

THEIR FIRST CHRISTMAS.

The little Snoozers had never had a Christmas, and Mary, the oldest child, was twelve years old.



WILL JONES

"OH, PAPA, YOURS IS THE BIGGEST!" so when he came into the great farm kitchen that night, after the children had gone to bed, he "ha-ha-hahed" loudly, while he busied himself filling up the little stockings.

Next morning the children, fumbling excitedly in their stockings, found only sticks, stones and corn-cobs and went back to bed in chagrin.

"Never mind," said Mary, trying to comfort the others. "Santa Claus must have made a mistake, for not one of you is bad. Wait until next year and perhaps he will understand by that time."

Of course she found out all and went about with a smiling face for two months before the next Christmas. She determined that the smaller children should have a Christmas if she had to make it for them herself.

ROADS AND ROADMAKING

CURING SICK ROADS.

A Physician Treated a Small Section at His Own Expense. I need not count them up; any thoughtful country person can imagine a large number, if not all, of the discomforts the busy country physician is subjected to in traveling up and down the ordinary country roads.

We have a doctor in East Lampeter who got tired of bad roads, especially of one section over which he was obliged to rattle daily. He asked that the road be repaired and it was not done. Then he had the work done at his own expense and according to his own notions.

The good road work the doctor had done and was doing with his drag appealed to many of his fellow taxpayers and road users, and two factions grew up in the township—one for and one against the doctor.

One of the doctor's first official moves was to buy some thirty drags and put them in the hands of as many dependable farmers, with their jobs cut out for them—from one-half to one mile of road; never more than a mile.

Another public spirited citizen of East Lampeter Township manifests enough interest in the better roads of the split drag to offer a prize to the drag driver who shall produce the best section of road this year.—W. F. McSparran, Furniss, Pa.

Improving Country Roads. (The following advice, by Prof. R. L. Parrish of the Colorado Agricultural College, though intended specifically for the far West, is worth considering in many eastern regions.)

When the farmers insist upon good roads, we shall have them, and not until that time will we enjoy pleasant and safe riding in the country.

How often, when driving along a lane in the country, we find the road first on one side, then on the other, with drain ditch taking its natural course, usually down the center of the lane.

Berlinerhumor vor Gericht.

Eine aufgelöste Verlobung.

In der Privatklage gegen Winder wider Schmalbaum stehen sich der Schneidergeselle Emil Winder und der Vater seiner früheren Braut, Schuhmacher Karl Schmalbaum, als freitretende Parteien gegenüber.

Der Privatkläger Winder, der von dem Angeklagten nach seiner Behauptung in größlicher Weise wörtlich beleidigt worden ist, schildert den fraglichen Vorfall wie folgt:

Privatkläger Winder: Et war an einem wunderschönen Vormittag im Juni, als ich mich uff einer Bank im Biergarten so recht gemütlich in der Sonne aalte. Ich hatte blau gemadit, um mit mal so recht an den prächtigen Sommerwetter jütlich zu tun, wat ooch für unseren manchmal Verdürmisch ist.

Borj.: Wenn Sie so umständlich erzählen, kommen wir hier nicht zum Ziele. Was geschah also an jenem Tage?

Privatkläger: An jenem Tage schien die Sonne so wunderbar schön, als ob unser Herrjott Geburtsdag hätte.

Borj.: Wenn Sie nicht sofort zur Sache kommen entziehe ich Ihnen das Wort.

Privatkläger: Ja, das gehört aber mit zur Verteidigung. Grade in dem Augenblicke nämlich, wo ich mir so recht mällig ausstreckte, sehe ich det jeitfreide Gesicht vom dem Herrn Angeklagten neben mir auftauchen. Mit der juten Laune war er nu vorbei.— Ich bin nu jelt janz dichte bei der Beleidigung.— Wein juter Herr Schmalbaum, den ich einst mit dem jütlichen Namen "Schwiegerpapa" anredete, pflangte sich also breitfüßig vor mir hin, fast mir scharf int Doge und jagte dann wörtlich: "Ich wollte Ihnen nur jagen: Sie sind ein janz jemeiner Lump und nich werth, das Ihnen die Sonne beschneit!"

Angell.: Warum nich gleich een Jahr Zuchthaus für die Patatelle? Wie kommt der Mann dazu, hier Strafanträge zu stellen? Es ist doch wohl nicht üblich, daß der Privatkläger die Rolle der Anklagebehörde spielt.

Borj.: Dieser Strafantrag ist natürlich ohne jede Bedeutung. Wollen Sie nun erklären, ob Sie sich der Beleidigung schuldig bekennen.

Angell.: Meine einzigste Tochter Marie war mit dem Herrn rite und regulär verlobt, und in drei Monaten sollte die Trauung sind. So ist et doch wohl jeweisen, Herr Winder?

Privatkläger: Janz jewis, det jede ich zu... Angell.: Nu wird aber der Herr janz plötzlich andern Sinnes. Er schickt meiner Tochter den Ring und die Briefe zurück und erklärt brieflich ohne Angabe des Grundes, det er die Verlobung damit auflöse.

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Borj.: Dann kommen wir freilich um die Beweisnahme nicht herum. Wenden Sie die Zeugen herein!

Die Vernehmung der beiden, von dem Privatkläger benannten Zeugen ergibt, daß der Angeklagte sich der ihm zur Zeit gelegten beleidigenden Ausdrücke tatsächlich bedient hat.

