

COSTLY CHRISTMAS.

Way John Halton Brought Snov (By John C. Fleming.)

John Halton was an Australian squatter with a problem to solve. Its solution worried him exceedingly for some weeks, but here and there, sparrows, chaffinches, lin-being, fortunately for him, a millionaire nets and robins flitted, from bush to bush in the pound sterling sense of the word, and from one clump of evergreens to solve it he ultimately did to the satisfaction of his 7-year-old daughter Alice, at least. And she, after all, was the principal party to be considered.

We have heard now, as the mountain re fused to come to Mahomet, that old humbug, pretending to have received a sudden inspiration, mounted his sacred camel and went to the mountain.

John Halton did better than Mohamet: he brought England to Ballarat and compelled Santa Claus to visit Alice at the simmering podes. He surrounded her for the one of December 25, 1877, with mistletoe and holly and ivy; he showed her a flurry of genuine snow; he enabled her to slide on ice, and in fine to do all man-of Christmas things, just as sh bad done in her native Devonshire the preoeding Christmas of 1876. When it is re-membered that Christmas in Ballarat is one of the midsummer days and that the merin the thermometer stands at 100 in the shade, it will be admitted that achievement is one worthy at all events of a brief sketch.

Alice was a beautiful, motherless child with blue eyes and golden hair, a true dendant of the Celtic Cymri, and her father fairly adored her. One day-it was in Oc--the mail from England brought a number of colored prints to Craig-Devon and amongst them a picture of Santa Claus,

by Kaulbach,
"O, papa," cried Alice, "I'm so glad istmas is coming. Grandma told me I uld see Santa Claus and his reindeer when I was old enough not to be scared. and I'm old enough now. Ain't I, papa?'
Henceforth Alice talked of little i Christmas and Santa Claus, not thinking and not knowing that the heat of a Ballarat December 25 would melt the poor old soul and his reindeer into five grease spots in half

Where is the use in possessing millions," in Halton asked himself one day, after a short Christmas dialogue, "if they o not enable a fellow to introduce a small ow's baby wants it?"

rof. McCulloch of Aberdeen college to send im a cargo of evergreens from the north of otland regardless of expense and to send hem via the Suez canal. He telegraphed at he same time to James H. Muir of Taranaki, New Zealand, to forward him 500 tons of anow from Mount Tongarairi in the Walkate county, and next day he ordered the plant and machinery from Sydney, New South Wales, necessary for the manufacture of ice. ccording to the hygenic process.

He made arrangements, in fact, to have a

ce constructed round the crag, within which for one day at least winter would reign supreme. With this end in view he imported 500 laborers and mechanics from marious points, who were soon busy building sheds, excavating cellars, planting trees, creating pools for sliding purposes and doing other things to get the place ready to assume wintry aspect at the proper time. Mean-while the atmosphere grew hotter and hotter

each day.
Whice's stockings were hung up Christmas eve. She said her prayers and was just about to jump into bed when she felt the atmosphere growing palpably cooler. She ran to the window and, sure enough, snowtakes were coming down, as, indeed, well they might, seeing that four of her father's fathful employes were industriously shaking them out of leeboxes from the roof.

At midnight a clamor that might wake the At middight a clamor that might wake the dead roused Alice from her sleep. She heard toud voices crying out, 'Hold on there. Blasher; whoa, Donner; gee, there, Blitzen." Running once more to the window in a state high excitement, Alice Halton saw that be ground was white, and more than that the ground was white, and more than that the saw four reindeer harmessed to a sledge from which sledge a stout man furred to the tree was in the act of stepping.

"It is old Santy." Soliloquized Alice, not

brow murmured "God bless you, darling." Then Alice fell asleep. When she came down next morning everything was as Christmasy, as she expressed it, as one could deire. The hedges so recently planted were white, tremendous canvas awnings covered the grounds immediately the house, frozen rivulets were to be seen

contained two little boys and three little The visitors assisted Alice in constructing her snow man, and, though it was, to be sure, a little queer to be obliged to do it in a shed where a machine ground out cold-ness by the square yard, and where the sawdust was, somehow or other, mixed with the snow, still they got along famously, and at night Alice told her father with sparkling eyes that she had never spent a happier day. "The little piece of deception," said John Halton, subsequently, cost me £75,000, then, it furnished employment to hundreds

there sights, their results after breakfast, a coach rolled up to the front gate, which

THE TALKING PIG.

Some Queer Christmas Experiences on the Rond.

and it gave pleasure to my little girl."

