TALES OF YANKEE ENCHANTMENT.

FIFTY CAR LOADS OF CHRISTMAS SNOW.

By Charles Battell Loomis.

(Copyright, 1899, by Charles Battell Loomist) erick, I have decided to send down to in the place has seen and felt snow, and lower than 60 and where snow is so entirely tiful thing called snow of which I wrote it to the boys up at Louden Hill. It'll unknown that the very word has dropped out in my last, so that you will receive it by make them feel like thirty cents. of the local dictionaries. Rain they have Christmas. You have no idea how nice. And Roderick did so, and if Frank and

When Roderick was 11 years old he was how to make a sted and I am sure that that may be) they deserved to. invited to visit his cousin, Frank Parsons, of Jefferson Calboun will be able to make them Loudon Hill. Now, for six menths of the easily. Fancy getting on one at the top of HE'EL KNOW JOHNNY SENT THEM. year they have snow every day at Loudon a hill and just gliding by your own weight to Hill. It comes in the shape of a buster of a the bottom! And you can have bully fights. Tribute Which a Tiny Lad Paid Vice storm on November I and stays until May I. We played civil war, using balls of the snow when the sun melts it and it all goes off in for bullets and cannon balls. I was captain a freshet and does a lot of damage to people of the confederates and Cousin Frank was living below Loudon Hill. But, as water has captain of the union men. After my side turned from the funeral of that distinguished never formed the pernicious habit of running won three days running. Uncle Thaddeus gentleman, tells of a pathetic incident that up hill, the Loudon Hillites are siways safe, said it would be a good plan for me to come to her notice a short while before the It was the middle of November when change over to the union side or we'd be re- funeral took place. Roderick was driven from the train up to versing history. He's no end of fun and I the Parsons house and of course there was like him immensely. I haven't told him death," she relates, "as I was entering the

Frank.

sky, as you said?" "Of course it does. My, but you're green! Why, what do you do with your sleds down

Why, no. Does it really come from the

"Sleds? What's that?" asked Roderick, innocently, and Frank concluded that he was not quite bright. But he never made a greater mistake in his life, as he soon found feet. And I bet you'll tumble over when "He was good to lots of boys, but to me off the coast of Connecticut, relates Leslie's

But as it happened, he never connected snow with cold. He supposed that snow was a peculiar kind of white dust that came from the sky and if they didn't have it in Tarrapoosa parish why there were lots of other

accepted snow as a curious but none the less delightful fact. He stood the cold weather very well for a southern boy and indeed sometimes went without an overcoat when his playmates were wearing both coats and comforters.

things that were peculiar to the north. So he

Roderick was a generous little fellow and he often thought what a source of delight It would be to his old playmates of the south If they could have snow in which to play and build forts and caves and down which to coast, and in one of his letters home to his brother he told him that he had just about decided if it did not cost too much to send down a train load of snow as a Christmas present to his native place.

One day he and Frank and a half dozen other fellows were fashioning a gigantic anow woman. She was so tall that they had to use a forty-foot ladder to finish her head and they drew the enow up in buckets and a boy straddled her head and slapped the snow on in the proper place.

"We have a sculptor down home and he'd just about go crazy if he had a lot of snow to make his statues out of," said Roderick.

"Why, I guess it, would take a whole companions, "Rod wants to send some snow helped the workmen and by nightfall there dead vice president.

were fifty cars full of nice, clean, packed "Then the little fellow lifted his eyes to



TO BE HIT IN THE EYE BY A SNOW BALL HURT.

down south. How much would it take, fifty Rawson Mawson thought it would take all

of fifty, but Will Bill thought forty-five would do it. "Well, if the governor sends me enough

next week. I'm going to ship some," said Roderick.

He went into the house just then after something and the boys exploded with mirth. The idea of sending snow to the south and expecting it to stay put was delightful. "His father has oceans of mency," raid

Will Bill. "Say, we don't tell him that snow melts and then wait until his folks write father and most of the leading men of little mourner and his sick mother, who will up and ask him what he means by sending Tuscapoesa, and Roderick was thanked in soon be gone." a lot of damp cars down there with nothing any number of long speeches. in 'em. Of course the water'll all ran

This somewhat mean scheme appraised to all the boys who did not see its mean side. and so when Rod came out again they tell

him he could count on their aid. So he wrote to his brother: "Dear Fred-



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you are the victim of as mean a a cabbage, it spindles up for all the world minute. trick as one boy ever played on another, like a sunflower, three or four feet high. Prossmen are characteristically sensitive to see it begin to flood the tracks before cauliflower. we left Pittsburg. If it hadn't been for this unheard-of cold snap you would never have brought your snow here in good order. As Courage of a Thirteen-Year-Old on a

