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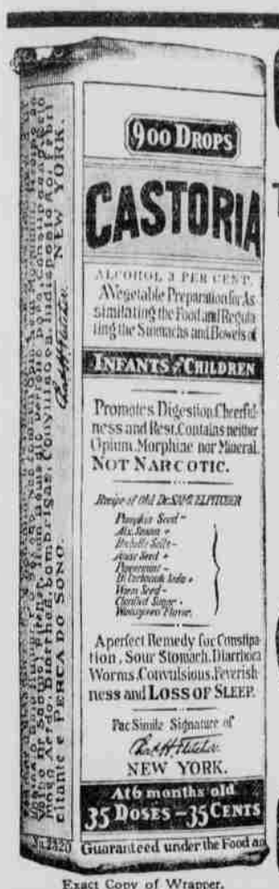

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CHRISTMAS.

It is a Festival for Parents and Children, a Day Which all the Families of The World May Keep.

Christmas is peculiarly the festival of parents and children, for it was a Child who gave it to the world, and it is the birthday which all the families of the world may keep. Birth always brings joy; it is as the day-spring after darkness, and even in the poorest home, where another mouth to feed means harder work for father and mother, more care, more anxiety, more strain to make both ends meet, the advent of a babe awakens gladness. The mother, pale on her pillow, with her infant in the arc of her arm is transfigured in the light of rare happiness; the father, bent under the daily burden, straightens up and feels the throb of a new dignity. The Angel of Life has crossed the threshhold, and heaven has sent them the gift of another little child.

Never was there a poorer home than that which received the Infant Christ. It was in fact not a home at all in any sense of permanence; rather, it was makeshift of the nomad, less comfortable than the camp of the caravan or the tent of the pilgrim. No room for these weary wayfarers in the inn, but shelter in the stable, and there, in her hour of anguish the Virgin brought forth her wonderful first born son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger. It was meet that he who in this world should have no place to lay his head, should thus first find hospitality in the stall of the dumb beasts and that, lowliest of the lowly, he should open his eyes on surroundings most humble and mean. He was always to be a Little Brother of the Poor.

The Mother cradled him on her breast, and the wise men came, and the angels sent the shepherds. A star and a song were the messenger heralds, the one flaming in the sky for the sages, the other thrilling it for the simple-hearted herdsmen who watch their flocks by night. A star and a song, and a Child and a Mother! Thus came the first dear Christmas to the world.

Our American way is to lavish money on our Christmas merrymaking, to lavish it sometimes without the requirement of individual adaptation. And if we have not money enough to go round a large circle, we are compelled to leave outside some whom we might please without great expense, if only we exercised more thrift. A bit of holly, a Christmas card, a flower, a letter, a message, a hand-clasp, all these cost little, but how much they may carry of heart warmth, to the friends on the edge of things, instead of in the midst. Run over the list of acquaintances, and you will discover that in your church, in your husband's office, in your favorite charity, somewhere you know a home-sick or a homeless person who ought to be brought in to the lovelight of your own Christmas.

These are the days when business calls so many away from home, that it is by no means possible for every household to gather its sons and daughters in one beautiful group when the holidays return. But every woman in whom motherhood is regnant may do some sweet thing for some other mother's boy or girl, for the sake of the Child who brought peace on earth and good will to men. She may widen her Christmas friendships till the circles take in more than kith and kin, and as she does so, a blessing shall come to her own life.

A Bold Step.

To overcome the well-grounded and reasonable objections of the more intelligent to the use of secret, medicinal compounds, Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., some time ago, decided to make a bold departure from the usual course pursued by the makers of put-up medicines for domestic use, and so has published broadcast and openly to the whole world, a full and complete list of all the ingredients entering into the composition of his widely celebrated medicines. Thus he has taken his numerous patrons and patients into his full confidence. Thus too he has removed his medicines from among secret nostrums of doubtful merits, and made them *Medicines of Known Composition.*

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Christmas' fore de War.

BY SAM W. SMALL.

I.

