

ALL IN HIS BONES.

THE IDLER SATURATED WITH YULETIDE JOVIALITY.

PEEPS AT HIS DOMESTIC CIRCLE.

He Depicts Little Grover Cleveland and the Infant Nicknamed "Baker's Dozen"—A Smoking-Jacket in Course of Preparation.

The commander-in-chief had her hands full last week when she commenced making her Christmas cakes and pies, for this is a job that even Solomon couldn't accomplish without the expenditure of more or less muscle.

hope to see him indulging his mechanical propensities on our rose-wood furniture, while the pistol is the only available article by which he, I or any one else can curb the commander-in-chief. Firearms fill her with vague fears, and I have even known her to resist from asking me the club gossip when she saw me greasing my revolver.



HIS LITTLE LIST.

major-general to keep the children away from the sled citron, and the commander-in-chief thought she had conceived a very bright idea when she suggested that the youngsters amuse themselves by making out lists of what they wanted Santa Claus to bring them.

There's no doubt about that boy's being precocious; sometimes he acts like grown folks. The sand-bag depicted in the handsome engraving below is intended to develop the muscle of the entire batch of presidential possibilities.

While chatting with the gentle reader concerning our family and the little Christmas schemes which are now engrossing my attention, I cannot pass on

essential." Since then he has been eating fish and other brain food, which, he says, is necessary to the ripening of the intellect.



N OBSCURE PASSAGE IN HOMER.

to Jennings wearing the specs in the engraving. My comparison between our boy and Cromwell caught the Commander-in-Chief, and for once my views prevailed.

The picture presented below shows William Jennings Bryan in deep thought over an obscure passage in Homer, which was—or rather will be—presented to him along with other valuable works on Christmas-Day by his esteemed teacher, the Rev. Long-Jaw Shunfin.

Well, darn my buttons if I ain't just like other people. I started to write about Christmas, and here I am a switching off on the children, just like an old hen with one chick.

of Eve. Besides thinking that everybody's children except her own are bad, she indignantly resents any abuse of me. Perhaps this latter good quality is due to the fact that she wants to reserve this privilege exclusively for herself.

of course the materials. Well do I remember the red crocheted cravat which she wove for me, and which, for months thereafter excited the mirth of the hoodlums at the club.

The worst part about these home productions is that while in course of preparation I am supposed to know nothing about them.

A few days since Marmaduke told me what I am to have this holiday. It is a home-made smoking jacket, and I shall be overwhelmingly surprised when I receive it. This valuable addition to my habiliments will doubtless be kept under



THE HOME-MADE SMOKING COAT.

bluffed off with a 6-cent rattle. Would that he could never grow older or become more acute. Some one has feelingly said: "What is home without a baby?"

a glass case, as I am not allowed to smoke in any room in the house. I have an idea that it's not going to fit, but bet your bottom dollar, friends, I'm going to wear it.

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Senator Mark Hanna, but the possession of superabundance of wealth is the only point of similarity between us.

without a brief commentary on the stereotyped qualities of this boy, William Jennings Bryan, who, though still quite young, gives so much promise.

THE IDLE REPORTER. CASTORIA. It is a great mistake to suppose that the Commander-in-Chief is a woman devoid of sentiment, or those other poetic emotions which justify unmarried poets in singing the praises of the daughters