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NO. 1.

KRIS KRINGLE'S CRIME

BY ALBERT EDMUND LANCASTER.

"You see upon a time, In a country far away, Who to making gifts was made by law a crime..."

"Not a man upon earth should be so bold as to lay hands upon Kris Kringle..."

"To hear this parting speech, 'We found these on his shoulders,'..."

"Accused to police, And to honors quickly painted, The Justice of the Peace..."

"To death was he condemned, And put on bread and water, The sentence Heaven decreed..."

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At Winter-Tide.

Heigho, the Winter-tide, In meadow and field he roars again, The maple, that late was deck'd in yellow..."

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY.

Where the Holiday is Always Enthusiastically Observed.

CHRISTMAS preparations go on no less vigorously in the country than in the town, but they are less evident there.

IN MANY CLIMES.

How Christmas Day is Observed in Different Countries.

Christmas is always a season of good wishes and loving kindness. In America almost all little children hang up their stockings on Christmas eve...



image or doll representing the Christ-child, while below are sometimes placed other images representing angels with outspread wings.

As attended, in old times, the bringing in of the Yule log. It is not only in the domestic department that there are great customs on the day before Christmas.

CHRISTMAS COMIN'.

Christmas comin' I kin tell by the children that I meet, Gazing wide-eyed at their shadows in their city's crowded streets...

CHRISTMAS AND THE CHILDREN.

It is a Joyous Occasion for Young and Old.

Christmas is par excellence the children's feast. If any one doubts it, he has only to compare the holiday in a home where there are no children with the celebration where there is even one olive branch.

On Christmas, "the worst of the year" to the little ones, let there be no shadow of pain, rebuke, or sorrow that the elders can by any effort spare to the young hearts.

After Christmas.

Mrs. Buffer—"That's a nice slice bag of yours. I had a present of one like it."

Talking Through His Hat.

"Foller Briars—Say, bubby, I'm Santy Claus, that's somebody stole my clothes an' I've had an accident. T'ell me all about it."

Thoughtful Husband.

"I'm trying to raise money enough ter git my wife a new dress for Christmas, sah," said Uncle Ebony to Mr. Featherstone.

WEAVER'S WISDOM'S XMAS MASQUERADE.

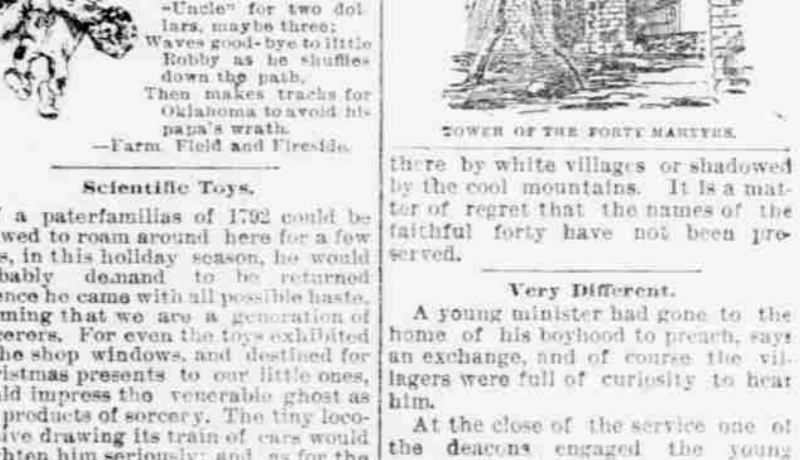
"Times is hard, says Weaver, which 'sChristmas is a-e-a-rin', rather late, Kicks his toes against the sidewalk, rubs his hands and wears at fate."



GIVES WARNING OF STORMS.

Professor Abbe, a Government Meteorologist, and His Wonderful Success.

The man who foresaw and foretold the terrible storm which swept the southern coast recently and caused such awful loss of life is Cleveland Abbe, "professor of meteorology in the signal service and assistant to the chief signal officer."



TOWER OF FORTY MARTYRS.

Marks the Scene of Persecution of Christians by Mohammedans.

Very Different. A young minister had gone to the home of his betrothed to present, says an exchange, and of course the villagers were full of curiosity to hear him.

mercy Christmas to all!

MOTHERHOOD IS WOMAN'S THRONES.