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THE MISSES YOUNG**THE TEMPEST**

BY CHARLES DICKENS

I now approach an event in my life, so indelible, so awful, so bound by an infinite variety of ties to all that has preceded it, in these pages, that from the beginning of my narrative, I have seen it growing larger and larger as I had advanced, like a great tower, in a plain, and throwing its forecast shadow even on the incidents of my childish days.

For years after it occurred, I dreamed of it often, I have started up so vividly impressed by it, that its fury has yet seemed raging in my quiet room, in the still night. I dream of it, sometimes, though at lengthened and uncertain intervals, to this hour. I have an association between it and a stormy wind, or the lightest mention of a seashore, as strong as any of which my mind is conscious. As plainly as I behold what happened I will try to write it down. I do not recall it, but see it done; for it happens again before me.

The time drawing on rapidly for the sailing of the emigrant ship, my good old nurse (almost broken-hearted for me, when we first met) came up to London. I was constantly with her, and her brother, and the Micawbers they being much together; but Emily I never saw.

One evening, when the time was close at hand, I was alone with Peggotty and her brother. Our conversation turned on Ham. She described to us how tenderly he had taken leave of her, and how manfully and quietly he had borne himself. Most of all, of late, when she believed he was most tried. It was a subject of which the affectionate creature never tired; and our interest in hearing the many examples which she, who was so much with him, had to relate, was equal to hers in relating them.

My aunt and I were at that time vacating the two cottages at Highgate; I intending to go abroad, and she to return to her house at Dover. We had a temporary lodging at Covent Garden. As I walked home to it after this evening's conversation, reflecting on what had passed between Ham and myself when I was last at Yarmouth, I wavered in the original purpose I had formed, of leaving a letter for Emily when I should take leave of her uncle on board the ship, and thought it would be better to write to her now. She might desire, I thought, after receiving my communication, to send some parting word to her unhappy lover. I ought to give her the opportunity.

I therefore sat down in my room, before going to bed, and wrote to her. I told her that I had seen him, and that he had requested me to tell her what I had already written in its place in these sheets. I faithfully repeated it, I had no need to enlarge upon it, if I had had the right. Its deep fidelity and goodness were not to be adorned by me or any man. I left it out to be sent round in the morning; with a line to Mr. Peggotty.

requesting him to give it to her; and went to bed at day-break.

I was weaker than I knew, then, and not falling asleep until the sun was up, lay late, and unrefreshed, next day. I was roused by the silent presence of my aunt at my bedside. I felt it in my sleep, as I suppose we all do feel such things.

"Trot, my dear," she said, when I opened my eyes. "I couldn't make up my mind to disturb you. Mr. Peggotty is here; shall he come up?"

I replied yes, and he soon appeared. "Mas'r Davy," he said, when we had shaken hands, "I giv' Emily your letter, sir, and she writ this near, and begged of me for to ask you to read it, and if you see no hurt in't, to be so kind as to take charge on't."

"Have you read it?" said I.

He nodded sorrowfully. I opened it and read as follows:

"I have got your message. Oh, what can I write, to thank you for your good and blessed kindness to me!"

"I have put the words close to my heart. I shall keep them till I die. They are sharp thorns, but they are such a comfort. I have prayed over them, oh, I have prayed so much. When I find what you are, and what uncle is, I think what God must be, and can cry to Him."

"Good-by forever. Now, my dear, my friend, goodbye forever in this world. In another world, if I am forgiven, I may wake a child and come to you. All thanks and blessings. Farewell, evermore."

This, blotted with tears, was the letter.

"May I tell her as you doesn't see to her in't, and as you'll be so kind as to take charge on't, Mas'r Davy?" said Mr. Peggotty, when I had read it.

"Unquestionably," said I—"but I am thinking—"

"Yes, Mas'r Davy?"

