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Beneath a mimic heaven-its dome There great lights on the altar flame, There incense floats in fragrant clouds, While joyful silver trumpets peal High o'er the heads of kneeling crowds. While bows the Pontiff, stoled and crowned

And kings praise God in this great way— While England's grand cathedral-bells Ring in the blessed Christmas day; How shall we, neither priests not kings, Rejoice in Christian faith with them? How shall our new-world hearts receive his The mystery of Bethlehem?

Ah! not with pomp and splendid rites Keep we the birthday of the Lord— Not with the organ's mighty joy. Or chimes that peal in sweet accord But hearth-fires, pure as altar-lights Shine forth on scenes of sinless mirth: In many a home a service glad

The service of o'erflowing hearts, In giving and forgiving, blest— The holy Mass of childhood's joy ly Mass of childhood's joy, scious praise, He loveth best.

. If far and dim the picture seems, The manger, and sweet Mary's face, The wondrous babe—the wise men brought Star-marshalled, to that humble place. Yes, simple household loves and griefs And deeds of cheerful sacrifice

May bring it near—bring back the Chris
Till Palestine around us lies. The mether of a new-born babe. Who thanks and loving worship gives, With smiles, and tears, and murmure

prayers.
For her the blessed Mary lives. The little one whose sunny head Long on its pillow tossed in pain Lies still at last—ah! very still! For him the Christ-child comes again. All gracious souls who on this day

Do help and comforting afford To God's poor children, in their need, Bring birthday offerings to the Lord. Though worship wanes-though we shoul lack
The forms and creeds of other days.

Miscellaneous Rending.

Dear Lord, accept our loves as faith,

[Written for the SPY] Christmas Eye, and what Came of it? BY MAT KINSLEY.

Not many years ago, in the month of one of the principal hotels of our then comparatively quiet borough, a stranger might have been seen emerging from the parlor, doot, spparently sn haste to secure some object, or to complete some definite arrangements with the landlord. The ot and the porter soon after began dispose of the surplus baggage, which had been left in charge of the baggage master. The mass consisted of sundry bundles, boxes and trunks. Among the latter was one of superior strength, and evidently the property of one, whose care for his own comfort was scrupulously exexact. Its weight, as the staggering and groaning of the porter fully proved, might have led him to suppose that its contents were more than mere wardrobe property. Upon one end were the initials of the own

er's name in clear, bold Roman letters-"H. C." Mr. Harry Clearfield, for such was the name of the new arrival, quickly commuuicated-bis wishes to the accomodating landlord, when they together left to find suitable room upon the second floor. The trunk was ordered up and Harry was fixed for the night in the eastern room, fronting on Walnut street. The room vacant and unoccupied for a long time, scemed checrless, and was pervaded with that peculiar oder, which reminds one of unfriendly absence. The windows were thrown open, the evening zephyrs playing among the leaves of the surrounding trees and mingling with the cool evening breezes, which swept across the river. Having rebuilt their store, will open about october ist, with an elegant stock, to which soon pervaded the room, and gave it al October 'st. with an elegant stock, to which they invite an examination.

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Hurry was soon at home in his new quarters, and after arranging his wardrobe, and disposing of the tew necessaries which complete a gentleman's toilet he descended to the hall, and thence to the piazza. With that seuse of loneliness which a stranger in a strange place always feels, Mr. Clearfield looked about him for something to engage his time and attention. Picking up the paper he glanced over the locals; and anding the announcement of a minstrel performance at the Hall-the minstrel troupes generally leave the large cities during the heated term-he saunteded leisurely down the NO. 22 WEST KING STREET.

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**Location of the Company street, watching closely the faces he met and passed, and now and then stopping in front of some store to admire, or within himself to criticise, the display of goods. He was a stranger-no one knew him; yet he attracted no little attention. His tall and graceful form, his luxuriant black hair, his faultless dress, and his dignified bearing, with an honesty of expression incapable of feigning disceit, caused many to turn about, and remark the advent of ' the good-looking fellow."

