

# The Modern Store's

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING LIST.

Gifts for Grandparents, Parents, Sisters, Brothers, Sweethearts, Children and Everybody.

We invite your attention to this list because it will be helpful to you in your annual predicament of selecting just the right thing. This is our first Holiday season, and we have put such prices on every article in this store, that there will be an opportunity to get everything you want at money-saving prices. Whether ready to buy or not, come to our

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## HOW BABOUSHKA FOUND THE CHRIST CHILD

By... JEANNETTE H. WALWORTH

NIGHT was falling fast, and the snow was piled high against the outer walls of the house where the old woman lay dying in a little village in far-away Russia.

Katona knew that he was going to die. It was Christmas eve, but there was no gladness in the season for him. His wife, whom he had loved very dearly, was already gone. For three consecutive years now his crops had failed. A few weeks before the wolves had devoured his last cow. If he had been entirely alone in the world he would have said to death, "Come; thou art what I need."

"I had hoped he might have come while I was out,"

"Good mother," Ossip asked, "why do you leave a lighted lamp in the window when you go away?"

"So that," she answered, "should any one stray through the cold and dark he might find his way to my poor cottage. And now let us see if the bear brook has kept warm all this time. I made it before I left home in the early morning hours so that if any wanderers found their way hither they might not leave my roof hungered."

The bear brook had kept warm. She bade Ossip throw a few more fagots under the pot and set Vasilissa on a stool in the warmest room. Then she brought three bowls, filled them with the bear brook and put them on the table. Over them she asked a blessing.

Before her own wooden spoon had made two journeys from bowl to lip she heard a faint knock at the door. She ran quickly to answer it. A tall, pale lad stood outside. In his arms he carried a small mite of a boy, about whose shoulders was wrapped a worn and soiled woman's shawl.

The tall, pale lad looked into the fire lighted room with longing eyes. His teeth chattered and he shivered. He asked: "Good mother, may we ask shelter for the night? The cold bites hard, and my little brother Petrushka is fast asleep."

Then Baboushka opened wide her door with an eager hand and fast beating heart. Perhaps, at last, this was the child! What she said aloud was: "That indeed thou mayest. But why art thou abroad on such a bitter night with the little one?"

She took the crippled boy in her strong, loving arms and carried him straight to the great chair in the chimney corner. She rapped her own head on the wall and the child lay down with small, withered feet until they glowed with warmth. The tall, pale lad looked on gratefully.

"I am seeking an asylum for the little one," he said. "I have to work hard to keep him and myself from want. A rich merchant has promised me work, but he says I must not bring Petrushka. That he would take too much of my time."

"And where seek you an asylum for him?"

Baboushka looked pitifully at the small, sad face of the cripple. The tall brother answered sadly: "Alas that I know not yet. I was seeking the nearest town to ask counsel of the priest."

Baboushka laid a kind hand on the boy's arm.

"Put care away from thy young head. Thou hast found an asylum for thy crippled brother. He shall travel no farther on the frozen roads. He shall be my own little Petrushka. I have a tiny truckle bed into which he will fit to a nicety. Such as I have, dear child, I make thee welcome to in the Christ Child's name."

The night was but very little older when the three children, Ossip, Vasilissa and Petrushka, fell, warmed and comforted, were sleeping the care free sleep of innocent childhood.

Only the tall lad and Baboushka sat by the fire-side, because there was no bed left for them.

"Tell me, good mother," the boy said, looking straight into her kind eyes, "why are you so good to all children? Your fame has gone abroad."

Baboushka did not answer him at once. When she did, she said: "I am old, and I will be well for you in fear in good time the solemn lesson that an opportunity once lost is lost forever."

Three years ago I was setting my horse in the house when three men stopped at my door with a great piece of news.

"We have seen a radiant star in the sky," they said, "and we know that the Christ Child must come with us. Leave thy labor. Come with us to find him and do him honor."

"But I am not away with words of foolish impudence. 'Seest thou not that I am setting my house in order? Go thou to where the stars beckon thee, and I will follow at some more yule Ossip. I can keep the wolves off and cold away, and if they, aunt



## TRANSFORMATION

By ARTHUR J. BURDICK

Earth was a desert spot. A weary way. Till on the world there dawned One Christmas day. Then like the fields made green They every tiny fill. By running brook. Hope came and all the world New courage took.

