

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER.

Just for today, dear God, give me the faith That glids each star to eager, childish eyes...

Let me again, as in the days of old, Slip hand in hand, with every face a friend...

Let me forget the pretense and the show, The mummery of those who give to take...

While carol-echoes set while streets awake, I would shut far from me the wiser years...

I would be blind to Want and Woe and Tears, Nor test each bauble-shen to find the dross.

Lord, let these Christmas bells sing back the dream: Give me my world this day, glad, undefiled...

In all the sure, sweet vision of a child. —By Martha Haskell Clark.

"NARY CHRISTMAS."

Old Madame Channell, who was eighty that month, woke on the morning following Thanksgiving Day with a vague sense of impending disaster.

"What have you in mind, Mother Channell?" asked Hildegarde patiently. "Have you something to suggest?"

"Well, I don't know's I have," her mother-in-law muttered, subsiding. "I don't know's I've thought of anything special, but—"

"Why, dear Mother Channell!"—she was gently reproachful now—"you, of all people, to want to change the beautiful old Christmas customs!"

"All right, Hildegarde, all right," said the old lady, hastily. "Let's go on with the plans."

The rest of the plans, beyond notes as to caterers and orchestras and decorators, were concerned with gifts.

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antly. "That was the end of the chapter, just there. Must we leave the lovers in this bitter, bitter quarrel?"

"I guess they'll keep," said Madame Channell. "There's Hildegarde now."

"Good morning, Mother Channell! Did you have a fine, restful sleep? Not too tired from all the festivities yesterday, are you?"

"That's what I'm going to do," Badger, Coates, and Badger's for today. I've let it go too long. He won't know anything about it—youth Dave.

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"I've tried and tried to trust you," he went on. "I've tried to help you to trust yourself. You know I've liked you a lot, Sally, and I've believed in you, because I know you're only kind of a bad girl."

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