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AT THE GATE.

THE PICKET. Early heads and trailing faces. ... My dear mother, I am so sorry...

Hunting Myths on Christmas Eve

Mrs. Bigelow's work for the day was done, the last crumb brushed up, the supper dishes reposed in their places with a respectful shine upon them...

There was not a more self-willed man in the county than Josiah Bigelow. ... 'You ought as well try to move a star fence,' the neighbors said, when he 'made up his mind'...

The 9:30 p. m. train was a little late. Very few passengers got off, and still fewer took the coach for Lanesville, three miles distant...

He read it twice, his voice was almost inaudible. At last he said: 'May God forgive me. He knows my heart has yearned for her, and how I would have tried to find her...'

On through the deep snow straggled Mildred Allen with her six months' baby in her arms. Just a month before her husband had died, leaving her destitute...

'I don't see how I can do it. I don't know how to do it. I don't know how to do it. I don't know how to do it. I don't know how to do it.'

'You're never going out in all this snow, are you?' said Mrs. Bigelow, looking at him in apprehension. 'You're never going out in all this snow, are you?'

By the glimmering light Mildred climbed the bayonet and tumbled down some sweet, fresh hay into Star's manger until it was almost full...

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LOOK INSIDE YOUR WATCH. Extraordinary Facts in Connection With the Timepiece of Everyday Use.

Open your watch and look at the little wheels, springs and screws, each an indispensable part of the whole wonderful machine.

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A CHRISTMAS SHIP.

A ship from which to unload a cargo of presents on Christmas Day is an excellent entertainment, not only in a private house, but at a gathering in a village school-room.

The construction of the ship will not be a model yacht, but merely a framework covered with cardboard. The materials required will be a few thin pieces of wood, cardboard, paint or enamel, string for rigging, wooden buttons for blocks (unless you cut out your own blocks, which will be more artistic), and the rails of broken chairs for masts and spars.

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LAUGH AND GROW FAT.

A HEALTHY TONIC FOR INVALIDS OF ALL KINDS. Numerous Anecdotes Gleaned from Various Sources—Something to Read Which Will Make Anybody Sleep Well, Better Than Medicine When Taken Before Bedtime.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

—Calligula made his horse a Roman senator. —The helmet of Richard I. weighed 25 pounds.

—The pulley-drawn cross-bow had a range of forty rods. —Each wing of the ostrich furnishes 30 long white plumes.

—Projecting engines were first invented by the Greeks. —Mixed chain and plate armor was used from 1390 to 1410.

—Damas blades were famous all over the world B. C. 600. —The Chinese Holy Land is India, the native land of Buddha.

—De la Reyniere's "Almanach des Gourmands" is the most famous cook book. —Vatel, Conde's cook, killed himself in despair because the fish came too late for dinner.

—The noble army of commercial travelers in the United States numbers 30,000 men of 173.

—Cross-borders were always attended by shell-bearers, who protected them in action. —Drowning, as a punishment of crime, was legally enforced in Scotland up to the year 1811.

—The great Bank of Venice, which opened in 1581, continued to do business 600 years.

—At banquets during Queen Elizabeth's time, every guest came with his spoon in his pocket. —The postal service in the United States was first established in a small way in the fall of 1775.

—The Egyptian and the Pondician are joint claimants for the honor of the invention of water cast. —The seats of a Greek theatre were arranged as at present, but the parquet was given up to the chorus.

—Some English capitalists have formed a company for the acclimatization of man in "Finland." —A bird in the London "Zoo," a sheldrake, has apparently committed suicide on account of the death of its mate.

