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 TQ How mand HAPrExEP.?
 and the only picture was the wintry
sky, sparkling with stard thument ty
the uncurtained window. But the





 it "Yes. I ann. till I think how pleased
the childron wink be with oru tree. for
they don't expect anything, and will

 babies won't know how cheap they are,
but like them ns much as it they cost
henps of money.

 ful litie tree it wna only a branch of
hemboek in an old llower-pot, proppped
ne with bits of coal. and hrum with a Tew penay toys earned by the patien
fingers of the lder sisters, that the lit
the the ones should not be disuppointed.
Bnat inspied of the nimeten mion
tight, the broken branche with its
 lost their happy look, as if a cloud had
come over the sunshine.












 "Dont ' you wish there really was a
Santa Claus, who know what we wan
ed and would come end pot two oxiver






Chrome and Miss Kent. I shall go
round everunChastmas with a big bas
ket of goodies, and give all the poor ket of goodies,
childreo some."
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 Two soft kises were heard, a nost-
ling sound foloowed, and presenty the
litto sisters lay fint asleep, cheek agouinst oheek; on the pillow wet with
their tears, never dreaming what wha their ters, never dicam tog morrow.
going to happento them to-m
Now Miss Kent's room was next theirs and ds she sat se wing she could
heor the chidro stake, tor they son
forgot to whisper. At first the smiled Torgot to whisper At At first she smiled.
then slie lookied sober, and when the
and prattle eeased she siot to herself, as
she elinued about her ploasant cham-
ber:

 but never compinins. 1 im sorry they
heard what 1 said, and it know how
to do it without oinding her Id trim






 shonldn't have a bit of Christmas, when
they tried so hard to pienee the little
ones.
 bon, and two papers of bonbons ready
As no tocokins were hung up, she idid a clean towel on the thoor before che
door, ,nd proad torth the small gifts
Coook cheir
Misess Kent was so busy that she did Miss Kant was so busy that she did
not heor a slop come quiety up stars,
and not hear a stop come quiety up stairs,
and Mr Chrome. .he artist peeped ai
her through the batusters, wondering What she was about He soon saw, and
wathed her witheasure, thinking
that she never looked pretier than Presentiy she catught him at it, and
hate ned to explain, telling what she
had heard, and how she was trying to to

 But his eye kept turning to some or
the thice litlo bund that hat ony on
his tabee as it he story he had henrd
suggested how he might follow Miss suggered exiowle. It rather think he he
Kents exnme.
woutd not have distursed himsel it he
hol had po heard the atory told in such a
sofv voice with a pair of bright eves
full of pity looking into his, for litle full of pity looking into his, for ditite
girls were not pationtarls theresting
oh him, and he was wasally too tired notime , hat ind industroiousuatereatures toireing
up and down stairs on varions errands. or seeving at the long ved seanss.
Now that he knew sonethin of

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 Irsuit apon the tovel, hnd the money
atop onie oranges. This addition im.
aroved the display very much tud Mr
 and he gasid to himself: "She, too, shail
have hate surpiee, for she sis a dear.
kind-heated soul." kind-heasted souls a prettly painted
In his room was and
plate and this he filled with green and


 sho saw the state of the upper hen hall
Mow wouldn thye hoopht of
Miss Kent, she is such a giddy tirl, of











 tender matt to help till them.
If any eves hat been hovering about,
the dingy hall jost then they would


 and went to her lonely room again,
smithng st she thought how sho cound
thank them ail in a sweot and simple

 Tiest. The slept now, dreaming of a sunny $_{\text {morrow as they sat sately sheltered }}$

 were rare in those hard-working lives,
nond kind deeds. often come bank to the
jivers in fairer shapes the they the Now one woonid think that there bad
ben ifise eungh. nan no more could
possiby arrive. since all had added his

 Would tade it int her head that her
kittens wer it daner, becansen Mers
Smith had said dhe thought they were hearly ond enough to be given away.
Bur she mune uderstod for
when all was dark and still tho anxious when all was dark and stint the anxious
mother went patting up stais to the
children's door, meaning to hide her
baien toder heir bed sure they wonld Sabies under their bed, sure they wonid
save heme from destruction. Mrs.
Blake has dhat the door. bowever so
poor Puss was disappointed; but find-
 there, and kepp them warm al night
witt her head pillowed on the Slue
mittens In the cold morning Dolly and Polly
yot up and serambled into their
colthe not with what their stocking sos heldt hater the they had
none, but becast hay the the
ones to dress while ones to dress while mother got the
breakkats.
Dolly oped the dor, and started

