

The newly commissioned Canadian hospital ship "Letitia" arrived at a British port recently, to load her first complement of wounded, repatriated and returning services personnel. Picture at top shows Sgt. William Cox, Woodlawn, Ont., Canadian Army Film and Photo Unit cameraman, wounded while "shooting" newsreel pictures at Falaise, with Nurse M. McIlwaine, Halifax, N. S. on the staff of the "Letitia" Bottom picture shows the new hospital ship staff of the "Lettita". Bottom picture shows the new hospitial ship tied up to her dock in a British port. The ship has air-conditioned wards, two operating rooms, an X-ray theater and every convenience of a modern hospital.

#### **Christmas Obligations**

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All the feathered folk remember, Spruce and basalm each invite You to make their Christmas

bright, Sunflower disks from harvest bins, Dumplings made of suet skins, Figs and currants pips and seeds We'ded like to molten beads, Cocoanut shells, pudding stuffed, Dainty scraps in boxes cuffed, All should deck their Chirstmas For icy blasts in wintry sprees

Of peppery sleet and wicked gusts Snatch and spoil their meager Ruffled sparrows, small and gay, Rest beneath the Christ Child's

sway. No man dare deny them gifts, To ease the scourge of Arctic drifts. o each and all must fashion cakes For wild birds, as the Yuletide breaks. F. B. M. Collier in Our Dumb

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the Arabs.

### WHAT SCIENCE

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the wealthiest.

### CHRONICLES GINGER FARM

ine — "Mrs. Clarke, do you is it silly of me — I want to me a tree, and the house dented and — oh, just everything the true of the tree are maybe it if the two of us . . . maybe it sald seem foolish."

— and you may say, "Oh, we don't feel like holding Christmas with our boys away!" Has it ever foolish? — well, it didn't strike that way. How better could a occurred to you that to write and tell your boys just that is to des-troy their faith? Christmas at home uple start out in life than by diding up a Christmas tradition their own home. A tradition that - Christmas as they knew it is something they hang on to. It grow with the years. is one of the things they are fighting to save. And maybe in some distant land, perhaps in a

Of all the seasons of the year ristmas is the most loved, and abably the most significant, be-use without that first Christmas bomb-damaged home, they may get a fleeting glimpse of a tree, topped by a star. That glimpse may intensifly their longing for the the certainly would have been no later, nor Ascention. Most loved cause it is a season so readily serstood and appreciated by us, folks back home, yet they will like to remember that over there will be the same Christmas dinner common people, because it Mom will manage somehow, sugar or no sugar and there will be folks coming . . and the same excitement over gaily wrapped parcels. Gee, it sure would be great to be the close union of humble tily life. And so, home-loving mily life. And so, home-loving cople throughout the ages have ted to create an ideal of goodwill at fellowship in their own family teles. How well they succeeded is flected in the attitude which each treeding generation has toward bristmas at home. there . . . maybe next year . . .

tion - it can be present in the

homes where only memories of fighting sons remain. It is not for me to say how Christmas shall be observed in such homes — I can thers of little children, think only hope that to them will come some measure of healing and com-fort during the season of peace and time wasted that you spend on king a happy Christmas in your me. Children will remember the ily trimmed tree long after pre-nts around it are forgotten. goodwill.

But to the thousands of other ake your Christmas tree traditcal. What do I mean by "tradconal"? I mean to build up Chriscas memories for your family that
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take drastic changes. Take care of

homes let me send along this message with my kindest regards and good wishes . . . Keep Christmas
—whatever you do keep Christmas. Put your heart into it and the way will be clear, for where there is Christmas in the heart there will surely be Christmas in the home. te Christmas tree decorations and ring them out, year after year. It once have a star to top your everyone". tte, always have a star. Let your our children grow up with it— them it will symbolise THEIR hristmas tree. Worldly goods have

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Christmas Joke By VALINE HOBBS

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# The Jade God

By .MARY IMLAY TAYLOR 

CHAPTER I

"So you've come back, Mark Grant?" The old lawyer swung around in his swivel-chair and looked the young man up and down with an eye as cold as a liz-

Mark laughed. Liberty was send-ing golden bubbles through his veins; it was easy to laugh. "I behaved well, Mr. Fosdick," Mark said, his tone defying criti-cism, challenging; "they let me out a few months ahead of time." "Humph!" Fosdick grunted.