The Hall was crowded to witness the minstrel performance. The troupe, cucouraged by a large and appreciative audience, sustained their eastern prestige, and at the end of the performance were greeted with boisterous approval. Just as Harry was leaving the step of the Hall the cry of " fire, fire !". was heard in the distance. The alarm spread with the rapidity of the wind. The firemen were out in an instant. The town was thrown into the wildest excitement. Three houses were

the cracking and falling of the burning sleigh ride.

bers. What was to be done? Despite the efforts of the firemen the flames gained ing the child would be gone. Brave firemen stood with ropes and ladders-stood

rifice one. At this moment Harry Clearfield, secing the terrible truth, rushed to the scene, and grasping the ladder with an iron hand sprang to the rescue. It was an awful moment. The crowd stood in breathless, painful silence. With his strong right arm he clasped the terrorstricken child to his side, and with a feeling of desperation made a fearful leap to escape the burning heat of the flames below nim. 'Mid the wildest screams of the excited people, he placed the rescued child in the arms of its almost frantic parent, and was borne to the nearest house, fainting and outdone. The exertion had came unconscious and then fell into a

deep troubled sleep. of an admiring, excited and grateful peo-

A physician was called in, and administered the usual restoratives applied in fever had set in. The terrible excitement of the evening was too much for average strength. For a week there was no other signs of life than mere respiration. The critical period was past, and Harry was slowly recovering. But long before he was able to rise, his name had been whis-June, when the Bellevue House was yet pered everywhere. It was a household word. Harry Clearfield had a place in the heart of every mother. The children named him as the wonderful Kero, and

fathers learned to praise his manly sac-A month passed and Harry was about evening train west had just left the de- again. A whole town bestowed its warm- the pleasures of the morrow were various- The parlors were festooned with the memoter. His heroic deed in rescuing a life from devouring flames, was the only introduction into society he needed. His whole character was in keeping with his heroism. Everwhere, wherever

he went, he was a universal favorite. Harry engaged in business and met with all the success which his noble disposition and manly character deserved. His position in the social circle, the prestige which he had acquired by his heroism, and the advantages which his personal appearance and manly physique gave him, made him an especial favorite with the ladies everywhere. The social circle was not complete without him. The festivities of select parties were not relished unless his presence contributed a large quota of pleasure. The pic-nics were organized and conducted to suit his tastes and convenience. The excursion parties consulted his wishes, in short he was the unassuming social power, without throne

or scentre, or sign of royalty. Frank Walton, whose father had taken Harry into the firm as a partner, was the constant companion of Harry Clearfield. They were one in tastes, one in action, in thought and in deed. Harry formed but few friend hips; but with Cowley,

"Acquaintance I would have, but then t depends, Not on the number, but the choice of friends. Frank and Harry were fast friends, firm and true.

Thus Harry's sway was supreme ; his ife however was not to be cloudless summer day. One with his rare attractions would certainly captivate the heart, of the gentler sex. Girls love a noble heart, a manly disposition, an air of personal pride which impresses one with a sense of human greatness. Affection is the ruling trait in woman; honor, manliness and character in man. The flimsy exterior of polished and artificial accomplishments do not attract the true woman; she looks for something real. This reality was found in Harry Clearfield.

-Nellie Blandon was the belle of the own. Nineteen, daicty, beautiful and cobeauty, and were sacrificed in turn, just as it might delight her to be appeased | fled all attemps to get it. with such heartless victims. She was a faultless beauty, of medium height, slight, but her form perfect, graceful, and with, "Those eyes, whose light seemed rather given

"To be adored than to adore—
"Her glance, how wildly beautiful. Her laugh was music, her very expression mirror of delight, and with her perfect self-posession-the giant power in woman's character—she went forth conquering and to conquer. There was no deceit in her character-she acted as she felt, and spoke as she thought.

It was two days before Christmas, when the formal preparations were lastily made for a grand sleighride and party on Christ-

at almost every window. The sight was | Pennsylvania. There was no time to be a grand one. With the cries of helpless lost. Frozen noses and frozen toes were women and children, the shouts of the to be accepted almost in the light of a excited firemen, the calls for help, and luxury, rather than miss a grand old knite-blade. They were no longer friends.

timbers, it was an evening long to be re- | The first time Mr. Clears .ld met Miss membered. But a feeling of terror and Brandon, he proposed the pleasure of the dumb stupor ran through the hearts of first sleigh ride with her. She accepted, the excited crowd as the clouds of smoke | and Christmas Eve was to be the fulfil Irolled away and revealed the indistinct | ment of the engagement. There was form of a human being standing before an hurrying to and fro in hot haste to secure open window crying for help. It was a the necessary equipments. Sleighs and child; around, above and beneath the horses were in auxious demand. There mad flames were devouring the dry tim- were not enough horses to be had in the town to meet the exigencies of the occasion, so large was the party. Harry at slowly. No one was so bold as to venture first contemplated the luxurious magnifito save the child. No time was to be lost. | cence of a span, but an irrestible impulse Ten minutes more and all hope of rescu- subsequently induced him to settle upon a simple course. One horse may be driven with one hand. It is too difficult to imagine chained with sympathy and fear. To what impelled him to seek with such permove imperiled life; to delay would sac- | tenacity as he did, for the narrowest sleigh

