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ful and their doubts were encouraged of you and the boys being disappoint by Dad, who said to them, "Boys, it's ed. So I hitched up the old nag,-and not to be expected that old Santa here I am. We left no address behind us. you know, and he has so much to do now and besides we don't know a single that he could not spare the time to person in Canada who would think of hunt us up in a strange land."

Jimmy was eight and Jack nearly be a mistake." seven years old and, although their agree with Dad in this mater.

four, was more optimistic, and no Scouts.' ' argument could shake his faith. "I just know he'll remember us," he had repeated many times.

"Well, p'raps he has an aeroplane now," said Phil. "Anyway, I know had made out of the lumber left over when the little shack was finished

John Browning had sold his little prairie land, the cabin built and meaof hard work with the endeavour to put something by for their first winter

many worse off than we are, but-well if we only had some trifling thing out bring a look of surprise to their face: -something, no matter, how small, that would give them an hour or two of pleasure, I would be so happy."

Picking up the candle, she walked quietly to the bedroom door and stood there a few minutes. Yes, they were all three of them asleep, Jack all rolled up on the inside of the bed, Jimmy straight up and down on the outside, with little Phil in the middle, his curly head resting on his brother's shoulder- happy in Dreamland.

Mother gave a sigh, as only Mothers can sigh, a tear or two rolling down her cheeks as she turned back to her

that," began John. He stopped abruptly. Out of the noise of the storm came the jingling of sleigh

"Who in the world can that be,-out in such weather and so far away from the station?" he wondered aloud.

The bells ceased their ringing as a voice outside roared "Whoa there, my beauty," and a stamping of feet at the door brought John in a rush to throw it wide open. A wild flurry of suow blow into the kitchen, in the midst of it a man shouldering a large package, which he promptly eased from his shoulder to the floor. "A Merry Christmas to you all," he greeted, and rubbed his hands briskly before the hot stove.

"Why it's the Station Master," said Mother in astonishment. "Whatever brought you out in such a storm?"

"Well, Ma'am, you see when this parcel came in this afternoon and I saw it was for you, I just naturally knew it must be something for Christmas, and although it's a five-mile ride, both

faith in the Good Fairy of Christmas name, Mr. John Browning, North Corcard says 'Handle with care, and if Phil, however, who had just turned anything is broken notify the Boy

> 'The Boy Scouts!" exclaimed John "Sure. I have a nephew in the city who belongs to the Boy Scouts, and Associate Mem. Eng'r Inst. Canada, they send out packages to the New Mem. American Ass'n Eng'rs mas.Goodbye, and Merry Christmas! and the door slammed shut on the me again rang the music of joy and Christmas cheer.

"But, Dad," Jimmy asked the next books, "how did the Boy Scouts know we lived here? How did they know ou what we wanted Santa Claus to send is? I got just what I wanted, so did

train of cars at full speed ashead, know where to find Santa Claus?"

"I think," said Dad, "that the Boy that Scouts go about doing good turns particularly hard job to do, he just hands it over to the Scouts, and they scout around' and find out what is needed, and then they know what to

"Three cheers for old Santa and his couts!" cried little Phil.

and Phils. The Christmas Toy Shor beckening to you and your boys.

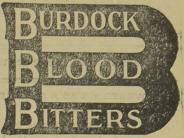
A 700-pound sea cow was shot the other day on the shore of Sea Cow Pound, Prince Edward Island an inlet which once swarmed with

vising and encouraging.

The Department of Works, at Ottawa, will shortly invite tenders for the first part of the public undertakings, designed to make Prescott, Out., the transfer terminal for lake traffic. The ultimate outlay at Prescott is estimated at approximately \$5,000,000 ated at approximately \$5,000,000, covering rail facilities, docks and elevators. It is understood that plans are now being prepared for the railway layout in which both the large railway companies are the large railway companies are concerned.

The Lord Nelson Hotel, contain ing 200 rooms and decorated in the Georgian style, has just been opened in Halifax, Nova Scotia, facing the city's beautiful Bota nical Gardens. The opening reremonies were marked by a dinner given by the Board of Trade to E. W. Beatty, chairman and president of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Up to date in every particular and quietly and tastefully decorated in the period of design recalled by its name, the new hotel will fill a long felt want in the province.

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