

CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Ring, merry bells, ring, In the light of the Christmas morn'g...

THE DUNNS' CHRISTMAS.

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HE Lord will provide. A good enough text if a man gets a good grip on it...

...tent of the calamity was known. But when all was done that concerted action could accomplish, the future of the Dunns was provided for.



IN THE IRON WORKS.

stiffer baak? When he wanted to see his daughter Jenny, he ca'd to his son-in-law Tom Parker, sayin' 'WP' your help, an' the Lord's we'll mak out, Tom, but Tom was ever o' the opinion he bore his own an' the Lord's share.

at this. That's of no account," He pointed to the board on his knee. "Why, that's not half bad. I see—I see. This is an end view—an' here is the front—the face of the roll. I see now very plainly. An' what's this?"

John Dunn's heart suddenly sunk. Sandy Rea's firm, deliberate step was no longer heard. The step paused at the entrance to the stairway.

claimed, "I see it now! Work! It's sure to work, man. Once the iron starts in there, no power can stop it. All we want now is a mill to try it in. Your fortune's made, Jack."

tent going to be tried." He said to himself if he had the means how soon he would have devised artificial locomotion. He counted on the invention to pay for Gem's schooling. Gem was very bright, and a universal favorite.

The evening was well advanced when John Dunn heard a step on the pavement he well knew. All that weary afternoon he had beheld men, women and children hurrying up and down the street.

Now another step approached—his mother's step. It came very slowly; he fancied it was more deliberate than usual. Yes, it meant failure. Now they were talking in subdued tones. It was all over then.

SOUTHERN ITEMS.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILED FROM MANY SOURCES.

—The iron furnace at Buena Vista was put in blast successfully last week. —The sale of lots at Salem, Roanoke county, Va., last week, aggregated \$201,725.

—An immense concrete for the manufacture of salt, soda ash, bromine and other chemicals is to be started near Charleston, W. Va. of the company has \$2,500,000 capital, and will employ 1,000 men.

his wife was living. On arriving there he called her to the door, drew his revolver and shot her down, shooting her twice after she fell. She shot and dangerously wounded her brother, R. R. Haynes, who came to her assistance...

SIX MEN KILLED.

Terrible Disaster on the Inter-Colonial Railway, Near Lewis, Ontario. The express train from Halifax on the Inter-Colonial railway, due at Lewis at 11:40 o'clock, met with a frightful accident about three miles from its destination...

FOUR PERSONS KILLED.

Fatal Accident at a Railroad Street Crossing in Bristol, Pa. A shocking accident occurred at the Mill street railroad crossing in Bristol, Pa., by which four persons were killed, one fatally wounded and one seriously hurt.

EXPLORATION OF ALASKA.

A Proposed Army Expedition to Thoroughly Examine the Territory. A bill providing for a systematic exploration of the interior of Alaska is likely to receive consideration by Congress during the coming week.

MARKETS.

BALTIMORE—Flour—City Mills, extra \$3.00 @ \$3.20. Wheat—Southern Falls, 50¢ @ 52¢. Corn—Southern White, 54¢ @ 55¢.