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Through the darkness the watchers underneath the midnight skies saw the rising of a glorious star, and its light is still shining upon the world to be a beacon amid the storm, to lead generations yet unborn to the humble manger sanctified by infinite love and compassion, and made holy by the birth of a hope that should lift the lowliest man to the divine heights where he could look unafraid upon the face of his God.

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Oh ye who seek the Christ that ye may bow down and worship Him, remember: "Still stands the ancient sacrifice; A humble and a contrite heart."

If Christ be truly born unto your souls, let your lives proclaim the message that the bells ring out this Christmas day.

The Bachelor. He admits with a smile that he is looking. That Christmas no longer consoles; He hasn't a single stocking.

AN AWFUL DEATH.



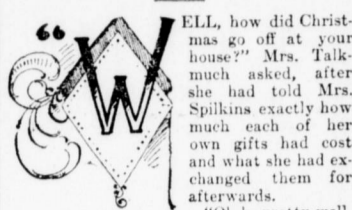
He-I understand Miss Goodgirl, the Sunday-school teacher, is dead. What was the trouble?

A Clear Field. She sang a Christmas carol-A lovely thing-it said: "Meet me under the mistletoe When papa's not in bed."

That Is All. "What is the use of this article?" asked a shopper.

A CHRISTMAS COMEDY.

Rather Exciting, But All Concerned Are Expected to Recover.



ELL, how did Christmas go off at your house?" Mrs. Talk-much asked, after she had told Mrs. Spilkins exactly how much each of her own gifts had cost and what she had exchanged them for afterwards.

"Oh-h, pretty well. We hope to be fully recovered from the effects of it in a week or two. You see, on Christmas Eve the children were so excited about the coming of Santa Claus that they couldn't get to sleep.

"Yes, isn't it odd that it only smells after all the jets are turned off! I never used to smell gas until after I was married, but now, I—"



WHEN HE HEARD WIFEY CALL FOR THE POLICE.

Murder! Then, I heard some one trying my door! "The burglars, of course. Oh, you poor heroine!"

"Yes, and then came awful screams from Ethel, her voice sounding as it does when her little brother brings a mouse into the room. Seizing my umbrella, I went to her rescue. In the hall I ran into the arms of a man and must have fainted, for the next thing I knew Mr. Spilkins was telling Ethel to burn the ostrich feathers on my new bonnet and see if that would not bring me to."

"I did, I'm sure! But I thought Mr. Spilkins was murdered and—"

"Well, he wasn't. He had gotten the stockings and hung them, when he heard me call for the police and—"

"But the groans and Ethel's screams?"

"The groaning noise was young Mr. Fizzleton, singing a serenade of Christmas hymns under her window. She slept through that, being roused by her father rattling at my door, and thinking I was murdered!"

"Gracious! I hope that was the end of it!"

A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE.

How a Rejected, Sir Even with His Successful Rival.



O MY cousin Robert has written that he is sending us a little Christmas surprise," said Mrs. Meekmild, for the tenth time.



THE LID WAS OFF THE BOX AT LAST.

apt to appreciate such a compliment as a rich old bachelor, I'd like to know?"

"And how merry he was when Ariadne spilled milk on my best dress. What a pleasure it must have been to witness such felicity."

"And now he is sending us a Christmas box. I wonder what it contains? The children will be up at daylight to find out. Well, prosperity will not change us."

"Never. Even though I am able to dress as well as our own hired girl, I shall not insist that you write it Xmas, instead of Christmas, nor shall I call it appendicitis when little Rufus has eaten too much pie."

"A Fair Exchange. Now doth the callow youth prepare To show he madly loves, By sending to his lady fair A Christmas box of gloves."

A TERRIBLE PUNISHMENT. "What's your little brother crying for?"



Sordid Soul. Saymold Storey-What are you going to give your wife for a Christmas present?"

TRIBUTE TO QUEEN VICTORIA.

Chinese Ambassador at London Delights the Article Club Dinner with His Eloquence.

Sir Chihehen Lo-Feng-Luh, the Chinese Ambassador, presided over the dinner and debate of the Article club at Queen's hall, London.

"For an unprecedented length of time, to which only our emperor can lay any claim to comparison, your queen has set an example of government to all nations of the world."

Then the Chinese minister opened the discussion on the subject of the evening. He spoke from a Chinese point of view, and dwelt at some length on the appointment of a ministry of commerce at Peking.

TO REGISTER LETTERS.

Post Office Department Issues an Order Extending the Duties of Letter Carriers.

The postmaster general has issued a general order announcing the determination of the department to provide for the registration of valuable letters, or first-class matter, by letter carriers on their routes in free-delivery cities.

Information that some postmasters and employees, in order to avoid the labor involved, are advising the public that the registered mails are not a safe means of transportation of valuable matter, and he has given warning, in a rigorous order just issued that such disregard of duty will be sufficient ground for removal from office.

KNEELS IN CROWDED CAR.

Young Man of Pious Demourer Arouses the Curiosity of Philadelphia Passengers.

A tall, modest-looking young man, tastefully dressed, accompanied by a young woman, boarded an Angora trolley car at eight o'clock the other morning in West Philadelphia.

After about 20 minutes the stranger arose from his knees, resumed his seat, and stared straight in front of him.

PUPILS GOVERN THE SCHOOL.

The New System as It is in Force in the High Schools at Muncie, Ind.

