

kid can slap, can't she—"
Ray flushed desper, but the lines of Neilson's face began to deepap and draw. Then his voice broke in a

suspicions too. He wrote a letter.

rest, hearty chuckie.

REGIN HERE TODAY

BEN DARBY, a prisoner, is GOVERNOR MCNAMARA by POREST. The governor is con-vinced that the convict is a vic-tim of amnesia and paroles Darby

PZRA MELVILLE, an old friend of the prisoner. The two men journey to Seattle where Melville unfolds his plans to Ben and shows him a letter from his brother.

"Cool down, hoy—wait till you hear everything I've got to tell you, and you'll feel better. Of course, you know what it's shout—" him a letter from his brother,

HIRAM MELVILLE, written on the
latter's death bed. The letter
stated that while prospecting
near the Yuga River he had come
upon a pocket worth nearly a
quarter of a million dellara.

Hiram begged that his brother
come immediately and take possession of the claim, the only condition being that Exra should care
for his pet, Febris. Melville offers
Ben a free partnership and Ben
accepts with deepest gratitude.
Ray Brent is in love with Beatrice. He meets her in front of a
botel and offers to exact her
home.

"I suppose—Hiram Melville's

"That's it. You know he's always
had an idea that the Yuga country
was worth prospecting, but we alis a pocket country; but it's my
opinion he found a pocket that would
make many a placer look sick, be
fore he died."

"But he might have got the nugguts somewhere else—"
"Hold your horses. Where would"

GO ON WITH THE STORY

Ray Brent's voice had an unde-niable ring of power. It was deeply it to Ezra Melville. He must just bass, evidently the voice of a pas-about got it by now. He had the clerk sionate, reckless, brutal man.

The man fell in beside her, his powerful frame overshadowing hera. "You're just letting me because I'm going up there anyway, eh?" he asked.

The girl paused, as if in appeal. "Ray, we've thrashed that out long ago," she responded. "I wish you wouldn't keep talking about it. If you want to walk with me—"

"All right, but you'll be changing your mind one of these days." Ray's voice rang in the silence, indicating utter indifference to the fact that many of the loungers on the street were listening to the little scene. They followed the board sidewalk into the shadows, finally turning in at a ramshackle, three-room house.

The girl turned to go in, but the man held fast to her arm. "Wait just a minute, Bee," he urged. "I've got one thing more to say to you." "When I want something, I don't know how to quit till I get it. It's part of my nature. Your pop knows AS HE FREED HER, HER that—and that's why he's made me STRONG, SLENDER ARM SWUNG his pardner in a big deal." OUT AND UP.

"The strong man gets what he wants-and I want you. And I'll mail it for him, and got him to witget you, too-just like I get this ness it, saying it was his will-and

trained to self-defense. As he freed another letter somewhere too-but I most intimate friend of his own her, her strong, slender arm swung didn't find out who it was to." out and up-with really startling

"You little-devil!" The tempest of the forest was upon ber, and her eyes blazed as she hastened around the house.

CHAPTER III Beatrice Nellson's Faith

TEFFERY NEILSON and Chan Heminway were already in sesred, joined them. Neilson was a tall, and pack horses and light out." gaunt man, well past fifty-from his manner evidently the leader of the Spruce Pass-" three. He had heavy, grizzled brows ferred to Chan Heminway, who sat beard of him."

Ray searched for a reply, and in Jeffery Neilson turned in his chair. the silence all three heard the girl's "You can't, eh? You need spectatread as she went around the house. "She's going in the back door. Likely she didn't want to disturb us."
Ray looked up to find Neilson's Who should it be but Beatrice? She

eyes firmly fixed upon his face. Try wouldn't want to stay here; you hard as he might he couldn't re- know how she loves the woods, strain a surge of color in his cheeks. There wouldn't be any of the other Neilson asked.

the town at the end of stead of their journey.

hey left the river near Snowy Guich For a ridiculously small sum which is mysteriously produced from the pocket of his faded jeans Errors bought a second-hand rifle—as an intent gun of large caliber but of enfuring quality—and a box of shells a match.

