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Selected Poetry.

CHRISTMAS-TIDE. BY A. W. WELLS.

They say to-night is Christmas Eve, and high as I could reach, I've hung my stockings on the wall, and left a kiss on each.

He is a kin on each for Him who'll fill my stockings with gold, He never came before, but O, I'm sure He will to-night.

And to-morrow'll be the day our blessed Christ was born, Who came all death to pity me, whom many others scorn.

And why it's thus that me so indeed I cannot tell, But while I love Him next to you, then all seems well and love Him well.

I long have looked for Christmas, Mother, and all the year; And ever I thought it is indeed to feed its dawn so near.

But to-morrow'll be the day I no have prayed to see, And I long to sleep and wake, and find what it will bring to me.

The snow is in the street, and through the window I can see, I've watched the little children pass; they seem so glad and gay.

And gaily did they talk about the gifts they would receive; O, all the world is glad, to-night, for this is Christmas Eve.

And, Mother, on the cold, cold floor I've put my feet, The other's torn across the toe, and they're aching so; I've set my little shoe, Mother, and it for you I shall be.

And, Mother, do I still remember you while He remembers me? So lay me in my bed, Mother, and hear my prayers, pray for me.

He never came before, but O, I'm sure He will to-night. I thought the sun shone through the pane, so blessed and so clear.

I dreamed my little stockings were full as they could hold, But it's hardly morning yet, Mother—it is still so cold.

And I dreamed the bells rang from the church where the happy people go, And they're ringing loud to all men in a language that I know.

I thought I took from off the wall my little stockings, and when I looked I found them there never seen!

A doll was in there, meant for me, just like those little girls Who always turn away from me; and O, I had such curls!

Fuller portions than many who have more fees for their services.

Vehicles move with ease and quietness, notwithstanding a Bump and a Stone is often seen in the streets of this truly beautiful village.

No engine was heard, but Cars were visible in Campdown, and a quiet sure there was a Colonel man.

Also noticed the Templars were liberal Shakers of Mittens. The citizens appear probable and would not Hammer-Lee, although Lee hammers himself in the "First National, and would not Rock-a-fellow for a Good-ell (deal). Was?

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Isiah looked for a heaven where he could grasp the hells above, and the Lord shall return, and come to Zion, with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads.

The sacred bands of affection are never broken, and their parents are never broken, and their parents are never broken.

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MY NEIGHBORS.

In a convalescent state, after a serious illness that had rendered me wholly incapable of mental exertion, I sat in my arm-chair by the fire.

So saying, he dipped the bowl of an ordinary pipe into a small basin of fluid, and, with evident exertion, blew forth a long, long bubble.

"You see the nature of my invention," he continued, smiling with evident satisfaction. "I add to the saponaceous fluid, vulgarly termed soap-and-water, an ingredient the nature of which I shall not reveal, and which has the effect of rendering the bubble permanent."

"You really when I looked at her calm face, I felt that wrath was impossible. She was some harmless hush, who owned to crimes she had never committed."

"I bore the boy no ill-will," she proceeded, "he was as well-beloved a lad as one would wish to see. I would gladly have given the preference to a mischievous little vandabond who rings my bell regularly every Saturday afternoon, in celebration, I suppose, of his half-holiday; but the butcher-boy came handy, and when one can't have what one wants, one must take what one can get."

"That why our neighbor is, immolate anybody? I inquired, intending to humor her delusion. "That I can easily explain," she replied. "You have doubtless heard that there is in India a secret sect of devotees, who term themselves 'Thee's'."

"I have read of that detestable fraternity in the Wanderer Jew of Eugene Sue," I responded. "Your strong expression, at which I took no offense, shows that you are not unacquainted with our principles. I am a Thee, and veil the fact by assuming the name of 'Thee'."

"It struck me that a thicker veil might have been afforded by the name of Smith or Brown, but I did not interrupt."

"I therefore, on principle," she proceeded, "offer at least once a month a human sacrifice to the Goddess Bowance, whose effigy you see in that corner. The position of this is the very reverse of exhaustive."

"The pursuit of this foolish train of thought had caused me to rise from my chair, and I was staring vacantly before me, as if in a dream. When my attention was suddenly arrested by a remarkable phenomenon. The movements of the reflected figure did not correspond to my own. It stirred it remained still, or moved in a different direction."

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