## CHRISTMAS TREASURES.

A little toy that baby knew. A little toy that baby knew. A little sock of faded bins. Intie sock of folden hair. Our years are this Christmas time. My little one-my all to me-Bat robed in white upon my knee. had beard the merry Christmas chime.

Teil me my little geiden head. If Banta Clause should come to sight What shall be bring my lacky bright. That treasure for my boy! I said and then he named the little tor. While in his round and truthful eyes There came a look of giad surprise There came a look of giad surprise There pube his trustful, childish joy.

And, as he laped his or ning prayer. He named the been with haby grace. And, toddling to the chimmery place. Se kung his little storking there. That sight, as lengthening shadows crept. I new the white-winged angels come with mumic to our humble house, And kins my fariling as he slept.

He must have beard that haby prayee, For in the more, with glowing face. He toddled to the chimney place and sound the little treasure there. They came again one Christmas tide. That angel host, so fair and white. And, singing all the Christmas night, They jured my darling from my slite.

A little sock a little toy. A little lock of goiden bair. The Christmas music on the air. Swatching for my baby boy. Sut if again that angel train And goides bead come back for me. To beer me to cternity. My watching will not be in vain. Eugene Field.



""S AY, Jos. let's go and look at the Christmas things in the winders." "What's the use? They ain't me of 'em for us. They's only for rich

"Well let's look at 'em anyway, so as

we can tell Ruthie about 'em." That settled it. The children ran as test as their lers could earry them until key reached the shap whose "winders" were full of the most wonderful toys; in fact, everything that could be imagined to delight the hearts of children wave here most temptingly displayed. Each article was fruity commented upon, and flaip admired by the two lods, until at thins and make

Now let's go right off and tell During before we forget 'gue?' and they some period back to the interval price they called home.

Mounting the steers, part or stalls as passing through module hold, they would miftly futto a tigy soons in the has bod also surst. 'On the load in the corner by a strike missingen house, with a pile, doin non, and hig, holoow erst. It surned both and painfully as the boys intered "Say, Rothio," gried doe, "you just complete see the fine the single too ha

the winders. I'll tell you about 'etal' and he described with much anthonison sie marreibne treasure the shop with dows contained. Intercapted name then by Dan, who supplied any instarial Dis brother brikes).

Righle Bareard engely. The descrip and the dolls protocol from bear. Jusstill allowred them protocolarly on her arcount, and was even able to describe

have some of them were drawed. "On how I wish i cont. just we one." the sighed, "and hold it in my hood. It would be so briefs," such in her convectness the child trial to the, but shat back with a cry of pain, At that moment, the mother, a black-

cowned, and faced woman, entered the and prepar after partitiong of which the children were soon in bed and asleen. Only a few months before poor Ruthie had been as straight and strong as her wothers, but one day she made a misstep and fell down the steep tenement airs, and hurt her back. With prompt medical attendance and proper care, she ald probably have recovered ere this, ber mother had no money for doctors er medicines. She had tried to procure admission for her child in a hospital, but oce was needed, which the poor selhave, so Ruthie had since lain in her little bed, unable to rise and often in great pain.

ment. The doll had not been missed and this little scene was heroad his comprebension.

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A gentleman, who was standing near, and had seen and heard all, came up to Joe, and laying his hand kindly on his shoulder, asked:

Who is Ruthle, my boy?"

"My sister, sir," was the reply. "And how old to she?" continued the rentleman.

"Eight, sir." "And she never had a doll?"

"No, #r."

The stranger turned to the cierk. "Please wrap up the doll micely," he said; and when the parcel was ready, he paid for st, then spoke again to the boys. Now, take me to Ruthie," and Joe and Dan obeyed.

As they waited along the kind gentle-man, who was a physician, questioned the lads about their sister's injury, and they told him all about her fall, and how their mother was too poor so have her properly cared for. As they entered the soom, the mother, who was preparing the mild-day meal, looked up in surprise as she saw the strange gentleman with Joe and Dan. The boys rushed to their sis-ter's bedside with the doll.

