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**Bob Stillwell's** Christmas

# By ANNE CAREW

OB STILLWELL sat down on his sled with his chin in his mittened hands and tried to plan what he could folks for give Christmas, for it was only three days away. "I can't give a thing!" he muttered at last, for he did not have a penny of his own, and he knew that money was very scarce on the farm that year. The Stillwell

children would be lucky if they all had mittens and warm shoes and stockings. Yet Bob knew that his sister Nan was dreaming of a doll house. little Peter wanted a puppy all his own. and he didn't dare think of his big sister Amy and big brother Elmer and his father and mother.

"Why not make 'em something?" was the thought that came to him.

Bob jumped up and went home whistling through the woods. Under the pine trees he stopped and brushed away the snow. When he got through his pockets were full of dried pine cones, large and small, and some pieces of birch bark.

The day before Christmas Bob unlocked the woodshed door and looked at the result of his labors.

There was a doll house for little Nan made out of an egg crate, with real



CLARISSA MACKIE

TED WAYNE kicked his toes against the door. go skat-"Say, mother, can't

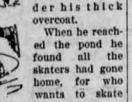
he asked. ing? "Not today, son," said Mrs. Wayne, "It is Christmas eve, and I want, you to go into the woods and get some and evergreens to trim the Inurel The servants are all busy with house. the housework."

"Aw, bother !" whined Ned.

"Dear me, Neddy, that is not a nice spirit to show at Christmas time," sighed his mother, for she was much worried about her little boy's selfish spirit. Ned had a beautiful home and

fond parents, but he seemed to love above everything

else. So when finally Ned, sulkily enough, took a hatchet and went toward the woods his mother did not see that he had his skates hidden un-



when there are so many other things

delightful Took a Few Turns to do? Around the Pond. So Ned took i

few turns around the pond, knowing all the time that he was disobeying his mother and feeling very unhappy all the while,

By and by he took off his skates and went to the woods to cut some laurel branches. It was snowing very hard now, and he had to work fast, because by this time it was growing dark in the woods.

At last his arms were full, and he

staggered along through the snow trying to find the path, but the snow had covered it up completely. Ned was lost in

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Reautiful Gifts.

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To Make Christmas Wreaths.

made by tying small branches of Doug-

las, or other spruce, firmly about a

barrel hoop. Sprays of ruscus or other

colored material, and pine cones may

Mabel's Odd Request.

her a bunch of grapes; when she got

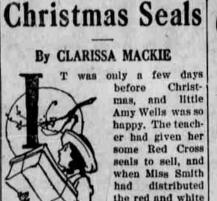
stem back, saying: "Mother, put some

One morning Mabel's mother gave

be worked in for color.

more on here."

Good Christmas wreaths may be



and green seals among her scholars she had explained to them all about the purpose of the Red Cross society and how the money earned would be

used to help the wounded soldiers. And she had not sold one single, solltary stamp of her twenty-five!

How she had trudged around from door to door, only to meet the same kind smile and shake of the head ! Amy told her mother, and when Mrs. Wells offered to buy all the stamps herse!f the little girl shook her head.

"I ought to be able to sell them outside my home, mother, dear," she said. "That would be real work."

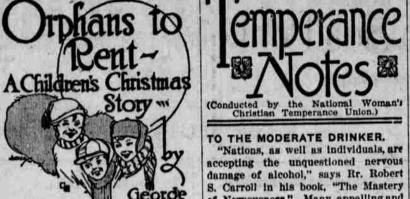
Mrs. Wells sighed and smiled. She couldn't very well afford to buy even the twenty-five stamps that Amy wanted to sell, for every penny was needed his own way in that little household. Mr. Wells had died a year or two before, and Amy's mother had to sew for a living. She was very busy, for she was trying to finish some work so as to receive the money in time to buy something for Christmas,

"Kiss me, little daughter," Mrs. Wells said, with a smile, "and then carry this dress up to Miss Granger on the hill." The Grangers lived in a big house a the top of the hill. It was quite the largest house in Little River, and the three ladies lived there alone with two servants. They were Miss Belle ed the pond he Granger, Miss Lucy and Miss Beth. They were not very young, but they were very kind and sweet.

