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TO-MORROW NIGHT: CHRISTMAS EVE.

There will be Great Expectations abroad to-morrow night. For that will be Christmas Eve. Expectations will there be of joy over gifts to be received, of blessed happiness over gifts to be given.

Not alone in the homes of the wealthy will bright hopes dwell. Not there alone will bright dreams come. Thanks to the thoughtful and generous ones who have contributed to THE EVENING WORLD'S Christmas-Tree Fund there is to be a happy eve of anticipation for the children of the very poor, and it will be followed by a morning of realization.

Are you who read these lines one of those who have helped build up the Fund? If you must reply that you are not, answer at the same time that you will, however, become one. Get in line within the narrow time still left. Your contribution to-day or to-morrow will yet help to breed Christmas smiles on wan little faces. Christmas cheer in longing little hearts. What you do will add also to your own store of pleasure.

GLADSTONE BLACKBALLED.

There is something astounding in the news from Biarritz that in the English Club of that place Mr. GLADSTONE has been blackballed, his name having been proposed for membership. Evidently the Club is mismanaged, or it has allowed some interlopers to get into its ranks. He is no Englishman, whatever his politics, who countenances such a proceeding in social life against the Grand Old Man, whose fame is England's own.

Sir ANDREW FAIRBAIRN, President of the Club, resigned immediately upon the announcement of the blackballing. His action was the expression of a just condemnation. Under the circumstances, self-respecting Britons will beware of this Club at Biarritz.

It was the greatest of good fortune that the steamship Spree sighted the burning Abyssinia at just the time she did. An hour later, the tale of a partial rescue would have been overcast by the revelation of the awful fate of some who sailed in the fated boat. Such destruction as overtook the Abyssinia is not common, but the menace of fire is one that as yet has not been so generally removed as have other dangers of sea-voyaging.

Every day brings its new variety of crank. Now there comes one who, for a consideration, will give insurance men information of a plot to burn big business blocks on Christmas Day. This sort is better than the dynamiter. But it's as uncertain in his case as in any other what his mad brain may conceive next.

The sneak thief who has been masquerading as a preacher, under the name of Rev. J. WEIR, will presently have the opportunity of picking out the sermons which may lie in the stones of a prison wall. The home missionary efforts of the policemen who hunted him down will be appreciated.

After his glowing tribute to crankism at the New England dinner last night, Dr. CHAUNCEY DEPEW should be upon the most friendly terms with cranks in general. And such an understanding should be worth more than a dozen stalwart men for a body guard.

The Police Commissioners have decided to accept the proposition of an unknown woman to put books and bookcases in the police stations which now have no libraries. The modest donor's graceful act will be appreciated by the members of "the finest."

It seems to be settled by the testimony of the physicians that if Winter could only manage to get its grip the grip just now prevalent would lose something of its hold. The mild weather is saving the people's fuel at the expense of their health.

A fellow out in Minnesota has just ended by suicide the spree he began when he learned that by his father's death in Germany he had become a Baron. He let the turn in his fortunes turn his head also.

Thank Heaven, that whatever else the Anglomaniac may bring us he can't import a real London fog.

Still Popular, but Fewer.

[From the Chicago Post.]

It is said that Persian lamb is going out of fashion, but the American article is still popular in Wall street and other great financial centres.

Can Reed Read the Signs?

[From the Philadelphia Times.]

Speaker Crisp says he will take no step backward in tariff reform, and as Reed is sitting directly in front of him, somebody, in the nature of things, will probably be walked on.

TWO DAYS MORE.

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in the People's Theatre and a point may be assigned to dine them later at the newsboys' dinner in the Everett House.

If you're home, without one of the avenue Twin your chance was Fifty Third and let your tenure go to the rank and file of the unfortunate—just this once. For variety isn't mean-child. Not your own darlings and show what the plunder is at ruinous cupboard. And that your sweet little daughter and fear darling son may learn how to be honestly generous, suggest the surrender of a dime, inherit will be a subscription to the Christmas children's Christmas-Tree Fund.

SAM SLANDER.

