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A single strand in the cables which uphold the great Brooklyn Suspension Bridge is not very strong, but thousands of these strands bound together uphold one of the great thoroughfares of the world.

When our fathers and sons and brothers were called by our Country to take up arms in her defense, you did not hear an individual soldier refuse to serve because his service alone would not win the war. Each man was ready to do his part. The great army thus formed is going forward to face the fire of battle and to risk everything for the safety and security of our homes and our families, and for the very existence of our Country.

These are the men for whom you are asked to save and lend your dollars.

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To save money is to save life.

Buy War-Savings Stamps at post offices, banks, trust companies, or other authorized agencies, and strike a blow for our Country.

The Farmers National Bank Canfield Ohio,

LEGAL NOTICE

State of Ohio, Mahoning County, ss. In the Court of Common Pleas. The Youngstown Ice Co., Plaintiff, vs. John Lucachietti, et al., Defendants. Rosa Lucachietti, residing at Flint, Michigan, will take notice that on the 15th day of December, 1917, The Youngstown Ice Company filed its petition in the Court of Common Pleas of Mahoning County in case No. 28157, against the above named party and others, praying for foreclosure of a mechanic's lien, on the property owned by the said Rosa Lucachietti. Situated in the Village of East Youngstown, County of Mahoning, and State of Ohio, and known as being lot No. 28, according to the present numbering of lots in said Village. Said lot has a frontage of forty (40) feet on Madison Avenue, and is one hundred forty-seven (147) feet deep. That said lien is for two hundred forty-six and 15/100 (\$246.30) dollars, with interest from the 17th day of February, 1917. Said party is required to answer on or before the 2nd day of February, 1918. E. H. Ziegler, Atty. for The Youngstown Ice Co. Dispatch advertisers merit your patronage.

SHERIFF'S SALE

Bales M. Campbell vs. Leroy M. Hahn, et al. By virtue of an order of sale, issued from the Court of Common Pleas of Mahoning County, Ohio, and so me directed and delivered, I will offer for sale at the East door of the Court House, in Youngstown, in said county, On Wednesday, December 26th, A. D. 1917 between the hours of 2 o'clock and 3 o'clock P. M. Central Standard Time, of said day, the following described land and tenements, to-wit: Situated in the City of Youngstown, County of Mahoning and State of Ohio, and known as being City lot number eleven thousand three hundred and five (11305) according to the latest numbering of lots in said City, and having a frontage of forty-five feet on the north side of Chalmers Avenue, and extending back therefrom, of equal width, for a distance of one hundred and fifty feet. Known for street purposes as No. 48 Chalmers Ave. Appraised at \$4500.00. Terms—Cash in hand on day of sale. T. E. MILLIKEN, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Youngstown, Ohio, Nov. 19, 1917. E. N. Brown, Print'g Atty. 25-5

NORTH LIMA

Dec. 19—A special effort will be made in this community this week to secure members for the Red Cross, and indications are that many more will contribute to this noble cause. Another lot of knitted work will be turned into Youngstown headquarters Friday. The schools will give their annual Christmas program Thursday evening, Dec. 20. School will close Friday for the holidays. Mt. Olivet Reformed Sunday school is preparing to render simple Christmas exercises Christmas eve. A jolly crowd of young people from the high school made up a sledding party to the home of Lew Kohler in Springfield township Saturday evening. Sledding is quite good since the roads have been opened to travel. The first installment of army trucks scheduled to pass through this village will be on Saturday, but the condition of the roads made this impossible. It is expected that their first trip will be made this week. Jonas Hurts has sold his farm in Beaver township to J. Beardman of Youngstown. Bert Kohler and family occupy their new residence just completed on the New Springfield road, east of the village. Mrs. Lucinda Sittler and son Charles were in Salem Thursday, and attended the funeral of the former's brother, Uriah Lower. Mrs. E. M. Cover receives the ladies of the Priscilla Club Thursday afternoon. There is considerable sickness in this locality, due mostly to the cold weather. C. Weeden has been confined to her bed by illness. North Lima grange will meet this evening, the last meeting of the year. Mrs. H. Dishong and children of Columbiana were Sunday visitors at Jacob Elser's. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Beard and children were entertained Sunday in the home of Mrs. Lydia Fink and Miss Ellen Kenrich. On account of snow and cold weather, the Searchlight Club has postponed their regular meeting until after the holidays. N. H. Mentzer of Youngstown was a business caller here last week. He reports that his son Vernon, who is ill with typhoid fever, is improving. Merry Christmas to all Dispatch readers.