The maid admitted Amy to the front hall, all warm and glowing from a on Christmas eve great fire on the hearth. "How do you do, Amy? Wouldn't

you like one of these little mince





T was Christmas eve at the Bayville Home for Orphans, and three little boys sat in the chilly dining room looking out at the flying flakes of snow. It was after supper, and there was a clatter of dishes in the kitchen. "They say," said Jimmy, "there's

going to be a big Christmas tree to the parlor tomor-

dow, and candy and presents and everything, but I'd rather hang up my stocking than have all the old Christmas trees. You betcha

I would !" "So would I!" echoed Bobby and George. "That trusted who was here to day would make a dandy man for a father or an uncle," said Bob by. "He's awful

rich." "And he ain't got any children or any folks at

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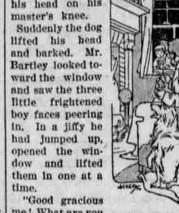
"I wish he'd Hurried Across the Snowy Yard. 'dopt me," George, flected 'He patted my head."

all."

"He must be lonesome without any folks," began Bobby. Then he leaned over and whispered to his companions, Fifteen minutes later three little boys, the oldest ten and the youngest six, let themselves through a basement door and hurried across the snowy yard to the opening in the hedge which led through a patch of woods to the village. Mr. Bartley, the trustee, who often visited the home, lived in a big house

with a wonderful garden. Everything was blanketed in snow now, and the big house was dark save for a few lighted windows on the lower floor. Soon they stood on the porch peer-

ing in at a cozy library, where Mr. Bartley sat in a big chair before the fire, looking very fire, looking A big the dog, a collie, sat beside him with his head on his



nducted by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.) TO THE MODERATE DRINKER. "Nations, as well as individuals, are accepting the unquestioned nervous damage of alcohol," says Rr. Robert S. Carroll in his book, "The Mastery of Nervousness." Many appalling and

distorted statements have been made to frighten the drinker from his cups. But it would seem that when a committee appointed by a government to investigate the harmful effects of alcohol reports that the drinker's life is shortened 25 minutes by every glass of alcoholic liquor, even the reckless would hesitate. Six years are knocked off the earthly existence of the average drinker. The tippler answers that it is his own life that he is shortening, and if he pleases so to live and dle, he alone is hurt. There is an-

other thing to be considered: "Three out of four of the offspring of average drinkers show inherited defects, chiefly of the nervous system. Many an Intense, unhappy, miserable, high-strung neurotic of today is the defective daughter of a genial, jovial, easy-going, old-school gentleman whose mint juleps of good-fellowship burn hot in the brains of his children. Numbers of fearsome epileptics go through lives of fierce uncertainty, the unhappy products of a single ancestral spree. These innocent victims are condemned, before birth, to live with nervous systems attuned to discord, capable of expressing life only through minor strains, hopelessly deficient-pitiable, pressed, morbid, blighted lives." de

# THE WINNING ARGUMENT.

"It is idle to argue from prophecy when we may argue from history," pithily said Sidney Lanier. What has really happened as the result of dry law is of more value as prohibition argument than all the prognostications of liquor advocates in and for territory now wet. In a recent campalgn issue the Union Signal gives column after column to this worthwhile history argument. First-hand testimony from 14 dry states (there was no space for more) proves that prohibition is a boon and a blessing, socially and economically: that it in creases man power and money pow-"The success argument," says er. the editor, "is the winning factor in present-day prohibition campaigns. It effectually silences the liquorites." That argument is abundantly supplied by enthusiastic statements continually given out by governors, attorney generals, mayors, sheriffs, bankers, by business managers, labor commissioners, and prominent residents of prohibition states.

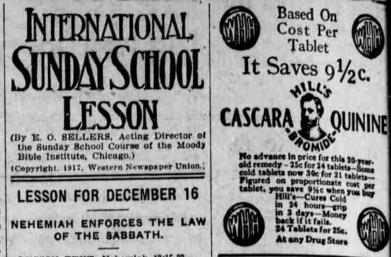
### DRY BITS. Grammar a la prohibition: Dry: Comparative.