in the yard ! The company started from the Bollevue House-there were sixteen sleighs. -that Christmas Eve, at six o'clock. Harry took the lead, his spirited horse snuff ing the cold sharp air, just as if he meant work. The two muffled themselves together in a manner intended to secure as far as possible the double advantage of comforting protection and engaging appearance, and after the judicious settlement of skirts and robes on the one hand and hats and furs on the other, darted briskly off, along the Lancaster road soon distancing their slower companions. The night was beautiful, cold, and

young people would select for sleigh ride, love and fun. Harry was, to note his | ble, as Harry Clearfield's. Time passed "Who is he?" and "Where does he own confession, a little struck with the quiet wearily. come from?" were the universal inquiries | beauty of her dimpled face,' as from her closely drawn wrappings he saw her bewitching smile. Gathering the reins in one hand, he cautiously disengaged the other, and swinging his arm around

longer a mystery. The party reached their destination without further incident or accident save the incidents which were happening in each respective sleigh, of which we know, nothing. Driving up to the hotel, they ordered refreshments for man and beast. before starting on the return. "It was a

ites were spent in gossiping. Harry and Nellie were seated near the stove. Nellie running over the pages of an autographic album, and Harry whittling a piece of pine wood, he found lying on

"I'll carve you a Christmas present,"

emarked Harry. "And i'll prize it dearly as the word of your hands," said Netllie; when scarce had the words passed her lips, the fine

the hearth.

blade.of Harry's penknife snapped, and fell at his feet. Picking up the blade and viewing it

with a painful look, he turned to Nellie and said: "Allow me to present you with this blade, instead of the gift it was carving."

"I accept," said Nellie, "but remember

friendship. Alice May, the particular friend of Frank Walton, was uneasy, and acted in a manner which excited the gravest suspicion. She was anown in some circles as the "mischief-making Alice." Jealous of Miss Brandon's place in the affections of Harry, she quickly and promptly devised some means to alienate them. The plan was as quickly adopted, with a determination, which woman only knows, to carrry it into effect. Harry's pocket revealed a dainty white envelope. Alice saw it, and calling Miss Brandon aside, she told her of her gravest suspicion; that Harry was only trifling with her affection, that he was betrothed to another, and that the

dainty massive was from his affirmed l, as "she had seen the postmark." "Oh, what shall I do?" whispered Nellie, yielding already to the wicked impulses of her jealous heart, a jealousy which had caused her more unhappiness

than any thing else. "Get it from him," said Alice, her eye gleaming with the satisfaction which would follow the breaking up of the re-

lations between the two lovers. The expedient was adopted, and going quickly to Harry's side, Nellie seized the quettish, she had by an unconquerable in- letter, drew it from his pocket, and placed stinct filled with a tender franzy all the | it in her own. Remonstrated was in susceptible hearts of the town. For three vain-it only increased her suspicions, years, she held supreme sway; valiant and the desire to know the true state of hearts had bowed at the shrine of her affairs. Harry demanded its return, but in a half playful, half angry manner she baf-

The party soon started homeward, Harry bringing up the rear. The pleasures of the trip were gone for him, notwithstanding her protest, that it was all withstanding her protest, that it was all door clothing on, you have really cooled in fun, that she only wanted to see the off full soon enough. Many of the severhand writing. He reminded her of the broken blade, the cutting of friendship. the great impropriety of her conduct, but all to no effect. He made a final demand before reaching home, but with no better result. They parted coldly-the blade

had already fulfilled its oracle. Troubled and disappointed, Harry sought his room; he pondered over the write her a polite note, making a kind but

letter was returned the next day. A delicate note accompanied it, simply reminding Harry of the presentation of the Alice May had accomplished her wicked

purposes. The coldness between them was soon noised abroad, and the cause as freely discussed-the general verdict being against Miss Brandon. Public opinion everywhere censured her, and the more staid positively condemned her. Her life seemed blighted through the designs of her supposed friend, Alice; She forfeited the regard of a large circle of friends, and sacrificed the love of one, who was the idol of the town, the hero of that memor-

able June night: ----The festivities of Christmas week passed. Nellie and Harry met often, engaged u the same sports, but never recognized each other. He treated her as a stranger, though always with the utmost politeness: No unkind remark concerning her was ever heard to escape from his lips. Thus

