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### Long Afore I Knewed Christmas Deal

By FREDERIC TREAT.

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### CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.

A Youthful Schemer.  
Little Emerson—You don't believe in any such ridiculous myth as Santa Claus?

Tough Jimmy—Naw! I'm next to dat game. All de same, it's a good gift to let on you believe in him an' git all dat's comin' to you.

Let Her Pass.  
The mistletoe above the door  
Expectant swains were viewing.  
A maid passed through, but she was  
Than thirty. Notin' doing!  
—Philadelphia Press.

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—Brooklyn Life.

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—Washington Star.

A Friendship Christmas.  
Eustacia—What shall we do this Christmas?  
Edmonds—You give me back all the things I've given you that you didn't like, and I'll give you all the things you gave me that I didn't like.—Detroit Free Press.

The Forfeited Shopper.  
With Christmas near I'm not distressed  
With thoughts of what to buy;  
No gifts to seek, my needs are met—  
I bought them last July.

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took out his watch and noted the hour. It was five minutes to 12.

"It is understood and agreed," he said, "that if the party of the first part doesn't show up when the clock strikes 12 the party of the second part shall consider herself released from signing the contract and will make the same arrangement with the party of the third part—that is in lieu of the sum of half a million dollars at 4 per cent interest."

"The bonus?" She was losing her business equanimity, tapping her foot on the lion skin beneath it. There remained only a few minutes to 12, and the party of the first part might walk in at any moment.

"The bonus shall be optional."

"With whom?"

"The party of the second part."

"Will you accept it entire. The heart must go with the hand."

"It's a bargain," she said, extending her hand, which he grasped. At the same moment the clock at the other end of the hall began to strike the hour. It was an old-fashioned time-keeper with enormous weights and wheezed out its arithmetic strokes with provoking slowness. The pair sat motionless, their clasped hands concealed under a fold of the lady's dress, their eyes turned upon the front door. Each stroke brought them nearer to a consummation of their bargain. At the fourth there was a tinkle of the electric doorbell. At the eighth a servant passed the couple on his way to open the front door. Arnold put out his foot, and the man went sprawling on the floor. At the eleventh stroke the servant was on his feet and rubbing his shins. At the twelfth he proceeded on his way. There was a pressure between the two concealed hands. In another moment the door opened and Mr. Trotter entered.

But who entered with him? Christmas morning. Twenty such mornings had come in the lifetime of Edith Martin, but none that brought her such relief and at the same time such happiness as this one. Instead of being obliged to sacrifice herself to save her father she had accepted a man whom the first moment she saw him she knew to be the man she could love. Ralph Arnold was indeed a promoter and had made a fortune in organizing gold mines. The day after Christmas he telegraphed his acceptance of an offer he had had for his principal mine and loaned the proceeds to Mr. Martin, who in six months regained all he had lost. Mrs. Ralph Arnold on last Christmas eve sitting before a fire, beside her eldest daughter, now sixteen, told her the story of her Christmas deal.

### Christmas Service In Stable.

At Santa Cruz, Cal., there is an old Spanish church in which the people worship only on Christmas eve. Externally it looks like a stable and has no chancel. The floor and walls are of stone, and on the eastern side there is a manger, looking through the bars of which one sees the scenes of the Nativity, with the towers of castles and palaces in the distance. In the foreground the Virgin sits by the manger, holding the infant Saviour, with St. Joseph leaning over her and the wise men offering sheep, oxen and various precious gifts. Outside this exterior stable there are figures of men carrying sheep and calves on their shoulders, hastening to the sacred scene. In this chapel worshippers remain all night on their knees. The manger side of the church is against the east wall, high upon which is the only window in the edifice, so that the first rays of the morning sun irradiate the scenes of the Nativity. The rays lend a rosy glow, and as soon as this reaches the worshippers they leave the church, light cigarettes and begin their festivities.

### A Christmas Game.

A Yuletide version of the donkey party is played thus: On a sheet sketch or paste a design of a Christmas tree. Have each branch of the tree terminate in a circle containing a number, using the numbers from one to ten or one to twenty-five, according to the size of the tree. Each person playing is blindfolded in turn and is given a rosette with which he must "decorate the tree." Each person aims to pin his or her rosette on or near to the highest number of the tree. Each competitor has three trials, the three numbers to which he pins nearest being written down to his credit by the hostess, who keeps tally. The one whose three numbers added together gives the largest sum total wins the first prize.

### The Day of Hope.

The day of the Nativity is the day of hope—the day of hope to the struggling conscience of man; to the human nature which is uplifted in Christ and made partaker of God; to the families of men who believe that sacred human love is not given to perish with the earth, but in Christ is destined to some eternal purpose; to all who labor and pray for the coming of a kingdom where God shall reign in men, and men shall live in peace and good will, where the war drum shall thrum no longer and the battlements be furled in the parliament of man, the federation of the world.

