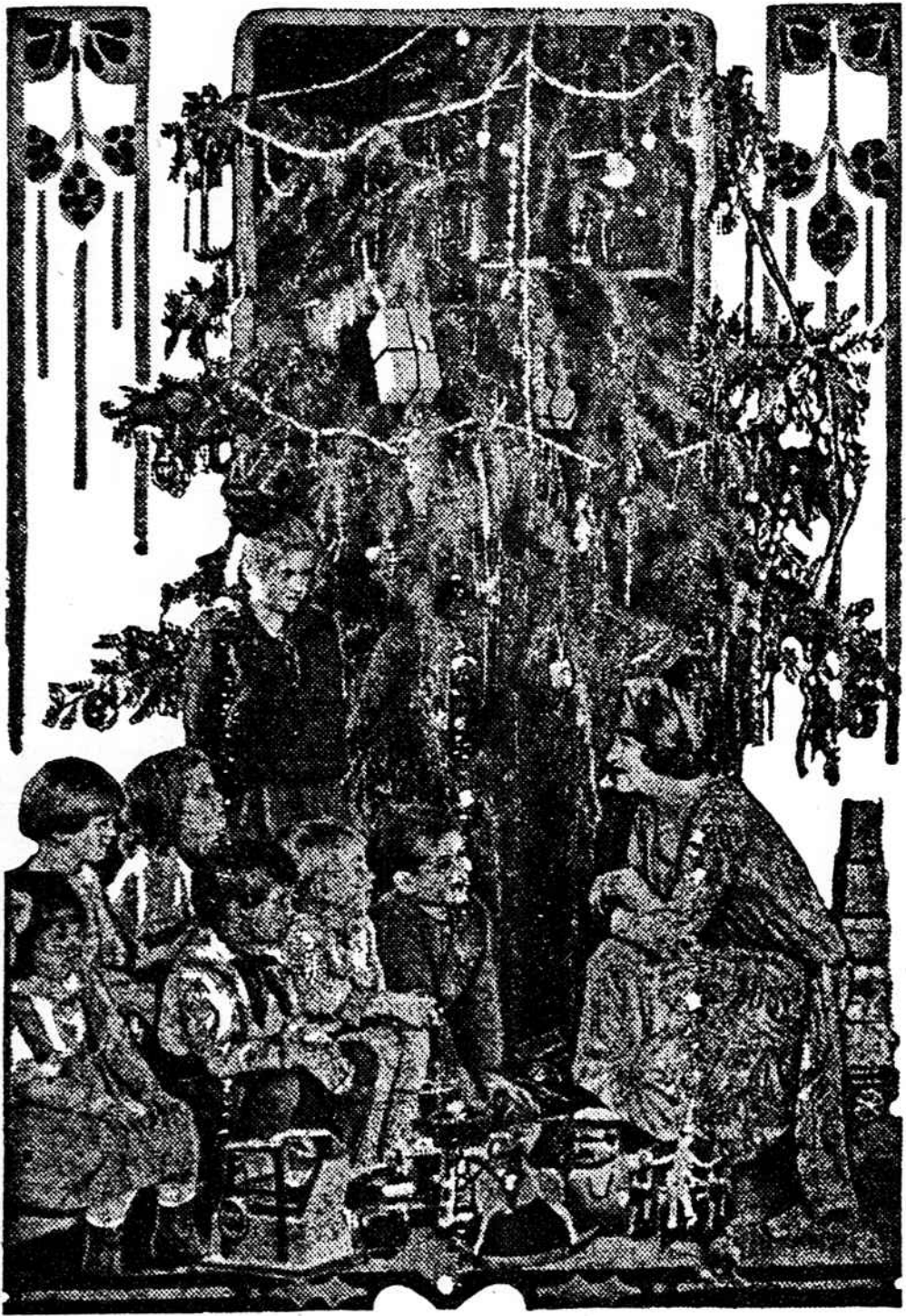


# The Story About Christmas



## A Pair of Stockings

By Christopher G. Hazard

Buddy Smith had three ideas about his stockings—they were full of feet, full of holes, and they could be full of presents. It was with regard to the third idea that he was paying attention to the second. Willing to go barefoot under the circumstances, he was tying up the holes in his best stocking, with a view to the Christmas possibilities. His sister, Agnes, had already hung up a much longer stocking, with a note attached in which she informed all who might be concerned that this one was hers. But Agnes, like the monkey that used a rabbit for a muff and kept himself warm by hugging it, was a little selfish. Not only had she hung up one of her mother's stockings, but she had got an advantage over Buddy in the matter of the chocolate cake in the cupboard, for there were holes all round it the size of her little finger. So it was that on Christmas morning the shorter stocking had the most in it.

