

Camden, S. C.

However, the moon can come back all right every time.

The problem of making it rain is no more vexatious than that of making it stop.

"It is an author's privilege to be inaccurate," says a noted writer. Privilege? It's a habit.

After the surgeons take a man and make him over they regard him as worth talking about.

Ohio man killed while on his way to return a borrowed umbrella. Probably insane, anyhow.

The feminine strship has materialized. It may be depended upon to have its wings on straight.

A woman doctor advises polygamy as a cure for our social evils. Is the lady married, may we ask?

Paris will have to train its river to stay out in the country if it insists on acting so foolishly in town.

According to a Harvard professor, it is not a cat's nature to kill a mouse. Unnatural brutes, cats!

The sky pilot is no longer a theory, but a visible fact; visible, at least, until he vanishes in the blue dome.

A Chicago young man has spent over \$200,000 in two years. This high-flying record, however, was made without a barograph.

As illustrating the dangers of getting up too early in the morning, a New York man was run over by a milk wagon.

It is true that a man has flown from the deck of a ship to the shore, but the day of the airplane lifeboat is not yet in sight.

The horse may have to go in order to satisfy a school of prophets, but the hay and oats crop are still large and in good demand.

Aviators, like other experimenters, are learning by their mistakes, but in their case the trouble is the mistakes are such costly ones.

Chicagoans are threatened with a coal shortage. Not to be able to buy fuel will be a highly unsatisfactory way of saving money.

Columbus did after all bring upon this once happy country the peach-basket hat. He led up to it. He made it possible here.

A sea-going ship went to the rescue of an airship, and it is now the turn of an airship to repay the effort. Turn about is fair play.

An Austrian specialist has found a form of idiocy that is infectious. You may have noticed yourself how infectious is the pun-making habit.

The typewriting championship has been decided in New York again. This is the first time it has been decided since day before yesterday.

Silly to get an injunction to keep a woman from going to a ball. Keeping her dress from getting home in time would be infinitely more effective.

The prophets were right. Two months ago they predicted that the hobble skirt would not hold favor in the shape it had then. It is now growing worse.

That an insane asylum inmate who won a prize for magazine poetry should not occasion surprise or even amusement, considering most magazine poetry.

The aviation fashions will probably soon appear. The public may be devoutly thankful if feminine admirers of the bird men do not take to wearing biplanes and Antoinettes for headgear.

A New York husband has asked the Supreme Court to affirm the binding nature of the wife's marriage promise to "obey." This is a dangerous precedent, for a wife may retaliate by asking a legal enforcement of the husband's promise to "endow with all his worldly goods."

Stealing a red-hot stove has long figured as "the limit" of predatory daring, if not an impossible feat. But something closely akin to it is reported from Hoboken, N. J., where a man was under arrest charged with having carried off a stove in which a fire was burning. And to make the affair seem bolder the stove was taken from a police station.

In discussing the relative merits of new style and old style cooking those who cling to the latter should remember that they formed their opinion of it when they were blessed with old-style appetites.

A New York minister declares that drinking is decreasing among men, but increasing among women. This latter charge periodically breaks out, but its injustice to women as a general thing has too firm a hold on the public mind for the charge to be seriously entertained.

A woman has built the most bird-like of the flying machines. But then, women always have been credited by gallant public opinion as a race of beings possessing wings ready made.

No one will bridge San Francisco Bay, while its population of 416,812, says that San grows 21 per cent. less fresh produce an acre than it deserves all the credit that comes. Furthermore, Director Curran says that the Golden Gate

# The Vision of the Tree

By Wilbur D. Nesbit



The tree was all a-twinkle with its candles here and there  
And with a merry tinkle swayed the gifts it had to bear,  
And all was now completed for the morrow that should be  
With joyous welcome greeted by the children 'round the tree,  
When—I may have dreamed it so,  
But the grace of long ago  
Came through the bush of midnight and bided there with me.

I sighed, as does a sleeper when dreams hold the heart of him;  
The shadows grew the deeper till the tree was blurred and dim—  
Then marvelously glowing as of all the stars and suns  
With a beauty past all knowing, with the majesty that stuns,  
Stood a cross of jewel-flames  
Which from out the shadows came—  
And softly came a chanting: "To these, the little ones!"

