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guage. Around it cling the happiest memories of childhood days, mingled wi.h the music of the sound is the music of the sleigh-bells in the old home per haps now far away, and the Christmas songs that old and young were wont to sing in unison on that merriest of days. The season of all ssasons when charity, love and kindness are supposed to create an atmosphere higher and purer than that of has come to be dreaded by many bread-winner as the most try ing time of all the year.
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