"None of my numerous Christmas experi ences have been sad ones," remarked the famous old clown, Dan Rice, who chacced to be in a reminiscent mood the other day.

drawing card. So well did I prosper with it that the next Christmas I lavishly entertained a host of old as well as new friends with the hug, he asked suddenly best the country afforded. Papa, where is John Jay?"

"From thence on my career was singularly successful and eventually I became proprietor of the first circus in which I had ever appeared as a clown. The word elown, according to Webster, means a churl, a man of coarse manners, an ill-bred man. But I found it paid, just the same. As the original Shakespearean clown I drew a salary of \$10,000 a season and endeared myself to a

discriminating and fun-loving public.
"Another memoriable Christmas I spent as prisoner in Blue Eagle jail, charged with the helnous offense of providing the general public with amusement, entertainment and instruction, in the form of a circus. Now, one of my objections to prison life is that it is too confining, but, just the same, I was Santa Claus to the prisoners and visitors at the jail that day. We had a fine dinner of roast pig and fowl, with cranberry sauce and mirce pies. That day 1, for the first time, sang before a select audience my famous song of "The Blue Eagle Jail," which subsequently revolutionized public sentiment against show-

"Another never-to-be-forgotten Christmas I spent in Havana when at the hight of a erformance before a large audience the best lion trainer that ever I knew furnished a dinner to a cage of fierce Numedian beasts. When the lions were finally beaten back from their prey with red hot irons there was just enough left of Florinelli to hold a funeral service over. That was all. Well, such is circus life," exclaimed the old clown, mourn-

fully. "The happlest Christmas of my life was spent at New Orleans. At that time I had a company of 100 of the sweetest-voiced children that ever sang, and with them I was giving a series of spectacular musical productions at various cities in the south, traveling on my own steamboat. The tour had been unusually profitable and so I announced that at the close of the last performance, on Christmas, Dan Rice's original Santa Claus would appear in his sleigh, with many unique effects, and present to each dear little member of his company a token of the sea-

"I and my agents spared no efforts in perfecting the necessary plans, and at the close of the last performance on Christmas. the lights were lowered and a winter's night scene presented, with full moon shining upon in e reminiscent mood the other day. snow-covered housetops and plains, over "It was on a holiday," he continued, "that which soon came Santa Claus dashing along



I'LL DO NOTHING OF THE KIND, YOU UGLY BEAST.

knows enough to eat whenever he gets a chance. I was a fairly proficient amateur yentriloquist at that time and the owner of the pen was astonished to head me maintaining an animated conversation with a sleek, far porker as he approached the stye.

"Pig, you know you ate that pullet, feathers and all, I accusingly exclaimed.
"'Dan, you know you lie and the truth ain't in you,' came the angry response from within the stye.

"'Phwat the divil's got inter me pigs?'

"And what became of those dear little boys and girls of my company? Well, some

I accidentally determined to be a showman. In a frost-glittering sleigh drawn by rein While walking on the outskirts of Pittsburg, deers, the jingling of whose bells could be Pa., I paused to admire a pen of fine pigs plainly heard. Upon a housetop the sleigh deers, the jingling of whose bells could be plainly heard. Upon a housetop the sleigh haited, and Santa Claus disappeared down a by the roadside. Now, a pig is not the least intelligent of animal creation—that is, he knows enough to eat whenever he gets a chance. I was a fairly proficient amateur ventriloquist at that time and the owner of the pen was astonished to head me maintainteen an entertainteen and the control of the pen was astonished to head me main-

boys and girls of my company? Well, some are dead, and some are married, while I am still Dan Rice. I want to see twenty-six



chimney.
"Then the scene changed, the lights were

A funny old professor kept a school And he'd romp with them in playtime, and he romp with them in playtime, and he wouldn't mind their noise;
While in his little school room, with its head against the wall.
Was a bed of such proportions it was big enough for all,

"It's for tired little pupils," he explained;
"for you will find
How very wrong indeed it is to force a
budding mind; Whenever one grows sleepy and he can't hold up his head, I make him lay his primer down and send him off to bed!

And sometimes it will happen on a warn and pleasant day.
When the little birds upon the trees go tooralloral lay,
When wideawake and studious it's difficult to keep to keep,
One by one they'll get a-nodding till the whole class is asleep!

"Then before they're all in dreamland and their funny snores begin.
I close the shutters softly so the sunlight can't come in.
After which I put the schoolbooks in their order on the shelf.
And, with nothing else to do, I take a little nap myself!"

