#### Aumorous Department.

Just Like That .- Mr. George Robey the English actor and raconteur, tells the story of a gilded youth of effeminate tendencies who by some fluke of luck found himself stony broke. De-, ciding that his best bet was America, he tried for a job on one of the boats crossing the Atlantic. After being turned down by ship after ship he almost despaired of ever getting out of England. Finally his luck changed. He struck a boat on the point of sailing and found that a stoker had failed to show up. Joyfully, he signed on, went aboard, and was directed below by the captain. Then he disappeared. Nothing was seen or heard of him for three days. But on the fourth day the skipper suddenly came upon a resplendent figure in full yaching kit, glasses slung over his shoulder, promenading. "What the hell are you doing here?" he demanded. "I thought I told you to go below." The regilded youth gazed at the irate officer, tapped him lightly on the shoulder, and pleasantly inquired, "Oh, haven't you heard? I've left."-The Argonaut (San Fran-

Long Distance.-A railway employe was in the witness box, and was being cross-examined by a very self-important young lawyer about a case which had resulted in a damage suit as a consequence of an accident on the

"You say that you saw this man fall from the train?" said the lawyer.

"I saw him fall, yes," replied the railway man.

"Yet it was night time," insisted the lawyer. "And you were at one end of the train and the man was at the other. Do you expect an intelligent jury to believe such a yarn? How far can you see at night?"

"About a million miles, I think," replied the railway man. "I can see the moon. How far is that?"

The lawyer retired.—Houston Post

Her Kind Heart .- The dear old Scotchwoman tramped miles over the hills to get a bottle of medicine for a small boy who was ill in her remote village. When she had described the symptoms, the doctor set about preparing the mixture, one ingredient of which a poison which could be administered only in the smallest quantities. She watched him pouring it out wiin the utmost care into the measuring glass. He poured a little from the bottle, held the glass up to the light, and then put in a few more drops. "Ah, doctor," she said reproachfully, "you needna be sae stingy. Remember, it's for a puir wee orphan laddie."-The Argonaut (San Francisco).

The Awful Truth .- "You look fed up, old man."

"Yes, I've had a tiring day. That little beast of an office-boy of mine came to me with the old gag about getting off for his grandmother's funeral, so just to teach him a lesson I said I would accompany him."

"Ah, not so bad; was it a good

"No, it was his grandmother's funeral!"-The Passing Show (London).

Identified .- A man called at a village post-office for a registered letter which he knew would be awaiting him. The letter was there, but the clerk demurred at handing it over, as he had no means of identifying the caller. The caller took a photograph of himself from his pocket, remarking:

"I think that ought to satisfy you as to who I am."

The clerk looked long and earnestly at the portrait, and then said:

"Yes, that's all right enough. Here's your letter."-Kansas City Star.

Pure Politics .- "And whom did you vote for, Miss Sophy?"

"Well, you see, the Conservative candidate was simply stunningly goodlooking. But the Liberal had always been splendid to his family, so I marked both ballots, closed my eyes, shuffled them, put one in the box and tore up the other. Nothing could be fairer than that."—The Passing Show (Lon-

A Question of Genealogy.-Robert Stevens-"I've a question to ask you." Leo Besselman-"All right, shoot." Robert-"If a boy is a lad, and the

lad has a stepfather-" Leo (deeply interested)-"Go on." Robert (walking slowly away)-"Does that make the lad a stepladder?"-The Christian Evangelist (St.

Qualified .- "What profession is your boy Josh going to select?"

"I'm going to educate him to be a lawyer," replied Farmer Corntossel. "He's naturally argumentative an' bent on mixin' into other people's troubles an' he might jes' as well get paid fur his time."-Washington Evening Star.

Superprohibition .- "I hope that the fact that the wets showed strength in your State does not affect your belief that prohibition needs enforcement."

"It needs more than that in some unregenerate districts," replied Senator Sorghum. "It needs reinforcement,"-Nashville Evening Star.

Cruel Skeptic. - Magistrate - "Last | I'll try her." tlme you were here I told you I hoped never to see you again."

Delinquent-"Yes, sir, I know, sirbut I couldn't get the constable to believe me!"-The Passing Show (Lon-

Such is Man .- When he is born, his chance to buy that doll. You know, said he was awfully busy. He for political purposes. mother gets the attention; at his marriage, the bride gets it; at his funeral, well, and the only thing she says she this year." the widow gets it.—The Associated wants is an orange for Christmas, but "Oh!" said Marthe in a disappointed plentiful in Greenwood at 30 cents a erection of 100 cottages for operatives

## OH, FOR THE DAYS OF CHILDHOOD:



And yet they say "There ain't no Santa Claus"!

