

HOW THEY CELEBRATED.

The Four Travelers, Snowbound on Christmas Eve, Made the Two Children Happy.

Four travelers who were snowbound in a western passenger train on Christmas eve... the snowbound travelers... the children were happy.

The little threadbare children, says the Youth's Companion, had been promised a joyous Christmas there... they were delighted.

"Say, parson, we've got to give these children some Christmas," said the cowboy... "I'm agreed," added the cattleman.

"We ain't got none," quavered the little girl... "Lord love you!" roared the burly cattleman.

"Then the children knelt down on the floor of the car... the children were soon asleep." "Now I lay me," hats were off.

"It don't seem to me I've got anything to give 'em," said the cowboy... "Never mind, boys," said the drummer.

"So off they trooped. He opened his trunks... as took away their breath." "There," said he.

"No, you don't!" said the cowboy. "I'm goin' to buy what I want and pay for it, too... "That's my judgment, too," said the cattleman.

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Circumstances Alter Cases. Crawford—I thought you were perfectly delighted with the Christmas present your wife gave you? Crabshaw—At that time I didn't know she'd had it charged.—Judge.

Would Answer His Purpose. Uncle Ned—Was it you I heard singing "I want to be an angel"? Johnny—Yes; I'd be satisfied if Santa Claus brought me a flying machine.—Puck.

Miss Oldgirl—Have you hung up your mistletoe yet? Miss Youngthing—No, indeed. It isn't necessary for me to use bait.—Gerald.

ABUSES OF THE DAY.

The Veriest Cynic, Though, Would Hardly Consent to the Abolition of Christmas.

It is the latter day fashion to talk somewhat cynically of Christmas and its celebration... the cynic would willingly consent to the abolition of Christmas.

But men talk more lightly than they feel, says the Chicago Tribune... the annual meeting of all the members of a perhaps scattered family at the old homestead.

"So far as the abuses of the day are concerned, each man may correct them for himself... the children were soon asleep." "Now I lay me," hats were off.

WHAT HE FORGOT.

The Toot of the Whistle or the Woos of the Commuter During the Holiday Season.

The commuter sat in the train almost buried from sight under his load of Christmas presents... the commuter with all his weight of Christmas joys did not seem to be happy.

"Hello, Billy," said a neighbor commuter. "Got your Christmas things, I see." "Yes," said Mr. Commuter.

"All but what?" The commuter again stared wildly around the car... "I've got all but one thing and I cannot for the life of me remember what it was.

"Well, here's our station," said neighbor commuter. "You can't get it now. There's the whistle." "That's it," said the commuter.

"Some people," said Uncle Eben, "looks at de price tag so hard, dat givin' Christmas gif's to be purty nigh as col' blooded as a hoss trade." —Washington Star.

A CHRISTMAS SERMON.

Preached by the Gennine Unselfishness of a Little Red-Haired Girl in Her Letter to Santa Claus.

When we are prone to think that Christmas has degenerated into a date for the payment of obligations as regards gifts... the clerk of a large hotel.

The day before Christmas the clerk of a large hotel, while sorting over the mail, came upon a letter addressed to "Mr. Santa Claus, Hotel." As no such gentleman had registered there, the clerk showed the letter to two or three of the guests...

It proved to be from a little girl, who signed merely her given name; she had added, however, the street and number, which were in one of the poorer parts of the city.

Two of the business men who had read the letter determined to seek out the little, unselfish being... the visitors, touched by the child's pathos, consulted a physician.

THE CHOIR-BOYS' CHRISTMAS.

Delightful Concerts Sometimes Given by Them in the Cathedral Cities of Europe.

Dean Farrar, writing in the Quiver of "The Great Social Festival," says: I know of more than one cathedral city in which at Christmas time the little choir boys—often boys who come from very humble homes—give a delightful concert...

FESTIVAL SPIRIT IN ART.

A Grand Theme for Some Artist to Place on Canvas—A Name That Will Always Inspire. Hall gladsome season of Holy Days!—said to those phases of the season of cheer exemplified by art wherever found.

The season of Festivity and of its twin sister, Hospitality, has always appealed to artists. Just as the Roman drama is said to have had its rise in the festivities of the rustic youth...

A grand theme for a painter some day, says a writer in the National Magazine, would be "New England Christmas table scene" in the early part of the nineteenth century.

Fast Time on the Lake Shore. TOLEDO, O. Dec. 23.—The Twentieth Century Limited on the Lake Shore yesterday made the run of 134 miles between Toledo and Elkhart, Ind., in 127 minutes.

A TRAGEDY AT SEA

Survivors of Wrecked Ships Tell of Terrible Sufferings.

