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A Dear Little Schemer.

There was a little daughter once whose feet were-O, so small ! that when the Christmas-Eve came 'round they wouldn't do at all.

she tried anothers. and folding her wee stockings, she slyly took her mother's.

at least she said they wouldn't do, and so

I'll pin this big one here,' she said-then sat before the fire, Watching the supple dancing flames, and

shadows darting by her, Till silently she drifted off to that queer land, you know, "Nowhere in particular," where sleepy

never knew the tumult rare that came upon the roof!

children go.

e never knew how Some One came and looked his shrewd surprise in size.

she only knew when morning dawned that she was safe in bed. "It's Christmas ! Ho!" and merrily she

raised her pretty head; hen, wild with glee, she saw what "dear Old Santa Claus" had done,

Mamma! Papa! Please come and look a lovely doll and all!" and "See how full the stocking is! Mine

would have been too small. prowed this for Santa Claus. It isn't fair you know, make him wait forever for a little girl

to grow," -St. Nicholas.

The Sixty-Times Magician.

BY J. F. COWAN.

How do the days and minutes get ushed along, Uncle Joe? I dreamed last night that I was up in heaven and saw a wonderful magician rolling little Dress Goods balls, and when he had rolled sixty or see anything. They would be so times all the little balls ran 'together glad even to hear the waves." into one large one, just like the little drops of quicksilver in the spider-andfy puzzle scampering into one after you have shaken it up. Then he rolled this big one sixty times, then the sixty all ran together into one big one. Is that the way the seconds and minutes ome, Uncle Joe?"

dreamed about, who really does push the magazine. minutes and seconds along, you would really, there is such a one not far from here, about whom I could tell you ome wonderful things if you would want us to see it," whispered Hubert only listen.'

Do tell us then, uncle. I thought here were no magicians, truly.'

has one hundred and seventy-five dif- Ethe!. ferent parts and two thousand four hundred distinct motions; and yet funny long letters," said Carl. it is very seldom that any of these parts have gotten out of order or any thing | Hubert. has interferred with any of the motions in the ten years I have had him with

'O, do you keep the magician, uncle?' cried the children.

'Yes; I have to give him a little atention once a day, which does not take all he needs for a year.'

But I should think you would be fraid to go near such a big fellow. One hundred and seventy-five pieces | who are they from?" id you say?'

'Why, but then it does not follow deaf girl-' hat he is large. Some of the parts re so small that you could not tell your magazines?' with the naked eye if they were any more than a speck of dirt or an iron about? See the beads twinkle!" iling, and yet under the microscope there is revealed a screw as perfect in | ly. the regularity of the thread and the finish of the head as any you ever letter which she has written me:" saw. It would take ten thousand and

that this little fellow is swift and shells and stones which you sent to me. strong. There is one little part called Please give them these Christmas basa balance that beats eighteen thousand kets, which I have learned to make. times an hour, or one hundred and And may you be very happy on Christlifty-seven million six hundred and mas day. Your loving friend, eighty thousand times a year. Every ten times it beats it travels an inch. which would make nine miles a day, or ket, Ethel," said Hubert. over thirty-five hundred miles a year; and yet it would take a mile of the Christmas twinkle in her eyes. It's 000 wire of which it is made to weigh less | brighter than that in the beads on the han half a pound.'

'O, you mean the hair-spring in your Watch, which is the smallest wire I ever he glanced at Ethel's glowing face.

clan's name correctly. But perhaps that day when we were so discontentou will be surprised to learn that - | ed. She slipped up-stairs and wrote well, I'll put it in the form of a ques- to Helen A. Keller. ion: Suppose you had your choice of er's store, what would you choose?'

'Why, gold, of course.' re mistaken; a pound of watch-springs modestly.

is worth twelve and a half times more than a pound of gold, and a pound of the springs would stretch two miles.'

cost so much. 'O, it is not this alone, because there is so little of this wire used in a single watch, but really a watch is not so expensive when you consider there is no other piece of machinery that runs so

rapidly or so long.' 'Do you mean to say that your watch runs faster than your factory engine. 'The balance-wheel of the factory

engine only makes fifty revolutions a minute, or as many in twenty-nine years as the watch in one year.'

'But surely the railroad locomotive runs faster than the watch.'

'If it ran as fast in proportion to its size, the locomotive would have to the wee foot and stocking-so different make twenty eight revolutions of the earth in a year. I guess it would have more than one hot box in that time. and the man in blue overalls would have to keep oiling up. And yet this little machine of mine will take only a drop of oil in ten years. The oil is gotten from the jaw of the porpoise or to be very carefully prepared, so that it is freed from acids or not affected by changes in temperature.'-Sunday School Visitor.

