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CHRISTMAS LENDING.

BY EMILY CLEMENS PEARSON. Every body in every clime, Should be happy at Christmas time I' So said the merchant, well-fed, sleek, Discoursing to his " woman " meek. To whom the wife then made reply, Praising with a gran a cont Yes father, but not half the race Have yet of Christmas any trace."

HUSBAND. "The fault is theirs I boldly say ! To send them light I largely pay, I pay as much as for my horse, And they an have the light, of course."

" If others gave as much, my dear, The light would shine both far and near. But one thing now is troubling me-So many near us oft we see Who've scarce the comforts of a home, To whom our joy, sure, cannot come.'

"Well, they should make the best of it, Earn what they can and dress them neat, And ask the Lord, and He will send What's needed by some faithful friend." WIFE.

"Christ has his people, too, who're poor, Soure live not far from our own door . And what is given to one of these The dear Lord's kind heart well doth pleas It is as if to Himself given, It gains its welcome home to heaven, If thus we give, for His dear sake, This greatest joy we shall partake." HUSBAND.

"Yes, yes, I wish they all had bread; It I had millions they'd be fed. The town should see to them no doubt; What are the poor-house men about?" WIFE.

"But, husband, we've abundant store Of riches, and I ask once more By giving make hearts joyful chime At this most blessed Christmas time !"

HUSBAND. " We must be prudent, wife, you know, Or all our property will go; If once begun, ':will never end, To this and that we'll always send."

But just this once let's lend the Lord. You know 'tis written in His Word That he that giveth to the poor The Lord will pay-His word is sure. Banks on the earth quite often break, And riches wings as often take, But heaven's bank is so secure, To endless ages 'twill endure.' Come, let us store our treasures there, And for the endless life prepare. RUSBAND.

Oh wife, I'm weak, and to my gold Myself almost a slave have sold; Have said to Christ, ' Be warmed, be filled ! My every generous impulse chilled. Scarce ever have I lent the Lord. I have preferred for self to hoard. Take what you will. Let's see that all We know have need have cheering call. One hundred turkeys I'll dispense, And teach myself a little sense. I'll give as many in this clime As I can reach, a happy time !

The Fireside.

HOW NELL WAS CURED. BY PHIL ISTINE.

One day in June, just before school closed for vacation, Nell ran skipping into her mother's room. Her mother was lying down, nearly crazy with one of her nervous headaches. Nell's footsteps shook the bed and sent a throbbing pain to her head. "There's a letter for you, mother mine. It's from uncle George, I think. The post-mark is 'San' Rosario, Cal.' I hope it is an invitation for me to come out and spend the summer. Oh! does your head ache, mamma!' she tenderly inquired, at last noticing the pallor of her mother's face. I beg your pardon for being so noisy. Let me bathe your head or do something to make you more comfortable." Fully appreciating the kindness of heart that prompted the off r, but, at the same time, remembering the last time Nell had undertaken to cure her headache, she respectfully declined. That last time the cologne had got spilt all over the silk bed quilt, and the rustling of Nell's dress nearly set her wild. On looking at her letter, she found it was marked "immediately;" so she told Nell to open it and read it. This was done with alacrity, and there was an enclosure for Nell herself, from one of her cousins. The purport of the letter was this: " In a few weeks her uncle and consins would be in Washington, where they would remain only a few days, thence going to New York. There they would stop at a relative's and, if possible, get an addition to their party, and set sait for Europe about July 15; and would Nell go with them? There need be no arrangement made, but just to come right on to Washington as soon as she heard from them. The girls could get what ever they needed in the way of new dresses and 'such fan-dangles' in Paris. Above all things, they must have as little luggage as possible to start with. 'No American woman visits Europe without bringing home twice as much as she carries over." All this was written in Uncle George's characteristic way, see not an unnecesary word was allowed. Nell sat, after finishing both letter and enclosure, in an amaze of delight; for she d-sp-s- th- -th-r. Y- c-nn-t s- is sin. We ask you to come to Jesus, now, and and would meet them in Washington whatever day they decided on. "It is the best opportunity you will ever have, Nell; for your father and I will never be able to take you, and I don't know any one with whom I would trust you. Brother to err. George is capable of taking charge of any number of girls. He his travelled so much he knows just where to go and how to manage with the least trouble. Tell him you won't start to Washington till we hear from him again. Have you pen and ink here? Write now, then you won't forget.' So Nell hastily penned a brief letter to Uncle George, and went to her room to answer her Cousin Alice's gushing epistle with one quite as effusive. This occupied her nearly two hours (why will girls write such letters?) and Nell hurried out to drop the double letter in the nearest letter-box. She twisted it in her hands all the way, but, alas ! kept the same side next to her, and dropped it in without looking at it, to see that it was properly addressed. It was a great pity that she didn't, for there was neither address nor stamp on it. In consequence of her careless habits she had had many letters returned to her for stamps, but nothing like this had happened before.

