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### CHRISTMAS BELLS.

Ring out in joy, O chiming bells!  
For in your melody three dwells  
The music glad of Christmas-tide  
On every heart-tongue far and wide.  
And rosy lips, with laughter sweet,  
The happy songs of life repeat—  
Ring out in joy!

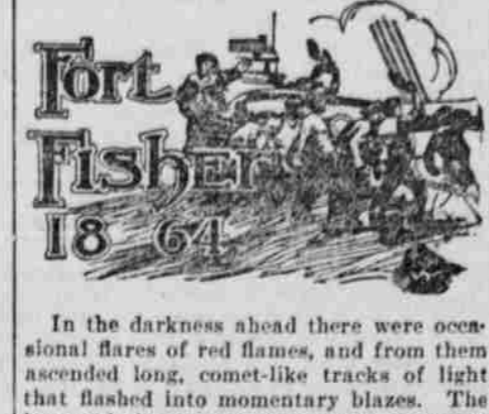
Ring out in hope, O chiming bells!  
For your clear voice of patience tells  
To waiting hearts who promise yields  
No golden fruit of harvest fields,  
Whose garnered grain of toiling hand  
Lies heaped upon a barren land—  
Ring out in hope!

Ring out in grief, O chiming bells!  
For in your trembling echo dwells  
To saddened hearts a thought of old,  
A picture framed in memory's gold,  
A vanished face beneath the snow,  
A dream of life's sweet long ago—  
Ring out in grief!

Ring out in cheer, O chiming bells!  
For in your peals a promise dwells  
To listening hearts that strive to hear  
The future's voice of hope and cheer;  
For love and joy will have their birth  
As snowdrops spring from icy earth—  
Ring out in cheer!

Ring out in peace, O chiming bells!  
For Christmas-tide a message tells  
To eager souls that bravely wait,  
And loyal hearts too strong for fate  
To crush to earth—oh, listen, then:  
'Tis "Peace on earth, good will to men!"—  
Ring out in peace!

—Clara Lee Puckette, in Washington Post.



In the darkness ahead there were occasional flares of red flames, and from them ascended long, comet-like tracks of light that flashed into momentary blazes. The boom of the shells and their sharp explosion blended in one wild devil's concert.

The boy from Maine drew back quickly from the muzzle of the starboard gun No. 1 of the United States gunboat Mackinaw. The old gunner standing rigid drew the lanyard toward himself with a sudden jerk. There was a deafening roar and a cloud of choking smoke enveloped the gun crew. Another shell had been sent into the solid earthworks of Fort Fisher.

The boy from Maine rushed forward through the smoke and thrust the cleaning rod into the muzzle of the gun. Another of the crew dashed a pailful of water over the long steel tube. The gun was reloaded and another shell was hurled at the spurts of flame ahead. They had been doing this at intervals since the early afternoon, and now it was almost midnight—midnight of Christmas eve, 1864.

"Cease firing," came a hoarse order out of the dark. The gun crew of No. 1 flung themselves down on the sloppy deck with audible sighs of relief. The devil's concert did not abate noticeably. The remaining vessels of the Federal fleet were still exchanging compliments with Fort Fisher.

The old gunner quickly filled his pipe, and the glow from the bowl half illuminated his wrinkled face now and then.

"Put me in mind of a Christmas eve I spent at the mines in California," he remarked, "only it's just a mite worse."

"Don't talk about Christmas," said one of the crew in a husky voice. "I left three children at home. They are in bed now and three little stockings are hanging above the fireplace same as always, I hope. The wife is sitting up a while, maybe, a thinking of me or maybe saying a bit of a prayer. Don't like to think of it when things are so dubious. What are you thinking about, Fritz?"

"Of the Vaterland—some," replied an unmistakable accent. "What is the matter with the boy? He is always talking before."

The boy heard nothing. He sprawled on the deck with his head on one arm. The smell of the pine trees and the odor of boiling maple sap was in his nostrils. He was many hundreds of miles away from the Mackinaw, off Fort Fisher, back in the Maine woods with a sugaring party. The smoke of the pine-knot fire was rising slowly and the golden brown syrup hissed and bubbled in the kettles. Merry little shrieks of laughter rang in his ears. She was there, the pink and white of her face so prettily emphasized by the mink tippet. How absurdly small those little red mittens seemed in comparison with his! How blue her eyes were! There was no one looking—just one kiss on those lips created solely for the purpose—

"Starboard batteries commence firing!" came the hoarse and relentless order from the darkness.

