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was pointing dight the platform and a finot of men stending by the similar into the cars. For this was the eventing of becoming 24, and the spirit of Christimas was over the land.

But happees of all this imply crowd was Bon, the train boy. In a little over an hour and a half he should be home with his dear mather and young brother Dight and his should be brother thek and his sister Sal. As h sat on a trunk in the begange car with his pile of papers by his side, waiting

as pine of purpose by his side, working for the train to start, he could althus of nothing but that happy remnon. But had been saying up for this Christmas with more than the usual stituting and self-denial, and the result of it all now stood before him nearly packed in a wooden loss. Two men there were abound the e7 to

Two men there were shound the "7.30 local" whose faces reflected notices local" whose faces reflected nothing of the Christman cheer. Presently the firemin pur down his oil can and

looked up at the engineer.
"What time is the strike ordered he usked.

"Half past eight to the second," growled the engineer.

"Why, that'll have as ten ralles from no where" crical the fireman, whose name was Steldans. "Nice Christmas. we'll have. Lucky if we find a roof ing. But you won't to cover us. Why do we have to strike in by any such course. on Christmas Eve. of all times?" In

added, wrethfully. Cause the president takes this traincause the president takes this train out to Edicatown to night was he kin hev Christmas with his old mother. We got the 4th no more than an hour ago. The men thinks that rather than get stuck between here and that he'd The men thinks that rather than stuck between here and that he'll cave in and grant us wet we ask.

At that moment a well dressed man of thirty-five or so, satchel in hand, came briskly down the platform and got into the smoker. It was the presi-dent of the read. He was a very young man for such a position, but be had long since shown himself equal

to its responsibilities.

The conductor took out his warch It was already thirty seconds past starting time, but on Christmas Eve one does not like to think of anylesty losing the train, and so perhaps has ing a Christmas dinner.

At exactly 7.31 the signal was given, and with a great hissing of escaping steam and a slow "chou-choo!"



BEN SAT ON A THUNK IN THE HANGAGE

though the big engine were inking

Ben was on his fourth round-"can-

rode in the cub with him. He showed me how to work the lever and the whistle vaive and all the rest of it. If you could only get some one to fire

"I'll fire," replied the president quiet-Then turning to the trainmen he said: "This boy and I will run the train. Go back and tell the passengers that we be going right through Then you can stop here or go on with us, just as you choose."

Then the news was passed along the rain that a substitute engineer had been found and the train was to go brough after all.

Abound the engine, his gloved hands wielding a shovel, was the precident of the road, while Ben, with his face on of the call window, kept his left hand on the through

In the meantime the brakemen held a short consultation with the con-ductor and had concluded that the best course for them was to gult the train and beave it to its fare. A counte of the male passengers vol-

isternal to not as brakening and confector, and with this strange crew the rain presently got under way. It and been decided that as trouble

probably awalted them at Henderson, where a large rowdy element was located, the train would stop a half mile this side of the town for the passen-

a hundred men were grimly awaiting the arrival of the train. Its approach had been heralded by its whistle five minutes before

"If the train slows up, board her, and built off the engineer," commanded the head of the wang. "If she doesn't stop, show at the scale, and smash all the windows you can?"

light of the station lamps the min table edge, the latter wrenth being



BREAKPAST. Christness oranges. Cereal flakes and cream. Skrien steak. English bans. Doughnuts, Coffee.

THENNER. IService for ten persons).

How claim breach and whiliped cream Ripe offices. Celery,

Lebestr outlets: French pens,

Trelies,

Roast goes, with potato stuffing.

this side of the town for the passen gers, and then Ben was to run through Chenders a without stopping.

On the station platform a group of a homized men were selected. Bolled chestaut

> BUFFET LUNCHEON, Shrimp sandwickes, Olives in tounto jelly, English yule dollies. Teed orange julee in glasses. Fruit and nuts.

The season when "Yule fires glow The standard brakenia.

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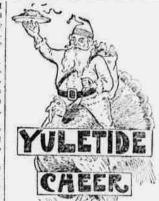
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facturing establishments. Everything was done on something like a co-operstive plan, subject, of course, to the

Kaleks, not so far advanced in intelli-gence, but more warlike. Their city was called Bromportah, and held firly thousand inhabitants. It was muc-like Galneor in every respect. The two people were practically one. To sent of government was at Quiental, fortified town at the other end of the

fortified town at the other end of the island. But I fire you, do I not?" "No, you do not." I protested; "on the centrary, I am greatly interested. It would be univise for us to make any attempt to push farther on our way without a full understanding of what is before as. I hope you will procood.

