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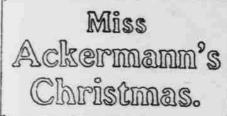
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XXIX.

#### Ey Mrs. MOSES P. HANDY.

ISS ACKERMANN opened her eyes to the sunshine with a startled feeling of having overslept herself, then closed

them again at the sound of the chimes from the church around the corner, for it was Christmas day, the one day, barring Sundays, in the year which she could really and truly call her own. she was that overworked individual, a popular dressmaker, going out by the day, and she sometimes wished, with E. P. Roe's old doctor, that people would send for somebody else sometimes and let her rest. On the last Fourth of July she had been in the country sewing for dear life in order to finish a belated bridal trousseau, and on Thanksgiving she had worked until dark to accommodate a customer who wished to outshine her sisters-inlaw at a family gathering at the house of her husband's father, but on Christmas day not even the most exacting customer could ask her services.

And yet-was she glad it was Christmas? The associations which cluster around the season make it a sorrowful one to those who have nothing left of home excepting its memories, and, saving for one brother, Miss Ackermann was alone in the world.

Really, Miss Ackermann told herself. she had no business to be low spirited; she was a very fortunate person; think how many people were starving for lack of work, and all that, she concluded vaguely as she finished her breaktast. The tea, which she made in her room, beating the water on a small gas excellent. She was finicky



and a taining wire, to whom by total everything, so before long the whole neighborhood was saying that Jack Raiston had been asking how long old man Ackermann could live. Of course the story came to Miss Ackermann's ears, to her intense indignation and still greater grief. Jack could not deny it in toto, and short of positive denial she would listen to no explanation. There was a quarrel, a broken engage-

ment, and Jack Ralston went west, leaving his sweetheart well nigh broken hearted, with only duty to console her, and sometimes duty is the best consolation one can have.

acre If he had been less impatient there sas Pass railroad. One hundred men but to this day the identity of these would have been no trouble. Dr. Bland are always and 250 men sometimes did not understand the effect which a employed on it. broken heart sometimes produces upon

the body. Mr. Ackermann died before pleasure of seeing a unique Christmas wilderment. There are half a hunwinter was over. Jack Ralston tree on this ranch," writes Mary Elise dred different ideas presented. The came home as soon as he heard the Muncey in the St. Louis Globe-Demo- varying versions of the books of the news, but Miss Ackermann had gone to crat. "Christmas morning, though ages are as many. the city with a cousin of her mother warm, was foggy, and a slow rain fell, It is fair to assume from the and was obdurate. Her filial affection but by 12 o'clock the sun came out, that the visitors were received at court found satisfaction in refusing to for- and the people at the ranch house be- by King Herod and that they carried give the lover who had desired her fa- gan to make their preparations. Ever gifts of value that they were in their ther's death. She would not even see since early morning the employees own country men of royalty or him, and so the affair ended.

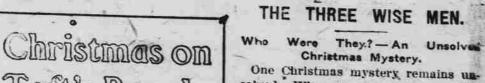
Well, it was too late now, and she ing in. All kinds of vehicles were to treat them with deference, for dis- people he helped to elect to was a fool to be dreaming of it. The pressed into service. Some came on quieted though he was by their news sermon was ended, and the music of horseback and some on foot. There of the comet that was to lead them to the organ roused her to the conscious- were many children. the birthplace of the Redeemer he dis-

She took part with the congregation in fore, a growing Christmas tree. Just had found the newborn he would rethe rest of the service and then hur- in front of the house was a large mul-ried home to make a hasty toilet for

There was only a quiet family gathering. The fiance of the oldest daughter, a traveling salesman in the employ of a wholesale house, was the life of the party. He was considered a very bright young man and a good talker. He was at his best today and kept them all amused with stories of his travels, so that Miss Ackermann had only to listen with a semblance of interest

"By the way, Miss Ackermann," he said presently, "I met an old friend of yours on this last trip. Ralston was he name-J. W. Ralston. It was in

Idaho, Boise City. He is doing well in mines out there and is quite chummy with one of my best customers, who has some money in his business. The two were together at my rooms in the hotel, and he saw Min's picture on the bureau. I always carry it around to keep me out of temptation-guardau angel business, you know



Taft's Ranch. east-the magi who followed the star of Bethlehem from afar to do homage to the newborn Saviour? CECRETARY OF WAR TAFT is The simple story as told in the Bible things one has to have dropped

part owner of one of the largest ranches in Texas, the Coleman- mas lore. Any child could recite it in Fulton ranch, so called, a 175,000 detail. Painters and sculptors have dropped off, but if so many of us "farm" eleven miles from Corpus made it the theme of the most inspired have not noticed it.