GREENFORD

Dec. 19—Mrs. Isiah Goodman entertained two sided leads of the organized class of the Lutheran Sunday school at her home last Thursday night. Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Naffziger, son Luther and daughter Evangelize were entertained at dinner last Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Naffziger. DeVane Weikart left Tuesday for Cuba, N. Y., to visit his son Irving and family and from there he expects to go to Appollo, Pa., to spend the remainder of the winter with his son Earl and wife. Mrs. Mary Kenrich, daughter Bertha and sons Martin and Victor and Miss Eunice McMahon spent Monday in Salem calling on Prof. and Mrs. Richard Hilgendorf. Mrs. Edmond and Miss Helen Huffman were in Salem Saturday. Mrs. Helen Bogner, son Lyle and daughter Thelma of Calla called on Mrs. G. L. Bush, Sunday. The Junior boys and girls practiced for a contest Tuesday night at their regular grange meeting, to see which will have to pay for the cats, same to be held some time later. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Slagle and daughters of New Albany were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Bush. Mrs. Wm. Felcht is confined to the house with tonsillitis. Mrs. Charles Eckler of Indianapolis, Ind., came Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Paul H. Leimbach, and family.

MILLVILLE

Dec. 19—A pleasing program consisting of recitations and songs will be rendered here Sunday, Dec. 23, at 10:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Revival services were held Thursday, Friday and Sunday evenings by J. E. McRobertson and associate of Norwalk, in the Millville school house. Miss Elizabeth Yeager of Youngstown, training in the hospital there, was a week-end guest of her mother here. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ott, who have been living on the Abram Zimmerman farm, expect to take up their residence in Salem the first of January. Mrs. Charles Luxiell left Thursday on the car landing by tripping on some steps and sustained a broken wrist. A. J. Holden of Alliance spent a few hours in the village Saturday. Albert Luxiell, who is in the Salem hospital, has been improving the past few days. L. E. Arlon of Newton Falls called on friends here the past week. Mrs. S. L. Schaffer spent Thursday in Salem. Several from this village were Youngstown shoppers the past week.

HICKORY

Dec. 19—Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Bowman of Youngstown spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bowman. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Weaver spent Saturday with their son John and family at Gettysburg. C. D. Bowman delivered some fine hogs to L. C. Manchester in Dublin, Wednesday. Mrs. Ed. Cline, who underwent an operation in the Salem hospital, is improving. Mrs. Wm. Keets' condition remains unchanged. Amos Hippley of New Albany and Earl Bessler spent Sunday at R. R. Esterly's. Ed. Wright recently visited his son Rubi at Lansing, Mich. T. J. McPeely and Herschel Bowman had business in Salem Thursday. Goheen No. 1 school will give an entertainment Friday evening, Dec. 21.