"Old Hiram left me a gun, but we'll each need one," Enram en "You've got some white marks on our cheeks—where it ain't red. The

They would have need of good onnoe-craft before the journey's end, the villagers told them. Erram had not boasted of any such ability, and at first Ben regarded the plan with considerable misgivings. And it was with the most profound amazement that, when they pushed off, he saw Euram deliberately scat bimself in the bow, leaving the more important

place to his young companion.
"Good heavens, I'll captize you is a minute," Ben said. "How do you dare risk it..."

"Push off and stop botherin' me,"
Extam shawered, "There's a paddle
—go sheed and shoot 'er."

'The waters caught the osnes, speeding it down-stream; and in apprehension of immediate disaster. Ben seized the paddle. Swiftly he thrust it into the streaming water at "Hold your horses. Where would he get 'em? There's something else

"Do you remember when you shot the Athabaska Rapids?"/Esram had asked. It was all clear enough. In that life that was forgotten he had evidently lived much in a cance, knowing, every detail of river life. Late afternoon, and they worked closer to the shore. And now, in the gray of twilight, Euram saw the

It was a small lagoon into which a creek emptied, and beyond was an open meadow, found so often and so unexpectedly in the North woods. Swiftly Ben turned the cance into

All at once a great clarity seems to take possession of Ben's mind. Here, in these forests, were the stimuli of which Forest, the alienist, had spoken; and his brain seemed to leap, as in one impulse, to the truth. Suddenly he knew the answer to all the questions and problems that had troubled him so long.

He sprang up, his eyes blasing. "I remember everything," an inaudible voice spoke within him. Then he whispered, fervently, to his famillar wilds. "And I have come home."

CHAPTER IV A Bolt From the Blue VERYTHING was as it should

"It's all come clear again." he what did the old hound have to will told Egram. He remembered now except a mine? Next day he wrote that Ezram had always been the family: a spry old godfather to him-"I should say it was worth a trip," self and young sister, a boon com-Ray agreed. "And a fast one, too. panion to his once successful rival, Ezra Melville will be showin' up one Ben's father. Ben did not wonder, of these days. We want to be settin' now, at his own perplexity when Forest had spoken of "Wolf" Darby. "You've got the idea. It ought to That was his own name known throughout hundreds of square miles Ray was lost in thought. "There's of forest and in dozens of little river an old cabin up that way some hamlets in an Eastern province.

where on the river. If his brother The Journey ended at last. They does come up, he'll find us in pos- saw the white peak they had been sien when Ray Brent, his face session—and nothing to do but go told to watch for, and soon after flushed and his eyes still angry and back. So tomorrow we'll load up they came to a green bank from which the forest had been cut away. "Up Poor Man creek, through They pushed up and made landing on the banks of a small stream.

"Sure. Then over to the Yuga. This stream, Ezram knew, was and rather quiet eyes. Notorious as he was hunting down some Poor Man's Creek, the stream of he was through the northern prov- kind of a scent in the vicinity of which his brother had written and inces he was infinitely to be pre- that old cabin you speak of, last which they must ascend to reach Spruce Pass. Only five miles distant, at his left, who, a weaker man than either Ray or Neilson, was simply a tool in the latter's hand.

"Where's Bestrice?" Neilson asked at once. "I thought I heard her simply a figure all this is going to help me Hiram's gun and his pet, Fenris. Before they were fully unpacked they made out the figure of a middle-

aged frontiersman, his back leaded, advancing up the road toward them. "Howdy," Ezram began pleasant-"Howdy," the stranger replied.

'How was goin'?" "Oh, good enough." "Come all the way from Salts-

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"Yes, and what's the rest, of it?" boys ro there to trouble you. You'd ville?" have a clear field."

