

Humorous 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.

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 railroad.

"You say that you saw this man fall from the train?" said the lawyer. "I saw him fall, yes," replied the railway man.

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.

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."

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.

Pure Politics.—"And whom did you vote for, Miss Sophy?" "Well, you see, the Conservative candidate was simply stunningly good-looking. 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."

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—"

Qualified.—"What profession is your boy Josh going to select?" "I'm going to educate him to be a lawyer," replied Farmer Cornossel. "He's naturally argumentative and bent on mixin' into other people's troubles and he might jes' as well get paid for his time."

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

Cruel Skeptic.—Magistrate—"Last time you were here I told you I hoped never to see you again."

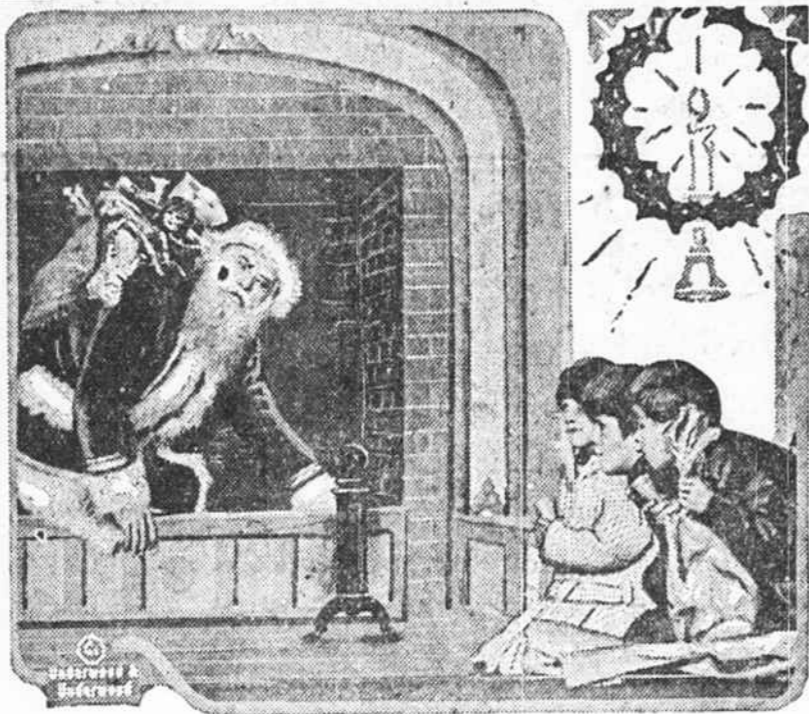
Such is Man.—When he is born, his mother gets the attention; at his marriage, the bride gets it; at his funeral, the widow gets it.

OH, FOR THE DAYS OF CHILDHOOD!



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

HE CLIMBED RIGHT DOWN THE CHIMNEY



Jacques' Christmas

By Eleanor E. King



She Opened Her Purse.

BLIZZARD was brewing Little cutting pieces of snow were being blown in which around corners and down the street. Huddled down in his coat stood a newsboy of some eight or nine years.

"She wants a doll, but she thinks she can't ask for it 'cause we haven't money for dolls. I have, though," he said promptly. "I've been watching a doll in one of the windows here, I'm going by tonight and get it."

Jacques' mother was sewing busily upon a garment she was intent upon finishing. Tomorrow was Christmas,



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 this he made into a little tree under which he placed his gifts.

The Minister and the "Vamp"

