

CHRISTMAS EVE.

I have gathered the house for Christmas with its holly and mistletoe. The tables are piled with delicacies and I sit by the glowing glow.

On the table in a far-off light. Will dream of his home to-night. And one in her bridal crown. Carries my roses white.

Next, the grace of a Christmas stricture. Then a prayer for the world and all. As the foot of the blushing fairy.

THE CHRISTMAS HEARTH.

"On this Christmas day we will shut out our Breside Noddie."—Charles Dickens. Room for the living and the dead—

CHRISTMAS STORIES.

"Keep up a good fire, Jennie, and don't worry; we shall surely be home before dark!" and with a loving "good bye" the father and mother drove rapidly away.

THE CARD OF ST. NICK.

I never could exactly understand him; he has such a short, blunt way of saying things, but sometimes it seems as though he was really

anxiously scanned the gloomy prospect, but fearing to frighten the younger children, turned again to her work, forcing herself to smile cheerfully as she prepared their simple meals.

As they gathered around the table they were startled by a fierce blast which shook the house to its foundation. Outside nothing was to be seen but a scorching, boiling ocean of white pouring from the roofless tract.

"You mustn't mind if I don't go with you; I shall be here at hand, and I dare say, shall come across in a dozen minutes, on the day."

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adventure, I wonder that I was ever afraid to approach him, and in listening to his voluntary information half of the childish questions I intended to ask.

GOOD-BOY-LAND.

Did you ever hear of Good-Boy-Land? The wonderful country of Good-Boy-Land? Where houses of gold, every hand

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anxious to know whose agent he was. I may not be able to give cogent proofs, but if there is any good in his card, I want it as much as any of you.

When you see me you will notice that I am busy in my own way. Very likely it appears to you that I am busy, but I make a point of obeying instructions always without regard to appearance. So excuse me now."

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