NEW BUFFALO

Dec. 19—We had no mail here last week Monday and Tuesday; that is why there was no New Buffalo news in the Dispatch. We all feel the effects of this zero weather and the snow drifts. Dr. Detchon of Canfield made a professional call here last Friday. Miss Nora Moff visited friends and relatives in Columbiana from Thursday till Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Moff attended the funeral of Mrs. George Kinsey in Damascus last Sunday. Allen Weaver took Dal Fink to Leetonia last Wednesday. Howard Little son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hitchcock, is quite sick with kidney trouble. Christmas services at the Lutheran church next Sunday morning instead of Christmas day as previously announced. Russell Morris, who had a leg broken by a horse, is very patient about being compelled to remain in bed so quiet. The first week he received 46 letters from the school; last week he got 65. The teacher sends him his lessons every day so he can keep up with the class. He received a beautiful bouquet of carnations from the school. Earl Rothgeb and wife of Youngstown spent Sunday at Noah Rothgeb's. H. L. Beard of Youngstown spent Sunday with his mother here. She is suffering with grip. Mrs. Wilson Harold and Mrs. Sara Shibly of Columbiana visited at Arthur Hixon's Sunday. Allen Weaver called at Roy Barger's in Boardman Sunday. Charles Moff was in Youngstown last week. Many people like to compare prices. Here's some taken from Peter Ruppert's store account book of 1886: Flour, \$3.75 1/4 sack, crackers 15c lb, cheese 20c lb, butter 20c, lard 20c, eggs 22c doz, oil 60c gal, white sugar 20c, brown sugar 18c, coffee 35c, black tea \$2, green tea \$3, salt 7c lb, rice 15c, pepper 60c, sausage 40c gal, oysters \$1.50 can, lemons 8c each, oranges \$1.50 doz, syrup \$1.50 gal, ham 20c lb, ss. 12c, pork 18c, beef 20c, corn meal 2c lb, potatoes \$1 in favor of the high school boys. Apples 45c pk., brooms 40c, shot 20c, powder 75c, raisins 50c lb, fine cut tobacco \$1.20 lb, chop feed 15c lb, chestnuts 15c qt., candles 30c lb.

BOARDMAN

Dec. 19—Prof. and Mrs. G. M. Barton were in Youngstown Saturday. Mrs. Roy Barger is improving slowly. Celia Swank of New Buffalo is doing her work. The Methodists will hold their Christmas entertainment on Christmas eve. The Episcopalians will have their Christmas entertainment next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Jas. M. McKay, R. E. Frederick and H. C. Heinzelman attended a meeting of the Mahoning County Improvement Association in Youngstown Friday. G. E. Meek was in Poland Monday evening. Frank Agnew let his horses out for water Saturday evening. After drinking they started for a run and got on the road, going north to the center. Sunday morning he found them in the woods east of the car line. Alice Winter spent Sunday in Youngstown. Bert Zedaker hauled wood for Ed. Swanson Friday. Albert Ritter and Clark Felcht unloaded two cars of coal for Cade's greenhouse last week. C. M. L. Altdorfer called at John Riley's near Canfield Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Fox, who was at John Kane's for six weeks, returned home to Pittsburgh Friday. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Joshua, son and daughter were in Youngstown Saturday evening. The Red Cross meets at Mrs. Elmer Barger's this week. Frank Catherman was in Cleveland Friday. North Newton was in Leetonia Friday. Henry Sparrow was in Youngstown Friday afternoon. Wm. Creps of Coal Mines plastered Francis Sparrow's house last week. The high school boys played the Boardman A. C. a game of basketball Saturday evening. Score 38 to 21 in favor of the high school boys. R. E. Lee and C. L. Barger put some new sections in one of the boilers at the school house Friday. Miss Mayo, who stays at Dr. Thorne's, was called to Brooklyn, N. Y., by the death of her sister.

BERLIN CENTER

Dec. 19—The Lutheran Sunday school will give an entertainment in the school auditorium Friday evening. "The Coming of Christ" will be presented. All are cordially invited. Mrs. Harmon, who has been ill for some time, is steadily growing weaker. Mrs. George Shrader and children spent a few days in Alliance with her sister, Mrs. Myers. Ford Hoyle was home from Youngstown Sunday. Mrs. Wilbur Hillis and sister-in-law were Alliance visitors Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bedell, Clyde Hawkins and daughter Kromack were in Youngstown last Saturday. There will be preaching in the M. E. Church next Sunday morning. Will Kuntz had business in Youngstown the latter part of last week. Mrs. W. S. Hoover spent last Saturday in Alliance with Mrs. Ritchey. Mrs. Herrick spent last Saturday in Alliance with Mrs. Ritchey. Mrs. Herrick of Kinsman is visiting Mrs. Chester Harmon. Mrs. Bessie Moon was the guest of Mrs. Teeters last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. George Prather of East Palestine is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lavern Shively. Rev. Caven was an Alliance visitor Friday. Emerson Wood was at his home here last Thursday. He leaves shortly for a military training camp but he does not know yet which one it will be. It has just about gotten so in some countries that when a neighbor comes to break bread with another neighbor he has to bring his own breakings.

ISLAND

Dec. 19—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Long-anecker returned Wednesday from Battle Creek, Mich., where Mrs. L. took treatment for some time with good results. Mr. Hullinger and Chas. Hovernale of Millville were on the Island Sunday evening. Noah Weaver and family and Miss Mary Knapp visited at Henry Lehman's Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Horst and daughter Carrie of North Lawrence are visiting their daughter, Mrs. E. S. Knopp. Mrs. H. H. Culp and Miss Effie Yoder called on Mrs. S. R. Martin Sunday. Harry Culp is disposing of a carload of Virginia apples in Youngstown this week. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Eberly of Burton City are spending some time here with friends and relatives. Our mail service was somewhat crippled the past week owing to drifted, impassable highways. Miss Mollie Lehman is on the sick list. S. G. McClun, Henry Lehman and H. H. Calvin were recent Youngstown callers. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Good called on D. R. Lehman and family, Sunday. H. H. Calvin, D. R. Lehman and Harry Boyd on Tuesday appraised the estate of Geo. W. McClun, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Weaver, Amos Wenger and sister Stella were entertained by Harry Showalter's. Mrs. Lena and Ida Weaver were in Salem Saturday. B. L. Weaver and wife called on D. R. Lehman and family Monday. Miss Fannie Riehl is working in the Leetonia pretzel factory.

MINERAL RIDGE

Dec. 19—Howard Hardy returned to Akron Sunday after spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hardy. Norman Patterson is remodeling his house. Willis Rummel of Sharon spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rummel. Jacob Baughman of Cleveland has concluded a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Morgan and left for New Castle where he will spend several months visiting relatives. Jacob Hoffman, who was overcome by fumes while working in a garage a few days ago, is again able to be out. F. D. O. Davis received word last week of the death of his sister, Mrs. Kate Shoemaker, in New York. The Study club held their Christmas party on Monday evening at the home of Miss Helen Leitch. Miss Edna Oehl is recovering from injuries sustained a few weeks ago in a street car accident. Owing to the recent storm street car traffic has been tied up for over a week and great inconvenience has been experienced. A boy and a girl, were recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hood. The public school will give a Cantata Friday evening. Measles are epidemic in this community. Frank Fox spent Sunday in Lisbon.

MILTON

Dec. 19—Raymond A. Renkenberger was home from camp over Sunday. All his friends were glad to see and talk to him. Mrs. Hiram Heisel spent Sunday with her parents in Diamond. Miss Rutheda Orr visited her brother Robert in Cleveland the last week. Howard Evans of Cincinnati, formerly of Diamond, called on old friends in this vicinity last week. Jacob Heisel and sons Oliver, Raymond and Walter spent Friday in Youngstown. Owing to an accident they were detained over night. Carl Shrader and family spent the week-end in Alliance. E. G. Burkey had business in Youngstown Saturday. Several of our young folks enjoyed a dance at Diamond Saturday night. J. B. Duse and family spent Sunday with Mrs. H. M. Orr. Shurl Orr and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Baldwin. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Heisel assisted Hiram Heisel in butchering Monday. Enoch Russell is on the sick list. Mrs. Belle Force was in Youngstown Saturday. Mrs. Rule Leasure is spending a few days in Cleveland. Marguerite and Lillian Cole were in Youngstown Saturday. Mrs. Elizabeth Hawkins of Cleveland is spending some time with her sister.