All the tickets for "The Evening World's" Christmas Trees have been distributed. Those who have applied by letter prior to to-day have had mailed to them tickets for the hall nearest their homes.

Letters containing contributions of money should be addressed to Cashier S. T. World, Pulitzer Building.

All parcels or packages containing donations of toys, clothing, books or other articles should be addressed to the Manager "Evening World's" Christmas Tree, 74 FIFTH AVENUE.

The American, United States, National and Westcott Express Companies will convey all packages of 25 pounds weight and under addressed as above free of charge.

The Fifth Avenue Storage Warehouse Co. will call for large packages in the city free of charge.

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Vivi	1 00
Little King's Daughter	2 00
Kindly Club	1 00
J. L.	1 00
Friends	1 00
May, Harry and Francis Donovan	1 00
Marion and Georgie	50
Willie	25
Ruth and Nanette Beekman	1 00
J. F. F.	50
Mrs. E. J.	25
Georgie, Alfred, Charlie, Willie, Tody, Jennie	2 00
Harold and Daisy Pell	50
Baby Fred	10
A.	10
Temperance Christian	05
Eddie Mile	10
Little Polly	50
Katie, Eddie, Willie, Walter and Harry	50
L. W. F.	50
Ellen and Boydie	1 00
Christmas	25
Harry Tierney, Frank Bennett and Tom Ely	05
E. J. W.	25
Bessie and Fairy Acker	50
Mrs. R. Creed	50
Alice and Iantha	50
Roy Switzer	25
John, Willie and Mary	50
Arthur Hirshheimer	25
Lucrisie	10
Josie and Harry	10
Ethel and Arthur	10
Daisy and Riley	25
Little Blanche	50
Little Bessie Baum	10
Charles Frumenson	05
Grumbler	10
N. F. S.	25
C. Shearer	25
Trimmers	50
Harold and Natalie	50
George H. Crouse	25
C. G. C.	1 00
C. V. M.	1 00
The Kicker Club	2 00
Thompson	25
Jim	10
M.	25
H. U. B.	25
Gay Morris	10
Harry Plan	10
Louisa Depew	45
Tommie Ward	10
Ada V. B.	50
Harry Wolff, Louis and Freddie	50
R. and S. W.	50
R.	50
V. and C.	25
Julia	25
Daisy Lee Marsts	25
Elfrieda Boecher	10
Carrie Deere	25
Bessie Arnold	15
Douglass Arnold	15
Agnes Foote	50
Kindergarten	1 00

JOHNNIE M'KEVER'S COLLECTION

The Boy Violinist Raises $10.79 for the Fund.

Little Johnnie McKever, the boy violinist, is a stanch friend of the poor children. He has cheerfully given his services at various entertainments for the sick Baby Fund and to the fund for the Christmas trees.

Yesterday the little chap called at THE EVENING WORLD office with $10.79 clasped in his chubby fist for the Christmas-Tree Fund. It represented four afternoons of labor among his friends soliciting contributions.

"It's better than I did last year," said he, "for I got only $9.63 then. Next year I will do better yet."

Besides the money Johnnie is hard at work putting up a huge bundle of toys and playthings which he will send to the receiving depot, 74 Fifth avenue. Following are the people from whom his money was collected:

C.G.C., 10 cents; C.H.McK., 20; A.Miller, 15; Cash, 25; N. H. P., 10; C. W., 25; L. D. A, 25; Viola Stape, Mrs. Stape, L. A. Stape, 10 each; Marguerite St. John, $1; Prince Paul, 25 cents; Georgie Kelly, Josie Kelly, 5 each; Laura Archambrat, 10; Mamie A. Jo. 1 each; Louis Montagne, 10; Hattie Montagne, 10; Hugh K. Montagne, 10; Jennie Georgie, 10; Jack H. E. 10; Cash, 10; Cash, 10; Cash, 10; Cash, 10; Cash, 10; Anderson, Fraulein, 10; each; Willie Carroll, 10; Harry Lynch, 10; Jack Wing, 10; Jack H. McGrath, 10; Willie Mc. 10; Nancy, 10; Jack, 10; Harry, 10; Hendricks, 10; Wolcott, 10; Louis, 10; Willie the Shoemaker, 10; E. A. Manning, 10; each; Harry Schubert, 10; Jack Hall, 10; Jack, 10; E. E. 10; Frank N. 10; Willie Buck, 10; J. C. 10; Frank McKever, 10.

