

CHRISTMAS COMING.

It's getting close to Christmas. Across the hills and dells
You can almost hear the chiming and the ringing of the bells.
But the silence is clear and cold, with no words that dream of snow,
And you hear in the distance the faint light of the stars
That gleam through the night.
It's getting close to Christmas. There's something in the air
That seems to breathe of Bethlehem and all the glory there.
And sweet the bells and bugles sound through our dream of rest—
Ring, bells, you merry minstrel! And, too, our hours of best!
It's getting close to Christmas. Oh, time of peace and joy!
And, oh, to be sure to see, once more, a wakeful, watching
With the stocking in the corner for old Santa Claus to fill!
But we still think of Christmas, and we're busy in memory still!
—Atlanta Constitution.

MARGARET'S LETTER.

James Oakley worked at his trade as carpenter in the same village, near the Hudson river, where he was born. His little cottage with the tall lilacs in front, and the kitchen garden in the rear, was a very comfortable place to him. His pleasant-faced, many-bearded wife kept the home always bright and tidy, and the three boys children filled it with glad and laughing. Margaret, the oldest, was a sweet, loving girl; Dick was a sturdy, many little fellow, and Robbie was the darling of the house.

Mr. Oakley was a skillful mechanic and an industrious worker, but his work was not his only pleasure. He had a garden, and he often had to be absent from home for weeks together, while employed at some remote place.

After many earnest talks with his wife they decided to remove to the west, where new villages and cities were rapidly growing up. So they found a purchaser for the little cottage, and had an auction sale of the cow and horse and all the furniture except some helms and a few articles which they would not part with. Then, after bidding their neighbors good-by, they entered the cars and were whirled away to a new home in a flourishing town in Illinois.

It was early in spring. The red-bellied bushes were in the thickets, and a thousand flowers, new and strange to the immigrants, tinted the prairies. An air of bustling activity pervaded the town. Buildings were going up on every side, and Mr. Oakley soon found employment at better wages than he had ever received in his old home.

For a time everything went well with him and his family. His work was in constant demand, and if his thoughts ever turned with tender regret to the green hills which surrounded his former home, he had only to look at his young children and picture to himself the career which would open for them in the vigorous growing west.

Spring went away into summer, and under the long and rainless heat the river which flowed past the town swam into its bed, leaving great stretches of silty ooze festering in the fierce sunlight. Autumn came at length, with soft winds, laden with germs of disease. Robbie, the pet of the house, was stricken with a malarial fever. For long days and nights he lay in his crib, tossing and moaning, with flushed cheeks and heavy eyes. At length the crisis was passed, but recovery was slow; and while Robbie was still in the shadow of the cruelly-checked little boy he had been, the fever seized upon his father.

There were sorrowful times now in the little household. Mrs. Oakley watched day and night beside her husband and little boy, and helpful Margaret proved herself a treasure.

THE TRUTH ABOUT IT.

When Uncle Sam was out in the stockings were filled with the very tops, and the other things laid out on a table, where the children found them the next morning.

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Papa—No, my dear, but why do you ask that question?
Susie—Well, Tommy said that the other week you had a pair of slippers.
Papa—Sick! How do you make that out?
Susie—That's what he meant any-where, for he said they fell bally.

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