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45c per lb.

1/2 lb boxes30c

1 lb boxes50c

5 lb boxes \$1.50

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40c per lb.

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15c lb.

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Almonds, Filberts, Brazils and
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30c lb., 2 lbs 55c.

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Seeded Progresso, 17c.
3 pkgs. 48c.

Bon Ton Seeded, 18c.
2 pkgs. 35c.

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2 pkgs. 35c.

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African Raisins with
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Charles Dickens will never be out of date, and will always be especially remembered at Christmas time. He will never be neglected or forgotten. The millions of his readers at the present time speak for that. In his own measure he shares with Shakespeare the immortality, not only of great genius, but of world genius. His works will keep his memory green. The name of Charles Dickens is a household word wherever the English language is spoken, but when all this is admitted, it is impossible not to recognize his Christlike compassions, his extraordinary insight, his shining gifts, together with the wit, the humor, the imagination, the pathos and the kindness, which he brought to bear on the interpretation of the comedy and the tragedy of the common people he knew so well.

There are societies on both sides of the Atlantic under the name of Dickens Fellowships, the members of which are increasing rapidly; so that there are hundreds of thousands of Dickens keeping his memory green.

Quiet Struggles.

In the "Battle of Life" Dickens gives one a thought which he emphasizes:—"There are quiet victors and strugglers, great sacrifices of self and noble acts of heroism in it, even in many of its apparent lightness and contradictions—not the less difficult to achieve because they have no earthly chronicle or audience—done every day in nooks and corners, and in little households and in men's and women's hearts.

Christmas Time.

"But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come around—apart from the veneration due to sacred name and origin. If anything belonging to it can be apart from that—as a good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time, the only time I know of in the long calendar of the year; when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-out hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. And, therefore, Uncle Scrooge, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good and will do me good, and I say, God bless it!"

A Lover of Children.

Some years ago Charles Dickens' eldest daughter wrote an article for "The Cornhill Magazine" on "Charles Dickens at Home with special reference to His Relations With Children." Dickens did not speak much about his early childhood, but he was never weary of relating one incident. When the family lived at Chatham he used often to walk past Gadshill, with its fine cedar trees, took great hold on the boy's fancy. His father told him that if he worked hard he might some day come to live there himself. The father little thought that his would become the owner of the house and close his days there.

Dickens was a great favorite with children. Babies who would look at no one else would come to him with perfect confidence. His own children remember him as the soul of fun. He had a peculiar tone of voice and way of speaking for each of them, so that they could tell who was meant without hearing their names.

His Songs a Delight.

His songs were a constant delight. One song described an old man who caught cold by sitting in an omnibus. It was accompanied by sneezes, coughs and gesticulations, so that it had to be sung again and again before the little folks were satisfied. He not only shared his children's games, but sought to impress upon them that so long as they were honest and truthful they would be sure of justice from others. He wrote special prayers for them as soon as they could speak. His tenderness was remarkable. His daughter will never forget the curious awe with which she saw her father weep for the first time. His third girl, then nine months old, was bright and well when Dickens started for a public dinner; when he returned his little daughter was dead. Dickens utterly broke down when he was to go upstairs to place some flowers in the coffin.

For another daughter he prepared a happy surprise in a birthday gift of a beautiful gold watch with her initials on it in enamel. When the family removed to Tavistock House he attended to every detail of fitting up of his daughter's bedroom. The two girls were not allowed to see it till it was ready; then it entirely surpassed their expectations.

The daughter who wrote these recollections was once very ill. One day she was allowed to lie on the sofa in her father's study while he was at work. He utterly forgot her presence.

After a spell of rapid writing he jumped up suddenly, went to the looking-glass, then sat down to write a few words. In a moment or two he was up again, talking and gesticulating before the mirror till he caught the expression he needed. In this curious study of her father's manner of working the invalid forgot her weakness.

His fondness for animals was a striking feature. One deaf cat used always to follow him about the garden. Once Dickens was reading in his study with a lighted candle on a small table near him. Suddenly the candle went out. He relighted it, but a few minutes later the light grew dim. He turned around just in time to see his puss put out the candle with its paw. The appealing look which accompanied this act made Dickens close his book and amuse his favorite cat until bedtime.

He loved bright colors. Scarlet geraniums were his favorite flower. That liking was not forgotten. On June 9 and on Christmas Eve the memorial stone in Westminster Abbey is a blaze of bright color.

One need not be very conversant with the writings of Charles Dickens to learn that, associated with his genius for the portrayal of the curious, peculiar, and perverted in human nature, he posed in an eminent degree a real insight into child life. His was at home amongst the children, and the characters he has drawn of them are lifelike, interesting and often pathetic.

How touching is the story of Little Nell! A poor, parentless girl left to the care of her grandfather, who was an inveterate gambler, and yet who loved Nell with that intensity so awfully revealed at her death. To his love, indeed, may be traced that eagerness for hasty riches which led him to the devious path of gambling until his became a fascination. Yet even then he quieted his conscience with the whisper—"It is for Nell."

