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A CHRISTMAS STORY

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"But, my dear Fred!" "Pshaw! don't talk to me!" replied Fred. "The idea! Those who like your country can stay in it; but for me—give me the dear old North, with its frozen rivers and snow upon the ground—with its skating and sleighing! Pooh! And this is your winter? Why, I haven't had on my greatest once since I came down, and to-day is Christmas and no snow. Christmas without snow!" "But you forget, Fred," interrupted Mr. Arleton the younger—"you forget this is the South, and that snow is not one of its specialties; but, if we have not snow and ice, skating and sleighing, nor all of your boasted winter amusements, see what we do have. Can you on Christmas morning, or any other morning of the winter, walk through your garden and see beautiful flowers on all sides, and inhale the perfume of violets at every tread? Have you anything which can compare with that?" he continued, pointing to a large shrub of sweet olive which was absolutely loaded with its fragrant blossoms; "or to this?" he added, as they paused beneath an orange tree, whose green branches were weighted with its golden fruit—"say, are we not fully recompensed by the absence of snow?" "Indeed, I think you are!" broke in a merry voice, as two young girls tripped lightly upon a path. "The idea of being able on Christmas day to go through the garden bareheaded and without any wraps, and gather such a nosegay as this," said the younger of the two girls, a dark-haired and dark-eyed maiden of eighteen, as she laid her arm upon the elder Mr. Arleton's shoulder, and raised her flowers to his face. "Aren't they sweet? But you dear old obstinate papa," she added with a merry smile, "I hope you haven't been quarrelling with uncle Jack about the North—have you? Why, I thought you were pleased with this beautiful South; I am perfectly delighted! I wish I could live here always!" And her rapid glance took in the large old house with its surrounding grounds full of the sweetest flowers and fruits. "Iris, there, doesn't seem to appreciate her blessings in the least. She has just been coming to me, and is longing to spend a winter in the North, and her delight in the prospect of being able to do so next winter."

"Hattie," said Iris, "please pick me a few of those geranium leaves to put with these violets; thank you," she added, looking up with a smile. "Don't you think we had better go in?" and she led the way to the house. The lamps in the evening sky burned not more brightly than did those in the parlors of Mr. Arleton's house, where many beautiful flowers vied with each other, filling the spacious rooms with their rich perfume, and the delicate gray moss threw a softened shade over them all. Iris entered the sitting-room, where they were all gathered for a quiet chat before the guests arrived, with a happy sparkle in her eyes, and her golden curls in picturesque confusion about her face. "Iris," said her mother, as she caught sight of the locket nestling among the soft folds of lace around the young girl's throat, "I think it would be best not to wear your present, at least in public, until you have ascertained who is the sender."

A VOICE FROM THE COUNCIL. AN ADMINISTRATOR WISHES TO EXPLAIN. To the Editor of the Bulletin: Various correspondents of your estimable journal have charged our newly-elected Administrators with a disposition to ignore the just claims of their constituents, and with a determination to harshly administer the unjust laws under which they hold office. Without any disposition to provoke, or to maintain a newspaper controversy, I feel unwilling that silence should seem to give assent to the charges, and deem it proper to correct at least one misconception as to their action. In the address of the Administrators upon assuming office the following occurs, viz: "The power and resources of the creditor to enforce are greater than the ability of the debtor to resist. This sentence was so construed by your correspondents as referring to the ability of the City Administrators to enforce their demands for taxes, and was made to appear as an act of 'intimidation' toward the tax-payer; in other words, that our newly-acquired official powers, derived from a tax-ridden and long enduring community, were being paraded before the people as if reckless or regardless of their sufferings. Permit me to say to your readers that no such thought entered the mind of any of the seven gentlemen referred to. The sentence quoted alluded to the greatest burden now bearing upon our industries and properties, viz: 'The outstanding obligations of the city,' and to the power of the creditors of the city to enforce their demands through the courts as against the municipality. Means had been sought to relieve the people from at least a portion of the taxation demanded for interest on the bonds, and the same were confronted with statutory provisions and decisions of the highest courts in the land, seeming to sustain the power of the creditor to enforce his demands. So stringent were the laws found to be, that reference to the act under which the consolidated bonds were issued, will show your correspondent that no official act can be legally performed by an officer of the city government until the interest on the sinking fund for the same has been paid by the citizens. Every issue of bonds since that time has been coupled with legislative requirements almost as mandatory. In view of the fact, therefore, that the creditors of the city, backed by the 'minions of the law,' stood ready to pounce down upon the estate which so many termed bankrupt, and believing that our city would fare no better at the hands of the U. S. Judiciary and its assignees than our unfortunate citizens in the past had fared, the Administrators were impressed with the belief that it was their duty to our people to save them from the results of bankruptcy. 