

Where have they gone to? If you see One of them anywhere, send her to me. I would give a medal of purest gold To one of these dear little girls of old, -Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

#### A Christmas Bell.

Swing wide! send forth your swelling notes, sweet belis! | Once more 'tis Christmas-tide o'er all the

earth;

No silver throat so sweet a story tells: The Christ was born-the stars sang at his

birth; Celestial choirs the anthem rolled along, And angel hosts gave chorus to the song.

It would almost savor of sacrilege to Soclare that the Christmas tree has grown tiresome, but occasionally there are souls brave enough to say so. For those who feel that way about it, a velcome substitute is found in the Christmas bell, which is made of three or more hoops of graded sizes. These boops are wreathed and hung, the smallest at the top, the next in size just below it and so on, so as to give the effect of a suspended bell. The ropes or cords by which the hoops are connected and hung, are wound with green. At the top they are brought together and fastened to a ring in the ceiling. Such hoops may be had of a cooper are easy of adjustment and the effect is very pleasing. The same ornaments used to adorn the regulation tree are displayed on the hoops, and the gif's are attached by narrow ribbons, which are cut when the pack-" es are removed. A Japanese lantern hung in the center of the bell is filled with mottoes, bonbons, etc., and when the gifts have all been distributed a blow from a cane breaks the paper sides of the lantern, and a shower of sweets makes glad the hearts of the wee folk of the party. If the lantern is filled with flowers, the downpour is equally pleasing and rather daintier.

Joy of the Little Ones.

Christmas is the day of the little folks. To them the old customs are not beginning to lose attractiveness. As long as Santa Claus remembers to drive his sleigh over the roofs and fills the stockings at the chimney corner, so long as Christmas trees blossom with marvelous fruit, and Father Christmas with flowing beard and deep-toned voice is there to take the toys from the branches, so long is the Yuletide season a magic one to the children. Holidays and presents, parties and new dresses, toys and candies, nuts, oranges, colored tapers and waxen floors-it is fairyland come anew, and the children love it.

Roquefort cheese. Mince pie, Pumpi Frozen plum pudding, Pumpkin pie.

Bonbons. Coffee. Oyster cocktails are served in ice shells made for this purpose or in large claret glasses. Put five small oysters into each glass. For one dozen plates allow seven teaspoonfuls each of prepared horse radish, tomato catsup and vinegar, ten teaspoonfuls of lemon juice and one of Tobasco sauce. Thoroughly mix this dressing and put an equal quantity into each glass, Both oysters and dressing should be very cold.

To make the chestnut stuffing for turkey, secure one quart of large French chestnuts, shell them and cook them in boiling water until the skins are loosened. Remove the brown skins and again put the nuts into bolling water and cook them until they are tender. While the nuts are still hot rub them through a very coarse sleve or colander. Mix with the sifted nuts a very few bread crumbs and two tablespoonfuls of melted butter, and season with salt and pepper. Make the mixture moist with a little sweet cream and fill the turkey, but do not press the stuffing in closely; and the



Maude-I would like to look at some Dealer-Yes. Miss. What kind of a sead do you want?

Maude-I'm not particular. Only it nust be of a material that will not make him sick at the stomach.

I heard the bells on Christmas Day, Their old, familiar carols plar, And wild and awwel The words repeat, Of peace on earth, good will to men!

Theta Castle No. 276 Knights of Wafers. day night. The number who went prepared supper, and a vote of thanks

given to the Eagles of Benton for their very kind treatment, all made their way to the station, boarded the train and arrived home at 2.30, Friday morning feeling more than repaid for their trip.

### Verdict for Ash Bros.

\$3600 damages to the plaintiff, was the verdict returned by the jury in the case of Ash Bros. vs. the Berwick Water Co., at the trial in Wilkesbarre on Friday morning. The case which was for damages for diversion of water power, was removed to Wilkesbarre for trial from the courts of Columbia County. At the first trial in this county, the jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff of \$6500, for damages, which the court cut down to \$4000. The Water Company secured a new trial and a change of venue, which resulted as above stated.

Earl Hess, one of Espy's most popular young men, died last Saturday morning from what is supposed to have been internal hemorrhages. For some time he had been troubled with frequent bleeding of the nose, which soon so seriously affected and weakened him that he was compelled to abandon his work at Dr. Redeker's in this place, and return to his home in Espy. He however, grew rapidly worse, the bleedings being with him almost constantly, and although every available means were used to save his hfe, all were in vain. Funeral services were held on Tuesday of this | charged for the week on Thursday. week. He was in his 17th year.

Ashland expects to get a new Reading Depot.

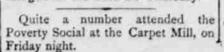
The following appeared in last the Golden Eagle, of this town went Wednesday's issue of the Post, pubto Benton by special train last Thurs- lished at Washington, D. C. :-" About the finest collection of was probably about sixty, and all had bright young faces that have brighta delightful time. They arrived at ened any Washington hotel for a long Benton at eight o'clock, where they time can be seen at the Oxford, were met by the Committee in charge where over 150 young ladies and of the arrangements and conducted gentlemen, students of the State to the hall. After conferring the Normal School at Bloomsburg, Pa., degrees on the applicants for member- are domiciled. They are under the ship, they were invited to H. A. fatherly care of Dr. J. P. Welsh, Kemp's, where all sat down to a President of the institution, and are table laden with good things. After having a happy time inspecting the all had done justice to the elegantly sights of Washington.

BASKET BALL.

The basket ball season will open next Tuesday evening in the Normal gymnasium, with a game between Danville and W. H. Eyer's Bloomsburg team. Danville is said to have a strong aggregation this year, and a good game may be expected. The Normal is having a vacation and the accommodations for the down town will be all the better. The diagram will open at Slate's, where seats can be reserved.

There will be services in St. Paul's church on Christmas morning at ten o'clock. The choir has been making gram, which will include Jackson's Israel," introducing the old hymn "Adeste Fideles," with beautiful effect. The offertory will go to the Christmas fund, and will be applied to relief of the families of disabled and deceased clergymen in the diocese.

Everett Warren, Esq., of Scranton, was admitted to the bar of this county last Thursday. He is one of the counsel in the suit of Martha Case against the D. L. & W. R. R. Co. Owing to the fact that Mr. Scarlet, one of the counsel for Mrs. Case, was continued, and all the jurors dis-



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