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Christmas Stories and Their Growing Un popularity.

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Roland Reed Amuses a Chicago Jus tice by Testifying in a Divorce Case - Music and Dramatic.

Surrounded as we are, with the tender recollections of pleasant holiday times long past, and as the world is upon the eve of anothe universal peaceday, I am sure I will be forgiven a little digression from my usual field to say something about the Christmas story

The Christmas story as it stands today is an anomaly in our literature that will neither consent to die a national death from legitimate causes, nor be happily slain by a downward sweep of Time's keen edged scythe. It has no raison d'etat, yet it continues to live and thrive, planting its worn out existance in our faces and pranking in the same old time garb that adorned its lusty

New schools of fiction are born, flourish and die; but it declines to change. The novel of the past, where the here was

a hero and the heroine a heroine and something extraordinary happened to both in every chapter, has given place to the novel of the present, where here and heroine are alike studiously commonplace and nothing happens by any chance to either of them. The poets of today no longer sing the praises of war and women, but devote themselves with unerring energy to an analysis of the seven deadly sins. France lays a curious finger on romance and she withers beneath his touch. Even the children turn from the golden palaces of Haroun-Alraschid to learn how many thousand pins can be manufactured in an hour. But in the midst of all this the Christmas story remains perfectly the same. and ignoring our too evident fatigue, declines to part from our midst. It has often been asserted that Dickens

planted the seed which produces this annual florescence, but in reality he is only responsible for one variety of the bloom—the roast beef and plum pudding Christmas stories in which his heart delighted. Higher messages than these he steadfastly refused to give. Peace and good will meant making up of family quarrets and sending turkeys to your poorer neighbors. The Cratchit family steeped to the eyes in sage and onions; Mrs Chickenstalker bearing the mighty jug of flip for Meg's wedding party—these are the pictures he loved best to draw. And what Dickens has done in good-fellowship Trollope has done in scorn when he takes us to that Christmas dinner at Great St. Helen's and shows us Mr. Moulder and his friends hered around their Christmas god-the

never see such a bird in my life,' says Mr. Moulder, with unctious pride. 'It weighed twenty-four counds, for I put it into the scales myself and old Gibbetts let me have it for a guinea. He's had it hanging for a fortnight and I've been to see it wiped down with vinegar regular every morning.
And now my boys, it's done to a turn. I've
been in the kitchen most of the time myself, and either I or Mrs. M. has never left it for a single moment.

"How did you manage about divine ser-vice" asked Mr. Kantwise, closing his eyes and sucking his lips.

Mr. Moulder looked at him for a minute and

then said: 'Gammon!' Next to the Christmas stories in which the dinner is everything come those—and their name is legion—in which rich men send mysterious barrels of flour and tons of coal, and cords of wood to hungry and freezing fami-lies; or rich women, become suddenly inter-ested—late Christmas Eve—in the sorrows of a poor sewing girl or milliner's apprentice with a fifty dollar bill and a new bonnet; or

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rich children strip the dainties off their Christmas tree and carry them as a substantial gift to the starving beggars in the alley These tales are all admirable in intention and apart from their extreme improbability have no fault beyond that of being told too

Closely allied to these are the ingeniou fabrications in which people turn out to be somebody else on Christmas day, the transformation being as complete and dazzling as those of Harlequin and Columbine. Bare-footed match girls are discovered to be the grandchildren of millionaires; long lost sailor uncles drop from the clouds to scatter gold and India shawls and rare mechlin lace among destitute nephews and nieces; ragged street boys turn out to be the stolen heirs of earldoms. And so on ad infinitum ; you know the stories quite

as well as I do, I am sure. as well as i do, I am sure.

