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A Close Shave for a Bill. ATLANTA, GA.—The Georgia General Assembly adjourned at midnight after a 50 days' session. Many local measures were rushed through in the closing hours.

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HOLLY BERRIES. Holly berries, holly berries, Red and bright and beaming Through the dusky evergreens. Like sprays of coral gleaming, Ye have power to fill the heart With memories of bliss. Oh, what happy thoughts can cling Round the holly tree!

"LEFTY." A CHRISTMAS STORY. CERTAINLY he was a woe-begone object as he rode up to the Rita Blanca ranch house.

Clark himself was sitting on the porch as this forlorn-looking pair came up. "No," he said in reply to a request for work, "we're not taking on any hands now." Then, as he noted the look of abject despair that settled upon the thin face, "get down and rest and have some dinner. You look sick."

"No, I ain't sick," was the answer hastily and anxiously given. "I ain't been sick. I'm just tired an' hungry. I been ridin' all day."

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AROUND THE TELE LOG.

Under the mistletoe she stood, And yet she never kissed her! She was a lovely sweet and pretty, but she had happened to be his sister.

SOMETHING MISSING. Higgins—"Did your fiancée's Christmas present please you?" Kissam—"It was very fine. She made it herself, but there seems to be something missing."

A FORECAST. "Papa won't buy me a bow-wow," cried the little daughter of a very rich man. "Don't cry, dear," said her mother, soothingly; "when you are grown he will buy you a puppy with a title."

A GENEROUS CHILD. Mamma—"Tommy, what are you going to buy mamma for her Christmas gift?" Tommy—"Why, money dear, I've thought and thought about that, and decided that the best thing I could get for you would be a pair of new skates for your little boy."

HIS DISPOSITION. Wife (sweetly)—"And what shall I get my dearie for a Christmas present this year?" Husband (grimly)—"Oh, some small, cheap trifle." Wife—"Oh! You are awfully quiet, aren't you?" Husband—"No. Awfully poor."

TOO GOOD TO LAST. It isn't strange at Christmas time to find moments by: Then everybody is lovely and the mistletoe hangs high.

Old Christmas Carols. The earliest collection of Christmas carols was published in 1521. Many are little more than drinking songs used at social or religious festivities, of which singing and dancing then formed a prominent feature.

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