Wishes It Were a Million.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed find $1 collected by a little girl friend, who has been afflicted with heart trouble from birth and dare not join the other children to go to school, but who wishes to hear THE WORLD paper read every night to grandma. She says she collected it by so often saying that for the benefit of the poor boys and girls that have to go to get their Christmas, and she hopes he (meaning the man made rich and the world) forgets the time made rich, give Santa Claus and that poor little Katy something to make them bright instead of crying and unhappy instead of miserable. The money she collected is the dollar which is a fad dollar. The other bills she made with her own wonder painting together. She is the THE WORLD'S Christmas present, made entirely of partings cut from that World paper.

Inclosed find also $5 for which please buy some poor little red ears, each hood is made for each grandchild to be sent in their home. Your Charity will take package to "74 Fifth Avenue" to-morrow and oblige and the children will be happy Christmas and happy New Years. She wishes it was a million dollars. For the good fairy godmother I will commence next year very early if I live and will have a bigger collection next Christmas.

Your sympathizing little friend.

STEVE RODRIGUES.

Annie Redfield, 10; Bridget Bodkin, 1; Conrad Mary, 10; Jimmie Mary, 1; Hannah, 25 cents; Mr. Aunt Anna, 10; little Annie More, 11; Mary Jane More, 10; Mrs. Kersnar, 50; little Bessie Dougherty, 10; Louis Dougherty, 10; Fanny Lacy, 10; grandma, 10. The balance in smaller sums.

More Unknown Friends.

A long subscription list accompanied a contribution of $4.10 for the Christmas-Tree Fund to-day. No name was given to indicate the origin beyond the inscription, "Through P. O. & Co." Whoever they may be they will have the thanks of many poor children for their thoughtfulness. Following are the names:

H. White, 25 cents; A. Russell, 50; Peter, $1.50; B. Weisbert, $1.00; Tynan, 50; Bell, 25; Cash, 50; Cash, 50; Crystal Ball, 25; Cash, 50; Cash, 50; Cash, 50; Cash, 50; Tom J. King, 25; The Owl, 25; Zeichmann, 25; Schwartz, 10; Gus Simons, 25; P. Gates, 10; C. Gammert, 25; Cash, 10; Pabst, 10; Cash, 10; Cash, 10; Hallett, 10; King, 25; Goodsider, 10; H. Gutzman, 10; Knittberg, 10; A. Tripper, 25; Shaner, 10; Cash, 25; Apel, 10; A. Hirsch, 10; J. Goodman, 10; Harry Brown, 25; Schmidt, 10; Wagner, 10; Wilke, 10; Grutter, 10; Kuhnapp, 25; Goodman, 10; Kessler, 10; Elmer, 25; R. Hillman, 50; Klipper, 25; Damm, 25; Gus Miller, 25; Gulick, 25; Christopher, 25; Kersnir, 10; Stahl, 25; R. Kuhn, 10; Kuhn, 10; Kuhn, 10; Hillman, 25; August, 10; J. R. F. 25; Bonsenkin, 25; Warner, 10; Reed, 25; Seibert, 25; Gus, 25; J. Harper, 25; Cash, 10; Heiroer, 10; Jacob, 10; Levy, 10; Leo, 25; Miller, 25; Levy, 50; Nauschmann, 25; J. Jakob Brown, $15; Emma Beenton, 25; Joseph Louriine, 50c.; Cash, $1; Lowenstein, 50c.; A. Simon, 25; Cash, 50; Jack, 25; Bill, 25.

Weser Bros.' Employees.

