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"Giftmaking is one of the most graious features of Christmas, and that I ptay may survive all other outgrown word calls up! costoms," writes Fiorence Hull Winterparticular thing he has set his us, and come back no more. heart up a getting. And if his choice hats and other essentials of the toilet. ing dawns Par prettier is the German custom of And if there be such homes, would it

it is possible, nothing is so good to have which pierce the skies-who sport dia after years memory hangs about it fondly, would it not be just as well if they would "Then the stocking hang up on Christ- ble Christmas?

that what is looked forward to most eager- be but as the apples of Sodom. ly seldom turns out well. It is sad phi- And, remembering what Christmas

and all other gracious myths. lost upon chi dren if it is true, not arti- and say trothfully : "I have no hardficial They are willing to live up to ness in my heart this day for any living their little knowledge, if we allow them thing the chance, and part of our duty to the day is to encourage in our young people the same kindiness we cultivate in our- gift, not otherwise. selves. It is so much easier to learn in

perionees have hardened our hearts." WHAT THE RETURNS SHOW,

The returns indicate that the man who thinks Santa Claus is a barren myth is overwhelmingly defeated. - Boston Herald.

INFANTILE DEDUCTION,

"I guess paw hasn't got so much money this year," said little brother. "What makes you think so?" asked little sister.

" Cause he was telling me that is raso't right to impies on Santa Claus well be forgiven if she says, as she often just because the old fellow was good natured."-Indianapolis Journal.

THOSE HE DON'T WANT

Christmas presents, he means that he to have. Kat your turkey with no at the stores, or bought with his own money .- Archison Grobe.

It takes a winty man to bow his own



When a man crossing some difficult place in his working career spatring all his energies to

It is a rule, somewhat severe, But true as Deuteronomy; There is just one month of Christm cheer, And eleven of economy.

Christmas.

A DAY OF GLADNESS.

LET PATIENCE, GENEROSITY AND LOVE PREVAIL IN HOME AND HEART AT CHRISTMAS TIME.

What tender memories that magic

How the page of life rolls back, and burn in the Woman's Hom: Companion. we read maybe, with tearful eyes, the A pulse of cheer to the waning year counselors, there is little fear that we the long closed corridors of the past we shall make the mistake of leaving hear the soft echo of the footsteps of out of our little one's stocking the those who have gone out from amon

But while Christmas saddens, it is al is beyond us to gravify, let us come as ways a season of rejucing. There is near it as we can, and not to convert this hardly any home so poor in this broad season into a sort of convenience for our land, let us hope, that the children canselves, thrusting upon his reluctant ac not hang up their stockings and hope eptance such prosaic articles as shoes, to find something in them when morn-

bestowing ganly trifles that have to not be quite as well for people who enase in themselves, but are part of the dow colleges, already possessed of simple glitter and fashion of the holiday. When means-who build churches with steeples as the traditional Christmas tree. In monds that do them no earthly goodand we bless in our hearts the kind hands set apart yearly a portion of what they that took so much trouble to give us spend so needlessly, as a fund to give the poor around them a happy and comforta-

mas eve has a romance all of its own God has no need of steeples a hundred The breakfast table dressed with holly or two hundred feet high. He can hear berries and gifts piled under snowy nap- prayer just as well from one elevation as kins is a graceful custo n and is far nicer. He can from another. Christ was born than the blust has ling out of our gifts. in a manger, and He never preached in Some trouble should be taken to create any costly eathedral, yet His words have the welcome element of surprise. We come down to us through the ages-ever all like it, but it is one of the greatest de- new, ever beautiful and sweet, to fill our lights in a child's experience. He finds hearts with hope, and to make glad out before we would choose to have him these lives of ours which otherwise would

lossphy, yet true, that it is dangerous to commemorates, it should ever be a seaset one's heart on anything in this world. son of "good will toward men." Party But the love that hides its intention und differences should be baried so til the hour of fulfillment and then lets deep that no winds of tille gossip would out its secret in an outburst of generosity be able to ubcover them. We should reis the best substitute that is ever offered member our own frailty, and have charifor the special Providence-Santa Claus, ty for our neighbors. And when the joy bells ring on Christmas morning, "An example of generosity is seldom happy is the man who can listen to them