Christi on the San Antonio and Aran- products of their brushes and chisels,

wise men remains a mystery. search of the great paintings in which | dently getting cold feet on the

from the different farms had been com- to it. Herod evidently deemed it well office down in Georgia?

Much of our information about the twenty years old.

Impelled by some mysterious power. they dropped all the cares of state and followed a single star thirteen days and nights without eating or sleeping Signal till it led them to Jerusalem. Then the story follows that Bible until they returned to

The story does not stop here. It tells

Paragraphs From the Durham Her-Please Pey. Your Taxes Now. ald I will be at the following places on They may agree on a compro-

the dates mentioned, andI hope those mise now, but who is going to who have not paid their taxes will meet solved. Who were the wise men of the pledge the next Legislature to me and pay the same. Please give this yoar attention, as I am compelled

It may be that prices of the to settle the state Taxes soon, and the schools of the county have opened, and is one of the most familiar in Christ- off, but if so many of us have so I must have the money to meet the above obligations.

Hickory, Conover, We do not pretend to know Q. M. Smith Store. why it is, but somebody is evi-J. H. C. Hewitt, Claremont, Catawba, All should rejoice that there Long Island, forenoon Monbo, afternoon is prospect of a settlement with-Sherrill's Ford, out the Governor having ' to or rerrill, Mt. Pleasant, Mr. Watson may think that he W. L. Loftin's Store the only Populist left, but Oliver's, Maiden, what's the matter with those Heavener Bros. - tore, D. M. Brittans, Dr. T. F. Foard's, The shooting up of a town by Broo ford's, hundred masked men Hickory, D. M. Boyd. Sheriff Catawba County,

> The fact that Mr. Fairbank made a number of speaches in Kentucky may have helped in the result of a continuance of coctails there.

BADLV MIXED UP. sar was black, a native of Saba, from poker-player and the crapshooter Y., had a very remarkable experience; youngest was Melcholr, from the south, laike and all should be tried in he says: "Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two cal led it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver

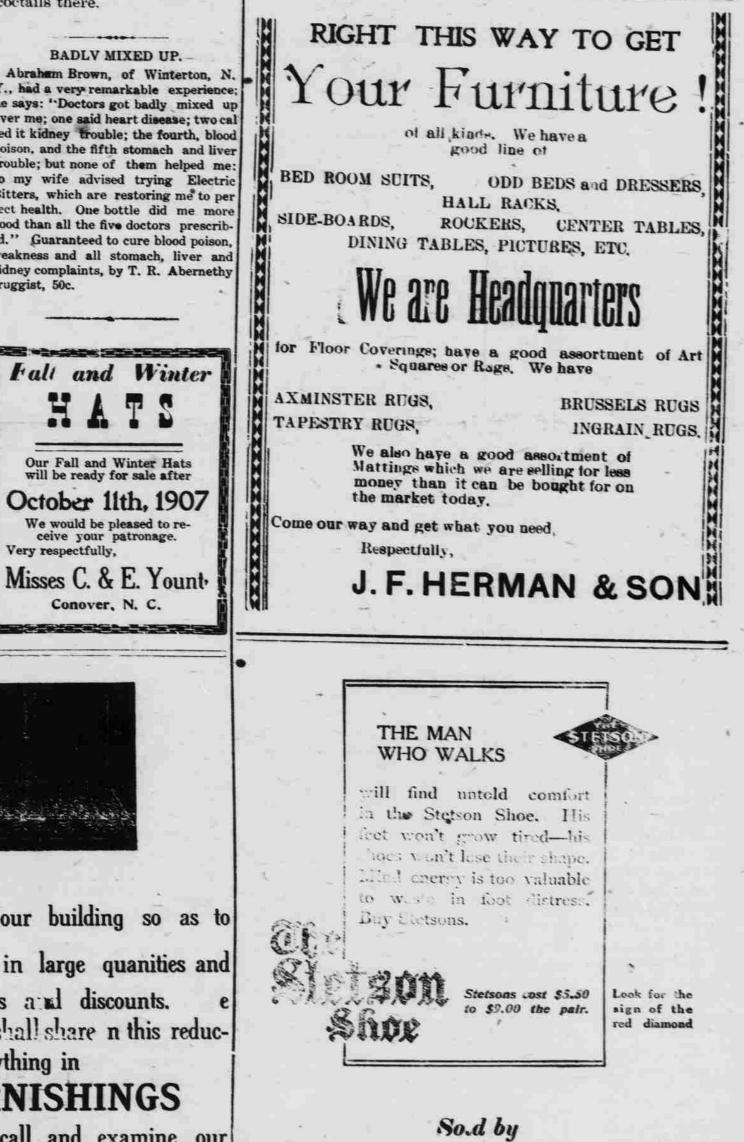
trouble; but none of them helped me: so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to per fect health. One bottle did me more We want to buy your

