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DURING the past year "St. Nicholas" magazine, which has been for nearly thirty years the leading children's monthly magazine of the world (and now the only one), has introduced several new departments which have been extremely attractive and have greatly increased the circulation. One of these is

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who read this advertisement and who wish to find out more about The St. Nicholas League and its system of monthly prizes may address, without cost, The St. Nicholas League, Union Square, New York.

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BESIDES a great program of illustrated articles,—a superb panorama of the Rhine—John Bach McMaster's group of articles on Daniel Webster,—color-pictures, etc., etc., *The Century* will present, beginning with November, 1900, the first issue of the new volume.

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Twice—Sultan quivered under her with delight at the applause.

Thrice—What was that glance that shot through her and brought back the old, faint feeling? Only a wicked gleam of golden eyes under red hair.

Myra felt her head go. She cast a wildly appealing glance at Tom, tumbling and joking alongside. And Tom saw

In a half-second, with rollicking cry, "Candles, Christmas candles!" he saut up, and just as Myra felt herself swerving to the side of her horse, her foot was stayed on the clown's strong hand, and she bounded on Sultan like another Ariel.

To the crowd it was all part of the show; even the lynx-eyed ringmaster smiled approval. Myra and Sultan were led out, amid shouts, and the clown triumphantly executed a backward somersault.

As he came up he found himself opposite a mocking face with wicked golden eyes gleaming under red-gold hair.

Nobody saw the hectic color fade away under the clown's plaster, and when his hand suddenly clutched over his heart the boys jeered and chaffed him for winking at the handsome madam.

Tom the Clown was on till the lion queen appeared. He was doing the "dead dog" business, and doing it to the life.

"Tom, you fool, get up," said the acrobat, toeing him according to rule and precedent.

"Poor Tom's dead," came from the ghastly, whitened face, with its vermilion spots.

"Tom, you son of a dog, get up!" "Poor Tom's dead!"

Somehow the voice sounded wheezy and unnatural; the acrobat did not like it.

"Time's up," he whispered sharply; "cage coming; you've fooled long enough, drop it." Then he roared again: "Tom, you son of a dog, get up or you'll be whipped.

This time there was no answer.

"Oh," cried Myra, peeping through the curtain, "there's something wrong. Tom's ill; I'm sure he's ill. Oh, surely he can't have strained himself that time he held me up?"

The owner of the red hair and yellow eyes turned to her flashily dressed companion. "All these people are drunk at Christmas time," she said, with a sneer of her carmined lips.—Town Topics.

The Twice a-Week Republic.

Every Monday and Thursday a newspaper as good as a magazine—and better for it contains the latest by telegraph as well as interesting stories—is sent to the subscriber of the "Twice a-Week" Republic, which is only \$1.00 a year.

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THE SHINIEST DIME

One little girl had five little dimes; She had counted them over a good many times, And again and again she had left her play To plan how to spend them for Christmas day.

For papa and mama and baby boy And grandpa and grandma would all enjoy Her little gifts as much as a score Of other presents that cost far more.

Four of the dimes were dull and old, But one was shining and new, I'm told, And once the little girl said to a friend, "This new one is almost too pretty to spend."

At last the Christmas shopping was done; The dimes were spent, yes, every one; And Annette seemed the happiest girl alive As she hurried home with her parcels five.

She had a secret for mother's ear. "I bought a nice present for papa dear, And for grandma and grandpa and baby, too; But I spent the shiniest dime for you!"

—Jessie L. Britton, in December St. Nicholas.

"Who," said Cumso to Cawker, "is that individual who is inveighing so violently upon the injustice of government without the consent of the governed?"

"That's Mr. Henpeck."

HALF RATES FOR THE HOLIDAYS, VIA the Missouri Pacific.

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