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BY ANNA LINDEN. I want a kiss from Bertie, Little Bertie, in whose eyes, Beams the smile of summer mornings With the blue of summer skies. I am thinking, often thinking In my anguish, grief and pain, Shall I ever live to see him, And be kissed by him again.

I want a kiss from Bertie, Whose little, tender years, Have numbered but two summers Of baby smiles and tears; And the little feet just started On the hidden path of life, To meet its cares and trials, Its sorrow and its strife.

I want a kiss from Bertie Whose sinless, rosy lips, Give kisses like the honey That the bee from clover sips.
And now that I have told you, Do you hear me, Bertic-say! If so, just come and kiss me, Come and kiss me right away.

The Christmas Tree.

BY MARIA NORRIS. On Christmas night, an orphan child Walked trembling through the snow, With sighs he marked the hurrying guests Pass gaily to and fro. With sighs be marked the many lights Outshining far and nigh; The night was dark and over all There are hed a starless sky.

He heard the sound of dancing feet-He heard the music's strain; He saw the shadows flitting by On many a window-pane; And presently the tapers beamed From many a Christmas Tree—
"I wish," the child in anguish cried, "A bough were dressed for me!"

So passed he up and down the street Till guests began to part; Poor boy? Each kindly word they spoke Breathed sorrow to his heart. Each echo of their festal mirth Called forth his tears like rain-'I'll go," said he, to yonder wood, And pray to Go'll again!"

He laid him down upon the snow-The snow so soft and white-And scarcely were his eyelids closed When visions of delight, Like sundawn beamed upon his soul-" Dear child," an angel cries, Come quick with me, thy Christmas Tree Is blooming in the skies!"

Think of the wretched room, Of the embers burning low— Think of the scanty garb, Of the child of want and woe, Ye, whose bright cup of life
With wealth is running o'er, Think of your brother man-Relieve him from your store, If the widow's humble smile

A Mite for the Poor.

. Shall not your mite be blest In these later days? Aye! every deed of love Is a bright and sparkling gem To be wreathed by angel hands

In our heavenly diadem. Miscellancous Reading.

Christmas--Its History. Christmas Day is regarded throughou the Christian world as the important day of the year, and whether the birth of Christ occurred on the twenty-fifth day of December, or a few days carlier or later, is a matter of no great moment. The significance CORNER OF SECOND AND LOCUST STS., of setting apart a day, consists in the fact that all Christians by general consent accept a specified time for the celebration of

In pagan Rome, there was a yearly celebration called the Saturnalia, or Festival of Saturn, which was marked by the prevalence of a universal license and merry-making. The slaves were then permitted to enjoy a period of freedom in speech and he havior; every one feasted and rejoiced; work and business were entirely suspended: houses were decorated with laurels and evergreens; presents were made by purents and friends, and all sorts of games and amusements were indulged in by the citizens. In the early ages of Chirstianity. its ministers frequently experienced difficulty in inducing the converts to refrain from indulging in the popular amusements which were so largely participated in by their pagan neighbors. At last influenced, partly by the inefficacy of denunciations, and partly by the idea that the spirit of Christianity might thereby be advanced, the Church endeavored to amalgamate, as it were, the old and new religions, and sought, by transferring the heathen ceremonies to the solemnities of the Christian festivals, to make them subservient to the

cause of religious piety. Engrafted thus on the Roman Saturnalia, Christmas festivities received, in England, further changes and modifications, by having superadded to them, first, the Druidical rites and superstitions, and then, after the arrival of the Saxons, the various ceremonies practiced by the ancient Germans. The result has been the strange medly of Christian and pagan rites, which contribute to make up the festivities of the modern Christmas. Thus, ceremonies, rites and symbols, once full of meaning to pagans, have been transferred without their mean-Thg, to Christians, and have come to have an entirely new and different signification. This, at least, is true; they have come to mean joy at the birth of the Saviour ; joy in view of his love for mankind; joy in burying animosities and reviving friendship among men; and last, but not least, in oponing peculiar joy to millions of little folks, who are not old enough to understand the mysteries of mythology, or the intricacies of theology.