"Yes, do, Mr. Avery," said Miss rnold. "I am essev to hear all." "Very well," he said, smiling wear-y. "Bat we must. I suppose, with Arnold. ily. "But we much, I suppose, with good judgment, retire farther into the

We gathered up our goods and retreated some distance where we were
sheltered by the thick brush and trees
from observation should the enemy
feared by Mr. Avery appear. Having
arranged ourselves comfortably, the
missionary continued:
"I have told you all I need to tell
of the condition of affairs in Talmoods

"T have told you all I need to find the condition of affairs in Talmooch when I came here with my dear wife, I asked.
"Nothing. Hen Sie Hi is a hater "Nothing. thirty years ago. To give you, however, a still better idea of the prevail-ail Christians. Hen the thirty is a hater-all Christians. He better thou an ing happiness and prespective of the people, I will say just a word more. tever intercourse the Juniary and Kulcks—once two distinct and separate peoples, but at the time of which I speak united into one happy ination—had with outside people, such as traders from the coast or the impating reme of an old many mabitants of neighboring islands who

IN THE CHINA SEA A NARRATIVE OF ADVENTURE.

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CHAPTER X.

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"My own down wife was toben by the hated moneton, all, American, is can appreciate my sorres my vers no poverty. Every family there are my hate. Pard at the start plenty. A margon, or, in duglish, a morror. Yes, the ling words—these tenus of an incorrer. Yes, the linguage in the mis wisdom. His rale was wandrons, by wise, and the people measured. you can appreciate of the secondrel fell even more my wife, and she was taken to Quartal, I have dufferward that she yet nor sail to leads rather than subject to the in-dignities heaped upon her."

builed through my veins. I felt that I would like to take a shot at Gov-ernor Hen-Ko-Hi.

ernor Hen-Ko-Hi.
The and mean circ he had arrowed seemed fikely to put an end to the missionary's story. I waited a short time, and as he did not proceed I spoke

to him, "But why do you remain here a m Mr. Averys" I asked. "Are they not impuress and torgetfulness to you in England?"

A bitter smile played around for

mouth, "Crickmore," he replied, "when

you have tell the server I have felt you will also feel a morel I pleasured a morel I pleasured a more of pleasured a confedence. But he that as it may I could not leave, even if I would For towarty years these has been in apportunity to occure. So more of this penalty here for any apparent effort to defeat the observer. effort to defend the objects of t erament, and so complete to the tem of espisonage established by it Ko-Hi, that not one could be us over been able to escape. We can't that is all. And our time will as come. I am far of the pathway no What matters in ?

good judgment, retire farther into the forest to escape unfreshilly eyes. Yes, I think it best. Let us go back here a space."

We gathered up our goods and retrested some distance where we were sheltered by the thick brush and trees to have duel a thorsand doubt from observation should the enemy in fire constants.

known him, when I was suffering the awful terment he not upon me, to call his officers, that they, too, might on

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Miss Arnold was now weeping as if her heart would break.
"Oh, what will become of us? What
can we do?" she cried.

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There was no answer. Mr. Avery set with his chin buried in his uninjured hand, his thin lies working convalsively, his eyes lent on the ground. I mused sadly upon what he had told us. In truth, our troubles seemed only to have begun.

At length the old man rose to his feet and obserns his hand, on the fair feet and obserns his hand, on the fair

At length the old man rose to his fest, and placing his hand on the fair head of my sweet companion, said:
"Crickmore, listen to me. I am an aged man. I have suffered much. My spirit is brotten. Yet can I think of the only course for you is pursue. You would not place this fair young girl at the mercy of this bloodingery tyrant.

by the hollow trans. Daniellately mise car, is disappeared. I be stated, not enowing what has become or bear.

The value and led as if it came from the howest of the care. I just my need in the appearant through which had been all time, and there, several feel been up in a stanting direction, I saw

ain into the hellow and talk Miss Ar-neld to some without four. From the cons of the tree are underground pas-

course of the tree act and design out of passive led away toward the walls. "This passare was done for the by the Junuar, access whom Hive," said the Avery, when we had journel him, from will have to bend yourselves a little for a solet distance here. It cairs, as yet see, to a large cavera." The light of the lamp he carried showed as that we were in a large, noting cave, hollowed into a soft stone area like parameters it is necessarily.