## His Luck

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"WELL, I'll be getting lots of presents soon," he said. He had just met some pleasant new friends. "Yes," he continued, "Christmas is a good time for me. You see I'm popular with wives. I get notes from hundreds of them; there are any number who write to me, and when Christmas comes they knit ties for me or buy a handsome silk handkerchief or two, or a fine muffler—a little thought of me at any rate. And I've never been in a divorce case yet," he ended. "You must be a diplomat or luckier than you deserve," someone remarked. "Neither," he answered. "I'm a milkman and a milkman's Christmas is apt to be full of cheer and the good-hearted wishes of the ladies!"

## Santa Fetched Him



## THE MAIL CARRIER

FOR many years, in good weather or bad, day after day, he had followed his chosen job faithfully and well. He had carried many, many Christmas presents in his day, too. This year one of the families he had served so regularly prepared a Christmas box for him and for his wife and for his children.

"It is the first Christmas box I ever received from one of my families," he said. "Wasn't it thoughtful of them to have remembered their mail carrier?"

But the people were saying, "To think that we haven't done something of this sort every year. The mail carrier does so much for us and we, at times, almost seem to forget he's even human!"

## Easily Managed

YOU must believe in Santa Claus if in neglect you would not pause and see the holidays drift by and bring you nothing but a sigh.

He may not greet you if you wait in idleness and selfish state For him upon his way to start To grant the wishes of your heart.

For he his ways makes known to men By means that are beyond our ken, And as his journeying vast is made He uses many a masquerade.

So if a scarcity you fear In the supply of Christmas cheer, Just hustle like a willing elf, And be old Santa Claus yourself.

## NOTICE OF MASTER'S SALE.

Pursuant to a decree of the Court in the case of J. W. Stokes vs. H. C. Crum, et al., the undersigned, as Master for Bamberg County, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Court House, Bamberg, S. C., on the first Monday in January, 1923, between the legal hours of sale on said day, the following described lands:

"All of that certain tract of land situate in the County of Bamberg, State of South Carolina, containing two hundred, seventy-four and one-half (274 1/2) acres being the same more or less, and being bounded on the north by right of way of the Southern Railway Company and lands of E. N. Brodie; east by lands of J. H. Hadwin, E. N. Brodie, and Willie Bessinger; south by lands of R. J. Hightower; and west by lands of E. C. Hays; said tract of land being the same formerly owned by W. M. Brabham, and by him conveyed to H. C. Crum and A. P. Guess, less forty-eight (48) acres sold by said H. C. Crum and A. P. Guess to E. N. Brodie."

Terms of sale, cash; purchaser to pay for papers and revenue stamps.

J. J. BRABHAM, JR.,  
Master for Bamberg County.  
December 11, 1922.

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Pursuant to a decree of the Court in the case of Mrs. Laura F. Roberts, Executrix vs. R. C. Roberts, et al., the undersigned, as Master for Bamberg County, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Court House, Bamberg, S. C., on the first Monday in January, 1923, between the legal hours of sale on said day, the following described lands:

"That certain lot of land, with buildings thereon, situate in the Town of Ehrhardt, County and State aforesaid, fronting on Broadway Street, and extending along said street from lot of J. F. Chassereau to ditch which separates said lot from other lot of the said J. H. Roberts, and having a depth of two hundred and ten (210) feet, and bounded as follows: north by lot of J. F. Chassereau, east by Broad street; south and west by other property of the said J. H. Roberts, said lot of land being the same conveyed to the said B. M. Roberts by the said J. H. Roberts."

