

We wish you A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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The Captain of the Kansas by LOUIS TRACY.

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His story was unquestionably true. Tollemache, who had fought an offshoot tribe of these same Indians; Christobal, who vouched for the Argentine account, and Elsie, who seemed to have read such rare books of travel as dealt with that little known part of the world, bore out the reasonableness of his statements.

It was daylight again, a dawn of dense mist, without wind or hall, or any member of the ship's company thought of sleep. Then Elsie went to her cabin and dreamed of a river of molten gold, down which she was compelled to sail in a cockle-shell boat, while fantastic monsters swam round, and eyed her suspiciously.

When, at last, she awoke after a few hours of less exciting slumber, she came out on deck to find the sun shining on a fairy-land of green and blue and diamond white, with gaunt gray rocks and groves of copper bushes to frame the picture. There was no pillar of smoke on the lower hills to bear silent testimony to the presence of the Indians; but the canoe lying alongside told her that the previous night's events were no part of her dreams, and a man whom she did not recognize—a man with closely cropped gray hair and a deeply lined, weather-tanned face, from which a pair of sunken, flashing eyes looked kindly at her—said in Spanish:

"Good morning, senorita. I hope I did not startle you when I came aboard. And I said things I should not have said in the presence of a lady. But believe me, senorita, I was drunk with delight!"

CHAPTER X. "Missing at Lloyd's"

Elsie had slept long and soundly; she found herself in a new world of sunshine and calm. When she looked over the side to examine the crudely fashioned canoe, she was astonished by the limpid purity of the water. She could see white pebbles and vegetation at a vast depth. It seemed to be impossible that a few hours should have worked such a change, but Suarez assured her that the streams which tumbled down the precipitous gorges of the hills ran quickly after rain, owing to the sifting of the surface drainage by the phenomenal tree-growth.

"Wherever timber can lodge on the hill sides," he told her, "fallen trunks lie in layers of fifteen or twenty feet. They rot there, and young saplings push their way through to the light and air, while croppers bind them in an impenetrable mass; in many places small trees and shrubs of dense foliage take root amidst the decaying stumps beneath, so that even the Indians cannot pass from one point to another, but are compelled to climb the rocky watercourses or follow the slopes of glaciers. When you see what appears to be a smooth green space above the lower brown-colored belt of copper beech, that is not a moss-covered stretch of open land, but the closely packed tops of young trees, where a new tract has been barred

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Daily Fashion Hint for Times Readers.



THE LITTLE FOLKS WEAR VELVET, TOO. Velvet and lustrous velvet are very fashionable this winter for little people's outside garments.

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"But we are almost as badly situated here?" "Huh, not a bit of it. Lucky chap, Courtney. He couldn't lose a ship if he tried. She'd follow him 'cross country like that pup. Look at me: lost three, all brand new from the builders. One foundered one burnt, and I'm stuck on the Goodwins. I'm careful, steady as any man can be, but no owner would trust me with a ship now, unless she was a back number, an' over-insured. Even then my luck would follow me. I'd bring that sort of crazy old tub through the Northwest passage. So I'm first mate, an' first mate I'll remain till my ticket gives out."

A good deal of this was Greek to Elsie. But she knew that Boyle was a man of cure speech, unless deck hands required the stimulus of a tongue lashing. Such a string of connected sentences was a rare occurrence. It argued that the "Chief" was not unwilling to indulge in reminiscence.

"Why do you consider Captain Courtney so fortunate?" she asked flushing at the guile which lay behind the question. "Huh," snorted Boyle amazed that even a slip of a girl should need information on so obvious a fact. "Don't you call it luck to be given command of a ship like the Kansas at his age? An' to get five hundred pounds an' a gold chronometer because the skipper of the Florida was too full to hold on to the bridge? You mark my words. He'll be made commander of the fleet after he pulls the Kansas out of this mess."

"What happened to the Florida?" "Haven't you heard that yarn? Bless my soul, she was our crack ship. She broke her shaft in a gale, an' the skipper was washed overboard—you always tell lies about deaders, you know—so A. C. just waded in an' saved the whole outfit, passengers an' all."

"But he has had reverses, too. He was in the Royal Navy, I have been told, and he had to give it up because his people—"

"More luck, 'The Royal Navy!' Huh, all gold braid, an' buy your own vittals. There's no money in that game."

"Money is not everything in the world. A man's career may be more to him than the mere monetary aspect of it."

"If you ever meet my missus, you'll hear the other side of the question, Miss Maxwell. S'posin' Courtney was in the Navy, an' had a wife an' family to keep. Could he do it on his pay? Not he. As it is, he's e're to marry a girl with a pile, and wind up a managing owner."

"Perhaps he is engaged to some such young lady already."

(To be continued.)

THE INCARNATION

Sermon Preached by the Rev. J. W. Keirstead, Pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, on Sunday Evening Dec. 22nd

THE INCARNATION, John 1: 14. For many years previous to the birth of Jesus there was, among the natives of the earth a widespread feeling of the need of a greater moral force in human society than had previously existed. This feeling of need became stronger and stronger as one after another of the old world's religious systems was weighed in the balance of human experience and found wanting.

GOD AND MAN REVEALED IN JESUS. We have learned to prize most highly the wisdom that comes to us from every source, whether we derive it from the rocks beneath our feet; from the stars above our heads; from the words of a language no longer spoken; from the ruins of a civilization; from the teaching of the prophets, or the heart songs of the generations that have faded away like the dew of the morning, or the musings of Plato and kindred spirits.

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THE NICKEL'S PROGRAMME. Good Offerings for Today and Tomorrow.

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AT THE CEDAR. The inception of the Cedar's programme of refined vaudeville last night proved a gratifying success. Despite the storm, the popular North End theatre was crowded and those present were entertained.

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whole world is indebted to President Roosevelt for the courageous manner in which he has used his high position to lead in these great reforms. When these reforms have been fully effected a great many stumbling blocks will have been removed from the door of the church, which will then be synonymous with the kingdom. The laborer will no longer hesitate to enter the church because he recognizes the capitalist in the church as his enemy; for the law of Christian brotherhood will bind them together under the one yoke of Christian service.

AT THE MANGER. When first, her Christmas watch to keep, Came down the silent Angel, Sleep, With snowy sandals shod, Beholding what his mother's hands Had wrought, with softer swaddling bands She swathed the Son of God.

Then, skilled in mysteries of Night, With tender visions of delight She wreathed his resting-place, Till, awakened by a warmer glow Than heaven itself had yet to show, He saw his mother's face. —John B. Tabb, in the December Atlantic.

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