## THE GASTONIA GAZETTE.



## A CHRISTMAS STORY.

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| and beil paid her way on the cars to Loulsvilie, Ky Sonewhere io Iodiana she huad eume sinsfolik whom she boped to find but now all her monery was gone and she knew not what to do. Viry llatkfoul wus ahe to Gid for eliving ber so much of conifort t ut Christmas dag. Poor women!Sibe lo ked ganut and morrowtal. Her own cothes, ad these of her poor liftle forlorn low king child were earrese and mo st unseemly in the eys, of Mre. Albot and her familyBut the epirit of Christmus now burned brighly in their breasts. New urd appropriate elothing was purchased ; a home an for the refugees atid by degrees fulloness cume back to their fentares, robes to their |  |
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spirite.
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 child ever sec anything like thie before?
The woman turuct and
Razid tupon me Hettie never auw ansthivg like tlisp before good picee of bread, than anytuing
indow: home ? I asked. Home! We've gut
home? Your army broke up our bom deatroged everything, and $I$ had to co
here or tatree re sou from $P$. We're Confiderate everythiog. My hastand is in the army to look for a brother. Pu 1 huve spen
all my money and have nothing to eat ana


ith us, As scon ne we made some and ge, und they came bone

Mercy on me, child? What do you mean? xoitedly.
Don't be angry mother, please! I could t the frout door. 1 thought it beat to tet ber remain there untill 1 eam you, she is could not bulp thinking of what Mr . Phepes snid last Sundey about the word of the Tert. II was hongry and se gare
me meat, I was birsty and ye gave $m e$. driuk I wan a stranger and ye trok me in Mre $A$ Hbot Chriatmas-time bad a mellow enfiuence on her bert, and the tuxt juat quoted aroused
all her chrisitiap charity. The conse quence woo, that in a ferw minulee, the woman a warm fre. Some bot were piting Henits mere il their expectation, they shyt that night the lady told ber story. Contendiog orraice ted devaniakd ber coontry, brokec up bee ouseleese tomeler home una her ber