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J. J. BRABHAM, JR.,  
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## TRUSTEE'S SALE IN BANKRUPTCY

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

In The Matter of S. W. COPELAND, Bankrupt

Pursuant to Order of P. L. Felder, Jr., Referee in Bankruptcy, made in the case of S. W. Copeland, Bankrupt, I will offer for sale, at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder subject to the approval of this Court, in front of the Court House at Bamberg, South Carolina, in the County of Bamberg, State of South Carolina, beginning at eleven (11) o'clock A. M. on the 8th day of January A. D., 1923, the following real estate:

Tract No. 1  
566 acres, more or less, farm lands, in Three Mile Township, Bamberg County, S. C., this tract being bounded on the North by lands of I. D. Copeland, lands of M. W. Rentz and lands of Mrs. U. A. Hughes; East by lands of J. C. Rentz, lands of M. W. Rentz and lands of J. W. Goodson; South by lands of A. W. Kinard and lands of F. E. Copeland, and on the West by lands of F. E. Copeland and lands of Mrs. U. A. Hughes.

Tract No. 2  
51 acres, more or less, farm lands, in Fish Pond Township, Bamberg County, S. C., known as the Hattie Carter Tract, bounded on the North by lands of D. B. Rhoad; east by lands of J. H. Smith; South by lands of L. J. Kinsey, and West by lands of G. W. Carter and lands of S. L. Davis.

Tract No. 3  
55 acres, more or less, farm lands, in Fish Pond and Warren Townships in Bamberg and Colleton Counties, S. C., respectively, known as the Sineth tract, bounded on the North by lands of V. E. McCormick and lands of Isham Padgett; East by lands of Isham Padgett and lands of W. B. Hagan; South by lands of H. B. and D. M. Linder, and West by lands of V. E. McCormick.

Parcel No. 4  
Lot and four stores, in Town of Ehrhardt, Bamberg County, S. C., lot running 100 feet on Broadway and extending through 420 feet deep to Madison Street, bounded on the North by lot of Lyles Ehrhardt and Mrs. O. D. Richie; East by Broadway; South by lots of D. C. Copeland and J. S. and E. D. Dannelly, and West by Madison Street.

Tract No. 1, of 566 acres, located in Three-Mile Township Bamberg County, South Carolina, has been appraised at \$11,400.00.

Tract No. 2, of 51 acres, in Fish Pond Township, Bamberg County South Carolina, has been appraised at \$520.00.

Tract No. 3, of 55 acres, in Fish Pond and Warren Townships, Bamberg and Colleton Counties, South Carolina, has been appraised at \$550.00.

Parcel No. 4, being four lots and store buildings thereon in the Town of Ehrhardt, Bamberg County, South Carolina, measuring 100x420, has been appraised in two parcels.—lot and store now occupied as Drug Store and lot and building now occupied by the U. S. Government as Postoffice, appraised at \$4,500.00; and two lots and one double store occupied by S. W. Copeland, appraised at \$6,000.00. The store now occupied as Drug Store is rented for \$25.00 per month, and the building occupied by the Government as a Postoffice is under contract at a rental of \$360.00 per year. The double store, occupied by S. W. Copeland, is rented at \$37.50 per month. This store property is situated on the main business street in

the Town of Ehrhardt. Any additional information may be obtained from the Trustee or his Attorneys, Brown & Bush, H. L. O'Bannon or Carter, Carter & Kearsse, of Barnwell and Bamberg, S. C.

S. B. MOSELEY,  
Trustee.  
Barnwell, S. C. 1-4

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Pursuant to an order of the Court in the case of Mrs. L. M. Sledge vs. J. S. Dannelly, et al., the undersigned, as Master for Bamberg County, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Court House, Bamberg, S. C., on the first Monday in January, 1923, between the legal hours of sale on said day, the following described tract of land:

All that certain tract or plantation of land, situate in the County of Bam-

berg, State of South Carolina, measuring and containing five hundred and seventy-four (574) acres, more or less, and bounded, now or formerly, as follows: north by lands of H. J. Kearsse, and estate lands of Beard; east by lands of H. J. Kearsse and Connelly; south by other lands of J. S. and E. D. Dannelly; and west by lands of the estate of Dr. James Kearsse and Connelly, the said tract of land being made up of several parcels known as the Lowden Slager tract, containing two hundred and two and one-half (202 1/2) acres, the C. Ehrhardt tract containing two hundred and seventy (270) acres, and the J. F. Kearsse tract, containing one hundred and two and six-tenths (102.6) acres, more or less.