AGED NEGRO OF CITY

the court house, declared this morning local eightly work for the Ring's that he had the "biggest Christman of Daughters, Friday made public the fol-any nigger in Concord," Shuman, who lowing the of pressure and drum who was raised before the war and who have adopted one of the "Opportunistill shows the result of the strict ties" or other have made securithenicals

milroad fare both ways, gave the Yorke Miss Jonie Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J.

so far as I am concerned they can leads of wood. tear down dat jail, 'cause I hab never Mr. Paimer, Gas Co., one ton coke, had nothin' to do wid it."

The old junifor then broke into a lengthy discussion on the evils of the day and the lack of training being received by the young people, both white and black. "I mightin' be black on the outside," he plend, "but I was rais- ties; ed right and I hab tried to keep the Miss Stockton, Dr. and Mrs. Kellers inside white. We was trained when I berger (2). Miss Leslie for Circle No. wus growin' up. Missus Nancy know- 6 First Presbyterian Church, Mr. and ed dat, and she was first thing askin' Mrs. Lester Coltrane, Jr., Miss Mar-

G. W. ISENHOUR DIED

Death Was Caused by Paralysis.— II. Brown, Mrs. John Barnhardt's Cir-Funeral Services Held Here Saturday Morning.

est and best known men of Cabarrus Mrs. J. A. Cannon, Miss Jessie Combs County, died at any early hour Friday Mrs. A. M., Turper, Mrs. P. G. Cook morning at the home of his daughter. Mr. and Mrs. John Barnhardt, Misses Mrs. F. A. McKnight, in Charlotte, Leslie and Mrs. Ross, Miss Annie Candeath being caused by paralysis. Un-til several months ago Mr. Isenhour en-Frieze and Mrs. J. C, Fink, Miss Cotstroke of paralysis was unable to live Mrs. W. A. Foil. alone and had made his home with These lists are published to show the his children. interest which has been manifested. A

James Lutheran Church, conducted by zations mentioned. It is desired that Rev. L. A. Thomas. He was bur-the committees appointed by Elks, ied in Oakwood cemetery by the side King's Daughters, Kiwanis and Roof his wife, who died three years ago. tary be at Elks home at two p. In. Sun-Concord. He was born in No. 4 town- have been except for the co-operation ship in May 1840, and after serving of The Tribune and Times. four years in the Confederate Army, came back to his native county, where he was engaged in business

until his bealth failed. Surviving are three children: Mrs. McKnight, C. M. Isenhour, of this city, and Ed. Isenhour, of Alexandria, Va. Mr. Isenhour was a lifelong member Friday afternoon at 3:30 a matinee of the Lutheran Church and had been Music lovers will have the pleusure of Miss Mary Scotland Phary Recomes a member of St. James Church for a hearing a musical treat. Mrs. Lillian the Bride of Mr. J. D. Reese, Jr. Homlesty Bott, who has studied and In the presence of the bride's family. The city schools will require to

Cold Water Lodge Gets a Letter of

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 16, 1922. Dear. Bro. K. S. Lewis, R. S., *Cold Water Lodge No. 62, Concord, N. C., Noble Grand and Brothers:

Your kind favor with donation for the relief of the sufferers of our recent much appreciated. I am distributing the coming from Odd Fellows to those ing, Brother Sunshine—Liza Lehman; ing room together, and "To a Wild advanced to the "A" section of the whom I know need it the most. The shundant beautiful spirit of Brother. (c) My Little House—Senera Pierce; Rose" during the ceremony.

The bride were a costume of fawn the "A" section and complete their abundant beautiful spirit of Brother- (d) Love's in My Heart-Woodings. ly Love that has been shown our stricken city by our entire State and coungomery.

en city by our entire State and coungomery.

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try has been marvelous and there.

5. (a) be Baises—Thomas; (b) of bride's roses and lilies of the talthis organization is that children who
fail to make their grade, as a cule out your aid, but we have been enabled day-Woodman. to handle the situation with but little 6. Children's Songs. Selg accom- trip to Atlanta.
if any physical suffering and we will paniment. (a) Moorland: (b) Two Mrs. Reese is a daughter of Mr. it empley for a pupil to skip a grade soon have the most of the homeless Dirty Little Hands; (c) Daddy's and Mrs. S. W. Pharr, of Rocky River, as he jumps a half year at a comfortably housed even though it will Sweetheart; (d) Why Adam Sluned.