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Dryer: Superlative. Bone dry: In 1920 the United word and followed the devices and dee in the s



LESSON TEXT-Nehemlah 13:15-22, GOLDEN TEXT-Remember the F ath Day to keep it holy.-Exod. 20:8.

Nehemiah remained in Jerusalem twelve years, from B. C. 444 to B. C. 432. He was then recalled and was In Persia some years, perhaps five or seven, but returned about B. C. 425, the year Artaxerxes died, for we know that he returned by permission of that king. Therefore, the date of this lesson would be sometime in the summer or early autumn of 426 or 427 B. C., 16 or 18 years following last Sunday's lesson.

In the section, vv, 10-14, we see that the gifts for the house of God and the Levites, who led in worship, had been neglected. Whenever the house of God and its service of worship is neglected, we may expect that the Sabboth day and the worship of God will also soon fall into contempt. Ezra has dropped out of our history without a hint as to his end. He may have returned to Babylon, seeing that his work was completed, or have been recalled by the king. Perhaps he brought anck information to Nehemiah at the Persian court, of the declension which had already started in the city of Jerutolem. Three times in this chapter

the word "remember" is emphasized. Perhaps that offers a suggestion as to our outline.

I. "Remember" (v. 14) the Neglect of God's House, (vv. 1-14). The neglect of God's house grew up out of the incursion of heathenism into Jewish life. Nehemlah realized that the purity of the race depended upon absolute separation from the mixed multitude. (v. 3). Nehemiah also confronted the difficulty of having a priest .(vv. 4, 5), who had defiled himself and also desecrated the temple, and finally the portion for the support of the priest and the temple worship had been withheld. (v. 10). This was the state of things with which Nehemiah had to contend. "Remember" (v. 12) the Sab-11. bath Day. (vv. 15-22). Nehemlah's next and most difficult reform was regarding the fourth commandment. He nt once set about to learn the facts; then relates what he saw (v. 15). The record also tells how he testified against them in that they were selling merchandise on the Sabbath day. He contended with the nobles that they had done evil on the Sabbath day. (v. 17). He testified against them that the merchants and sellers of ware had lodged about and within Jerusalem. (vv. 20, 21). The root of the trouble with Judah was that they forgot God's

Women Hard at Work. Four million dollars to be expend by women for women in a single ye was never before heard of. These days of amazing things, but this what the Young Woman's Christian sociation has undertaken, says New York Letter. Within two mon after the declaration of war h spring, the association, with 50 year experience behind it in work for gir was in the field with its war w council to meet the needs of wom and girls everywhere, both here a abroad, who are in moral or physic danger because of war-changed con tions. Hostess houses for women t iting the training camps, and em gency housing for girls who are to ing the places of men in industry, one of the chief needs. Twenty we ers are already in Europe, and oth are on the way or arriving. They opening cafeterias in France and I sia for the women who are doing m work and are providing rest and reation places for nurses at the fr

**KIDNEY TROUBLE NOT** 

Applicants for Insurance Often Rejected

prominent life insurance companies, in interview of the subject, made the tonishing statement that one reason : so many applicants for insurance are jected is because kidney trouble is so a mon to the American people, and the la majority of these whose application declined do not even suspect that i have the disease.

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However, if you wish first to test great preparation send ten cents to Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. fs sample bottle. When writing be same mention this paper .- Adv.

True to Life. "I don't see how you ca

trashy novel," declared mother.



during their hours off.

An examining physician for one of

at all drug stores in bottles of two medium and large.

He Saw the Grandest New Sled.

wall paper on the walls of the two rooms, bits of carpet on the floors and some cardboard furniture that Bob had made. He had even tacked little scraps with of lace at the windows for curtains.