Christmas Twinkles.

BY REV. CHARLES N. SINNET. "There's nothing to see but the

That was the way in which Carl complained as he looked cut of the

west window. "And nothing to be heard but the

That was what Hubert growled as he stood scowling at the east window.

Ethel thought as she looked over some magazines. But she didn't say

anything for two or three minutes. Then her words gave no hint of what her thoughts had been. "Come and see this picture of an

elephant, boys!"

She spoke very pleasantly. But she 'If I were to tell you there is a more had to coax twice more in the same wonderful magician than the one you tone before her brothers came to see

When at last they became deeply hardly be ready to believe me; but, interested in them Ethel slipped upstairs and was gone quite a little while "She was writing a letter and didn't

to Carl. Neither of them thought much more about the matter, however, until 'Well, to begin with, this sixty-times | Christmas morning, when they brought nagician, as you dreamed yours was, home from the postoffice a package for

"Your name's written on it in such "Wonder who it's from !" added

Ethel wondered, too, but she blushed a little when she bent down and read

the postmark. And how quickly she had the package open!

"Oh, how nice!" she said. "Here are two pretty little baskets made of more than half a minute, and that is black and white beads; and one is for Carl and one is for Hubert."

"Yes, yes," laughed the boys. "Beauties," said Herbert. "But

"From Helen Keller, the blind and "Not the one that we read about in

"Not the one we've heard so much

Carl and Hubert both spoke excited-

"Yes," said Ethel, "and here is the

"MY DEAR ETHEL NORRIS-I thank eight hundred of these to weigh a you very much for your kind letter; ound, and they would be worth \$1,- also for the shells you sent, and the pretty, smooth stones. I think there 'I didn't know there were such is no study like that of the things anail things in all the world as this; which God has made. And he sends but go on and tell the rest. I almost the winds and waves to bring us these know now what this magician is, shells and stones. I am glad you told me that you had two brothers. I am 'But you will be surprised to learn sure that they helped you pick up the

"HELEN A. KELLER." "She ought to have sent you a bas-

"No," answered Carl, just see the

baskets." "You're right," Hubert admitted as 'And I guess I know when the Christ 'Well, you have guessed the magi- mas twinkle began in them. It was

"And wrote mostly about us being a pound of something from the jewel- what we'll try hard to be, helpful,

earnest boys." " Helen could see without eyes that 'I thought you would say so, but you you meant to be that," said Ethel

And twinkle, twinkle shone the Christmas light over the two baskets which many boys and girls came to 'I don't wonder then that watches see before the sun set.

Household Hints.

PIE CRUST.-Chop together one measure of lard or butter and three of flour, adding salt if lard is used. Set on ice or an hour. Moisten with ice water, mixing with a fork. Sprinkle the board with flour, lay the dough on it, roll lightly, and fold from side to side and end to end. Turn again, roll, and fold. Do this three times, putting it on ice for half an hour between each rolling. Bake ten or fifteen minutes. Less butter may be used if a plainer crust is desired .-Chautauqua Cooking School.

CRANBERRY SAUCE .- Pick over the cranberries, and boil them till they are very tender. Heat the sugar hissing hot in the oven before adding it to the fruit. Boil a few minutes and take up in a dish.

MINCE-MEAT. -- Two bowls of chopped apples, one of meat, quarter of a pound and ran to tell the joyous news to each and the head of the black-fish, and it has of suet, grated rind and juice of a lemon, two teacups molasses, one nutmeg, one heaping teaspoonful of ground cinnamon, and the same of cloves, one pound of stoned raisins, half a pound currants, quarter pound chopped citron, one quart cider, sugar and salt to taste. Syrup from canned fruit makes a good addition to mince pies. Canned grape juice may be used instead of cider.

SQUASH PIE .-- To each quart of squash cooked and evaporated till quite dry, and strained through a colander, add a tablespoonful of butter, two quarts of milk, and six eggs, whites and yelks beaten separately, sugar to taste, one teaspoonful salt, one tablespoonful ground cinnamon, one tea-"And there are folks who can't hear spoonful ginger. Heat all together to the boiling point, stirring often, pour into deep pastry-lined plates, and bake. When the mixture is done the pie will be of oval shape, highest in the centre and sloping to the edges.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.

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Our Lord Immanuel!"

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From West to East, Luminous bodies visible in the heavens at night.

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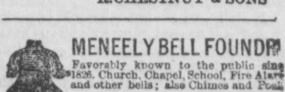
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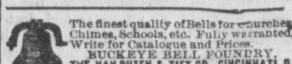
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