Love and a Christmas Tree

By Ursula Bloom

The silence was ominous.

John forgot that he was poor and ragged. A gross indignation assailed him that at this time any man should the complexity of the same and especially when The man was standing on the kerb and looking in on the Christmas tree. He watched it as it stood there in the big uncurtained window, with the shadows of a man and a woman moving about it. A tree which every minute was becoming more lovely. Sparkling strings of tinsel, silver stars, a ling strings of tinsel, silver stars, a feet sunk into the velvet pile of the purels which slittered bravely in the

London gutter, and the moon was a sudden harsh impact of a fist full on hard light. It was a long time since the jaw; he slid to the ground. He the man had known a warm fire, and good food, and a welcome. Once he wells of darkness received him.

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"But love""
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"Love won't take you far when you are hungry. No, money counts every time."

Gold-digger! Yet with those eyes she was not all gold-digger; some where there was her heart, and he could not touch it. He had cut his job at the theatre for the simple reason that he could not bear to be imminent to a presence which attracted him so much and yet hid a theart that was so hard. He had said good-bye to, her on just such a Christmas Eve, and she had not even recognized it as being good-bye. After the show they had gone to the coffee shop. A poor enough little shop, and the proprietor had been standing on an old soap box, nalling festeons of level and said soap box, nalling festeons of level. The standard of the new Linda of old. She would so be justified. Starving, down and out, sied suppose he had tripped and fallen in his hurry to escape. He could not bear to hear the rising beauty of that clear voice, could not bear to be imminent to a presence which attracted him so much and yet hid a heart that was so hard. He had said good-bye to, her on just such a Christmas Fare.—On the occasion of a festival, it is always the proper thing to feast on the richest and most delicate viands. This is why we have so many good things to eat at Christmas, including turkey, plum-pudding and mince pies.

Santa Claus. — Father Christmas, Santa Claus of Saint Nicholas, to give him some of his names, who is supposed to come down the children's stockings, is well known in every country. The name sant claus is really a corruption of St. Nicholas, the guardian and patros saint of children, who gave secret presents to needy youngstors.

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of purpose. He could still anord to be glad. The talkies had cut him out of a cinema: orchestra and had left him stranded. It had been a hand to mouth existence, but in some way to morrow always provided for itself. There is a joy in idealism that few people understand.

"On't I look as though I heeded the money?"

"Yes, but not that way, John, not that way."

"It's the easiest way,' he stammered. She shook her head. "You couldn't. I've learned to understand you better than that From the day I lost you I

derstand.

Now, as he watched the two people made money, but somehow I knew I in the room diressing their Christmas tree, he remembered again Linda in life. You had meant everything to me. the coffee shop and all that had hap pened since. Linda had made money. She had become a leading lady. He supposed that perhaps people who were mercenary usually did succeed, we're short now at the theatre. We yet for all that he still loved her for the dream she represented to him. A man cannot destroy his dreams; they

ing their tree. A silver tree, with a children singing in their little shrill fairy doll standing on its apex. A tree voices: garlanded with brave tinsel and glass globules of emerald and blue and ruby red. There was silence now in the When the snow lay all about deserted little room, a breathless silence full of the coming joy of Christ-

first light snow powdered his cap and shoulders. Then he saw what was happening and he became tensely still.

Another man, with an ugly, furtive face, was nearing the window. He stepped silently to the ledge and jerked the window upwards with a quick movement He stepped within.

"I guess I'm happier as I am," he situitied.

"Oh, John. John.—"

The door opened and a tiny child entered. She rushed to Linda and hid a shy face in her lap. Because he could not bear the sight he turned away.

"Kismus tree," lisped the child, peer-

ness could only be sinister.

John craned forward. Through the tinsel-clad branches of the tree he watched the man. He had gone to a safe which stood against some books

ling strings of tinsel, silver stars, a feet sunk into the velvet pile of the bugle which glittered bravely in the half light, a doll with a cherubic wax face!

The man on the kerb thrust numb fingers into his coat pocket, for he was cold. A few flakes of snow lay in the larger witter, and the moon was a larger and sprang up. John felt the

the proprietor had been standing on an old soap box, nailing festoons of laurel and gay paper streamers to the ceiling.

Linda had sat down irresolutely. He listened to the new Linda, and deep down in his heart he believed he had suddenly walked into Heaven. It had been Christmas Eve when they rise above all this."

