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recent Mation.

"Do let your auntie get in out of the cold," exclaimed Mrs. Wells, as she held out a we'coming hand to a smiling young woman who stood in the doorway surrounded by children. "Oh, I'll get in all right. I'm so giad to be here. I've been looking for-

ward to this all through my fall term," said the newcomer. "We've got all sorts of surprises for you," said Emma, a bright little girl

"Don't try to tell your auntic everything before she gets her hat off." said Mrs. Wells. "Let her go up to her room and rest before your father rets home."

of eight.

Martha Wells, with the twins still clinging to her, went up to a sunny room which her brother had furnished for her when her home was broken up after her mother's death. There was a cheerful fire in an open fireplace, and Martha sank into her favorite chair with a sigh of content. "Now

mas gift for you," said Susie, "even Billy-Boy." "And Rex, and Mr. Tommy-Cat," added Mary.

"We're going to have the biggest tree we ever had," shouted George, putting his head in the door.

"Just come to the window and we will show it to you," cried Susie, dragging her auntie to the window. "Father is going to cut it down for us the day before Christmas." "Cut that beautiful young evergreen

tree down just for a Christmas holiday?" exclaimed Martha; "why it would be cruel."

It was after supper and the chilren, excepting Billy-Boy, were sitting around their beloved auntie in the parlor. Mr. and Mrs. Wells were with take avenue. Them, also Rex and Tommy-Cat. "Oh" George suddenly spoke up, "Father, tie says it would be cruel to cut our Christmas tree."

rather felt that way myself," aid Mr. Wells, slowly. "I was waiting to hear what your auntie would say about it. Speak up, sister!"

"I shall begin by telling you something about my work," said Martha, eagerly that they jumped up from cold beds in the trees," said tender-"When I first began to teach school, their seats and set Rex to barking. five years ago, I soon realized that the children had not been taught to think. Martha. "Suppose we make our first peated: I saw that a good deal of the trouble Christmas present to the birds." and the suffering in the world was because older people as well as chil. George. dren did not stop to think whether what they wanted for their own com- the presents for the birds. We will fort or pleasure was going to hurt buy two pounds of beef suet and cut anybody else. When I say anybody it into squares, or any shape you like, else, I mean any creature that lives then make little wire baskets that we and can suffer. I have always felt can fasten on the branches and the solstice has had its religious signifithat we have no right to cause suffer- trunk of the tree. That will be a great cance.

ing to others for our own selfish com- attraction to the wood-peckers and observed the passing of the old year, "I began to have my pupils commit greedy and get more than their share, to memory poems about birds and ani- but we can't help that—we don't want mals, and flowers and trees, and it was them to starve. If the squirrels, or surprising what a difference it made the sparrows, are very hungry, they in that neighborhood in a short time. may take some of it, but we will pro-The boys stopped robbing birds' nests vide other food for them. Then we will and firing air guns at living targets. bake two dozen large potatoes long They unchained their dogs, but did enough to make the skin hard so that not let them chase after their bicycles, we can cut them in haives. Each po-or cats. They did not desert their tate will make two baskets. Fill them poor cats and kittens and let them with a mixture of bread crumbs and starve. The grocer's boy no longer grain, and fasten them to the branches whipped the poor horse he was driv- all over the tree with fine wire or ing. All this I did without interfering cord for handles. Next, get your at all with my other lessons, and any father to give you some of his cracked teacher could do it if she felt sym- corn to spread under the tree for blue pathy for suffering animals.

the flowers too much to tear them up will make a Birds' Christmas Tree



He-"I suppose we'll see Sallie out trying her new bob. Her father gave she had seen the winter chippie, junher one for Christmas."

a barber."

'I think that I shall never see A poem lovely as a tree; 'A tree whose hungry mouth is prest Against the earth's sweet flowing breast:

'A tree that looks at God all day 'Upon whose bosom snow has lain: Who intimately lives with rain.

Do you remember you wrote me, Mary, time at the Wells farm. The chil-

little and told him he mustn't."

"Crue!? What do you mean?" cried think Rex ever disobeys me."

Martha, "That is just the tree for set out in readiness for the children's birds to take shelter in when the cold supper. winds are blowing and the snow fall- So the day ended, and as the chiling. I am sure you would not wish to dren were going to their night's rest

cried in chorus. "But our presents it'll sort of spoil

our fun, won't it?" said George.