"I've no use for new-fangled no-tions in prisons," he remarked dry-ly; "hot air, that's all; a man "You've never been in prison,
Mr. Fosdick," he said. "When you've tried it you'll be quite fa-vorable to new-fangled notions. I've had fifteen years' experience

Fosdick's gray face twisted into a grim smile. "I don't think I'll try it — not in your way. Let me see; how old were you when you went

"Seventeen? Gosh " The lawyer that travesty a fair tria you appealed, too," he maintained his point dryly; then he put Mark's

anger aside with a gesture. "I've no time to take that up. I dare say you've suffered for it.
"What d'you want, Mark?"

came out, and you have charge of it. I'm out. Mr. Fosdirk." Fosdick glanced at the envelope without taking it up.
"I see! Your Aunt Hurley's money brought you here mighty quick!" he remarked grudgingly.

He had never forgiven the boy for Grant Barton's death. Of course he'd done it for the uncle's money. The motive was as plain as the nose on your face! "I drew that will. Her friends advised against it, but she would have her way. She always believed in you. "God bless her!" Mark broke out, suddenly devout. "The will was proven, of course; you say as much in this letter."

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of the street, with a teapot on swinging sign. It was down a few steps below the sidewalk, and, as he descended, he was surprised to find the two young clubmen at his heels. He took a seat near the door and ordered tea and muffins. But he felt resentment when he found the two young men had seized upon the table next to his and, with out much pretense of eating, themselves, were unquestionably watching him drink his tea and eat his

They were both young, one big, about his own build, the other small and fat with red cheeks, and they were both fashionably and they were both fashionably expensively dressed; they had the air of idle wealth. They were evidently disputing something between themselves, and Mark got the impression that he was their chief interest. It nettled him; he hurried his food down, drank his tea and paid his bill. It left him

mean. If you've ever made a wa-ger, you know how a fellow feels. I hope you don't mind our butting in this way. You see, it's all part of a bally bet I've made with my "I see" - Mark still studied the pair. "I don't mind. In fact, I rather like it. What's the bet?"

"Shut up!" Archie broke in suddenly, "you're only babbling, Ted. Let's get to busness." He turned a little haughtily and faced Mark. "It's this way. My pal here has been getting into trouble with a lady, an elderly and exclusive lady, one of the smartest of the smart set; she won't have a man in her house who drinks too much, or gambles, or—" he shrugged — you know the usual things! Teddy was a prime favorite, but she was a prime favorite, but she caught him gambling, and then he

about it, and he's laid a wager with me that she's all bunk about her rules, that she doesn't really know what her guests do, that any fellow — the first man we met in the street — given a clean shirt could pass muster. I've taken the bet. I don't believe she'll receive anyone without credentials, she'll find a way to freeze the newcomer out, even if a fellow took him in, unless she knows he's all right. Ted's bet me a thousand dollars that he can pick up the first man he' meets outside the club, give him the clothes and get him in — if I'll take him past the door and simply say: 'This is Mr. — oh, fellow - the first man we met in

as a blow; it was so hearty, so as a blow, it as a boy's laugh.

"You seem to find it amusing,

ir." he said tartly.

It it take him part of the same is mr. — oh,

simply say: "This is Mr. — oh,

any old name! Now, do you see?" "You seem to the said tartly.

