

JEST 'FORE CHRISTMAS' BY EUGENE FIELD.

FATHER calls me William, sister calls me Will. Mother calls me Willie, but the fellows call me Bill.

Got a yeller dog named Sport, sick him on the cat; First thing she knows she doesn't know where she's at!



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He reaches at us with his whip an' larrups up his hoss, An' then I laff an' holler, "Oh, ye never teched me!"

Grammar says she hopes that when I git to be a man I'll be a missioner like her eldest brother Dan,

Where every prospeck pleases an' only man is vile. But grammar she has never been to see a wild west show

Nor read the life of Daniel Boone or else I guess she'd know That Buff'lo Bill an' cowboys is good enough for me!

An' then old Sport he hangs around as solemn-like an' still; His eyes they seem a-sayin', "What's the matter, little Bill?"

For Christmas, with its lots and lots of candy, cakes and toys, Was made, they say, for proper kids and not for naughty boys;

But father, havn' been a boy himself, suspicions me When jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

CHRISTMAS AMONG THE MIKADO'S PEOPLE

WORDS adequate to a description of the festive season in Japan are difficult to command. Even the camera and brush would fail to do justice to a tree, for the young pine is the emblem scene of such gay activity and color, of a loyally and life that are ever-fresh

For weeks before the dawn of Christmas and plenty of weddings in the family mas day preparations elaborate in kind and degree are under way. Men in tight fitting costumes, their profusely slous, or the contractors' names printed on their backs, spend day after day decorating the streets and houses



Let Her Pass. See the merry Christmas shopper, But for goodness' sake don't stop here! Let her hike along her pathway;

Oh, How I Itched!

What long nerve-racking days of constant torture—what sleepless nights of terrible agony—itch-itch-itch, constant itch, until it seemed that I must tear off my very skin—then— Instant relief—my skin cooler, soothed and healed!

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- 1. White Plymouth Rock, \$1 Poultry Food, J. E. Seeley. 2. Barred Plymouth Rock, Can. White House Coffee, Lysen & Co.

- 1. White Plymouth Rock, \$5.00 Umbrella, Huntley Bros. Co. 2. Barred Plymouth Rocks, Roll of Netting, Wilson & Co.

- 1. White Plymouth Rock, 20 pound Shell, E. T. Barlow. 2. Barred Plymouth Rock, \$1.25 Flash Light, C. G. Miller.

- 1. White Plymouth Rock, one gallon Lice Killer, Chas. H. Lilly Co. 2. Barred Plymouth Rocks, one gallon Lice Killer, Chas. H. Lilly Co.

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