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Now the Christmas time is near And the stores are bright, but dear Little voices may we hear Lisping sweet At our feet-

"Sonta Cinus."

And the cherubs are not dumb, With their wish: "I want a drum, Tell us, won't you, when he'll come? Dear mama-Good papa-

Santa Claus."

"I want a dolly!" princess cries; "One that opens and shuts its eyes." Another cherub, still, but wise, Mutters, "Bricks, Lots of tricks Santa Claus."

Chorus still of cherub joys: "Ma, tell him to bring us boys' Knives, and skates, and lots of toys." Baby singest

"Me want 'ings-Santa Claus."

So they chatter as they play; Curly bends both grave and gay. Bring them pleasure while you may; Youth will fly, Hope will die--Santa Claus.

### MISS ENID'S PRESENT.



the parish, and the adjective was well applied, so sweet was her smile, and so tender and gentle were the soft tones of her voice. And she was not really old, nothing like the conventional old maid of story-book fame. She was simply "Miss Enid"-no 1

any rate, to the memory of the past. It was not a very eventful past, after all, that the children's talk of Uhrist-

all, that the children's talk of Uhrist-mas had brought back to her. She was young then, that was all, and life was rose-tinted with health and happiness and—should she con-fess it, even to herself?—love! Yes, she behaved that love had come to her, as it comes once, and only ones in a lifetime, to every one. And yet po voice had every whinered to her no voice had ever whispered to her that a true heart was hers for alwaysno lips had ever pressed her own in the glad rapture of a lover's kiss-ho friends; and the vicarage bables came wouderful new found bliss! sweet, strong arms had enfolded her and grew up like flowers around her, "And I've forgetted to give her my sweet, strong arms had enfolded her and grew up like flowers around her, and held her captive-ab, me, no! And yet, and yet! There were half spoken words imprinted in her memory; there were tender glances, and wonderful smiles, such as love, and heart felt almost breaking-for what? aggrieved. love only, could awaken; there was a Ah, dear hearts, I cannot tell you. "Give her the card to-morrow,



ulous hand shake---and ---he was gone. And Miss Enid's love story had never really begun---it had only been clse was forgotten, and the astonished a dream, perhaps, who was to know? bairnes saw their friend's slender form

ablaze with roses and syrings and into the kitchen to show to old Jennie, elematis all through the summer. And which the children were nothing loth the children of the village were her to do; leaving the lovers alone to their

weaving themselves into her calm, Kis'mas card, after all, and bootiful sweet life, so she had something to money-box that I brought on purlove, and no one ever knew how some-times she longed and yearned until her to bed on Obristmas night, very much

Idaho's Population. Idaho's population has increased from 19,000 to 125,000 in the five years since the Stato was admitted, and the assessed valua-tion of property has increased from \$25,-750,000 to \$29,332,210. These figures are just given out by the Governo., These was a boom in 1838, when the assessed valuation rap up to more than \$33,000,030.

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#### Mostly Lawyers.

There are, decording to the Washington Post, 238 lawyers in Congress; forly-one farmers, twenty-soven editors, twenty-eight farmers, twenty-soven cilitors, twenty-cight manufacturors, one railroad manager, two steamload owners, fourteen teachers and col-lege professors, twenty-live bankers, twenty-merchants, one house builder, three clergy-merc, seven who any thoy are "engaged in business," eight doctors, one architect, one mercheneder, one owner of sil wells, five minets, two insurance dgents, one theater manager, one manufacturer of sie, three civil engineers, nine lumbermen, two owners of stone quarries, two real estate agents, one pharmacist and one steamboat captain.

#### Howling at the Moon.

Just as some highly civilized races worship the sun, so some people lower in the scale worship the moon. Amongst the latter may be named the Makua, of Mozambique, in East Africa. They are a bad lot, and give the Portuguese much trouble. At full moon they always dance and howl most mournfully. Mr. H. H. Johnston, the traveler, says that though the authoritles forbid these observances, his Makua servants ran the risk of being whipped, and even imprisoned, rather than not go down to the beach to yell and caper on full-moon nights.

#### Backache.

\* From the Press, New York City.

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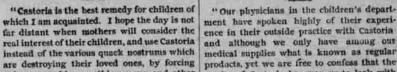
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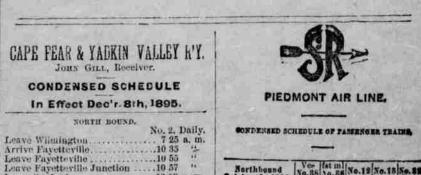
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young, but with a past that had brought to her gladness and then sorrow, and that had taught her a lifelong lesson of the tanderest, purest sympathy in and with the smiles and the tears of others. No one came to Miss Enic for help and went away comfortless; no one ever told her some heartfelt story of grief and weariness, and did not receive sweet consolation in return. Miss Enid's great heart was ever open, ever ready to condole with the bereaved, to smile, hopefully upon the young and ardent toiler, to bring a message of patience to the sick and the sorrowing -in fact, to minister to each and every one as they needed her sweet helpfulness. And yet-and yet-Miss Enid had known sorrow, the greatest and the deepest sorrow that can come into a woman's life and blot out forever the sunshine from the pathway