"Ma, is there any ple left in the pantry?"
"There is one piece, but you can't have "You are mistaken, ma. I've had it."

showed great delight at seeing his father again, but at last, in the midst of a vigorous

"Oh," said his father, gravely, "your horse behaved very badly during the fight; he in-sisted, like a coward, on taking me to the The boy looked at him searchingly for an

instant. Then his eyes gleamed, and he held up a remonstrant little finger, pointing it at "Papa," said he, severely, "I know John Jay would never have done that of his own

will. It must have been your work!"
"There seemed to be nothing for me to say," the general usually remarked in conciusion. "and consequently I forebore to argue the matter!"

He persisted in using a fragment of his broken slate, much to his teacher's disgust. "Why don't you tell your mother you coke your slate?" she asked. "I'm sure she'd get you a new one."
"'Course she would," replied the boy, "and she'd call it a Christmas present. I'd ruther

wait till next term before I ask for it." A little girl who lives in my neighborhood has an irreverent habit of singing her pray-

ers to kindergarten airs, says a writer in the Washington Post. Her mother remon strated with her a few evenings ago. "God won't be pleased if you say your prayers that way," said the mother. "Why; can't he hear me?" the child asked.

The little girl looked distinctly increduous.
"Huh!" she said, "with all them angels singing?"

The other day, says the Indianapolis Sentinel, a South Side teacher was discoursing to her pupils about the evils of becoming addicted to slang, when she paused and asked them to give her an example of a slang phrase. The school went into convulsions when a youngster in knee pants yelled promptly: "You're not so hot. There are other babies

on the pile.' The teacher did not call for any more ex-

METER WITH A CONSCIENCE. Smitten with an Overcharge, It Re-

volves Backward. A few days ugo, relates the New York Sun, the Nutley Water company presented a bill to Clarence W. Noble for \$330 for three months' water consumption in a ten-room ouse, and at that time the trouble was assigned to a defective ballcock, which was said to have permitted a steady flow of water in and out of a tank in the attic. Mr. Noble protested and said that all of the waste could not have been disposed of by a cistern 6x8 feet, into which the overflow from the tank led. The water committee gave him no satisfaction, and he called in local plumbers and experts, some of whom experimented while others figured. They all said that there was something wrong with the meter. Somebody sought to remedy the trouble, adn in a day or two it was discovered that the barefaced instrument had developed a pang in its brazen conscience and was trying to compensate Mr. Noble for the trouble it had caused. An seventy-five gallons a minute.

had watched the meter for a while they were convinced. Clerk Vreeland calculated that it toric proclamation of amounty to those who had sent back 50,000 gallons of water to the company within five or six days and that disfranchised for that reason by acts of at this rate the town would soon be in debt congress then in force, on December 25, 1868. to Mr. Noble for water. Then it was concluded to put in a new meter and this was done yesterday. The old meter will be sent On December 25, 1869, the body of Edwin done yesterday. The old meter will be sent On December 25, 1869, the body of Edwin back to the maker but what will be done M. Stanton, secretary of war under Lincoln, about Mr. Noble's bill is still a matter of lay in state in Washington, he having died

ANNIVERSARIES

Notable Events of History Which Have Occurred on December 25.

DAY IN THE REVOLUTIONARY TIMES

Incidents of War and Peace, of Death and Disaster, Bearing Date with the Festival of Festivals.

On the night of December 25, 1776, Washington made his famous passage of the Delawere river at McConkey's ferry (now Tay lorsville), a few miles above Trenton, where Colonel Rall, with 1,500 Hessians, was stationed. So great was his contempt of the rebels that he neglected to plant a single cannon. At 4 a. m. on the 26th Washington's force stood on the Jersey shore and were upon the enemy's pickets in Trenton before they were discovered. Colonel Rall was mortally wounded in the struggle, which terminated in a complete victory, and the capture of about 1,000 prisoners, 1,200 small arms, six brass field pieces and all the German standards. The moral effect of this success was immense; the colonists were stimulated to fresh efforts and the dread of German mercenaries was dissipated.

American Methodism reckons December 25. 1784, as its birthday. It was on this day and in the meeting house in Lovely lane, Baltimore, that a conference of Methodists decided to organize an independent church, and the plan was carried out with a body of eighty-three preachers and a membership of

Thaddeus Kosciusko, the illustrious Polish patriot, who led the final resistance unhappy countrymen against the allied forces of Russia, Austria and Prussia, was released from imprisonment in St. Petersburg by the emperor, Paul I, on December 25, 1796. His distinguished services in the cause of American independence during the revolution gained him the thanks of congress, a gran of land and a pension. Kosciusko passed his later years in France and Switzerland and was killed in 1817 by a fell from his horse

over a precipice.
Sir J. C. Rose observed a curious phenom enon on the Island of Trinidad on Christmas day, 1839, when a shower of rain fell from a cloudless sky, the downpour continuing for

Thirty-five thousand of the 55,000 volumes then in the congressional library in Washing-ton were destroyed by fire on December 25

December 25, 1853, was marked by a tragle ocean disaster in the naval service of the United States. The steamship San Francisco bound for California with 700 United States troops on board foundered at sea and 240 persons were lost.