1. By collecting sufficient of the assets of the city to pay her most pressing obligations, protect the lives and property of her citizens, and provide for her poor, suffering and insane. 2. By enforcing rigid economy in every department of the city government, reducing expenses to a point required for absolute necessities and stopping the increase of the public debt through the vicious issue of bonds and certificates at three fold prices. 3. By a plain exhibit of affairs to the creditors of the city and such an adjustment with the holders of legal obligations as would best preserve the fair name of the city and relieve her tax-payers. 4. By carefully investigating the evils produced by State interference with municipal affairs, and demanding of the newly elected Legislature such relief as will permit city officers to reduce taxation and restore to the city the control of her own affairs. The interest, police, school and drainage laws under each Administrator liable under his bond of \$25,000 for failure or neglect to comply, or declares the offices ipso facto vacant, and refusal to conform to them would simply inaugurate an era of confusion and chaos until the Legislature should meet and amend the laws, and the appointment into the hands of the de facto. The people expected honesty, economy and prudence at the hands of her Administrators and elected law-makers to the Legislature to rectify existing abuses that are sustained by legislative enactments, but your correspondents who criticize so harshly may rest assured that whenever it can be shown that the present administration can give any reason for the evils which have befallen the city without enacting greater evils upon the community thereby, they will act without fear, favor or affection, and that no personal consideration or regard for office will deter them from alleviating the burdens of our citizens by every means in their power. ADMINISTRATOR. Richmond (Va.) Dispatch: There arrived here yesterday two little girls, named respectively Mollie and Lizzie Kelly, in search of their father, from whom they had been separated since their babyhood. What is remarkable is the fact that, though the oldest is but 7 and the youngest but 6 years of age, they had traveled from San Francisco, California, a distance of three thousand miles and upward, by themselves. They are both very handsome and intelligent little girls. Their father, who is related to the celebrated and exceedingly interesting. Shortly after the birth of the younger the mother died, and their paternal relative having joined the United States army, they were taken in charge by the Sisters of Charity in San Francisco, and by them carefully raised to their present age. Their only recollection of their father was that his name was Kelly. His first name they had no knowledge of, but, learning that he was living near Richmond, seven hundred miles were compelled to go by which they might identify him. Money was furnished by some benevolent persons to pay their fare here; and, relying on the kindness of the conductors on the railroads traversing the continent, they started on their mission in search of their father just one week ago. At Huntington the little waifs were taken in charge by Major N. H. Hotchkiss, by whom they were treated with the most generous and fatherly kindness. He brought them to this city, and by the aid of the Sisters of Charity and Col. Bishop of the Exchange Hotel, they succeeded in finding their long-lost father. The meeting between the daughters and the father was very affecting, but the reunion just now, about Christmas, will be the happiest event of their lives. The effect of the Eddy performances has been so far from what was generally accredited as ghostly. Some of the stories that come from that State are novelties in their way. Oliver Palchia was killed last summer in a mill at Milton, and the dwellers on a lonely road in that vicinity say that "materializers" in front of passing vehicles, shouting and swinging his hat. The unaccountable falling of stones on the premises of Thomas Paddock, at North Pownal, recently mentioned in the New York Sun, occurs every three or four nights, and the neighbors have no sort of doubt that mischievous spirits are dropping the missiles for fun. A more serious belief is that indulged in by the people near Montpelier, who suspect a man of murder almost entirely because of a credited story that the murdered man appeared to a medium and made the charge. At seances held in St. Albans, which purports to be the spirit of a woman controls the medium, and tells how, in a materialized state, she waylaid and killed the woman who had been her successor as a wife. Minneapolis, Minn., has just witnessed the inception of a new journalistic venture in the shape of a daily paper printed on a postal card. This miniature sheet bears the name of the Postal Baby.