She Opened Her Purse.

"She wants a doll, but she thinks she

can't ask for it 'cause we haven't

money for dolls. I have, though,"

going by tonight and get it."

"What is your name, son?"

"Zshack?-What a queer-"

"Where do you live, Jacques?"

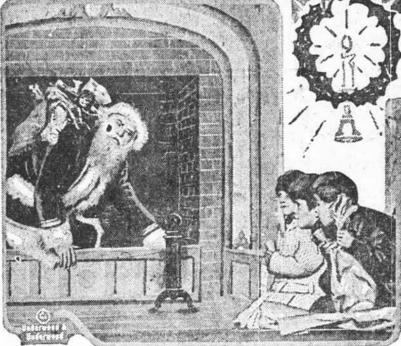
floor, back two rooms, I've got that

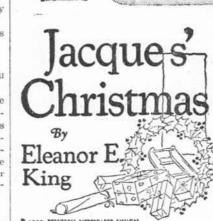
down pat now, haven't I?"

tonight,"

petite soeur-Marthe."

### HE CLIMBED RIGHT DOWN THE CHIMNEY







BLIZZARD was brewing Little cutting pieces of snow were being blown in whirlt around corners and down the street. Huddled down in his coat stood a newsboy of some eight or nine years His face was drawn with th€

cold and he beat his hands against his sides to keep them warm. Last-minute Christmas shoppers hurrying along to get their various errands done, gave no thought to the little fellow who pestered them with his papers. He cught to have known better when they had so many things

to think about. "Yeh, all the news-the latest news Wen't cha buy one, mister? I only have a couple more." He looked up pleadingly into the face of a passer

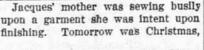
"Sorry, sonny," smiled the man." "got one here now that I probably won't ever get a chance to read-sc busy," and he hurried along his way.

moment. The boy singled out a young on. woman, as he said, "She looks kind

"Yeh-all the latest news-just out -won't cha buy one, please, lady? home. When he opened the door a of Republican affiliation in politics. It I only have a few."

to hunt for the money.

"I've just got to sell these papers out early tonight, 'cause it's my last ing to Santa on the corner, and he says that the warrant was sworn out my little sister, they say, isn't very doubted if he would get all around I know better." He paused for breath, tone.





His Mother Was Just as Excited as He

and no sewing was going to be left over to bother her.

Marthe's bedtime came, and Jacques fixed his presents in preparation for the morrow. He had found a Christmas tree branch in the street, and the he made into a little tree under which he placed his gifts.

stant chatter to it in French. The been in the hearts of his people! orange and a few other presents that she had found under the tree she put gerous delight. on the shelf, so that she could admire them while she rocked her doll.

Jacques had had his surprise, too-"Give and it shall be given unto you" -for his two packets under the tree had grown to be six or seven.

"Mother," he said, "I think I will have to try my new mittens and see exactly how warm they are." So saying, he slipped into his coat and pushed on the door. What ailed it? Was it frozen shut, stuck, or what was

With his mother's help the door was opened. To their surprise they found that a huge pile of packages had been the cause of their trouble.

Jacques gave a cry of delight as he pounced upon the bundles. His mother was just as excited as he, as she helped carry in the stuff.

he said promptly. "I've been watching Then followed one of the happiest a doll in one of the windows here. I'm hours the family had ever knownwhole two-dozen oranges and all sorts of wholesome food. Jacques' mother "Jacques and my sister's-ma fairly wept with joy.

Santa remembered us after all, mother," said little Jacques, "and he "No; it isn't," he said, anticipating what she was going to say. "My left this note on one of my presents. mother is French. Those names are Look, mother, it says:beautiful-to us," he added after a

"'I hope you will always be as thoughtful of your sister, Jacques. A Merry Christmas and a Bright and "Sixty-nine Kensington Square, Top Happy New Year,

'SANTA CLAUS.'"

