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SONG OF CHRISTMAS It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold: ' Peace to the earth, good-will to men From heaven's all-gracious King!" The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, With peaceful wings unfurled; And still the heavenly music floats O'er all the dreary world; Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on heavenly wing, And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife The world has suffered long; Beneath the angel-strain have rolled Two thousand years of wrong; And men, at war with men, hear not The love song which they bring; Oh! hush the noise, ye men of strife, And hear the angels sing

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low; Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow-Look now! for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing; Oh, rest beside the weary road, And hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on, By prophet-bards foretold, When with the ever-circling years Come round the age of gold; When Peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling, And the whole world send back the song Which now the angels sing.

HANG UP BABY'S STOCKING.

Hang up the baby's stocking, Be sure you don't forget, The dear little dimpled darling! She never saw Christmas yet; But I've told her all about it, And she opened her big blue eyes, And I'm sure she understands it, She looks so funny and wise.

Dear! what a tiny stocking! It doesn't take much to hold Such little pink toes as baby's Away from the frost and cold. But then, for the baby's Christmas It will never do at all. Why Santa wouldn't be looking

For anything half so small! I know what we'll do for the baby, I've thought of the very best plan, I'll borrow a stocking of grandma-The longest that ever I can;

And you'll hang it by mine, dear mother, Right here in the corner, so, And write a letter to Santa And fasten it on to the toe.

Write, "This is the baby's stocking, That hangs in the corner here, You never have seen her, Santa, For she only came this year; But she's just the blessedest baby ! And now, before you go, Just cram that stocking with goodies

From the top clean down to the toe." The fireside.

> A CHRISTMAS STORY. COUSIN RUTH.

Minnie Lee was walking along the busy streets of one of our large cities, with a heart as light and buoyant as her step. The air was keen and frosty, the snow-flakes flying lightly about; but she paid and her hands snug in her muff, little fear had she

Minnie was on a mysterious errand. She wouldn't let her sister Addie or brother Rob, come with her, Nina's willing hands. for how could she buy Christmas presents when they were along? Minnie had been saving up for some time, and with the money her father had, given her, had quite a sum.

excel in beauty of arrangement and richness of

Minnie enjoyed her walk, and was feasting her eyes on the endless variety of presents, thinking it rather hard to decide what to get. A little further on she heard the lively tones of a

hand-organ. From a child, Minnie had shown a fondness for hearing a street-organ. She was now sixteen, and would drop her work any time to hear the patriotic tunes generally played on them.

Approaching the crowd, she saw a lame old man grinding out the music, and with him a forlorn little child, thinly elad, her face blue, fingers red and peeping out of ragged mittens. Shoes full of holes, a thin calico dress, and around this shivering little creature was an old shawl to protect her from the bitter cold. There was a touching sweetness in the face of this half-frozen waif that went straight to the heart of Minnie, as she timidly given her. The wind blew stronger, colder and school. bluer was the old man and little girl, who vainly tried to keep out the wind with the thin shawl.

Minnie contrasted herself with the shivering child, and her unselfish heart responded. She ing up again. hung her muff around her neck and put the blue hands in it; a gleam of pleasure lighted up the beautiful eyes, the old man smiled and turned away, kindly regarding Minnie, and glad to see his pet noticed. Close by them was a huckster's stand, with a tempting pile of oranges, lemons, pies, cakes, etc., etc.

" "What is your name?" said Minnie.

"Well, Nina, wouldn't you like an orange and a nice, fresh pie f There was no mistaking that eager look. "Come here, Nina, and sit on the box ; the wind

can't find you here," said Minnie. " "I'll take two of your nice, fresh pies and a half dozen cakes, and some cheese," said Minnie to the

The old man had ceased playing, and was watching Minnie closely, inwardly blessing her for her

"Here," said she, "come and sit beside your little girl, and have a lunch," at the same time

giving him a generous portion. " Sakes alive, isn't this nice! I've not had a

crackers. We are cold an hungry : but this will very lame," said Minnie. warm us up, The Lord bless you, my lady." Poor Nina ate as though a stranger to food. Minnie stood painfully enjoying the good she was doing, paying little heed to the crowd passing by,

her thoughts busy, very busy, her heart tender, and getting more so every minute. front of a large fancy store. In the windows were to cheer them up." mittens, searfs, hoods and many warm-looking garments. How warm and comfortable they lookedhow cheerless and cold this poor but bright little hugged him, her heart running over with thankfulcreature was. "He that giveth to the poor lend- ness. eth to the Lord," Minnie kept saying to herself.

since, and now it was uppermost in her mind.

and into the store she went.

head of the astonished child. Oh, how snug and He became useful; and quite a favorite. which found their way on the blue little hands in | circle. was fairly dazed, and submitted to this new depar- | this inscription : ture quietly looking at her mittens, feeling of the "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the soft hood, and glancing with dancing eyes at her Lord."-Standard.

