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Towanda, Pa., December 25th, 1879.

DAISY'S LETTER.

HRISTMAS Day, just after dinner, eighteen hundred seventy-nine, Dear old Santa: Papa says that maybe if I drop a line

To you down in Santa Claus Land you will get it safe and sound,
And perhaps you'd bring an answer when
you fetch the presents round.

We are perfectly discouraged-little Paul Prink and me, We'er just as poor! What we shall do for New Year's I don't see. Where we use to have whole dollars we have hard work coaxing dimes, It's Hard Times, Papa tells us. Now, Santa, what's Hard Times?

One day when we were asking what he hoped old Santa'd bring, He kissed us three times round and then he sighed like anything;
(Little Prink was on his shoulder where she always climbs.)
"Christmas won't bring much to Papa, I'm afraid, except Hard Times."

Now we want a lot of money, because—why, just because

ta Claus! We've speaked and speaked about it, just as sweet as peppermint,
But it aint a bit of use; they don't know how to take a hint.

The shops are beautiful-you've no idea, San-

So, Santa, when we're sleeping, and you're creeping all about,
Remember! put Pa's presents in, but leave the Hard Times out. Please to excuse this letter (our first with

pen and ink),
And keep a lot and lots of love for me and Paul and Prink.

THE REWARD.

ED HART was a bright, happy boy twelve years old. His father died when he was a little fellow; and his mother worked very hard to earn money to support him and a younger sister.

Ned loved his mother dearly, and as he grew older he said to himself one day: "I am going to work. I am old enough to earn my board, if I can't get anything more.

He started out to look for work, and stopped first at one house and then another, but no one wanted a

Ned felt tired at last, and sitting down to rest, he took a school book from his pocket, and began to study his lesson.

"I must keep along with my class, work or no work," said he

Ned had not sat there long when a boy, ábout his own age, rode past on a glossy, black horse.

"Oh," thought Ned, "if I could only have a horse like that!" then he laughed, saying,

"What could I do with a horse when I can't feed myself?"

Just then a poor old man came hobbling along and called, asking the boy on the horse to carry his pack; but the boy only looked at the old man, and without saying a word made the horse gallop, and they were soon out of sight.

Ned jumped up and held out his hand, saying:

"Give me your pack, uncle," I am going your way and can carry it just as well as not. If that is the way rich boys act, I am glad that I was born poor!"

"Who are you, my boy?" said the old man.

Ned told his story as they walked side by side; and when they parted the old man said:

"You are a good boy, and you will see I never forget a kindness." Next morning when Ned looked out of the window he saw the same black horse saddled and bridled,

hitched to their fence. He ran out and found a piece of paper fastened to the bridle on which were these words: "For Ned Hart, a kind boy."

Ned rushed back to tell his mother; and through the day the story went all over town, how the rich old bachelor, Mr. Allis, had been out in disguise to find a boy worthy to adopt as his son and heir; and how his own nephew had refused to help the old man, and had been sent home and Ned had been taken in his place!

Ned became a rich man, and never forgot what the poor suffer, and was always kind to them.

Blackie, the horse, still lives, and has the best of care now in his old

age. A LADY who has been spending the summer at Lake Chautauqua, says that on one of the steamers that passed Fair Point at the time when the great Sabbath School Convention was in progress were three women rather gaudily dressed, and wearing diamonds enough to indicate that they had plenty of money. Their conversation was carried on in a loud voice, and attracted considerable attention. In front, of Fair Point stands a statue of siont, of Fair Foint status a status of Faith. "See that piece of statoowary!" said number one. "I wonder who it is? It must be Jupiter." "No!" said number two; "it looks more like Venus." "Well," said number three, "anyway, it's one of those people in the Bible!"—
Trow Times.

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Written for the Reporter.1 A CHRISTMAS TREE WHICH GREW IN THE ICE.

A True Story. BY JOHN 8. BEERS.

NCE more we hear the greeting, Speaking the bounding joy
Of many a girl and boy,
All shouting, "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"
While quick their hearts are beating.

But while their cheeks are glowing, And this glad Christmas Day
Makes all feel blithe and gay,
Because with countless blessings Our lives are overflowing,

Let me in fancy take you Far from your homes so dear, Up through the North-Land drear, Out on the icy ocean, Where hope might well forsake you.

The realm of desolation, Circling the frozen pole; Whose dread appals the soul;

Its vastness terrifying The dazed imagination. Yet, to those Arctic regions, Brave men will sail their ships, Spite of the long eclipse, The months of cold and darkness,

Dangers that come in legions. There are deep secrets hidden Which they would fain unveil; Therefore it is they sail

Into that realm mysterious, Venture there, all unbidden! DECEMBER, bleak and dreary! Only six years ago, Amid the ice and snow Which bind the raging ocean,

Surging, and never weary, There lay a gallant vessel Fast in the fields of ice, Held in a mighty vise, No power to make resistance,

To struggle or to wrestle! Through months, so slowly dragging, Monotonous and long, Upheld by cheer and song, The crew had borne their hardships, Their courage hardly flagging.

But now, the hopeless waiting,
The long-delayed return,
The danger near and stern,
The terrible home-longing,
Not for an hour abating!

The cold, intenser growing, The darkness yet more deep, The cold chill that would creep, O'er all the frame, congealing The springs which keep life going!

Strong men grew weak and staggered, And soon, 'twas plain, grim DEATH

Would freeze the sluggish breath Of many grown lethargic, All ghostly, pale and haggard.

The vessel's wise physician Anxious and mournful grew. Seeing the fading crew,-When, as by inspiration, Brooding o'er their condition,

A cure for their depression, He saw,—not powder, pill,
Something more potent still,—
Strong to turn back Death's ghastly And threatening procession.

His secret plan revealing But to a chosen few He told them what to do, That they might make all ready,— Their work till then concealing.

These, while the rest were moping, Nor heeded, in the ice Wrought out the queer device, Wrought without torch or candle, In wintry darkness groping.

And Christmas Eve, at seven, The officers and men.
Were called to meet,—and then, Except to those who planned it A grand surprise was given!

Over the ship-side going, The doctor led them all Into a crystal hall Within an icy palace, With gem-like glory glowing!

A stove with cheerful blazing, Consumed the crackling wood, Gave presages of good, And made them light and hopeful And lo! a sight amazing!

A CHRISTMAS TREE was standing, The strangest one of all!

A bare pole, straight and tall, And stakes from holes bored in it, On every side expanding.

And on the boughs, resplendent, The Christmas candles shone; Nor were there lights alone,-From the impromptu branches Queer Christmas gifts were pendent.

Tobacco, chocolate, sausage! While tables found the tree, Filled full as full could be, Greeted the wondering sailors Who entered through the passage.

O how the thoughts came rushing, Of long-past Christmas joys, When they were happy boys! Memories well nigh forgotten From pent-up hearts out-gushing.

Then, O the hearty cheering! The tears of pleasure then Shed by those full-grown men, Weeping like little children, Their sadness disappearing.

The Captain took his station, Made to the brightened crew A speech which plaudits drew; And then were presents given, Increasing the elation.

The scene turned gloom to laughter, And licarts were light once more; When Christmas Day was o'er, All waited with fresh courage, Whatever might come after.

Spring came at last, releasing The ship from icy bands; And then with willing hands They raised the sails, and homeward Sped on, their joy increasing.

Since then, with happy singing,
Those men, on Christmas Day,
Think of when, far away,
Its cheer their souls uplifted,
Light, in their darkness, bringing.

Then may this little story
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 1, 1878.

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