 ed in the night. Puss hat left the kits
astepand goo down to get hen own
breakiast, and there, in the middle of
 to toe tiny tails curled round their iittle
noses in the sweetest way
Polly ynd Dooly colto ory elasp their
hands and look in rapturous silience tor





 hae money; men always have lots, and
his mame is on this bit of paper," said
Dolly
"O






 and duyghed till it was better than mu-
fio thener tem
This was a very remarkable Christ. This was in very remarkable Christ:
for day and they long rememberod th:
for whil they were aboorbed in the

 more
hitle
ince
one
 Miss Kent did, though we have nothing
to do with that exeept to tell how they
made the poor litte tree grow tad blosThey were very jolly at dinner, and
talked a good deal about the Bakes who ate in theirown rooms. Miss Kent
told what the children said, nd it
touched the soft spot in all their hearts o hear about the red shirts, though
they lankhed at Polly's lament over the
bird wiff only one feather in its tail.
"T'd give them a better tree if $I$. any place to put it and nnew how to
trim it up, " said Mr. Chrone, with
sudden burst of ptoased Miss Kent that her eves shone
ike Christmas candles, and bes said: "Put it in the back parlor. All the
Bowns are away for a week, and we'll help you trim it-won't we, my dear?",
cried Mrs. Smith, warmiy, for she saw
that he was in a sociable mood, and thought it a pity that the Blakesshould
not protit by it. "Yes, indeed; 1 ahould like it of all
things, and it needn't cost much. for I
have some An have some skill in trimmings, as you
knyw." And Miss Kent looked so gay Chrome mide up his minoke that millinery must be a delightful occupation.
.C Come on then. ladies, and we'11 have a litete on throlic. $I \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~m}$ a l lonely old
bachelor, with nowhere to go to-day. and I'd like some fun." you; for they
They had it, I assure yor
all fell to work as busy as bees, flying and buzzing about with mach luaghter
as hey worked their pleasant mirace.
Mr. Chrome acted more like the father of a large factily than a like crusty father bache-
lor, Miss Kent's skillful fingers flew a they never did before, and Mrs. Smich
trotted up and down as briskly as if she were sixteen instead of being a stout
old woman of sixty.
The children were so full of the play The children were so full of the play.
and telling all about it, that they forgo
their tree till after supper; butt their tree till after supper; but the seed
from which the little pine-tree grew so
quickly and beautifully. quickly and beautifully.
When the monn came to look in a
the window on her nightly rooud two smiling faces lay on the pillow, which sas no longer wet with toars, but rath
er knobby with the mine of richeshidden er knobby with the mine of riches hidden
underneath -first-fruits of the neigh underneath-tirst-fruits of the peigh-
borly friendship which toourished in that
house until another and a merrier
house until another and ${ }^{2}$. merrier
Christmas came.-Louisa M. Alcoth.

Electric Light in the Stomach.
The Vienna Neuc Freie Press give8 an
account of an instrument invented by account of an instrument invented by versity, which enables a physician to
subject every part of a patients stom
ach to an ocular inspection ael to an ocular inspection. It consists,
of a tube which is thrust down the
throat after the manner of the sword
 a wide opening for the optical appara-
tus. tus. The stomach is emptied by means
of a stomach-pump previous to the in-
troduction of the apparatus, and is then inflated through the air-tube. At the
bottom of the tube are two window bottom of the tube are two windows,
one on each side, through which the one on each siomach can be seen, the
walls of the stomach
requisite light being furnished by an ineandescent platina coil which is con-
nected with the conductor. In order that the examination may not be dis-
turbed by conghing or vomiting on the part of the patient, be is treated to a
dose of morphine which en bbles him to endure the presence of the instrumeat
for ten or fitteen minutes, while retain-
ing suticicient consciounsess to converse
with the physiein by means of signs.
It is apparent that this instrument wil
prove of inestimable value to medical

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Ma\mp@code{Maine has, sioce 1824, had a law b}
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from the State-prison until the expira-
tion of the full term of the sentence
(unless pardoned out), exclusive of the

 subordinate was lately kept 144 days in-
yond his term of sentence. He sued Yoe Warden for illegal imprisonment.
the What the Court decides that he can re
and
cover, the statute being unconstitu-

facts and figures.
 -The phosphate royalty of South Carolina, at \$1 to twh (which royalty
is paid on only tho phosptate rock oot.
tained ti the is paid on on ty tho phosptate raok raik
tanied in the rivers
streams of the States), amounted streems of the State), amounted fithe
IRst fiscal year to the stmo ot 8121,541,