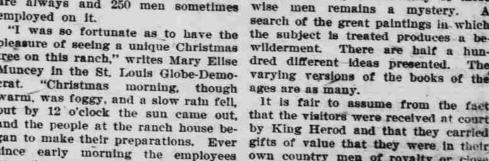
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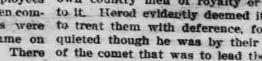
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ness of things present and to come. "I saw what I had never seen be- sembled and told them that when they turn to worship with them.

early days of the Christian era comes from the monks of the fourteenth century, who delved deeply into historical sources since lost to the world. Their thasar. Caspar was the oldest and from the north. At the time of the law against gambling, but so birth of Christ he was sixig years old,

whose country was Tarshish. He was open court. Bears the

#### would be considered a pretty bad affair if it had happened any where clsc but fa Kentucky. If the State compromises with the railroads at a rate higher

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story of the three wise men has receiv- than that named by the Legislaed wide credence. According to these ture we would not like to be the kings called Caspar, Melchoir and Bal- man who does the explaining. It may be all wrong to have a

and for more than two-thirds of that long as there is such a law it time he had ruled in Arabia. Baltha- should be enforced against the

R. P. Freeze.

SHE FOUND HERSELF FACE TO FACE WITH A BRONZED AND BEARDED MAN.

shout tea, and she felt better after drinking it. Altogether she was in quite a cheerful mood when the little daughter of her landlord came to wish her a merry Christmas and bring an invitation from her mother to eat her Christmas dinner with them. Dinner would be at half past 2. Miss Ackermann thanked them very much and would dine with them with pleasure. Then she gave the little girl the present she had ready for her, a stylish young lady doll dressed in the latest fashion, with coat and hat complete, a gift which made its recipient radiant, and sent her off to exhibit it at once. The sermon "God's Christmas Gifts," from the text "Wait upon the Lord, and he shall give thee the desire of thy heart," made her homesick again, the desire of her heart seemed so exceedingly far off. Miss Ackermann was not one of those who forget, hard as she had tried not to remember. She found her thought straying back ten years to the seaside, to her old home and Jack. Their parents were neighbors. Her father and mother lived in the little fishing town and took boarders in the season. His father was the farmer who supplied them with vegetables and fruit. Jack drove the wagon which brought the daily supply to the collages. They would have known each other in any case, but the morning interviews over lettuce and strawherries, melons and tomatoes brought them closer together.

Every one approved of their engagement, and the day was set, when a g.cat misfortune happened-her mother and oldest sister were killed in a baggy which they were driving by a train at a railroad crossing. This was had enough surely, but "troubles hunt in couples," and the blow seemed to affect her father's mind. He became almust childish, took to his bed and would have no one but her wait upon him. To complete the roll of disaster her brother suddenly brought home as his wife a girl whom none of his friends would have chosen, and the law come near him. To tell the truth, Christmas. she had no desire to help Miss Ackermann in her duties. She had married for a step up and said plainly that she did not mean to slave to please any-

"You see how it is, Jack," Miss Ack- form a small boy into a turkey gob-

saw it. You know people say you two look alike, and the likeness comes out strong in that photo. It struck him all of a heap. 'Excuse me,' he said, 'but will you tell me whose picture that is? It looks very much like some one I knew ten years ago." "'Certainly,' said I, 'That is my

best girl. She is thought very much like a lady who lives in the same

house, Miss Ackermann, from New Jersey.' Well, it turned out to be the very same. He asked lots of questions about you, especially whether you were quired stepladders to reach the topmarried. I gave you a good character. most boughs. First, the ladies gave. and I guess you'll be hearing from him before long. Ross says he is a bache- hung on the branches in great profu- WHEN SANTA WENT ASTRAY. health is surely worth this simple test.