As long as everything finishes up well readers are easily satisfied. Only those contrasting stories in which homeless children reeze on our doorsteps while the happier ittle ones are dancing within, fail o gratify our minds. Not even to gravity our minds. Not even the pathos and beauty of Andersen's "Gret chen" can make it a favorite in our midst. At Christmas time we naturally want to feel omfortable and prefer thinking that every

ody is as well housed as ourselves. Perhaps the day may come when we will awaken to the fact that the Christmas story s not essential to our literary life and so let t drop gently out of sight. Perhaps in the is not essential to our interary life and so let it drop gently out of sight. Perhaps in the far future an immortal genius may arise capable of writing a story we have rever heard before. In the meantime let us jog ententedly along in the old accustom rack, content to take our Christmas stories as we have been recently advised to take our poets "just as they are served up to us."

A good story is told on Roland Reed, who will be the attraction at Boyd's opera house during the Christmas holidays. It happened in Chicago the other day. Ro-land dropped into one of the court rooms to see the judge, who happened to be a personal

While he was standing near a pillar awaiting his honor's leisure he was grabbed by the arm and hustled toward the front by a stalwart bailiff, who pushed him hurriedly into the witness-bex. "Hold up your right hand and be sworn," some one sternly commanded. The comedian held up his hand and solemly took the cath. "Now hand and solemly took the oath. "Now what do you know about Mary Manigraf" one lawyer demanded. As Roland had never seen or heard of Mary Manigan he scarcely knew how to accommodate them but as they had used no ceremony with he determined to be equally liberal. stood up in the witness box and proceeded to give Mary Manigan a character at great length and in minute detail. Before he had finished, however, the judge leaned forward in his chair and gazed at Roland with wide

open eyes. "Stop!" he thundered, "you are Roland Reed, the comedian. "I have never demed it," coolly replied

"What have you to do with the case," the judge demanded. "I never said I had a thing to do with it," replied the comedian. "I simply came in to see you and was dragged upon the stand. As Mary seemed to need a friend I have tried to be one to the poor girl."

Well, there was a great laugh at some-body's expense, and eventually Mary got her divorce. Roland will always believe that the judge tried to play a joke on him, but he flat-ters himself that he turned the tables.

THE LOUNGER. The Grau opers company will sing "The Gondollers" at the Grand opera house this evening, and it will be the only presentation of this charming opera in this city this sea-son by this company, which is full of first-class talent. The libretto, like all of Gilclass talent. The libretto, like all of Gil-bert's productions, is interesting, sportive and full of poetre fancy. Its story and con-struction are good dramatically. The musical score is both melodically and harmonically agreeable, and is as charming as Sullivan's "Mikado" and "Pinafore." The costumes are all new and rich. The dress of the duchess is a dream in crange silk the inside duchess is a dream in orange silk, the inside flounces of which are trimmed with passies of silk in the colors of that flower. The train thereof is of a tan silk, and is something unusually rich and stylish. Casilda's coat dress is yellow silk trimmed with Marechal Niel roses, and is also something altogether Venetian and therefore exquisite.

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will doubtless be favored with a very large

The Grand has secured a thoroughly high-class attraction for Christmas matinee and

evening, Friday evening and Saturday mati-nee and evening. It is no less than the "Held by the Enemy" company, who are presenting Gillette's great American play with greater success than ever befere. The

company is more effective, every person fit-ting the part to a perfect nicety, and they never gave a smoother performance than they

do now. The scenery, on which much of the success of the play depends, has been greatly

improved, and nothing more could be asked for in that direction. "Held by the Enemy" is one of the greatest military draws suc-

cesses on the American stage, and it is well deserving of the high place it holds. The Grand will be the popular place of amuse-

nent on Christmas day with theater-goers.