Minnie had never attempted to dress a child before, and just now she did wish her mother to tell ! her what to do next. But she couldn't stop now-those shivering shoulders must be covered. They went back to the old man, who kept his coat sleeve busy, drawing it across his eyes, laughing and crying alternately, and pouring blessings on the head of the good young lady. "Come, Nina, let's go back to this store." After a deal of looking, a water-proof sack was selected, all nicely lined, in fact "just the thing," as Minnie said.

Nina could hardly conceal her feelings, for, child

as she was, she could not keep the tears back for

"Now, Nina, we must buy a pair of mittens for grandpa, some socks, and this handkerchief." "Oh!" cried Nina, "that is just what he

They were soon by the old man with his Christmas presents, as Minnie told him; he was bewildered. He looked at Nina in her new clothes, then at his mittens and socks, and stammered out a God bless you, my angel !" for so she seemed to them. The tears came fast—and he actually wiped them away with a real handkerchief, a luxury he was a stranger to, as his coat sleeve gave ample

"Where do you and Nina live?" said Minnie. "Down in River alley, in the big tenement

Minnie shuddered as she heard of the place, for it was reeking with filth, drunkenness and misery. Her father had often spoken of the place as wretched indeed.

"It's the best I can do for my little girl. We have both seen better days, but I am very poor. Folks don't care about the music, and what little we get don't go very far. I'm very lame, and can't go out often. "I shouldn't think you could carry this organ."

"It is hard to tug it about, but it is the only His annual visit is eagerly watched for and reckonthing left for me. At first I could hardly carry it, ed upon in many a home, though when, whence, my joints were so stiff with the rheumatiz; Pedro how he comes -whether down the chimney, by the didn't mind it a bit."

"Who's Pedro?" asked Minnie. "He was an Italian, and owned this organ, ar went about the country; and when here took sick across the snow in America-they neither know and died. He was playing in the alley one day, nor care; so that he fill their long stockings for and was sick, and asked me to let him sleep on the them they are satisfied. This same Santa Claus is floor. I took care of him and tried hard to save no new personage. In olden times he was much him, but he only lived a few days. Before he honored in England as the patron saint of boys and died he gave me this organ for what I had done scholars; and on the 6th of December, St. Nichofor him.' "Isn't Nina your child?"

two years agone. They lived closed by me, when jurisdiction, which lasted until Childermas Day, that awful fever raged. It's an awful place to be December the 28th. St. Nicholas appears to have sick in-River alley.'

"Has Nina lived with you since her folks died?" used to quiet her grief by playing the music, and York City, which was first settled by the Dutch then she used to go out with me, till I found her to be a help to me, and company too it wasn't safe to leave her, so I took all the care of I'm too feeble to get enough to keep us from want."

" Please tell me your name." "Grandpa Baker."

"Well, Mr. Baker, I shall bring my mother down to see you and Nina, to-morrow. Don't play little attention to them, for, with wraps and furs, any more to-day, but go home and get rested, and stay there till I come.

Once more the huckster's stand was patronized, and food enough for supper and breakfast put in

Grandpa Baker, and not heeding the blessings a good man's supplications they were brought back The streets were fast putting on their holiday she got there, till she burst into the sitting room them worship none but God himself. Later on he attire; the store windows all along the avenue pre- with "Oh! mother," and then burst into tears, a became very rich, but he gave all his money to the senting a gay and attractive front, each trying to pretty good ssfety-valve for her excited feelings. ter?" said her astonished mother.

As soon as Minnie could, she told her mother and little Nina, and what she had done. "And, ing his alms where they were most needed .mother, here's all I've got left out of my Christmas money-just one quarter. Have I done wrong? "No, no, my child," said Mrs. Lee, wiping her

eyes. " you have felt more joy in giving than we

Christmas Eve to come; but, Min, I'm glad for my part that you did it."