IL' chullun, cum an' lissen
while you' Grandpaw tells
de tale
O' Christmus times whut used ter
cum on de ole place down
in Hale—
De county whar ole Marster own'd
de lan' fur ez you' see
An' wuck'd three hun'red niggers
'foe de Yankees sot us free.

II.

Dar de big house stood invitin' all
de worl' whut pass'd dat
way,
With it's doahs a standin' open
jess ez much ez ter say:
"Friend er stranger, bofe is welcome ter cum in an' tarry
here,
And feel no debt upon him fer a
Southern gen'man's cheer'

III.

Marse and Mistus waz prime people—fear'd de Lawd and
kep' de law,
An' dey tuck delight a-healin' all de mizz'ry dat day saw,
Fer dey lib'd ez near de Bible ez de best of us kin do,
An' ef dey done sum sinful things dey done a mighty few!

IV.

But of all de times dat pleas'd 'em Chris'mus wuz de best of all,
An' dey plann'd ter celerbrate hit fum 'way yander in de fall—
How ter honor Him whut born'd hit in dat Beflahem ob old
An' fetch ter Him dere offerin's ob wu'ship an' ob gold.

V.

All de wite fokes in de manshun—all de niggers in de rows
O' de cabins stretchin' out'wards—jest how menny, goodness knows!
Not a one wuz dere fergotten—not a pickaninny failed
W'en Ole Marse had ax'd de blessin' an' de Chrismus tree onvailed!

VI.

Dar wuz music in de air—dar wuz dus' all down de line,
Fer each darky done his lebel bes' ter cut a mighty shine,
An' all de day wuz Mardy Graw an' all de nite er ball,
Wid de fiddle an' de banjo an' Ole Cæsar fer ter "call!"

VII.

I uster had er 'possum fatten'd fer Chrismus nite
An' yams ernuff ter hem 'im in an' mek 'im tas'e jess right,
An' Marster gimme er seegyar an' one big sarchin' dram—
Don't yer kno' dat I was happy! Go 'way, nigger! Bress de Lam'!

VII.

Den freedom cum—an' freedom's good in sum right handy ways—
But Christmuses it fetches ain't like dem o' olden days!
You chulluns kan't jess sense hit, but ter me dey's al'ways fail
Ter hab de joy an' glory ob de ole times down in Hale!"

MONEY TALKS.

Brown—"I say old man, could you lend me fifty cents?"

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Brown (changing his mind)—"Could you lend me five dollars?"

"Jones—"Lend you what?"

Brown—"Five dollars."

Jones—"Oh, you had better go back to the fifty cent ear."

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It sometimes takes a sharp tongue to get a word in edgewise.

Whenever you feel that your stomach has gone a little wrong, or when you feel that it is not in good order, as is evidenced by bloat, headaches, nervousness, bad breath and belching, take something at once and especially after your meals until relief is afforded. There is nothing better offered the public today for stomach troubles, dyspepsia, indigestion, etc., take Kodol. This is a scientific preparation of natural digestants combined with vegetable tonics and it contains the same juices found in every healthy stomach. Kodol is guaranteed to give relief. It is pleasant to take; it will make you feel fine by digesting what you eat.

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"Coming home for Christmas!" What a precious coming it is to those whose family circle can be made complete by the presence of all the loved ones. But let not any broken home circle feel that there is no Christmas cheer without the dear ones who belong to us by kinship. If the home table has vacant chairs around it, fill them with those who will be made happy by the kindly words and enjoyable feast of good things given them. And you fathers and mothers whose children have not as yet gone out from the home walls, make the most and best of the child stage of your children's life. Make Christmas not only a bright day for them, never to be forgotten, but teach them the true way of happy living by showing them how to make Christmas cheer for the poor and lonely. Childhood days will soon be gone and there will be no little stockings hanging by your chimney in the old home; no sweet childish voices waking you up before daylight on Christmas morning with their Merry Christmas wishes. You may not think this is the happiest time of fatherhood and motherhood days, but it is. The children are under the shelter of the home roof when darkness gathers. To them now home is the dearest spot on earth, and father and mother are the two best people in the whole world.

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