"Here's yer doll, Ruthie, back again. It's ter keep fer always. The gentle-

uan give it ter yer." Ruthie, who could bardly believe the good news, looked at the doll with long-

Ing eyes, but did not touch it. The doctor, who had been talking to the mother, now came to Ruthie's bedside. Speaking pleasantly to the little girl, he carefully examined the poor, isme back, and as he finished he said theerfully:

"And how does Ruthle like her doll?" "Oh, sir," said the child, "it's beau-

**BIRTH OF THE NEW YEAR.** 



# THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON.

ARVELOUS is the influence by which the Obristmas spirit moves the hearts of men to joyful and generous impulses. It seems as if in this ers of the year an unseen angel touches the invisible spring of an unused door in normal human nature and fills them with song and sunshine. What a world of generous endeavor and what a summertime of happiness is awhiri around us! Those whom Providence has prospered are busy with their loving devices to make home happy, to crown the waning year with goodness, to reward fidelity, patience and love, to reap the joys that flock into the Christmas State Ser season like homing doves from a far circling flight. None would deny them all the riches of such experience, but let us not forget the larger and holler signif-

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cance of this season whose glory is the advent of Him who came to minister to the poor and the sick and the downcast, and not to be feted and filled with costly gifts.

He came to serve and not to pamper Himself. He came to bless those to whom "blessing" was the strange name of an unknown experience. His works that have caused Him to hold the supreme admiration of mankind, the worship of millions and to stir the emulation of philanthroplets the world over were His gifts to the poor, the lame, the sick, the blind and the outcast.

Here is the divine suggestion to every man and woman who would know really the full proportions and power of happiness. Throw out the circle of your presence and generosity to take in some of those whom you know are without the cheer and content of the Christmas time Look out from your homes of ease and plenty by the back way to those hovels where you know is want and aching bodies and paralyzing helpiceaness. Reach out that hand of thine, into which a Christian civilization has poured more than your suffciency, and scatter the sunlight and heating offerings among those who shrink in the shadows.

Every man and woman who would experience the true Christmas spirit should distribute with grace and humanity to the poor and sick. It is a tithe to Illus whom you celebrate. It is a duty that casts a searculight on the way heaven. It is an excuse that stirs the inward spirit as none other can and widens the soul to greater capacity for love and happiness. Try it. Test it.

# BRINGING IN THE HOLLY. A Common Scene of the Christmastide

in England. Next to the presentation of gifts the prestest fun of the Christmas sesson in gland is found by the young folks in cetting ready for the festival. For ten days preceding the boliday the scene daploted in our illustration is a common Young men, young women, girls

and boys so out into the parts where the



bolly may be found and bring it in, in quantities large or small, according to their needs. The holly is found in swampy spots

in various parts of the world, but grows most abundantly and iuxuriously in the Southern States of this country and England. It takes its name from the use of the branches and berries for Christmas decorations. From this use it esize to be called the Holy Tree, which has since been corrupted into holly tree. The tree in Bogland grows to a height of from twenty to fifty foet. The flow-ers are whitish; the berry is scariet. The

the making of ardges.

# NEW YEAR'S IN RUSSIA.

Smaller Cities Observe fein the Twetze, Lags' Testilval. In the 'smaller aline of Bossis New Year's day is in the Tweize its' fas-tived. The Hashans in the Tweize its' fas-indication of the mass frame part is the same murial of the preparations for the same same basis great house begins to her is to the solution beef and examples in the indication of John Doe mass of such which the units of John Doe mass of such is and solution of John Doe mass of such is and any she is successful by the pare is and the indication of John Doe mass of such which the day she is successful by the part is and the indication of John Doe mass of such is and any she is successful by the part is and the indication of John Doe mass of such is and the indication of the same set is an indication of the indication of the same set is and the indication of the same set is and the indication of the same set is and the is and set is and is and the indication of the same set is and the is and the same set is a successful by the part is and the is and the same set is an indication of the is and the same is and the is and set is a successful by the part is and any she is an expected by the part is and any is a base set is a successful by the part is and any is a base set is a successful by the part is and any is a base set is a successful by the part is and any is a base set is a successful by the part is and the is and the same set is a successful by the part is and the is and the same set is a successful by the part is and the is an is an is a successful by the part is and the is an is a successful by the part is and the same is and the is an is an is an is a successful by the part is and the is an i

