Che Fireside.

THE COMPLAINT OF SANTA CLAUS

The snow lies deep on the frozen ground, And the Christmas night is cold, And I shine before the rime so hoar— Can it be I am growing old?

Long years ago when the Christmas chimes Made merry the midnight sky, When the carolers' call filled houses and hall

And wassail and mirth ran high. When the harlequin mummers reeled and And the great yule log blazed bright; When the wails were green with a summer skeen. In holly and yew bedight;

When the faces of all, the young, the old. Were brimming with sparkling cheer-Aye, those were the times when Christmas Were the merriest sounds of the year!

I snapped my fingers in Jack Frost's teeth, While the snow was wavering down, And the icicles hung from my beard I flung-My beard that was then so brown!

And I wrapped myself in my grizzly coat, And lit my pipe with a coal From Hecla's crest, where I stopped to rest On my way from the Northern Pole.

My reindeers-O, they were brisk and gay-My sledge, it could stand a pull; My pack, tho great, seemed a feather's weight No matter how crammed and full!

My heart it was stout in those good old days, And warm with an inward glee; For I thought of the mirths of a thousan hearts, Where the little ones watched for me.

So I gathered my sweets from far and near. And I piled my cunningest toys (Unheeding the swirls), for the innocent girl And the rollicking, roguish boys.

But the times have sobered and changed since My merriment flags forlorn: My beard is as white as on Christmas night of old was the Glaston thorn.

No longer the smoke-wreath curls; But sade est to see, of sights for me-My froliesome boys and girls Have grown so knowing, they dare not say Those protesters wise and small-

Tho' my wrinkled-up lips still hold the pipe.

That all saints deceive, and they don't believ In a Santa Claus at all! Ah, me! 'tis a fateful sound to hear;

Tis gall in my wassail cup; The darlings I've spoiled, so wrought for and The children have given me up!

My heart is broken. I'll break my pipe, And my tinkling team may go, And bury my sledge on the trackless edge Of the wastes of the Lapland snow.

My useless pack I will fling away. And in Germany's forests hoar, MARGARET J. PRESTON.

THE CHRISTMAS ROSE.

A little way up one of the Rhætian Alps, beneath the shade of an old black pine, grew a christmas rose.* The summer had passed, and the short days had come, when the wind blows and the snow flies, and the hardy little mountain rose had two buds. "Dear me," fretted the rose, I wish I could blossom when other plants do. There would be some pleasure in displaying oneself for the dainty blue gention or the pretty eyebright, but with no one to admire me, I see no use in blooming at all."

'Ho! ho!' laughed the old pine, waving his shaggy arms, "Ho! ho! what a little grumbler. The snow and I will admire you. You are named after the blessed Christ child, and ought to be happy and contented. Push up through the deepening snow, little friend, and expand your buds into perfect blossoms; we were all made for a wise purpose, and we shall know what it is when the time comes it"-

Just then the north wind blew so hard the old pine was quite out of breath, and for some reason he never renewed the conversation.

"All the world is dead except the pine and me," murmured the rose, "and perhaps I had better follow his advice. If I was made for a wise purpose I shall not be forgotten." So she took good care of her beautiful buds, and the day before Christmas the black pine saw her blossoms, white and perfect, peering up through the white snow.

Now, the two little children of Klotz, the wood cutter, were nearly heartbroken, for their mother was sick, and that morning the kind neighbor who had watched by her side through the night had said, "God pity this home: I fear your mother will die before night." Their father sat by the fireplace, speechless will saye them from building upon.

Gins will do well to call at my shop and see it before purchasing, as the price is low down.

If you need an Engine or Boiler I can with grief, and answered them neither by word nor look when they crept the quicksands when they are men placing your order. up to him for comfort. So at last they and women. - Williamsport Breakfast stole out of the door, and, hand in hand, wandered a short way up the mountain side, following the forester's track till they came in sight of the

were dying that hard old pine would dies without benefit. Being induced to too numerous to mention. not care," said the boy, bitterly. "Let try Dr. King's New Discovery for Conus go back into the valley, sister; sumption, did so and was entirely cured there we will find good poople, with by use of a few bottles. Since which time kind hearts, while here there is no he has used it in his family for all Coughs Goldsboro, N. C., Aug. 12,'86.-tf one to care for us."

here," cried the sister, spying the been saved by this Wonderful Discovery. Christmas roses, and in a moment she had scraped away the snow and plucked them. "We had forgotten the Christ child, and that to morrow is His birthday. Let us take the roses to the church, and there pray that our mother's life may be spared.'

