

JUST FORE CHRISTMAS.

Father calls me William; sister calls me Will; Mother calls me Willie, but the fellows call me Bill! Mighty glad I ain't a girl—rather be a boy, Without them sashes, curls an' things that's worn by Fanterley!

HOW BRAXTON PLAYED SANTA CLAUS.

"No one but Mrs. Whitney would have dared make a train run out of me." Thus soliloquized Mr. Robert Braxton, the famous publisher and editor. Then he smiled at the humor of the situation forced itself upon him.

vain he called his pride to his aid, and tried to stifle the agony he felt. It would not down. His whole soul called out to Norma the fitting spirit of his boyhood dreams. He followed the crowd from the church but did not stop at the carriage to add his good wishes to the many the happy bride and groom were receiving.

ask you a lot of questions. I only visit good children, you know." This silenced the little group. Unconsciously the children straightened themselves into a stiff little row with arms rigid at sides and a look of anxiety in each pair of eyes.

As he ran he kept his hand on the small square package he found addressed to himself in the bottom of the hamper. It was his own present. By the dim light in the coach he opened it to find a beautiful miniature of herself on ivory, with a written card: "Please take me as your Christmas gift. Norma."

A Widow's Story of Woe. She and Her Two Sons Worked for Thirteen Years to Pay Back Rent for Their House. Mrs. Kate Burns, of Jeldo, recently, told a story of how she and her two sons worked thirteen years to pay off an accumulated house rent and coal bill due to the Markle company, the narration of which greatly interested the arbitration commissioners.

Married on the Back of a Huge Elephant. A Wobbly Benediction. Maiden Disclaimed Any Fear, But Grew Seaside Toward the End. Pretty Rhoda Hurd, of Pensacola, Fla., transcended the limit in unique weddings, when she married Daniel Spence, recently, on the broad back of a huge swaying elephant.

Woman on Trial for Murder. Mrs. Lightner Testifies That She Stabbed Miss Wheeler in Self-Defense. Mrs. Dora Lightner told on the stand at Toledo, Ohio on Wednesday her trial for murder how she killed Lucy Wheeler on June 13th last.