Then we changed the subject just a little bit, because it was father's presents we were discussing. Father sat down by the stove and rubbed his hands—he had just been out at the barn—and a queer expression slowly settled upon his features. "Say, mother, and Ned and girls," "I don't want any of you to get me any presents. 'Taint no use, you know."

"Why, father," said Lena in an aggrieved voice, "we always get you useful presents, don't we? I don't myself believe in things that are not useful." Father's eyes twinkled. "Yes," he said, "but I sometimes think they are a little too useful, you know."

The old gentleman, having warmed his hands, settled himself back comfortably in his big chair, and his eyes twinkled more than ever.

Well, let's see," he went on in a ruminating manner. "Do you remember the dozen hemstitched handkerchiefs that you gave me last Christmas, Leny? I guess I used one on 'em just once. Some way or other," with a genial, impartial glance at the company, "Leny and Nell have been usin' 'em, and I've been usin' 'em and Nell's old torn ones. He, he! I don't know just how 'twas, but it's a fact. Then, Ned, do you remember the compass you got me for a birthday present last June? It was a nice little compass, and I guess a feller about your size thought so, too, for he's been usin' it ever since. Then, let's see, there was the silk handkerchief that mother gave me at birthday, and I put it away choicelike, and the first thing I knew Leny was a wearin' of it inside her jacket. Yes, my presents are all useful, a little bit too useful, maybe. See the point, don't you?"

Father's next presents had his name written on each of them, and none of us ever again thoughtlessly used the dear old man's things.

Forests Must be Preserved.

"We must preserve the forests if we are to avoid the long drought, the drenching and disastrous floods and the tornado and the cyclone. Only 10 per cent of the globe's surface is covered now with forests. Twenty-five per cent of Europe is so covered. Russia has 426,000,000 acres of forest; the United States, 466,000,000 acres; Brazil, 135,000,000 acres. There are only 1,308,000,000 acres of forests in the world. The forests of Russia are steadily diminishing with the increase of population, and particularly with the emancipation of the serfs. Russia is clearing 7,000,000 acres yearly. The czar alone has 27,000 wood police in the crown forests, who cut 150 fagots, or 11 tons of wood, mostly firewood, daily. The average per policeman yearly is valued at \$119. France has increased her own forests in the last 40 years steadily. She has 7,000,000 acres now than she had in 1848. In that interval 9,000,000 acres of waste mountain lands have been planted. The government of France has planted largely in Algeria. In Germany the production of the forests is studied as a science. There are forest academies there for the education of forest managers. Eventually there must be more attention given to forest culture in the United States."

To Make Hens Lay.

A Reading dispatch says some valuable advice to farmers is given by G. H. D. Line, who is a great chicken raiser and egg producer in Lower Alsace. His plan is brief is to make hens work for a living. Mr. Line says: "It is necessary to make hens scratch for a living. Accomplish this by feeding corn on the cob instead of shelling it. I take what I consider a necessary number of ears, split them up into small parts and throw them into the chickens, leaving the grains of corn on the cob. This makes them work in order to secure a meal, and work of this kind is absolutely requisite to the production of eggs. I have observed this principle of feeding for some years and have been satisfied with the results, because my hens lay in fall and winter, when eggs are high in price."

A Woman Swindler.

A woman swindler has been "doing" some of our neighboring towns recently and she may strike this city, so be on the lookout for her. Her scheme is like this: She calls at the house and tells the mistress that some well known lady has sent her. Then she tells a long and affecting story of destitution and suffering. Gradually she says she and her husband are walking to some place where she claims they have relatives. She seldom fails to get a donation of food, money or clothing. She is a middle-aged woman, fairly well dressed, and does not look like a professional tramp.

A Mammoth Crop of Corn.

On the State College agricultural farm this fall there was gathered the largest yield of corn ever heard of in Pennsylvania or the East. From six acres were husked a little over 1,000 bushels of corn, or a little over an average 175 bushels to the acre. The crop was sown in the spring for ensilage, but it was allowed to mature as an experiment. The ears measured from 12 to 16 inches in length and were well filled out.

Explained.

"What's a 'green Christmas'?" "It's one of these Christmases where a man gives a \$30 gold locket to a girl who knits him 15-cent yarn wristlets."

THE CHRISTMAS BELL.

I am a bell, a Christmas bell, and when that day is here, with joy do I begin to swell: my voice gets loud and clear.

I can't keep still because I feel that Christmas feel, you know, and so with laughter do I peal, and thrill from top to toe. I vibrate with pulsations keen from early morn till night, and not a thought that's low or mean can wing its crooked flight through air that's penetrated by the sounds of my rich voice. And that is just one reason why on Christmas you rejoice, and feel so good toward everyone: because you see just then your petty troubles have begun to pierce your mortal ken, my voice comes ringing through your ears. "Heigho! it's Christmas time," you say. "Away all doubts and fears!" I keep your hearts in chime. And so let Christmas reign o'er all, and with your hearts quite free, come, gather near my silver call and have a chime with me!

—Life.

Santa Claus's Assistant.

Surprised by Little Bobbie He Gets an Unexpected Present.