The gorgeous comic operatic extravaganza

the "Corsair," which will be seen at Boyd's opera house next Monday evening marks an

era in stage illusions and costuming. The piece is one of the musical burlesque kind for

which Rice & Dixey are famous, but for

scenic effect and elegance of costuming will probably be a theatrical revelation. Some

\$24,000 were spent in originally putting this piece upon the stage, and the perfection to which its scenic and mechanical effects have

which its scenic and mechanical effects have been brought demonstrates a new phase in theatrical realism. The most notable scenes are the "Mar-ket Place of Stamboul," the "De-parture of Conrad's Bark," the "Pirates' Grotto," the "Gardens of the Pasha," the "Harem in the Pasha's Palace" and the grand transformation scene, the "Palace of Pearl", Musically, the piece is full of

of Pearl." Musically, the piece is full of "catchy" airs and more serious numbers. Among the notable musicial features is the

the finale of the first act, "Gorsal's Bold;" the finale of the first act, "He's Afraid;" the waltz song, "When in the West;" the duet between Courad and Medora in the first

act, "Birds in the Bush;" and the romanza, "Fear Not, My Love,," The "Corsair" will include the handsomest women picked from

There will be plenty of jolly moments at

old friend, Roland Reed, will furnish the merrymaking, and that it will be of a splen-

merrymaking, and that it will be of a splen-did nature goes without saying. Reed is very popular here and deservedly so, as all of his productions are presented with a finish and attention to detail that are always at-tractive and invariably of the best nature. Mr. Reed has been rapidly gaining fame and fortune and each season shows him to better advantage. His present tour has been un-usually successful, the capacity of the thea-ters having been tested in nearly every town visited. An interesting and attractive pro-

successful comedy, "The Woman Hater," which, as Samuel Bundy, the cynical

bachelor, Mr. Reed is seen to excellent ad-

the other shows that Mr. Rice controls.

Boyd's during the Christmas holidays.

udience this evening.

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n particular is a claim against the English government for the running down of the government for the running down of the captain's Lebster Smack.

Mr. Reed's supporting company is an unusually strong one, and comprises many artists of well known and acknowledged ability. They are: Miss Isadore Rush. Miss Maud Monroe, Mrs. Mary Meyer, Mr. Harry A. Smith, Mr. H. Rees Davies, Mr. William C. Andrawa Mr. Ewnst Barten Mr. Lilian . Andrews, Mr. Ernest Bartram, Mr. Julian

Reed, Mr. Max Fehrnann. The Eden-Musee will place on exhibition this week one of the most beautiful Christ mas scenes ever established in this or any other city. For weeks the special artist has been engaged on these paintings, and now that they are completed a grand sight is in store. In order to place the scene in place another floor will be opened. The first floor leading from the rotunda will be utilized and one of the grandest historical exhibits known will be thrown open Monday. In order to amuse all the little ones who will visit the Musee during the holiday week the collection

of monkeys, including the little ing baby monkey, will be on exhibition another week, the little ones should see remarkable cunning little beast. theater the famous Byon trio will open a week's engagement in their comic satire, "Irish Mixtures," introducing the latest comical satires, bright and breezy songs, graceful dances, rapid changes and refined comedy. This restriction of the comedy are the comedy to the comedy of the comedy of the comedy are the comedy of t comedy. This troupe is of exceptional merit, and will present a performance that will make an undertaker laugh while on duty. This troupe is of exceptional merit. The famous family of musicians, the Der villes, will present an elaborate sketch that cannot fail to please all. Feather, the famous Chippewn Indian aided the whites to escape in the great Sioux massacro of 1862, will be present and describe that awful conflict. Mala Dalamajaut, the beautiful serpent queen, will also be here this

The Old, Old Story.