Miss Ackermann controlled herself by this time, it gave the icicles a very Miracle of the Loaves Repeated For sufficiently to smile. "Thank you, we glittering appearance, and the wind, were friends and neighbors when I commencing to blow, shook them gen-

comical anecdote which the drummer ors were suspended from the topmost ton. Last Christmas day Almas tem- your kidneys Delays are dangerous

When the dinner was over the host- anges with orange ribbon, apples with affair, generously contributed to, and ess excused herself soon upon the plea red ribbon, limes with green ribbon, turned out a big success. But the most kidney and bladder trouble. A week's of domestic duties, leaving Miss Acker- etc. Small toys were suspended from notable thing about it was not on the treatment 25c, Sold by R, P. Freeze mann with the young people. So, the tree; large ones were at the base. programme and made the hit of the knowing herself in the way, she lin- It presented a very gorgeous spectacle, occasion gered but a few minutes. Back in her and the sight of the happy children room she gave way and took refuge in that surrounded it made one wish to their guests there came to their hall

heap, on the lounge when there came each man received one. One was a fine tree. In the middle of one of his stoa tap at the door which she recognized surrey. Five were each given fifty and ries there entered another big, fat Sanas that of her little friend. She sat seventy-five dollar saddles. Several ta Claus, carrying a colossai basket up and hurriedly straightened her hair, married men got handsome metal bed- full of bread, and behind him were

was repeated.

child said, with the air of a person last item may seem strange on a ranch, were handed around to the heads of who confers a favor. "He says he is but there are many polished gentlean old friend, so I brought him right men among the employees who would Christmas joy went around with them. up." Miss Ackermann remembered consider suit cases very necessary that, it being Christmas day, the maid should they have occasion to visit the would be out and that consequently city.

the liftle girl would answer the door. "All this while music was to be "Thank you," she said, "you may heard from a band stationed on the go." Then she found herself face to front porch, where many of the visitface with a bronzed and bearded man ors were seated. After the Santa Claus whose eyes only were familiar. of the Christmas tree had retired and "Well, Annie," he said in a voice she the presents to the grownups had been knew so well, "here I am once more." distributed all repaired to the porch She held out both hands with an and front yard to see again the gleeeager gesture. "Oh, Jack, Jack!" she ful children and the tree, and surely it

bing on his shoulder while his arms had been transplanted from fairyland. held her as though they would never ... "The people that came from a distance departed before nightfall, but

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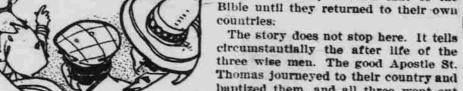
let go.

prove the stand

The most popular superstition in and thus ended a happy Christmas many parts of England is that every day." remnant of Christmas decoration must be removed before Candlemas day. Should a sprig of holly or other evergreen be left in any house one of its

occupants will die within the year. From the Yulstide Cynic. Thank heaven, it isn't only the aris- issue of a Christmas book, consisting old man would not let his daughter-in- tocrat who can have a family tree at of poems, stories, sketches, drawings Be Christmas white or Christmas green, It's all the same to you If Christmas finds you all serene

And doesn't make you blue. It doesn't take a magician to trans-



"I SAW WHAT I HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE, A GROWING CHRISTMAS TREE.

berry tree. The ladies of the house came out about 2 o'clock and decorated the tree, with the assistance of them some artificial icicles, which they

sion."As the sun was shining brightly

was telling in his best style. It was limbs and fruit and candies tied on ple of the Shriners gave its annual din- DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills

that last solace of her sex, a good cry. be a child again to enjoy it to the ut- 150 loaves of bread. The huge six Her overwrought nerves demanded re- termost. But the best was yet to come. foot Santa Claus was busy cracking

"Come in," she called as the knock other articles, all the best of their

was a thing of beauty and, with its A moment more and she was sob- fruits and flowers, looked as though it away, evidently fully satisfied with

those that lived near by remained for An English Superstition.

an evening of music and good cheer,

"The Queen's Christmas Card." Queen Alexandra has not given up her interest in behalf of the unemployed. Last Christmas she sanctioned a unique plan to raise more funds for

poet laureate; Thomas Hardy, Marie Corelli, Hall Caine, George Meredith,

to preach the doctrine of the Christ. prescription known to Druggists every-They were slain by barbarous gen- where as Dr. Shoop's Restorative, thes, and later the Empress Helena. The Restorative is prepared expressly mother of Constantine, recovered their for these weak inside nerves. Strensacred bones and took them to Constantinople. Thence they were carried to Milan and finally found an ultimate resting place in Cologne, where they now are.-New York Post.

