Long ago.

II. Our God, heaven cannot hold Him Nor earth sustain, Heaven and earth shall flee away

When He comes to reign; In the bleak mid-winter A stable place sufficed The Lord God Almighty—

Enough for Him whom Cherubim Worship night and day, A breadstuff of milk A breadstuit of milk
And a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him whom angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

Angels and Archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and Scraphim But only His Mother In her maiden bliss Worshiped the Beloved

What can I give him, Poor as I am ?-I would bring a lamb; If I were a Wise Man It would do my part,—
Yet what can I give Him,—
Give my heart. Christian Rossetti.

AH KIN'S CHRISTMAS TREE.

I have more than once reiterated the following simple story, by word of mouth, for several reasons. In the first place, it is as strictly true as it is strange; in the next, it enables me to justify gratitude in a quarter where justification is seldom accorded; and again because it places our patiently suffering, much abused John Chinaman in a better light, and shows him to be as fully susceptible to humane and generous treatment as his more fortunate fellows of the less slanted optics and less pronounced expression of nose and cheek-bone. As the winter holidays of 185- ap-

proached, they found me in a very unenviable state of mind.

I was living, with my family, in the little mining town of Red Gulch, not a hundred miles from Marysville, California. A continued run of ill fortune had reduced me from the proud position of a mining speculator on my own account to the superintendency of a small average paying quartz mill. It was barely suffici-ent to subsist on in the provoking hard times that prevailed. Long continued ill success had broken my spirit and undermined my individual energy, and it was only by observing the strictest economy in everything that my good wife and I managed to make both ends meet in the conduct of our household, and at the same time send our three children to a respectable school, and preserve an outward sem-blance to the thrift and decency that had distinguished us in our prosperous days.

And one of our sources of annoyance just at the time of which I was speaking was that our little ones would have to be put off with their Christmas tree, to which they had been accustomed once a year from the time they were born. But they took it better than could have been expected when their mother prepared them their disappointment l

Tommy, the eldest, who was a veritable had noised through the entire neighborlittle philosopher in his way, stoutly asserted that he had outgrown such childish luxuries, and would manage to make merry enough if we would treat him to a new-pair of boots, of which he was sadly in need, poor fellow.

Bella also pretended to think nothing of the disappointment; but if little Jenny, whose brief recollection could not include more than two Christmas trees at the furthest, looked a little downcast when told that Santa Claus would this year have nothing for her but a cheap doll and a picture book, she did not whimper about it, but bore it like a trump.
"Still, I know that they feel the disap-

pointment bitterly at heart," said my wife sadly; "and I hope we shall be able next Christmas to make amends to them."

"Suppose I cut one of the dwarf firs out on the mountain, and hang it over with sugar plums and cheap candies?" I suggested. "It would be better than nothing. "I don't think it would after the beau tiful and expensive trees to which the darlings have been accustomed."

"Then let us think and say no more about it," said I with some impatience.
"I wouldn't mind their disappointment so much," continued my wife, "if it was not constantly aggravated by the Cameron children, next door, who are forever crowing over our chicks by describing the magnificent tree their parents are going to provide for them."

"I have a notion to move to the other end of town," I exclaimed, biting my lip, for Mr. Cameron was one of my employers, and the one who most persistently reminded me of my dependent position having known me in other days when I was as well off as himself.

"That would cost more than a wel loaded Christmas tree, I am afraid," said my wife.

Just then Master Tommy came stumping in from school, with his satchel on his arm, and a brighter look on his face than I had seen it wear for some time. "Hooray!" he cried, "we're going to

have a Christmas tree after all!" "Yes indeed!" exclaimed Bella, who just then made her appearance at his heels, towing in Jenny, whose eyes were also dancing in her head; "a better and a more wonderful tree than is in all Cali-

"And where is it to come from?" said I in much surprise.

"Ah Kin is going to give it to us." But my wife and myself burst out laugh-

ing at this. Ah Kin was a simple-minded, Chinese laundryman, who had formerly been em-ployed by me in my little shaft on Feather dreadful fever, from which only the most unremitting care on our part, together with fortunate doctoring, had restored him to life and usefulness—though to the latter only with impaired and broken faculties, He had never been strong minded at his brightest, and his convalescence left him so devastated of his small store of Oriental cunning as to verge upon imbecility, while his physical energies had only recuperated sufficiently to enstore of Oriental cunning as to verge upon imbecility, while his physical energies had only recuperated sufficiently to enable him to earn a precarious subsistence at a neighboring laundry that was carried on by one of his countrymen. He had at first joined a showman's enterprise in the capacity of "the great original Chinese juggler," a vocation in which he (according to his own account) had been a proficient in the flowery kingdom: but his

his former skill-if, indeed, he ever possessed any-and he at length settled down as a spiritless and unambitious man washerwoman. But he had never forgotten our humane treatment during his illness, though we had come to look upon the stupid expression of his gratitude as containing as much intelligence as would have been betrayed by a well-dispositioned

