

THE SLANG HABIT.

'Tis a hideous practice, this using of slang! A blot on the language we spie!

LOST.

A CHRISTMAS STORY FOR BIG AND LITTLE PEOPLE.

BY MARGARET EMMA DITTO. (Harper's Bazar)

"Little Arthur's mother is in there," said the children, softly to one another, gazing at a closed carriage which came up the hill where they were out coasting.

An hour slipped away. She started up, hearing the noise of a gentleman at the door. It was Mr. Montgomery, the next door neighbor.

Wilful Waste Makes Woeful Want.

It is as wasteful not to secure what you need and might have as it is to squander what you already possess.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappoints

were safe, and to pray for that other child out in the storm and cold, and that other mother with empty arms and anguished heart.

Alas, the poor mother! From the moment she had heard that Arthur was lost, Mrs. Graham had ceased to weep.

"What a detective she would make!" said the chief of police, as he went down the steps after a brief interview with her in which she had left him without a suggestion of his own to make as to the case.

Suddenly there was a noise outside. Sleigh-bells were jingling; some one was knocking snow from his feet.

"No, not yet; it is nobody but I," said Mr. Dick Graham, in a make-believe cheery voice, blustering in, half covered with snow.

"Where is my husband? Why did he send instead of coming himself?" "He had to go to Albany to-day. He is aboard the lightning express now, on his way home, but he can't get here under two hours."

"Oh, how terrible—terrible!" she said, wringing her hands. "If he were here he would think of something else to do."

"I doubt it. Everybody is on the search. I have Sandy McCulloch out in the streets now, with a bell, crying 'lost child.'"

Mr. Dick Graham thought best, from the look in her eyes, to let his sister-in-law have her own way. He lifted her fur cloak to help her on with it.

"She had better have something under it," said Mrs. Montgomery, stripping off her own warm beribboned little sacque and putting it on her friend. Then she clasped the cloak, helped on her mittens and cap, and watched while she was led down the steps and tucked into the cutter.

All truly great things are very simple, and this great event in Arthur's life was just as easy as a loose board in a fence, and it began in the spring when the Graham house had a board-of-health placard on it and Mrs. McCulloch was hanging out washing in the back yard.

"All right, Mr. Graham. I'll be either doing it hearty, sir. I wish I had my shingle shirt to wear, just to show the risidints of this suburban town how I perform the duties of an advertiser medium in the metropolis. Couldn't you wait till I send for me costume?"

"Don't fool, Sandy, there's money in it; I'll pay you by the hour, and if you find the boy there'll be a reward. You are to go straight through the streets."

"Child lost!" cried Sandy, ringing his bell and letting out his sonorous voice in full tones. "Child lost! Blue eyes, curly hair, black clothes, long stockings—five-year-old child lost!"

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CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Lulu C. Jenkins now of Chicago has just been awarded \$4,000 for the lynching of her husband in Ripley county, Ind., three years ago.

Mrs. Jenkins, who was one of five men lynched in Sept. 1897 for alleged complicity in the stealing of a horse from Leslie Levi, of Osgood, Ind. Levi also was a victim of the mob. The men killed were Robert Andrews, Heine Chuter, William Jenkins, Clifford Gordon, a 17 year old boy and Lisle Levi, an aged soldier.

Mrs. Jenkins, suspecting that mob violence was brewing, walked from Osgood to Versailles that night and paced the streets till dawn, armed with a revolver. For several hours she waited under the windows of her husband's cell, ready to challenge any who came to do him harm.

No sooner was she out of sight than a mob gathered and dragged out the five men. The members of the mob then killed them in succession by beating them over the head with a musket stock.

Mrs. Jenkins was compelled to flee to save her own life and came to Chicago. Here she brought suit for \$5,000 damages against Sheriff Bushing's bondsmen. The suit dragged along for three years and finally the bondsmen decided to settle outside of court.

GOSSIPING NEIGHBORS

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