Muncie (Ind.) high school is self-governing and in control of the pupils. The governing board consists of a president, who must be a pupil, elected by popular vote; the superintendent of public schools, the principal of the high school, a member of the school board, a woman member of the faculty and one member chosen from each of the high school grades.

WHERE SOLDIERS ARE SAFEST.

Every soldier believes that the only safe place under fire is the recent scene of some cannonade escapade. When defending a fort or camp the wounded are generally placed in the breaches, as the enemy are not likely to waste powder and shot on points which have already been cleared of all barricade.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FOR LIGHTHOUSES.

The French navy is said to be installing a new system of wireless telegraphy between the lighthouses along the French coast.

FOE OF NEW WOMAN.

St. Paul Preacher Who Declares Against Employment of Women.

Rev. S. G. Smith, pastor of the People's church at St. Paul, Minn., who has charge of the department of sociology at the state university, declared himself in opposition to women being self-supporting, in a lecture on "The Production of Wealth" before the Y. M. C. A. of St. Paul.

"The world would be better off if all the women were Turned Out of Their Jobs."

Some women, it is true, won't marry. But you can't organize society upon the exceptions to its laws. The healthy woman, the woman of the majority, should marry. If she can get a husband, and she would be much better able to find a husband if she had not reduced men's wages by her industrial competition.

RESENT A POSTAL ORDER.

French Public Makes a Protest Against Ruffing Out Mourning Envelopes.

The French post office at Paris is being deluged with letters of complaint over the enforcement of the department's recent order prohibiting the passage through the mails of envelopes bearing the customary black border in token of mourning.

MARCUS BRAUN SECURES JUDGMENT AGAINST WAGNER PALACE CAR COMPANY ON UNUSUAL GROUNDS.

One of the most singular suits on record has just been decided in the city court in New York city. Marcus Braun having secured a judgment against the Wagner Palace Car company for \$750 as damages for a mistake made by one of the company's conductors, who allotted a berth already sold to Braun to a woman.

TESTS OF NEW TORPEDOES.

Device That Will Bring the Destroyer Back to Its Original Course When Deflected.

Orders are expected in a few days directing the cruiser New York, Rear Admiral Philip Farquhar's flagship, which is lying at the Brooklyn navy yard, to proceed south for target practice. The practice cruise will be of more than usual interest because of the proposed tests of the new torpedoes.

TAKES HIM FOR BUNKO MAN.

Amusing Mistake Made by Ex-Judge Diver Who Was Met by His Brother at Station.

Ex-Judge Patrick Diver met the other night in the Pennsylvania railroad station at Jersey City his brother John, whom he has not seen since 1850, when he went west to California.

MILITARY MOTOR CYCLE.

The new military motor cycle is a terrible engine of war. The machine is driven by an automatic petroleum motor and mounts a 27-pound automatic maxin gun, capable of discharging 600 rounds per minute while traveling at the rate of 15 miles an hour.

THEATER OMNIBUSES IN PARIS.

Theater omnibuses have been started in Paris, which leave the chief theaters after the performances and go out to six residence quarters for the present.

OLDEST PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION.

The oldest Presbyterian congregation in America is located at Snow Hill, Md.

REFUSES TO ACCEPT IT.

J. Eads How, of St. Louis, Says He Has Not Earned an Inheritance of \$1,000,000.

J. Eads How, of St. Louis, who has refused to accept a million dollars inherited from his relatives because he has not earned it by his own labors, has given \$2,000 to be expended "for the public welfare."

As a matter of fact, it is very seldom that he spends any money on his own account. He left his mansion in Lindell boulevard to live among the poorest classes in St. Louis. He conducts the mission home at Ninth and Washington streets. One room and a kitchen constitute his home.

A million dollars is his if he wants it, but he does not choose to be among the family heirs. His only condition in giving the \$2,000 is that the poor shall profit by it. A committee appointed by a public mass meeting will arrange a plan for its distribution.

EVILS OF MARRIAGE CUSTOMS.

Bishop Doane Discourses on Irreverence and Extravagance Displayed at Weddings.

At the convention of the National Reform association at the Broadway tabernacle, New York, Bishop William C. Doane, of Albany, spoke on "Our Marriage and Divorce Laws; Their Danger and Remedy."

"Our office is called the form of solemnization of matrimony. There are no words in it that jar upon the ear more sharply than those words 'advisedly, reverently and soberly,' as one contracts them with the mere merriment and childish byplay and frivolity of the modern conventions of society."

"To be deplored are the excesses and excitements and extravagances that immediately precede and are the chief preparations for the sacred service; the crowds of irreverent spectators profaning the house of God with their display of clothes, their idle gossip, their careless curiosity, and the rude violence which exposes to conspicuous notoriety the man and the woman at the moment when they have the right of privacy and peace. It is high time that good taste and modesty and simplicity asserted themselves."

"Often the woman is sold to a fortune or a title and the man buys the heart of the woman to break it or to find none there."

A SINGULAR SUIT.

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NEW UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS.

President W. R. Harper Will Announce Proposed Erection of Four in 1900.

It was learned on good authority at the University of Chicago that President Harper will announce in his quarterly statement at the winter convocation that four new buildings will be erected during the coming year. The first of these will be an assembly hall. There is great need at the university for a larger one. The chapel in Cobb lecture hall is not large enough to accommodate all the junior college students, and Kent theater will not accommodate all who wish to attend many university gatherings.