"Oh! mother, I thought you would want Nina to come and live with us. She is so interesting, passed a little basket for the few coppers that were and could help you nurse baby while we are at "But wouldn't it be cruel to take her away from her grandpa? He must be very fond of her."

> "Wait till father comes," said Mrs. Lee. "You won't have to wait long, for here he comes," shouted Robert.

"He is. What can we do?" said Minnie warm-

' Hilloa! What's up?" said Mr. Lee. ' Holding a council of war," said Addie. "I should think you needed a chairman, by th

hubbub you are in. "We do, and will appoint you," said his wife. "All right. Here, Bob, hang up my overcoat, Now, proceed," said Mr. Lee comfortably seating himself in his favorite chair. So Minnie again told her story, having the help

of her mother, Bob and Addie. This time, they seemed as interested as Minnie. "Well, well, Minnie. So you've turned philanthropist. I thank my Lord that my daughter feels for the poor, and I heartily endorse all you've

"Thank you, father. But-but can't we have Nina and bring her up like other folks. Oh! if you could only see her"-

"I mean to," broke in her father, "I'll go with yon and your mother, and see what can be done.' "But Grandpa Baker troubles me. How could bit to eat since morning, and Nina only a few he give Nina up, and how can he get along? He's.

> "Well, my daughter, I think there is no doubt but what 'Grandpa' can have a home." "Where?" said altogether. "In the Home for the Friendless. You know!

am one of the trustees for the 'Home,' and if this old gentleman proves worthy, he shall have a good The huckster's stand was across the walk, just in | home, and grind out his music to his companions, "Oh! won't that be splendid?" said Bob.

her heart was set on a lovely pin for her mother knew that he could not do for her as he ought, and is the thing to be at once applied.

Minnie went around to her father's chair, and

Lendeth to the Lord, lendeth !- Why, thought rejoiced that a way had been opened for his charge, Minnie, what a privilege it would be, if my dear and that he was to have a good home, and not so Lord was here, to make him a present! I'll do it; far away from Mr. Lee's but what Nina could come

In a few minutes she made her appearance with It was soon arranged. Grandpa had a peaceful a parcel in one hand, and the brightest little knit home, and was soon able to help about the place; hood in the other, which she at once put on the the food and clothing changed him in appearance. warm it was! In the parcel was a pair of mittens, Nina found her way to the hearts of this happy

short order, and such nice, long stockings, with gay | She was a bright, happy creature, and became a little stripes around them. Three doors above fixture in the Lee family. Even baby couldn't get them was a shoe store. Telling the old man to along without her, and she loved Minnie devotedly. wait, Minnie took Nina into the store, and bought | Christmas day came, and Father Lee remembered his a good pair of calf-skin shoes, which looked so household with presents, and among the rest was nice over the warm bright stockings. The child an elegant motto, richly framed, for Minnie, with

CHRISTMAS SONG.

Ring the bells out loud and clear; Christmas comes! Closing in a plenteous year, Christmas comes. Let each heart rejoice and sing Glory to our Saviour King ! For His mercies freely given,

Peace on earth and joy in heaven. Ring the bells out loud and clear; Christmas comes ! Closing a plenteous year,

Christmas comes. Grateful hearts can prove their love, To their gracious Lord above, By the love and truth they show To His wretched poor below.

Ring the bells out loud and clear; Christmas comes! Closing in a plenteous year,

Christmas comes. Doubly blest we'll be indeed, · If we share with those that need; Giving from our ample store, Comfort to the suffering poor;

Ring the bells out loud and clear; Christmas comes! Closing in a plenteous year, Christmas comes!

Give all Christians as ye fare, Bounty large or smaller share; If no more ye can bestow, Christmas love and greeting show.

THE STORY OF SANTA CLAUS.