By Mary Graham Bonner

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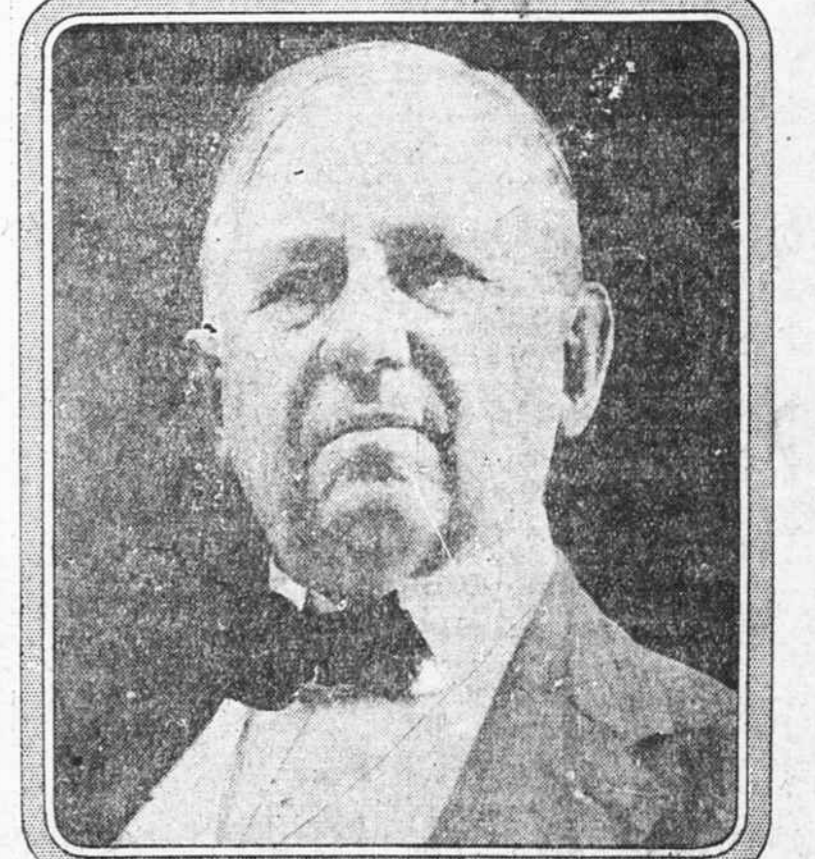
NOW the minister was young and enthusiastic and eager. He loved his work, he loved the parish. He loved the people. They were a bit too talkative at times. They did enjoy telling him just how he should preach and act and think and do.



He Came Into the Chapel and Told of His Engagement.

ensnared him," someone said. He inquired the various definitions of the word "vamp." He almost failed to be amused; he became so angry. And this was the joyous Christmas season when love and good will should have been in the hearts of his people!

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.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS —Mrs. B. R. Tillman, widow of the 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 Female College suspended work last week, a week ahead of time because so many of the students and teachers were sick with flu and other ailments.

—Judge Mauldin having overruled a motion of B. B. Evans to appoint a board to inquire into the sanity of Ira Harrison, sentenced to die on December 22 for the murder of J. C. Arnette, of Columbia, Evans went before Associate Justice Thomas P. Cothran asking for a stay of execution until an appeal from Judge Mauldin's decision in the matter could be heard.

—Holding that conviction in a Federal court of violating the prohibition laws is no bar to trial in state courts for the same transaction, the supreme court of South Carolina on Saturday dismissed the appeals of Arthur Mosley and Calvin Spencer, of Cherokee county. Mosley and Spencer appealed from sentences imposed in the circuit court on the ground of former conviction in the United States courts.

—The Republicans of the house on Friday ousted from his seat Thomas W. Harrison, Democrat, who has been serving from the Seventh Virginia District since 1902. The vote was 202 to 100.

—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" was a dangerous creature from whom every mother should keep a son as from a deadly poison. A young girl told him she envied a "vamp" and wished she could be called one.

—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 enjoy.

—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 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 them.

—And then they all began to feel better. For while they had been gossiping and quarrelling petty 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 freshened 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!"

—Christmas turkeys are said to be plentiful in Greenwood at 30 cents a pound.

—A contract has been let for the erection of 100 cottages for operatives at Lockhart mills.

Harrison was re-elected to his seat in 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 street and road accidents in which automobiles and pedestrians figure, is placed upon the shoulders of the "jay-walkers," by M. O. Eldridge, executive chairman of the American Automobile association. The public is entirely too ready to blame the driver, Mr. Eldridge declares, the first cry that goes up, as a rule, when such an accident occurs, is that the driver was at fault, when, as a matter of fact, in a large majority of cases the person injured was to blame.

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 declared that while almost 50 per cent of the causes of accidents are unknown the blame in the cases where the fault was determined was overwhelmingly 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 the person injured was to blame, and 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 accidents, it is but fair to presume that the injured person was to blame in more than 50 per cent of the remaining 3,683 cases. Basing this upon conservative estimates.

"During the same period of time, in which 1,209 accidents involving taxicabs, occurred, the cause for 51 such cases was traced to the driver, while 437 cases were blamed on the person injured, and the causes of 714 accidents remained unknown.

"These figures emphasize the contention that no traffic legislation is complete until it provides a penalty for jay-walking. If a motorist is to be fined for disobedience of a traffic signal then the pedestrian should be fined for jay-walking across the street, putting himself as well as every motorist in the immediate vicinity of danger."

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