So they hastened down the mountain to the village church, where they found the good pastor busy trimming Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and posithe altar for the Christmas festival. tively cures Piles, or no pay required. It He took the flowers and put them, is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, with some feathery moss, into a tall or money refunded. Price 25 cents per white vase. Then he knelt with the box. For sale by Kirby & Robinson. children and prayed for their mother's life, and the roses nodding on their stems smiled as though the gift asked for were already granted. When they returned home their father met them at the door and exclaimed joyfully, "The fever has turned and your mother is better. Thank God.'

The Christmas rose had fulfilled its 25,000 Pounds Bulk Meats. destiny. Ah, me! the black pine was right. We were all made for a wise purpose, and we shall learn what it is in God's own good time.

*The Christmas rose is not a rose, it belongs to the family Hellebore, black Hellebore, so called from the color of its roots. Its large white flowers are produced in winter, and it grows only in cold climates. The flowers are white or tinged with red.

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FIRST CHRISTMAS MORNING.

When God created man He commanded His angels to visit him on earth and guard him in his ways, so that he might have a foretaste of the bliss of the life to come. But man sought after sensual joys in the place I HAVE THE LARGEST STOCK of those in heaven, and growing greedy of worldly fruit, began to quarrel with his neighbors for the possession of them; and the guardian angels wept among themselves. But when the strong oppressed the weak and took from them by force the product of their toil, Justice rose up sorrowing, and, leaving earth, flew back to heaven. And when the weak overcame the strong with treachery and deceit, and got from them by cunning Truth rose up sorrowing, and, leaving earth, flew back to heaven. And when the injured went forth to slay with their brothers' blood, Peace rose Fresh up sorrowing, and, leaving the earth, flew back to heaven.

Thus each bad act seared some good angel from the world, until Forgiveness, the most beautiful of all, alone remained behind. And when she heard Anger and Revenge whisper dark deeds in men's ears, and counsel them to repeat that had been done to them, she rose up sorrowing and Nov. 4, 1886.-tf

"I will not leave the earth. While my sister angels were here I might HARDWARE have rested in my father's bosom, for man needs me not; but now that they have fled, I will seek to make man EVERY listen to my voice, telling him that as he cherished forgiveness here, so that forgiveness will cherish him here-

At that moment a new and most beautiful star blazed in the heavens. It was the star of Bethlehem. Pointing to it Forgiveness said, "Behold, the light of the world. It shines as a promise that I will ever dwell upon the earth." And Peace and Love, repenting, flew back and have never since lert the earth. So the loveliest angels of heaven came home to the world on the first Christmas morning.

A TALK TO PARENTS.

over before little children. Being without policy, they are apt to cause smith & YELVERTON. trouble by speaking out at the wrong time. It is neither winning nor childgrave and important domestic topics, that we are now enabled to offer like parrots, prattling what they have heard their mothers say. Why contaminate their pure minds with envy, malice, jealousy and revence, which malice, jealousy and revenge, which surge in the social world like waves upon the sea, or why put thoughts into their little heads to cause a sickly growth of sentiments and qualities only belonging to men and women? Let children be children as long as possible. Keep their minds in the happy atmosphere of beauty, purity, music, poetry and proper thought. Thus will their minds more perfectly develop their utmost possibilities for good. If cares oppress, and sorrows weigh upon your heart, for heaven's sake, good mother, do not try to throw your burdens off upon your children. They are not old nor strong enough to

carry them without being dwarfed or deformed by the load. Their time is coming. No one escapes trouble. Give them a chance to prepare for any fate that the future may bring and HORSES. Call and see them. forth, that they may bear their bur- nov25-tf dens nobly, brave, having cheerfulhowever brightly the sun of prosperity shines in the noonday of life. Chil dren are the music, poetry and flowers of humanity. Why strain the tender ed it with new machinery, I am now prestrings to make discord of their native pared to do all kinds of harmony? Why spoil the sweet rhymes of their happy, careless hearts

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