He got the Loup down on a flat.

He set the Iran down on a flat cline of alone and named to as.

"Thus, a clear year grounds, must be your a not, until it becomes the call of the year eagle from this inhappy place. The moderation it is at the fit is the superior to the graceous gradly of the place of linearial, where the fit of all is cath. A few concept and he furtherlyon, You are described you. You are described not form the care. The woods who have you, clur, in the tay, cane to the in our excitement and that as their cayers were now seed and that a own king was calline to the inform the creationest. They described you as a man of graphic to the illion the creations. It has been been been found and have beared by the wood and have beared but they do have been the index of the first you have been the index of the control of the place of the control of the place of the control of the c inc. at test to force that idea. It are an illustration purpose afrency in my mind—so great is the childration confiring from her max man of your part. Full 1 will leave you now for a moment. There are some things are led here.

TO BE CONTINUED.



Mr. Pearson, the president, was say, ing. But you won't force me to give

"All right, sir," replied the engineer, as soon shot sufferly. "Then we'll intro a quit the form to then



'STAY JES' WHERE YER DE, CTERUISS!" rain right here, Stebbins, dump the

The president felt himself beaten. ut at that instant Bon's voice, shrill with excitement, rang out sharply: Stay Jes where yer be, Stebburs. Unnot going to have the president's Christmas and my folks' Christmas

soiled by muy o' yer fool orders." When Ben had realized the situation e had dashed madly into the buguan car, wrenched open his Christmas has and taken from it the shot gan in tended as a present for his brother. In trice he had loaded it and then text limbed up on to the engine from the

The sight of the gleaming barrel very much disconcerted the strikers and they hesitated.

"Five hundred dollars to the man who drives the engine-its only thir-ty miles?" cried Mr. Pearson. So one

"I think I could run old 40," sald

SAT ON A TRUNK IN THE TRAIN TO Bet, Hundly,
"You, boy!" muttered the president, sixing up the stundy form of states breath for its long run, the train rolled year-old Ben. "What do you know majestically out of the station."

Ben was on his fourth round—"can "If you please, sir, my father, John "No dy and bombons" this time-when there Dixon, was an engineer on this road Life.

go, and the erstwhile train boy is now execut teamager of the road, and a cry dignified gentleman, indeed; but fown Edgetown way no one ever calls blin anything but plain Ben.—Dauglas Isale Poly, in the New York Her.

The Victimized Baby Protests



Why dish't you attend the Chrismas dinner, my pretry maid? ology axed me, sir," she said-

then and the bay thought it the map doest Christmas he had ever known. Intring the day Mr. Pearson drove the shape of a doll about the linds and when he departed long field behind him a check for 8500 and the promise that when Ben was and the promise that when Ben was and deedge lightly with powdered sugar; we small currents for eyes and particle of the Philippine group. It is so far needs that it might almost be said to be off the Chinese coast. It is ag. "But I won't promise to act as fire-ount again." the president had added an algain." the president had added ruffles of frosting. Wrap separately pust south of Formosa.

"Beside the Jumars, there were the

> That Wonderful Tree. to prolong that growth beyond its a

Kris Kringle's happiest moment.

So the president had his Christmas, and three caps of four, with which has worther after all, and so did for an income been sifed two cosposations of balling powder; then sand for an hear in a cold place. Have ready a in content is allowed to subject to a slight taxation to provide for the star and when he departed to get the star of the star and when he departed to get the star of the s

The Christmas 'ree has the unique distinction of growing with the same igor in all climates and bearing fruit without any preparatory blossoming. Like Jounth's gourd, it springs up in a night and withers into nothingness in n day or two. No soil is too poor to preven its growth, no soil rich enough

Charles Dickens's foud Work. But for the great novelist, Charles Dickens, there is little doubt but that the keeping of Christmas, except purely religious feast, would lied out many years ago. His effort led to a revival of Christmas as tival of general rejoicing and joility.

Too Good to Live. If the small boy were always as good as he is on Christmas Eye he would certainly die yeung.-Puck Christians Morn.