A contribution of $20 from employees and visitors of Weser Bros. was acknowledged yesterday. Following are the names accompanying the donation:

F. H. P., 25; H. L. A. Iodys, 50; F. L., 25; M. Lehman, 25; L. W., 50; L. W., 25; W., 25; G. W. W., 50; J. G., 25; Frank, 25; Tony, 25; H. J. F., 50; P. Kelly, 50; Sullivan, 25; Brewer, 50; P. F. Roqbette, 25; J. M. W., 25; Nystrom, 50; Wm. C. Lewis, 25; Nicolas, 25; Johnson, 25; Camillo, 25; D. Nuzzo, 25; Fritz, 25; Billy, 25; F. Reilly, 50; J. Kirkland, 25; Jack, 25; Jon. Kiernan, 25; Jon. Kelly, 25; C. W. Wang, 50; W., 25; M. M., 25; Nigrie, 25; J. A. W., $100; Ella Mobel, 50; Ward, P. F. Vogt, 25; Peter Graham, 25; T. B., 25; A. S. Ostrander, 25; F. Bohlhaad, 25; P. A. T., 25; W. D., 50; John Weber, 25; Aug. Hartbrock, 25; John Nuber, 25; F. Zucke, 50; Hector, 25; J. C. S., 25; E. Barry, 25; A. D. Smith, 25; Leo Ziegler, 25; W. H. Smyth, 25; A. La Matta, 25; Buchenset Deisch, 25; Robt. M. Weth, 50; Lawrence, 25; Kelly, 25; Powderly, 25; McNeely, 25; Freddie Mooney, 25; Bliss, 10; P. H., 10 cents.

Mrs. Ruppert's Remembrance.

To the Editor of The World:

Please add the inclosed $2 to THE EVENING WORLD'S Christmas-Tree Fund. Last year I was dragged and pulled round American Institute Hall and had my frock and coat ruined by the jolly little creatures I helped to serve. This year I suffer the pangs of honest shame, but my heart is with the total abstinence branch of which please accept the little check. Faithfully yours, ANNA RUPPERT.

40 Regent street, West, London, Eng.

A Most Welcome Gift.

To the Editor of The World:

We have this day sent to 74 Fifth avenue for THE EVENING WORLD Christmas Tree a case containing about six hundred miscellaneous toys, such as dolls, rattles, bellows toys, paints, horns, trumpets, A-B-C blocks, tin horses, etc. Hoping you will be able to use the same to advantage, we remain,

BUTLER BROS., 560 Broadway.

Bundle from Staten Island.

To the Editor of The World:

As I am a member of the little St. Nick Society and am a little helper, I send a parcel of clothing which will help to keep some little ones warm.

FLORENCE DE MORNAY and eight.
Hart Path, West New Brighton, S. I.

Desire to Spread Happiness.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed find 75 cents which we have collected from our friends, hoping same will make some little children happy. We will try and send you more. Your helping little friends.

RUTH and NANETTE BEEKMAN.
Aged six and eight years respectively.

From Perth Amboy.

To the Editor of The World:

I am a little boy four years old and want to be in line with the Christmas givers in time. All that I afford is a dime and hope it will help make some helpless boy happy.

ELSIE MILLS,
Perth Amboy, N. J.

It Will Surely Do So.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed find 50 cents, and I hope this tribe will help to make some poor child happy.

MRS. L. J.

Rent from Over the Sea.

To the Editor of The World:

I am trying in London now, but I inclose my dollar for your Christmas Tree. MAY.

Sympathy for Billy.

To the Editor of The World:

I inclose $1 for the newsboy Billy spoken of in THE EVENING WORLD. NELLIE.

Polly, of Brooklyn.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find 50 cents in stamps, hoping it will make some poor children happy. From LITTLE POLLY, Brooklyn.

Wishes It Were More.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find 10 cents from a little girl three years old. I hope it will help to make some little girl happy. I wish it were more. With best wishes, E. S.

Baby Fred's Dime.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find 10 cents for the Christmas Tree from BABY FRED.
Jersey City.

A Poor Man's Children.

To the Editor of The World:

We send you 30 cents for the Christmas-Tree Fund. We cannot send much, as our papa is only a working man. We hope all the poor children will get a present. We send our love and a merry Christmas to you and each one of them.

