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HOMeward, BOUND AT CHRISTMASTIDE

Like a living thing the straight rails sing. A high, exciting strain. The cooing of the shivering steel...

MABEL GIFFORD'S CHRISTMAS

BY ANNE H. WOODRUFF

MABEL GIFFORD was out of sorts. There was an unhappy expression closely approaching a scowl upon her fresh, young face...

"Yes, indeed," said Mabel, fervently, swallowing the lump in her throat with difficulty. "I'm so sorry you have to live here all alone, Miss Church."

"There's them as has nst me to live with them," she said, "but I somehow can't leave my home, where I've lived all my life, and I'd no as I could get along with 'em if I did."

"For the land sakes! Is that you, Rob Gifford? I guess I'm in luck this time," and depositing her trembling form upon the board with a sigh of supreme satisfaction.

"Dear friend: I, too, am lonely this Christmas Day, and disappointed, for the friend I expected had not come, and I hope that you will do me the kindness to come in her stead."

"Miss Church was sitting at the window, with her steel-rimmed spectacles astride her nose and her Bible in her lap."

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ATTEMPT TO BREAK JAIL

Daring Effort of Raleigh Prisoners to Escape. But for the watchfulness of Jailer Parham, Wake jail would have lost most of its boarders...



The attempt at escape was led by Bud Foster, the condemned negro from Franklin, who is under sentence of death...

The first effort to break jail was made Sunday night when several steel bars in the rear of one of the steel cages were almost cut in two by continued filing...

Monday morning Mr. Parham found one of the bolts to one of the big pad locks sawed in half. It was necessary to break the lever to have gotten out of the cell...

A search was then made of about thirty-six convicts and two more files and a hammer were found. Four policemen came in response to a summons and assisted in the work...

State Millers Meet. A meeting of the Carolina Miller's Association was held Wednesday afternoon in the reading room of the Guilford Hotel at Greensboro...

Knitting Mills Burn. Tarboro, Special.—Thursday morning at 4:45 o'clock occurred the most disastrous fire in years...

Ice Factory for Wilmington. Wilmington, Special.—The new factory of the Independent Ice Company, one and a half stories in height...

Southern Progress. A meeting of the stockholders of the Barnesville (Ga.) Manufacturing Co. will be held on December 16...

Meet Next at Washington. Chicago, Special.—Members of the executive committee of the national council of the Grand Army of the Republic...

No Money for His Daughter. Suffolk, Va., Special.—Concluding a long trial, the will of Dempsey Hare, a rich octogenarian...

4,000 Bales Damaged. London, By Cable.—The Spanish steamer Junio, from New Orleans via Norfolk, which arrived at Havre with fire in her cargo...

All Alike. Husband—"Do you think we can afford to give away so many Christmas presents, dear?"

BRINGING HOME THE CHRISTMAS TREE. All morning long the heavy sky. His seemed to threaten snow. And over bleak and wintry fields...

The children's voices early for on such a winter's day. And you can hear the hatched snuff Almost now falls away.

To-morrow night the snowy sky Shall gleam and lighten to. And it shall show with rays and glows A lovely Christmas tree.

you, I never had a better Christmas than this. I am so glad you didn't, Miss Church. I never had a better Christmas than this.

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He asked with a snort when they had started homeward. "Wasn't he a caution?" but Mabel was in a brown study...

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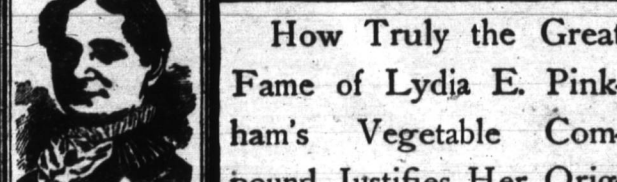
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DECORATING THE HOUSE

you," said Mabel with ready sympathy. "Yes, 'tis," replied Miss Church, "I don't know how to stand it sometimes. When I found Christmas was coming it pretty nigh made me sick to think"

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