"How can we do that?" asked "We can begin right away to get chickadees. The blue jays will be jays, squirrels, and perhaps pheasants, "Then I began to teach them to love if there are any about here. That the roots, and to love trees. I that will keep a good many of our thought about this very tree you want dear little friends happy for days,in fact, I am sure you will keep it supplied all winter, when once you see

what a joy it is." "Auntie, that is splendid! We shall love to do it," said Susie.

"Indeed we will," echoed Mary. "It's surely a fine idea," said Mr. Wells, and his wife added,—"indeed

III.

Christmas morning dawned bright and cold. Snow covered the ground and the children shouted with delight when looking out the window they saw the Birds' Christmas Tree alive with birds. Susie, who had been making a study of birds, announced proudly that cos, blue jays, chickadees, woodpeck-She-'I didn't know her father was ers, a lame blackbird, cedar birds, and English sparrows, at different times

it will end. We are teaching unkind- promise. The true followers of Jeans ness and hardening their hearts so that have ever since been trying to underthat first thing we know they will be stand and to make manifest the two cruel to each other, or to unfortunate commandments of Jesus, Thou shalt dogs or cats that have no one to care love thy God with all thy heart and

'A tree that may in summer wear are," said Mr. Wells. "I have watched tries to follow it! them feed their little ones and seen Once a year, Christmas! On that 29c; triplets, 30c. them fly to their nests again and day in a lowly manger, watched over

Christmas afternoon was a happy that there were five little birdies in dren were kept out of the parlor all the nest and that they all came off the the forenoon. When the door was nest safely, and that Mr. Tommy-Cat opened they all exclaimed with delight. did not try to catch one of them?" The tables were covered like a counwe are going to have a happy week Emma, fondly stroking the head of ful things. To each article a narrow the pretty cat curled up in her lap. ribbon was attached and carried "Tommy never catches birds or chick- across the table to hang over the sides ens. We talked to him when he was like a fringe, the ends finished with a "It seems strange to me," said Mrs. different colors, a color for each child. Wells, "that so few persons understand cats. They think they can toward her any one of the blue ribteach a dog anything, but do not know bons, and the article at the end of the that with a little patience and with- blue ribbon was hers. The children out harsh treatment, a cat can be took turns, each seizing one of the taught to mind. Plenty of cats live ribbon ends, and carefully pulling it in the room with birds and when the toward them. If the present at the birds are out of the cage never think end of the ribbon was large and God rest ye, merry gentlemen, let blocks, it made all the more fun. There "Sometimes my cat and my dog was a great uproar when George, folmind me better than my children," lowing his color, a red ribbon, all said Mr. We'ls, with a smile. "I don't across the table, found that it led to a "Let us not talk about it now," said Martha soberly. "Run away and let me rest a little while, then I will come down and talk to you."

In think nex ever ensoneys me.

Rex, who was lying on the floor by table. Another smaller table had gifts for the older ones with pretty cards, and still another table, when a snowy cover was lifted, displayed a "To get back to the tree," said feast of sandwiches, fruit, candy, cake,

take away the birds' comfortable George said, "I think this is the best and merriest Christmas we have ever "Oh, no, auntie," the children all had, and I'm awfully giad we gave the birds our Christmas tree.'

"It will make us all happy when we listen to the bitter wind that is blow-"Not a bit of it," answered his aun- ing to-night to think of the dear little tie. "I have thought out a fine way birds and the crows and squirrels that will sleep warmer and better because "Tell us!" cried the children, so they are not going hungry to their hearted-little Emma, and Mrs. Wells, "Let us go back to the tree again," as she led the little ones upstairs, re-

'He prayeth best who loveth best-All things both great and small, For the dear God who loveth us, He made and loveth all'."

-Anna Harris Smith.

Christmas.

skating, and he makes wonderful pletures of mountains and castles on the
windowpseas.

The Weiks children were at the
front window watching for the station
wagen. "Oh, why doesn't it come?"
Were I came here I had my class
the first in that wonder time of the
"Gur teacher told us the drive away
that."

"Perhaps Auntie Martha can't
"Perhaps Auntie Martha can't
"Wells. "I ought to have read it to
it in that wonder time of the
"Gur teacher told us to drive away
that."