JOHN, WILLIE and MARY.

Butler Bros.' Employees.

To the Editor of The World:

The following employees of Butler Bros., 559 and 561 Broadway, beg to contribute their mite towards your Christmas-Tree Fund:

M. L. White, 50 cents; J. A. S., $1; I. Newman, 50 cents; R. C. P., $1; W. A. Mahlstedt, 50 cents; A. A. Mathieu, 25; Thomas Arrington, 25; F. F. Woodruff, 25; James E. Gaffney, 25; George O'Reilly, 25; A. P. Dybula, 25; J. Blumenthal, 25; Matthew, 25; Walter Shook, 25; F. Kimball, 25 cents; F. V. Rogers, 50; F. Schulz, 50; Siegfried L. Cohen, 25; F. Rosenbaum, 25; Philip Mark, 25 cents; M. J. Barker, 25; Gaddis, 25; Hallbright, 25; Charnwood, 50.

For His Dead Brothers and Sisters' Sake.

To the Editor of The World:

My name is Harry and I am three years old. I want to send you a dime each for a dear sister and three brothers that I have and two of whom were with me last Christmas and have since gone to Heaven. I will have a merry Christmas as my papa and mamma and mine and mine and mine me. I hope the 50 cents will make some little boy or girl happy on Christmas Day.

Yours with love to Santa Claus, Willie and Walter 10 cents from Harry.

From Raymond's Employees.

The inclosed amount was collected by the manager of Raymond's restaurant from the employees for the Christmas-Tree Fund.

Sebastian Scotland, $1; J. Lerhardt, 50 cents; L. Lamont, 50; F. Calderan, 50; B. Mannino, 50; A. Salvatorello, 25; G. Pratignon, 25; Jonas, 25; J. Mathias, 25; N. Estrenza, 25; L. Salomi, 25; E. Lodge, 25; Little Dino, 25; and grandma $1.

Two Staten Island Girls.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find 25 cents for the Christmas-Tree Fund. It is what our brother gave us. We wish it helping it will make some little child happy.

ADDIE and IRENE.
Port Richmond, S. I.

With Mamma's Consent.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find 50 cents which mamma and we might send to the tree fund, wishing the children a merry Christmas.

BERNIE and FAIRY ACKER.
New Brighton, S. I.

Brother and Sister.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find 20 cents, our mite towards your Christmas-Tree Fund. Hoping it will help to make some little one happy.

HAROLD and DAISY PELL.
736 Greenwich street.

Three Jersey Boys.

To the Editor of The World:

Please accept five cents from three Bayonne boys. It is not much, but it will help some poor tot.

HARRY TIERNEY, Bergen Point.
FRANK BENNETT, Bayonne.
TOM ELY, Bayonne.

Thoughtful Mabel and Mamma.

To the Editor of The World:

Mamma sends 50 cents and so do I, hoping it will make some poor child happy on Christmas Day. MABEL KENT.

His Story Touches Hearts.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find $2 to be given to the cripple in Nineteenth street to buy a present for his mother. A WELL WISHER.

From Ernest, May and Caddie Lyon.

To the Editor of The World:

Will you please see that the stocking in this box reaches some poor child, as we wish to make one little heart happy in Christmas.

Remembered the Unfortunate.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find 50 cents from Hattie and Marion for the Christmas-Tree Fund.

Her Christmas Money.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find 25 cents of my Christmas money. I hope that it will help to make others happy. DAISY BILBY.
11 East Forty-second street.

From Up the Hudson.

To the Editor of The World:

Please find inclosed 10 cents. Hoping it will make a merry Christmas for some little boy or girl. ETHEL and ARTHUR.
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Room for More.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find 30 cents, which I have saved myself, to help make some little child happy for Christmas. Will try and save some more pennies for same.

ARTHUR SCHEINHEIM, Brooklyn, N. Y.

A Good Wish.

To the Editor of The World:

Please accept this little mite from one who wishes he could increase it a hundred fold.