"Did you mail the letter, Nell?" asked her mother later in the evening, when Nell went in to bid her "good night." "Yes, ma'am, I put it in

myself and know it is all right." A week passed and nothing was heard from Uncle George. Another week, still sileuce. A third week, the week they were to sail, and not a word had been heard. Poor Nell! Many a cry she had all to herself, and many, hard, disagreeable things she wrote in her diary about the unkindness of the world in general, meaning Uncle George and his family in particular. At last, July 17th. a letter came from New York. Its contents were a surprise to all. Uncle George was rather indig. The initials will give you the name

ter, was sorry that Nell could not avail herself of backwards gives the name of a prophet of learning, his invitation, and thought she might have written wisdom and patriotism. a line, anyhow. It would have saved them a good deal of annoyance; for they waited a day longer in Washington in hope a letter would reach them there, having left their address so that their mail could be sent on; and, again, they lost a day in New York, thinking, perhaps, she would join them there, and at the last moment he wrote this letter, and it was written as any one would write who has been worried and annoyed. As a matter of course, Nell's feelings were very much hurt, and even her mother, in a gentle way, blamed her brother for writing in such a hasty manner. It all remained a mystery, till one day, when I was home on my vacation (I was a clerk in the Dead Leter Department in the Post-office), and spoke of a letter I had opened and read, that was signed "Nell Norton." Immediately Mrs. Norton asked me about the contents, and I told her what I could remember, which was very little, for the name was all that attracted my attention. Know ing a "Nell Norton," it of course looked familiar. But why was it sent to the Dead Letter Of-

fice ?' Mrs. Norton inquired. "There was no stamps nor address on it; that was the only reason," I answered, laughingly; "I looked to see if there was any directions, for I knew what a time Nell had with her letters; but, as I said, there was none, so I thought nothing further of the matter." Then Mrs. Norton told me of Nell's disappointment, and said, though she was sorry for her, yet she hoped and felt that it would teach her a lesson that she would never forget.

I was home again last summer. Nell is now a happy, married woman, and is noted for her extreme carefulness; indeed, some say she leans too far the other way now. She told me that ever afterward, when she did anything especially careless she would sit down and read over her uncle's letter and what she had written in her diary Gradually she thus overcame her careless habits PUZZLEDOM EXPLAINED: by her determination, only; " for strength is born of the struggle." In no other way could she have broken the iron chain of habit. " Who would be free, themselves must strike the blow." October 18, 1884.

HOME HINTS.

CREAM CARE WITHOUT EGGS .- Four cups flour, three cups of sugar, one cup of butter, two cups of sour cream, three teaspoonfuls of saleratus dissolved in a little water, half grated nutmeg, and a teaspoonful of essence of lemon.

CHINESE SANDWICHES. - Pound in a mortar two ounces of good cheese. Cut in very thin slices one ounce of fresh butter, a tablespoonful of cream and a little mixed mustard. Spread the mixture on slices of bread neatly cut, lay another slice of bread on each and press together; cut into corners (4). Utah.

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POETRY. CHRISTMAS DAY.

Let this day see all wrongs forgiven, Let peace sit crowned in every heart, Let bitter words be left unsaid, Let each one take his brother's part ; Let sad eyes learn to smile,-A day is such a little while,-Of all days this the shortest !