JOE K. WILLIS, G. G.

in some manner his foot slipped and he was gay and festive, with its Christmas Exercises at Calvary and St. in operation, and it is furnishing curmissed the step, falling against the mas decorations of green and red. Mr. side of the porch and the gun was and Mrs. Long are a charming bost. The children of Calvary Church will and schools along the national high-Master Fred Young Brown met discharged, the load striking Mr. and hostess. The Society held its reg- render an exercise, "Our King's Birth- way from Glass to Cook's Crossing. ular monthly meeting at the close of day," at the church Monday evening at the dinner and Mr. and Mrs. Long 5 o'clock. The exercise will be interported now have all modern conveniences, including electric lights, water,

the 25 persons will, in pantomine and the cities only with difficulty. tableaux, represent the various Bible characters connected with the familiar story. The general public is cordially

the Central Graded School Tuesday hight was a big success in every way. The large crowd present spoke in strong langage concerning the entire berformance. The music by the purpose and that rendered by the second or character of the North Caroling to Strong langage concerning the entire berformance. The music by the factor of Strong langage concerning the entire berformance. The music by the second or character of Wincool Thursday here announced according to word received by Rev. L. A. Thomas, pustor of the North Caroling the not turn over these left the pupit at St. James Lutheran Synod, will be unable to fill the James Lutheran Synod, will be unable to fill the James Luthe Chanisms to Hear Address Firady.

CONCORD CHARTEY PUND

training he received, seem to Salisbury for them. The following is the I on Christmas Day and spent the day Contributions of cash Eliz Low with Miss Namey Shuman, his rold Kiwanis Clais Botary Clais, The Li The story of Shuman's visit to Salissury is especially worthy for two reasons. First, it shows the great respect the old time negroes and for their white swarers, and also it shows the first effect of the training the negroes King's Daughters, Mr. T. T. Smith, Mr. T. W. Sming, Mrs. C. W. Byrd, Mr. J. B. Sheerill, Mrs. J. B. Sheerill, Mrs. J. W. Conk, Miss. Helen. Putterway, Mrs. J. W. Conk, Mrs. J. W. Sheerill, Mrs. J. W. Conk, Mr eran Church, Julia Mar money to him, and spent several hours P. Cook, Mr. L. D. Coltrane, Sr., Mr. talking with him of the days before and Mrs. R. P. Gilmon, Mr. H. L. Woodland immediately after the Civil War.

"And she was 'specially anxious to know how I am in my morals," the aged negro man declared. "I told her which has been distributed; and four

Mrs. Honeton, box of apples. Mrs. Cress, several bushels polators. Mrs. Wm. H. Gibson, oranges and

Mrs. Foil, cord of wood. Those who have adopted opportun

me about my morais."

Shuman declared that Miss Shuman I, Mr. A. F. Hartsell I, Mrs. A. F. and her kinspeople were so kind and Hartsell I, Mr. D. B. Coltrane, Ellen good to him that he did not have a chance to "call on his colored friends and relatives." "I wanted to visit a aunt and some more kin, but I jes couldn't get away from Rissus Naney." Shuman said with pride. "I ain't neber had no trouble wid white people, for I treats everybody right. And white people ain't neber had no trouble wid no trouble wid. people ain't neber had no trouble wid Means, Lucile White (colored), Mrs. R. me, for we both knows how to act. S. Young, Mrs. Tomlinson, Mrs. Er-The young niggers will find dey will nest Porter, Mrs. Eugene Cannon 2 git along all right when der treats Miss Frances Ridenhour, Miss Lottie everybody all right, and when der acts Boyd, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Bessie so's to stay out of jalls and de like." McConnell, Miss Thompson, American Miss Shuman, the old negro man de- Legion, Miss Ada Craven and Mr. Craclared, is more than 85 years old, and ven, Mr. Maury Richmond, Mr. and is "one of de finest ladies in de world." Mrs. Howard Caldwell, Mrs. J. W. Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hartsell, Mrs. Thos. H. Web and the Misses IN CHARLOTTE FRIDAY Webb, Mr. E. C. Barnbardt, Sr., Mr. E. C. Barnbardt, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. E. Auxiliary Episcopal Church 2, Mrs. L. ge W. Isenhour, one of the old- D. Coltrane, Sr., Mrs. Chal. White joyed good health, but after suffering a trell Sherrill, Mrs. Bernard Fetzer.