BILLY SWIPES.

Kind-Hearted Icemen.

Kind-hearted employees of the New York Hygeia Ice Company have contributed $14 to THE EVENING WORLD'S Christmas-Tree Fund.

To Make Some One Happy.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find $5, wherewith to make some one happy on Christmas Day. Some needy child of children.

A FRIEND, Hancock, N. Y.

For the Good Work.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed find $9.10, to be used to further your good work for the poor children of New York. MOUNT VERNON FRIENDS.

It Will.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed find $4.20 for the Christmas-Tree Fund. May it help the poor babies and make them happy. Collected by Louis Walsh, Frank Walsh, Herbert Walsh, Harry Rice and Arthur Roberts.

Result of a Family Collection.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed find $5 for the children's Xmas-Tree Fund, the result of a family collection.

READER.

One of Santa's Young Aides.

To the Editor of The World:

I am nine years old. I want to help along your Christmas tree. I send you $3.57 which I have collected for the poor children. I wish I could send more.

LATHROP E. BALDWIN, Flushing, L. I.

From Two Unknown Friends.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find $3 from two friends, to aid in the Christmas for the poor.

Thinks of Others, Although Ill.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find $2 from a little sick boy, who wishes to make some child happy on Christmas Day. FREDDIE.

To Help Make a Merry Christmas.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed find $1 to help the poor children spend a merry Christmas Day.

JACOB and SEYMOUR H.

Kicker Club's Donation.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find $2.50 for your Christmas-Tree Fund. We hope this little tribe will make some poor little waif have at least one square meal. "THE KICKER CLUB."

His Magic Lantern Show.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed you will find 25 cents which I send to the poor children in New York. I have made this by my magic lantern show and think the poor children need it more than I do.

GEORGE E. CHOATE,
108 Broadway, Brooklyn.

Money and Verse.

To the Editor of The World:

To you, dear sir, I send
But a child's offering
To help relieve the cold
For which you are working.
Please give to the babies,
The dear little beings,
My love and these pennies,
If some comfort it brings.

DAISY DEE ALLEN, Bayonne.

From the Baby's Bank.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed $1 from our baby's bank for your Christmas tree. We want him to learn as he grows older to think of children less fortunate than himself and be generous in helping them. Our hearts are made tender through him towards all little children, especially those deprived of home comforts and pleasures.

MRS. A. E. H.

A Baby's Mite.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find a few pennies which I hope will benefit some poor child out of the many in this great city. I know every little helps and would cheerfully give more, but at present cannot spare it. I am an invalid child, a sufferer, BABY ROSE FLATH, two years old.

An Old Dime.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find an old 10-cent piece I keep for the Christmas-Tree Fund. It has been one more than sixty years, and now as it is about to again resume its usefulness may it always be found helpful to relieve the want of any worthy object, for which THE EVENING WORLD shall stand as the champion.

GOODSPEED, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Louisa's Stamps.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed find change to the amount of 40 cents. Last year I belonged to the St. Nicks and gave a number of my books and toys, but have none this year, so I send in amount above named, wishing it were more.

LOUISA DEKNIGHT, aged ten years.
442 West Forty-seventh street.

Proceeds of a Magic-Lantern Show.

To the Editor of The World:

Please accept $1 for the poor children's Christmas Fund, the proceeds of a magic-lantern exhibition given at 404 West Forty-eighth street.

GEORGE JAECK, aged 11, President.
FRANCIS HENNESSY, aged 10, Vice-President.

Send a Dollar from Their Savings.

To the Editor of The World:

We three little sisters, who have been saving up to buy Christmas presents, thought we would send $1 from our savings. Hoping it will help you in your good work is the sincere wish of ANNA, MINNIE, GERTIE.
23 Brice street, Tompkinsville, S. I.

Collected from Friends.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find our small contribution which we have collected from our friends and add it to the Christmas Fund. Our best wishes to the little children. E. and S. W.

Sent in a Happy Spirit.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find 15 cents. It pleases me to think I am able to send even this small amount for the dear little children's Christmas-Tree Fund. ADA V. B., nine years old.