Strange glory held the trifles that hung upon the tree;  
The marveling that stifles all speech laid hold on me;  
I felt the impulse olden that led the storied kings  
To come with treasures golden and precious offerings  
In that first gay Christmas dawn  
Of the centuries ago.  
When all earth throbbled with music and beat of angel wings.

I knew that I was dreaming—but there rose a glorious chime  
And the morning stars were gleaming in the field of space and time;  
Then the heart-saturating vision slowly vanished quite away,  
But upon a bright alysian it had been for me to stray—  
And I heard all faintly far  
Music dripping from each star—  
The voice of Children singing—and it was Christmas Day!

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## Little Henry Finds Out

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A called me to her day before yesterday and sed she wanted me to help her do something.

She had a peec of pencil in her hand that was about a inch long and looked as if she had chewed it to harpen it, and she had a lot of notes made on the back of a bill from the dressmaker.

Henry, she said, I am puzzled to deth to kno what to give your pa and your Unkel Willyum for Christmas. I do wish you would kind of pump them and see what they would like to hav, and then tell me, without giving it away to them what you are trying to find out.

All right, ma, I told her, and tried to get a peck at her list to see if she had me down for the maggiezino revolver I want.

But she folded up the paper and put it away.  
So that night when pa and Unkel Bill was sitting in the library talkin about the way senator Tiltman had better look out or he will be playin in a drama that has a press agent, or else he will be crackin a black snake whip around in Unkel Toms Cabben, I sat pa what he that was the right kind of a Christmas present.

You otto be satisfide with what you get, my young man, he sed, without coming around and hinitin.

## THE CALL OF CHRISTMAS

Inspiration of Time Should Bring Us Deeper Sense of Personal Responsibility.

It is Christmas time, and at this moment the call is to lift up our hearts and welcome the Light of the World, to rest for a while in the glory of that light; not, indeed, forgetting the lessons he would have us learn, nor those great servants of his who taught us to know and love and work, and have passed away, but in thankfulness and adoration seeking to learn more and more how he would have us serve him. The inspiration of this blessed time should bring us a deeper sense of personal responsibility, and of our duty to our neighbor in regard to questions touching the general welfare; and, beyond all, a deeper faith—that faith by which mountains can be removed—and a truer love, a devotion that can bear even the reproach of the cross, if permission may be granted to share in bearing a part of that burden.

I aint hinitin, I told him. I just wondered what your idee would be about one for yourself.

Grate Scott! he sed. Has it come to this? It is bad enuff to haf to fork over for the fool things yure ma buys for me without havin to pay for something you get for me.

I dont want to get you anything, I sed. I just want to get yure idee about what you want.

Unkel Bill spoke up and sed most men could tell what they wanted better by tellin what they dont want.

What would you like to hav, unkel Bill? I ast him.

Well, now, he sed, there is lots of things I would be glad to see in my stockin on Christmas morning. If I was a woman of course I would yern for dimund bracelets and necklaces and rings and no somewhere where a pickpocket could get them without pickin my pocket. Thare never was a pickpocket that could pick a woman's pocket, except one that lived in Noo York, and he had been marrid forty times, and he confessed that the reason he got marrid so meny times was just becoss he wanted to lurn whare a woman keeps her pocket. It was a matter of professional pride with him, becoss he sed thare was no profit in pickin a womans pocket when all you got was a bunch of samples and a button hook and a powder ring and betwene thirty and forty cents.

But I dont see what pickin pockets has to do with Christmas presents, I sed.

You wate till you get marrid, pa spoke up reel quick.

Finely pa and Unkel Bill they got me to tell them about ma astin me to find out what they wanted, and then they lafed and lafed, and Unkel Bill sed it was a refreshin indication of

the change that was takin place when a woman even thought of thinkin about what you wanted. He sed they usually went ahead and got what they wanted you to want.

You tell your ma, pa sed, that as near as you can lern what I want is more hair on my hed, my wisdom tooth filled, and rockkin chares that I wont bump into with my legs when I get up in the mornin.

And if she asts you what I want, unkel Bill sed, you tell her that I am noncommittal to a degree, but that you think I would prefer a tobacco pouch that has ashay powder inside the lining, a collar and cuff box with the pink satin inside of it, a cigar cutter that I can hang on my watch chane whenever I want to feel perticklerly ashamed of myself, a silver handled penall that she can borrow from me the day after Christmas and never give back to me, and a smokin set made out of hammered brass that I can sell to somebody for finger bowls.

That's rite, pa sed.