THREE DAYS ADRIFF WITHOUT FOOD

Eleven Perished Before Relief Came, and Those Saved Were Frostbitten and Helpless—Collision Caused the Disaster.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Almost crazed from their sufferings, frostbitten and helpless, ten men in a boat have been picked up by the schooner Manhasset forty-five miles off Highland light.

The survivors of the tragedy were landed here. Of the twenty-six men who made up the two crews six were carried down when the two vessels sunk.

The two schooners, both heavily laden with coal, doubled Cape Cod in company and ran into a strong northwester on Wednesday night.

Without food or water, drenched to the skin, spray freezing to their garments because of the bitter cold, the fifteen survivors underwent sufferings indescribable.

There was not a moment for storing food or water in the boat, and the rowers had propelled it only a short distance from the schooners when the Palmer went down.

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In the three days and a half that the men were afloat their boat drifted steadily offshore until at 8 o'clock Sunday morning it was forty-five miles off Highland light.

Blackmail on a Large Scale. BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 23.—The local postoffice is in receipt of 2,000 letters from a New York collection agency addressed to residents here.

Speech Recovered After Long Silence. SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 23.—Within a few days Miss Mary O'Brien, aged about thirty, living in East Longmeadow, suddenly recovered the power of speech after being dumb for fourteen years.

Transport Thomas Arrives. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The army transport Thomas has just arrived from Manila. The vessel brings 122 casuals, 62 sick and 779 discharged soldiers.

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ACCIDENTAL?

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death on the man who fell from the window ledge on which he had fallen asleep.

General Pennuts' is Dead.

Famous Midget, Two Feet One Inch Tall, Had Seen Circus Attraction. "General Pennuts," for several years one of the best known midgets, who has been connected with Barnum's and Forepaugh & Sells' circuses, was found dead in his room at No. 207 East Fourteenth street, New York, on Wednesday afternoon.



the warning symptoms of disease, he is carelessly inviting calamity.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition.

"I had been troubled with a pain in lower part of my stomach for three years, so severe I thought it would kill me in time," writes Mr. Aaron Van Dam, of (Kensington) 255 19th St., Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. They do not upset the bill habit.

Pomona Grange Meeting.

The first regular quarterly meeting of Pomona Grange, No. 5, composed of the Subordinate Granges, of Columbia and lower Luzerne counties, will convene in the hall of Bloomsburg Grange, Friday, January 2, 1903, promptly at ten o'clock.

Address of welcome by Brother Robert R. Little.

Response by Brother J. S. Campbell, of No. 108.

Music—Columbia Grange.

Recitation—Brother Charles Ash, No. 46.

Essay—Sister Laura Parker, No. 108.

Music—Benton Grange.

Brother Kashinka will open a discussion on the following topic: "What systematic effort can be made in this Grange, the coming year, that will increase the efficiency of its Educational work?"

Recitation—Salem Grange, No. 291.

Music—Benton Grange.

Essay—Sister Ikeler, of No. 52.

Recitation—Araminta Parker, of No. 108.

Select Reading—O. O. Hess, No. 46.

A Discussion—"Why does cultivation of the soil promote plant growth and to what extent can cultivation contribute to such growth?" To be opened by Salem Grange, No. 291.

Music—By the Grange.

Essay—Sister Kate E. Creveling, No. 46.

Recitation—Benton Grange, No. 88.

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Patrons from neighboring counties are cordially invited to be present and participate in the exercises.

The degree of Pomona will be conferred in the evening in full form providing there be applicants for the same.

Amos Hartman, W. Master.

W. J. Beidleman, W. Lecturer.

A Campaign Against Butter.

The oleomargarine interests of the state are said to be contemplating the flooding of the market with a product that will come within the requirements of the law regulating the coloring of substitutes for butter.

We sell everything in men's wear, Ben Gidding. Geo. W. Hess is headquarters for Paul E. Wirt fountain pens. The largest assortment in town.

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Mackintoshes, a nice Xmas gift, Ben Gidding.

Look at Your Dimes and Quarters.

So much spurious coin, especially in dimes and quarters, are in circulation at the present that people are advised to carefully scrutinize coins of these denominations that come into their possession.

Cuff and collar boxes at Ben Gidding's.

Collars and Cuffs, Ben Gidding.

Woman Fined for Praying too Loud.

For praying too loud Emma Leopold of Racine, Wis., was arrested on Tuesday on the charge of disorderly conduct.

AT TOOLEY & CO'S. Celery, cranberries, sweet potatoes, spinach, beets, oranges, banana's, grapes, table nuts and grape fruit, at Tooley & Co's.

CATARHAL HEADACHES.—That dull, wretched pain in the head just over the eyes is one of the surest signs that the seeds of catarrh have been sown.

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Members Can't Get Quarters. Only about half the members of the incoming legislature have been able to get quarters for themselves for the session at the hotels where legislators stayed in large numbers two years ago.

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