

CHRISTMAS TIDE.

There's a little old man with silvery hair, An' a long white beard 'at flies 'in the air; With twinklin' black eyes an' a rosy, red face, An' one't a year he comes to our place.

A CHRISTMAS REVEL.

BY HARRIET PRESCOTT SPFFORD. The passengers on the through train were all more or less interested when they saw, waiting at the little rustic station, a half dozen double sleighs, each with its prancing horses, and one larger one with four black boxes, which the master himself had in hand, into which the gay group that had half filled a car were hurried, rolled in bear skins to the chin, and then all swept swiftly away, to the jingling of bells.

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the wall, and taking her fan as if he were examining the painting, but bending his keen glance over it and upon her. "You are guarded so like blue china, and you will be forbidden to speak to me after we go back, and it is now or never with me, Pauline."

wedding in Rhode Island, and she rather thought—"Of course you will go, Polly," puffed her step-mother. "There is no other thing about it. I have written Mr. Hollister so. He ought to have asked me too. But Elise Bonney makes a good chaperon. A very suitable marriage hers, I hear," said Mrs. Templeton.

smuggler with a monopoly of the business. "Monopolies early in the family," said Tom Perkins. "There is no other thing about it. I have written Mr. Hollister so. He ought to have asked me too. But Elise Bonney makes a good chaperon. A very suitable marriage hers, I hear," said Mrs. Templeton.

in her life—she was so young; she might have been so happy—oh, what misery! And then she took heart and opened her mouth, giving one halloo and another, that went sailing like bats from roof to roof of countless caverns. And suddenly another cry came—a clear call, answering hers, all confused with echoes: "Where are you?" and then a light and that was Don himself hurrying towards her.

Spawls from the Keystone. —A switch engine killed aged Mr. John Carey, a coal picker, at Plymouth. —The President has appointed A. J. McQuiston as postmaster at Salisbury. —Berks county, which a century ago had 2900 Quaker residents, now has less than 50. —J. D. Franklin, of Sedalia, Mo., was awarded to York county mail route contracts. —President Dolan expects all miners of the Pittsburg districts to be in line next week accepting the 60-cent rate. —Franklin county will have a great fair next year if the enthusiasm at a preliminary meeting in Chambersburg is a criterion. —Fifteen imprisoned drunkards at Reading have petitioned the mayor to shorten their sentences so they can enjoy Christmas. —For murderous assault on Henry McCoy at Hagerstown, Md., Thomas Bird and Charles Turner, colored, have been arrested at Columbia. —Trinity Lutheran church, Chambersburg, has called to its pulpit Rev. J. Henry Harms, of Savannah, Ga., who has accepted the call. —John Fetterman, of Banks township, Indiana county, had several ribs broken and sustained other injuries from a log rolling on him. —Young Vincenzo Friezo died at Bethlehem of wounds accidentally inflicted by his friends, Benedetto Saffero, while out gunning. —In the icy Allegheny river at Pittsburg 15 colored convicts were baptized, and one of them, a woman, fainted when she returned to the shore. —Burglars blew open the safe at Samuel Swartz's creamery at Spring Grove, near York, and secured about \$11. The explosion wrecked the office. —Abraham S. Whitman, of Reading, who began work on the Jefferson Democrat in 1838, celebrated the seventy-sixth anniversary of his birth on Monday. —In a fit of absent-mindedness and apparently half asleep, Mrs. Calvin Garlick walked against a moving freight train at Carlisle on Monday and was nearly killed. —Mother McCloskey, of Farmington township, Clarion county, is probably the oldest living person in Pennsylvania, and one of the oldest in the state. Like most persons who lived to be very old, she is of Irish parentage. —At Big Run, Jefferson county, Saturday afternoon, William Britton, an Englishman, was stabbed to death by an Italian during a quarrel at the hotel in that place. After he killed the man, the Italian fled, and has not yet been captured. —A 17-year-old boy named Wellerth has been dismissed from the Williamsport schools for practicing hypnotism on the other scholars, with demoralizing effect. Wellerth discovered his hypnotic power during Prof. Day's stay in that city. —Rev. John H. Prich, of Pittsburg, has been appointed one of 50 clergymen to visit Major McKinley at Canton, O., on December 30 and urge him to be careful to appoint the best ministers and consults to fields where there are Christian foreign missions. —Clinton G. Hancock, the well known general passenger agent of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad company, died at Philadelphia Sunday night of rheumatism of the heart. He had been in the employ of the Reading company for thirty years. —Rev. C. S. Long and Rev. Mr. Cooper immersed five converts in the Bald Eagle creek at Flemington, Friday evening. The immersion was witnessed by a large crowd of people. The baptized converts are the result of the revival services that have been in progress in Flemington for several weeks. —Bertha Rodeman, a pretty young miss, aged 19, was arrested at McGee's Mills, Clearfield county, Friday, while on her journey from Puntstunaway to Altoona, in search of a lover who had deserted her. Before leaving Puntstunaway she stole fifteen dollars from her mistress and also took a suit of clothes from an inmate of the house. She then had her hair cropped short, put on the male attire and started on her journey. The girl broke down when arrested and confessed that she was a girl instead of the fashionable young man that she looked. —One evening last week, Preston Sipes, of Licking Creek township, Fulton county, turned one of his cows into the garden to eat the loose cabbage leaves which were there. Shortly after turning her in they noticed she would not eat, and in a short time she was dead. William Vallance skinned the animal and upon investigating the cause of her death found sixteen inches of the butt of a buggy whip in her throat. As there were no tooth marks on the part of the whip swallowed, it is a mystery how it got there. Some are inclined to think it was run down her throat by an evil disposed person. —In the report of railway statistics appears the statement that there were thirty-two passengers killed on the street railways in the State during the year ended June 30th last. The number of passengers killed on the steam railways operating in Pennsylvania with a mileage of over 19,000 was only 37. On the street railways in the United States there were more than three times as many passengers killed as employees, while on the steam railways there were thirteen times as many employees killed as passengers. These figures indicate that the danger to employees on street railways is much less than on steam railways, while the danger to passengers is much greater. —Another terrible warning against children playing with or around fires comes from Beverdale, a small village near Mt. Carmel. A few days ago the 4-year-old daughter of William Morgan was standing near a fire of chips that had been thrown on hot ashes which had been emptied on the ground by a neighbor. The child's dress caught fire and in a moment she was enveloped in flames, and despite the efforts of a 2 and a 6-year-old brother, they were unable to quench the flames, and then notified their parents, but before they arrived on the scene the little girl was so badly burned that she died at five o'clock the next morning, after suffering untold agony. Her body, from head to foot, was so badly blistered that it was almost impossible to remove the child to her home, the pain being so intense.