John had supposed the simple coffee shop to be symbolic of much. The proprietor nailing up his decorations with such care, the general air of simple saint of children, who gave secret presents to needy youngsters. Carols.—Songs of joy and praise, often accompanied by dances, have been sung by the English for more than a thousand years, being handed on from the Druids to the Christian Church. "On Christmas Day in the Morning" and "The Cherry-tree Carol," are found had separated true worth from dross, the proprietor nailing up his decorations.

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The two people had finished dress-

Good King Wenselas Jooked out

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with such care; the general air of the general air of the saw like a cap about her head.

Then he saw behind her the tall with the filling of a baby's sock, the tree with the silver trappings, and he with the filling of a baby's sock, the tree with the silver trappings, and he sweets in colored wrappers twisted at "Dime" Derived from Latin

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mas.

Still John waited; he did not know those throat and he saw again standing between them a tall tree, significant of watching it, he seemed to forget that he had been cold and hungry. He stood in the shadows so still that he was almost a shadow himself, and the "I guess I'm happier as I am," he



shiring of a cato, the factor of the hisband who set "Are you quite sure you have set your standards right?" he had asked.
"Yes."
"Yes."
"Your should matter a lot."
She had shaken her head gravely. "Poor fool! One never gets far in life on those principles. One starves."
So they had said good-bye.
The years had passed, and in truth he had starved. But he had clung to fine principles with a dogged tenacity of purpose. He could still afford to be glad. The talkies had cut him out of a cinema orchestra and had left him witerwided its behavior of purpose. He could still afford to be glad. The talkies had cut him out of a cinema orchestra and had left him witerwided its behavior of purpose. He could still afford to be glad. The talkies had cut him out of a cinema orchestra and had left him witerwided its behavior of purpose. He could still afford to be glad. The talkies had cut him out of a cinema orchestra and had left him witerwided in the children who would receive it, and he saw it no long-tues. They were introduced into England to the tithe, or tenth, part tenents and those one-tenth. In the fourteenth and fit one-tenth in the other cosa-ques. They were introduced into England to the tithe, or tenth, part tenent centuries "dime" was applied in England to the tithe, or tenth, part tenenth centuries "dime" was applied in England to the tithe, or tenth, part tenenth centuries "dime" was applied in England to the tithe, or tenth, part tenenth centuries "dime" was applied in England to the tithe, or tenth, part tenenth centuries "dime" was applied in England to the tithe, or tenth, part tenenth centuries "dime" was applied in England to the King James version of the Bible, the last part of Genesis, 14-20, reads: "He gave him dime was applied in England to the tithe, or tenth, part tenenth centuries "dime" was applied to Cones into the catcher of one's income of one's income of the King James version of the Bible, the last part of Genesis, 14-20, reads: "He gave him dymes of alle thingis."

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It is quite an interesting comparison to note that at Christmas, 1929, the Lone Scout Department sent out a Christmas Card to all Lone Scouts of Ontario on the back of which was bedroom.

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imough the Department of Agri-hus had no explorers of it own il 1898, American in foreign lands, after officials or private citizens, their eyes open for possible plant reductions long before that time. In M, for instance, an American mis t extolling the delicious orange ing grown in that country. A first ment of trees was made, but they field because of improper packing. tried again, and at last got 1 in good condition, replante and thereby started the Washon naval orange industry. The av-

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chestnut, which is blight-resistant and gives promise of saving our chestnut try from extinction. able to go on with the search—the only thing in life that mattered—health had definitely gone out of him. Soon it would be time to go back to civilization, and the chances of his ever being able to return to his work of the proof of the control o

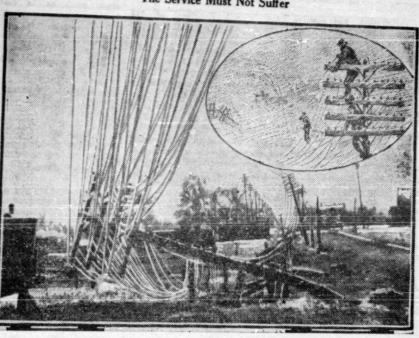
he disappeared from a little steamer Tribune. on the Yangtze River. Others carried on. Durum wheat

tions: several million acres are plant at a depth of 900 feet below sea ed annually in different varieties; level by a research expedition work. And once more jest at that pale barleys from Asiatic Turkey and from ing near Genoa.



Montreal-Miss Florence Stacey, Rev. Edward Hancox and Mrs. Hancox, three missionaries from the Union of Regular Baptist Churches of Ontario and Quebec, who sailed on "Ascania" recently to take up missionary work in Liberia.

The Service Must Not Suffer



"Whew! What a gale. There will be trouble on the line tonight!" Lineman Taylor of the Bell Telephone staff was right-there was trouble and plenty of it, especially up around Pembroke when the icy blast from the Laurentians swept down across the Ottawa Valley giving warning to all that King Winter was again holding court.

