

Winter Time.
 I dig the merry winter time:
 The snow-dusted hills,
 The white-capped peaks,
 The bare brown woods of winter time.
 The bright and cheery winter time:
 The four-frost's time,
 The Christmas time,
 The glittering stars of winter time.
 The rosy cheeks of winter time:
 The twinkling bells,
 The laughing boys,
 The ringing sleighs of winter time.
 The long crisp nights of winter time:
 The silvery snow,
 The gleaming snow,
 Of blazing hearths of winter time.
 The cozy nook of winter time:
 The snug fire,
 The merry old folks of winter time.
 The snowy drifts of winter time:
 The crisp and clear,
 The bright and cheery of winter time.
 The howling winds of winter time:
 The falling sign,
 The beating kites,
 The shouting thrush of winter time.
 The melting snows of winter time:
 The "mashed" pipes,
 The much-used "spies,"
 The leaky roofs of winter time.
 The long crisp nights of winter time:
 The silvery snow,
 The gleaming snow,
 Of blazing hearths of winter time.

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Flown Away.
 On the lake, from beneath before me,
 The ship sailed, and I saw,
 Beside a blackbird, now, now starting,
 See how suddenly she's darting.
 Far away across the plain.
 It was but a dash of color,
 Shown against a stormy sky;
 Only two grey clouds uplifted
 Where the grey clouds slowly drifted—
 But they bore a soul on high.

Come into the Hills.
 Come up into the hills, 'till strength is there
 Oh, then hast I loved thee,
 To long sail the waters and blossoms fair,
 With notes of summer song—
 Oh, what! why that there? What though the
 bird
 The ploughboy waits to the hithering herd
 As the red daylight fades.

My Rich Uncle from China.
 "My dear," cried Mrs. Childless,
 hurrying into the morning parlour, where
 Benjie and I sat, busy over blue and
 pink tartan handkerchiefs, for the charity
 fair, "I've news for you, the very best
 of news."
 It was the day before Thanksgiving,
 and the fair was to be held that evening
 at my aunt's house.

Christmas Hints.
 Letters from persons desirous of
 adopting orphans are pouring into Mem-
 phis, Tenn.
 A Paris worker in metals finds himself
 with a load of green hair from some un-
 known chemical cause.

Timely Topics.
 A River Filled with Sharks.
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 light of Dr. Harris' boat ahead, and we
 made fast to her stern. The entrance to
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 serving the light of the doctor's boat.

Palms, Garden and Household.
 Care, Wheat and Rye.
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 culture that the products, acreage and
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Life in the Arctic Regions.
 Dr. John Rae recently delivered an
 interesting lecture on this subject in
 the city of Philadelphia. He said that
 the necessity of those taking part
 in the Arctic expeditions being previ-
 ously accustomed to exposure to cold
 winds, and that the Eskimo, who are
 voyagers which he made to those regions.

A Meteoric Story.
 The Galveston (Texas) News says the
 remarkable specimen of meteoric iron,
 resembling steel, picked up in the Mo-
 hawks desert, and carried to Fort Tule,
 a short time ago, is thus described:
 "It weighs about a pound, and carries
 free gold, which nearly a dollar can
 be obtained from it. It is not mag-
 netic, and has successfully resisted sim-
 ple and compound tests of acid. In
 this respect it resembles specular iron,
 but in no other. One of its surfaces
 shows a fracture that reveals a crystal-
 line structure, the color of which is
 a steel gray. The other surface shows
 the best of the blacksmith shop, and
 his party, consisting of eight, were
 given the \$50,000 granted by govern-
 ment for the discovery of the remains of
 those forming the Franklin expedition.

Words of Wisdom.
 We must have a diet of com-
 pany, as well as of books.
 Even the weakest man is strong
 enough to have convictions.
 Few persons have courage enough to
 seem as good as they really are.
 Grant graciously what you cannot re-
 fuse safely, and conciliate those you
 cannot conquer.
 As we must read an account of ev-
 ery idle word, so must we likewise
 of every idle deed.

Colorado Bonanza.
 A Colorado mine operator and a
 ranchman discovered a large deposit
 of silver in the South Arkansas river,
 about seventy miles north of Leadville.
 A dispute arose between them, and the
 ranchman sold out his partner for
 \$5,000, if the whole amount of the
 money was paid within eight months.
 The mine operator actually himself him-
 self to life to get the money, and paid
 the \$5,000, but having a large number
 of unproductive mines to work out
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 law, could not meet the last payment
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