For Amy there was the lovely picture from the Sunday newspaper which she had admired. Bob had remembered and had made a frame for it out squeezed his way of strips of wood, and on the wood through the openhe had glued tiny plue cones, pleces of ing and found it birch bark and dried moss, and as the snug and warm picture was a woodland scene you can imagine how pretty it was. Bob had inside, with a thick bed of dry found a chair rung, which he scraped and pollshed with some oil and turpentine. He put some screweyes in the ends, and Amy gave him a piece of narrow red ribbon to make loops-and, behold, there was a necktle holder for Elmer! For his mother he whittled a

reel for her clothes lines, and it was a wonderfully handy thing, and for his father he bought a pipe. It happened this way : He did some errands for the man who kept the tobacco store in the village, and when the man would have paid him some money Bob said he'd rather have a pipe. So now they were his nice warm home, and he thought all provided for except little Peter. of his good, kind parents and how How was Bob going to get hold of a real live puppy?

"You go over to my brother's place at the foot of Long hill, and you tell him I sent you," said the tobacco man. "Maybe he will let you have a puppy and work it out for him on Saturdays. He has a paper route."

"Til do it if he will !" cried Bob engerly. Half an hour later he hurried into the woodshed with a wriggling little puppy under his coat. Of course he had to tell his mother about that. And how Bob did enjoy the secret, running to and fro with milk and scraps of meat for the puppy !

When Christmas morning dawned I think Bob Stillwell was the most surprised boy in Little River. He was so interested in watching the pleasure of his brothers and sister with the gifts he had made with his own hands that he stood smiling, forgetting to look at the tree for his own presents.

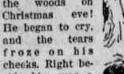
"Look, Bobby; look !" screamed little Peter.

Bob looked and turned pale with surprise. The grandest new sled, painted a bright red, runners and all. His father and Elmer had made it together. And there was a red woolen muffler that Amy had knitted for him and other things that Sunta Claus brought him.

Santa in Disgrace. "It would never do for the children to hear about this." "About what?"

"I see where a department store Santa Claus was discharged for being intoxicated while on duty and having a fight with a floorwalker."

Thought for the Day. The souls of emperors and cobblers re cast in the same mold. The same on that makes us wrangle with a through eating them, she gave the the causes a war betwirt princes.



side him was a great oak tree, a hollow trunk. There was a narrow opening in the trunk, and poor, cold, tired, lost Ned

A Great Tree With leaves. He stopa Hollow Trunk. ped up the opening with branches

of evergreen, and that kept the wind and snow out.

It was very lonesome in the hollow tree. Somewhere an owl was hooting, and again he heard some four-footed animal (perhaps a fox) go pat-patting over the snow. He was not exactly frightened, but it surely was very lone-

Sometimes he slept and dreamed of worried they would be, and he resolved never

these little packages for me, Amy?" she said. "I am so provoked because again to disobey I have used up my Christmas seals." them. "Of course I will mall the packages, After a while he Miss Lucy," said Amy; then she added slept and was shyly, "I-I have some Christmas seals awakened by the if you would like them." sound of the "You have? How very fortunate !" church bells ring-Amy told her about the seals and ing in the glad

Christmas tid- how she had been unable to sell even one of them. To her great joy Miss Then he heard Lucy bought the whole twenty-five and

took one.

dress.

will get the money for you."

She had just disappeared when Miss

Lucy Granger came bustling through

the hall. "I wonder if you would mail

voices calling his put the money in Amy's pocketbook, together with a bright silver quarter name, and he shouted back, and for herself. "I hope you will have a very happy Christmas, dear," Miss presently he was Lucy sald. in his father's

The next day Amy took the Red arms. Cross money to her teacher, and Miss When Ned woke Smith told her she had done very well. up on Christmas Early Christmas morning the Granmorning and ger auto car stopped before the Wells found all the door, and the chauffeur brought in a beautiful gifts great basket for Mrs. Wells. There that Santa Claus was a new dress for Amy, with a warm had brought to cloak for her mother, besides a cunning him he registered doll. The bottom of the basket was

a vow that when next Christmas filled with good things to eat. "My Christmas week began with came around he tears," laughed Amy as bright drops would be worthy of all the blessings fell on her round cheeks, "and it is that were showered on him. ending in tears too !" And his parents always said, "Ned-"Tears of happiness, darling," said die has never been the same since he spent the night in the hollow tree."

her mother.