"I is in that wonder time of the
year that Jasus was born at Bethlebem, says a writer in Youth's Companion. Christians, observing each
that."
"I ma farial they don't," said Mrs.
"I'm afraid they don't, said George.
"I'm afraid they don't, said George.
" for them, and they will get air guns Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyseif. But how little the world yet And lifts her leafy arms to pray; know how useful English sparrows of Christianity! How little it even

Who intimately lives with rain.

"Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree"."

For a moment no one spoke, then Mary said, "What does a 'nest of robins in her hair' mean? A tree city or country."

again with their little beaks full of by the humblest and simplest people, was born the Light of the World. by the humblest and simplest people, to 45c. Dairy prints, 41 to 42c.

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Who sees the gleam? Who in celegates a cartons, fresh firsts, 60 to 65c; storage extras, for a day lay off the soiled mantle of selfishness and put on the new garment of Christ? Who can love his like me, But only God can make a tree".

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Dressed poultry—Chickens, spring, pats., firsts, \$9.30; seconds, \$3.80; hens, over 4 to 5 lbs., 24 to strong bakers' \$8.40 to \$8.60. Winter ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 23 to 26c; pats., choice, \$7.60. Rolled eats, bage turkleys. 40c.

people—not ramity, not party, not country, but all humanity. If we would celebrate Christmas, we must lh.; 10-lh. tins, 11½ to 12c; 5-lh. tins, 12c; 6c; do, storage seconds, 36c; do, fresh tins, 12 to 12½c; 2½-lh. tins, 14 to 14½c.

Specials, 76c; do, fresh extras, 65c.

Country, but all humanity. If we honey—50-lh. tins, 11½ to 12c; 5-lh. tins, 14c; do, storage seconds, 36c; do, fresh extras, 65c.

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breakfast bacon, 38 to 39c; backs, selects, \$13.75; do, mixed lots, \$13.25; sows, \$10.50 to \$11.

God Rest Ye, Merry

nothing you dismay, For Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christmas Day;

For Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born this happy night; Along the hills of Galilee the white flocks sleeping lay, When Christ, the child of Nazareth,

was born on Christmas Day. God rest ye, all good Christians; upon this blessed morn The Lord of all good Christians was

of a womna born; all your sorrows He doth heal, your sins He takes away: Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christmas Day. -Dinah Maria Mulock.

The Time Draws Near. time draws near the birth of

Christ: Answer each other in the mist. Each voice four changes on the wind That now dilate, and now decrease. Peace and goodwill, goodwill and

peace. Peace and goodwill to all mankind. -Alfred Tennyson.

THE BRD'S CHRISTIAS IRE.

It was the weak before Christmes to have cut down. I have watched and real Christman weather. Young that tree in my vacations and seen it to thought that in observance gives people in the country like mow sted grow from a little buby two to what she saw a phenoment. To down the winds tree? I called it for the words and allow that he was a phenoment of the winds tree? The crewn were calling to each of the harn, where cashed soon had been placed, and she was all lowed it. I called it for now, and I loved it. I called it will be now and their the winds tree? The crewn were calling to each of the harn, where cashed soon had been placed, and she was also out had been placed, and she was a phenoment. It can wonch for that," said Mr. I'can wonch for that," said Mr. I'can wonch for that, said Mr. We didn't know you-cared about that tree, or we would not have asked that tree, or we would not have asked it went to the harn just as the sun was rising, and the crew of the wonder time of the wonder time of the part wonder. The crew were calling to each the three phenoments of the three phenoments come with the tree in my wear rising, and the wonder time of the part wonder. The form of the wonder time of the part wonder time of the part wonder time of the part wonder. The crew were calling to each the the three phenoments of the spirit, a will be let the three phenoments of the part wonder. The form of the wonder time of the wonder time of the part wonder. The crew were calling to each the the three phenoments of the spirit time thoughts in the tree phenoments. The form of the wonder time of the part wonder time of the part wonder. The form of the wonder time that tree is the was also as the sun was rising, and the provision of the part wonder. The form of the wonder time the crew wonder to the time the time th

Rye-No. 2, 80c. Man. flour First pet, \$9.30, To ronto; do, second pat., \$8.80.
Ont. flour—Toronto, 90 per cent.
pat., per barrel, in carlots, Toronto, \$6.50; seaboard, in bulk, \$6.50. Straw-Carlots, per ton, \$9 to \$9.50.

