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all hung up, a n d baby's
just makes four. Won't Old
Santa Claus be surprised when
he finds there is no more. There's
an elegant place up in the tree to hang
Johnny's gun, and a place for May and
one for Kate to leave their dolls upon. Bu
for little baby blue eyes a lower brauch
he must choose, where she may reach
and find the place he's hung her first

and find the place he's hung her first new shoes. Turn down the light a little, now, so Old Santa Claus can see. And baby and all must go to bed and be as good as good can be, and after long night sleep and come soft-

tly down

to the Xmas tree and see who will get the first peep.

to the Xm

HETTY'S PRESENT A CHRISTMAS SKETCH.

It was the week before Christman The middle of December is generally not pleasant season of the year. The air is gray and raw; the frozen ground is not as yet mantled with the pearl and ermine of the snow fall; the sun sets in a red blur behind the shuddering copses; and to all appearances Nature is still mourning for the glories of the departed autumn-time.

But then, in contrast, there is something very exhibarating in the associations of the eason, and perhaps that was the reason that Gilbert Gray's eyes sparkled so bright ly and that he whistled a cheery old tune, as he came into the little sitting-room of the low-roofed house, where there was a Henry triumphantly displayed his blotting- the green-hide monster. bright fire in the wood-stove and Hetty Ployer sat at work behind the big geranium

"Here is your parcel, Miss Ployer," aid he.

patterns. I am much obliged to you, Mr. iray, for bringing them from the express office. Perhaps I shall make something pretty for you.' Gilbert's face lighted up; he flushed with udden pleasure.

"Indeed, Miss Ployer, 1-"

The thermometer of his happiness had allen a dozen degrees at once. Of course

ne of "papa's clerks."

to the Old Mill, singing as she went, to put line case of "blabe clashed to 11" and steel to steel.', P. S.—There is in large one of "papa's clerks." not Hetty Plover—the very prettiest girl in all that Western settlement, which was the slippers all the more because the value of the value of the slippers all the more because the value of number? What right had be to expect that mantel. called "Ployerville," after her father?-the | had worked them? reigning belle of the neighborhood? Was ing for "velyet-runner" and "princess pine" n the woods to help make Christmas decor-ehurch-tower chiming nine. ations for her best parlor? And John Mereblack-green mistletoe, to hang from the consternation, the rusty old latch on the If you are essive or dyspeptic or hall lantern in the Ployer house? And outside had settled down into its socket, ing from any other of the numerous cedar sprigs, for her walls, in the intervals not lift it up again.

before he had come. Alas! what chance was there for a poor on the frozen ground outside. but his own honest heart, stalwart figure hurried breathing.

and handsome face! "I was a fool ever to allow my thoughts half aloud. "What will be say?" to dwell upon her," he told himself, as he In an instant, as it were, the strong hand went dejectedly back to the pile of bank of Gilbert Gray had forced up the rusty books that were waiting to be balanced. latch, and he stood before her. 'If, out of the sweet generosity of her nathis Christmas from all other Christmases: now to allow myself to be in any way mis- meant? Do you really love me, Hetty!" led by it!"

While Aunt Pamela looked gravely at don't know. Oh, let me go hway!" Hetty from over the rims of her spectacles. "Hester, Hester!" said she, "why do you orment that poor young man?" "I, Aunt Pamela?"

"When you know all the time that you like him? Hetty tossed her pretty head, all clustered

er tailoring nouse. These are important facts, remember them, you have been all autumn working on those at last she gave up the point.

"Must I tell him so, Aunt Pamela?" "Child," argued the old lady, "there is reason in all things. Why did you return from Doctor Crewe's with Junius Field, umbrella?" when Mr. Gray had come all that distance for the pleasure of walking back at your side?"

"I-I thought I would," murmured Hetty, apparently intent on selecting a par-Helty, apparently intent on selecting a par-licular shade of scarlet wool out of the masses that lay in lap.

"Because I a'ways like to entertain re-spect for my friends. I'll present you with this umbrella, and sometime when you feel like it you can present it back again. But

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call and inspect our merchant English violets to fade at home on your you." tailoring goods, gents novelties, dressing-table?" pursued the chatechiser. boots, shoes and slippers, we Pamela, "if he committed suicide one of growing. these days in sheer despair at the manner -A well-wisher is one who invests in oil in which you treat him!"

> little fereed laugh. But the old lady's words had set her to -A man sometimes loses his balance on asked if she was vocally di

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than Mr. Field's pen-wiper or Mr. Hervey's blotting-case or the little whisk-broom holder that she had worked for young Meredith. She wouldn't hang it on the tree like the rest of the presents. She would surround it with a little atmosphere of mystery. And then, perhaps, if the gift and the manner of giving it pleased him, and he should speak out from the fullness of his heart-

n't he say so? She wondered, with reddened cheeks and prettily arched eye-brows. if he expected her to fling herself, unasked. into his arms. She didn't- know what young men were coming to, nowadays! If only she could have known how, in his secret heart, poor young Gilbert Gray was longing for a word, a look, the merest ges ture of encouragement! If she could have

After all, if he really loved her, why did-

understood how his hopes were dying down into emberless ashes. But on Christmas Eye he found a little

the pocket of his overcoat- He read I eagerly: "If you want your Christmas present, you must come to the Old Mill for it at nine o'clock.—H. P."

