THEIR FIRST CHRISTMAS.

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

Then Mary read a book with such a glowing description of a Christmas in a city home that her blood tingled with delight and desire.

"Why, Dick," she said to her tenyear-old brother, "all we've got to do is to hang up our stockings by the chimney and an old man named Santa Glaus comes down and fills them chuck full of pretty things. It seems too good to be true, but that is what the book says."

"Let's all hang up our stockings tomerrow night and see what comes of it. Shall we?"

Dick was agreed; so were all the

Now, Reuben Snoozer, father of the children, was not a poor man, but he frowned down all holidays, calling them "nothin' but tarnal foolishness,"



"OH, PAPA, YOURS IS DE 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 corncobs 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. She took no one into her confidence but her brother Dick. She needed him to tion will be too old to travel them. cut the tree, after father and mother | The logical thing to do is to do the had gone to bed, and help her to set it best we can with our earth roads and up and trim it.

How noiselessly they worked that still Christmas evel And when the tree was all loaded down with festoons of popcorn, red apples, gilded nuts, paper angels and gingerbread horses, wonderfully and fearfully made.

It was 1 o'clock in the morning when she and Dick went to bed, but he was too happy to sleep. It was not later than 5 o'clock Christmas morning when Mary awakened the younger children and they all stole softly downstairs,

Dick lighted the lamp, and then such shouts of delight filled the big kitchen that Reuben Snoozer sprang up in bed, listening intently.

"Blame them youngens!" he exclaim-"Wonder what they're up to ne-ow!"

"Poor little dears!" sighed their moth-"Might think they'd found a gold mine the way they holler. Just wait until I get down there. Don't be hard en 'em, Reuben. Remember you were a child once."

"Never had no such foolishness when I was a boy, you may depend on it," and in his baste Reuben Snoozer ran downstairs in his bare feet.

He could hardly believe his senses when he opened the door that led into the kitchen, for there was a fire in the great cook stove, a decorated Christmas tree in one corner and his children were sitting around on the floor, their laps filled with oranges, apples, cake and candy which they had just emptied out of their stockings, and when little Reuben, his namesake, with great shining eyes, sprang to him, exclaiming, "Papa, dere's sumpin in you's and mamma's 'tockin's, too; Santa Claus didn't forget yours nelser," he never

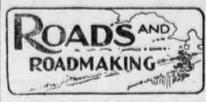
felt so cheap in his life. With a grimace he took down his great woolen sock from a nail and thrust in his hand, to draw out one of Mary's famous gingerbread horses.

"Oh, papa, yours is de biggest!" shouted little Reuben. "Old Santy knowed you like big horses,"

Then the farmer took out his handkerchief and snorted into it with suspicious vehemence.

Later he said to his wife: "You could have knocked me down with a feather. I was never so touched as when them ar children wanted me myself to have a Christmas when I had allus kicked so hard against them havin' one. Let's have a turkey dinner, with mince ple

and plum pudding." The little Snoozers were never so happy in their lives before, and, though they have had many a delightful Christmas since, they declare they never enjoyed one so much as the first.



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. I have never heard of any of them getting "liver grown," whatever that may be, although I have known some who have had to be under continual expense to the carriage doctor for the cure of rickets in wagons, buggies, etc.

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. But he made the grave mistake of not obtaining the permission of the road supervisors to turn one of the worst roads in the county into one of the best at his own expense. A keen Lancaster lawver found for the supervisors an old fool law saying a private citizen may not take such revolutionary liberties, and Dr. Donald McCaskey, of East Lampeter Township, in the great red rose county of Lancaster, was haled into court for thus trespassing upon the prerogatives of the township super-

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. People inside and outside the township began to laugh about the suit brought against a public spirited private citizen who had spent his own money for the public good. The newspapers over the state made comments. The suit has been allowed to lie in court or die there, and the undaunted doctor has kept his drag going. Then his fellow citizens concluded if he could doctor and cure a little road he could do a lot more of it, and they elected the doctor road supervisor-one of three in the platform.

