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and vicissitude, true to the middy's life, by one who has lived it. "Fairy Prince and Other Stories." (E. P. Dutton & Co.), which has appeared n time for the holiday season. It is collection of six tales, all told by little girl who explains that although he is only nine years old she has very added to his fine Saint Timothy's series in time for the holiday season. It is little girl who explains that although she is only nine years old she has very tall legs. She has a sister seventeen and a brother eleven, and is a member of a family in which, as Renan said of his own early youth, the children are wrapped about with a warm mantle of affection. As a result the book is filled

with loving kindness reflected through the mind of the little girl, and yet it is free from disgusting sentimentality.

Among the unique inventions of the author that figure in the book is a Christmas tree that is set up on Thanksgiving Day and filled with buds that blossom from time to time until Christmas day. The buds are the Christmas day. The buds are the that blossom from time to time until other Barbour stories, and as this is a Christmas day. The buds are the live prep school, it needs little imagina-Christmas wishes of the members of tion to indicate what good times are in the family written on bits of paper, then store for the boys fortunate enough to wrapped in colored tin foli and tied find this book in their stockings.

to the tree. Of course no one is sup-posed to know what is written, but in Boy Scouts have their innings in a splended story, "Boy Scouts on Special Service" (Little, Brown & Co.). posed to know what is written, but in that mysterious way things happen at Christmas time the things wished for by the children appear where the buds were tied. Another novel innovation is a book of funny smiles which the two younger children begin to write. They start getting their material by questioning people. The first person they encounter is a strange lady whem they ask "If you were not a beautiful lady, what beautiful smell would you like to be?" Of course the lady is startled, but she finally writes something most

to be?" Of course the lady is startled, but she finally writes something most astounding that produces equally astounding results. And at the end of the story the little girl telling it exclaims to her mother, "Why, it is a romance? When I get more spelly I will write it." "Spelly" is only one of the many new words that Miss Abbott has introduced into the hook in accordance with her custom of making a word whenever she feels the need of it. Adults will find much in the hook which is over the heads of children, but wholesome children will find the book a succession of delight.

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Pole. In the course of the story she
introduces many of the characters from
the Mother Goose rhymes, as well as
Mother Goose herself, who was little
Santa's aunt. Santa, it seems, was
the son of a baker in Pudding Lane,
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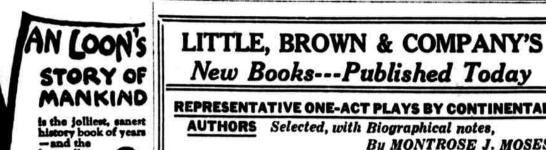
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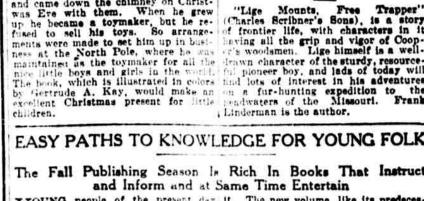
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