Roderick Dawson lived in that part of the Tuscaporsa title was the name of the town you'd better our an account of the whole ray, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. United States where the mercury never gets in which he lived) a train load of the beau-proceedings out of the local paper and mail Murray of Ansonia. Conn., is as big a be o who be was

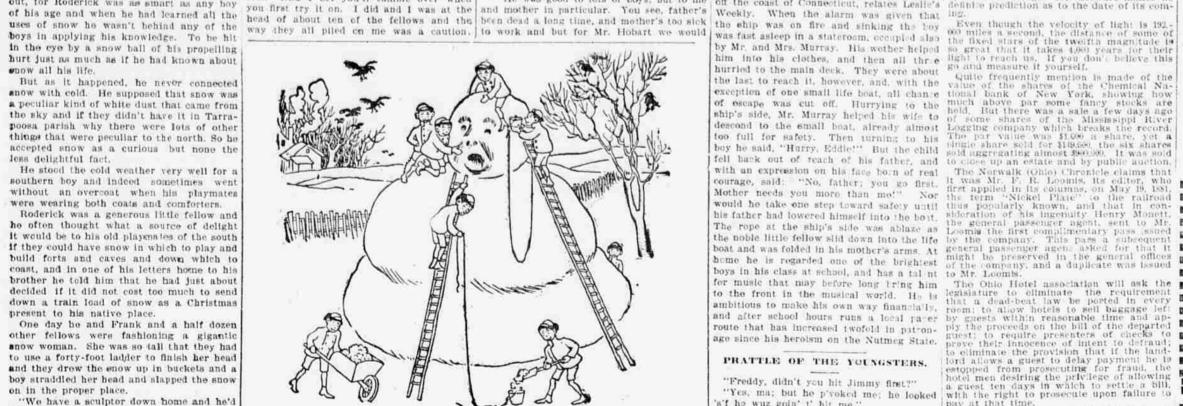
and plenty of it, but they wouldn't know it is and you will find you never know Will Bill and all the other boys did not what fun was before. I enclose instructions feel like thirty cents (whatever sensation

President Hobart. A friend of the family of the late Vice President Hobart, who has but recently re

"The day following the vice president" snow everywhere and his delight at moving about my idea of shipping snow as I'm house of mournings I heard a low, wailing smoothly along on runners was something to afraid he'd think it was going to be too ex-make a northern child wonder. They have no idea how rich father eyes fell upon the tear-stained, anguished "Didn't you ever see this before?" asked is. Next week I expect to get the snow off. face of a little boy about 7 years of age. When you receive it have the men distribute He seemed startled when I looked down it as evenly as possible or else the sled upon him, and whispered hastily: "'I didn't mean to make a noise. I'l

runners sink into it and you won't make as much speed. Be careful not to throw keep awful still if they'll jus' let me stay the snow balls too hard for they can hurt here. You see, he was good to me and my like sixty. You can spread a little of the mother when she was sick. Now he's dead snow on the sidewalk and then run and and she'll die, too, for there's nobody to slide on it the way we used to on our ball care for us now."

room floor, only after it has been smoothed down a little you can go twenty or thirty asked. The tearful lad's answer was: you first try it on. I did and I was at the and mother in particular. You see, father's Weekly. When the alarm was given that ing.



SHE WAS SO TALL THEY HAD TO USE A FORTY-FOOT LADDER TO FINISH HER.

"How much snow do you suppose it would No more now until I write to tell you that have been in the street. He used to pay the take if I shipped some home? How many I've shipped it." P. S. You'll have the rent for us and send the doctor and things merriest Christmas you ever heard of." train load-say fifty cars," answered Frank. affair and they bribed the train hands not to If I was only a little bigger-He was just about to add that it would tell Rod that the snow would melt. The all melt and turn to water long before it g t day before he shipped it there was a big break. I asked him where he lived and assouth, but a mischievous thought stopped snow fall which made the work of loading sured him that God would send some one to "Say, fellers," said he, winking at his much easier. Roderick and all the boys befriend him and his mother in place of the

knew the other boys would make it hot for

them if they did, so they refrained. It was bitter cold when the train pulled out of Loudonville, which is the name of the Loudon Hill station. Roderick, well bundled up, climbed into the cab with the engineer and waved a farewell to the boys Thanks, awfully, boys, fer your help."

The engineer muttered something about its being "really too bad." "What's too bad?" asked Rod, but the engineer said he was talking to the fireman. At the last moment Frank was seized with remorse and would have blurted out the secret to Roderick, but Will Bill stuffed his handkerchief into his mouth and tumbled him over into a drift and when he picked himself up the train was moving swiftly away.

Now it happened that the terrible cold wave that spread all over the country and did so much damage was just beginning. You remember that the crange crop throughout the south was ruined and people saw ice who had never seen it before.

