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Then, prioring me through the police lines, he handed me into a sled.

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'I'll return the clothes in an hour,'f
I said carelessly, before I shouted to the
driver; "Quick, to the Nevsky!" In
another moment, I was out of danger.
To my presence of mind on this occasion
I owe my life; for, had I been apprehended, I should very probably have been
sentenced to the gallows or to hard labor
in Siberia.

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I remained in St. Petersburg only a few days longer. The pardon proclaimed by the Czar had become a farce. Several of my friends were arrested. It seemed as if all our sacrifices had been in vain. I fled to Finland, and in Helsingfors I met Maxim Gorky, the novelist, and told him that I intended to go to America.

"See how conditions are over there.

"See how conditions are over there, and I'll follow you. Let me know at once," said Gorky, when I hade him farewell.

On my arrival in New York, I found public opinion favorable to the Russian revolution. I at once sent a cable, and soon thereafter a letter, to Gorky, who had moved to Berlin, Germany. Gorky came to America a month later, and I witnessed the climax to his glory and his hamiliation in New York—a result that, as it proved later, was brought about by the trickery of the Czar's spies. Gorky returned to Europe; but I remained in this country. Here was the freedom I had longed for. I decided to study the language and the life, and to become a writer in this new land. Although when I landed I did not know a word of English, I was able in one year's time to contribute to the periodicals; and On my arrival in New York, I found

time to contribute to the periodicals; and two years later, my first book in English, a volume of short stories entitled "Echoes of Myself," was published.

Looking Forward to the Next Number

M ERRY CHRISTMAS will be ob-served in both the letter and spirit in the next issue of the SEXI-MONTHLY MAGAZINE SECTION. Abound-ing in good cheer and Christmas Eve Entertainment, the number will be as chuck full of bright things as a Christmas tree. First and foremost among the surprises will be a story, not by Jack London himself, but by Mrs. Jack London HERSELF—a story complete in one instalment that simply hubbles over with fun and frolic. simply hubbles over with run and frohe, THE WHEEL is the title—and it's a breezy South Sea yarn of just about the oddest prank ever played by a mariner, ancient or modern, on his dereliet erex. Incidentally, it might be added that this is Mrs. London's first story to appear in any magazine! any magazine!

Ellis Parker Butler, whose PIGS IS Ellis Parker Butler, whose PIGS IS PIGS was famous in making the country grin from sea to sea, contributes PAPA POCHARD'S TREE to the Christmas Magazine Section. The scene of this new Ellis Parker Batler story is laid in Paris; but the lumor of the tale is distinctly and irresistibly American. It's a Yulctide host in itself, this story—and it is delightfully illustrated by Adrien Machefert.

Machefert.

Then comes Charles Dana Gibson, the famous master of black and white, with a full page STUDY IN CHARCOAL. This original Gilson drawing was made especially for the SEMI-MONTHLY MAGA

Among other distinct Christmas fea-tures of the coming number is the highly diverting account by Thomas Grant Springer of THE COWBOY WHO WENT SHOPPING. Needless to say, the cowboy got sadly mixed up in the Christmas rush in bargain counter land, and ran a very bewildering gauntlet of confusion. The merriness of it all is cleverly emphasized in the illustrations by

and ran a very bewildering gauntlet of confusion. The merriness of it all is eleverly emphasized in the illustrations by R. G. Vosburgh.

Last to be mentioned, but first in fact, is the Christmas cover design by Grimball. Watch for it. It'll make you think of the time when you might have been one of the half-frightened, wholly curious, little nightgowned figures who are somewhat anxiously waylaying Santa Claus by the big fireplace. "WHO'S AFRAID?"—the title of our Christmas cover design—is a sort of merry introduction to a merry is a sort of merry introduction to a merry

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