Is no masked use some rounds of vields. Her duty is to invite especially the young indice. She is balled with juy and the total of the bouse hereins to mix for the round of the bouse hereins to mix for the rest of the bouse during the first for boarmans. That was published to it all with a particular of the bouse hereins to mix for the rest in the next of the Wilder to the with a next indicated? These are the groung tien is visit by the house for the groung tien is visit by the house for the groung tien is visit by the house for the groung tien is visit by the house for the groung tien is visit by the house the solutions," as they are called. The duty of the pound me the first. The of the round me the first the transities of the round and process in the round process in the pound with point with the house the transitient of the round me the first the transities of the round me the first the round to be transitied to the round process the round for the round me the first the round process the round for the round me the first the round for the round me the first the round for the round me the first the round process the round for the round process. The plane distribution of the second state of

posted, this time by the master of the with curicidaes from one of the men ly house in the person of his servant, or ing shout him, and plunged into the "swat," who, with mace in hand, per-thickest of the fight, "swnt." forms his mission. On entering each house he offers a prayer before the shrine of the saint to which it is dedicated. He then delivers the invitation in the name of his master and mistress. At first, according to etiquette, the invitation is refused, but after much pressing it is final-ly accepted. When the day arrives, the young ladies who are the beroines of the eason appear in a sledge accompanied by their mother and favorite companion, generally a girl of inferior rank, who sits at their feet. This sledge is followed by another containing tirewomen charged with cankets and dressing hores. Other sledges follow-the longer the procession the greater honor to the house visited. On the arrival the host and hostess meet the guests at the gate, bow speaking and conduct them lato the house.-New York World.

## WORST SIN OF ALL

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There are signs of impropriety fike glaring

There are sints of impropriety fills glaring insolution, There are clause like petty increasy and areas and all that; There are inlags that one should meres do -that no folks who are clever do. You are include if you have the list of wickednesses pet. But some sins are out of reason in the blessed Christman season. And there's one that's worse than othere as the night outgioons the daws-flat's to send a Christman pressil to a city cos or peasant With that little bit of paper called "price ing" on.

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tag" on.
You might go and kill your asighber (not a philambrouis isbor).
You might role a bank or pilfer essenting else of wendrous worth:
You might wreek a train of elsepars while the travelers rest their pepers.
Thus releasing lots of splitts from their asjourn here on earth.
Yot all these would be forgives, for east climits you would be ahrives.
If you miss this blageest breaks, there as a many would be ahrives.
And you'll pull through like a dair, there a so many wrechs have goes.
And you'll pull through like a dair, there you asize solid and lang.
If you never solid a present with the "price lag" en.



A FTER the great battle of Shiles had A been fought and won, for many weeks the shattered wrock of phase was once John Fairfan kingered on the very threshold of death is a Southern

The builet had plowed its way through scalp and skuil, and for a time the issue was uncertain; but finally the skill and care of surgeon and nurse won the day, but John Fairfar arose and went forth

into a world of strangers. He knew no one. His own mane was gone from him. The past was easied. liis mind saw only a blank wall. Known as John Doe, of Nowhere, the name by which a morry clerk had entered him on the hospital records, he was told that he might go home.

is as white as lyory and is used in the making of musical instruments and have the of tappits are exactinged made therefrom. The bully is used mound in wagons, or could for the soldiers. I've got to stay with the loops. I wouldn't lois where to po if you tarned me dway."

Smaller Cities Observe Is fa the Twetre And so, not being ably to get ful of

And during the rest of the battle John Doe loaded and fired in freusled baster sprang from tree to tree as the line ad-vanced or retreated, and fought like a hero till the sun went down. The men made sport of John Dos no longer. From the by word of the camp be had grown to the bero, but a modeau one, for when the colonel offered to pre-mote him for bravery on the field of bet-

# Taste the joy of it.-St. Louis Chronicle.

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Since the day of the boys' visit to the hop windows, Joe's head had been full I a plau, which grew as the days passed

One afternoon, just at dusk, before the lights were burning, he went again to the place where he and Dan had seen the windows fail of toys. The shop was crowled with customers, and watching his chance he stole softly inside, and by reason of his small size, glided unno-ticed amo ; the moving figures, until he eached the counter. Stretching out his unds, be stealthily santched a doll from among a lot one of the clerks was showmy a customer, and slipped out of the foor just as the lights flared up. Run-sing all the way, he arrived at home mfely. He cushed up the stairs, and into e room, shouting: "I got yer doll, Ruthie; you kin hold

It ain't to keep for always, but hin hold it," and he waved his prize before Ruthie's astonished and delighted

syes. She held out her hands engerly and grasped the doll. She smoothed the flax-on hair, and klased the one, staring eyes, pressed the unyielding little form in r poor, this arms. Joe witched her great antistaction.

did you get it, Joe?" "In the asked. "In the shop."