On the evening of the twenty-fourth of December, or Shristmas Eve, the Christmas holiday may be said to commence. Sir Walter Scott gives a picture of Christmas Eve in olden time, in verse, as follows:

"On Christmas Eve the bells were rung? On Christmas Eve the mass was sung; That only night in all the year Saw the stoled priest the chalice rear. The damsel donued her kirtle sheen; The ball was dressed with holly green; Forth to the wood did merry men go, To gather in the mi-detoe. Then opened wide the baron's hall To rassal, tenant, sorf, and all; Power laid his rod to rule aside. And Ceremony dofied his pride. The heir, with roses in his shoes. That night might yillage partner choose. The lord, underogains, share The vulgar game of 'post and pair.' All halled, with uncontrolled delight, And general voice, the happy night. That to the cottage, as the crown, Brought tidings of salvation down." The Christmas tree is supposed to have

originated in Germany, but it is incorporated with the celebration of Christmas in England and the United States. In England, it naturally comes from stock, for its princes are imported—why not some of their customs? In America, especially in New York and Pennsylvania, the Germans have dotted the land with their happy homes, and have brought their Sunta Claus, their Krish-kinkle-a corruption of Christkindlein, or the Infant Christ-their Christmas tree; and with the German and English and the Roman ceremonies, customs and ideas, the result is a day of days, with a central idea, but with many converging associations widespread, rendering the day rich in composite symbols, centralized upon the one great thought, Messiah - God with us!

Hanging up the stocking, for Santa Claus to fill with good things for the good, and rods for the bad, is of German origin; and when the doors of the parlor are opened, and the bright eyes and palpitating hearts of the little ones come in to see what the Christmas tree bears for them, who can estimate the joy that belts the Christian world, on this great anniversary of the year? Many of the grotesque ceremonies of ancient time, have been laid aside, but all

that was sweet and rich, has been cherished and ripened-bringing light to the dark corners of the world, awaking joy in thousands of hearts, whose sorrows had else made them feel estranged from men and forgotten of God. As in old pagan times, when Christianity was in its infancy, Christmas had its abuses, so at present it is, with many, the occasion of dissipation and evil. We have sometimes been amazed, that men who are celebrating Christmas with such hilarity and zeal, should so far forget the commands of the Saviour, whose birth they celebrate, as to violate all the precepts of the religion he came to estab

ish, by drunkenness, wrangling, and other excesses. Let us hope that all our readers will remember that Christmas means forgiveness of enemies; the lifting up, and encouragement of those who are bowed down; the ministrations of mercy to those who are in need; the deepening and re-establishment of friendship and affections, and the re membrance that He whose birth is celebrated, requires pureness of life and correctness of conduct, as well as faith in his mis sion, and an adherence to religious services. Let this be a day when bad habits shall be abandoned, and good habits entered upon, that the Christ may be to us salvation indeed, as well as in name. Let each of us contribute, by word and by deed, something, be it little or much, toward bettering the condition of those around and among us; and it will be to all, what we wish it may be, dear reader, to you and yours-A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

An Unfortunate Mistake.

Mark Twain says that while stopping re cently at the Sherman House, Chicago, he was placed in a room so high up that water boiled there at 168 degrees; and although it was destitute of many of the luxuries of a comfortable bedroom, he was not sorry he was sent there, as it enabled him to overhear the following story told by one friend to another in an adjoining apartment; "No, she would't marry me. You were misinformed. It was broken off, and in the saddest way. I was not in the least to blame, upon my word and bonor, though neither the girl nor her father the deacon ever believed me or ever forgave me. It was durng the big election canvass when Lincoln ran the first time. Two-thirds of the deacon's honest soul was in religion and the other third was in politics-Lincoln man, Amerow was a spoffer at rolling. In my life, but he half believed I was. Well, there was to be a political pow-wow in the villege church where he lived, on a Thursday night, and he was to preside. I never thought anything about the matter, but Williams hailed me one afternoon, offered me a seat in his buggy, and away we started. It was Wednesday-curse the almabut we never thought of it. Going into town, some devilish instinct put it into my head that it would belp my case along if I marched into the church with a rail on my shoulder, seeing that the deacon and the girl would both be there. So I got a rail, and we came into town shouting and makng a grand to-do generally. As we went by the church windows I caught a glimpse of her bonnet and plenty other bonnets, and I was happy. I shouldered my rail and marched in. The houseful of men and women were all quiet, and the old deacon was standing up in the altar saying some-thing. Splendid! I went a booming up the aisle with my rail, swinging my hat and whooping: 'Hoo-ray for Old Abe!