NORTH CANFIELD STREET

Dec. 19—Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Rhodes called at M. J. Cruthers' Monday afternoon. R. I. Burkey's big sale will be held next week Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Yeager were in Canfield Friday. Clarence Williamson, who was in the Youngstown hospital for several weeks, is getting along fine. He came home Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn DeCamp and sons of Youngstown spent Sunday afternoon at E. P. DeCamp's. Mrs. Mary Shafer has returned home after spending 10 days with her brother, G. D. Neff, in Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Yeager will live with their son Tom this winter as Mrs. Yeager's health is not very good. Mr. and Mrs. ...odes and son Myron and daughters Gladys and Myrtle of Lynn Street ate their Sunday dinner with O. S. Rhodes. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crum and Mrs. Rachel Yeager spent Saturday at Earl Yeager's in Youngstown. Mr. and Mrs. C. Allspaugh entertained Mr. and Mrs. Foster Cox of Youngstown Sunday. Miss Charlotte Musser called at Frank DeCamp's Sunday. Aloena Gardner is spending some time with her aunt in Youngstown.

BLANCO

Dec. 19—W. F. Renkenberger, Mrs. Wolford, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thorp and Walter Swank of this place and Raymond Renkenberger of Camp Sherman were Sunday visitors of J. Heisel and family. Burton Kale and family of Blanco and Howard Evans of Palmyra visited with Raymond Renkenberger Sunday evening. He arrived home Sunday morning and had to leave Monday morning. He has been having bronchial trouble and his speech is affected. Miss Francis Guthra has returned home after spending a few weeks with Mrs. Cyrus Smith of Berlin Center. Mrs. H. E. Kale, Mr. and Mrs. Bales Force and Floyd Wiesner were in Youngstown Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Dodd of West Austintown and H. E. Kale and family of Blanco were Sunday visitors of the Rev. and Mrs. E. Kale. Mrs. Hiram Heisel visited her mother, Mrs. Marshall, of Diamond Sunday. The Misses Viola and Grace Eckis were home from Alliance Sunday. Walter Roberts was a Sunday visitor at the C. C. Eckis home. C. W. Eckis of Youngstown was a Monday caller at Hi Heisel's. Miss Lillian Force of Youngstown spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Force. Mr. and Mrs. Burton Kale and daughter Rose visited at John Jenkin's Saturday night and Sunday. They had a family dinner and the children were all home to visit their brother, Jesse Jenkins, who is spending a month with relatives. He will return to Camp Sherman Dec. 26. Carl Shrader was in Youngstown Tuesday. Burkey spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Newton Ormsby.

MILTON SOUTH SIDE

Dec. 19—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dodd of West Austintown spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kalkbrenner. Mrs. Lizzie Hawkins of Cleveland is spending some time with her father, Enoch Russell, who is quite ill. Raymond Renkenberger of Chilli-cothe spent Sunday here with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Renkenberger. Walter Roberts of Mahoningtown and Misses Viola and Grace Eckis of Alliance spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Eckis. Earl Liby and family of Warren spent Sunday here with friends. Rutheda Orr is spending some time in Cleveland and Akron. Edward Cranes is convalescing ill. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shrader and daughter Pauline spent Sunday in Alliance. Armine Hartzell of North Benton spent Saturday at L. W. Snook's. Schools here will close Friday for two weeks Christmas vacation. Preaching in Orr's Corners M. E. Church next Sunday at 2 o'clock. Friends here of Chauncey Rose of Rosemont were grieved to hear of his death Sunday morning. Clyde Orr and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Orr. E. H. Crandall and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Willson.

DAMASCUS

Dec. 19—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Reber Dec. 11. The H. S. inspector, who visited the school a week ago, sent in a very favorable report of the condition of the schools in Damascus—and the work of the H. S. teachers here. All the schools of Goshen township are preparing Christmas programs to be given either Thursday evening or Friday afternoon in their respective schools. A two weeks' vacation has been granted by the board of education, beginning Dec. 21. Friday evening, the members of the Friends' church will hold a reception in honor of their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Haworth, and a most enjoyable evening is anticipated. The chicken supper and apron bazar held at the M. E. Church last Friday evening was a great success and over \$40 was cleared for the Y. M. C. A. fund besides a neat sum for the society from the apron sale.