Did yer steal it ?" she asked, looking

him sharply. "No, borrowed it. I'll take it back ten per through with it. When'll yer through?" "Oh, I seppose to-morrow," Ruthie id. with a sigh. "Jest let me keep it with a

ight." the herrowed doll slept that night in the little cripple, instead of being and away is its customary hor on the for the shop. The next morning Rothie, with many a sesigned her treasure to Joe's ping, and told him to take it back to

wouldn't be human and in little girl. added understandingly, and in with Dan, went back to the When they entered, Joe wont the the clark, who stood bahind to the clark, who stood bahind to the clark, who stood bahind

and to per, etc. t a while. She ain't

tiful. But is it really, truly for me?" The gentleman laughed and nodded, then taking the doll from Joe, handed it to Ruthie. She grasped it eagerly, and Little girl. ugged it to her breast.

"Thack you so much, air." "The doctor patted her check and con-

"And now, my little stath, how would you like to go to a big house, where you could lie in a nice little bed in a large, bright room, with pretty pictures on the walls? And if you will be a very pa-tient, good little girl, and do just as 1 think that in a few weeks you 83**7**.

will be able to walk about as well as you ever did."

"Gee whiz!" should Joe, while build chimed in: "Think of the winders, Ru-this!" and the two boys could not refrain from giving a rousing cheer.

It was too good to be true, Ruthie thought. First the doll, and now to be cured, and shis to run shout with her brothers. She was too happy to say much, and only asked that she might be allowed to take her treasure with her. and the kind stranger's smiling consent

impleted her joy. Then the doctor turned to the grateful mother, who was quite overcome at this unexpected good fortune, and telling her to have the child in readiness within an hour, took his leave.

The preparations were bastily made, and at the appointed time Ruthie was taken away to the hospital, bolding tight

taken away to the hospital, doking tight the precious doll. The doctor was as good as his word. The little lowelid had the best of care, and in a few works was able to walk about with the aid of a crutch, while her kind friend provided that it would not be long before the would walk as well as

"Tut, tut, say no more about it. We will call it Ruthie's Christmas," and his eyes twinkled as he smiled at the happy

Nor did he forget the boys, who found well-filled stockings on Christmas morn-ing, besides a substantial gift for the When Ruthie came home to

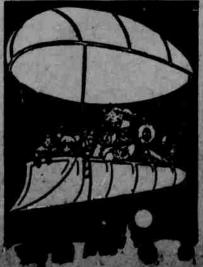
them, straight and well, there was great rejoicing, and you may be sure that Joe and Dan lost no time in taking their where Joe borrowed the doll that is now Ruthle's greatest treasure .-- Waverley Magazine

### One Thing Needful.

Stockton-I want to give my typewrit-er girl an appropriate Christmas pressot. What would you suggest? Bondham-Well, if she's snything like

mine I think I pocket speller and dic-tionary would be the proper thing.

Sant - Mast Keep Up to Date.



WHITE HOUSE GIFTS.

How Banta Claus Course to the President's Family. Wagon loads of gifts are received at

the White House at Christmas time They come from all parts of the country the majority of them from persons unknown to the President and his wife. These miscellaneous articles are the pri-vate property of the recipients, and the numerous parcels are placed in one of the family rooms for examination. They generally contain the names of the donors, and to all these notes of thanks are

On Christmas eve all the employee of house-the clerical staff, the ushers and the domestic servants-are given, through the established munificence of the President, a fine fat turkey. Fifty fowls, selected from the best in the market, are purchased for this event, so that everybody about the famous mansion has mason for rejoicing.