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, For the dragging of his allotment each man is held personally responsible. After every rain, out with the drag. The pay for man and team is 40 cents an hour; no shirking, no graft.

This is Dr. McCaskey's diagnosis of the road situation. If we wait in Pennsylvania till the state shall build us "good" roads the present generaour present amount of tax. Some of rejular verlobt, und in drei Monater roads have not proved satisfactory. The cost for maintenance seems to be quite as much as we now spend on our present earth roads. Supervisor McCaskey is giving us a demonstration in spending our road tax, not to

repair but to improve our highways. 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 mith cenes Maddens wirfen mus. section of road this year.-W. F. Mc-Sparran, Furniss, Pa.

Improving Country Roads.

L. Parshall 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. How much better it would be if the lane were only graded up in the center, with two good drain ditches down each side! The only evil doer to roads is water. The first principle of construction is the means

of keeping the road dry. The soils of our state are capable of making excellent roads. The prairie soils contain more or less clay, and in all probability have a considerable shrinkage when dry-that is, when the road is hard and dry cracks will

appear. The ordinary country road is easily made, and two important factors make good roads: Keep the road well crowned and smooth, and provide good drain ditches. If these are attained, only good, hard, smooth roads

will result. It is sometimes necessary to pass the drain ditch from one side of the road to the other by means of a culvert. Do not make the culverts too small. Economy in culverts often appears on the wrong page of the ledger. In the construction of culverts, permanency is the principal item, and mir juriidjezogen. 3d bitte, bariiber the culvert should be so placed as readily to take care of the water, and be placed at such a depth as not to cause a projection in the road surface.

Berlinerhumor vor Gericht.

Gine aufgelofte Berlobung.

Schneidergejeffe Emil Binder und werth, det mir die Sonne befcheint!" ber Bater feiner früheren Braut. Soubmader Rarl Schmalbaum, als ftreitende Parteien gegenüber.

Der Privatfläger Binder, ber von bem Angeflagten nach feiner Bebauptung in groblichfter Beife wortlich beleidigt worden ift, ichilbert ben fraglichen Borfall wie folgt:

Brivatfläger Binder: Et war an eenem wunderscheenen Bormittag im Juni, als id mich uff eener Bant im Diergarten jo recht jemüthlich in der um mir mal jo recht an det prächtige Sommerwetter jutlich gu bun, wat bürfreiß ift.

Bori .: Benn Sie jo umftandlich erachlen, fommen wir hier nicht vom ple came to inhabit the earth. Flede. Was geschah also an jenem

Lage ? Brivatflager: Un jeenem Dage bätte.

Borf .: Wenn Sie nicht fofort gur Sache tommen entziehe ich Ihnen

bos Mort Privatfläger: Ja, bas gehört aber mit gur Bertheidigung. Grabe in bem Dogenblide nämlich, wo id mir jo recht mollig ausstredte, febe id bet jeiftreiche Jeficht von bem Berrn Ingeflagten neben mir ufftauchen. Dit ber juten Laune war et mu borbei .-3d bin nu jest jang dichte bei der Beleidigung. - Dein juter herr Serr Schmalbaum, ben id einft mit bem gärtlichen namen "Schwiegerpapa" anredete, pflangte fich alfo breitfpurig bor mir bin, fast mir icharf int Doge Ihnen nur fagen: Gie find een jang jemeiner Lumb und nich werth, baf Ihnen die Sonne befdeint!" Danit brebte er furg um und lägt mir in bem Befühl gurud, auf unerhörte Mrt int point à la bonheur gefrantt worben gu fein. 3d habe dafor meine Beugen mitjebracht, et find gwei Berren, die neben mir uff ber Bant in-Ben. Und nu bitte id: Laffen Gie -with the split drag the main plank ihm die jange Strenge des Sefeties fühlen. 3d beantrage vier Wochen Befängniß und Entziehung der burgerlichen Chrenrechte. Berechtigfeit

muß find. Angett : Warum nich jleich een Sabr Buchthaus for bie Bafatelle?! Wie fommt der Mann bagu, hier Strafantrage ju ftellen? Es ift both wohl nicht iiblich, daß der Privatflager die Rolle ber Anflagebehörde ipielt.