Hoo-ray for the Illinois rail-splitter!" "But never a yelp out of that audience, I quit, right in my tracks. The deacon said: 'Sir, we are engaged in addressing said: the Throne of Grace. This unseemly exhibition is ill-fitted to the solemnities of

prayer meeting! "I never felt so sick in my life, John, I never felt so much like taking a walk. And don't you know as I stood up there before that congregation, I'd have given a million dollars for somebody to take that rail out for me. But, no; I had to sneak out with it myself. I threw it down and went up to where there was a board fence and practiced climbing backwards and forwards through a knot hole for as-much as an hour. But my goose was cooked, you know. It was all up between me and that

family." Trouble With Her Bend.

The following incident shows what uses might be, if they are not, made up of the John Sergeant presided over the convennewly introduced pannier: A newly inducted policemen in New Or-leans recently had a singular adventure with a fashionably-dressed lady whom he met coming out of a dry goods store. He had heard of shoplisters who carried off the

most costly goods in a sack disposed about

her person. He was ambitious of distinc-

tion, and here was a chance for the coveted

fame. The lady was evidently carrying a heavy load. She must be a shoplitter. There could be no doubt of it-he would arrest ber! "You are my prisoner!" he said, laying his hand on her shoulder.
"What do you mean?" demanded the

insulted lady. "What's that you've got on your backstolen goods?" "Heaven! I never was so insulted. No, sir, it's not stolen goods?"

"I mean no offense, madame, but my

"Sir-villian-that is my-my Grecian

A Wise Merchant.

duty compels me to examine it."

The following incident is not without its lesson to a large class who think that " fine feathers make fine birds :" A servant-girl went to a leading dry-goods

house in Philadelphia to purchase a cloak. The clerk who waited upon her, after displaying one or two patterns, rudely refused to show her any more, and she left the store. The facts came to the knowledge of her employer, who communicated them to the proprietor of the establishment. This led to an interview between the parties, and the offending clerk was pointed out by the girl and instantly dismissed by his employer. 'I want you, and all in my employ, to understand," said the dry goods millionaire, "that a servant-girl who comes into my store to me as the richest lady in the city. The people are my customers, and it is to their support that I own my business success."

wanting to go to war next. We will let ceases of occuring, then apply any continue people are my customers, and it is to their support that I own my business success." to purchase goods is of as much importance support that I owe my business success." | we don't want you to crowd us too much."

Glad Tidings!

Glad tidings to the Shepherds
Brought the messengers of old,
Who came on radient pinions,
With their shining harps of gold,
On the first bright Christmas morning In the ages far away, And they sang the birth of Jesus

As we sing it here to-day Сно.—Ringing out, ringing out, Are the joy-bells—gaily ringing, Glad tidings from the skies! Flinging back, flinging back Are our hearts and voices—flingin The echoes sweet that rise!
A Child is born, a Son is given
To us a glorious gift from Heaven
Alleluia, Amen.

Glad tidings still are sounding Of a Saviour born to-day, To heal the broken-hearted And to wipe their tears away.

Hark! He calls the heavy laden
And the weary to His breast,
And He takes their cares upon Him,
Saying: "I will give you rest."

Cno.-Ringing out, etc. Glad tidings, little children!
For a Child was born to-day
Who knows your many trials
And who sorrows when you stray,
Ever go to Him in trouble, Freely tell Him all your grief. He's your dearest Friend and Brother, And can ever give relief.

CHO .- Ringing out, etc. Glad tidings, lonely Captive!
Jesus comes to set thee free.
Glad tidings, homeless wanderer!
Ife'll prepare a place for thee,
In His Father's House in Glory
Where are many mansions bright;
There, if here we love Him truly,
We shall dwell with Him in light. no .- Ringing out, etc.

Greens for the Molidays. To what deceased humorist doth America her highest need of praise award? Echo mswers, A. Ward.

What is the best ornament for the head? Fillet (fill it.) What do old story-letters suffer from ?-Chronicle affections. What did the man say to his wife when he humble-bee chased him into the house?

What grocer is most generous? The one that gives his goods away (a weigh.) What is a counter action? Counter jump

What is a "cracked" article? A whip

wife!

meddle?

Chaste (chased)! humble-be (e) coming

When does an English boy "feel the litde sovereign?" When he gets a crown. What is the new rendering of the "Black Prook?" Colored lady with the Grecian What do Englishmen and I, ishmen love? L good (d) ale.

