

Poetry.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

By Eugene J. Hall. In an old New England kitchen, where a warm wood fire burned bright, sat good old Farmer Ketchum, and his wife, one winter night.

Literature. THE DOUGLAS HEIR.

CHAPTER XXVI. A LITTLE MATTER OF BUSINESS. "What's the matter? You are not strong enough to get up and sit down," commanded Lady Ruxley, as she saw the young girl flush a deep crimson, and then grow white as a ghost.

ning, cruel expression about her handsome mouth. She was just the kind of a woman to ruin the life of any one who stood in her way, Brownie thought.

of anything so wicked as this. It is all over with now, however—you shall have your property back again, and Miss Isabel shall suffer for her superciliousness. I suppose you know she is engaged to Sir Charles Randall, Adrian said, when she laughed and but disagreeably at the young girl's thought.

Her joy was something so now and sacred that she felt unwilling to impart the knowledge of it to any one. "Very well, darling, let it be as you wish. That will not be very long to wait, and meantime I shall call the light and mighty ones in course," he replied, with a sly laugh, which brought the ever-ready color into her cheeks again.

KING'S EVIL. Was the name formerly given to Scrofula because of a superstition that it could be cured by King's touch. The world is wiser now, and knows that...

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