Washington's Poor.

was a girl," she replied, and in a mo- thy, making the illusion more perfect. according to the firm belief of a hun- walks of life are suffering from kidney The day of miracles has not passed. ment more they were all laughing at a Then long bright ribbons of many col- dred or more poor people in Washing- and bladder troubles. Don't neglect

> with ribbons of the same color-or- ner to the poor. It was a well planned afford quick relief for all forms of

"In the front yard were the presents jokes as he waddled about and took She was still huddled, a disconsolate intended for the grown people, and down the gifts from the Christmas trusting that in the dim light of the steads, with springs and mattresses. three or four negroes, also carrying fast falling twilight the child would Twenty or thirty fine hats, costing baskets of bread. One of the Shriner notice nothing amiss, sharp as she was. \$7 apiece, were distributed and many committeemen at once inferred that some one had sent a gift of bread to kind. I saw a young man who re- be distributed and signed a receipt for "Here's a gentleman to see you," the ceived an all leather suit case. This the 150 loaves. In a few minutes they families, and an additional smile of When the festivities were nearly over and the crowd had begun to dis perse a man came running in and ask

> ed: "Did you get 150 loaves of bread?" "We did," was the reply. "What did you do with it?" "Gave it away."

Well, that was an order from the Carroll institute. It came here by mistake. But it is all right. We are ti n. glad you gave it away, and if you need more let us know," and the man went the incident .- New York Times.

Christmas Tree For Cat. Christmas is the great religious festi-

ways of ministering to the joy and pleasure of others. The good women Respectfully, the Animal Rescue league have hit upon the unique idea of a Christmas tre for the cats that are waiting for homes at that institution. A bush is provided

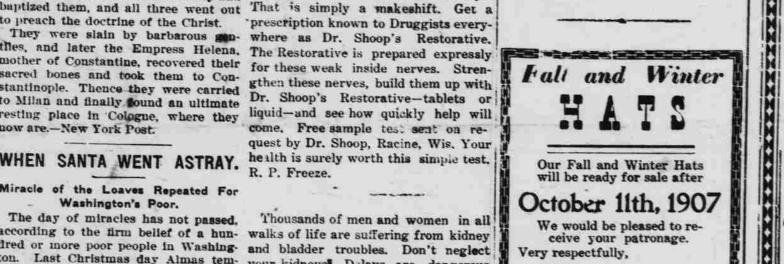
and trimmed with meat and other suitthem. This was in the shape of the able eatables for such animals, an l just before they are turned into the room the members of the Kindness and music, which was entitled "The club are admitted to enjoy the antics Queen's Christmas Card." Algernon of the cats Charles Swinburne, Alfred Austin, the

This club is composed of boys whose ages range from eight to thirteen Arthur Wing Pinero, Sir Laurence league's work in a poor section of Bosyears and is the outcome of the Alma-Tadema, Edwin A. Abbey, Wil-

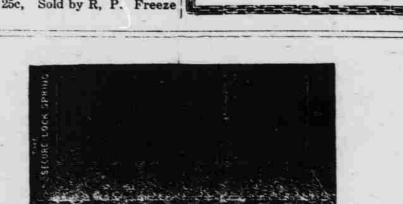
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trouble was chiefly hypochondria and that he might live for years in the same state or might possibly recover as suddenly as he had collapsed. At all events the patient was in no immedi- ate danger. The inquiry would have done no main bed it not been that the doctor Smyre,	int to ache and weak kidneys. Sold by R. P. ns no Freeze.	quarterly in this department. Call and let us tell you how we do it. A. H. CROWELL, Cashier.	We are doing Fine Job Work			
Unfortunately he consulted the doc- for who attended Mr. Ackermann as have to boil it twenty or thirty min- to the probable duration of the old utes. "Made in a minute" says the man's liness. The doctor assured him that the doctor. "Health Coffee" is really the The doctor assured him that the	ar are not each day and to protect animals from cruelty. After the cats have de- molished the tree and gone to sleep the boys are given refreshments and sent home truly filled with the spirit of ChristmasNew York Mail and Ex- press. Are you having trouble with your kidneys? There are lots of people to- medy's day who wonder why they have pains kes it across the back, why they are tired and uses'a lacking in energy and ambition. Your bowels kidneys are wrong. They need relief out of without delay. Take DeWitt's Kidney t heals & Bladder Pills. They are for weak	Are you doing it in a way to receive substantial benefit? Are you laying aside something for a rainy day? If not you will never have a better time to begin than now. To get quickly started, begin the easiest way. Come to the Shuford National Bank and open an account in the savings department. Do not wait for a large sum, for it may never come; just deposit whatever you have to spare no matter how small the amount. We will gladly assist you in getting started. We pay 4 per cent interest and compound it	President, Capital, DR J. H. YOUNT, I ALECK YOUNT D. J. CARPENTER, CHAS. B. RUFTY, GEO. W. SHIPP, Will open for business, Mo licited. Every courtesy and banking.	Vice President. DIRECTORS: L. H. PHILLIPS. onday, April 1st. Your d accommodation exter L. H. PHILL	nded consistent with sa	so- afe