It was not long after midnight. The wee small hours of Christmas day were just beginning to arrive, and down in the library, where the tree was sheltering a profuse array of toys, stood an unexpected guest. He was ill-clad, unshaven, and his hair looked as though it had never known a comb. In his right hand he carried a dark lantern, and slung over his left arm was a sack, a common job bag, and he had entered by the window that looked out upon the street. The family had all retired, and for the most part were asleep. That is why the unexpected guest chose this time to arrive.

Stealthily he crossed the room, and drawing the portieres silently across the broad doorway that opened into the hall, he slid back the front of his lantern, and lighting a match in its flame, he turned on the gas and lit it, so that he might better see the exact character of his surroundings.

"Humph!" he said, as he observed the tree. "Quite a fine lay-out. I don't know but what, after all, it's a good thing that parents give their children expensive things these days. It's a great help to our profession. You can't raise much on candy balls and tuppenny dolls, but these silver-plated engines and tricycles with ten dollar bills in 'em come in handy. Gold sleeve buttons, too," he added, as his eyes stole in a few further details of the scene before him, "an' a gold watch as well. This is luck."

And then, as he bent over the groups of toys and presents of a more expensive nature intended for Bobbie, his eye glittering with joy at the prospective value of his haul, the heart of the unexpected guest stopped beating for an instant. There was a rustling sound behind him.

With a quick movement he slid the cover of the dark lantern to, by mere force of habit; but it was unavailing; the room was still lighted, though dimly.

"Curse the gas!" he muttered as he turned.

"Hullo!" said a soft little voice from behind the portieres, and at the same moment the curtains were parted, and there stood Bobbie, clad in his night-gown. "Is that you, Santa Claus?" he added, peering curiously at the unexpected guest.

"That's the first time I've been taken for anyone that's half decent," he said to himself; and then he answered, in a whisper loud enough for Bobbie to hear: "Well, not exactly, sonny. I'm his assistant."

"His what?" said Bobbie.

"His? Not so loud, my boy—you'll wake the family; and if you did that, I'd just vanish like the mist, just like the man. 'I said I was only Santa Claus's assistant. You see, my lad, there's so many more children nowadays than there used to be that the boss had to get outside help Christmas eve, or he'd never be able to finish up his work in time. So he sends for me an' I'd just like to distribute for him. I'd just laid these things out here when you surprised me."

"Bobbie approached the tree. "Oh, isn't it beautiful!" he cried. "All these things for me! A watch, too—just the very thing I wanted."

"The man drew back as the boy spoke, and, with a queer light in his eyes, sat down in one of the chairs suddenly. "Are you tired?" asked Bobbie, leaving the tree and crossing to Santa Claus's assistant.

"Yes," said the man. "Very."

"I'm sorry," said Bobbie, affectionately, as he took the other's hand in his and kissed it.

"Don't—don't do that," said the man, huskily. "It's not clean."

"I shouldn't think it would be," laughed Bobbie; "climbing in by sooty chimneys can't be very clean work. Do you know, I always wonder why there's never any soot left on the toys."

"Oh, we take care of that," said the assistant. "You see, this bag keeps the soot off. But I didn't come by the chimney this time," he added, hastily, observing that there was no soot on the bag either. "I thought the window was easier."

"You're all through, aren't you?" said Bobbie, looking at the bag.

"How do you know that?" asked the man.

"Your bag is empty. Isn't there anyone else for you to take to?"

The unexpected guest burst his face in his grimy hands, and a great lump rose up in his throat.

"There was no one other," said the assistant, "but there's nothing for him—and—and it's all my fault. I neglected to look after him."

"An' won't he get anything?" asked Bobbie.

"No," said the assistant, roughly, rising, and taking a step toward the tree.

"He can have one of mine," cried Bobbie. "Here, take him this, I've got plenty, thanks to you." He handed him one of the treasures beneath the tree.

The unexpected guest looked at the boy for a minute, and then he slowly reached out his hand and took the proffered toy.

"I'll see that he gets it," said, "and God bless you for it! Good by, little one. I must be off, or he'll wake up and be disappointed."

He moved toward the door, when Bobbie ran after him, and holding up his little face said: "Won't you take a kiss for Santa Claus for me?"

"That I will," said the other, and he bent over, and kissing the child, fled precipitately out through the window, and disappeared in the darkness of the street.

"Well," said the unexpected guest the following morning, as he watched his little pallid-faced little youngster playing with the first Christmas present he'd ever known, "that was the rummiest thing. I went out to steal, and the only thing I barged that wasn't really given to me was a kiss, and I'll see Santa Claus in hades before I give him that. It was a rich haul, but I think I'll get a decenter job—at New Year's—Harper's Magazine.

"Lo! on a Narrow Neck."

"A Wesleyan Methodist" wants to know what authority there is for the statement that Charles Wesley composed his celebrated hymn beginning "Lo! on a narrow neck of land," while sojourning in Georgia.

Charles Wesley himself is the authority. In a letter written by him from "Jekyll Island" in 1736 to Lady Oglethorpe we find the following: "Last evening I wandered to the north end of the island and stood upon the narrow point which your Ladyship will recall as there projecting into the ocean. The vastness of the waxy waste, as compared with my standing-place, called to mind the briefness of human life, and the immensity of its consequences, and my surroundings inspired me to write a hymn, commencing:

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