- You can almost hear the rhyming of the bells. But the sicks are clear and candid, with no clouds that dream of snow.
- And you hear in dark and daylight all the cifin bugies blow!
- It's getting close to Christmas. There's som thing in the air That seems to breathe of Bethlehem and all things have come from ?" the glory there. And sweet the belis and bugles sound through
- our dreams of rest-Ring, bells, your sweetest music! And, bugles, filour your best!
- It's getting close to Christmas. Oh, time of peare and joy! And, elt, to be once it we, once more, a wake
- ferl, watchful best, With the stocking in the corner for old Sar Claus to fill!
- But we still thank God for Christmas, and we're boys in memory still! -Atlanta Constitution

MARGARETS

James Oakley worked at his trade as As Mrs. Oakley went to answer it she earpenter in the same village, near the found there a tall, bearded man, who Hudson river, where he was born. His inquired for Mr. Oakley. She led him little cottage with the tall lilaes in to the little sitting-room where her husfront, and the kitchen garden in the rear, was a very dear place to him. His his armchair. The caller went pleasant-faced, sunny-hearted wife kept straight to him, seized his thin hand the home always bright and tidy, and the three rosy children filled it with glee and laughter. Margaret, the oldest, was a sweet, loving girl; Dick was his early days. a sturdy, many little fellow, and Rob-

bic was the darling of the house. Mr. Gakley was a skillful mechanic and an industrious, God-fearing man; but times were dull for him in Smithweeks together, while employed at some rels, gathered nuts and rowed their remote place.

After many earnest talks with his looms and a few articles which they | Claus. - American Agriculturist 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 Hillinois.

employment at better wages than he nothing was enough. had ever received in his old home.

him and his family. His work was in money for, "Robinson Crusoe" and Christmas by," constant demand, and if his thoughts "Pariey's Tales" were almost the only It is well for everyone during the get a sample box of Dr. King's New ever turned with tender regret to the story books, though the people had holidays to be filled with the Christ- Life Pills, free, as well as a copy of green hills which surrounded his former some old stand bys on their shelves mas spirit, but they should not regard Guide to Health and Household Incareer which seemed open for them in There were "Moral Lessons," a few, punch.-Somereille Journal. the vigorous growing west.

under the long and rainless heat the fairy stories shining in covers of blue, our shaughter of scals you may depend river which flowed past the town green and gold. shrunk into its bed, leaving great | The story that artists for the earliest his wife a scalskin sacque for Christstretches of slimy coze festering in the juvenille books had to label their pict- mas. - Philadelphia Call, fierce sunshine. Autumn came at ures "This is a horse," "This is a cow," length, with soft south winds laden etc., is no doubt an exaggeration, but about Santa Claus. Do you, Fred?" with germs of disease. Robbie, the pet | the toys really needed it. Many a lit- | Fred-"No, I don't either; but-'sh! of the house, was stricken with a the girl made a doll by dressing up a don't let's talk so loud. He might malarial fever. For long days and crook necked squash. "Rag baldes" hear us, and then he wouldn't give us nights he lay in his crib, tossing and were the rule. A dell such as may anything."-Harper's Young People, mouning, with flushed checks and child of parents above the grade of heavy eyes. At length the crisis was paupers may now have for Christmas, passed, but recovery was slow; and would then have excited the amazewhile Robbic was still the mere shadow | ment of the neighborhood, and a doll | of the ruddy-cheeked little boy he had that would open and shut its eyes- & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample been, the fever seized upon his father. well, language is lacking to set forth box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A There were sorrowful times now in the the furore such a wonderful creation trial will convince you of their merits. little household. Mrs. Oakley watched day and night besideher husband and little boy, and helpful Margaret proved of such a doll by order from Cincin- constipation and sick headache. For

herself a treasure. came Robbie was once more playing one town as late as 1848. "The neigh- guaranteed to be perfectly free from pers. CHARLES A. DANA, Edaround the house, and his father, upon bers" finally decided it was all right, every deleterious substance and to be idor. whom the fever had spent its force, as the man's little girl was an invalid purely vegetable. They do not weakcould only sit, wan and pale, in his arm- and needed amusement. She certain- en by their action, but by giving tone chair. His little savings were rapidly by got it, if company was any amuse- to stomach and bowels greatly invigmelting away and a long winter had ment, for every child for miles around orate the system. Regular size 25 etc. only just begun. Christmas was near was crazy to see that doll. As for Sold by J. N. Snyder, druggist, Somat hand, and who was to fill the childrea's stockings and make the day a ple would have asked the court to name | Berlin, Pa. merry one for them?

Margaret was a thoughtful little girl, and she pendered long over the matter. Two days before Christmas she got a timbered land in half of the country. postal card, and sat down and wrote on

Hobbie have been awfully sick, and papa isn't well yet. Please bring Robbie a ball and Dick a sled, and I would to his family. like a doll, for I lost mine when we moved. Good-by. "MARGARET OAKLEY."