It will surprise many to learn that Mr. Haberkorn, who attained most of his fame through his marriage a few years ago with Margaret Mather, has just accepted the position of orchestral leader at the new theatre which has just been opened in Pittsburg. It seems that this is a result of a permanent seperation between Miss Mather and Mr. Haberkorn. In addition it is said that they came to a perfect amicable arrangement in the premises, and that both of them are entirely satisfied to part with each other's

There is ne scandal involved in the matter, as is so often the case in a theatrical separa-tion. The only thing that may strike the tion. The only thing that may strike the public with wonder is that so much fuss was made only about three years ago over the marriage of this couple if they were so soon to separate. Mr. Haberkorn will in the future earn his own living in his old pro-fession, and Miss Mather will earn hers.

visited. An interesting and attractive programme will be presented during the engagement, which opens with a matinee on Christmas day and continues Friday and Saturday nights. Christmas afternoon and night will be devoted to the late David D. Lloyd's very successful comed. "The Worman Hatter," in A Rare Musical Treat. A few of the music loving people of Omaha were given a rare musical treat in Max Meyer's music room Wednesday afternoon. vantage. The play has been one of the distinguished successes of the past season and has everywhere been pronounced one of the best comedies of the era. The great interest centering around Mr. Mrs. Ida Bond Young, soprano, of New York city, Miss Christine Neilson of Chicago, alto, and Mr. Charles A. Knorr, Chicago, tenor, who performed the solo parts in Reed's engagement will be the production of his latest play, 'Lend Me Your Wife.' This will be presented Friday and Saturday nights the "Messiah," given by the Lincoln Oratorio society Tuesday evening, were passing through the city on their return and at the and at the Saturday matinee. It is the last dramatic work of that gifted author, Dion request of Prof. Torrens consented to sing a few choice selections before a small number of friends who were invited in. Mrs. Young sang "Love is a Dream," Cowen, and "Come unto Me," from the "Messiah." Miss Neilson sang "In the Chimney Corner," Cowen. Mr. Knorr sang "Charity," Faure; "Til Sing Thee Songs of Araby," Clay; and "Winter Lullaby," De-Koven. Miss Bayliss of this city sang "Best of All." Mr. Martin Cahn presided at the piano. Mrs. Young and Miss Nielson are prima donnas of wide reputation and Mr. Knorr stands at the head of the musical profession in Chicago. The affair was entirely informal and a rare treat to those who were few choice selections before a small number Boucicault, and contains marked evidence of his clever handiwork. Associated with Mr. Boncicault was that clever young dramatist, Sydn'y Rosenfeld. The comedy gives Mr. Reed he opportunity of appearing in a char-a ter entirely different from anything in informal and a rare treat to those who were privileged to be present. Those present were:

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Bill Nye is writing a play for Stuart Rob-If it proves no better than his humor it will be the greatest failure of the century. "Reilly and the 400" is the title of Edward Harrigan's new play, which is to open his new theater on December 22. It is of the Mulligan order.

Myra Goodwin, the good looking soubrette with "Natural Gas," begins to show the tooth of time. Her work in the comedy is very trying. Chevalier Scovel gets \$350 a week and 10

per cent of the profits for singing in the London production of "La Cigale," averaging about \$600 a week. The total number of dramatic, operatic, pecialty and minstrel companies which have

stranded thus far this season is 101. It is going to be a hard winter. Gifbert and Sullivan, having secured an inlimited quantity of advertising through

their quarrel, have made up their differences A satire on Ward McAllister's book, called "American Society. How It Confounded Me," is being distributed in the interest of the Swedish play, "Yon Yonson," that Jacob

Litt is soon to produce. A. P. Dunlop, editor of Stage News, announces through his "flimsy" that he will not engineer Mrs. Leslie Carter's advance work. His friends will be delighted to hear it was quite too royal a fellow to be found in such company.