"I am thinking," said I, "that I'll go down again to Yarmouth. There's time and to spare, for me to go and come back before the ship sails. My mind's constantly running on him, in his solitude; to put this letter of her writing in his hand at this time, and to enable you to tell her in the moment of parting, that he has got it, will be a kindness to both of them. I solemnly accepted his commission, dear good fellow, and cannot discharge it too completely. The journey is nothing to me. I am restless, and shall be better in motion. I'll go down tonight."

Though he anxiously endeavored to dissuade me, I saw that he was of my mind, and this, if I had required to be confirmed in my intention, would have had the effect. He went round to the coach office, at my request, and took the box-seat for me on the mail. In the evening I started by that conveyance down the road I had traversed under so many vicissitudes.

(To be Continued)

SHEFFIELD

Dec. 21—The annual meeting of the Congregational Church was held last Thursday evening. The attendance was very good considering the stormy night. The reports were all interesting and encouraging.

The following programme was rendered.

Organ Voluntary.

Hymn 439.

Reading Scripture and prayer by Pastor Rev. J. W. Cox.

Clerk's report—Mr. E. C. Burpee.

Anthem, "I was Glad"—Choir.

Finance and Repair Fund Com. Report—Mrs. J. P. Jewett.

Gramophone Selection.

Solo "Flee as a Bird"—Wm. Cecil McLean.

Pastor's Report—Rev. J. W. Cox.

Anthem "Hail to the Brightness"—Choir.

Women's Auxiliary Report—Miss Ida Barker.

Mission Band Report—Miss Mildred Barker.

Solo, "Little Sunbeams"—Master Ralph Barker.

Foreign Missionary Report—Wm. F. B. Jewett.

Gramophone Selection.

Y. P. S. C. E. Secretary's Report—Mr. F. W. Barker.

Y. P. S. C. E. Treasurer's report—Mr. E. C. Burpee.

Anthem, "Rock of Ages"—Choir.

Remarks—Dr. George Camp.

Bless be the tie etc.

Refreshments were then served in the vestry which has been repaired, and now presents a very neat and attractive appearance, and a silver collection of \$8.65 taken for the benefit of the Y. P. S. C. E. Society.

Rev. A. H. Barker occupied the pulpit of the Congregational Church last Sunday afternoon. His relatives and friends were pleased to see and hear him speak once more before leaving for his new field of labor in Korea.

Mr. Helps is supplying two Sundays for Rev. W. Wass, who is visiting relatives and friends in England.

Miss Wass is visiting her aunt at Grenfell, Sask.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Barker and daughter, Miss Clara, are all confined to the house with colds.

The Annual Bible Society meeting will be held in the Temperance Hall, Jan 17th 1911.

ABOUT CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTIES

Many women will confess to finding it harder to arrange a successful party for small children than for grown people. The difficulty is increased when there is an attempt to have the party include children of all ages.

What amuses the eight-year-old might amuse the sixty-year-old grand-parents, but it will not do for the four-year-old cousin.

Some form of present-giving is a feature of children's parties during the Christmas holidays. Little people never tire of a gaily-adorned Christmas tree, and any trifle from its branches is glorified to the juvenile mind. A scheme that is sure to interest the small guests is to have some good-natured male "grown-up" dress as a postman, ring the bell, and come in with a packet addressed to each one, sealed and stamped with used stamps and hand-made post marks. A mirth-provoking form of distribution is the Jack Horner pie, placed on the supper table at the conclusion of the meal. The huge "pie" is constructed of cardboard, colored to look as much like a real pie as possible. It is put together in sections, one for each child, and in each section is placed a small gift, from which a ribbon leads to the plate. At a signal, everyone pulls his or her ribbon, and withdraws the "plum" from the pie. However ingeniously the gifts are distributed, the success will be diminished unless care has been taken to have every article of equal desirability. To make sure that some little boy does not draw from the pie a diminutive lady doll, or some little girl a tool jack-knife, the ribbons for the boys may be green and for the girls red, if the Christmas colors are chosen.