From the Kindly Club.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed you will find a small donation towards your Christmas-Tree Fund from the Young Ladies Kindly Club of Brooklyn.

MAE E. HATCH,
249 Rutledge street, Brooklyn.

Willing Heart, Weak Purse.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed you will find $1 for the Christmas-Tree Fund. I wish it was $1,000 instead, and would give it if my means were in proportion to my wishes. C. V. M.

Blanche's Savings.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find 50 cents for the Christmas-Tree Fund, from the savings of

LITTLE BLANCHE.

In Memory for a Child.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed find $1.50. In memory of Hallie.

Two Girls' Gift.

To the Editor of The World:

Please add inclosed to your donations for the Christmas Tree. AMY and MILDRED.

Viva's Contribution.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find $1 for the Fund. Yours

VIVA.

Little Frankie's Gift.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find $1 for THE EVENING WORLD'S Christmas-Tree Fund from

LITTLE FRANKIE.

Asked Her Friends to Help.

To the Editor of The World:

Please find inclosed $1 which I collected from my friends, and may it make some poor little tots happy. ETTA GOLDWATER,
Age twelve.

J. F. F.'s Contribution.

To the Editor of The World:

Please find inclosed 50 cents for the Christmas-Tree Fund. J. F. F.

From Philadelphia.

To the Editor of The World:

This 50 cents came from a young lady in Philadelphia and was sent to me to forward to THE EVENING WORLD for the Christmas Tree. M.

Two Big-Hearted Lads.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find 25 cents for the Christmas Tree Fund from little

WALTER BABCOCK.

Inclosed please find $1 to aid of your most worthy object, the Christmas-Tree Fund, from GEORGE W. PERSON.

A Sympathetic Family.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find $1 for the Christmas-Tree Fund from Mama, Papa, Mamie, Georgie, Royce and Warren; also 50 cents from E. V. C.

Sets a Good Example.

To the Editor of The World:

Please accept inclosed $1 for your Xmas-Tree Fund. May every good paper follow the example you are setting them. SYLVAIN.

Three Warm Hearts.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find $1 for the Christmas-Tree Fund, from

MAY, HARRY and FRANCIS DONOVAN.

Something for Billy and Joe.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find $2 for the little newsboys Billy and Joseph. Hoping that it may help to bring them a Merry Christmas.

MAMA and GRANDMA.

Joy Goes with It.

To the Editor of The World:

Inclosed please find $2 for THE EVENING WORLD'S Christmas-Tree Fund. May this little gift carry joy to the hearts of some poor children. J. L.

Sends a Nickel More.

To the Editor of The World:

Last week I sent 10 cents, but I do not think that was enough, so please find 5 cents to add to it. CHARLES FRUMENSON,
101 East Broadway.

Share Their Happy Christmas.

To the Editor of The World:

Our Christmas is always a happy one, and, as we wish to see some of the less fortunate children made feel so too, we hereby incline our mite towards the fund your paper so generously started. WALDO and EDNA.

Packages Received.

Packages have been received from the following: Bonton & Co., Edna and Alice Trout, E. A. Maxwell, Irvin, Large street, Greenpoint, R. H., Mrs. A. M. Barnabee and Florence De Morgan.

For Billy and Joseph.

A gentleman, who hides his personality under the name of "Mr. Cash," has sent $10 to be divided equally between the two newsboys, Billy and Joseph, whose story was told in THE EVENING WORLD on Monday. The money will be delivered as requested and the names of the two boys are given in advance.

Toys from Bonton & Co.

Messrs. A. Bonton & Co., of Ninth avenue, have sent two cases containing toys for the Christmas trees. There are nearly four hundred articles in all and their value is estimated at $100. There is a big variety of playthings for four hundred children in these gifts, and the generous donors will have the satisfaction of knowing that they have taken no small part in the generous spread to-day.

DINNER AND GIFTS.

To Be Given to Poor Children at the "Rosary Magazine" Office To-Morrow.