Newfoundland dog.
"It will certainly be a fine tree you will obtain from Ah Kin," said I. "Better put such notions away at once, my dears.' "But, papa," said Tommy, earnestly, "he swears he will come here Christmas morning and make a lovely Christmas tree grow right out of the ground."
"Yes," put in Bella, "and he promise

that it shall be ever so much better than the Cameron girls are to have." "All covered with silver and dold," chimed in Jenny, clapping her little

"And a real tree, growed right out of the ground before our very eyes," reiterated Tommy.

putting silly notions into your heads." "But I have somewhere read of Oriental jugglers producing a full grown, matured tree of dwarf size in a few minutes," said it." my wife, whose predilection in favor of Ah Kin was greater than my own, chiefly

he was in a fair way of being converted to Christianity. "So have I," I replied, "but they must have been far more expert than our poor simpleton of an Ah Kin. However -" I was interrupted by the entrance into our little garden-where the foregoing

Sunday-school, and led her to believe that

conversation had taken place—of the very object of our remarks himself. He was, without doubt, the most insane, ultra-addled, super-stupid specimen of even a John Chinaman I ever saw. He might have been almost any age from twenty-five to sixty, so utterly expressionless was his flat, vapid, sleepish physiog-nomy, the skin of which looked like nothing so much as imperfect mahogany veneering that had been exposed to the weather for an indefinite period, whose little slits of eyes were not without a sort of canine affectionateness when they encountered me or mine. His development of forehead and chin-or rather the lack of it-was after the manner of the princely Aztec descendants that were once exhibited through the country; his yellow protuberant tusk-like teeth were constantly exposed; and one wondered that even the weight of his attenuated pig-tail did not

to prostrate him altogether on his back. the promised Christmas tree. He con- kept the tree for exhibition. tented himself with making a low salaam, with which he always greeted us, especial-

ly my wife, and simply said:
"Waitee till Kistmass comee, and see what I do. I know what it means, for the good lady makee me lovee the melli-can man's Joss. I never forget kindness, not me. I was a big lick magic man in China. I make grow light here in this China. I make grow light here in this china. I make grow light measur-landid tree so high" (measuring off about a yard with his hands), an I would embalm his remains and have Kistmassee morning waitee and see."

With that Ah Kin went into the house for a basket of soiled linen, and we saw little of him until the Christmas morning seldom spend the holidays together withfollowing, when our garden contained a out recalling to mind the gratitude of the number of neighbors and their children, poor Chinaman as cvinced in Ah Kin's attracted thither by the wonderful promises of Ah Kin, which Tommy and Bella

hood. It was lovely weather, as warm and the gate, and the children were disporting upon the steps of the cottage piazza with new toys and jimcracks, in which, however, Tommy, Bella, and Jenny were constrained to take a back seat, inasmuch as I had only been able to afford an extra so careless and excholarly that it became

exert myself to afford them entertainment. Ah Kin made his appearance at ten o'clock, accompanied by another Chinaman bearing a basket containing apparently nothing but fresh new earth. They

were both dressed in clean but coarse cotton clothes, and Ah Kin-who looked more emaciated than I had ever seen him since he had newly arisen from his sick bed--carried over his arm a large mantle of faded silk.

He selected a spot of green sward upon lets his die." "Then I will call in an alwhich he directed the basket carrier to lopath—the poor woman will suffer less." empty the earth, after which he dismissed him, and throwing himself npon his knees, proceeded to press and pat the soil into a smoothly rounded little mound, about the size of an inverted washbowl.

He then took from somewhere in the folds of the silk mantle a little round purple seed or bean, which he held up for us all to examine, between his forefinger and thumb. This he deposited in a small hole in the center of the heap. Covering it up, he made a number of cabalistic signs over the surface of the mound, while he muttered to himself in low, sing-song, unintelligible tones, at the same time waving his hand slowly and

mechanically over his head. laundryman, who had formerly been employed by me in my little shaft on Feather River, when I was delving for gold on my own account. He had been taken with a dreadful fever, from which only the work at the most of the most panying the motion with a sort of spas-modic depression of the tone in which he

had been chanting.

He then hastily covered the entire mound with the mantle, and turning to the spectators who had observed him with varying emotions, though, for my part, I had made no effort to conceal my contempt for the whole affair, as so much

impaired faculties had deprived him of that tented the texture into regular folds on every side. I now made no effort to conceal my interest, and every one looked on with

breathless suspense and curiosity.
Suddenly Ah Kin seized hold of the mantle, whisked it off, and there in the center of the mound, was as perfect a fir tree in miniature as the mind could conceive of.

Its tiny branches were thickly hung with little nuggets of virgin gold, which sparkled in the sunshine, and a little envelope was sticking from the upper branches, like a billet doux from fairy

An exclamation of delighted surprise ran through the assembly.

