

HOLLY BERRIES.

Holly berries, holly berries,
Red and bright and beaming
Through the dusky evergreens
Like sprays of coral gleaming.

"LEFTY."

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

CERTAINLY he was
a wee-begone object
as he rode up
to the Rita Blanca
ranch house.

"No, I ain't sick," was the answer
hastily and anxiously given.
'I hain't been sick. I'm jest tired an' hungry.

"What's the matter with you?"
asked the doctor, who was sitting
on the edge of the bed.

pitiful effort to pull himself together,
and look all right.
"Mr. Sargent," he said, beseechingly,
"this ain't nothin'; it don't interfere
with my work none; an' you don't know
how bad I hate to be knockin' about
from one place to another."

what it'll do for any man that loves it,
like I do."
As Lefty said this he looked carefully
away from his employer. Clark's
drinking habit was the one gnawing
anxiety and distress that he had.

found for miles upon that bare, open,
half moonlit plain. The revelation
was like a bucket of ice water dashed
over him, and he gazed instantly
with a throbbing of anxiety for Clark
which was always with him—that
these were some of the Mexicans with
whom the Rita Blanca was having
trouble.

brace of one Christmas morning
when he arose eagerly, searched his
stocking, and found nothing whatever
in it.
Very soon, however, the real Christmas
began to grow up, as it were.

CALENDAR FOR 1895.

Calendar table for 1895 showing months from Jan to Dec with days of the week and numbers.

Eclipses in 1895.

Five Eclipses occur in 1895—two of the
Moon and three of the Sun—as follows:
I. A Total Eclipse of the Moon, March
10th-11th, visible in North and South
America, Europe and Western Asia.

The seasons.

Winter begins December 21 (1894) and lasts
83 days, 23 hours and 58 minutes.
Spring begins March 20 and lasts 92 days,
19 hours and 55 minutes.

Morning Stars. Evening Stars.

Venus, after Sept. 19. Venus, until Sept. 19.
Mars, after Oct. 11. Mars, until Oct. 11.
Jupiter, from July 10. Jupiter, until July 10.

Fixed and Movable Festivals.

Epiphany, Jan. 6. Easter Sunday, April 8.
Low Sunday, April 15.
Good Friday, April 12. Ascension Day, May 15.

THE LABOR WORLD.

ANDREW CARNEGIE employs 22,000 men.
The Pennsylvania Railroad has 1625
motives.
The lowest paid to any American
carrier is \$59 a month.



Christmas in the Past.

The father of the boy or girl of today
can well remember, if he has
reached the age of forty or upward,
a time when Christmas had practically
no existence for him.

Greens for Church Decoration.

People used to be rather more particular
than they are now as to what
greens they used for church decoration.



I used to be a handsome bird
With feathers black as jet
And a wattle red as yew
I was a gallant fellow.

GENERAL ELEAZER P. SCAMMON died
suddenly at New York. General Scammon
was one of the best of men.