Busy spring opened, and April days called Harry out of town to attend to business in a distant city where he would be detained for the greater part of the year. A large number of friends went to the depot to see him off. Among them were Alice and Nellie, but they dared not advance to give good bye to their former friend. We will now leave our hero during the remainder of the year. The trouble which invades a maiden's breast, when disappointment, and pain at her own unfortunate step possess her, was the lot been too much for him. He soon be- clear, and crisping-just such a night as of Miss Brandon. She only now began to feel the loss of a love so strong, so no-

"I will write to Harry, and beg his for-

trees glistened in crystal beauty. The merry jingle of the sleigh-bells was heard of admiring friends. And as the trembling words of the Reverend Father pronounced them man and wife, Harry placed upon her snow-white neck a pearly chain,

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How People Take Cold. Not by tumbling into the river and dragging home wet as a drowned rat; not by being pitched into the mud, or spilled out in the snow in sleighing time; not by walking for hours over shoe-top in mud not by soaking in the rain, without an umbrella; not by scrubbing the floor until the unuameanable sticks to you like a wet rag; not by hoeing potatoes until you are in a lather of sweat; these are not the things which give the people their colds; and yet they are all the time telling us how they "caught their death-cold by ex-

The time for taking cold is after your exercise; the place is in your own house, or office, or counting-house. It is not the act of exercise which gives the cold but it is the getting cool too quick after exercising. For example; you walk very fast to get to the railroad station, or to the ferry, or to catch an omnibus, or to make time for an appointment; your mind being ahead of you, the body makes an extra effort to keep up with it, and when you get to the desired spot, you raise your hat and find yourself in a prespiration; you take a seat, and, feeling quite comfortable as to temperature, you begin to talk with a friend or to read a newspaper; and before you are aware of it, you experience a sen-sation of chilliness, and the thing is done; you look around to see where the cold comes from and an open window near you, or a door, or that you have taken a seat in the forward part of the car, and it moving against the wind, a strong draft is made through the crevices.

or anything; nor at an open door or window. When you have been exercising in any way whatever, winter or summer, go home at once, or to some sheltered place; and, however warm the room may seem to be, do not at once pull of your hat and cloak, but wait awhile-some five minutes or more, and lay aside one at a time; thus acting a cold is imposible. Notice a moment: When you return from a brisk walk and enter a warm room, raise your hat and your forchead will be moist; the hat remain a few moments and feel the forehead again, and it will be dry, showing that the room is actually cooler than your body, and that, with your outest colds I have ever known men to take, were the result of sitting down to a warm meal in a cool room after a long walk, or being engaged in writing have let the fire go out, and their first admonition of it was that creeping chillness, which is the ordinary forcruner of a severe cold. Persons have often lost their lives by writing and reading in a room where there is no fire, although the weather outside was rather comfortable. Sleeping in of many a visitor and friend. Our splen-

passed the gay season.

giveness," she murmered to herself one evening as she sat talking with Alice.

Letters, answers, confessions of wrong, forgiveness, avowals of devotion, reconciliasuch cases, but without effect. A raging | the back of the sleigh caused the vagrant | tion and love followed in quick succession. member to circle the big bundle of buffalo | The year sped rapidly. Christmas was bandages which confined the gentle form | fast approaching. The preparation for beside him; not a word of resistance. The the unusual festivities of that Christmas selection of the narrowest sleigh was no Eve were nearly completed. The trunk marked "H. C." was already at the Bellevue House. The evening was beautiful. A full moon shone on the bed of snow, which lay thick on the ground. The

everywhere through the streets of Columbia. The hotels were thronged with happy party. Harry and Nellie were the strangers. The Brandon Cottage was illucentre of the group. Speculations as to minated with the smiles of happy faces. est encomiums of praise upon his charac- ly indulged in. Supper over, a few min- rial green, interwined with white, emblematic of purity. The sparkling chandeliers threw a mellow light over the bridal party as Harry Clearfield and Nellie Brandon entered the room and stood before the Minister, surrounded by a throng

to which was suspended the knife-blade, mounted in gold, and inscribed with letters broad and deep, CHRISTMAS

that the presentation of a blade cuts

posure.

After any kind of exercise do not stand moment at a street corner, for anybody

events of the evening, and resolved to rooms doing unused has destroyed the life ened. The wild flames were darting uper er cold, and the sleighing as good as was ward through the roof, and bursting out ever known in the garden country of ter. This had the desired effect. The Health: