THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS. BY CLEMENT C. MOORE.

"Twas the n'ght before Christman, when all through "Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chismey with care, in hepes that St. Nichol. s seen would be there; The children were nestled all snug is their ocd., While visions of sugar-plums canced in their heads; And mamms in her kerchief, and I in my-cap. Had inst settled our brains for a long wieter's nap-when cas on the lawn thore rose such a clatte. I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter; Away to the window I flew like a flash. The open the shutters and threw up the sash. The moon, on the breast of the new failen snow, Gave a lustre of mid-day to edjects below: When, what to my wondering eyes should appear. But a ministure sleigh, and eight tiny rein-deer, With a little old driver, so lively and qu.ck, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by "Now. Useher! now. Dancer! now. Prancer and

lame, lather! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and

"Now, ilasher now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixes!
On! C. met, on! Cupid on! Dander and Bilitaen—
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall.
Now, dash away, dash away, ash in way a !!"
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane ft, when they meet with an obstacle, mount to thesky, so, up to the hunse-top the coursers they flew, with a sleigh ft of toys—and st. Nicholas, too. and hen in a twinkling I heard on the roof.
The prancing and pawing of each little hos?, as I Grow in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound, He was dressed all in fur from his head to his toot, and his clothes were all tarnished with a hes and

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot, Ana his clothes were all transished with as hes and soet;
And his clothes were all transished with as hes and a bundle of toys he had flung on his back.
And he looked like a pediar just opening his pack; His ees how they twinkled! his dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry; His dreli littie mount was drawn up like a bow. And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow; The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth; And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath. We had a broad facz, and a little round belly. That shook when nell nahed, like a bowfail of jelly. He was chubby and ylump—right jolly old eli; And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself, A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, Boon gave me to know I had nothing to dread. He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And laided all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And giving a finger saide of his team gave a whistle, And away they all few, like the down of a thistle; But I heard h.m excaim, ere he drove out of sight: "MERREY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!"

EPHEMERIS,

-Sleighing is excellent in Erie. -Gough is to lecture in Carlisle. -Sergeant Bates has been burgled.

-At last Free Masonry is permitted in Austria. -Owens and Lotta are both acting in Chicago.

-The Czar is having locomotives built to run on ice.

-An Irish woman voted at the recent election in Dublin. .- Three feet of snow forms the Christmas

garb of Elk county. -Prince Salm Salm's diary abuses Napoleon and Bazaine. -80 cents a dozen is what the Mormons

have to pay for eggs. The Black Swan has been singing in New York this week.

-Nitro-glycerine is used in torpedoes now in the oil regions. -The salary of the Governor of Illinois

is but \$1,500 a year. Boston is having four large fire-alarm bells made in Albany. -A Wisconsin woman has taken out a

patent on a cook stove. An exchange says "a woman may dress in silk and yet be a lady."

-It is said that L. W. Jerome has gone to Europe to import jockeys. -Typhoid fever is getting alarmingly

prevalent in New York City. ies naving a um-ical designs on the cocknies.

-Coal and wood are very scarce in the North-western counties of Iowa. -The Grand Theatre is the new name of

Pike's Opera House in New York. -Mr. and Mrs. Wales are stopping Denmark, visiting Mrs. W's papa.

-A melancholy reflection—the top bald head in a looking glass .- (Judy. -A school for the training of pugilists

and prize fighters exists in New York. -The rates of telegraphing have been reduced fifty per cent. throughout Canada.

-Montreal and Quebec have snow shoe

-The new capitol of the State of New York at Albany is to cost about five million dollars. -An agricultural department is to be

added to the Polytechnic School at Zurich, Switzerland. -Great snow hills for coasting, such as

Washington. -Steamed beefsteaks are popular in some

restaurants now where steamed oysters were | Carrp of Chalons last summer. once the rage. -The present Emperor of the French

was born in the house which is now the Ho tel Rothschild. -A Boston paper has heard of the effects of hoarding gold and thinks it would like

to experience them. -A poultry riddle maker asks: "Why is a hen immortal?" and answers, "Because

her son never sets." -John Tyler, son of the ex-President of

that ilk, has been giving some commercial lectures in Louisville. -Poor George Washington has been sen-

tenced to six months imprisonment in the Louisiana Penitentiary. -A sweet boy in California killed him self because his father wouldn't let him go and drive the cattle home.

-A fire broke out in the basement of the chapel in Boston in which Helen Western's funeral services were going on-

-One man in West Virginia whips his wife for extravagance when she cats her bread with both butter and molasses.

-Scoppettiello, one of the most dangerous brigand chiefs in Italy, has been killed, and his band has been captured or dispersed. -The Prince Royal of Belgium is getting better, and those funeral arrangements may have been made in vain by the King, his father.

-There is said to be really a megro in Mississippi who is 111 years old, and does not claim to have been body servant to G. Washington.

-The Boston Post says: A horrible fellow has discovered that

wasted horse-liver goes to make "pure Mocha." Such coffee is a Mochary. -Robert Bonner has his horses fed from bexes on the floor, because he' believe nature intended them to have their food on a level with their feet.

-Social usages, in Louisville are some what queer. A young man the other day put his hand in his pocket in order to find the key of his store and give it to his partner, when the latter supposed he was feeling for a pistol, drew his own and shot him

-Mrs Scott Siddens is in Philadelphia acting in the Academy of Music supported by a company which she has brought with her from New York. -A dignified and refined Democratic

newspaper in speaking of a recent speech in the Senate chamber, calls it "Charles Sumner's latest yawp." -The mother of Joe Coburn, the pugi-

list, died recently in New York. How proud she must have been of the eminence which her son had attained.

-The Democratic journals are loudly be grudging the expense to the Government of printing the eulogies on Thad Stevens. re cently delivered in Congress.

-A Philadelphia critic professes to think that Carl Sentz's orchestra in that city is superior to the grand orchestra of the Gewandhaus concerts in Leipsig. -Some priests in Palermo have dabbled

too much in politics recently, and the Italian government had them arrested for distributing incendiary documents. -Some horrible things happen to travel ers on railways. Imagine the horror of the

snowed up at Chappaquidaeddle. -The Minnesota Old Settlers' Association has a manuscript to prove that the word "Mississippi" is from the Menomonee

assengers on a train in Maine which got

dialect-"Misses," big; "sepe," river. -A wide spread, but probably not a serious movement has been discovered in Italy, the object of which was to restore Francis II to the throne of the two Sicilies. -There are 83 different sorts of trees indigenous to the State of Illinois. This list includes twelve different varieties of oak,

—A Christmas dinner is to be given to the lewsboys of Philadelphia in the six of hickory, four of elm and five of ash. newsboys of Philadelphia in the press room of the Public Ledger. Of course this is another instance of Mr. Geo. W. Childs' liberality.

-By a recently discovered and antique By a recently discovered and antique police order, it is found that in the year 1609 the theatres of Paris were obliged to be opened by 2 p. m., and closed at 41

p. m. -Miss Marietta Ravel is the actress who was so terrified in a Rochester theatre recently, by some outside noise, that she jumped from the stage over the orchestra into the parterre.

-Az unknown man fell from a wharf into the Schuylkill river at Philadelphia on Monday and was drowned. Another unknown man fell dead on Market street in the same city and on the same day.

-There have been New England dinners given in most of the cities of this country recently, but Pittsburgh does not celebrate Forefather's day, and it would be much more appropriate to have Scotch Irish dinners.

-The Mormons, in twenty years, have built up 86 towns, 100 churches and 120 schoolhouses, quite equal to those of the ther States. During that period gration from Europe has been 36,000, and from the old States, 24,000.

-The English army consists at present of 177,000 men, Of these troops 79,293 are garrisoned in England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales: 9,787 at Gibraltar and Malta; 59,000 in India; 13,000 in British America, and the remainder at Bermuda, West Indies, China, Japan, and other places.

-In the new British House of Commons there are twelve Independents, five Bap. tists, five Quakers, two Wesleyan Methodists, one Calvinistic Methodist, seventeen Unitarians, ten Presbyterians, six Jews, clubs, whose members are now practicing, and twenty-six Roman Catholics; of the latter only one represents an English constituency.

-M. Eugene Godard, the aeronaut, has been summoned to Cherbourg, by order of the French Minister of Marine, to make experiments on his system of serial telegraph on board vessels of the iron-clad squadron. are popular in Russia, are to be built in This decision of the Minister is said to have been determined by the success of the trials made by M. E. Godard and his wife at the

-Thompsonville, Conn., must be a nice little place. On Friday night last there were four incendiary fires, which resulted in the destruction of one dwelling house and three barns; and, besides these, there was an attempt, fortunately unsuccessful, to throw the midnight Boston and New York Express train from the track. Thompsonville needs speedy reconstruction.

-D'Israeli is tricky to the end. By resigning during the recess, he has deprived the Liberals of their generals at a critical period; for, according to custom, those members of Parliament accepting Cabinet office must resign and be re-elected, and this cannot be done until Parliament meets and issues new writs. Thus the new Min. No. 53 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh. istry are not in their seats at the opening of Parliament.

-Carl Benson's rhyme to velocipeds has been published in a great many papers, and CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, &c one of our exchanges which keeps a poet is disgusted that so much renown should be given for so small a feat, and thus eclipses

Mr. Benson: If 'tis a loss indeed
To give one's horse a feed,
And I can boss a steed
Of such a saucy breed, Then, sure, the horse I need Is the velocipede.

-Below is the programme of the concerts to be rung on the chimes of Trinity Church, N. Y., on Christmas Eve:

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