She wrote the name of Santa Claus on the other side of the postal card, and just then her mother called and directed her to go to the grocery for some things. So she took her basket and seled dressing-gown hung over his easy started, accompanied by Prince, the chair, with an affectionate note from dog. As she passed the corner she manama. A damling diamond stud "Eight of us. Father, mother, and dropped the card into a mail box twisted the sun's rays out of shape on the five children." "That's only sevwhich was fastened to a lamp post. All the dresser and threw a light blue gleam en." "Yes, but the turkey was ate." that day and the next Margaret went on a card : "To dearest papa, from his __Philadelphia Times, singing through the house, in the old lovingest daughter." A gold repeater light-hearted way she had shown so on the mantel ticked so hard it almost little since sickness had invaded the knocked a hole in the wall, and a pretty household.

Soon after the postal card was dr speed into the box the postman came | penders and handkerchiefs, smoking around and threw it, with a lot of other caps and eigar-holders were also stackeards, letters and newspapers, into a bug, which he carried to the post office. There a clerk took the bag, poured the contents out on a table and began sort- for two days. He smoked himself blind ing them over. When he came to Mar- and employed a night watchman to progaret's little letter he laughed and showed it to Thomas Raymond, another clerk who was busily engaged at another table. Mr. Raymond read it He lavished presents on his loving wife through. The name Oakley attracted and tender-hearted daughters. Such an in the drug business many years, and his attention. "What if it should be unbounded display of affection must be this is one of the most successful cough James Oakley, the friend of my boy- rewarded a hundred-fold, thought old remedies I have sold. A case in point, hood?" he asked himself.

Christmas eve came, and Margaret, Dick and Robbie, with the unwavering faith of childhood, hung up their stockings, said their prayers around messenger boy called with a small bill was magical. It is a good thing. their mother's knee, and were soon for a pair of slippers. Old Mr. Rocks J. Ross Mateer, Altoma, Pa. tucked away in their little beds, dream- smiled in a feverish sort of away. An Pan-Tina is sold at 25 and 50 cents at ing of Christmas and Santa Claus. Mr. hour later the haberdasher sent in a Benford's drug store. Oakley, too feeble to sit up more than | bill for ties, suspenders and other briea few hours at a time, had already re- a-brae. At noon the tailor's messenger tired. Mrs. Oakley sat thinking sadly carried up an account for a dressingof the disappointment which seemed gown and cap. But old Rocks paid and awaiting the children for the first time paid until the jeweler's diamond and Chas brought you? in their lives. Suddenly the doorbell watch statement reached his office, rang, and as Mrs. Oakley opened the Then the old man flew into a passion - do you think of it? door, there stood an expressman and \$913.26 was more than he would stand. Johnnie-Well, I think that Santa in the street a loaded wagon. From its He could have bought every thing for made a mistake, as you always part depths he drew out at big tat turkey, a half his affectionate family had paid for your hair with a towel. hand-sled and a heavy paper box wrap- it, he declared, and threatened to pitch ped up in thick paper. Having de- the messenger into the street. But the posited the things in the hall, he hur-jeweler notified Mr. Rocks that the bad-Should be used in aftempting to cure ried out to his wagon and drove debt wagon would call at his residence that very disagreeable disease, catarrh. away, leaving Mrs. Oakley greatly next morning if he did not pay his As catarrh originates in impurities in mistake, she thought. But no; the Chicago News, packages were all plainly marked: "James Oakley, No. 36 East Fourth Strawber-I have been figuring all blood, and for this purpose there is no street," and on the sled was neatly the morning on my accounts for '64. | preparation superior to Hood's Sarsapainted: "Dick Oakley." In the paper | Singerly-How much has it cost parilla. box was a French doll with real hair you?

marked; "Margaret." There was also creditors,

a ball marked "Robbie," and such letof candy and pretty things for all. The stockings were soon filled to the very tops, and the other things laid out on a table, where the children found them the next morning.

There was a joyful meeting around the breakfast table, but Mrs. Oakley's face were a puzzlyd expression. Finally she asked: "Where could all those

"Why, mamma," said Margaret, Santa Clans sent them. I know he did, 'cause I wrote to him." "You wrote to him?" said her

"Yes, I wrote and told him where we lived."

This made the matter clear enough to the children, but only deepened the mystery for the father and mother.

In the afternoon, when full justice had been done to the turkey, Margaret sat holding her beautiful new doll, Dick was out drawing his sled through the streets, and Robbie was asleep, a immons came from the front door. band sat propped up with pillows in and asked: "James, don't you know your old friend Tom Raymond?" It was indeed the friend and playmate of giving him a hint."-Epock.

"But how did you find me?" inquired Mr. Oakley. "Oh, I had it from Santa Claus," laughingly replied his friend, and then he sat down and the two talked over ville Center. There was little going on the events of their boyhood. They had in the way of building now, and he sat together in school; together they often had to be absent from home for had climbed the hills and hunted squir-

boats on the broad Hudson. As the talk went on a suspicion grew wife they decided to remove to the west, upon Mrs. Oakley of the manner in where new villages and cities were rap- which Santa Claus happened to send idly growing up. So they found a pur- the presents. But the visitor gave no chaser for the little cottage, and had an clew to the mystery, nor did she see auction sale of the cow and horse and through it until Margaret lead told her all the furniture except some heir- the whole story of her letter to Santa

The Old Rural Christmas.