No one expresses his happiness with a more beaming countenance than does Jerry Smith, the old colored man who has been a member of the presidential household since the beginning of Grant's cook, but in these days he dusts the offices of the White House and keeps things tidy there as the traditional pin. The presidents and their advisers are musuily men of advanced years, and it is to the second generation from them that the White House looks for the froi-ier of childhood on Christmas day.---Wessa's House Companios. No one expresses his happiness with

# Provided Vor.

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## Christmas Table Decorations

The dinner table itself should proclaim the season by its decoration. A snowy cloth patterned with holy leaves or mistletoe, a center piece of glossy holly caves and brilliaut berries, silver caudelabra and ailver bonbon dishes are ap-propriate and dignified. Fint wreaths of holly tird with bows of "berry" red rib

tou are very effective on the table, one in the center and one encircling each candelabrum. A silver or a cut glass bowl of holly and meteor roses or holly and mistletoe may be set in the wreath to complete the center piece. The out-line of the Christmas star may be used instead of the wreaths. In this case the bows of ribbon are omitted. And for the guest cards either bells, stars, plum puddings, holly or ivy leaves, cut out and sinted and ornamented with Christmas terse or greetings, are appropriate, and a little silk stocking of bonbons may be

aid by each card as a souvenir.

Where C ristmas Folk Perapire. In the cities of Peru, and more espe-cially in Lima, there are bewildering scenes of activity on Christmas eve. The streets and square are crowded with guyly dressed people. Droves of asses are to be seen in every direction, laden with fruits, boughs from the mountains.

with fruits, boughs from the mountains, liquors and other merchandine. Ice stalls, provided with chairs and benches are crowded by the perspiring pleasure seek-ers, who find ice necessary on sultry Obristmas. There is music and dancing and the distribution of gifts in every house. In many houses the love of the Ohristmas drama is shown by theatrical representations of the nativity, with the ame characters as are seen the world -

### Christmas Items

There is a bolly tree six hundred years old near Pins, in Italy. Abyasisian Christians believe that pol-

senous analies are harmien on Christ-

Christmes Island, in the Pacific, is so called because Captain Cook discovered it on Christmas day, 1777. The republic of Uragnay holds a pub-he holding for tree planting on the Sat-may sold after Christman.

tie, he simply said; "No; give the place to one of the boys. I don't deserve it—all I'm good for is to cook and carry water."

Cook and water arrier be remained, and when Appomattox came and the case non central their growling, John Dot was swept northward with the returning wave of soldiery. And by some strange trony of fate he was left strapded in a Pennsylvania village scarcely a score of miles distant from the home from which he had gone forth to do bettly for his country.

His once dark hair and beard were now silvery white, and the bardsbue through which he had passed had mad so great an alteration in his appearance there was small probability of his being recognized.

And here, within a few hours' wafrie distance of the wife and daughter who mourned him as dead, the ex-water-car rier and hero lived and to'ed for all teen years, a cheerless, lonely nan, with strange, indefinable longing for some thing, he scarcely knew whit.

At last one week before Obrietm John Doe, no longer able to work, frieadless and forlorn, went forth into the highways a homeleas tramp, clad in the tretered uniform of the country he had helped to anve.

And in his wanderings be came to a little white cottage. As he stood paring at its inviting porch a sudden fall the q came over him, and he rested and feil. When he recovered he was lying beipless on his back, and by his aide ant a blue-eyed, flaten-haired girl, artlessly free-

ting to him. "Poor soldier man, did it burt you to fall that way? I'm so sorry, 'cause I love the brave soldiers. My grandpa was a soldier, but grandma says be went to war and never came back. Grandma always cries when she tells me about him, 'specially at Christmas time." The homeless veteran struggled to his

inces and gave one enger, inquiring look at the features of the protty little out efore him.

before him. "Oh, thank Thes, oh, my God!" be cried, stretching forth his hands. "Can it he that I have found myself, and the home and dear once I have longed for, at last? What is your grassdom's same?" "Mary Fairfax, and mamma's name is Dia Fairfax Field, and mines is Mariette Field. Isn't that a lovely name?" "Yee, it he," said Jobs sairfax, rising to his feet and taking her by the hand, "Come se, deary; let us go and find grandys has got home at last."

New doth the Christman and With happiness sints. second ing that was