—Right Rev. Davis Sessums, Bishop of Louisiana.

Limited.  
"Does you feel thankful dis Christmas?"  
"Dess middlin'. Providence gimme a good appetite, but he stopped right dar"—Atlanta Constitution.

Christmas.  
A chandelier,  
A mistletoe,  
A lover near,  
A much below,  
A scuffle dear,  
A kiss or so,  
And that is Christmas, don't you know?  
—Elliot Kays Stone in Lippincott's.

### EXTENDING RURAL DELIVERY.

Thirty-two thousand rural free delivery routes will be in operation in the United States on July 1, 1905. This service will cost the government a little more than \$20,000,000. In the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1905, 6,000 additional routes will be established, making a total of 38,000. The cost of extending and maintaining rural free delivery in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1905, is estimated at \$26,000,000.

There are now pending, awaiting action by the postoffice department, 4,000 petitions for routes as compared with 11,000 when Fourth Assistant Bristow took charge of this division of the postal service. The cost of service is expected to decline proportionately from now on, due to the diminished available territory for rural routes.

Up to the last six months special attention has been given to individual petitions, but latterly more consideration has been given to county services, especially in the northwestern and middle western states. By the time the next fiscal year rolls round the officials expect to be up to date with their work. Routes have been established with such rapidity during the last fifteen months that Fourth Assistant Bristow is only 4,000 behind, and his orders are that these cases shall be disposed of as soon as possible.

### Danger in Cold Weather.

There is danger in cold weather because it produces conditions favorable to the development of those diseases known as grippe, pneumonia, bronchitis, consumption, etc. These diseases are contracted while the mucous membrane of the throat and lungs is weakened by inflammation resulting from a cold. It is dangerous to neglect even a slight cold. Help nature to ward off disease by using Remedies Elixir. This modern scientific remedy can always be relied on in all diseased conditions of the throat and lungs. D. D. Johnson.

Ten or fifteen years ago the cry was deforestation. The nation had wasted its patrimony of trees until in a short time there would be no more woods and no more lumber. Then Arbor day dawned, and the national Bureau of Forestry was established. The other day a forestry expert declared that there are more trees growing in the country now than there were fifty years ago and that with the present methods of handling, the supply of timber is inexhaustible.

### ITCHING ECZEMA

In July, 1883, I began to break out with eczema on my head, legs and arms, and began treatment with local doctors, but did not get much relief. They said the disease had become chronic. I then quit them and tried various ointments and soaps for another two years, but as soon as cold weather came I was as bad off as ever, so I finally decided to let medicine alone, and for twelve or thirteen years did nothing towards curing the eczema, except bathing. This seemed to do about as much good as anything I had tried.

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1017 Hackberry St., Ottumwa, Ia.

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### THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CREAM COTTON.

Charlotte Observer.

The Democratic press is having fun with the Republicans on account of their ante-election claim that if Mr. Roosevelt were elected the price of cotton would go up. The Washaw Enterprise observes that the price is now about half what it was less than a year ago. The Statesville Landmark makes the point that, considering the prices of farm supplies and the cost of living, then and now, the present price of cotton is about equal to 5 and 6-cent cotton during the period when the latter prices prevailed. Louisiana hold-your-cotton-and-reduce your acreage man declares in a letter that 7 cent cotton means absolute bankruptcy for Southern farmers. But we wonder. What was in mind to say at the outset was that sensible men ought to have learned by this time to disregard the ante-election prophecies for either good or evil of partisan politicians and partisan claqueurs. The people themselves know just as much as these do of what is likely to follow upon an election. There was no reason to suppose that cotton would go up or down as a result of the election of either Mr. Roosevelt or Judge Parker. It observes laws peculiar to itself, and Mr. Roosevelt is no more responsible for its having dropped to 7 cents since his election than Mr. Cleveland was responsible for its having fallen to 6 or 5 cents during his second administration.

Gentle words are to the heart what snowflakes are to the ear; they are sure to enter it some time, if there be only abundance of them.

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### To the Tax-payers of the County.

Your taxes have been due since the 1st of September, and I have waited patiently with you, but the time has come when I must have your tax. The law forces me to pay over the school tax by January 1st, and I cannot pay it without your help. Now you must pay or I will have to levy on your property and make out the tax-payer. I hope every one will take this notice into consideration, and consider the situation in which I am placed, and save me some trouble and you some expense, because you know as well as myself your tax is due and ought to be paid and must be paid.

Yours truly,  
JAS. F. HARRIS, Sheriff,  
Concord, N. C., Dec. 1, 1904.

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