How many of the young people know that some forty years ago nine-It was early in spring. The red-bad tenths of the children in America had bushes were bright in the thickets, and to enjoy Christmas with only such lands, and awaking a great joy in the a thousand flowers, new and strange to sums as they had saved up for months, heart of our common humanity.the immigrants, painted the prairies. often a penny at a time? Yet so it was. Carpin. An air of bustling activity pervaded the Not one father in ten thought of givtown. Baildings were going up on ing a boy "Christmas money;" the big every side, and Mr. Oakley soon found family dinner and such fun as cost

For a time everything went well with crackers, there was little to spend home, Le had only to look at his rosy and the "Old English Reader" was this as permission for unlimited and structor, free. All of which is guarchildren and picture to himself the like other poor, always with them. and tracts enough; but no gorgeously If you hear a man protesting loudly Spring wore away into summer, and lettered volumes of childish song, no during the week against the promiseu

would have excited. When the first brief, wintry days made a matter of church discussion in been proved invaluable. They are a guardian for the man who did it, as one unfit to manage his own affairs. Ten dollars would buy an acre of good

Wood earying was an cuvied accom-"DDAR SANTA CLAUS :-- We have hand" who had some skill with a juckmoved since last Christmas, and I am afraid you won't know where to find knife had a crowd of children after us, so I write this. We live now at No. 36 East Fourth street. Papa and or who could carve a human looking by into common communica.—Char.

He Paid the Bills.

Old Mr. Lot O. Rocks on a certain Christmas morning was the happlest value of a Christmas present isn't deman in three counties. A richly-up- termined by what it costs, but by holstered, hand-embroidered, silver-tas- what it typifies. - New Bedford Jour-Rocks. Slippers and necktles, sus-

ed up in one corner of the room. Old Rocks smothered himself in his teet his jewelry. He was a very proud man-proud of himself, proud of an affectionate family that was proud of him.

THE TRUTH ABOUT IT.

When Uncle Sam was but a boy, One Christmas eve he hung His stocking by the old fireplace, And then this song he sung: "Oh, Santa Churd Oh, Santa Claus, Give me some potent charm,

That pretty girls, when I'm a man, May grow upon my farta." And that is why old Santa Claus To-day is so admired; Because he gave our Uncle Sam

The thing he most desired.

Holiday Jests and Gems. The small boy hasn't to be got out of bed with a switch on Christmas morn-

The almanaes put the shortest day of have the confidence of this communithe year just before Christmas, but fi- ty. His calling is one of responsibilinancially it is the next day after. You cannot cut Christmas out of the trusted to his care; taking the agency calendar nor out of the heart of the world .- T. W. Handford.

"I'm sorry I didn't ask Santa Claus for a few more things while I was about it," said the young miser .-

Job got his certificate for patience before he was obliged to go out and buy Christmas presents for all his relatives. -Baltimore American.

Charley Was Slow.-Amy-"Are you going to give Charley anything at Christmas?" Mabel-"I'm thinking of Tommy-"I wish Christmas had

come and gone." Johnny-"What for?" Tommy-"Because then we how, for he said they felt badly. could quit being good."-Golden Days. Be merry all, be merry all, With holly dress and festive ball.

Prepare the song, the feast, the ball, To welcome merry Christmas. -W. R. Spencer.

bought his little boy a fifteen-cent tin Rahway, N. J. horse; "but it costs money."-Puck, Mother and daughter examining

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upon it that he very gradeingly bought Willie-"I don't believe the stories

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Seasonable Scraps.

"And why do they spell it Xmas pager "Because, my son, it has so many plishment in these days. The "hired tender recolections."-Manag's Week

Christmas is the only holiday of the

A man's pocketbook after Christmas does not resemble a cloud. The cloud

has a sliver lining, you know .- Ponk-

It is worth remembering that the

"Many at the Christmas table?" Never Mind

A Nice Present .- "That's a fine wallet you have, Henry." "Yes, My card told him it was from another Miss "Indeed? Anything in it" "Yes; the wife gave it to me for Christmas.' bill for the wallet."

About Christmas time a little girl was told that "she was naughty, and Santa Claus might not bring her a new gown and an excess of sentiment present." "Well," said she, "you need not say it so near the chimney." -Youth's Companion.

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Santa Claus' Mistake.

Johnnie-Say, pa, is this what Santa Mr. Scantiox-Yes, my boy. What

Common Sense

puzzled. Surely there must be some benest debts, and the old man settled. the blood, local applications can do no permanent good. The common sense method of treatment is to purify the

and eyes that closed when she was laid | Strawber-I wasn't figuring that. I | Hood's Pitls cure constipation by recown. A little card attached to it was was figuring how much it cost my storing peristaltic action to the alimentary canal.

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