D'Oyley Carte's new theater in London to be inaugurated on December 15. It will seat 2,000 persons and its stage will be the largest in the world. He has been two years building it, so it ought to be something elab Zoc Gaytan, a burlesque actress out of an

engagement, is walking from San Francisco

to New York on a wager. She passed through Omaha on Thursday, but the critics on the daily papers failed to interview the 'star of the ties." History of the Cartar debut, from Stage News: When the curtain rose for the first time on "The Ugly Duckling" at the Broad-

way theater, nearly \$19,000 had been expended by manager E. D. Price. Nearly \$3,000 was lost during the two weeks there, \$300 was lost during the Toronto week and \$1,200 dur-ing the Harlem week. At this rate it will take Mrs. Carter's backers \$44,000 to run or the twenty weeks she has been booked. Nuff said. After a career the longest and most success-

ful ever accorded a stage story in the whole history of dramatic literature in this counry, it is definitely settled that "The Old Homestead" will depart from the Academy, New York, at the close of its current season. Fabulous offers have been pouring in upon the managers of the play since its first phenomenal season, and while the great play con-tinues to crowd the Academy, Uncle Joshua ongs for a trip through the country, and has decided to take his merry family from the metropolis after this season.

Miss Minnie Seligman, one of the most promising actresses on the stage, has refused "The Clemenceau Case" Manager J. M. Hill is recruiting with Maurice Barrymore. Miss Seligman was under contract to Manager Hill, and no play being found in which she could appear to advan-tage, Mr Hill conceived the idea of Miss Serigman playing in the cast. To a reporter of The Minor the young lady said, and the words will find an echo in every true woman's heart:

"It is with nothing but the deepest regret that I look back at the circumstances, though I know that I have acted as I should have done. No matter how clear the vision may be, the piece is so besmirched that it will always be objectionable. Even if the model always be objectionable. Even if the model scene were entirely cut out, the popular reputation of the piece is so foul that it can never be regarded as having become clean. While I know in my heart that I could play n "The Clemenceau Case" without becom in any way contaminated by it, I do not forget that it is the public I am working for, and that it is to my interest—laying aside all oth-er considerations—to stand as high in their estimation as I possibly can. I could not retain their respect and play in "The Ciemen ceau

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PINE RIDGE AGENCY, Dec. 15 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-In a "P. S." to a letter that I received the other day from an old friend is this query:

"To what basecall club does Two Strike

belong!" Two Strike is now playing outer field in the bad lands club. Only a quarter moon ago he held the position of umpire, but he made a decision in favor of General Brooke of the Pine Ridge team which so enraged the management of the bad lands outfit that they fined him ten ponies and clubbed him into his present position. Two Strike's appearance, I will take the trouble to add, is a great compliment to his profession and particularly his record. He has three fingers that have been broken and are all gnarled up, one of his eyes has the appearance of having been knocked all out of plumb sometime or other by a very bot twister, and he is lame in one leg where a base runner of the government

blues spiked him with a bayonet during the

season of 1876.

But the old man didn't get his name on account of his baseball record. His naming was the result of a very interesting custom of his race. Before an Indian can become a chief he must have taken the scaip of at least me white man, and even then he isn't considered much of a chief until he has taken a second one. Having taken two scalps, his next ambition is to place a "strike," as they call it, to the credit of his record. It is semething that very few indians do in these times: To do so is counted an act of especially great bravery. The act consists of rushing aione, horseback or on foot, into a camp of white enemies, killing a man and then when he has fallen dead—simply wounding him doesn't count—to bend over him and strike his body either with the hand or any weapon, stick, or even with a feather. The idea is that it requires the utmost nerve—to use a modern white man's term—to rush in among a lot of persons all supposed to be looking out for the safety of one another as well as their own and to stay there long enough not only to shoot or cut one of them, but if accessary fight others until the one dies in order that he may bend over and give the heroic stroke. An effort to earn this disthe heroic stroke. An effort to earn this dis-tinction has, a noted old Indian here tells me-cost the lives of more would-be chiefs than any other one thing. When, however, this deed is performed twice the performer, so to speak, is entitled to a perch on the topmost pinnacle of red-faced fame. Two Strike is the only Indian in this part of the country who has won such honors, and hence his