"Yes, you won't get lost right soon," | - H. T. E. Neuburger, acting postshe replied as she put her arm around master of Spartanburg, was arrested them. him, and gave him a gentle tap on the Saturday on a warrant charging him shoulder. "Merry Christmas, Jacques," with having made a false affidavit in and she was on her way. She stopped order to secure a registration certia little way down the street, however, ficate. Neuburger was appointed, act-The rush of pedestrians subsided a wrote something down, than hurried ing postmaster upon the expiration of the term of Postmaster Fike. The Another half hour found Jacques warrant was issued on the affidavit of hugging an orange and a little doll J. Adam Crews, for many years an under his coat as he trudged along employe of the office, and said to be little voice started chanting, "Frere is alleged that at the time Neuberger She opened her purse and started Jacques, Frere Jacques-you're late swore he was a citizen of Spartanburg he was in reality a citizen of "Yes, Marthe. Today I was talk- Glen Falls," New York. Neuberger

- Christmas turkeys are said to be

#### The Minister and the "Vamp"

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By Mary Graham Bonner Sargegregaria

Now the minister was young and enthusiastic and eager. He loved his work, he loved the parish. He loved the people. They were a bit too talkative at times. They did enjoy telling him just how he should preach and act and think and do. But it was all so well meaning that it failed to annoy him. Sometimes when he might have been annoyed he became amused instead. It was so much the better way.

The minister was extremely attractive. Every woman in the parish knew that. Every man admired the minister, too. His was a most engaging personality.

But things became a trifle awkward when it appeared as though the minister could not talk to any one of the opposite sex for more than ten minutes without arousing observations.

And how weary he did get of being told he mustn't take the last piece of cake in a dish. It was so tiresome a bit of so-called witticism.

He realized that it might be difficult for a minister to be permitted to choose a wife for himself. He some how had a new admiration for ministers who appeared to have done their own matrimonial choosing.

He feared that one might even take almost anyone to dodge the constant comments and chatter on matrimony which an unmarried man seemed to encounter.

And then the minister fell in love! Oh, madly and rapturously in love. And with a girl from out-of-town whom people said was not the type for a minister's wife, at all, at all. And the minister had said he hadn't looked for a type, he had picked out the one he had cared for.

He even heard people whispering the word "vamp." "A vamp who had



He Came Into the Chapel and Told His Engagement.

Christmas morning dawned brightly ensnared him," someone said. He inin the little French home. Jacques', quired the various definitions of the surprise was complete, for Marthe word "vamp." He almost failed to be went into raptures over the tree and amused; he became so angry. And

A man told him a "vamp" was a dan-

A woman told him a "vamp" was a woman without principle.

A young boy told him a "vamp" was a misunderstood, innocent lady with sense enough to appreciate that "men" of seventeen were not children.

An oculist told him that a "vamp" was an adept at the possible uses of the eye muscles. An old man said a "vamp" was a

dear little girl. And a mother told him a "vamp" vas a dangerous creature from whom every mother should keep a son as

from a deadly polson. A young girl told hlm she envied a "vamp" and wished she could be called

And a father told him that a "vamp" was one from whom it is best to keep

away the son, but whose society it ?

was all right for an older man to en-He sought the dictionary's version and found "Vamp" described as dealing with such things as feet, short

hose, parts of boots and shoes, music, and various other things. They were making the Christmas decorations for the church when the minister came into the chapel and told 3

them all of his engagement. "The wedding is to be on Christmas eve," he said. Everyone stopped winding ground

pine and looked amazed. They muttered congratulations, and then the future wife appeared and worked with And then they all began to feel bet. ter. For while they had been gossiping and quarreling pettily as they had

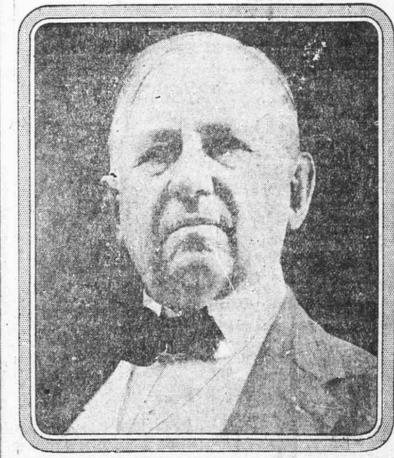
worked, the future wife of the minister brought with her the spirit of the Christmas season. Perhaps she wasn't a typical wife for a minister they concluded, but she was an ideal wife for a minister. For she lived and breathed goodwill and cheer and her gaiety fresh.

ened the very atmosphere of the place and gave them new incentive. The minister called her his "vamp!"

His definition of one was: "A Merry Christmas in real life!"