When Nell discovered this propensity of his, her one thought was to save him from himself. Added to her horror of the gambling there was her dread that to satisfy the craving he might steal. Her dread became a certainty. In the stillness of the night the miserable old man crept into her garret and robbed the terror-stricken girl of her savings. 'Tis hard for love to survive such a shock. Yet Nell does. She has no reproach for him who should have been her protector, but is so weak that a child must protect him. Her anxiety now is to protect him from further sin. If he would rob her he would rob others. The thought disturbs her sleep and leads her to part from various strolling companies who secure her service and with whom she might have lived comfortably. But she preferred starvation to her grandfather's utter degradation.

Poor little Nell! The task was too great for her. Suffering, physical and mental, broke down her constitution and she passed away at her kind friend the schoolmaster's. The lesson was a sharp one for the old man. Living she could not wean him from his vice. She died that he might live; and after a life of loving sacrifice she was called to the Eternal City, whither she was still his guide.

SANTA CLAUS ASKED TO SEND SOME HUSBANDS

Munich, Dec. 17—Many German frauleins want Santa Claus to bring them a husband for Christmas. They say so unabashed in newspapers which devote the better part of a page to want ads of the lovelorn.

"The Christmas wish of a daughter of the bourgeoisie," reads an ad in the Muenchener Neueste Nachrichten, "is for a nice business man or government official (widower with child acceptable). I am twenty-seven years old, have retained my girlish bloom and am an excellent cook."

The chances, however are slim that St. Nicholas will load down his pack with husbands, the Ministry of the Interior reports. There is no longer a scarcity of men as a result of war casualties, but comparatively few are in a financial position to assume marital responsibilities.

LAMENT.

Oh, it's always when I'm shaving
and
I want to be alone
That there comes the gentle summons,
"You are wanted on the phone."

WESTERNERS ARE GETTING CHEAP FARES

Passenger Traffic is Reported Heavy on the Lines of the C. N. R.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 17—The prosperity of Western Canada during the current year is reflected by the particularly large number of people who have and are taking advantage of the reduced fares put into effect of the Canadian National Railways for the month of December to the Pacific Coast, Eastern Canada and certain parts of the United States, according to figures issued by R. Creelman, Passenger Traffic Manager of the Western region of the national lines. These fares which also apply to the Atlantic seaboard have been taken advantage of to such an extent that it has necessitated the operation of several special trains to take care of the overseas traffic. The most striking feature of the overseas traffic, said Mr. Creelman is the number of return passages booked and prepaid tickets sold this year. These people returning home after visiting the old land will no doubt bring a good number of their relatives and friends, and this method of colonizing Canada through these successful farmers has proved itself in the years past and has always resulted in a large number of people coming to Canada from various countries in both Great Britain and the continent. On Saturday, December 18th the Canadian National Railways will operate out of Winnipeg their second annual special excursion to the Province of Quebec on which there will be approximately two hundred and fifty French Canadians from all parts of Western Canada who are going back to old Quebec for the Christmas and New Year's festivities. This will be one of the finest trains ever operated out of Western Canada according to Mr. Creelman, it will be comprised of both standard and tourist sleepers, diners and a radio equipped observation car. Also provision is being made whereby the celebration of mass may be celebrated en route as desired.

CAPT. HICKS IN CUSTODY FOR RUM RUNNING

St. George, Dec. 16—Captain William H. Hicks, supposed owner of the schooner Fannie May, which is now hauled up and held by Customs at St. Andrews was detained at St. Andrews today by Marshal McNichol of that place and placed under arrest of Marshal Goodiel, of St. George. Hicks was brought to St. George and locked up on a charge of smuggling whiskey and alcohol into Canada to the value of more than \$200.

The charge was preferred by Capt. Russell F. Coffin of the Preventive Cruiser Greb. The schooner Fannie May was seized in October last near the Wolves by Canadian Customs officials. It is stated that her cargo of liquors was valued at more than \$10,000.

Captain Hicks is said to have had an international reputation in connection with rum running and has been sought by officials of governments on both sides of the U. S. line. He served a term in Atlanta in connection with liquor matters. It is stated. He will appear before Police Magistrate Magowan tomorrow morning.

THE TWO LOVERS.

"How do you know that you love me?"
The modest maiden said,
The lover's eyes were big, round eyes,
And high he held his head.
"Because you're fair as angels are,
Because your eyes are dreams!
Because without you all the world
But tame and empty seems.
Because when I am far from you
Life seems but death, and always
I cannot live without you, dear!"
She sent the man away.
"How do you know you love me?"
Again the maiden said.
The lover's eyes were sleepy eyes,
And down he cast his head.
"Because whenever I knot my tie,
I always think of you.
I wonder if you'd like the red,
Or would prefer the blue.
Because whenever I shave myself
Your face comes in the glass
And I am sure to cut myself."
He won the little lass!
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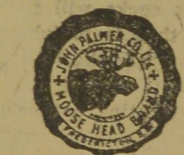
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