So that instead of losing all the enow when the train entered the south not a bit of it had melted, even when the train pulled up at the Tuscapcosa platform the day before Christmas. Fortune certainly favors the brave. Rod had become a great favorite on the train through his manly and unaffected ways and the men were glad to ece that the trick had not succeeded.

The snow was in patent dumping cars and is the tracks ran alongside of the place where Red wanted it dumped it was an easy matter to distribute it, particularly as all WHILE HE GAZED IN WONDER, HE the train hands fell to with a will and gave their services to the boy.

The train was met by the mayor and Rod's

that wanted to do so. And while he might fence is good for a hundred years. have coped with mere men he was helpless. Nor is that the most curious thing that when Jack Frest went home at 2 o'clock in one may see in Cuba. What would you the morning. Jack Frost had been south think of a camp table that grew? While the three days and he was tired of the place. American soldiers were camped back of San-

morning the whole town was affoat Rod rose with the sun and looked cut of the legs took root and some of these tables the window. He could not believe his eyes, are now nicely shaded by leafy branches Where was the statue of summer? Where and in two or three years four nice trees was any of the snow? While he gazed will be growing there and no one would in wonder, he was waited on by the mayor ever dream that they once were table tegaand asked to explain this new and unpleas. Another curious thing: At Quanlanamo I

The mayor said that while he was grati- four or five feet from its leafy end. It was ful to Roderick for affording the people a packed full of earth and I wendered what lot of amusement, still it was not pleasant could be the purpose of it. to feel that half the cellars were flooled, and "That's simple enough," said the Cuban en Christmas day, too. It could not have householder. "In a few weeks roots will ust concluded the month before,

engineer of the freight train and asked him can and it will grow into a large tree. to explain why the snow had gone, and that Plant a cauliflower plant in Cuba and in-

to eat, and with the little I earned we didn't Frank Parsons and Will Bill managed the etarve. But, you see, I'm only a little boy.

"And he sobbed as though his heart would

"I'll come back in a week or two, after the of the dead Mr. Hobart 'jus' for a moment." Christmas holidays." The boys were sorry He said he would feel happy and wouldn't to have him go and several felt like telling cry any more if the vice president could him of the trick at the last moment, but they hold those flowers just a little while. 'He'll know Johnny sent them,' he whispered.



WAS WAITED ON BY THE MAYOR. 'I went several times to see the fatthful

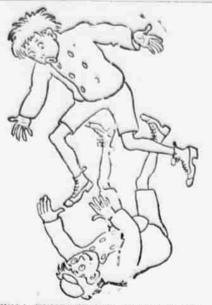
while the local sculptor made a beautiful twigs, then he scratches a little trench where statue of summer out of the snow. It was he wants his fence to run and finally he nightfall before any one thought of going sticks in the twigs in a row a few inches home. And quite a number forgot to hang apart. The soil of Cuba is so rich and the up their stockings, they were so excited over weather so warm and moist that directly the fun they would have the next day, the twigs take root, throw out branches and Roderick was the happiest boy that ever gave leaves and presently there is a dense hedge pleasure to others. When he left there was of pinon trees enclosing the field. And there only the one town policemen left to pre- are no nails to drop our here nor heards to vent any one from taking away the snow fall down and let in the cattle and the

As soon as he had taken his departure the tiago they made great numbers of little snow began to melt and by sunrise Christman tables by driving forked sticks in the ground for legs and using a top of boards. Of course ant development, but he had no answer once saw an old tin can fustened around the branch of a big Cuban laurel tree some

been worse in the rainy season which had grow in the earth inside the tin can. Then we can cut off the limb just back of the Roderick, much chagrined, went to the can, stick it in the ground, take away the

A YOUNG HERO.

Disabled Steamer.



WILL TUMBLED HIM INTO A DRIFT.

In his small way as Admiral Dewey. Eddle, "'Was he very good to you, my boy?" I with his parents, was a passenger on the illhurried to the main deek. They were about the last to reach it, however, and, with the exception of one small life boat, all change of escape was cut off. Hurrying to the ship's side, Mr. Murray helped his wife to descend to the small boat, already almost too full for safety. Then turning to his boy he said, "Hurry, Eddie!" But the child sold narrow with an expression on his face boyn of real.

go and measure if yourself.

Quite frequently mention is made of the value of the chemical National bank of New York, showing how much above par some fancy stocks are held. But there was a sale a few days ago of some shares of the Mississippi River Logging company which breaks the record, the part value was \$1,000 a share, yet a diagle share sold for \$119,500, the six shares sold angregating almost \$90,000, it was sold to close up an estate and by public auction.