Frankfort, Ky., was visited by Colonel S. Featherstone, appointed commissioner by the state of Mississippi to urge the hesitating Kentuckians to adopt measures for a united defense against possible attack of the north ern states. On the same day the Crescent City was the scene of a mass meeting of enthusiastic Louisianians assembled to ratify the nomination of delegates to a southern rights convention. Christmas, 1862, was a gloomy day for Mir

nesota and the thirty-eight Indian prisoners at Mankato, who were awaiting execution on the following day for participation in the terrible massacres which had marked the Sioux uprising of that year.

Fort Fisher, N. C., on the Cape Fear river, the outlying defense of Wilmington, was in-

effectually bombarded on December 25, 1864 by the expedition sent against it under the command of Admiral Porter and Genera Butler.

The celebrated Benito Juarez was inaugurated president of Mexico on December 25, 1867. He had first been elected to this office in 1861, and thus led the Mexican resistance to the French usurpation under Maximilian which terminated in the tragic death of the expert took its record for a day and discovered that it was running backward at the rate of Juarez in 1872 left Mexico without a recog-"Impossible," said Water Clerk Vreeland of the present chief executive, General Pornized and dominant leader until the advent

erio Diaz President Andrew Johnson issued his hison the previous day. Oddly enough it was

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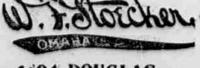
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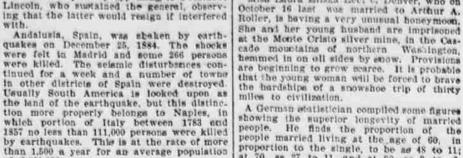
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1404 DOUGLAS.



of 6,000,000 On Christmas of 1886 General John A. Logan lay in his last illness at his home is Washington, death ensuing on the following

Samuel Champlain, the famous French explorer, soldier and navigator, died December 25, 1635. Henry IV sent him on bis first voyage in 1603. A second voyage was made in 1608, when Champlain ascended the St founded Quebec, and in 1610 discovered the lake which bears his name. He pent several years in promoting the fur trade and in exploring the region around the great lakes. He was appointed governor of Canada in 1620, and wrote several narratives of his discoveries, which were published in

General Samuel Ryan Curtis, who commanded the federal troops at the battle of Pea Ridge, served with distinction in the Mexican war, was a member of congress from 1857 to 1861, and a member of the peace congress at the outbreak of the war, died at Council Bluffs, Ia., December 25, 1866. He was born in Ohio in 1807 and graduated at West Point in 1831.

Captain James Cook, who discovered Hawaii, which he named the Sandwich islands. discovered Christmas island December 25,

Christmas day, 1642, gave to the world the illustrious philosopher, Sir Isaac Newton, whose discoveries in astronomy, physics and mathematics mark him as one of the greatest of all scientific investigators. In con-junction with Leibnitz he shares the honor of inventing fluctions or the calculus, that branch of mathematics which has perplexed and grieved so many college students since their time.

Sir Matthew Hale, one of the most celebrated of English jurists and famed as an upright judge, died on December 25, 1676, at the age of 67. He was appointed by Cromwell judge of the common bench in 1563, was elected to Parliament in 1658 and in 1660 was appointed chief baron of the ex-chequer by Charles II, and chief justice of the king's bench in 1671. Sir Matthew left an injunction upon his grandchildren to abstain altogether from the drinking of healths Pledging one health meant many more he said, and resulted in drunkenness.

CONNUBIALITIES.

The combined ages of a couple recently in Kansas was 154 years, the bride peing 71 and the groom 83. Because the widow of Sarony, the late photographer, has married again, it is being said of her that she was unable to develop a negative.

Miller, the champlon six-day wheelman, is about to marry. Naturally a man whose powers of endurance have been so fully tested has no fears of matrimony, An actor at Nashville, Ill., tried to elope

with a preacher's daughter Sunday, and the preacher delayed the morning service long enough to explain to the actor in detail just into specifications,

President Grent, with whom Stanton wrangled for having ordered the troops around Washington to the front upon assuming command as lieutenant general. Grant ended the dispute by appealing to President Miss Laura Eliska Lect of Denver, who on

Miss Laura Eliska Lect of Denver, who on October 16 last was married to Arthur A. Roller, is having a very unusual honeymoon, She and her young husband are imprisoned at the Monte Cristo silver mine, in the Cascade mountains of northern Westington hemmed in on ell sides by enow. miles to civilization.

