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The difference between a boy-cotter and a footpad is only in the method.

This week she is going to operate, but last week everything was to be tucked away under her own white wings.

And another one has just been organized to take charge of everything in the city. Oh, if we only had a real active Cow Puncher's Association.

Miss Pickwick who is to be married at Log Cabin Inn next June is well known in Salisbury. She spent fifteen minutes here one day in December, 1912.

It is said automobiles injure business men's health. The Editor of WATCHMAN has not yet been attacked with automobilitis and feels that he will escape the disease for years to come.

Some have done splendidly others have made notable failures and are doing so now, others have none to display their genius with but all, like the prizes of old cry, "Who but I," and want to regulate the other fellow's boy. If you want a man's job look after your own.

Charity is a substitute for Justice. Many who know not Justice are very much devoted to Charity, especially if town and county treasurers will supply the funds. Many are forced to accept charity because they have been denied justice. Have been boycotted perhaps.

Of course every newspaper in the State will sympathize with the Charlotte Observer in its loss and inconvenience caused by the last week. The Observer, however, was on the job and although the paper missed the mails some all do at times, it did not miss an issue and is now coming out as of yore.

Sometimes our religious brethren make us feel like stealing a horse, robbing a bank or being indicted for gambling in order to get a good standing.

THE WATCHMAN enters a new volume with this issue or rather starts on its 85th year. It wishes its readers and friends a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

Owing to inability to secure sufficient and competent help THE WATCHMAN and RECORD have been running one day off its schedule but has given the news up to the hour of going to press and therefore no one has been loser. We expect to get back into our regular time during the coming week and hope to add new life to the paper.

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The Boys of the Old Town

A Christmas Story
 By DOUGLAS MALLOCH
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CHRISTMAS wedding is always a very charming thing. The holly to the decorations, and the mistletoe seems so appropriate. Then it makes one present do where otherwise two would have been required. And anyone who brings that to pass is a public benefactor.

This reference to the wedding, of course, right here at the very opening of the story, really makes the story superfluous, which is Rotpense for "no use." In a story, the wedding is supposed to be the very last thing.

There really wasn't very much the matter with Harry—except Harriet. And there wasn't anything at all the matter with Harriet—in Harry's opinion. So, after he had got down to business—both at his office and with Harriet—he said "Yes." Their marriage brought them a great deal of happiness, and what was more peculiar, a great deal of happiness to someone who wasn't related to them in any way.

It had been arranged that they were to be married at high noon on Christmas day at Harriet's old home. There was to be a quiet family dinner there, followed by a reception to their friends at Harriet's new home, where open house was to be kept in honor of the day and the event. There their friends gathered in the afternoon, and there the presentation was to occur.

At the mention of his father, the chairman was astonished to find his hat still on his head. He pulled it off, hurriedly, ashamed. Then through that head went flitting first a quick memory of his father and then the most astonishing thing in the world—the carefully-prepared speech to the bride. He had said it over so many times to himself in secret that afternoon, to make sure he would not break down when the moment came, that now everything else seemed to have vanished. Then an even more astonishing thing happened. It astonished him, and it quite paralyzed the other young men.

That presentation speech, altered by a word here and there as he stumbled and steered away from the inappropriate phrase, came falling from his lips.

"And for many a year," he finished, "may you sit by your own fireside as the shadows of life lengthen, with this chair to give you comfort and to remind you of the boys of the old town."

There was nothing for the rest to do but applaud that speech, to wish "Merry Christmas" over and over, to bend the head for that venerable "God bless you!" and to go quietly away.

of the missing gift, although not very certain where 872 Elm street East was, or if there were an 872 East, or possessed of any knowledge concerning who lived there.

"Now, 872 East is a little tumble-down house, or was, well out Elm street, and somewhat back from the thoroughfare.

"I remember—there's some old woman lives here," said one of the party. They all piled out and followed the broken sidewalk up to the dwelling.



Her Eyes Shone With the Real Christmas Light.

"Thank you, I want to thank you all, and every one of you, for the lovely present you sent me, and for remembering an old woman like me. When it came, and I read the card, 'From the boys of the old town,' the boys of the old town, for I knew all your fathers, I told them to put it here, and I would set in it and wait until you come. Ain't you Will Stearns?"

"Yes," stammered the chairman, quite undecided what to say or do.

"I thought so. My, how you favor your father! And I was at your christening! I guess that was about the last time I was anywhere when my rheumatism got so bad. And your father would 'a' been proud of you this day. If he could know what you was going to do for an old friend of his, God rest him!"

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"Well, what do you know about that?"

"There's nothing for them now, but we can scare up something tomorrow and say nothing about this," said another.

Here's a Real Santa Claus



Nature has a law of compensation by which she gives to each one of us some particular talents or aptitudes. John Doe, who was born 57 years ago, was favored by nature with an extra robust face and a luxuriant growth of hair, so much so that, about Christmas time of each year, his services as a model for Santa Claus posters, or as a pseudo Santa Claus, in the department stores, are very much at a premium. He need not look for a job, the jobs are looking for him.

Christmas Message.

"Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

"The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to preach deliverance to captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

This is a day for magnifying the blessings of peace, not selfishly, but with the rejoicing that should attend the reminder that we have a cure for the troubles of the world and a part in the spreading of the remedy. Let the songs of peace be carried into every corner of gloom. If peace is to achieve victory, its spirit of gladness must be irresistible. No less today than two thousand years ago is it the mission of peace to show by example that in good will alone lies the happiness of the people.

SERVICE MORE THAN GIVING

Deepest Spirit of Christmas Does Not Confine Itself to One Day, but Is Manifest Entire Year.

The deepest spirit of the Christmas outpouring that flows over the Christian world is the impulse for human service that runs through the whole year.

It is easy to give recklessly out of one's abundance, or even to share carefully one's pittance. The distribution of Christmas dinners through hundreds of self-denying families means a day's happiness for the giver and receiver. But it is greater happiness to both to follow through the year with aid to self-dependence, encouragement to hope, and support in striving for better living.

This is the giving of self, and they who know how to give of themselves wisely are the highest givers. The best feature of Christmas is its material expression of a whole year of human service that runs like a thread through human lives.

Only these holiday glimpses reveal to the careless how many are dedicated to a share in this unobtrusive service to the humbly striving and to the uncomplaining, needy; how many families are under constant stimulus to the best sort of self-help; how many children are being quietly led to a higher level of living and striving for themselves between Christmas and Christmas.

Is it Santa Claus?

Nancy M. Naves

At a quarter to twelve on Christmas eve Teddium woke with a start: There was somebody tugging him by the sleeve. And he turned with a thumping heart. "Now, don't make a sound!" a small brother Jim, "As sure as ever I'm here-it's him!"

"It is true!" whispered Teddium. "Santa Claus! Oh, isn't this simply great! Can't you light up a match, Jimmy—quick—because if you don't it will be too late!"

"Well, I'm puzzled," said Jim. "Praps, if we look (they say that he hates a spy). He won't leave the ball and the picture-book, but jolly well pass us by."

And while they wondered if they should peep, somehow, the bears fell off to sleep!

But the curious noise went on all night—Scampering, rush and run—Till the darkness flew and the day dawned bright. And the rats had had their fun. And the rascals chuckled, "Well, what a fuss!" If they'd only known that it was us!" —Little Folks.

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