Funeral services were held here on great many other people have con-Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at St. tributed through the clubs and organi-Mr. Isenhour was & years of age, day. We also wish to say that the and from birth had made his home in splendid results obtained could never

MRS. G. B. LEWIS.

MATINEE FRIDAY

Mrs. Lillian Homlesly Bott to Si I will give at Central Graded School

ence, 17th Century.

be necessarily crowded for the res- I extend my invitation to mothers College for Women, after which she

Mt. Olivet Electric Co. Now in Opera-

MRS. W. H. GORMAN.

gas telephones and paved roads for December 23, when Miny Margaret and giving out the gifts

ta Claus received at every post office ressories, and carried a large bouquet. Served grade Marrison Engales in the United States has been solved of exquisite pink roses. The groom is Third grade Margie Estates

Good Things for Christmas

Big part car Oranges and Apples, Sumet Foreda Oranges to go cheap by the box or retail

Fine lot of best grade hor apples -- Winesape, Rome Beauty, York Imperial and Defiscious. See us for what you want in Apples.

Layer raisins, by the bits cheap? Package seedless and seeded raisins, Cocoaguts, Nuts, Candy. All to go in our usual cheap way.

CLINE & MOOSE



It is a pleasure to us to have boys and girls coinc

To encourage young people to practice thrift we will accept their deposits, however small they may be.

The sooner a boy carns, saves and banks his FIRST DOLL LAR, the sooner he begins his life's success.

Success is impossible without saving. We trust that every parent in our community will see that every one of their children will have a bank account next Christmas day

WE WILL WELCOME YOUR ACCOUNT Cabarrus Savings Bank

REESE-PHARR

tived abroad, will give this concert, and a few friends, Miss Mary Scot-Monday, January 1st, after two words and little Margaret Montgomery, of land Pharr, and Mr. John Dudley vacation. The schools have sungiced Charlotte, will dance. The following Reese, Jr., were uncrited at the house three and a half months of the miss program will be rendered, of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Caswell, the months terms. It is just one months in the first of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Caswell, the months terms. It is just one months in the first of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Caswell, the months terms. It is just one months in the first of the first many grade above the first at any ence, 17th Century.

Ceremony was performed by Rev. T. H. time. The new classes for beginners.

2. Recitative and Aria from the Spence, of the Rocky River church be- fn the first grade; will start at mid-Marriage of Figure 'Deh Vieni Non fore an altar of ferns and white car- term Monday, January 20th nations. Miss Sarah Barmbardt play- time schools are now as great-fire received and I assure you 3. (a) In An Old Fashioned ed Mendelssohn's wedding murch as double promotion basis. (hilden who much appreciated. I am distributing Town—Sanderson; (b) Good Mora- the bride and groom entered the fire lawey-completed the fall form will be

> olored chinchilla crepe with hat and shoes to match and carried a bouquet

She was educated at the Greenshore ent.

Assuring you that our hearts have been strangely warmed by your love for us, and our stricken ones, I thank community on the part of its sponsor.

She is a pretty brunette and generally thank there is a free-will offering to the community on the part of its sponsor.

The session so far has been a ray taught in Mrs. Shoop's School at Cross-bare and property in the community of the part of its sponsor.