SHADY HOLLOW

Dec. 19—Howard Kyle played basketball in boardman Saturday night. Homer Bue and F. P. Heintzelman have been named car mechanics. Robert Winch, the cow tester, was on the street this week. Wm. Hall was in Youngstown Thursday. Mrs. C. DeGroot visited in Boardman last week. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Heintzelman called at Wm. Sweeney's in Pleasant Grove, Sunday. The Social Sisters' club met at Mrs. John Hitchcock's Wednesday afternoon. L. Meeker and wife were in Youngstown Friday. Youngstown visitors from here Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. John Avery, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Bare, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Decker, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Heintzelman and Clyde Van Poesan. Miss Anna Paulin who attends the State Normal in Kent, is home for the Christmas vacation.

CALLA

Dec. 19—There will be an oyster supper at the school house Friday evening, Dec. 21. Proceeds for the benefit of the school. Everybody attend. Mrs. L. Miller is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Miles, in Girard. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Herron moved to their home here last Thursday. Miss Mabel Paulin spent last Thursday with her brother Eli and family. Mr. and Mrs. ...odes and son Myron and daughters Gladys and Myrtle of Lynn Street ate their Sunday dinner with O. S. Rhodes. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gee Sunday. Master Herbert Gee returned home with them. Mrs. Wm. Herron and daughters Mildred and Helen and son Lester and Clyde Sigle attended grange in Greenford Tuesday evening. Also we wish to congratulate Noah Webster, L. D., on having died before he would have been required to put Bol-beviki in his dictionary.

"A Visit From St. Nicholas"

WHAT is the best known poem in the world? Not Gray's "Elegy," nor "The Song of the Shirt," nor "The Raven," but "The Night Before Christmas." The author is not so well known as his poem.

One recent Christmas the name of Clement Clarke Moore was honored as never before. Above his grave in the chapel of Holy Trinity cemetery, New York, the choir boys sang carols on the night before Christmas, and a service of light was held. This beautiful ceremonial starts with a procession of torchbearers whose torches are kindled from the leader's flame, and as the fire winds through the graveyard the fire is passed back from one to another until the lights grow in number and dispel the surrounding darkness.

The father of Clement Clarke Moore was once the bishop of New York. "The Night Before Christmas" was published originally without the author's knowledge in the Troy Sentinel two days before Christmas, 1823. Moore had written it the preceding Christmas just for the delight of his own children, but its circulation slipped beyond the family circle, and an unknown friend sent it for publication. The Sentinel readers paid no attention to it, and it passed without comment until seven years later, when the same paper reprinted it. The second reception was very different from the first. "A Visit From St. Nicholas," as it was then entitled, was copied broadcast, and its author awoke to find his work, if not himself, famous.

Although Clement Clarke Moore was educated for the ministry, he never took orders. For the greater part of his life he was identified with the New York General Theological seminary, being professor of Biblical learning and Greek and later of oriental languages.

Clement Moore's family life had many sorrows. His wife died at the early age of thirty-five, and the two little daughters, for whom he wrote "The Night Before Christmas," both died in their childhood. His son and namesake lived to the age of sixty-eight and is buried in the family plot.

When "The Night Before Christmas" was first published in the Troy Sentinel the editor wrote:

"We do not know to whom we are indebted for the following description



The "Service of Light."

of that unweary patron of children, that homely but delightful personification of parental kindness, Santa Claus, his custom and his equipage, as he goes about visiting the firebrides of this wondrous land, laden with Christmas bounties, but from whomsoever it may have come we give thanks for it. There is to our apprehension a spirit of cordial goodness in it, a playfulness as of fancy and a benevolent alacrity to enter into the feelings and promote the simple pleasures of children which are altogether charming. We hope our little patrons, both lads and lassies, will accept it as a proof of our unforgotten good will toward them, a token of our warmest wish that they may have many a merry Christmas; that they may long retain their beautiful relish for these unthought, home bred joys, which derive their flavor from filial piety and fraternal love and which, they may be assured, are the least alloyed that time can furnish them."—Philadelphia Press.

Christmas Song.

Oh, Christmas is a happy time, When human hearts are light And human hate has vanished And all the world looks bright. And Christmas is a solemn time, For back long ago, Christ was born to give the world The joy that see now know. But not alone at Christmas time Is happiness and cheer, For he who really loves the Lord Hath Christmas all the year. —H. E. Sadtler