The same question may suggest itself to The same question may suggest itself to the reader that it did to me; namely, how could as Indian prove, in most instances, that he had performed the deed, the requirement being that he do it alone, and in most instances beyond the eye of his brother red men. I put the question, and with the result of securing a still further insight into the customs of these peop. A chief is not credited with a "strike" until ten moons after he proclaims himself entitled to it. In the meantime the members of his band or the meantime the members of his band or tribe set about in the best ways that their wits can suggest to fird out from the surviv-ing members of the group in whose midst it is claimed the act was performed, whether or no it really was performed. It is said that the case is very rare where the honor is claimed that it is not discovered sooner or later to be deserved. When it has been discovered that the claim was made without the decreed basis, the man making it is forever disgraced in the eyes of his race wherever he may go, and if a natural

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soon, he is put out of the way by the hand of some of his tribe. The same rule holds in the matter of scaln taking. It must not be inferred that every Indian who takes a scalp or two, or carns the

credit of a strike is made chief. The per-formance of such deeds simply completes the routine or established code which a man must show in order to be eligible to the rank of chief. Aside from these credit marks he must have the power of winning and nolding a following of respectable members. The standing and strength of a chief is estimated almost, if not entirely, by the number of braves who will follow and stand by him upon

all occasions, and who when he speaks will be obeyed, even in the face of sure death.

Unlike the custom that prevailed in early days, the face of the chief in times of war is not always at the front. They do more scheming apart from the council fire or circle, and in times of war hold themselves more aloof from their bands and depend more upon giving directions and orders orally through couriers than was ever thought of for a moment in the days when their fathers were the supreme and unchallenged rulers of all these vast plains. And to this very fact is traceable a large share of the reason for their rapidly increased weakness in the mat-ter of sustaining their supremacy. And at no previous time in their history, perhaps, has this fact been shown with so much pro-minence as now. Big Road, Little Wound, Two Strike, and several other of the chiefz who some three weeks ago were assuming a bostile utilitude and have since given outward appearance of repentance and a desire to be friendly, are now, with the exception of the one last named here at the agency but with only a remnant of their following, largely for the reason, as we that are on the ground know, that their couriers delivered their gral opinions and instructions in a manner which was very erroneous and often times wilfully malicious. And in this connection I will add that undoubtedly one of the chief causes leading to the present outbreak is to be found in the fact that since the Custer massacre there have arrived at warrior age an unusually large number of young men who are -

as has been hammered into them ever since they outgrew their pappoose bags.

C. H. CRESSET. Dressing a Christmas Tree.

restless and at times, as I hear it on every side, fairly frantic for an opportunity to make a blood-stained record for themselves

A Christmas tree ought to be selected with reference to the space it is to occupy; one with branches firm, not to road and quite tall is best, writes Mrs. A. G. Lewis in the Ladies' Home Journal. The upper branches should be decorated before the tree is put up. in case they are to tall too be reached by step-ladders. This can be managed by undoing the strands that confine the upper branches of trees as prepared for market, then tying upon the tips of the boughs white cotton-batting snow balls, short loops of popped corn, strings of cranberries, glittering ornaments, etc., etc. The decoration of the tree may be more or less elaborate as desired. To save expense, yet at the same time to insure a brilliant effect, it is a good plan to hang the gifts so that bright, contrasting colors may set of the tree. Bun-dies done up in brown paper are never pretty, but dolls, bright-colored books, gaily-painted toys, bright silk hander-chief and white scarf, sleds, wagons, etc., should be placed in prominent view. When the gifts are all nicely arranged take a liberal quantity of frost

powder and a dozen, more or less, pack-ages of gilt and silver fringe, (these are sold at \$1 per dozen). Spread the fringe to ornament as much space as possible, and cover lightly the front and sides of the tree with it. Then sprinkle the glitturing frost powder upon the tree branches. Under a bri cant ii ht the t ee becomes a veritable creation of sairy laid. Fanti, as a dispenser of candy bags and bonbors is always wel-comed by the little ones. If he has a fund of Christmas rhymes stories and songs to mingle with his gifts he is all the more welcome.

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