But the best Christmas present for a man, unkel Bill sed, is to pick out a fifty dollar present for him, that he would haf to pay for when the bill comes in, and then not get it.  
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## DARK OUTLOOK BEFOREHAND.

"Mamma," asks the little boy, "how can Santa Claus get into our hat, when we haven't any chimneys—nothing but a steam radiator?"

"He will probably slip in by the basement door, darling."

"It's all off then," says the lad, with a surprising vigor in the use of slang. "That janitor will put him out of business before he can unpack his sack."

## The Real Culprit

A mistletoe berry  
Had caught in her hair!  
She wasn't to blame,  
She had not put it there,  
That mistletoe berry  
A-tilt in her hair.  
  
Lips red as a cherry,  
It hardly was fair,  
Yet he wasn't to blame,  
For it's clear that the same  
Was the fault of the berry  
That caught in her hair.

## SECRETARY BALLINGER EXONERATED IN REPORT

AFTER ELEVEN MONTHS INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE MAKES IS FINAL REPORT.

## G. O. P. REPORT IS ADOPTED

Republican Members of Probing Committee Say Cabinet Officer Has Been Persecuted.

Washington.—The Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee, after eleven months of work, made its final report to both houses of congress. In the opinion of seven Republican members, a majority of the committee, Secretary Ballinger "honestly and faithfully performed the duties of his high office with an eye single to the public interest."

In the opinion of the four Democrats Mr. Ballinger "has not been true to the trust reposed in him as secretary of the interior and should be requested by the proper authorities to resign his office."

Both reports, together with the independent report of Representative Madison (Rep.), also adverse to Mr. Ballinger, were offered in the senate



RICHARD A. BALLINGER Secretary of the Interior.

by Senator Nelson and in the house by Representative McCall. Their presentation followed a meeting of the full committee.

The reports were accepted in both houses without comment. The plan of action to be followed by the Democrats has not been determined upon, but it is understood a resolution will be presented to carry out the recommendation made for the secretary's removal.

After stating that the evidence presented related in the main to charges of various kinds against Mr. Ballinger, and that these came chiefly from two sources—L. R. Glavis and Gifford Pinchot—the majority announced the following conclusion:

"The evidence has wholly failed to make out a case. Neither any fact proved nor all the facts put together exhibit Mr. Ballinger as being anything but a competent and honorable gentleman, honestly and faithfully performing the duties of his high office with an eye single to the public interest."

## COST OF RECENT CAMPAIGN.

Democrats Spent Less Money Than the Republicans.

Washington.—The Republican congressional committee received \$77,461 and disbursed \$74,373, while the Democratic congressional committee received \$27,790 and disbursed \$27,771 during the recent campaign, according to reports filed with the clerk of the house of representatives.

These reports were made in accordance with the act of June 25, 1910, providing for publicity of contributions. The Republican report shows many large expenditures in comparison with Democratic disbursements. The printing bills were far larger and the same was true of items for rent, telegraph and telephone service and salaries.

In twelve districts the Republicans expended \$1,000 cash, losing six districts and winning six.

## More Hookworm Experts.

Mobile, Ala.—It is announced that by January 1 two more field workers will be placed in Alabama by the Rockefeller commission to combat the hookworm. The workers already in the field are meeting with success.

## Alabama Masons Issue Bonds.

Montgomery, Ala.—A bond issue of \$50,000 was authorized by the Alabama Masonic Grand Lodge to supplement \$60,000 in hand for the erection of a home in Montgomery for Masonic widows and orphans.

## Deposed Sultan Loses \$4,500,000.

Leipzig, Germany.—The suit instituted by representatives of the Turkish government against the Reichsbank, to compel that institution to surrender \$4,500,000, which it has on deposit to the credit of the deposed sultan, Abdul Hamid, came before the supreme court. Abdul Hamid had exacted a solemn agreement that the funds should not be withdrawn except on presentation of an order on his hand and seal. The supreme court decided the bank must pay the money to the government.

## Lynchburg Votes for Saloons.

Lynchburg, Va.—Lynchburg turned from the no-license policy, which has prevailed since March, 1908, and favored the return of the saloon by a majority of 55 in a total vote 2,000 votes. The result was a surprise to the "drys," for they were confident of victory. The "wets" are jubilant over their victory. The Anti-Saloon League will contest the election, charging unconstitutional registration in that voters were not required to make written application for registration.

## The Human Heart

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