

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
 Their old familiar carols play,
 And wild and sweet
 The words repeat
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
 And thought how, as the day had come,
 The belfries of all Christendom
 Had rolled along
 The unbroken song
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
 Till, ringing, singing on its way,
 The world revolved from night to day,
 A voice, a chime,
 A chant sublime
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
 *Then from each black, accursed mouth
 The cannon thundered in the South,
 And with the sound
 The carols drowned
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
 It was as if an earthquake rent
 The hearth-stones of a continent,
 And made forlorn
 The households born
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
 And in despair I bowed my head!
 "There is no peace on earth," I said;
 "For hate is strong,
 And mocks the song
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"
 Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
 "God is not dead: nor doth he sleep!
 The Wrong shall fail,
 The Right prevail,
 With peace on earth, good-will to men!"
 —Longfellow.
 *These stanzas relate to the rapine and
 bloodshed of the great American Civil War,
 during the progress of which the poem was
 written. EUGENE FIELDS.

JEST 'FORE CHRISTMAS.

For Christmas, with its lots and lots of candies' cakes and toys,
 Was made, they say, for proper kids, and
 not for naughty boys;
 So wash your face an' brush your hair, and
 mind your p's and q's,
 And don't bust out yer pantaloons, and
 don't wear out your shoes;
 Say "Yessum" to the ladies, an' "Yessur"
 to the men,
 An' when they's company, don't pass your
 plate for pie again;
 But thinkin' of the things yer'd like to see
 upon that tree.
 Jest 'fore Christmas be as good as yer kin
 be!

SENSE AND NONSENSE.

Teacher—The boys go after school
 to the skating pond on the pond: two,
 however, have a lot to go on the
 ice. Can you tell me, Tommy, how
 many of the boys go on the ice?" Tom-
 my—"All five."

Brass rings, Fancy tacks, Gold paint
 Shellac, Glue, etc. for Xmas fancy work
 At the Hardware store of course.

Johnnie—"The teacher gave me an
 awful licking yesterday because I was
 the only boy in the class who could an-
 swer the question." "Why, what ques-
 tion was that?" asked Mr Chaffle.
 "The question was, "Who put the bent
 pin on the teacher's chair?"

Dont forget to go to the up town Gro-
 cery for a nice Xmas present at the very
 lowest prices.

An old negro, being informed that a
 member of his race had forged a note in
 bank, exclaimed: "Dat's what comes er
 eddication. I got ten chillun, but thank
 de Lawd, not one er dem kin read or
 write."

For a nice Parlour lamp go to Kes-
 wick's.

A little Hartford boy of rather a
 thoughtful and inquiring turn of mind
 asked his dignified father one day, after
 the silent grace at dinner: "Papa why
 don't you say it aloud?" "You may
 say it aloud if you wish, my son," re-
 plied the father, and bowing his head
 the little fellow solemnly originated this
 unique grace: "God have mercy on these
 victuals."

During the Xmas trade Keith &
 Plummer offers fur goods at reduced
 prices.

Neddy was on the ocean for the first
 time and was dreadfully seasick. Looking
 up into mamma's face piteously, he said
 "Oh mamma, mamma is I homesick?"

What is the matter with a nice car-
 pet sweeper for a Xmas present for
 wife or mother, see them at Shaw &
 Dibblee's

The lines below were found written in
 an old volume of sermons:

If their should be an other flood,
 or refuge hither fly;
 Though all the world should be sub-
 merged.

This book would still be dry.

Keswick's is the place to buy your
 candy and raisins for Xmas.

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 gift, darling?

She—Papa positively prohibits my
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