"I do!" Mark turned, picked up "Mark nodded. "I see!" he said, in payment of the sins of all who and laughed. There was vigor in would believe on his name. Have the said, and laughed. There was vigor in would believe on his task he return and laughed. There was vigor in his laughter, a jubilant ring of fitted him out, and went to the door.
"Good-day, Mr. Fosdick," he said,

afterwards. She only asks the elect to that — the ons of Colothe eagerness of men seeking a nial dames, I call 'em. I bet she'll long lost acquaintance.
"Stewed!" Mark thought, and

Meals

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Dr. Chase's

KIDNEY and PILLS

THE GROUND OF UNIVERSAL JOY Luke 2:8-12; Hebrews 1:1-4; 1 John 1:1-4.
GOLDEN TEXT.—Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people. Luke 2:10.

Message of foy

In the Christmas story

vealed the fact that God's ways are not man's ways. For centurie the promise of a Messiah and a the Chief Priest in the God's messengers come, but to humble God-fearing shepherds who had been eagerly awaiting the

coming of their Saviour.

They were in the country, in the their flocks. The angel of the Lord came upon them without warning.
The glory of the Lord shone about them. Their reaction to this amaz tact with the glory of a righteous God. Under similar circumstances Isaiah was spellbound in the temple, Paul fell to the ground on the Damascus Road, and John would have worshipped the heav-

with the assuring words that they were bearers of Good News of Great Joy, not only for them but for all people. The glad tidings the angels brought was that a Sav-

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been among the friends who advised against it"
"It's not much," he said tartly, "about twenty thousand." Mark smiled amusedly. "Come around tomorrow morning and I'll have the papers ready.

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Mark rose, but stopped with his hand on the back of his chair. "It's early yet, Mr. Fosdick, and I'd be glad to draw some of that money. I'm short." The little lawyer whipped around in his chair and stared at him, then away. "The fellow's a giant!" he thought uneasily, re-membering old Grant Barton's end. Money in that, too!
"I can't help it," he said testily,

Mark threaded his way through

"there'll be formalities. Come to-morrow. The bank closes at three; we couldn't get through in time. I'm busy; good day!" Mark stood a moment longer, looking down at him. He saw the little man's hand shake as he grasped his pen and pretended to write. Mark knew he was afraid
of the ex-convict; he threw back
his head and laughed again, his
laugh startling Fosdick as much

stared at him for a moment, in-eredulously. "I'd forgotten. A boy — and convicted of killing that old man, your uncle — to get his money, too!" he added reproachfully.

Mark's face sobered. His eyes
darkened. "Convicted?" You call The old man recoiled slightly, but he steadied himself to face the young fury in Mark's glance. "It was a fair trial; I always said so; still smiling, and went out. the crowded streets with the awk-ward feeling of a recluse sudden-

The young man put his hand in his pocket and drew out an old letter with Fosdick's name in the corner. He laid it on the desk.

"That says that Aunt Hurley
left her money for me when I

The lawyer assented grudgingly

twenty cents. As he counted his change and thrust it back into his pocket he laughed bitterly to him
'f. How would Fosdick like 'o face his night in the city, with twenty cents? He was just rising from the table when his two young neighbors suddenly rose, came over, and pulling out the two empty chairs opposite, sat down, un-invited, at his table. The stout young man leaned forward confidentially, his red cheeks growing redder. "Pardon me," he said courte ly, smiling across at Mark; "It's a wager — my speaking to you, I

"Oh, it's a thousand dollars,

got stewed, two of the cardinal sins. She's forbidden him the house, and he's sore. There's going to be an exclusive afternoon today, a big affair. Ted has no card. He's raw

freedom.
"I met you first outside the club," he said, "that's the whole club," he said, "that's the whole of it. It's a wager—" he made a boyish grimace — "I don't want to lose my thousand dollars, Archie, here, is a bit stiff-necked about it. You — I wonder—" he leaned back, thrusting his hands ly thrust out into the world.

He had turned the corner into one of the more sedate streets and was passing the entrance of a fashionable clubhouse — the name was on the door over a brass into his pockets and jingling his money rather obviously — "I won-der if you'll help me out? It's only knocker — when two young men suddenly emerged. Their exit was for one afternoon, you know, at a tea, there'll be dancing no end of fun, but the test will be the dinner so abrupt that they nearly col-lided with Mark, and they both stopped short, staring at him with

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