A Resolution. A Resolution. "Wish you a Happy New Year!" That's goin' to be my speech. I'm goin' to put the politics Away back out o' reach. I'm goin' to be forgetful Of problems gatherin' thick, An' wish you Happy New Year Down to Pohlck on the Crick.

Won't talk about the weather, Won't talk about the matter, If the weather isn't fine. We'll set the log fire blazin' If the sun forgets to shine, The sorrows an' resontments, We will send them on their way. "Wish you Happy New Year," That's all I'll have to say.

me! What are you The Dog Lifted His Hope You Will Have a Happy Christmas," Miss Lucy Said. doing out there?" Head and Barked. he demanded.

tarts?" And there was Miss Beth "Please, sir, we're from the home," Granger with a plate of mince tarts. said Bobby. "We knew you lived "Oh, thank you !" gasped Amy as she all alone-and-we thought maybe-

you'd like to hire us three kids to spend "Walt a moment and Annie will Christmas with you. We don't want wrap it in a paper napkin so you can any tree," explained Bobby. "We just carry it home," said Miss Beth as she want to hang up our stockings and pressed a button for the maid. But wake up-something like home-before when Annie came with the paper napwe came to the 'sylum.". Tears were kin, which was all gay with holly and in the boys' eyes now. Christmas bells, Miss Ruth put all the

Mr. Bartley flourished a handkerchief mince tarts in it and gave it to Amy. and tried to laugh, but his voice crack-"Oh, thank you so much !" repeated ed so queerly. Amy, thinking how her mother would

"Now, that's a funny thing," he enjoy the tarts. "Mother sent the clared. "I was just wishing I had three nice boys to spend Christmas "My sister is trying it on," said Miss with me-and maybe live with me all Beth. "Walt a moment, Amy, and I the time."

> servant, and together they took the three little boys up to bed.

the corners of the blg four-post bed-

minutes they were sound asleep, while the servant, Martin, nodded in a chain outside in the Mr. hall and lined overcoat went striding down the snowy street to the

brightly lighted shops. don't know

pier that Christy mas morning, the three little boys with stockings

creasing the beer tax the National Liquor Dealers' Journal said. "The brewers will make no complaint over the war tax. The tax will not be one on them although they will act as the clearing house for the government in its collection. The taxpayers will be the ultimate consumers. Some of the

difference."

sires of their own hear Sabbath in its outward form on the The constitution of the United

upon Gentile Christians (Col. 2:16, 17). States gives to each man the right to It was given to Israel as a people, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happl-(Deut. 5:1, 2), as a memorial of their; deliverance out of the land of Egypt The liquor institution sends man to and the house of bondage. (Deut. 5:6). death, slavery and the pursuit of The Christian, by the death of Christ,

St. Paul wrote to Timothy to use a little wine for his stomach's sake, A of Moses, (Deut. 7:4), but the pringood many Timothys since then have too eagerly followed this advice and have gone to seed.

## LIQUOR AND LABOR.

A department superintendent of one of the big tire factories in Akron, O. uses 60 men in each shift. They are making gas masks, miners' respirators, and other vital war material. That department is working only two shifts a day instead of three, because of the scarcity of labor. They pay off on Friday. On one Saturday only six of the sixty men in one shift reported for work. "Ninety per cent of our labor troubles are due to booze," says this superintendent. If the government would shut down on the liquor traffic we could increase our output enormously. There is no lack of labor. The only trouble is to keep it working full time."

PASSING OF THE PENITENTIARY. Citizens of Colorado are inquiring what is to become of the state penitentiary a few years hence. Despite the increase in population the prison quota, Warden Tynan says, has been reduced since prohibition went into effect at the rate of ten a month. Should this same ratio be maintained the pen-Itentiary will be emptied in less than six years.

Other dry states face similar situations. If Kansas were not providing for federal prisoners and prisoners from other states, most of her penal institutions would be closing up.

WHY HER COW IS LIKE KEN.

the dearest little pig, and I call it Ink. Second Lady-And why do you call your plg ink?

or big Mr. Bartout of the pen. ley, whom they

hest of it all was

up into such fine, blg boys.