Earth was all desolate. A songless way. Till shining angels sang Of Christmas day. Then every tiny fill. Burst forth in song.

Earth was a gloomy place. A dreary way. Until the Star arose. On Christmas day. Then fled the world's despair. The heart's dread night— A Saviour came to earth. And there was light!

## LOOKING FOR SANTA CLAUS

The snow was falling on the mountains, hiding their tops in a misty veil, and the air was full of whirling flakes, which were rapidly covering the brown earth with a carpet of white and obliterating the tracks of the mountain sheep, where trudging, or, rather, stumbled, along a grotesque childish figure in a man's rough jacket, the sleeves rolled over and over to let out the small, dark curls peeping out around her face, and in the fearless, wistful eyes she saw a new light. For Dorothy was going to find Santa Claus. When her mother had gone to heaven on a short time before, the little girl had carried her up the mountain, and God and Santa Claus were always associated together in the child's mind. So, if God lived up here, Santa Claus could not be far away. This reasoning led Dorothy in the hours when her father was off working in the mine and she was left alone with her rag doll in the little brown hut which served as shelter and home.

"Santa Claus may not come here now because of the snow," she said, "and it must be near Christmas, so I will find him, and perhaps he will take me in his reindeer sleigh to see mother and God."

Little Dorothy paused in her task of sweeping the one room of her home, and putting some potatoes in the ashes to bake, that her father's supper might be ready for the next day, when she heard a noise which she had wrapped herself in his old coat, domed her red hood and started out to find Santa Claus.

It chanced that day that one of the mine owners was down from the city on a tour of inspection, and, having seen Dorothy on a previous trip, he had remembered her, and when he repeated calls brought no answer the two men, alarmed, started in opposite directions to seek her. Mr. Golden following the almost obliterated path up the mountain side, where, a mile beyond he found the little one almost buried in the falling snow, and as he stooped to lift her in his arms, she murmured drowsily, "Dear, good Mr. Santa Claus, I want."

When she opened her wistful, dark eyes again, the same kind face was bending over her as she lay on her cot in the little brown hut, the holding her in his arms, while beside her was the most beautiful doll of which she had ever dreamed, and, clasping it close to her heart, little Dorothy asked with reverent joy, the dark eyes fixed to overtopping: "Dear Mr. Santa Claus, is you God too?"

CALLIE BONNEY MARBLE. Why He Laughed.

Rylands, who had purchased a new horse warranted to be quiet to ride and in harness and a good trotter to boot, had invited a friend to accompany him for a trial ride.

"They had not gone very far when the horse bolted, ran against a heap of stones lying in the road and pitched both occupants violently into the lane. When they recovered, the horse had disappeared, leaving the buggy shrunken and a heap of wreckage. Rylands began to roar.

"What on earth are you laughing at?" dejectedly inquired the friend. "Why, the fellow who sold me that horse lent me the buggy!"—New York Times.

Wellington as an Art Connoisseur.

In his "Reminiscences" Frederick Goodall tells a story of Wellington as an art connoisseur. He paid Wilkie 600 guineas for his "Chelsea Pensioners" and laboriously consulted the amount in cash. When the artist suggested that it would be less trouble to write a check, the great duke retorted that he would not let his bankers know "what a blank fool I have been to spend 600 guineas for a picture."



## THE TWO SOLDIERS

By EDWIN L. SABIN

IT was a brilliant holiday store, the windows and the shelves and the cases ablaze with ill-ges and thronged with dolls and dishes and engines and trains and skates and sleds, and hobbyhorses that galloped and crows that soared, much superior to the personnel composing the different troops and regiments and companies stationed here and there along the aisles. The pair were made of tin, to be sure; but they were of heroic stature, eight inches tall, richly uniformed in black and yellow, and could be wound up so that they would present arms several times in succession.

The other soldiers, poor things, were compelled to remain the whole time at a "curry" or a "right shoulder" without relief.

Naturally these two soldiers were proud and of aspirations reaching beyond their present narrow quarters. They played for a wider sphere. As they stood and stared with stern, fixed gaze through the plate glass into the gay street they talked together in toy languages and, none the less, the versatile linguists among the people passing and repassing, knew that they talked.

"Oh, to get away from this eternal guard mount over a lot of trippery!" sighed the one.

"With all my heart!" agreed the other. "The monotony is frightful. I'd give half my soldier to receive orders to report to some little boy," continued the first, "oh, for a change!"

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