A celebration dinner and distribution of gifts to children will be given to poor children under the auspices of the children of the Rosary at the office of the Rosary Magazine, 43 Warren street, to-morrow afternoon between the hours of 1 and 5 o'clock.

A social hour time is promised to those who have received tickets, among whom is a large number of children.

Subscribers to the Rosary in the prime movers in the affair and the assured success of the entertainment is due in a great measure to the efforts.

"THAT GIRL FROM MEXICO"

The piece selected by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew for the beginning of their stellar career is a farce-comedy with songs and dances interpolated. And I never knew before until I saw "That Girl from Mexico" how necessary songs and dances were to the success of farce-comedy. This species of entertainment is so aggressively wholesome in itself that the ginger, pickle and the hot-mustard story divert the middle of the audience—providing they have any middle—from the original charity.

"That Girl from Mexico" is fearfully indecent. The programme says that Archibald Gordon wrote it, but nothing less than an affidavit from Mr. Gordon himself could induce me to believe that the play was the work of this brilliant writer. It has no plot, a fact which could be forgiven if it had the introduction of the bright dialogue for which spontaneous farce invariably calls. As a matter of fact the play all hinges upon the idea that a young man, who is obliged to marry a certain girl in order to fulfil the terms of a will, deceives her husband by telling her that the man she loved and was to marry, is dead.

Now, to my mind—and I may be supersensitive—there is nothing funny about this. No amount of farce in the world can render unmanliness and cruelty subjects for mirth. There are probably writers who would not object to the introduction of a funeral cortege upon the stage, with pretty girls in black to do a saint dance by its side. It would be quite as funny as the main incident in "That Girl from Mexico." Farce must be absolutely and unquestionably harmless.

The heroine of the play is an impossible creature whose sole claim to humor is a persistently noisy manner. She bellows at her husband, roars at her father, and is principally engaged in rushing in at one door and rushing out at the other. There is no excuse for her; she is without form and void, and she never for one instant, appeals to the audience.

The first act of "That Girl from Texas" should be instantly removed. It is too crude for this enlightened city. The audience is obliged to listen to endless chatter for twenty valuable minutes in order to learn that the hero is looking for Dulcinea smith and has discovered where she is. The scene represents a club-room, and it is filled with half a dozen very unclubable men who look distinctly uneasy, and suffer from a painful inability to control their arms and legs. One of these gentle youths plays the piano rather nicely. Could he not be induced to play it jolly throughout the act?

The piece did not sink entirely, owing to the clever work of Sidney Drew. I thought at the time that he was scarcely strong enough to star. I made a mistake. He is Drew is a very clever, talented, magnetic young man, and he will have a brilliant future if he can secure proper vehicles for himself. Mrs. Drew is as yet uninteresting. She shouted through her part unthinkingly, and never at any time did one solitary ray of expression find its way into her face. Miss Phyllis Rankin and Donald Harold did well. The other members of the company had nothing to do, and they had been well selected with that end in view. ALAN DALE.

THE CLEANER.

Twice within the month Louis Harrison, the clever comedian, has been annoyed by reports that his wife had begun suit against him for divorce. I have every reason to believe that the domestic life of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison is as happy as that of the average married couple, and the personal assurance of the wife that she has never contemplated such a step should set these rumors at rest. Mr. Harrison has had a long career upon the stage, but his name has never been connected with any scandal, and in these days of advertising actors and actresses by all sorts of stories this is greatly to his credit.

The grip has a liking for opera singers. Miss Scalchi, Sig. Valero and Edward de Reszke are all its victims, and bitterly disappointed is the opera lover.

There was an innovation at the Press Club last night and a good one. For the first time in its history a dinner was given at which the women friends and relatives of the members were guests. Miss Jennie O'Neil Potter was there and helped the occasion by some excellent readings.

I hear that Police Capt. Grant is to marry. The name of the lady is kept quiet. She will get a mighty handsome husband. The Cleaner tenders congratulations in advance.

A Smart Husband.

[From the New York Weekly.]

Mr. De Fashion—The paper says sealers are disappointed at the low prices obtained for seals in London sale season.

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