What sort of poetry brings tears to the eves of an editor? Lachrymal (lackrhymal) poetry. Of what article of apparel are children nost frequently the recipients? Cuffs. When do sailors resemble rufflans?-

When a sailing (assailing.) What is the difference between a thief then stealing and when running away? In the first instance he is an erring scamp, nd in the second he is a scamp-ering. What persons should receive a leather

come to migrate (my grate.) What sort of ears do politicians have? Election-cers. What sort of beings love moonlight nights? Fine night (tinite) beings.

qeddle? Meddlers. When are coals like birds? When they

When did an old man make a mistake? When he married a miss (amiss.) When is a man like a grindstone? When Why is a broken jar like the Chinese lan-

gnage? It is a jargon (jar gone.) Why are embellishments like speeches nade on ship board? They are deck orations (decorations.)

Black Suffrage in Pennsylvania. An article in the Honesdale Republic gives so clear an account of the history and present bearing of this subject that we reproduce it in full: In 1682 William Penn promulgated "the

under authority of the charter granted him by Charles II. In this document the right of suffrage is given, without restriction, to "the freedmen of said province." In 1701 Penn granted what is known as the "Charter Privileges." By this instru-ment the right of suffrage was broadly

Frame of Government' of Pennsylvania,

given to "the freedmen of each respective county." The first Constitution of Pennsylvania was adopted in 1776. The Convention that framed this instrument was presided over by Benjamin Franklin. It gave the right of suffrage to "every freedman of the full age of twenty-one years." The men of the Revolution, while asserting their own rights and liberties against proscription, were careful to stand fast by the cardinal idea of the political equality of all men.

In 1790 a new Constitution was framed. Thomas Mifflin presided over the convention that made it. The instrument gave the right to vote to "every freeman over the age of twenty-one years." In 1839 the Constitution was revised

tion. The basis of suffrage was changed, so as to include only "every white freeman of the age of twenty-one years."

For one hundred and fitty-six years black men, if black they were, yoted in Pennsylvania on precisely the same conditions as white men. None of the evils now predicted of black suffrage were experienced. Neither the mental or social equality of the two races was thereby established. Amalgamation, either through matrimony or without, was not encouraged. Not a black man was made Governor or Legislator. Social order was not subverted. The Government was not made by white men. for white men, but by all white men, for the benefit of all.

Woman's Laws Mark Twain says when women frame

laws, the first thing they do will be to 1. That all men should be at home at ten P. M., without fail. 2. That married men should bestow con-

siderable attention on their own wives.

3. That it should be a hanging offence to

sell whisky in saloons, and that fines and

disfranchisement should follow it in such

4. That the smoking of cigars to excess should be forbidden, and the smoking of George Washington was day after day the pipes be utterly abolished. 5. That the wife should have the title ofher own property when she marries a man

never endure such degrading thraldom. Women, go away! Seek not to beguile us of our imperial privileges. Content yourselves with your little feminine triflesyour babies, your benevolent societies and your knitting—and let your natural bosses do the voting. Stand back—you will be wanting to go to war next. We will let

f I could a picture of Santa Claus paint 'Twould astonish you children, his form is so quaint; His benevolent face lighted up with good cheer, And his pack full of presents, the same as last year. It is wonderful how he goes peeping around Down the chimneys, till all the good children are

found.

He is very particular we must suppose For 'tis only good children that Santa Claus knows. He can tell, to be sure, when the children are good guess if he couldn't, then nobody could.
When he sees them asleep, nicely tucked in their

In a minute he knows if their prayers have been He ponders a moment selecting the toys; He has some for the girls and has some for the boys Where the stockings are hung, then on tiptoe

goes; But 'tis only good children that Santa Claus knows He counts, to be sure that the bose are all there: And he finds, in addition, the tiniest pair; Then the chuckling old fellow gives vent to his joy When he sees by the make they belong to a boy. A rousing red rattle surrounded with bells,
With many sweet things the confectioner sells,
He pats in these stockings, and things in all those: But 'us only good children that Santa Claus knows, Yet, oh! when the stockings he's counted all o'er, And a vacant nail finds, where the Christmas before

Then he knows you've had sickness and sorrow and He heaves a deep sigh and he drops a warm tear For the lost one, the loved one, that left you last year. Then he blesses you all in your sleep ero he goes; But 'tis only good children that Santa Claus knows

Hung the prettiest pair that were found in the row.

Away then he starts on his generous round, But his task is so great that all homes are not found; Yet he knows you will give of your pleutiful let A share to poor children that he has forgot. He'd have you kind-hearted and friendly and true, And generous always as he is to you: So you'll next year confidingly hang up your hose,

The' 'tis onlygood children that Santa Claus knows. Weight of People.