Bori .: Diejer Strafantrag ift natiirlich ohne jede Bedeutung. Wollen Sie nun erflaren, ob Gie fich ber Beleidigung ichuldig befennen.

Angefl .: Meine eenzigfte Tochter Marie mar mit bem Beren rite und the macadam state and county built fosste die Trauung find. Go is et bod mobl jewefen, Berr Binber? Privatfläger: Jang jewiß, bet febe

tef 311. Angeft : Ru mird aber ber Beri iang ploglich andern Sinnes. (Fr ididt meiner Tochter ben Ring und die Briefe gurud und erflart brieflich ohne Angabe bes Irundes, det er die Berlobung damit ufflofe. Stoller Sie fich vor, wie fowat uff bet Je und mat een Baterberg babei empfin ben muß. Da liejt junadfit een je meiner Bortbruch vor. Er batte if die Ebe veriprochen und mußte ie (The following advice, by Prof. R. Bort halten, wenn er Ehre im Leib Und dann is et fclimm for batte. een Madchen, wenn et ichon verloh war und bann aus ber Cache nifde wird. Et will Reener mehr recht ran aus diefem Frunde is ichon Manche figen jeblieben. Satte id ba nid allen Brund, uff ben windigen Ba tron wiithend gu find? Et is möjlich, bet mir die Bunge and geruticht is, als id ibm damals in Diergarten uff unerwarteteArt gu Beficht befam. 3d fann mir fo i nau nicht mehr daruff befinnen, wie id meinem Bergen Luft jemacht babe Borf : Dann commen mir freilich

um die Beweisaufnahme nicht berum Mufen Gie bie Beugen berein!

Die Bernehmung der beiben, von dem Privatfläger benannten Zeugen ergibt, daß der Angeflagte fich ber Ausbrüde tabtfächlich bedient bat.

Bori .: Wenn der Privatfläger die Berlobung mit Ihrer Tochter wirtlich ohne Grund aufgelöft hat, fo würde das die Erregung, in der Gie fich befunden haben wollen, wohl begreiflich machen. Die Absicht ber Beleidigung geht aber auch bann ichon aus ber Form berbor.

Brivatfläger: Wenn id mir ber lobe, fo jeichieht et nich ohne Frund, und ohne Brund entlobe id mir ood; nich. Meine frühere Braut hat fchor mal een Berhaltnig jehabt, und diefet Berhaltnig is nich ohne Foljen jeblieben. Als id bavon erfuhr, habe id ben Bengen D. gu boren, ber bat mir

zuerit uffjeffart. Mus ber Bernehmung des Beugen geht berbor, bag diefe Angaben auf Bahrheit beruhen.

Der Angeflagte, ber auch ein recht verdugtes Besicht macht, wird darauf megen Beleidigung gu 30 Mart Beld. ftrafe berurtheilt, worauf Berr Bin-In ber Brivatflagefache Binder der den Gerichtsfaal mit den Borten wider Schmalbaum fteben fich ber verlägt: "3d bin alfo boch noch

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 Sonne galte. Id hatte blau jemadit, ald your grandfather, your greatgrandfather and-oh, just as far back as you can go among your ancestors. ood for unfereenen mandymal Be- From this you will suppose, of course, that Santa is very, very old. And you are right, for he lived long before peo-

But Santa Claus didn't always live where he does now-amid the ice and snow of the north pole. Thousands of ichien die Sonne jo munderbar icheen, years ago be dwelt in a world far als ob unier herrjott Jeburisdag 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. Perhaps (who knows?) even then he made toys and playthings, not for mor-

tals, but for the little angel children. 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 und jagte bann wortlich: "Id wollte hitched the sleigh to the tall of a whirning comet. The earth was reached in a jiffy, I can tell you.

