

HER CHRISTMAS PRESENT

BY WILLIS BROOKS

ELNATHAN TODD kept company with Lucy Kerr so ternal long. The women all declared that he was doin' her a greejus wrong. They 'lowed he ought to let her know what his intentions really were, or give somebody else a show to come a-shinin' up to her.

But always when Elnathan tried to pop the question—so I've heard—He'd stammer like his tongue was tied. And choke all up, he was so skeered. And Lucy, bein' bashful, too, Would set and tremble like a leaf, And havin' nothin' else to do Would gnaw her pocket han'kerchief.

At last the women folks agreed 'Twas time for them to take a hand, So, under Widder Barton's lead, They told the parson what they planned.



And, bein' that the parson was Pursuin' of the widder's heart, He 'lowed they had a righteous cause And promised he would do his part.

So when the Chris'mas doin's were The church was full as full could be, And all the gals but Lucy Kerr Got presents from the Chris'mas tree. At last the parson, with a smile, Called Lucy's and Elnathan's names, And they went blushin' up the aisle, Not knowin' of the women's aims.

"Take hold o' hands," the parson said, And, not suspectin' what it meant, Before they knowed it they were wed, Both havin' give their full consent, Then all the congregation stood, While Widder Barton pitched the key, And ev'rybody sang that good Old hymn, "What Shall the Harvest Be?"

CHRISTMAS 100 YEARS AGO.

Apprehension Felt From British Navy in the War of 1812.

Six months of the war of 1812 had elapsed when the people of the United States celebrated Christmas a hundred years ago. Hull had surrendered Detroit, but another Hull had won a decided victory over the British ship, the Guerriere, while another ship, the United States, had captured the Macedonian. In New York a great Christmas banquet was given to Captain Isaac Hull, commanding the Constitution, "Old Ironsides," which had won the battle with the Guerriere, and to Captain Stephen Decatur, commander of the United States.

The banquet was given in the City Hotel, which occupied the whole front of a block from Cedar to Thames streets, in the vicinity of Wall street. This was the last Christmas festival in New York till after the signing of the peace treaty, for in 1813 the city was plunged into black despair over the fear of the British navy and the distress that had been caused to our commerce and shipping.

Looked at from this distance, it seems little less than a miracle that the comparatively puny American navy could have whipped the navy of Great Britain, then the greatest in the world. The panic in which our chief seaport was thrown by the fear of attack from the mistress of the seas is easily understood.

The First Christmas



A STABLE served him for a dwelling, And for a bed a manger mean, Let o'er his head, his advent telling, A new and wondrous star is seen, Angels rehearse to men the story, The joyful story of his birth, To him they raise the anthem, "Glory To God on high and peace on earth!"