A none too gentle kick brought the boy back to the Mackinaw, but her face looked at him for an instant out of the gloom. Starboard gun No. 1 again added its voice to the devil's chorus.

The sky began to turn from black to gray. "A Christmas present," said the gunner grimly as he jerked the lanyard.

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Lola—I don't see why you should be.  
Grace—Why not?  
Lola—Because there has to be something attractive even for lightning.

Vain Regret.

"But, Bertie," said his mother, "you asked for two cakes and I gave them to you. Aren't you satisfied?"  
"No, I ain't," growled Bertie. "You was so easy I'm kickin' meself 'cause I didn't ask for four."—Philadelphia Ledger.

### Fifteenth Century Manners.

The antiquary took down a small, fat volume, vellum-bound, with a brass clasp.

"This is a 'Book of Manners,'" he said. "It was printed in 1470. Here are a few extracts."

And he read:  
"Do not gnaw a bone, like a dog, nor suck the marrow out of a bone."  
"In peeling a pear, begin at the stalk; but with an apple, begin at the top."  
"Do not wipe the hands on the clothes, nor suck them, but use the cloth."  
"When you drink, lift the cup in both hands; you must not drink with one hand like a waggoner when he is greasing his cart wheels."  
"Wipe your nose and mouth when you have drunk, and do not cough into the cup."  
"Do not eat an apple all alone, but cut it in two and give a neighbor a piece."  
"Do not use your own knife to cut your meat if the host has set a knife of his own at your place."  
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"We'll put him in authority," and then?  
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It has often been said that spiders are fond of music, but a French investigator, M. Lecailion, now asserts that this is not true. He says that their musical sense must be attributed merely to greed or to hunger. When a fly is caught in a spider's web it buzzes, and the spider immediately makes for the place from which the buzzing comes. M. Lecailion, by experimenting with a violin, some flutes, a piano, violoncello and a cornet, found that only those musical sounds which resemble the buzzing of the flies attracted the spiders. The cornet, for instance, invariably frightened it, and so did the piano.

## SKIN DISEASES

### HUMORS IN THE BLOOD

When the blood is pure, fresh and healthy, the skin will be soft, smooth and free from blemishes, but when some acid humor takes root in the circulation its presence is manifested by a skin eruption or disease. These get into the blood, generally because of an inactive or sluggish action of the members of the body whose duty it is to collect and carry off waste and refuse matter of the system. This unhealthy matter is left to ferment and soon the circulation becomes charged with the acid. The blood begins to throw off the humors and acids through the pores and glands of the skin, producing Eczema, Acne, Tetter, Psoriasis, Rheum and skin eruptions of various kinds. Eczema appears, usually a slight redness of the skin followed by pustules from which there is a sticky fluid that dries and forms a crust, and the itching is intense. Generally on the back, breast, face, arms and legs, though other parts of the body may be affected. In Tetter the skin dries, cracks and bleeds; and in the blood dries up the natural oils of the skin, which are intended to keep it soft and pliant, causing a dry, feverish condition and giving it a unhealthy appearance. Acne makes its appearance on the face in the form of pimples and black heads, while Psoriasis comes in scaly patches on different parts of the body. One of the worst forms of skin trouble is Salt Rheum; its favorite point of attack is the scalp, sometimes causing baldness. Poison Oak and Ivy are also disagreeable types of skin disease. The humor producing the trouble lies dormant in the blood through the winter to break out and torment the sufferer with the return of Spring. The best treatment for all skin diseases is S. S. S. It neutralizes the acids and removes the humors so that the skin instead of being irritated and diseased, is nourished by a supply of fresh, healthy blood. External applications of salves, washes, lotions, etc., while they soothe the itching caused by skin affections, can never cure the trouble.

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Johnny (on Christmas eve)—Mamma, can't you give the baby something to make him sleep to-night?  
Mamma—Why, Johnny?  
Johnny—Because if Santa Claus hears him yelling, he might think we're all just as bad.—Current Literature.

### Jumping at a Conclusion.

Tommy—Santa Claus is coming to dinner to-night.  
Elsie—Oh! How do you know?  
Tommy—Ma told me a white-haired old gentleman was coming and we'd have to be very good.

### Vanishing Pomp.

How worldly pride king pass away,  
'I's takin' foh my tex'.  
What is a Christmas tree one day  
is kindlin' wood de nex'.  
—Washington Star.

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