And she was thinking of the past to-night, this Christmas time, when every one was happy in the society of their dear ones, and when love and joy were the theire of every hymn and anthem that was sung in the great church yonder, the church she had so recently left. She had been twining beautiful wreaths for pillar and pulpit

-wreaths of holly and ivy and box, and the vicarage children had helped her, pricking their small fingers with the sharp holly leaves, and tying her string into innumerable tangled knots. Yot she loved them so much, the darlings, that she was only too happy to have them near her, to hear their And Eveline did the same. little bright voices, to see their rosy faces, and to feel the soft touch of their soft hands as they hung about dwelt safely shrined forever in the her trying so hard to help "dear Miss depths of Miss Enid's heart-the face

"We love you so much, you know, gray-eyed Angela had said, "that we want to do all we can, and it isn't very

much, but we does our best." And Bobby had broken in with an account of the Christmas card that he meant to send Miss Enid-a very gorgeous production from the village shop, in the purchase of shich and similar treasures the children's morning had been happily spent. And Mizs Enid thanked him before and, stooping down to kiss the bonny lit-tle face, and assuring him that she would like it very much, and would

keep it always in memory of him. "That's right," the little boy said, heartily. "Tis quite the proper thing to say, isn't it, Marjorie?"

And Marjorie and Angela nodded assent as the nurse came to carry them from her. He had told her so himoff home to the vicarage tes.

Miss Enid had declined their enthoughts back to the past with a sud-den rush of memory, and the scene around scenned strangely dreamlike and unreal. She instened up the long or how near the tears were to the usually called forth. and unreal. She instened up the long ends of her wreath and put on her cloak, and then, before her flight was noticed, she slipped away, out into the darkness and the stillness of the back her to wait for him, to be his wife alone, to think- she had not had much time to think lately, there was always so much to do; and then she had been glad of it before, for the mano lies of Christmas time were generall said ones. But now she louged for quistude, for the sympathy of her own thoughts

We hung up our stockings on Christmas Eve But when the morning began to break On the knobs at the foot of the bed. i suddenly woke up quite, We shall find them crammed with beautiful And looked to see if dear Santa Claus

Had thought of us in the night. When we wake in the morning," we said. When, oh! how frightened I was! I heard We tried very hard to keep awake A noise by the foot of the bed. To see Santa Claus when he came, I whispered, "It must be Santa Claus." But I dropped asleep very quickly indeed, "Yes, it must be," Evoline said.

face-a beautiful, brave face that of one who had surely, surely loved

her once, in the long ago ! And she faucied sometimes that he meant to tell her so, that the words had trembled on his lips, the words

things

that would have changed her life and then tell me for what it was that my dear Miss Enid longed so much somehis so greatly! She had read part of his story in his eyes-clear, grave eyes that were truth and honesty ittimes. She was very good and sweet and patient, but she was very human, after all-but a woman at heart-and self-and yet he had never attered what his heart surely knew well, and she had never listened to the sweetest other of her life for love.

words that the human ear can hear. For the old, old reason. He was calm and beautiful, for snow had ties, which are remembered every poor and proud, and he wanted, oh! fallen in the night and the whole world year. so much, to win honor and fame for was shining. And Miss Enid, as she his love-and he had gone on, meaning perhaps to tell her if the opportunity offered before the end. And

suddenly their parting had come, and one had known that he must go away self, walking home from the old church

for the sympathy of her own thoughts ittle sums one had joined them as this stound in more at one, at it is this minute. Promise that the start of the use weet in thought we not shift, the past that had so strangely little guessed onor shift, the acrow But Miss End's promise was payer in a board; if the source throught have the source throught her source the source through the source the source through the source through the source through the so

You must picture for yourselves a suggested Ronald, and Marjorie said, lonely woman-one who could love "And the money-box would do for a deeply, truly, passionately, one to wedding present, you know, Bobby. whom little children turned as to a Mother says 'tis to be soon."

mother's protecting care, to slumber peacefully on her tender bosom or to smile up into the sweet face above of the wanderer's return, "Dear Miss them. Picture that to your elves, and Enid."

Christmas In Sweden.

We waited to see what his face would be,

There were two little kittles. A lovely pres-

And father says, "Well, it was Santa Claus,"

And my load woul pit-a-pat-pat

(And Eveline said hers did the same),

For Christmas, 1 think, don't you?

Till we heard the miau of a cat.

And Eveline says so too.

At Christmas the royal family of Sweden assemble, as many as are in Stockholm at the time, exchanging every woman yearns at some time or presents on Christmas Eve, accordin to the Swedish custom. The King and Christmas Day broke white and Queen give snms of money for chari-

The grand New Year's ball given in sat at her solitary breakfast table, heaving a number of voices without, palace is the next great public occasmiled expectantly. Were not the sion. The absence of the Queen and children coming to give her Christman Crown Princes from the court asrempresents, and would they not be de-lighted with the purchases that she had made for them? And she glanced are much courted and are invited to Miss Enid had declined their en-thusiastic invitation to accompany them-something had sent her thoughts back to the past with a sud-

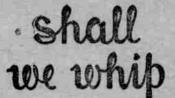
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