All through the night and during the next day the forces of the Bell Telephone Company battled the storm which had covered the wires with ice and snapped telephone poles.

like pipe stems. True, by the following night many of the poles were still down but the service continued practically without interruption by means of emergency cable and the tangled wires and broken poles were rapidly being restored to their usual trim, serviceable appearance. Thousands of dollars worth of expensive equipment, and scores of skilled workmen, must be kept constantly available for just such emergencies in order that the universal service of the Bell Telephone Company may be available to all at all

torder to understand what is now grown to the extent gular system of exploration, let us encountered his first real trouble, his of about 750,000 acres in regions where first duel of wits with the Chinese. Up rainfall is low; from Russion comes in the little village of Fel, in Shan-the Swedish Select and Sixty-Day Oats (Mothercraft Centre, Toronto) eign garb, down on his tung province, they grew an extreme- now being grown to the extent of 4,studying, with apparently ly large and luscious peach, often 000,000 and 5,000,000 acres, respectively. Acala cotton, found in Mexico, Dear Mr. Editor: so strange and incomprehensible Fel was the only place where these the plant explorer often seem to peaches grew, and the inhabitants which is the foundation of the cotton industry of the Southwest; its annual production reaches a value of \$50,000.

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resimmons, you should try a Tampersimmon with a little cream reakfast some day. This is the try that Meyer brought in.

New England garden bay weary, Rumpled and tattered of feather, Whimpering and broken of spirit, west a fruit crop; and the Chinese west a fru

industry from extinction.

Three times Meyer went out into the and kissed you, Three times Meyer went out into the and kissed you,

Orient. Twice he returned. On his third trip he had a nervous prostratic.

Although after a time he was tic.

Oh, Lad, if you knew how I missed

Threescore Years and Ten child—"Hell, lady, I'm Child—"Hell, lady, I'm

were practically nil. He never came back. On the night of June 2, 1918,

—P. S. McDonald, in the Chicago ranks high in their list of introduc-. Photographs were recently taken

everlastingly continue. So, Mr. Edi-tor, will you not invoke your readers to send us a helping hand? Not one

of them, I venture, could care to see

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Stranger - "Why aren't you Child-"Hell, lady, I'm only four."

To meet him by some gaunt and leafless tree

Where we can whisper underneath our breath,

And once more jest at that pale Enemy

Whom you may know by sight—
I speak of death.

Tonight the jaded year grows old with me:

I hear the fierce Hounds of the Wind give tongue—

Not as in Spring when Zephyr's melody

Recalls those far-off days when I was young—

But loud and wrathful, harbingers of snow,

And though 'tis cold tonight—I like it so.

Dallas Bache Pratt
—(From Horae Schoiasticae, St. Paul's School)

To meet him by some gaunt and leafless tree

Where we can whisper underneath of Cleverness.

C. E. Lawrence in the Quarterly Review (London) — The inordinate confusion of affairs everywhere now manifest over the wide earth is the result of civilized man's passion for improving and arranging and of his infinite capacity for mismanagement, helped by the narrow rules, conventions, and fashions by which he lives, and his illimitable vanities, greeds, suspicions, frequent unscrupulousness and unspeakably silly ambitions. The mere cleverness, which, after material success, is the foremost idol worshipped in our tempies of progress proves often a mere stupidity, and, being at best but shallow, is apt to leave consequences far worse than honest and simple common-sense what they may for the havoor of blunders in which civilization at present

To meet him by some gaut and cleft arm, due to exposure in bad weather," writes the Rev. H. E. T.

"It was impossible to lift the arm to dress or to use it in any way, and, of course, the pair was dreafful. All external applications were useless. I got it completely normal again by keeping the proving and arranging and of his infinite capacity for mismanagement, helped by the narrow rules, conventions, and tashions by which he lives, and his illimitable vanities, greeds, suspicions, frequent unscrupulousness and unspeakably silly ambitions. The mere cleverness, which, after materials under the recult of external applications were useless. I got it completely normal again by keeping what they may for the havoc of blun-

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Is it a football team?"

She. "No my dear just a hunch of the football team?"

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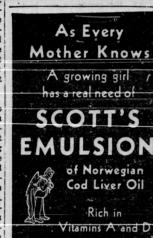
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The "What are all those men doing will have a hangar. Landing fields are to be made available at Tavoy, the football team?" She-"No, my dear, just a bunch of at Akyab is available and has been used by Australian-bound fliers, the Department of Commerce reports.

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