She is a pretty brunette and generally inside. She is a pretty brancite and generally beloved by many friends in this section. Mr. Reese is chief clerk of the State Board of Control and Economy of Alabama, and a popular and suc censful business man of Montgomery.
During the war be was Captain in their
5th Division and was oversens thirteen a

Letters to Santa Claus.

Letters to Santa Claus.

The big problem of the disposition of Gay street, was becomingly attired for this mouth is as follows:

thousands of letters addressed to San-in a blue talkered suit with gray ac-

Mr. and Mrs Reese left at once for a will have to repeat only a built pear's work instead of all of it and it makes

nore, N. C., where she was principal have worked with a will and we are

Marriage Licenses Issued.

calored couples.

Master Fred Brown Injured.

with a serious accident Sunday morn-Mills right rand. ing when he started across the street to get the morning paper. He was bruises. He was removed to his home Otha; Mr. Paul Moose and two chil. the same goods for less money.

Men," given by the young people and son, Roy Jr.

Young Man Accidentally Shot. Henry Lee Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs.

pretty when he comes."

out with Beatrice."

be the easiest job we ever did."

cord: Franklin Crayton, of Concord, dressed. He returned home Tuesday, pointed, and whose decorations were a and Miss Naril Honeycutt, of Stanly and his wound is mending nicely. delight to the eye, The dinner con-Maggie Coley, of Concord; Robert Monday, young Mills stopped at the Buchanan and Miss Lee Groff, of Concord, home of a friend. He started to place cord. Licenses were also issued to six his foot on the steps of the house and cakes, ten and coffee. The during room

Turkey Supper Tuesday. hit by a car driven by a man from Kan- Mesdames L. H. Lentz and H. Smith their gracious and much appreciated of the school. The child was rushed to the Barrier entertained at an elegant tur- hospitality. Concord Hospital, where medical aid key supper Tuesday evening at the was rendered. The little fellow was home of Mr. Barrier. Their guests painfully, although not seriously injur-were the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. O. The Bell & Harris Furniture Co. has ed. He suffered several bad cuts and Moose, and children, Thomas and better goods for the same money and

the following marriage licenses Octave Mills, of No. 8 township, had ton Society of the Second Presbyter-

The members of the Virginia Presince last Saturday: James L. Love the misfortune to lose the thumb and ion Church were delightfully enterand Miss Mae Elizabeth Case, both of Concord, when a gun he was holding was acciand Miss Estell McAnulty, of Kanmapolis; Noah R. Brindle, of Kannapolis, and Miss Emily Nation, of Conafter the misjortune to jose the thumb and the Church were defighting the soon tained by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Long commits the control of three fingers of his right hand Monday tained by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Long commits the church were defighting the soon tained by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Long commits the church were defighting the commits to the church were defighting the commits to the church were defighting the commits the church were defighting to the church were defighting t missed the step, falling against the mas decorations of green and red. Mr. side of the porch and the gun was and Mrs. Long are a charming bost

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dressed man," call at Browns-Cannon

you Brefiren, and may God's richest blessings be bestowed on you. Believe

Monday evening at 6:30 'The Hely their cars. Monday evening at 6:30 "The Holy their cars.

Story in Pantomime" will be given in St. Andrew's. There are about 25 also have a modern high school, fine churches, most of them adults, in this exercise. One person will read of butter, eggs milk, chickens and other the whole of the Christmas story and the cities only with difficulty.

The people living along this route Parnell. The marriage was performed and Carl Flak, Fay Walters and titriced and Carl Flak, Fay Walters and Carl Flak and this morning was reported as resting very comfortably.

The Pageant a Splendid Success.

The Christmas pageant, "The Light of Men," given by the young people.

The Was removed to his home of the Christmas state goods for less money.

Novelties in the latest styles for evening and dinner dresses at Specialty Hat Shop.

If you need a suit, overcoat, union suits, shirts or anything for "the well story. The general public is suits, shirts or anything for "the well dressed man," call at Browns-Cannon invited to these exercises.

Christmas was observed as early as the year 93 A. D., the celebrations then taking place in May and June. Not until the fifth century was December 25th fixed as the date.

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