Let rich and poor together meet, While words of kindness fill the air; Let love spread roses in the way, Though winter reigneth everywhere Let us know naught of craft or guile,-A day is such a little while, Of all days this the shortest !

Let us help each with loving care, Our brother on the way to heaven Let's lay aside all selfishness : Let pride from every heart be driven; Let Christmas Day bring many a smile-A day is such a little while,-

Of all days this the shortest! CHRISMAS CAROL BY JULIA A. MATHEWS.

"Jesus was born in Bethlehem." Matt. ii. 1. Let heaven with music ring, While joyous children sing

Of Christ the Lord; The wondrous story tell Of Him who loved us well, Who came on earth to dwell-The Son of God.

He came a litle child. Sinless and undefiled. Our hearts to win ; In manger low was laid That noble kingly head The sacrifice was made To vanquish sin.

Now, kneeling at His feet, The Christ-child humbly greet, His praise prolong; Well might that sweet birthnight With radiant star grow bright, When Christ came down in light, With angels song.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM YOUNG FOLKS

PUZZLEDOM. 22. - DROP VOWEL PUZZLE. FROM " MARIANNIE," KINGS. N- s-rv-nt c-n s-rv- t- m-strs: f-r--th-r h- w-ll h-t- th-_n_, _nd l_v_th_ _th_r; _r _ls_

Please give the passage. 23. - BIBLICAL AUROSTIC.

FROM " BLAKE," QUEENS, 1. A king who caused the people of Jerusalem 2. One who saw a spirit.

3. A heathen king who suffered for his treatment of his people. 4. One of the tribe of Benjamin. 5. The father of twelve princes.

6. A place where the languages were con-7. One of the overseers at the repairing of the

8. A king of Assyria. 9. A city built in the reign of Judah. 10. On upon whom a miracle was performed. 11. A king buried in the sepulchre of one of

David's sons. The initials give the name of a king's son.

24. -TRANSPOSED TEXT. FROM " NO NAME," FREDERICTON. O moze, elt su gins toun teh dlor. us kmae a fyojlu soien ot eht korc Please give the passage.

(Puzzledom explained in three weeks.) THE MYSTERY.

No. 264.—SCRIPTURAL ACROSTIC. The son of Kish. 2. A term given to the disciples. 3. A captive Jew of the family of Kish. 4 A Biblical animal. 5. The son of Shaphat.

6. A Bible animal.

nant that no notice had been taken of his last let- amiable and prayerful judge, and the finals read

No. 265 - BIBLE QUERIES. 1. What king committed suicide? 2. What man was stoned to death? 3. Who was the first morderer? No. 266. - BIBLICAL ENIGMA.

I am composed of 12 letters. My 3, 8, 11, 6, 12, 7, 5 is one who mccks at sin My 3 2, 10 1 is a mount; My 9.10. 9. 4, 3 was Paul's friend. My whole is a fundamental doctrine of the Christian religion of unspeakable importance.

No. 237 -ANAGRAM. "Rof vere thwi teh drol, Meau, os etl ti eb ! Fiel mrof het adde si ni hatt drow-'Tsi morimtliyat."

No. 268. - Deop Letter Provers. - -e -a-e-: -u- -e -h--t -s -e-v-r-e -n -i- -a-s -h-l- -a -1 -t -n-e. No. 269. - Cross-Word Enigma.

My first in in church, but not in steeple; My second is in inhabitants, but not in people My third is in river, but not in lake : My fourth is in machine, but not in rake ; My fifth is in shovel, but not in hoe; My sixth is in stand, but not in go; My seventh is in mount but not in hill ; My eighth is in salve, but not in pill; My ninth is in dress, but not in toy, My whole is what we all enjoy.

(The Mystery solved in three weeks.) SOLUTIONS. (November 28.h.)

