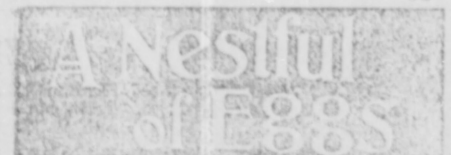


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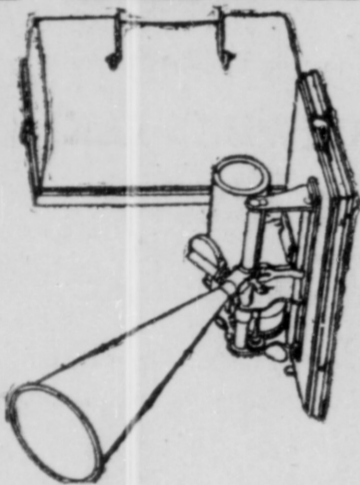
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**CBSMALLWOOD**  
Secretary.

### CHRISTMAS.

Again the bells ring, and Christmas comes and brings our rosy-cheeked school boys rollicking home. A writer in one of our Scotch papers tells how the aged grandsire, who was a seaman, tells stories of shipwreck, of daring, and of gallant deeds which make our hearts beat, and we seem to hear the rush of the sea, the sound of the storm, and the cheers of the crowd as the lifeboat reaches the shore with the rescued crew. The big eyes of the little maiden who sits on father's knee are filled with tears, and the schoolboy, resting on his mother's shoulder, resolves that when he is a man he shall be a sailor! The aged soldier sits in a cosy nook, and tells of the Crimean heroes, of the charge upon the thin red line. Hugh M'Pherson was his comrade, and stood next man to him. "Do not fire a shot boys," said Colin Campbell, "till I give the word!" and then, ay, then! poor Hugh had his foot shot off—it hung by a bit of skin only. But when the volley rang Hugh was avenged. And when the soldier tells of hardship and work in the trenches and hairbreadth escapes, our hair stands on end, and we wonder that the soldier ever came home to us again. The eldest boy is home from college, and shows his medal. The girls crowd around him in wonder and admiration at his new manners, his brand new polish, and his manly ways. The poor relations, the widow that made the mad marriage and her little girl, are with us tonight, and forget their sorrow in the general joy. The old nurse, who sits in her usual chair, tells of old days when she was a girl, and went miles to hear the best preaching, and how at Yuletide a soldier lad left for the wars because the laird, his father, wadna let him marry her, and hoo he never, cam' hame! The gold chain she wears on this Christmas is the love token he gave her "fin he gaed awa'." Three letters with curious foreign stamps are opened and read. They are all of them addressed to mother, these Christmas letters. One tells of the birth of another grandson. Another has—not that she needs it—a bank bill to buy a new gown, and the other even a more valuable cheque, and a few words from the favorite boy, which makes her tears fall like rain and her cheeks glow with joy and honest pride; and there is a postscript with the words—"Be sure and buy a pound of the best tobacco for the sergeant." "Ay, ay," says the old soldier, proudly, "that boy of ours wauld have done with the Duke." From such homes spring the British colonists. They have family pride of the noblest kind. They have loyalty, courage, self-denial, virtue, the rock principles on which rest home country and Church.

The lamp is lit, and the warm fire glows. The table is spread with good fare. But, as in the hands of the great Giver of all good the loaves and fishes multiplied, so to-day this feast seems to grow among their hands. The baskets are filled with good things, and as the girls in the gloaming trip from door to door, where aged and bed-ridden old men welcome their bright eyes, or frail and tender folks are gladdened with their good cheer, the table seems not the poorer, but the fragments they gather up seem more and richer than when the feast began. Not at home only, but far away, does Christmas come with good cheer. The sailor lad on the lone sea remembers the loved ones, who do not forget him, and sits in his bunk and writes a jolly letter to the old folks at home. The soldier lad by the flare of an uncertain light reads tonight the letter from the girl he left behind him, and promises himself the joy of giving her a surprise when he returns with his medal a full colour-sergeant. For one glad day nations forget their feuds, for one happy hour peace fills every heart. Would that the truce were a lasting friendship! Why should it not be so? What ought to separate us? We are brethren. The bond of brotherhood is deeper than the outward distinctions of separate nationalities. On this Christmas day can the peoples, if not the politicians, resolve to shut their ears to the clamour for revenge and anger, and open their hearts to peace, to good will, to universal brotherhood? This may not be to-day, but it ought to be. Whatever is out of harmony with these Christmas bells jars against the peace of God. The Christmas Day will assuredly dawn which shall make darkness and gloom, anger and jealousy, wrath and war vanish in the clear light of the coming better and brighter day. This Christmas Day has an unusual charm. This is the rest day, the day for quiet home joy, the day with association of all that is most hallowed and most dear. Even the dullest preacher has good news to tell today which may well make eager listeners. The oligies and the isms fade into darkness in the presence of this great light. One may mistake in the tangle and jargon of contending creed. But the manger cradle, the Babe of Bethlehem is the fact about which there can be no illusion. This is the revelation which touches every heart with its beauty, its beneficence, its eternal love. This, the great Christmas gift of the Divine Father, is the fact which is worth ten thousand arguments. Well, therefore, may crowds return from the house of praise full of great joy to day. For unto them a child is born, to them a son is given. This gift is the earnest and the pledge of all the future. They shall not want a good. The winters may with their frosts and storms do their worst, but the spring time will return, for is not Christmas the prophecy and pledge of the dawn of the better day when peace and good will shall bless the world? The Christmas fireside has a double significance this year. The quiet Sabbath evening, with its rest and its peaceful joy, is the emblem of the rest that remaineth. These family gatherings seem

to reunite all. Even those within the vale as well as the boys and the girls in lands far away, seem to gather in the charmed Christmas circle, and as the embers twinkle on the hearth, and the old family faces gleam out in the ruby light, who shall deny to imagination the assurance that there is a Christmastide in the not distant future, when all that has been best and noblest in life shall be restored, and the old familiar tones of voices long silent shall again welcome us to the home across whose threshold neither change nor death can ever come!

### Ebony.

Ebony was known and highly esteemed by the ancients as an article of luxury and was used by them for a variety of purposes.

In India it is said that it was employed by kings for scepters and also for images. On account of its supposed antagonism to poisons, it was used largely for drinking cups.

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### A Mexican Gambler.

Don Felipe Martel, the famous gambling house proprietor of the City of Mexico, had made a fortune in the business before the government decided to abolish gambling houses by levying on them a license tax of \$1,000 a day. One by one the gambling houses closed, and when the field was clear Don Felipe Martel approached the authorities with \$1,000 in cash and demanded a day's license. In a few hours his place was thronged. At a single stroke he had won the patronage of Mexico, and his doors have never been closed since. The daily outlay of \$1,000 is not missed from the daily revenue of thousands. His strong religious tendencies are so well known that nobody was surprised when he built in the village of San Angel a church that cost more than \$50,000. The poor people of the vicinity, and many of the rich as well, have come to regard him as a sort of fairy prince. His own style of living encourages this belief. The Martel mansion in the City of Mexico is a magnificent affair, constantly filled with guests. A curious feature is that it contains 40 windows—the number of cards in the Mexican deck.

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