

Christmas Promises. FAIR more in winter for sky's firm set. How multiplied His loving care...

upper room over a store. It was hied to the aisles, but the exercises had not begun. The southerner, who was master of ceremonies, tipped back to Marvin.

MR. DAVIDSON'S COAT. A CHRISTMAS EPISODE WITH AN UNEXPECTED DISMAL ENDING.

CHRISTMAS was a great time in the Davidson family, an event prepared for in secrecy for months. It was the desire of Mr. Davidson's heart to succeed in surprising his wife in the matter of his selection of a Christmas gift for her, and it was his wife's pride that in all the 20 years of their married life he had never yet gained his wish.

A CHRISTMAS ACCIDENT. IT PROVES THAT VANITY SOMETIMES IS ITS OWN PUNISHMENT.

HONESTY is the best policy," signed Florence, "especially when Christmas is near, especially when 'which means' is a common complaint, now, ever, I'd never mention it."

LIVE STOCK. BEES ON THE FARM.

There is no branch of Agricultural Endeavor that Pays More Satisfactory Returns. The farmer as a rule does not get the best results from his bees. He usually keeps his small crop of surplus honey to his locality, and concludes that it does not pay to keep bees any more.

THE GOSPEL OF PEACE. MANKIND DID NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND IT UNTIL CHRIST WAS BORN.

WHAT is tenderest and best in the heart of man is evoked when the keys of memory are touched and the song of the Christ-day is sounded. It is the music of the home and the loved, it is the melody recalling the earliest days of childhood.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY A JOKE?

eight on this particular Christmas eve and she had not yet discovered the hiding place of her money.

SEASONABLE ECONOMY.

"No. When Christmas eve arrived he came to call, with a box in his pocket, which he had just bought at a store in the city."

THE POLITICAL MAIDEN.

"I hear that you and George have quarreled." "Well, I guess not. It's altogether too near Christmas."

SANTA CLAUS Christmas Love Story

PROXY BY CHARLES MOREAU HARGER. FIFTY miles, sixty miles, seventy miles—seventy-three miles!

ON THE PLAINS OF BETHLEHEM.

name, was unheard of until his peace on the Mount of Nativity. He gave it forth, music sweeter than angels ever sang.

Up Boston Way.

"And what," asked the caller in his most ingratiating tones, "what did Santa Claus put in your stocking, my little girl?"

A Mean Trick.

"The doctor he was mad. And the doctor ripped and tore and roared, and he said: 'Somebody had gone and stuck in your sock a duck!'"

VALUE OF CORN COBS.

When Ground Fine They Are of Inestimable Value as an Aid to the Digestion and as a Feed. The value of corn cobs is not generally understood or there would be less waste of this product of our corn fields.

CRAMMING OF POULTRY.

It is a Cruel Process, But Quite Popular in England and the Continent of Europe. Our readers will see in the illustration the manner in which some fowls are "crammed" for the Christmas market.

Christmas Forestry.

All trees man should love, but his life's dearest joy. Should circle that tree which blooms candles and toys.

Afterthought.

"John," asked Mrs. Perkins, tearfully, "do you remember the present Mrs. Page gave me last Christmas?"

Aftermath.

We learn to know at Christmas life still is full of life. To-day we get the presents. Next week we get the bills.

One Taken Barred.

"Dearie, what if you want me to give you for Christmas?" "Well, precious, I've got 11 framed photographs of you now."

Wall from the Old Boy.

Don't offer costly gifts with which that Christmas tree is laden. Just give me back the appetite I had when I was young.

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Johnny—Huh! If he did he wouldn't have to hustle much to get around—Lack.

Snowden's Start in Life.

When in an amiable mood Snowden tells tales of his early struggle and how he became a famous strong man.

"MAY I BRING YOU SOMETHING?"

It was quite an accident that they met their first intimacy at the seashore. He did not know that she was going to a new house with her father in California.

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Shattered Her Ideal.

Miss Askit—Why is Miss Wunder so pessimistic about Christmas? Miss Tolt—She hung up a \$12 pair of silk hose last year, and some one stole them.

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