THE DUEL NEAR MOBILE. [Mobile Register, 24th Inst.] The shock to the community yesterday, on hearing the news of the fatal duel or near Grand Bay Station, was so great and so sudden that we refrained from comment in the evening edition, until we could give a statement of facts. These we reproduce below, without comment, for reasons obvious at this time. The duel took place yesterday morning at 11:45, on the State line, the weapons being fifeen paces. The tone for position was won by Capt. P. U. Murphy, for Col. Lay; the word by Col. J. M. Williams, for Mr. Tardy. At the first fire Mr. Tardy fell, shot through the right side, on a line with the heart, and died almost instantly. The origin and details of this unhappy affair explain themselves sufficiently in the following: MOBILE, Dec. 21, 1874. Mr. B. D. Lay: Sir—Your attempt to strike me this morning demands such an apology or other satisfaction as is usual among gentlemen. This will be handed to you by my friend, Col. James M. Williams, who will receive any communication you may desire to make. Your obedient servant, A. H. TARDY. [Delivered December 21, 3:35 P. M.] MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 21, 1873, 5 o'clock P. M. Mr. A. H. Tardy: Sir—Your note of this date, at 3:35 P. M., by Col. J. M. Williams, is before me. You state therein that "Your attempt to strike me this morning demands an apology," etc. I can only say, sir, my "attempt," as you are pleased to term it, was made upon what I conceive to be most excellent reason, namely, that you had reason to believe, and I do now believe, that you were the author of the anonymous communication published in the December number of the "Spectator," and signed "Gulf City," which article, I assure you, has caused me great grief and chagrin, and which I believe fully merited the punishment I inflicted upon you. If this explanation should not prove satisfactory to you, I then refer you to my friend, Capt. P. U. Murphy, who will arrange with you any further preliminary which you may desire. I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant, BENJ. D. LAY. Delivered by Capt. Murphy to Col. Williams at 5:50 P. M.] Captain—Mr. A. H. Tardy has placed in my hands a communication from Col. Benj. D. Lay, dated Dec. 21, 5 P. M., and received through you. I observe with regret that, instead of tendering the frank apology exacted, it is devoted to a justification of the assault which has brought on this correspondence. Permit me to call your attention to the fact that a personal indignity cannot be justified among gentlemen. The excellent reason for giving a blow would necessarily be an excellent reason, upon the part of the gentleman assaulted, to receive it without resentment. So long, therefore, as the affront remains, we cannot enter upon a discussion of the matters urged by Col. Lay, in explanation of the assault. Respectfully, your obdt' servt, JAMES M. WILLIAMS. MOBILE, Ala., December 22, 1874. Col. J. M. Williams: Sir—The terms of meeting are as follows: Grand Bay station to-morrow morning, 23d inst., after the arrival of the train at that point. "Weapons, dueling pistols," the distance to be determined on after our arrival. Most respectfully, P. U. MURPHY. I agree to the above. JAMES M. WILLIAMS. A Man who Wasn't Elated Over Becoming a Millionaire. We stated yesterday, on the authority of a street rumor, that one of Michael Hogan, of Western Troy, died recently at the age of 40, leaving coal lands valued at \$5,000,000, to a portion of which Michael is heir. The rumor was correct. Forty years ago Michael Hogan, then twenty-one years of age, and an uncle, the only survivors of a once numerous family, came to this country and adopted it as their own. Michael, a hard working, industrious young man, finally took up his residence in Troy. The uncle went to Pottsville, Pa., and that vicinity, and after laboring a number of years, purchased with his savings a large tract of land. Michael also saved money, and in the course of time laid by enough to start himself in the grocery business, in which it can be truthfully said he has prospered. The venture of his uncle turned out to be a most profitable one. The lands purchased by him were found to contain abundance of coal; and by judicious management he gradually increased his earthly store until, at the time of his death, which occurred a few days ago, he was worth about \$5,000,000. Last week Michael received information from an attorney that his uncle, with whom he had not communicated for sixteen years, had died, and that he was his only surviving heir. Michael was not at all elated at this announcement, and appeared rather sorry in fact that such good fortune had come to him. He was getting old he said, and would not want so much money, besides he had enough for himself, wife and daughter, and the possession of the immense amount mentioned above would only bring trouble and disgrace upon his family eventually, as young people nowadays did not know how to spend money. As we have stated, Michael is a sober, industrious man, and is every way worthy of his fortune, which he intends to claim next week. If he is so sorry about this little matter he can turn it over to us and we'll cheerfully bear the burden for him.—Troy Times. Detroit has a policeman who has thoroughly studied human nature, and who has a heart full of kindness. When he sees a lady fall he steps forward and picks her up in the most graceful manner. Realizing her embarrassment, he remarks: "No one but myself witnessed the accident, madam. Those boys are laughing about it, and what has happened here two days ago. It is a very pleasant day for a bad day, madam. Your folks are well, I hope? 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