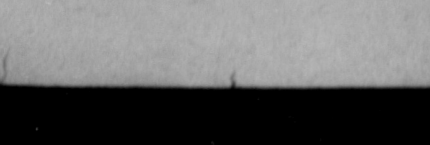
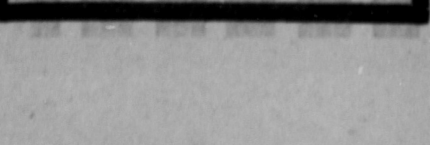
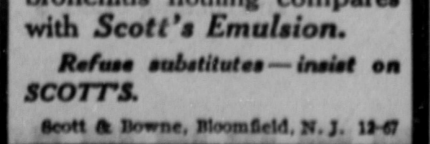
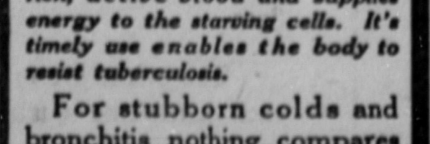
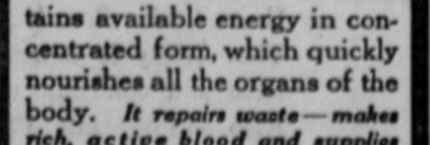
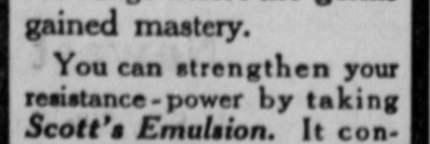
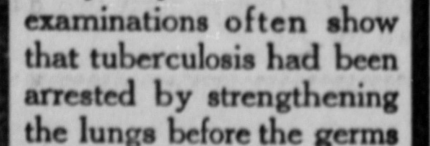
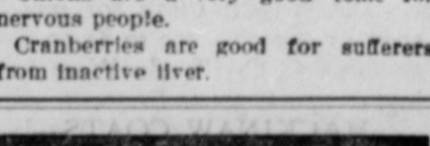
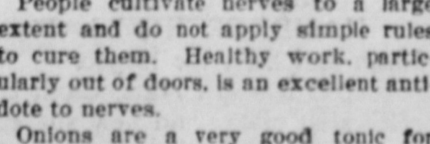
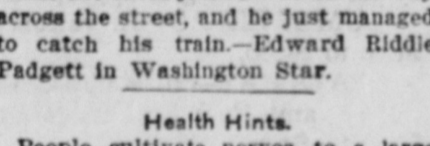
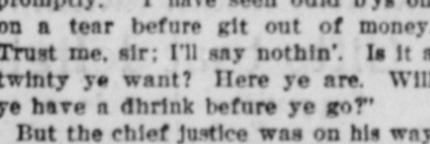
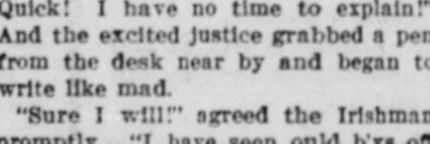
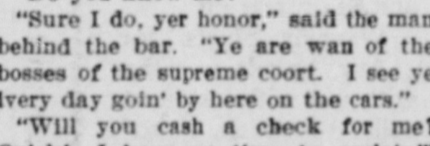
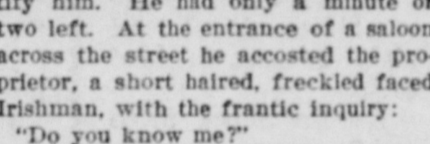
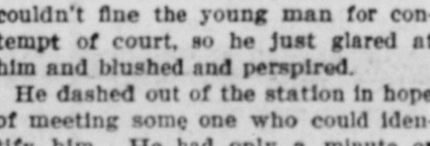
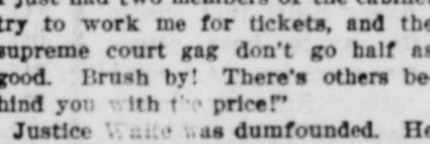
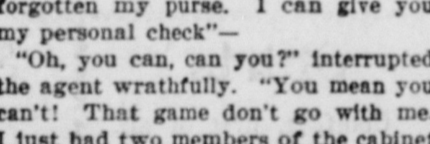
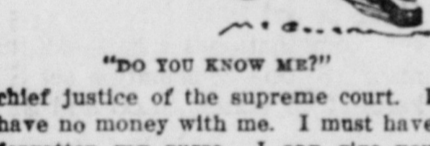
MADE THE JUDGE BLUSH.

Two Joits to His Dignity That Came in Rapid Succession.

The late Chief Justice Waite, a man of extreme dignity, started for Baltimore one afternoon many years ago from the old Baltimore and Ohio station. He discovered, to his horror, that he had only a few pennies in his pockets. His train was due to depart in a few minutes, and his engagement was an important one. He looked around for a friend, but found none. So he filed boldly up in line to the ticket office. When he reached the window he smiled pleasantly at the agent and asked him if he recognized him.

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"DON'TS" FOR HUSBANDS.

Rockefeller Pastor Offers Ten as a Solution of the Divorce Evil.

Dr. W. W. Bustard, pastor of John D. Rockefeller's Euclid Avenue Baptist church in Cleveland, O., recently gave these ten "don'ts" for husbands as a solution of the divorce evil:

Don't forget your wife wants to be loved as much after marriage as before.

Don't arrange for your second marriage before your first wife is either dead or divorced.

Don't compel your wife to ask for a cent every time she needs one.

Don't expect your wife to work fourteen hours a day when you work only eight.

Don't carry all your religion in your wife's name.

Don't let your neighbors pity your children because you were their father.

Don't gossip. Men should not encroach on a woman's privilege.

Don't try to run a forty horsepower automobile on a four horsepower salary.

Don't live beyond your means or according to your meanness.

Don't forget the best legacy you can leave your family is the memory of a good husband and a kind father. "All the honeymooning of life ought not to end with the honeymoon," said Mr. Bustard, supplementing his several "don'ts." "A man should always remember it is no sin to kiss his own wife. Love is not for courtship alone, but for life."

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The daughters of an east end household, ardent suffragists, were talking politics.

"Taff will sweep the country," declared Mabel.

"Wilson will sweep the country," asserted Maud.

"Roosevelt will sweep the country," averred Mehitabel.

At this point dad took a hand. "Never mind about who's going to sweep the country," said he. "Who's going to sweep this here kitchen? That's the question now."—Pittsburgh Post.

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He Kept His Promise.—"Willy," said mamma, severely, "you've been fighting again." "Yes, mamma." "And didn't you promise me that when you wanted to hit any one you would always stand still and count one hundred?" "So I did, mamma. And this is what Jacky Jones did while I was counting."

The Doctor Knew.—"I want you to tell me plainly, doctor," said the man with the fat Government position, "what is the matter with me." "Well, sir," answered the old doctor, leaning back in his chair and looking at his beefy, red-faced patient, "you are suffering from underwork and overpay."

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