His heart leaned joyfully up. There was no mistaking the pretty, spidery scrawl of Hetty's writing - a style of caligraphy which, although it would have proved fatal to the prospects of a bank clerk, was yet considered quite the proper thing for the daughter of the bank presiden'. How inconsistent people are in this world, to be

"Where is the place they call the OH Mill?" he asked of Junius Field, who was yawning on his high stool at the adjoining window

"Have you never seen it?" said young Field. "It's the old stone ruin down by the brook. Miss Ployer goes there some times to sketch. It used to be the playroom for the Plover children before they lied, or married, all of 'em. I've heard say that at Christmas time, the presents used to be hung up there."

Gilbert said nothing more. He did not yen express surprise or chagrin, when better than any other creature, recase, and Field exulted over his pen-wiper. He somehow understood Hetty's message the British taxpayer \$3,250 for his ". as conveying an almosphere of especial This is the way royalty keeps her seems favor. She was willing, evidently to as-

sociate him with the sweet memories of her "Oh," said Hetty, "yes-my worsted and childhood days. How could be be grateful mough to her? And as the hands of the old clock traveled toward nine upon that windy, boister-

and started on his walk to the Old Mill. Overhead the pines mouned and rocked, and seemed to wring their shadowy hands; "Oh, you needn't make such a favor of the frozen brook uttered no sound. Here the digestive system is wholly and there a snow-flake eddied through the

Hetty Plover had finished decorating the the pit of the stomach. To carrect house. She had hung up the last wreath if not effect a cure try Green's t was very ungrateful of him that the same of ivy, labeled the final present, filled the Flower, it cost but a trifle and the fayor which, individually speaking, would last red stockings of the stableman's child, have lifted him into the very empyrean of and put up packages of tea and sugar for happiness, has lost its special sweetness the two feeble old women at the toll gate; when it came to be distributed among every and now, last of all, she had hurried down was lynched for it. The theif wa

It was some time before she had got them | Louisville. | People who talk too : | | | |

not George Hervey at that moment hunt- arranged to suit her fancy, and finally she hit with it. was startled to hear the bell in the village She wrapped her shawl around her head dith seeking high and low for clusters of and hurried toward the door; bu, to het will surely ad nature in making and hurried toward the door; bu, to het

Junius Field carving wooden frames, with and, let her strive as she would, she could of the Liver, Stomach or Bowels. of waiting on bank customers? And they With crimsoned cheeks and a beating Regulator is a sovereign remedy had all been in Mr. Ployer's employment heart, she stood listening for the nearer

coming footsteps which she already heard cliow like himself, who had neither wealth, Her little lamp burned steadily on the rank, nor position to back him? Nothing table; there was no sound save her own clothes. It is entirely too cost!

"What will be think?" she murninged

But, to her dismay, he never looked at ture, she is good enough to bestow some the pre ty gift, so carefully displayed on the trifle of her own workmanship upon me, I mantle. He saw only the slight, lovely shall treasure it always. It will mark out figure, shrinking so gracefully to one side. she leaves the stage. This will "Miss Ployer-Hetty!" he cried. "Ob. every city in the Union, and a but I shall be even more insane than I am my darling, my treasure! was this what you ady is now very rich she can

> "Hetty!" He had taken her in his arms, but his clasp loosened at her words; an anguished Ind., says: "Both myself and v lives to Shiloh's Consumption"

Hetty held out her hands. "Yes," she said bravely. "I do love you, Gilbert! Only, only-" "There is no such a word as only!" said

logic, Hetty never could convince her hus- limportuning tramp a kind of a sum has

"What does it matter," she said, "so long as we are happy!-so. long as every no relation to our modern pares Christmas is a merry Christmas to us?"
"Jenkins," said one traveling man to another one rainy day, "have you got an

"Yes." "Will you lend it to me?" "No, I won't." "Why not?,"

"Because I always like to entertain re-

prices. Before purchasing elseflowers to Miss Hale's party—those great I won't send you into the world with the where we kindly invite you to vulgar camellias - and leave Mr. Gray's stigma of an unreturned loan hanging over Louisianna it is now wide op a

"I shouldn't wonder," declared Aunt -The marine wreckered this year is deacon. 'F I'd a known year

territory "Young men don't commit suicide nowadays, Aunt Pamela," said Hetty, with a sion see to have met on porpoise to cod one

Lebighton, and Biery, Weis another.

thinking. She was glad that the velvet an orange peeling on the pavement, and said Gerster was, which was the said of the pavement, and said Gerster was, which was the said of the pavement, and said Gerster was, which was the said of the pavement, and said of the pavement of slippers were so beautiful—so much prettier sometimes he loses it in a sayings bank. mar, indeed.

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make a little trifle at Christmas time for chill air; but in Gilbert Gray's heart the every one of papa's clerks.

"You are very kind!" said Gilbert.

"You are very kind!" said Gilbert.

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complaints. -Young Wife-My dear, you have purchased such an elegan u

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"But I had to have them. What for?" "To keep up my credit." -It said Lotta proposes to felum for children at a cost of \$5: the asylum at once. If the but "No," faltered Hetty-"yes-that is-1 be in Chicago St. Louis will were the

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-From the stringe thrill that good to to the Jhnes' arm when he puts it 're the tar--Would it be correct to call a religion of

and Biery, Weisiport. -No, my boy, the Dominica

-Oyer 300 pennies were 1

stomach of Barnum's late lat. with elephant. He did not, it seems to the trunk. -Boy, to bald-headed pare-

"Papa, I wish I had hair lill and "Why, Freddy?" "Because I wouldn't have to a a

-All signs indicate an ope comin I'd a b'en here afore. Shiloh's Vitalizer is what consumption, Loss of App-

-Poor white(taking a fist)

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