By and by Mr. Bartley called a man-Then they hung their stockings on

stead, and in two

Bartley, buttoned into a fure

who was the hap. TUCKY. First Lady-Did you know I have

First Lady-Sure, because it runs

called "Uncle

Danger of Christmas Fires. The danger of fire at Christmas times from candle-lighted trees and other incidents of the season ought not to be forgotten, for a little fore-

thought and prudence may prevent some shocking accidents. In particular, measures should be taken to reduce the annual amateur Santa Claus cremations to a minimum, if not wholly stopped .- Exchange.

**Optimistic** Thought. A man becomes learned by asking

you see any merit in it at all?" exact day of the week is not binding "Why, yes," answered father. ' intensely realistic." "What do you mean? Why, the versation between the lovers is ut silly slush, and their actions are otically absurd." "Yes-that's what I mean," and is made dead to the letter of the law father, mildly.

The Jewisl

seventh day, the observance of the

Sabbath belongs to the old order and

not to the Christian order. Christ, who

rose from the dead (Rom. 7:4), rose

on the first day of the week, and we,

as joined to Christ, are not under ob-

ligations to the Mosaic law, but to

Christ. Therefore, the Lord's day, the

resurrection day, the first day of the

week, (Rev. 1:10; John 21:20; 1:19-

26; Acts 27), is the day of privilege,

not of obligation and is more sacred

to us than the Sabbath day of these

Jews. 'The Jews in Nehemiah's time

showed their contempt of the Lord's

day by making it a day of profit, hence

this exhortation which we see set forth

in this section. This should be a warn-

ing and an exhortation to us in these

III. "Remember" (v. 29) the Holy.

Priesthood, (vv. 23-31). In this section:

we see that the priesthood had even

defiled themselves with women, and

again this Nehemiah entered upon a

cleansing process, (vv. 30-31). The use

of this word "remember" in verses 14,

22 and 29 gives strong emphasis to the

three cardinal sins against which Ne-

IV. Summary: As in Nehemiah's

time, so now, Sabbath desecration is'

the surest road to national ruin, and a

large proportion of our present calam-

ity can be traced to growing irrever-

ence for the Lord's day. Jesus swept

away the cobwebs of Sabbath irrever-

ence, but did not tear down the house.

He kept the principle, but removed the

barnacles with which the Pharisees

and Jews had encumbered it. Jesus

taught that the Sabbath was made for

man and not man for the Sabbath;

(Mark 2:27, 28), and he set himself as

an example in this regard, for he is

Lord of that day as well as the other

The Sabbath is a day of rest and if

observed, workmen without exception

will produce more than is possible if it

ls not observed. Recent confirmation

of this principle can be found in the

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days of a secularized Sabbath.

ciple of the Sabbath is older than even Anoint the cyclids with Roman By sam at night, and in the morning of the refreshed and strengthened sensity your eyes. Adv. the law of Moses and is as binding upon the Christian believer as are the many other principles which underlie the Mosaic law. In its exact form, the

She Had a Papa Once. The little girl's father had away a long time in search of he His memory must have grown dis the child's mind. One afternoon, being rolled out in her goart, saw a little child run by to a mi yond and call, "Papa. Papa." little girl turned to her mother remarked in a sorrowful tone" we had a paps."

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full of treasures Minutes In Two Dick." And the They Were Asieep. that Mr. Bartley adopted all three of

the little lads who came to him that Christmas eve, and they are growing

questions.

### Second Lady-Aw, bad cess to ye! But did ye know that I have a cow. I have that and I call her Kentucky.

First Lady-And why do you call your cow Kentucky? Second Lady-Because she's going

## CONSUMER PAYS THE TAX.

report of the British ministry of munitions. To observe the Sabbath or any other divinely ordained principle tends When congress was considering into prosperity (I Tim. 4:8). The chief value of the Sabbath, however, is in connection with the worship of God. The feeding of the spiritual nature; the rest which is to be differentiated from mere holiday or plensure; its need for adult and child life; its educational value; its oppor-

tunity for Christian service and exalbig glasses of beer may be cut down tation of family relations, all show it a trifle, or a little more foam added to have been created to fill a real need to the ordinary glass will make up the and to manifest the wisdom and good gess of God.