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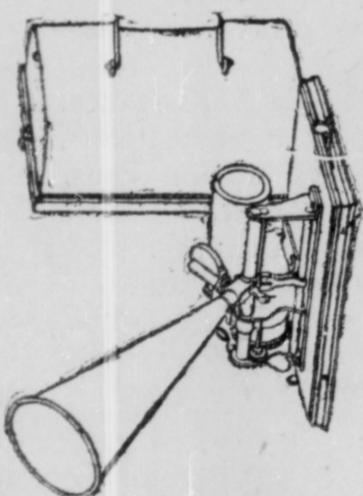
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**CHRISTMAS BELLS.**

(Scotch paper.)

Not only around the Yule log, where children dance and sons meet mothers who embrace them, and families are re-united, but in distant lands the echoes of Christmas bells whisper peace to the emigrant as he sighs for his native shore, to the soldier in the burning sun, marching through the sands of the desert, to the Scottish maiden far away who has followed the fortunes of her betrothed, and has gone to build up a house in the F r West; to all these Christmas brings back memories of home, sweet homes. The soldier at the camp fire murmurs—

I wish I whaur Gaudie rins,  
Whaur Gaudie rins, whaur Gaudie rins—  
I wish I were whaur Gaudie rins—  
At the back o' denachie!

He recalls the faces and the voices of the old home. To the weary on beds of sickness the Christmas gift, the card or kindly note brings refreshment and peace. They feel they are not forgotten, and, as they think of all the past, hope, like a bright spirit, whispers of the coming time when pain and disease shall be unknown. The merchant closes his ledger, and sees cause for grateful reflection and new hope, and gives as the first-fruits some beautiful and secret gift to a less successful or struggling friend. New resolutions are formed to-day. The Liberal re-olve to be a more genuine Liberal, and less of a partisan. The politician for one glad day meets his opponent with a smile, and forgets his strife in the happiness of the common brotherhood of men. The man whose habits have been giving anxiety to his friends, or secret grief to those who love him most, resolves to-day to abandon the dangerous habit, and to live a worthier, nobler life. The father whose brow has been clouded, and whose heart has been pained, feels on this Christmas day, with his children once more under the old roof-tree, the trust and the confidence of olden days. He ceases to mourn with the weeping prophet—"Woe is me for my hurt! My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken. My children are gone forth of me, and they are not. There is none to stretch forth my tent any more and to set up my curtains!" His girls send their children to the old home, and his sons act nobly because they know that they must look with truth and manly pride into the old man's eyes on Christmas Day. This is the day the old widow woman gets the letter from her boy in the far country, and as she fondles it in her withered hands she glows with pride and peculiar pleasure that her boy has not forgotten her. On prairie and in western home, where mighty "Missouri rolls down to the sea," the gallant children of Scottish homes meet, and at the fireside tell to each other the stories of the old home. Memory turns over the photographs, indelible and beautiful, of the old fireside, of the farm on the hillside among the waving corn, with the big elms sheltering the house from the northern blast. Or the picture is of the early love, what time the primroses blow on the sunny side of the singing burn; when under the hawthorn blossom early first love had its golden dawn. Or the picture may be the kirkyard near the gray old kirk, half covered with ivy, where the loved ones rest. So on Christmas Eve do the memories of the past rise on the magic mirror of the heart, and recall the touch of the vanished hand, the tones of the loving voice, silent for evermore. This, too, is the festival of the poor. The generous heart today forgets their taults in their sorrows, and with beautiful hand scattereth liberal gifts. They, too, like to taste a rare dainty; it is to them the better that it is so rare. The erring take heart to-day, and turn again to the path of virtue, for Christmas bells ring out forgiveness, and in every tone tell the wanderer that the door of mercy stands open to-day. Kindly readers to-day forgive the faults of the tedious letter, and only smile at the twice told tale of their old friend, and be grateful for the sympathy of thousands of indulgent readers, thanks them with all his heart, and wishes then in the highest, best sense a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS**

—Some reticence is caused in diplomatic circles at Petersburg by the statement that the British ambassador there had a private audience with the czar in connection with events in South Africa.

—The action of the Boer authorities in granting only part of the concessions requested by the United States Government in behalf of the British prisoners at Pretoria has intensified the feeling in official circles in Washington growing out of the manner in which the Boers have treated the humanitarian overtures of the United States. The Boer authorities have totally ignored the request of the United States that the American consul at Pretoria be permitted to distribute among the prisoners money with which to buy delicacies and tobacco.

—Those who think that the military strength of Britain is not sufficient for the emergency are happily laboring under a delusion. Here are a few figures

Regular forces at home and in the colonies, including South Africa.....	145,500
Army reserve.....	84,500
Militia.....	140,500
Yeomanry.....	11,700
Volunteers.....	262,500
Total.....	644,700

This interesting outfit does not include the Indian army, which consists of 72,150 British troops and 151,140 native troops.

**CHRISTMAS.**

Why do the people throng the streets?  
Why all this noise and bustle?  
The country folk are driving in,  
And my, how they do hustle.  
The stores look bright, as stars at night  
And business now is humming;  
Why all this stir? O don't you know,  
'Tis Christmas that is coming.

To market, from her country home,  
Comes the fair comely maiden  
With turkeys, geese, and ducks also,  
Her basket heavy laden.  
She clomb the stairs, her burden bears,  
And smile as sweet as honey,  
For she knows we want her geese,  
And she she wants our money.

The ladies have their baking done,  
But not yet all their buying;  
They're sure to think of something else,  
Some pretty thing espying.  
A pretty sleigh, or booklet gay,  
A doll, or set of dishes,  
A lovely book, or Christmas card  
With pictures and good wishes.

O, there is one thing helps to make  
This life of ours worth living,  
It is the joy and happiness,  
The blessed joy of giving.  
Some timely gift, some load to lift  
From hearts in sorrow grieving;  
O yes, we know that giving is  
More blessed than receiving.

Then let us all this Christmas tide  
Our hearts with love o'erflowing;  
Thank our Dear Lord for all the gifts  
He is on us bestowing.  
May joy and mirth, bask o'er the earth,  
And drive away dull sorrow,  
Soon shall we hear the children say,  
"Christmas will come to-morrow."  
A. K.

**ESTEEMED EXCHANGES**

St John Sun: It is worth remembering that the two Prince Edward Island constituencies of Murray Harbor were gerrymandered by the Provincial Government in 1893. At that time the Grit government took out of the riding three Conservative polls, giving 150 majority. The lately defeated Attorney General is sorry now that his friends did not remove all the rest of the Conservatives. But the government did not know in 1893 that so many liberals would cease to be liberals in six years.

**NEWS NOTES.**

The Island of Mazambique, Portuguese, East Africa, has been swept by a terrible cyclone, which did much damage, destroying many houses.

Lord Carzon is making a tour of India and it is made the occasion of a vast display of wealth by the native princes, who delight in receiving the English ruler with pomp and pageantry. Lucknow advices say that Lord and Lady Carzon were met by the Maharajah of Dholpur, who had a new set of gold carriage harness for the occasion and wore massive ropes of pearls, of which he has a famous collection.

Thirty years ago, the 21st of December, 1869, Edmund Horne and Thomas Pierce commenced business on the corner of Queen and Fitzroy Streets, Charlottetown, dealing in grain and flour. At this time Mr. Alexander Horne acted as clerk. After a year's experience their warehouse was found to be inadequate for their rapidly increasing business, and the first building was moved back to the rear of their lot and a new one erected at the front, thus doubling their capacity. They then built a large three story double tenement.

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