Screenings — Standard, recleaned, Lo.b. bay ports, per ton, \$20. Cheese New, large, 22 to 221/4e; twins, 221/4 to 23e; triplets, 24c; Stiltons, 25c. Old, large, 28c; twins,

Princess Mary Starts Work on New Tunnel at Liverpool We've stowed the binder and the plow,

A despatch from London says: Mary, who used for the purpose a We'll hitch up when we've milked the golden key shaped like an electric drill She unlocked the boring madawn rose red o'er Bethlehem, the chines and set them to work on the stars shone through the gray, Mersey tunnel, a task which they will It's cold upon the bob sleigh's seat, When Jesus Christ, our Saviour, not complete until more than a mil- But buffalo robes make the setting rest ye, little children; let nothing as a city street has been made. It A soap stone's mighty easy het, will be 44 feet in diameter and will The ice is sparklin' on the bough

XMAS. NUGGETS.

The record Christmas pie was made in 1770 for Sir Henry Grey, of Lon- The cellar's full, so is the mow. don. It measured three yards round, An' sleighin's goo! in the country

Christmas Eve, 1814, is notable in history as the day on which the Peace I like to see the fallin' snow of Ghent was signed. This brought Come down so beautiful-like an' slow the war between America and Eng. I like to let my old eyes stray land to an end.

In ancient times there was a belief that, if a squinting person entered a room where a Yule log was burning, bad luck would overtake the people of the house.

It is good to be children sometimes, The moon is hid—the night is still; and never better than at Christmas The Christmas bells from hill to hill when its mighty Founder was a child Himself .- Dickens.

> Christmas Day in Tibet is called "The Feast of Queen Winter," and is the occasion of a number of varied

to \$5.75; bolognas, \$3.25 to \$3.50; canners and cutters, \$2.25 to \$3 springers, choice, \$90 to \$110; good suitch cows, \$75 to \$85; medium cows, \$45 to \$60; feeders, good, \$5.75 to \$6.50; do, fair, \$4.50 to \$5; stockers, good, \$4.75 to \$5.50; do, fair, \$4 to \$4.50; calves, choice, \$13.50 to \$14; do, gd., \$12 to \$13; do, grassers, \$4.75 to \$5.50; good light sheep, \$6.50 to \$7.50; heavies and bucks, \$4.50 to \$5.50; good lambs, \$13 to \$14; do, med., \$12.50 to \$13.50; do, bucks, \$10 to \$11; do, culis, \$11 to \$12; hogs,

as many wayfarers as he finds, that turneys, eve.

the wedding be furnished with guests?

Who really opens his heart?

Christmas is the holiday for all people—not family, not party, not country. but all humanity. If we country the second se

Sleighin' in the Country.

'Cause sleighin's good in the country Work on the world's largest tunnel The snow is deep on the fields an' rill. was begun at Liverpool by Princess There's peachy slidin' upon the hill,

'Cause sleighin's good in the country

An' s'eighin's good in the country now. On snowy nights the house is warm,

It's doggone nice on the good oi' farm. The horses sleep all bedded down,

Across white meadows an' far away. The sleighbells sing o' joy, somehow-Oh, sleighin's good in the country now! ---Anne Campbell.

Woman Heads Largest Shoe Plant in England

A despatch from London says:-England's biggest shoemaker to-day is a woman. She is Mrs. B. W. Pigott, of Thorplands, Moulton, appointed chairman of Manfield & Sons, to succeed her father, James Manfield. The firm has chain stores throughout the empire and on the Continent.

When World History Was Made in Signing Locarno Peace Pact.



DELEGATES FROM PRINCIPAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ATTACH SIGNATURES TO TREATY

A scene that will go down in history as one of the most important of all, Mr. Lamrson, M. Briand of France; M. Berthelot, Dr. Bennes of Czecho times was enacted in the general assembly half of the British Foreign Office | Slovakia; Count Szrzynski of Poland; M: Prezazieik, M. Vandervelde of Belwhen delegates from the principal European countries gathered to sign the gium; M. Rolin, Herr Kempner, Von Schubert, Herr Streseman, German Locarno security pact. The photo shows a general view of the ceremonies. Foreign Minister, Dr. Luther, German Chancellor, Marquis Medici, M. Pilatti, Reading from LEFT to RIGHT, starting with Sir Austen Chamberlain, who Signor Sciadora and Stanley Baldwin. is seated in the centre at the head of the table are Sir Austen Chamberlain,