

deposited an armful of packages in his runabout, and then started to pay the last visit on his daily round.

It was the afternoon before Christmas, but the young physician's heart was not filled with the proverbial holiday cheer. Good will he had toward all men-but not toward all women. One little spot of resentment lurked in his thoughts of June Leigh.

She had accepted his tender devotion with downcast eyes and an entrancing air of demureness and timidity combined. Then, suddenly, she had been transformed into the most bewildering of coquettes, openly flirting with a man the doctor detested.

At speed-limit rate, he drove his machine into the poorest of the poor precincts of the city and stopped before a forlorn-looking little house. He knocked and then opened the door. A pale, anxious-eyed woman came forward. He held up a cautioning finger and smiled as he deposited his load of toys in a corner.

"I see you have the wherewith for a Christmas dinner tomorrow." he said, glancing at a chicken on the table.

"A young lady brought us a basket of good things from the Aid society," she replied, smiling happily as she preceded him into the adjoining room. A delicate little face with wan eyes

looked up from the pillow. "You are better, little Lou," he as-

serted, taking the tiny hand in his. "It's the thought of Christmas?"

"Yes, and a lovely young lady brought us a Christmas dinner, and there's jelly and pie. She is coming again tomorrow to see if Santa Claus came. I don't think he will, though."

"You must have faith in him and believe that he will come," assured the doctor. "You see he makes a mistake once in a while, but he wouldn't miss you twice. I feel sure that he will some."

"On, do you? If I could only see him? Do you think he would care if I remained awake?" asked the quaint little invalid.

"Wel., you know he generally comes when everyone is asleep, but maybe, since you are sick and because he forgot you last year, he may come here first, early in the evening, and let you see him."

"Oh!" cried the child ecstatically. "Maybe he'll have a Christmas tree

to a big fur coat, adjusted a beard and the usual Santa Claus make-up. Then he softly opened the door and slipped in. He gave an approving glance at the gaily-decorated, brilliantly-lighted little tree to which Mrs. Ellis was putting the last touches. "That is fine!" he exclaimed.

"The young lady came back with a doll for Lou, and when I told her what you had done, she stayed and fixed it for me. She was here all the afternoon, stringing cranberries and popcorn, and making candy bags."

"I'll slip behind the tree, now, and you bring the little girl out. She won't be afraid of me, will she?"

"Oh, no; she loves Santa Claus!" The doctor was more than repaid for his efforts by the cry of delight that issued from Lou when her mother brought her from the bed-room and propped her up in pillows in an old rocking chair.

"I couldn't find you last year," said Santa Claus in a gruff but tender voice, "but I have brought you enough this year to make up."

The tree was nearly stripped before Doctor Fordney discovered a tiny blue envelope addressed to Santa Claus in a handwriting that made his heartbeats quicken. He opened it and by the light of a tiny candle read that which made his Christmas eve an eve of beauty.

"And this is the last, little Lou," he said, carrying her a picture-book.

"Santa Claus, you won't forget Miss Leigh, the young lady who brought us the Christmas dinner?" she pleaded. "Little Lou, I am going there right



R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

The year now drawing to a close will be notable for its harvests, the money value of its farm products being computed at close to nine billion dollars-a record figure. This fact forms the best possible basis for industrial advance next year. There is, however, little change in financial and business sentiment, which remains conservative and captious. The holiday trade is, nevertheless, opening up well, and in certain important centers the jobbing trade in staple merchandise is reported as improving. The colder weather has been beneficial to most merchants and the heavy fall of snow is most seasonable.

Continued restriction of output has not prevented steady accumulation of pig-iron stocks, and the movement to curtail operations is expected to be carried still further. Existing conditions in the pig-iron market reflect increased dullness, and sellers are offering concessions in some instances in order to stimulate business.

Wholesale Markets

NEW YORK .--- Wheat--- Spot easy: No. 2 red, 97 1/8 c. elevator and 98 1/8 f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 117% f. o. b. afloat.

Corn-Spot easy; No. 2 new 56c. nominal elevator, domestic basis, to arrive, and 55 1/2 spot f. o. b. afloat Oats-Spot easy; standard white, 38 1/2 c.; No. 2, 39; No. 3, 38, and No. 4, 37 1/2.

Butter - Creamery specials, 30 1/2 @31c.; creamery extras, 29@291/2. Poultry alive, steady. Western chickens, 12@13c.; fowls, 13@141/2; turkeys, 12@16. Dressed, steady; Western chickens, 10@17c.; fowls 10@17; do, turkeys, 15@23.

PHILADELPHIA. - Wheat unchanged. Corn 1/2 c. lower; December, 51@51%; January, 50@50%. Oats steady; No. 2 white, natural, 38 1/c.

Butter firm; extra Western creamery, 21 1/2 c.; do, nearby prints, 33. Eggs scarce and firm; Pennsylvania and other nearby firsts, f. c. 39c. at mark; do, current receipts in returnable cases, 37 at mark; Western firsts, f. c., 39 at mark; do, current receipts, f. c., 37 at mark. Cheese firm; New York, full creams, fancy, September, 15% c.;

do, October, 14 % @15: do, fair to

FIGHTING THE WHITE PLAGUE Number of State Institutions is

Double During the Past Two Years.