-A contract has been let for the at Lockhart mills.

GREAT "MERCHANT PRINCE" DEAD.



This photograph of John Wanamaker, taken only a few days before his death, shows the great merchant prince as he appeared to his many friends in the autumn of his life. He was eighty-four years old July 11, and until his fatal illness was active in managing his vast establishments in Philadelphia and New York city. He was born in Philadelphia, the son of a German father and a French mother, and the foundation for his great fortune and success was begun there when he was twelve years old. The first money he earned was 7 cents, for turning over a row of bricks in the brickyard his father owned.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS later senator, is critically ill at her

home at Trenton

- The Southern depot at Prosperity, Newberry county, was destroyed by

fire last Thursday. - Erskine College and the Due West Semale College suspended work last week, a week ahead of time because Cothran took the motion under ad- was to blame. isement, for a short time and over-

- Holding that conviction in a Federal court of violating the prohibition for the same transaction, the supreme ourt of South Carolina on Saturday ismissed the appeals of Arthur Mosi- was determined was overwhelmingly y and Calvin Spencer, of Cherokee county. Mosley and Spencer appealed rom sentences imposed in the circuit ourt on the ground of former conriction in the United States courts. Under decisions of the supreme court the rule has been well established that single transaction can give rise to more than one violation" the spinion, written by Chief Justice Gary, assert-

ilstrict since 1902. The vote was 202 conservative estimates. sale, and that it was altogether in remained unknown. vities in securing Federal patronage, in the immediate vicinity of danger."

| Harrison was re-elected to his seat in -Mrs. B. R. Tillman, widow of the the November election and will resume the place from which he has been ousted on March 4.

"JAYS" RESPONSIBLE.

#### Many Automobile Accidents Due to Carelessness.

Blame for the greatest number of so many of the students and teachers street and road accidents in which auwere sick with flu and other allments: tomobiles and pedestrians figure, is - Judge Mauldin having overruled a placed upon the shoulders of the "jaymotion of B. B. Evans to appoint a walker," by M. O. Eldridge, executive poard to inquire into the sanity of Ira chairman of the American Automobile Harrison, sentenced to die on Decem- association. The public is entirely too er 22 for the murder of J. C. Arnette, ready to blame the driver, Mr. Eldof Columbia, Evans went before Asso- ridge declares, the first cry that goes ciate Justice Thomas P. Cothran ask- up, as a rule, when such an accident ng for a stay of execution until an occurs, is that the driver was at fault, appeal from Judge Mauldin's decision when, as a matter of fact, in a large n the matter could be heard. Justice majority of cases the person injured

Explaining a chart summary of traffic accidents in New York city, in which the fault or incapacity of the proper party is shown, Mr. Eldridge laws is no bar to trial in state courts declared that while almost 50 per cent of the causes of accidents are unknown the blame in the cases where the fault

placed on the injured one. "Over a certain period of time in which 7,227 accidents, involving private automobiles occurred, the police department of New York city found by thorough examination that in 450 cases the driver of the car was to blame," he continued. "In 3,168 cases rson injured was to blame, an in 3,683 cases the cause of the accident was unknown. With the heavy preponderance of blame placed on the person injured in the known causes of - The Republicans of the house on accidents, it is but fair to presume Friday ousted from his seat Thomas that the injured person was to blame her presents. She alternately hugged this was the joyous Christmas season W. Harrison, Democrat, who has been in more than 50 per cent of the reand kissed her doll, keeping up a con- when love and good will should have serving from the Seventh Virginia maining 2,683 cases. Basing this upon

to 100. After ousting Harrison the "During the same period of time, in Republicans seated in his place John which 1,209 accidents involving taxi-Paul, who will serve until March 4. cabs, occurred, the cause for 51 such Harrison, as soon as he could be heard cases was traced to the driver, while charged that Republican patronage in 437 cases were blamed on the person Virginia was a matter of barter and injured, and the causes of 714 accidents

charge of Bascom C. Slemp, of the "These figures emphasize the con-Ninth district, and National Commit- tention that no traffic legislation is teeman from Virginia. He exhibited complete until it provides a penalty number, of etters alleged to have for jay-walking. If a motorist is to be been written by Slemp and also a large fined for disobedience of a traffic signumber of cancelled checks which he nal then the pedestrian should be fined said represented money that had been for jay-walking across the street, putoald to Slemp on account of his acti- ting himself as well as every motorist

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