8 .- Prov. xxv. 21. 9- David and Jonathan. 10- S-abbath,

A-braham M-anassa . U-rim E-hud

L-evi 11.-(1). Amos, ii. 9. (2). St. John i. 44. 12 -Numbers xxiv. 14. THE MYSTERY SOLVED :

TIP MICAH PAY

No. 250. -(1). Tennessee. (2) Ohio. (3). Iowa. No. 251.-" Love one another." No. 252 .- f a ir

No. 253 .- " Count that day lost Whose low descending sun Views by thy hand N . worthy action done." No. 254 .- "Onward, onward may we press,

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Through the path of duty ; Virtue is true happiness; Excellence true beauty ; Minus are of celestial birth, Make we then, a heaven of earth. -MONTGOMERY. CHAT.

NOTA BENE.-To the boy or girl who sends in the greatest number of correct answers to the puzzies published during the month we will give a handsome book. The answers must, in every case, J. H. MORRISON, M. D. be sent before they appear in the paper, which is three weeks from the time the puzzles are published. Each competition will cover the puzzles published during each calendar month, and each competitor must state that the solution is his or

her own unaided work. Answers must be address, ed "C. E. BLACK, Case Settlement, Kings County, N. B.," and marked PRIZE Competition. A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

As Christmas will have passed away before we write again, we take this opportunity of wishing all our young friends "A Merry Christmas." Time has rolled on, and we are approaching the happy Christmas season, which reminds us that we are all further on life's journey than we were at the opening of the "Young Folks Column"near the beginning of the year 1884. Our hope is that all are nearer that beautiful place which is prepared for those who love and follow Him whose coming into this world we so joyfully commemorate this month.

It is pleasant to remember Christmas day above all the other days in the year, and thankfully to remember the goodness of God to us in sending His Grain Sacks! only Son into this world-at whose coming bright angels winged their way from heaven to earth to sing praises for the birth of the little babe who lay wrapped in swaddling clothes, in the manger at Bethlehem, for he was the Lord our Saviour.

From the little we know of the boyhood of Jesus, we know that he was good and obedient; and very wise, for at twelve years old he was found in the midst of the learned men in the temple at and understanding.

But we know more about him during the few years of his manhood, when he was going about "doing good." Many of his wonderfully loving deeds are recorded by the four evangelists in the

St. Luke speaks of him in this wise, "All they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them

unto him (Jesus), and he laid his hands on every PARLOUR. one of them, and healed them." How thankful we should be to know that he can heal us of our infirmity, and cleanse us from the

ask him, from your heart to heal you of your infirmity, and forgive you your sins, and he will do it. The lesson we wish you all to learn at this season is this: to be doing good every day, and at all cimes, for His sake, who loved you, and became a little child, that children might understand and love Him. Christ was born for you. Do you love Him? Every day, remember, that if you do you will perform

" Little deeds of kindness," and speak

" Little words of love." and that you are being prepared for the " Home in Heaven;" then this, and every Christmas, will be a happy and a merry Christmas to you. Let as hear from you after the Christmas season. May we learn that you do love Christ! Give us to

know how you enjoyed the blessed Christmas season,-and about the beautiful presents. May He who guides the planets in their course. guide and direct you aright through life. Trust

PRIZE COMPETITION. The following have sent us correct solutions to he Mystery of Nov. 21st : LOTTIE R. STEEVES, 3; "VAN," 5; "MARI-ANNIE," 4; L S , 5

" MARIANNIE." 5; MAMIE D. CLARKE, 4; "PUG Nose," 5; "BLAKE," 3. ANNIE M. NEWC MB .- You have correctly explained No. 7 in Puzz edom. Thanks for Query. "MARIANNIE,"-We are sorry that so many typographical errors occurred in No. 254. "Gnce," should have read "gnu." You did right. Square Word (5) in Puzzled M should have read grandson of Naomi Of the Pazzledom, 5, 6, 8, 9, 16 correctly explained.

"BLAKE."-Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 of Puzzledon

Nov. 28 h - Lettie R. Steeves. 3; "VAN" 5;

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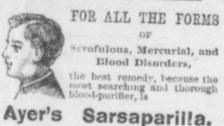
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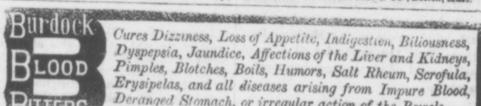
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