Sixteen state sanatoria, 28 county | hospitals and 21 municipal hospitals for tuberculosis have been erected and provided for since January 1. 1909, says a recent bulletin of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Within the last two years the number of state institutions for tuberculosis has doubled, and the number of county and municipal institutions has increased from about 30 to 80. The expenditures of public money for the treatment of tuberculosis also has more than doubled. Not less than \$3,000,000 of state money was appropriated for tuberculosis institutions in 1909, when 43 legislatures met, and over \$600,000 in 1910, when only 11 legislatures were in session. The appropriations of counties and cities for tuberculosis hospitals and sanatoria in the last two years will aggregate fully \$2,500,000, bringing the total of official appropriations for tuberculosis hospitals up to over \$6,000,000 in the past two years.

In spite, however, of this good showing, the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis states that not one-tenth of the public provision for tuberculosis that is needed has been made. More than 250,000 tuberculosis patients are constantly without proper institutional treatment.

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quired his companion.

Pointing to the red-headed girls, the young man answered: "I'm trying to see a white automobile."-Youngstown Telegram.

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Santa Claus.

here for you," said the doctor, his imagination taking lofty flights.

The child's eyes gleamed.

"No," she sighed. "That would be too beautiful."

The doctor asked a few questions, left some more medicine, and then beckoned the mother to follow him into the outer room.

"I will send a little tree and all the trappings as soon as I get back to the city. You have it all trimmed up and lighted at six o'clock. Then I'll come in and be Santa Claus."

"Oh, you musn't do so much," she protested, looking at the many parcels.

"I have no one in the world to do anything for," he said earnestly, "so you will be giving me all the Christ- of baby lips and to feel the lingering mas cheer I shall get by letting me do this.' And, more than that, it will do little Lou more good than a load of medicine.'

home. On the door-step he slipped in lanta, Ga.

from here. She shall have everything she wants." "And you won't forget Doctor Ford-

ney?" "No; I'll give him the best Christmas he ever had."

"But, Santa Claus, won't some one give you a present?"

"A beautiful lady is going to give me the lovellest gift in the whole world tonight," he said. "Oh, I am so glad! I wish I could

do something for you for all the things you have brought me." "You can, little Lou. In half an hour will you go to bed and shut your

eyes tight and try not to think of your presents, or the tree or of me until morning?"

He stooped to receive the imprint pressure of soft arms about his neck (Copyright, 1910.)

The kingdom of God has already He returned to the city for another come in nature, in the worlds beyond, shopping expedition and promptly at in everything save the hearts of men. six o'clock he was back at the little -Rev. D. H. Ogden, Presbyterian, At-

good, 14@141/2. Live poultry steady; fowls, 12@14%; old roosters, 10@ 10 1/2: spring chickens, 12 @ 14 1/4: ducks, 15@16; geese, 13@14; turkeys, 19@20.

BALTIMORE .- Wheat-No. 2 red Western, 96% c.; contract, 961/2; No 3 red, 941/2; steamer, No. 2 red. 923/2; steamer, No. 2 red Western 92 3/4

Corn - Year, 51% @ 51%; spot new, 52@521/4; January, 501/4@ 56 1/2; February, 50 %; March, 51 bid.

Oats-No. 2 white, 38% c.; standard white, 3314 28 1/2; No. 3 white. 38@38%: No. 4 white, 37% @38.

Hay-No. 1 timothy, \$20@20.50; No. 2, do, \$19@19.50; No. 3, do, \$16@18; choice clover mixed, \$18.50 @ 19; No. 1, do, \$17.50@18.50; No 2. do, \$14@16.50; No. 1 clover, \$15 @ 16.

Cheese-Jobbing lots, 17@17%c. Eggs -- Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby firsts, 38c.; Western firsts, 38; West Virginia firsts, 37; Southern firsts, 36; guinea eggs, 19 Dressed Poultry-Turkeys, choice. 19@20c.; fair to good, 17@18; rough and poor, 12@14. Chickens-Choice young, 13@14c.; old and mixed, 12@13; old roosters, 10. Ducks, 12@15c. Geese-Nearby, 13 @14; Western and Southern, 10 @ 13.

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Hogs-Prime heavies, \$7.90; mediums, heavy Yorkers, \$7.90; light Yorkers and pigs, \$8; roughs, \$6.75 @ 7.25.

CHICAGO .- Cattle -- Market slow and weak, beeves, \$4.40@7.20; Texas steers, \$4.10@5.25; Western steers, \$4.10@\$6.20; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@5.00; cows and heifers, \$2.20@6.10; calves, \$7@9.

Hogs-Market slow at decline. Light, \$7.15@7.57 1/2; mixed, \$7.15 @7.55; heavy, \$7.15@7.55; rough, \$7.15@7.30; good to choice, heavy, \$7.30@7.55; pigs, \$6.65@7.45; bulk of sales, \$7.40@7.50.

Sheep-Lambs \$5.25@6.35; yearlings, \$3.75@5; wethers, \$3.50@4; ewes, \$3,35@3.75; stockers and feeders, \$3@3.75.

KANSAS CITY, MO. - Steers steady; strong; cows, steady to 10c. lower. Dressed beef and export steers, \$5.50@6.75; fair to good, \$4.85@5.45; Western steers, \$4.50 @ 5.50; stockers and feeders, \$4@ 5.25; Southern steers, \$4.25@5.35; Southern cows, \$2.50@4.15; native cows, \$2.75@5; native helfers, \$3.75 @ 5.50; bulls, \$3.50 @ 5; calves \$3.67 @ 8.25.



cured of it? He seems to be so straight now." "He has become an aviation enthuslast, and spends most of his time watching the bird-men."

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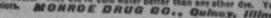
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