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## THE FAILING FLASH

THERE was a pattering of feet through the hall and a small spot of light approached the big fireplace. A long and bulbous stocking was clasped to a beating heart and an eager little face was half revealed as it turned backward again in the faint glimmer. Then a sudden darkness overwhelmed the small pilgrim, and, as she lost her way and bumped into a chair, the stuffed Christmas stocking fell to the floor with a bang. The wall that followed brought father down stairs in a hurry and comfort to the lost traveler. "What is the matter, baby, what are you doing here?" said the rescuer. "The electricity fell out," was the tearful answer.

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## The Deaf Ear That Heard

By Christopher G. Hazard

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MRS. BEGONE was not giving anything that Christmas. The announcement of her limited purposes had sent a chill through the house that froze the hopes of several young people. A shower of one-cent cards, registering good wishes that were rather cheap, had gone out. The bag of candy for the eager, but insincere, well-wishers that ring Christmas bells year by year had not been provided. The outlook was not promising.

Besides, Mrs. Begone was very deaf in one ear and could, upon occasion, be very deaf in two ears. It was difficult to make her hear anything that she didn't want to hear. There wasn't much chance for persuasive argument. She could be as deaf as an adder, when she had concluded not to be a multiplier.

Nevertheless, Susy did not despair; choosing a favorable after dinner time, she advanced to the attack with a well prepared Christmas appeal which was flavored with anticipations.

But as soon as the old lady heard the word "Christmas" she became wholly unable to hear more. Susy continued from behind her back, got down on her knees, peered up from the floor, peeped up through her fingers, without effect. Finally, remarking in an aside, "Wouldn't she wear you out?" the child was about to give up, when she was encouraged by the beginning of a smile that seemed to promise to spread all over Mrs. Begone's countenance. This hint of success was reflected in a broader smile upon the child's face that in turn found registry upon the face of the other and certified that the battle was won.

It was a costly smile for Mrs. Begone; six very empty stockings asked for contributions the next evening, but I dare say that she was happier in filling them than she would have been if her deafness had not been cured. She was even happier than the children, and that is saying a good deal. She was so happy that she changed an old saying in her mind and, instead of "True happiness, if understood, consists alone in being good," she made it "True happiness, if understood, consists alone in doing good."

## Human Nature vs. the Christmas Spirit

By Mary Graham Bonner

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WE WERE full of the Christmas spirit. We were going to be more kindly, more charitable, more friendly with the whole world. The Christmas spirit had penetrated. We could feel its warm glow. And so—after a glorious Christmas in the old homestead—we were on our way back to the city where lately our work had taken us.

The travel was heavy, of course, and we found ourselves waiting at the end of a long line to get into the dining car. We waited for an hour by our watches. We were exhausted from having stood and from annoyance at the slowness of others and because we were very hungry.

Finally the line grew shorter. Soon our turns would come. But it seemed not. For those who had gone into the dining car at last to eat took time about it even though their absence made the waiting line a shorter one.

At last we were at the head of the line. It had been a long process to work up to this point and we smiled at one another.

"Only a moment now and we'll be eating," we fairly beamed the words. But again it seemed not so. For those at the tables were eating and eating and eating. They would never finish, it appeared. When they approached the end of their meal and we almost bounded to the nearly-vacant table we discovered they were taking their time over their coffee.

"How selfish people are," we said to each other. "How much they lack the unselfish Christmas spirit. It means nothing to them! They know there is a great line waiting and they don't hurry in the least. Why, just think of the length of time we've waited and there are more to follow us. And yet those people can be as leisurely as though they were in their own homes. It's outrageous, simply outrageous, how utterly selfish people are. And you would think at this time of the year they'd be a little more thoughtful."

And to our exhaustion was added the sorrow we felt in the thoughtlessness of human nature.

And then—the head waiter summoned us to a table. Two persons had at last arisen and at last our turns had actually come!

We sat back and luxuriously perused the menu. Well, we were hungry. We'd have a good meal!

And we began to order. "And I'm just going to take my time about it, too," I said. "Just because people stand there and glare at us, as though we almost had no right to be eating our meal, isn't going to make me hurry."

"I should say not," said my companion. "We'll take all the time in the world in spite of their ugly looks!" It was some time later that we remembered the Christmas spirit we had been so full of before!

"Human nature vs. Christmas spirit," we said sadly to each other.

## Dead Broke.

"Are you going to hang up your stockings this Christmas?"  
"I am more likely to hang up my watch."