Borj.: Wenn der Privatkläger die Verlobung mit Ihrer Tochter wirklich ohne Grund aufgelöst hat, so würde das die Erregung, in der Sie sich befunden haben wollen, wohl begreiflich machen. Die Ablicht der Beleidigung geht aber auch dann schon aus der Form hervor.

Privatkläger: Wenn ich mir verlobe, so jehleicht et nich ohne Grund, und ohne Grund entlobe ich mir ooch nich. Meine frühere Braut hat ichor mal een Verhältnis jehabt, und diejes Verhältnis is nich ohne Folgen jeblicke. Als ich davon erfuhr, habe ich mir jurückgezogen. Ich bitte, darüber den Zeugen H. zu hören, der hat mir geruht ujjjefklärt.

Der Angeklagte, der auch ein recht verdientes Gesicht macht, wird darauf wegen Verurteilung zu 30 Wark Geldstrafe verurteilt, woraus Herr Winder den Gerichtsfanal mit den Worten verläßt: "Ich bin also doch noch werth, det mir die Sonne beschneit!"

SANTA CLAUS' REINDEER.

Did you ever stop to think just how old Santa Claus is? You'll find that your father knew the jolly old soul just as well as you know him, and so did your grandfather, your great-grandfather and—oh, just as far back as you can go among your ancestors.

But Santa Claus didn't always live where he does now—amid the ice and snow of the north pole. Thousands of years ago he dwelt in a world far from ours, and all by himself. It is all the more wonder that he should be so merry when for such a long time he was so lonely, with only his elves and sprites to keep him company.

After a time, however, when he saw that the earth was becoming well populated, Santa Claus decided that here was the proper place for him, where he could do more good than upon his lonely little planet.

So Santa built himself a brand new sleigh, filled it full of all sorts of toys, and accompanied by his merry elves, set out through the heavens on his long journey. Now, at that time he had no reindeer, but he merely hitched the sleigh to the tail of a whizzing comet.

But, as the comet landed upon the north pole with a thud and a crash and a rumble, what should it do but bury beneath it a whole herd of reindeer! Santa, who, of course, had come to the ground quite gently, was very sorry, indeed, that such an accident should have happened.

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Perhaps, after all," said he, "I can bring good fortune out of all this." So the good, kind man had his elves bring the reindeer to life again by simply breathing upon them, and to show further that his former cruel act was unintentional he gave them the honor of drawing his wonderful sleigh.

And it is those same magic reindeer who have ever since served Santa—faithfully, too, for they love him for his kindness to them.

About the Elephant. Elephants have a wonderful amount of self control. They will submit day after day to have painful wounds dressed by their keeper and meet danger in obedience to orders, though their intelligence is sufficient to understand their peril and far too great for man to trick them into a belief that it is nonexistent.

Christmas. Laugh, laugh, little one; Laugh loud and long. Santa is coming here soon. Sing, sing, dear child; Sing a Christmas song. Santa is coming here soon.

Advertisement for a rocking chair. \$4.50 Fancy Rocker for \$3.15 because we make them.

Advertisement for Binghamton, N.Y. furniture store. Report of the condition of the Wayne County Savings Bank.

Financial statement table for Wayne County Savings Bank. Includes Reserve fund, Cash, deposits, and various assets.

Table with financial figures and liabilities. Includes items like Capital Stock, Surplus Fund, and various liabilities.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. H. H. SCOTT, Auditor.

Advertisement for Martin Caufield, Designer and Manufacturer of Artistic Memorials.

Advertisement for Joseph N. Welch Fire Insurance. The Oldest Fire Insurance Agency in Wayne County.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

- List of professional cards including Attorneys-at-Law, Dentists, and Physicians.

- Advertisement for Dr. C. R. Brady, Dentist.

- Advertisement for P. B. Peterson, M. D., Eye and Ear specialist.

LIVERY.—Fred G. Rickard has removed his livery establishment from corner Church street to Whitney's Stone Barn.

NOTICE OF ELECTION. Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of THE WAYNE COUNTY FARMERS' MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY will be held in the office of the company, in Honesdale, on Monday, January 2, 1911.

First—Amendments. First—Resolved that Article Five of the Constitution which reads as follows: "The Business and Affairs of the Company shall be managed by a Board of Directors, to be composed of ten members of the company who are to be chosen annually by the members of the company, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum to transact business; they shall fix the compensation of all officers; fill the vacancies occurring by resignation or otherwise, until the next succeeding election." be amended so as to read when amended as follows: "The Business and Affairs of the Company shall be managed by a Board of Directors, to be composed of ten members of the company, who are to be chosen annually by members of the company, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum to transact business; they shall fix the compensation of all officers; fill the vacancies occurring by resignation or otherwise, until the next succeeding election. The election for said directors shall be held annually at Honesdale, on the first Monday of January of each year, between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock p. m., said election to be by ballot, subject to the directions and provisions of the Act of Assembly under which this company is incorporated."

Second—And that Article 8 of the Constitution which reads as follows: "Buildings that are insured in any other insurance Company shall not be insured in this Company, and no property outside the limits of Wayne county, and Palmyra and Greene township, Pike county, will be received for insurance by this Company," be amended so as to read when amended as follows: "Buildings that are insured in other insurance companies may be insured in this Company only when the consent of the agent and secretary of this Company is duly written in the policy, and the territory for writing insurance in this Company, shall be Wayne and Pike counties and such additional territory as the majority of the directors at their regular meeting may determine."