Almost all our little English folks have off late ears made the acquaintance of that celebrated but mysterious personage known here as Santa Claus. road, in Germany and France, or in the invisible "miniature sleigh with eight tiny reindeer," with nd which under the name of Kris Kringle, he rattles las' Day, in each year, a boy bishop was elected in Salisbury Cathedral, with many ceremonies, who, "Bless you, Miss, no! Her folks are both dead with his boy dean and prebendaries, held a kind of been very popular in most countries. He is the patron saint of Russia, and most of the Czars are "Mostly, yes. No one seemed to mind her, and named after him. He is also the patron of New who hold him in high esteem in their own country while in England, I am informed, there are three hundred and seventy-two churches named in his ner. Bless her, she's a great comfort to me, but honor. Wonderful tales are told of the doings of this saint, who, by his piety and industry, rose Minnie's mind was fairly in a whirl. But her from the position of humble citizen to that of Arch active brain couldn't do everything right then and | bishop of Patara, in Asia Minor. Should you one day visit other lands, you will find in the Contin ental churches many pictures commemorating his kind deeds, and particularly the one to which he owez his character as the children's friend. Over the altar of St. Nicholas, at Ghent, he is represented standing in full episcopal dress, and crozier n hand, holding two fingers up in solemn warning ; close by are three youths in a tub, who appear to be praising him. These, the quiet old legend goes on to relate, were three little scholars who were With a hearty kiss to Nina, and a good-bye to cruelly murdered and hidden in a tub; by means of poured on her by the old man, Minnie sped away to life, and as the picture shows at once sat up. home, getting more and more excited the nearer and would have thanked bim had he not bidden poorest and most deserving of fellow-citizens. He "Why, Minnie, what in the world is the mat- was so truly charitable and unostentatious that he always tried to do this in such a fashion that the recipients of his gifts should not know who was what had passed that afternoon, of the old man the giver, going about at night, and secretly leav-

> Little Folks' Magazine. ROOM VENTILATION.

As the summer passes into autumn and the time should in receiving your presents, and that would comes when most people have their outside doors be very much, wouldn't it, children?" said she to and windows kept tightly closed for months, except Addie and Robbie, who were listening intently to to open and shut the former for the purpose of egress and ingress, and perhaps to open windows a "Yes," said Addie; "I can hardly wait for very little way for a short period once a day, it is very desirable that the subject of ventilation, of changing the air in occupied rooms, receive due consideration. Let every one see to it that a supply of pure fresh air reaches the nostrils, and hence the lungs, for every breath; and that he or she do not breathe, even the second time, the same air, and thus greatly increase the danger of contracting inflammation or some other disease of the lungs before the winter is past.

Those occupying rooms warmed by air from a furnace of any sort should see that the supply of air to the warm air chamber of the furnace is obtained from a pure source, and not from the damp, dark cellar-from the outside, at some elevation above the ground; see that the air is not overheated, or rendered too dry; and see that there is some provision for the escape of the breathed foul air from the room-some outlet, which is often not provided. Those living in rooms warmed by a stove in the room or in the hall should provide an inlet for fresh air. A very good plan is to raise the lower cosh of a window shout two inches and fit a piece. Those living in rooms warmed by a stove in the sash of a window about two inches and fit a piece of board tightly beneath it so as to completely close the lower opening; allowing the fresh air to come in between the sashes at the centre of the window. With an open fire-place this gives good ventilation. Where there is no open fire-place in the room an outlet for the foul air should be provided from the upper part of the room, communicating with the

nearest chimney flue. Ventilation, it is true, means or demands extra fuel; but even if a ton more of coal for the winter were required it would be better to provide it, cutting down on something else, for air is the first essential of health and life, remember, than to run the risk of serious illness before spring, and possibly death. Depend upon it, this matter of providing pure, fresh air is a serious one, as people are but nov 12 beginning to learn; and don't think that because yourself and others have thus far escaped, while giving little heed to it, that you will always escape thus the ill effect of foul air, if you will expose

For burns or scalds nothing is more soothing than the white of an egg, which may be poured over the wound. It is softer, as a varnish for a burn, than collodion, and being always at hand, can be applied immediately. It is also more cool-The next day came slowly to this family; but it ing than the "sweet oil and cotton" which was That had been in her Sunday-school lesson not long | did come, and father, mother and Minnie drove to | formerly, supposed to be the surest application to the tenement house in River alley. It did not take allay the smarting pain. It is the contact with the she thought of her brother and sister, of their long for Mr. Baker to say yes to Mr. Lee's plan, for from the ordinary accidents of this kind; and anydisappointment, in not having their presents, and although it was painful to give up his darling, he thing which excludes air and prevents inflammation

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