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### What's in the Bag for Us?



#### "A Little Child Shall Lead Them"

CHRISTMAS is the apotheosis of enfeeblement. It is the exaltation of childhood. It is the glory of the little child.

We celebrate this festival in bleak December, the uncrowned month in our northern zone, lighting its dull skies by the eternal fires of love in human hearts.

There is not in all this land a home where the rain beats through the roof, where the mother and father gather the children more closely to shelter them, but the Christmas truth is shining, "Blessed are the poor."

There is not a homeless boy who in the December night creeps out of the snow into an empty dry goods box in the alley, not a little fellow up under the rafters of the poor house on the county farm, not a foundling left in a basket at the rich man's door, not a shivering, tiny girl unfitted for a fight with the storm, but the new truth of the Christmas spreads its wings over them.

"When I am weak, then am I strong." Who is weak? Who is infirm upon his feet and walks with a crutch? Who is afraid of the northeast wind? Who says: "I am better; yes, I think I am getting better. But somehow I do not get my vigor back?" Who leans up against the hulk of goods in the half-hidden counter and knows that she came back to work too soon? Who was born blind?

To all of you the Christmas has its meaning. There never was a conqueror like the child in the cradle. God hath chosen the weak things to confound the mighty. For 2000 years the history of the world's civilization has been the story of the gentler virtues, the poem, the song and the triumph of suffering well. The race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong. Every letter of that sentence is eternally true.

The grandest things that were ever done on earth were done by men and women who had the spirit of the child. The sublimest work of the Creator is the sweet-faced little child. It is everything for the child, heaven please—all harvests, all gold, all schools, all trade, all government, all the coming better times. Christmas means, "And a little child shall lead them."—Emory J. Hayne in New York World.

#### Few Christmas Toys Then.

Throughout the colonies in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries toys were an almost unknown factor, but wherever Christmas observances were not frowned upon by religion feasting and good cheer were abundant, and rich and poor, old and young, shared in the games, abundant food and genial atmosphere. In the eighteenth century toys began to make their appearance in the colonies. Some of them were brought from overseas and had the enchanting quality of novelty. Little girls who had helped to mother their younger brothers and sisters were delighted with dolls that were all their own, to fondle and cuddle. A toy was a thing to be cherished in those days.—Churchman.

#### Christmas on Christmas Island.

They never have any "white" Christmases on Christmas Island. The thermometer never falls below 70 and never rises above 90 in the shade.

Christmas Island lies about 250 miles southeast of the western extremity of Java. It is in the Indian ocean and belongs to Great Britain, having been annexed in 1888. This interesting little bit of land in midsea appears to have been originally a coral reef, which by volcanic forces has been raised so high that at its highest point it sticks out of the water 1,600 feet. In shape it is an irregular quadrilateral. It has an area of about twenty square miles.

### Dufresnay's Christmas Awakening

ON Christmas morning of the year 1081 M. Dufresnay's apartments were in some confusion. Monsieur himself as he slept on a spindle-legged sofa was not the very image of order. His rose colored satin coat was under his head, and his silk stockings dangled over the end of his all too brief bed. The cards of yesterday and yesternight bestrewn the floor.

He was disturbed by the insistent tinkling of a bell. Dufresnay groaned and struggled to his feet.

On opening the door he beheld a very beautiful young lady quaintly disguised as a working woman and carrying a large basket such as laundresses use. Dufresnay retreated in confusion, bowing profoundly and wrestling with his coat.

"I pray you pardon me, mademoiselle. I did not expect—a vision!"

"And I pray you, monsieur, not to mock me," she replied, with a wry lit-



"I Did Not Expect a Vision!"

tle smile. "The last time I came your servant said you had no money. You owe me 17 livres."

Dufresnay gazed in speechless incredulity for a moment and then burst out laughing.

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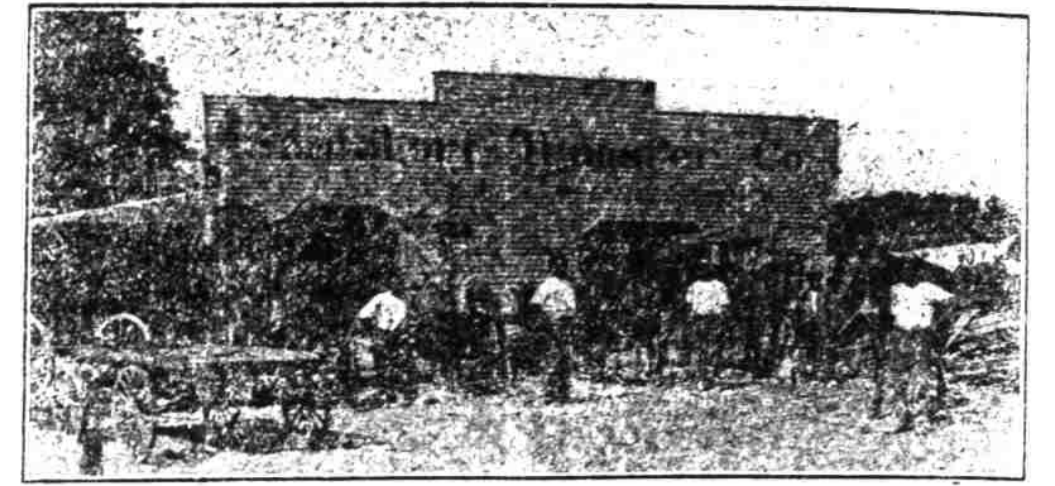
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