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.

"Perhaps, after all," said he, "I can bring good fortune out of ill." 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 Santafaithfully, 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. No animal will face dan- | Correct - Attest; ger more readily at man's bidding. As an instance, take the following incident, which recently occurred in East India: A small female elephant was charged by a buffalo in high grass, and her rider, in the hurry of the moment and the sudden stopping of the elephant, fired an explosive shell from his rifle, not into the buffalo, but into the elephant's shoulder. The wound was so severe that it had not healed a year later. Yet the elephant stood firm, although it was gored by the buffalo, which was then killed with another gun. What is even more strange is that the elephant was not "gun shy" afterward.

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

Ring, ring, little bells; Ring clear and sweet.

Baby is listening for you. Trot hard, little steeds, On your reindeer feet Baby is watching for you.

Swell fast, little socks Grow knobby and fat, The children engerly wait. Good night, good Santa. Give each one a pat. The children so eagerly walt.

Christmas In Greenland, Preparations in Greenland for this joyous festival, which is looked forward to with the most enthusiastic anticipation, begin months before. All ihm jur Laft gelegten beleidigenden the gifts, which consist chiefly of clothing, are made by the women. Not only are clothes, such as tunics, breeches and boots, used for gifts-all must be new for the occasion, so that every one, young and old, shall appear at his best.

Christmas Day.

Now all our neighbors' chimneys smoke, And Christmas blocks are burning. Their ovens they with baked meats choke And on their spits are turning.

Without the door let sorrow lie. And if for cold it hap to die We'll bury it in a Christmas pie And evermore be merry.

Hark, hark! What news, what joyful To all the nations round! Today rejoice! A King is born, Who is with glory crowned!

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(Signed) ROBERT A. SMITH, N. P. [Notarial Seal]

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A UDITOR'S NOTICE.

A ESTATE OF
HARLEY E. FLEMING
Late of Cherry Ridge, deceased.
The undersigned, an auditor appointed to report distribution of said estate, will attend to the duties of his appointment, on

AMENDMENTS.

First—Resolved that Article Five of the Constitution which reads as follows: "The Business and affairs of the Company shall be managed WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14, 1910.

at 10 o'clock, a. m., at his office in the borough of Honesdale, at which time and place all claims against said estate must be presented, or recourse to the fund for distribution will be lost.

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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,

tion of general business, and that an election will be held at the same place of meeting between the hours State of Pennsylvania, County of Wayne, ss:

I. H. Scott Salmon, Cashier of the above named Company, do solemnily swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of Nov. 1810.

Place of meeting between the hours of one and four p. m. of said day, for the purpose of electing ten members of said company to serve as Directors for the ensuing year.

Every person insured in said company is a member thereof and entitled to one vote.

titled to one vote, At said meeting the members will also vote for the approval or disapproval of the following amendments to the Constitution, which were submitted by resolution of the di-

rectors at a regular meeting on August 31, 1910.

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 quorum to transact business; shall fix the compensation of all officers; fill the vacancies occurring by resignation and otherwise, until the next succeeding election. tion 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," 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 mem-bers 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 compen-sation of all officers; fill the vacancies occurring by resignation or otherwise, until the next succeeding election. The said election for directors shall be held annually at Honesdale, on the first Monday of lanuary of each year, between the hours of one and two o'clock p. m., said election to be by ballot, subeet to the directions and provisions of the Act of Assembly under which the 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 se insured in this Company, and no property outside the limits of Wayne county, and Palmyra and Greene township, Pike county, will be re-ceived for insurance by this Combe amended so as to read pany. 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 nsurance 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.

PERRY A. CLARK,

Secretary December 3, 1910.

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