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WHEN SANTA CLAUS CRIES "FORWARD MARCH!"



By EARLE HOOKER EATON

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WHEN Santa Claus cries "Forward march!"
And smiles his Christmas smile
The dollies promptly form a line
And then in single file

THEY march to Santa's reindeer shed,
Too serious far for play,
Where they break ranks and get aboard
The good old saint's big sleigh.

HIS line of march is o'er the land,
And when the dollies part
Each marches in and camps right out
In some wee girl's big heart!

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Fate's Christmas Trick

by WILLIS HAWKINS

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It ain't for mortal man to know
The ways of Providence, an' so
I merely say it seems as though
It wa'n't exact'ly fair
When Cupid, with his burnin' darts,
Has lighted up two lovin' hearts
For Fate, with her bamboozlin' arts,
To separate the pair.

Now, there was Cyrus Allen's case.
When he had come within an ace
Of bein' winner in the race
For Kitty Warren's hand
He stubbed his mind, as you might say,
Upon a shadow, so that they
Were parted in the very way
Deceivin' Fate had planned.

It all begun when Kitty said
She wished she had a plaster head
Of Byron, for she'd read an' read
The pieces that he writ.
So, Chris'mus mornin', here it came,
For Cyrus, with his heart a-flame,
Had bought the bust an' sent the same
Anonymous to Kit.

That night he meant to tell his mind,
But Fate had fixed it so's he'd find
Two shadows on her window blind
That he misunderstood.
"That's her an' Nathan Black," he said,
"An' she's a-strokin' 'is head."
So, broken hearted, Cyrus fled
An' quit the town for good.

If he'd 'a' had the sense to wait
He'd soon 'a' knowed it wasn't Nate,
But only Byron's plaster pate
That Kitty was caressin'.
For she was sure it came from Cy,
An' that's the very reason why
She fondled it on the sly,
With all her heart confessin'.