"Why not, Nellie?" asked grandpa in sur-

"Because," replied the youg diplomat, "I ove you so much already that I haven't room for any more. Please give me 5 cents 600. to buy candy with."

"Mabel," said a father to his little daugh- ! ter, who had just returned from a juvenile party, "did you have any attention paid "I don't know," replied the small miss.

"Why," asked the father, "didn't any one talk to you or amuse you in any way?" "Oh, yes," nuswered Mabel, "one little boy | \$ made faces at me."

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in his state of the same and lower with the chains of discussions of the chains of the chains of discussions of the chains of t

good man did so in a few words. He said: stead of spreasing out in a big fat head, like then said: "Sha is running about 175 to

Only you got the better of them for a time, with big, rank leaves and a little flower at about guarding the secret of the number of Snow melts in warm weather and I expected the top that you never could recognize as a papers run off and Ruble was on the point of "bouncing" the visitor when he quied walked out of the presercom and tell the pressman wondering who he was. Later, when Ruble came into the business

office he found the stranger in conversation with a member of the business office force. When the stranger walked out Ruble asked

"That man is Ottmar Mergenthaler," was

"Well, I didn't know him," replied Ruble, but he figured out what the old press of ours was doing to a tee, and didn't take but a minute to do it, either.

When the edition had been run off the pressman compared the time he had been running with the number of papers and found that the stranger had missed it only about half a paper a minute.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Americans pay \$7,000,000 a year for Paris

Great Britain eats her entire wheat crop in about thirteen weeks.

The Indians of the Interior of Bolivia wear source and hats made of the bark of a tree, which is soaked in wheet to soften the fiber and then beaten to make it pliable. The night watchman of the Pennsylvania, house of representatives gets \$3 a night from the state for his services. He pays another man \$1 a night to do the watching, while he himself runs a saloon in Philadel-ohia.

A new cure for rheumatism has been discovered in New South Wales, It is called the whale bath. The treatment consists in depositing the patient in the body of a dead whale. Almost invariably the patient is able to climb right out unassisted.

Mitton Stewart is building an ark on the

Milton Stewart is building an ark on the top of West rock, near New Haven, Conn., in the belief that the world is to be visited by another deluge. Mr. Stewart makes no definite prediction as to the date of its com-

with an expression on his face born of real courage, said: "No, father; you go first. It was Mr. F. R. Loomis, its editor, who first applied in its communication on May 9, 1881, Mother needs you more than me!" Nor the region of the safety until this father had lowered himself into the bost. The rope at the ship's side was ablaze as the noble little fellow slid down into the life boat and was folded in his mother's arms. At home he is regarded one of the brightest boys in his class at school, and has a tal intermediate the special passenger agent asked for that it might be preserved in the general of the company, and a duplicate was issued to Mr. Loomis. The Ohio Hotel association will ask the

boys in his class at school, and has a tal not to the front in the musical world. He is ambitious to make his own way financially, and after school hours runs a local parer route that has increased twofold in patronage since his heroism on the Nutmeg State.

PRATTLE OF THE YCUNGSTERS.

"Freddy, didn't you hit Jimmy first?"

"Yes, ma; but he p'voked me; he looked is I have goin' U hit me."

"Oh, ma, come up here quick."

"What's the matter, Tommy?"

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"Bobby's playin' circus, an' he's trying to make th' baby dive off th' mantel."

Little Clara—Dr. Cubebs is eften at our house, but I never see him at yours.

Little Bessie—Of course not, We don't owe him anything.

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"Yes," replied little Harry, "he's so deaff you can say things behind his back in front of his face and he wouldn't hear you."

"Tommy," said a mother to her 4-year-old hopeful, "don't you think it rather extravagant to eat butter with your jam?"

"Of course not, mamma," replied the little diplemat. "You see one piece of brend does for both."

"I don't love you any more, grandpa" said 4-year-old Nellie the other day.

"Why not, Nellie?" asked grandpa in sur-

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

Wisconsin's tobacco crop will yield \$5,000,-

About \$0,000,000 worth of rubber was exported from Brazil last year.

It is said that inbor will be represented in his next Ohlo legislature by twenty-inree armers, a puddler, malder, engineer, metal collisher, miner and a curpenter. Co-operative factories in Great Britain last year made profits aggregating over \$1.00.000 on a capital of a little over \$11.00,000. This is more than 10 per cent on the investment.

father and most of the leading men of Tuscapocsa, and Roderick was thanked in any number of long speeches.

After the speeches had all been spun everybody found the sensor ready nor them. Sleds they found the sensor ready nor them. Sleds by the wholesale had been made by clever Jefferson Calhoun, and cid and young, men and women and children, united in the new sport of coasting and snow ball fighting, while the local sculptor made a beautiful twigs, then he scratches a little trench where



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Bernard of the Press.

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