

ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

On Christmas day, the legends say,
Ere earth's glad bells are rung.

The soul that's clear of sin may hear
Upon the charmed air.

The soul that's white may see a light-
O, Christ! that I might see!

They enter in where death has been,
And hearts bowed down with pain

The mother pale who doth bewail
Her infant torn away

Unto the seared and grimed and bleared
Soul beat by storms of wind

But must they love to lend above
The children motherless?

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The Angel of the Dakotas.

The sun radiant with crimson,
gradually sinks into golden glory,

The distant hills slowly robe themselves
in regal purple; lingering shadows float

"Wildbird, my weak heart grows faint!"

"Alas! so does mine, dear sister;
but let us raise our souls to the

"Dread of the morrow's awful sacrifice
makes me shiver, and my hope

"Sister, repeat the story of Sebas-
tain, and I will recount the martyr-

"Tis well, wise one," answered
Snowflake. "Begin with the story of

Thus conversed, in subdued tones,
two maidens captured from a tribe

Throughout the day some women
of the hostile tribe had busied them-

At a late hour, wearied with their
task, the squaws withdrew, never

The vigilant guardians smoked,
and chatted of their feats in the chase

"Our death may convert our father,"
suggested Snowflake.

"And if Redfeather learns the Black-
robe's prayer and is baptized, our

With words like these the two
prisoners encouraged each other, and

when a dead branch fell to
the ground, they watched patiently

That same night the Fathers at
the Jesuit mission were awakened by

"What seek ye?" inquired Father
de Smet.

"Great chief of the Blackrobe's,"
answered Redfeather, "my daugh-

As soon as the Blackfeet dis-
covered the flight of their captives

"He has delivered them; our Great
Manitou is not powerful enough."

Redfeather, on withdrawing from
the mission house, had held a secret

Before the end of the moon of Au-
gust the men and women of the fierce

"Father, the Great Spirit of the
Blackrobes is all powerful; ask Him

"Redfeather, what thou sayest is
true; the Great Spirit is all-powerful,

"That is not enough. In a few
hours I shall celebrate the august

"Thou must thou crave pardon."
"Blackrobe, I do implore forgive-

"I promise with my whole heart.
What say ye, braves?"

"We accept the will of the Black-
gown—we will be Christians."

"Father the Crows and Blackfeet
do us all the harm they can."

"It matters not. Thou mayest
defend thyself, but never attack.

"Father, I believe, and we swear
to abide by thy words."

"Chief, I trust thou art sincere—
that no lie lurks in thy heart. May

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indy, reposing in the rocking chair

A young lady fainted in a Buffalo
theatre the other day, whereupon

She: I can only be a sister to you,
Henry. He—withrepressed emotion:

"Mary," remarked the old gentle-
to the housemaid, as he went poking

Sick Man—"What kind of a place,
is heaven?" Minister—"It's a place

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As the sun sank into the west,
the prisoners were gathered around

"Rest here a while," said their
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Bobby (standing before the glass):
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