The average returns show that a citizen of the world, on the first appearance in public, weighs about six pounds and a half; a boy baby a little more, a girl baby a little less. Some very modest babies hardly turn the scale with two pounds and a half, while other pretentious youngsters boast of ten or eleven pounds. When Shylock asked for his " pound of flesh," he asked for an equivalent to little less than the sixth of a baby. How the tiny one grows during childhood we need not trace here; but it may be interesting to know that girls and boys of twelve years of age are nearly equal in weight; after which limit males are heavier than females of the same age. Young men of twenty average a hundred and fortythree pounds each, while the young women of twenty average a hundred and twenty pounds. Men reach their heaviest bulk at about thirty-five, when their average weight is about a hundred and fifty-two pounds; but the women slowly fatten until fifty, when their average weight is a hundred and twenty-nine pounds. Men and women together, their weight at full growth averages about twenty times as heavy as they were on the first day of their existence. Of course, averages are here only meant. The averages were formed from men ranging from a hundred and eight to two hundred and twenty pounds, and women from eighty-pounds to two hundred and seven pounds. The actual weight of human nature, taking all ages and conditions—nobles, elergy, tinkers, tailors, maidens, boys, girls, and babies, all included—the average weight is almost one hundred pounds ayoir-

dupois, for each human being; a quantity easy to remember, at any rate.

A Conductor's Mistake. A ludicrous street car incident happened ently A conductor of a John stree car got off at the corner of Fourth and Main for the purpose of getting some change at the office. In the meantime his car had passed on. In coming out he saw a Fourth street car passing just below, and without observing, supposing it to be his car, he got on board. At the usual place for collecting fare he began to take tickets, &c., when the real conductor of the car, not knowing who

come any of your swindling games on this car." John street was astonished-petrified. The idea that he couldn't collect fare on his own car! He ordered Fourth street to let go of his collar (his choler was rapidly being inflamed) and leave the car. Fourth street roared, " Leave it yourself, you d-d swindler," Passengers demanded their tickets back; ladies pulled frautically at the bell-rope, and begged to be let out. A frightened mother attempted to throw her baby out of the window into the

arms of a benevolent old gentleman on the

cross-walk. Delicate young lady fainted

in the arms of a handsome black mustache

with a nice young man shadowing its upper

lip. John street and Third street then

clinched, and after a severe tussel, John

street was ejected, and Third street passed

he was, collared him with the exclama-

"Here, that's played out. You can't

tion:

on in triumphant possession of his car. Then it was that John street saw his blunder, and he made haste to overtake his own car by making a "circumbendibus" around Vine and Fifth streets.—Cin. Times.

Something Pithy. Four gentlemen-a Baptist, Presbyterian. Methodist, and Roman Catholic-met by agreement to dine on fish. Soon as grace was said the Catholic rose, armed with a knife and fork, taking about one-third of the fish, comprehending the head, removed it to his plate, exclaiming, as he sat down, with great self-satisfaction, "Papa est cuout ccclesine-The Pope is the head of the church." Immediately the Methodist minister arose, and helping himself to about one-third, embracing the tail, seated himself, saying, "Finis core nat opus-The end crowns the work." The Presbyterian now thought it was about time for him to move, and taking the remainder of the fish to his plate explained, "In media est verilus-Truth lies between the two extremes." Our Baptist brother had nothing before him but an empty plate, and the prospect of a slim dinner; and snatching up the bowl of drawn (melted) butter, he dashed it over them all, exclaiming, "Ego baptiso vos-I baptize you all."

Silent Men.

Washington never made a speech. In the zenith of his fame he once attempted it, failed, and gave it up confused and abashed. In framing the Constitution of the United States, the labor was wholly performed in committee of the whole, of which chairman, but he made but two speeches, during the convention, of a very few words each. The convention, however, acknowledged the master-spirit, and historians af-"Such tyranny as this," says Mark, "we firm that had it not been for his personal could never stand. Our free souls could popularity and the thirty words of his never endure such degrading thraddom, speech, pronouncing it the best that could speech, pronouncing it the best that could speech, pronouncing it the best that could speech the could speech the could be considered to the country would be considered to be united upon, the Constitution would have been rejected by the people. Thomas Jefferson nevermade a speech, he couldn't do it.

> Curs-Bind on brown sugar until it ceases bleeding, then apply any common