- A tool that weighs 120,000 pounds
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trains bet
 een Chicen
ke an aver
iles per
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$\qquad$ (Dol.) machine-shop at a Wilmington
(O.) iron company. If is a hace
(O) huge planingy machine, capable of planing a
sheet of iron ten feet wide and twentylour feet long.
- An English that people on the island of Chilli says
thake Chat people on the island of Chiloe make
the potato a staple article of food, and
think that outsiders aeithe think that autsiders neither know how
to raise good potatoes nor to cook them to raise good potatoes nor to cook them
well. ${ }^{\text {Potatoos there are so mealy that }}$
they fall to pieces in cooking, and when Wel. foll to pieces in eooking, and when
they fall then then
ronsted in hot tashes the insice is much
like flour when the skin is broken like flour when the skin is broken.
But there is plenty of rain in Cbilo. It yearly takes 2000,00 acres of
arest to supply cross-ties for the railroads of the Uny erosed Sties fores. the raikes
$15,000,000$ ties to supply the demand. for which on an anerage the con-
tractors get thirty-five cents tractors get thirty-five cents apiece,
making, In the aggregate $\$ 5$,
250,000 . In building a new road the contractors figure on an new road the
mile, whille it takes 300 ties to the the mile to keep a constructed road in repair.
The average of a good piece of timber land is 200 trees to the acre and 12 ties
to the tree. White or barr oak is con-
sidered the best timber sidered the best timber for the purpose,
although cherry, maple, ash, and even
locust gives employment to an army of chopeach tie. A single man has been apece for to get out thirty-five ties in a day, yet
the averace is will probaboly is only ten, while an ent twenty, In China machinery for coal min-
ing to lighten labor is unknown. ing to lighten labor is unknown. The
Chinese have not even an idea of the
pumps indispensable to draw off the water. If loal cirrumstances af alow
they cut drainage galleries; if not, they abandon the work whenever the inun-
dation has gained too far upon them. The mattook and shovel, the pick and
the hammer are the mining instruments - the only ones in fact, which the Chinese employ in working the coal. The
water of the mine is emptied by a slow roceess of tifling small coskes. which are
brought up to the surface by manal brought up to the surface by manual
labor. The coal when mined is pul abor. The coal when mined is put
into baskets and drawn upon sledges, which are raised to the surface by man-
aal strength. Each basket contains mout three pounds of conl, and one
man can raise about twelve owt. per
day. The wages paid per day are equal WIT AND WISDOM
-How a man deeides where he will
build bis house-By lot.-Lowell
Courier. If a fellow goes skating for the first
ime he can never tell what's going to time he can never tell what's going to
turn up. $-N$. $Y$. Commercial Advertiser.
 cob Strauss. $\qquad$
The force of habit for exarnple has
no effect on the man in the moon. He
tays sober when the moon gets Stays sober when the moon gets full--
Chroniclc-Herald.
-The difference between a defaulter and a thief is very simple. One steals
 In the fall the young man's fancy one mond his glove.- Lovecll Citizen. -The man who stood in front of his olor on his mustache, said he was just
"dyeing to see his gitl."-Ynkers Statesman.
- Scientific men assert that the only othe north. No attention has been
paid to this by church architects, and alling of in chareh attendance.- Texas siffings,
- Ther
nd occasionally there is one in the arming community who will set up a
barrel on his bach piazza, just like a for two hours for it to tramp get dark enough
formish or him to crawl up to it, and when he
筑却 at it find it filled with water.--Bos--Vennor says it is going to be so
cold next week that the oidest liar will coid next week that the oidest iar won-
be unable to cite a parallel to it. ConBenson's description of Hades, old
of the , othe place where it is so style, "the place where it is so hot if
yout were to hand a man a spoonful of
moiten iron, he would swallow it gladly and think it was
Eington Havkeny.
-See the Fish. The Fish is a Trout
and Breathes through his Ears. He
lives in the Brook and May he if ives in the Brook and May be if you
try you can Catch him. Any little Boy
who oatches so many Measles ought to be Ablo to Cateh one little Fish. The
Trout Weighs four Ounce, but you
can say he Weighs foun Po can say he Weighs four Pounds. Do
not call him a Speokkled Beauty or you
cill be Shot will be Shot. Eat him Head, Tail, In-
wards and All, and get a little Bone in
your Throat if your Cau.-Dewer Trib