A German statistician compiled some figures A German statistician compiled some figures showing the superior longevity of married people. He finds the proportion of the people married living at the age of 50, in proportion to the single, to be as 48 to 11, at 70, as 27 to 11, and at 90, as 9 to 3. The rate of mortality for husbands and wives between the ages of 30 and 45 is about 18 per cent and of the single, 28 per cent. The main factors which favor the longevity of main factors which favor the longevity of main factors which favor the longevity of the married are more regular habits, greater serenity of mind and contentment.

The approaching marriage in France of Mile, de la Bourdonnais, daughter of Vis-comte de la Bourdonnais and Comte de Menthon, is descended from M. de la Bourdon-nits, once governor of the Isle of France, now Mauritius, who is brought lote the story of Paul and Virginia. As Mark Twain ob-serves, the most interesting episode in the history of the island cever happened but the governor and progenitor of the young woman about to be married were authentically there, surviving in the pages of the remarce rather than in the records of his administration,

The happy termination of the adventures of Assemblyman George W. Kavahaugh of New York, at Nantasket beach last summer took place at Louisville, Ky., recently, when Colonel Kavanaugh married Miss Julia Rickman, the girl he rescued from drowning ut Namasket. One day there was a merry bathing party in the surf, including three New York assemblymen and Miss Rickman. They had met at the hotel only a few days before. Miss Rickman, who is an expert swimmer, went out far beyond the others, and was caught in a sea puss. She was poweruless to escape the deadly swirl, and was being drawn under the water and carried out to sea when her plight was recognized. Colonel Kavanaugh swam out after her, and after a despensite struggle with the current, which well-nigh exhausted his strength, succeeded in bringing her to the beach.

About Croup.

The first symptom of true crop is hearseness, this is followed by the croupy cough. If your children are subject to croup, watch for these symptoms and give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as they appear, and it will prevent the attack. It is a certain cure for croup and can always be depended

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Customer—That's so, What Idiots they
must all be! By the way, I want you to
recommend a good cigar to me.
Tobacconist—Well, confidentially, I advise you to take one of these, (Customer
goes out), Only one more idiot, that's all, scheme

Trust to Do Whatf Chicago Post: It was after the first fall of snow of the season.
"I wouldn't go sleighing with a man I couldn't trust," asserted the blonde.
"Trust which way?" asked the bruncite.
"How do you mean?"
"To hug or not to hug," explained the bruncite.

brunette,
The blonde, however, declined to enter

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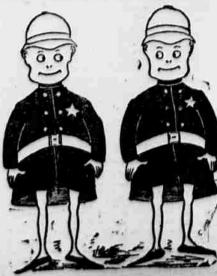
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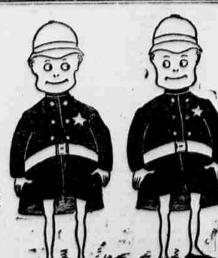
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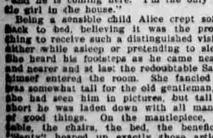
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"and he is coming here. I'm the only litthe girl in the house."

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Till do nothing of the kind grateful beast, was my indigna "The divit take ye, ye Oirish nagur, a squeaking voice replied from the pen. 'Dan. Being a sensible child Alice crept softly ack to bed, believing it was the proper hing to receive such a distinguished visitor while asieep or pretending to sleep, he heard his footsteps as he came nearer and at last the redoubtable Santa imsef entered the room. She fancied he as somewhat tail for the old gentleman, as he had seen him in pictures, but tall or foot hort he was laden down with all manner of good things. On the mantleplece, the able, the chairs, the bed, the beneficent Santy" heaped up exactly those articles like thought she required. Having disposed of this goods Santa Claus bent over Alice in the tod and imprinting a soft kiss on her soft and red pig was possessed of a devil and so sorely perplexed thereby. He was greatly puzzled to know how to get rid of both pig and devil at the same time. At last I kindly volunteered to take the duo, and he offered me a small consideration for so doing.

"You are mistaken, ma. I've had it.

"Yes, he is, an' he's de smartest kid on de street."

"Is this your little brother?"

"Yes, he is, an' he's de smartest kid on de street."

"Is he, indeed?"

"You bet he is. He's had de measles tree times."

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