

AN IRREPRESSIBLE BOY



WORRIED the cat, he played rat-tat-tat
On the roller skates a full hour by the clock.
He tried roller skates where dishes and plates
In jeopardy lay, till some fell with a shock.

With an Indian yell on the doll's house he fell,
And added poor dolly's scap to his belt.
Then knocked off its toes and its fair Grecian nose
Which same was of wax—he proceeded to melt.

Two tubs he upset without one regret;
He stood on his head till his face it turned blue;
A curtain he tore and then sighed for more
Inventively mischievous things he might do.

He hid granny's specs, but that didn't vex;
Her face brightened up with his fun and his noise.
"One sweet kiss repaid all," so she said,
Resignedly adding that "boys will be boys."

But strangest of all at night's quiet fall
How meekly, how placidly, this rogue would say:
"Good-night, mamma dear. Good-night, papa dear.
"I've tried hard to be such a good boy to-day!"

EAT REMAINS OF CANDLES

Christmas Services Among the Eskimos of Labrador—Part Most Enjoyed by the Children.

Somebody has said that when the world was being made the Creator gathered up all the waste material he had left over and made Labrador out of it. Some people say the Creator never intended it to be inhabited. But inhabited it is with a sturdy, taciturn band of Eskimos, who, thanks to the

Moravian missionaries who have penetrated to that country, celebrate Christmas in their own peculiar way. As service time in the church draws near all the inhabitants, old and young, the men on one side and the women on the other, are waiting in eager expectation. It is quite dark by four o'clock and the bell rings. All come trooping in clad in the best clothes they can muster.

No one stays at home from these services unless he is sick or lame, and whenever it is possible sleighs are used to bring these disabled ones to church.

For the little children the happiest part of the services comes later when each child receives a lighted candle, symbolizing the light of the world. Each candle stands in a white turnip which serves as a candlestick. Most of the candles are made from deer tallow which the Eskimos bring to the missionaries. After the services the children eat not only the turnip, but what is left of the candle as well.

One year only about ten persons, mostly men, could come from the nearest island. The ice had been driven together, and rather than miss the Christmas service they had risked their lives in crossing over on that moving, heaving, broken ice to the mainland. Then they had to climb the mountains and walk through the deep snow until they reached the mission station after twenty-three hours of danger and a fearfully exhausting march through the snow.

How happy they were to be in time to celebrate the Christmas festival in the house of their God! About six days later, when the ice had formed, all the rest of the people came, but oh! so sad and downhearted. Like little children they told the missionaries their tale of sorrow. They described how sad they all had been when they found that it would be impossible to come to the mission station for the Christmas service.

"Christmas Past."

It was indeed a gracious time, and as we read of the revels and ceremonies and find foolish beliefs of Christmas Past, we might regret what we have lost in this tamer and less picturesque age, if we did not know that never before in history was Christmas kept so truly and heartily in the spirit of the day as it is now. We have dropped a good many rude and some pretty customs, but we have gained a broadening spirit of almost universal charity, a feeling of real brotherhood, that is perhaps none the less real that it is held in check a good deal during the rest of the year.—Charles Dudley Warner.

A French Custom.

In France children place their shoes before the mantelpiece, in anticipation of a visit from Father Christmas.

May each Christmas, as it comes, find us more and more like him who, as at this time, became a little child for our sake, more simple-minded, more humble, more holy, more affectionate, more resigned, more happy, more full of God.—J. H. Newman.

Home Made Presents.

"I thought I'd be economical this year and make my Christmas presents myself, instead of buying them," said Mrs. Harlem; "so I bought a book of instructions and went ahead."
"How did you make out?" asked Mrs. Bronx.
"The materials footed up to \$43.58, and I put in a month's hard sewing and cutting."
"How did that compare with last year?"
"Last year I bought all I wanted for \$35."

First Christmas Card.
In December, 1844, Mr. W. A. Dobson sent the first Christmas card.

A TWICE TOLD TALE

One Of Interest To Our Readers

(Advertisement)

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