In so far as you can, let Christones be youth to be genual, sympathetic and a day, not of so much feasing that the generous than it is after embittering ex- doctor will be needed the next day, but an occasion of good cheer. It is not necessary to anybody's happiness that there should be a great many kinds of dishes. One can eat, with comfort and farther than a feather. respect to his digestion, only about so much, and everything above that is a

weariness and vexation. her own work is so completely "tuckered healthy, and causing the sinew and musher dinner, she looks at the stupendous diseases. array of dishes she has to wash, and N. C. group in agony of spirit. And she may

does: "Thank heaven that Christmas of evidence. comes but once a year!" Or Christmas day, put away cares and the remembrance of all troubles and perplexities so far as you can. Let every-When a man says he doesn't want any body have as good a time as it is possible

doesn't want any that are charged to him thought that perhaps to-morrow you may have to dine on salt pork. Indulge in no discontented reflections concerning your richer neighbor, who is bottle.

visade with champagne.

Be thankful for what you have, and make the best of it. Likely as not it is a good deal better than you deserve.

Give your horse an extra feed, and treat the cat and dog to the chicken bones, and let them have a Christmas

can-even if you have to cut off your

And for one day in the year let charity, patience and love prevail in your home, and in your heart-and let that day be the anniversary of the ever men-

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The man who started the story that Santa Claus is a myth never tried the delightful experiment of playing Santa Claus to some poor family.—Philadelphia

THE CHRISTMAS FACE

There's discipline in Christmas tide; We learn we ne'er must fret, But keep our lips still smiling wide, No matter what we get.

-Chicago Record.

The Spell of Christmas.

MARGARET E. SANGSTER IN COLLIER'S WEEKLY.

L cup To pass from hand to hand. When the sounds of wassail and revelry

Are echoing o'er the land. For North, where the skate skims the And South, where the red-bird sings

Tis the time of year for the open hand And the tender heart and true, When a rift of heaven has cloft the skies Though straight from the Infinite Leve And the saints are looking through. of God

The flame leaps high where the hearth was drear, And sorrowful eyes grow bright, For a message dear that all may hear Was borne on the Christmas light.

Tis the time of the year for the cordial word And the grace of the lifted load, For brother to come to brother's help On the rough and stony road. 'Tis time to bury the ancient hate,

And to make the quarrels up; No grudge has room where the roses 'Round the Christmas' loving cup

This the time of year for the loving "Tis the time of year for children's joy, And all in a searlet now

The stockings hang in the ingle nook, And the dreaming faces glow, And the children turn and laugh in sleep To-morrow will be so gay; For there never is mirth in this queer old

Like the mirth of Christmas day. Tie the time of year for the sweet surprise,
For the blessing we did not see,

Tis the time for seeking once again The sheen of the Bethlehem Star, And for kneeling fain, with the age-long

train, Where the Babe and Mary are

Tis the time of year for the loving cup, When the holly berries shine, And with shout and song of man and

The cedar and fir we twine. Ah! pass the cup from the frezen North To the South where the robin sings, For a pulse of cheer to the waning year The Merry Christmas brings

His Wishes.

BY FRANK L. STANTON.

Hand a 'man's "a 'press wagon"—a ball and a drum;
And "what did you bring me?"—cach night when I come—
Still, still that's the question, all others above—
And I answer: "My love, dear—I've brought you my love!"

Now, he knows not of poverty; for his bright eyes Hold the wealth of the world and the wealth of the skies; He reeks not of stocks—if they rise—if they fall, He knows not that love is the best of all!"

With his arms 'round my neck in the dewy twilight, And a sparkle in eyes that the angels made bright, Still—still the same question, all others above— And I kiss him, and answer: "My love, dear—my love!"

And yet if the gold that the wide world could hold Were mine, for the derr one my fond arms cufold I'd give it, and dwell in a heaven of bliss-

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happy is the wan who can listen to them and say trothfully: "I have as hardness in my heart this day for any living thing."

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