Ah Kin gravely seized the tree by its slender trunk—it was not much more than twelve inches high, and exquisitely proportioned-raised it gently from the ground, and thus exposed the genuine roots and then placing it in a small flower pot that chanced to be lying near, presented it to my wife with the injunction that she should te'te exceeding good care "Nonsense!" said I, a little crossly, "I of it, and picking up the silk mantle, took shall give the stupid fellow a lesson for his departure without a word.

"Wonderful!" exclaimed Mr. Cameron. "The nuggets are genuine, too. There's two hundred dollars' worth of gold on

"It beats our Christmas tree all hollow," said one of the Cameron offspring, whose because he attended her Bible class in the mother thereupon sent her home by a peculiarly spiteful shove.

When they had plenty of time to admire it, we took the wonder tree into the cottage and inspected it at our leisure and in the privacy of our family. Of course the children were wild with

delight as I shook the solid nuggets from the magic branches, and collected them in a glittering heap upon the table.

"Read this missive," said my wife,
snatching off the small envelope. "It's directed to you, in Ah Kin's best pigeon

English." I have not the contents of that momentous missive before me just now, and allays irritation, and promotes a vigorous skall not undertake to give its phraseology from memory. Suffice it to say that it gave me such minute directions to take out a claim in the mountains not more than twenty miles from Red Gulch, which had never been prospected over before, specifying the place in the most careful manner, that I lost no time in instituting the claim in close accordance with the directions received, and the mines which I opened made me indepen-

dently rich. But our house was broken into that very Christmas night, and the wonderful tree which the grateful Chinaman had (at least preponderate over his cerebral incapacity apparently) caused to spring from the earth for our special benefit, disappeared The children were not long in making and was never seen again. But, inasmuch this cheerful specimen of Celestial civili- as I had taken care to secrete its precious zation acquainted with the nature of the fruits, and the burgalars were frightened conversation that he had interrupted, and the doubts we had expressed in respect to material loss, though I should like to have

if the reader can offer an explanation of its strange production, I should be happy to know it, as I have long since given it up as an inexplicable mystery. Ah Kin died shortly after I opened the them sent back to his friends in China which of course I did.

My children are all grown now, and we wonderful Christmas tree.

"Girled Up."

The Springfield Republican suggests a balmy as a day in June in New England.

The sunshine caressed the sward with a inloving hand, the birds were melodious in the cedars, the gold fish flashed ruddily in casion of an interview with the principal the little fountain, I had improvised near of one of the Hampden County academies. dinner for the family, and their parents a scrious question whether he would be and nurses near at hand, among whom I noticed, with an uncomfortable feeling, both Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, who appeared he had meanwhile become conspicuous to look down upon me with ostentatious as a ladies' man. The principal having commiseration at my poverty.

I bore it as well as I could, and my wife, knowing the humiliation that oppressed me, moved familiarly among those who had constituted themselves our guests, is a remarkably happy and pregnant and made such a show of appearance at her ease that she overdid it a little. I took care, however, to make every one during that budding, downy and velvety understand that I placed no reliance in period of their teens, when they ought the Chinaman's promise—as, indeed, I did not—and would not consider myself reucatonal foundations, it is this premasponsible for whatever disappointment ture efflorescence of the sexual cried might occur. They were welcome to sit which moves boys and girls, who ought in my garden as long as they wished, but to be kept down to study, to perk and I had not invited them, and should not and prim, and play with each others' eyes, and write silly and badly-spelled notes to each other, and eat slate pencils in private. But then it rarely lasts long; it is less harmful than tobacco or whiskey, and there is no law "agin" youths of tha age making fools of themselves.

Which?-"Shall I try a homeopath or an allopath?" "My dear fellow, it is six of one and half-a-dozen of the other. The allopath kills his patients; the homoepath lets his die." "Then I will call in an al--French Wit.

A Campaign Slander.

When Dr. R. V. Pierce was a candidate for State Senator, his political opponents published a pretended analysis of his popular medicines, hoping thereby to prejudice the people against him. His election by an overwhelming majority severely rebuked his traducers, who sought to impeach his business integrity. No notice would have been taken of these campaign lies were it not that some of his enemies (and every successful business man has his full quota of envious rivals) are republishing these bogus analyses. Numerous and most absurd formulas have been published, purporting to come from high authority; and it is a significant fact that no two have been at all alike—conclusively proving the dishonesty of their authors.

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source.

It may be thought that all this having reference to Dr. Pierce's private business has no point whatever when considered in connection with the proper qualifications of a candidate for the Senate. Perhaps. But it is the fashion now, and will be for a fortnight more, with sundry journals, to make sneering allusions to this very matter, After that brief period, they will be quite ready to go on doing his work as before, and as always before, to speak of him as a great public benefactor."

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