If the numbers are not too large, children like best a sit-down tea or supper. A miniature tree, decked with strings of pop-corn and glittering ornaments is an effective centerpiece. A snow and ice scene is popular, contrived from a mirror, cotton wool sprinkled with diamond dust, with

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REMEDY FOR CHAPPED HANDS.

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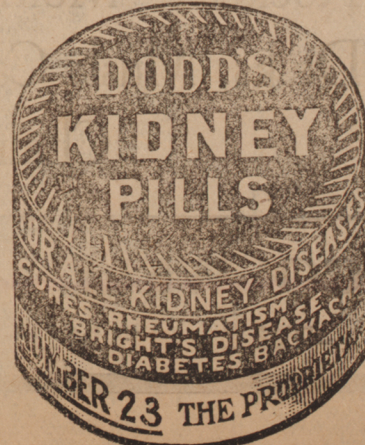
The hands should be very thoroughly dried every time they are washed, particularly in the winter. After the drying with the towel, rub the hands one over the other until the skin feels smooth. Or if you haven't time for that, wipe them again with the powdered chamolis, or hold them close to the heat for a moment; anyhow, be sure the moisture is all absorbed from the skin.

Some persons can scarcely use soap at all on their hands in the cold weather. For them, the little cheese-cloth bags, filled with bran or oatmeal, shaved pure castile soap, and powdered orris root, is an advisable substitute for the soap. A quarter of a pound of white castile to a pound of the meal and a couple of table-spoons of orris root are satisfactory proportions. Almond meal makes a good addition. A heaping teaspoonful in each bag is sufficient.

Red hands, when the redness is caused by chapping, will be improved by a lotion of glycerine and rose-water, with a few drops of tincture of benzoin added. Wet the hands with it, and rub them one over the other, until they are dry. If the hands have become much roughened they may be rubbed with a soft cold cream at night, and old kid gloves worn in bed. The gloves must be loose, and the tips of the fingers should be cut off, also a slit made in the palm, for ventilation. The wearing of gloves at night should be resorted to only in extreme cases, and be discontinued as soon as the hands are in normal condition again.

Sprigs of evergreen for trees, and possible a toy sleigh, reindeer, and Santa Claus with packets of candy, all complete and realistic. The supper itself should be simple, even at Christmas times—perhaps thin bread and butter or sandwiches, cold chicken, jelly, cake and fruit, with milk or cambric tea, or cocoa made with milk. Children appreciate fanciful-looking dishes, and the Christmas cake can make up in appearance what it may well lack in richness, and the ice-cream, without which a children's supper would scarcely be complete, will be all the more appreciated if it is moulded in various shapes.

Amusements for the party must be regulated by the size of the rooms, etc. Unless all the little guests can dance, and there is room for all at once, it is better, especially with smaller children, to leave that form of amusement out. Little people do not enjoy "sitting out" games. In any case, dancing should not be continued too long. Some sort of entertainment, like magic lantern pictures, is a good item coming between some of the active games.

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LOWER PRINCE WILLIAM

Dec. 20—Roy Lounsbury of Cambridge Mass., is spending his vacation with his uncle H. L. Lounsbury.

Our teacher Miss M. Elizabeth Clindin leaves for her home in St. Stephen Friday evening for the Christmas holidays.

The Social and Fancy Sale held at L. T. Hoyt's by the Ladies of the Sewing Circle was very successful. The weather proved very unfavorable but a goodly number were present. programme of singing and recitations was carried out. Home made candy was sold during the evening by Miss Hazel Hoyt. Mrs. Albert Smith and Mrs. Barry Courser had charge of the fancy table. Over twenty-five dollars was realized for missionar purposes.

Miss Ethel Hoyt spent last Sunday at her home here.

Inspector R. D. Hanson visited our school last week.

G. L. Hoyt is confined to his home with rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith visited friends in Queensbury last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Courser of Queensbury attended the Missionary Social last Thursday evening.

Killing chickens is the order of the day.

Mr. N. W. Brown is to deliver one of his able lectures next Thursday evening in the Lower Prince William hall.

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