# The Driln Antimy Astorim. 

## Merry Christmas

Is fast approac hing; that great est holiday of the year; the time of happy reunions and fond remembr ances; when ch ildren should re member their parents as the parents are sure to do the ir children; whenhusbands should re member theirw ives as the wi ves are sure to do their husban ds; when lover $r$ emembers swee theart and frie nd remem bers friend, and when "the poor that are always with us" sh ould not be forg otten
To Prep are for this Glad Time
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Have had selected espe cially for them in the East, a
large assortment of Christm
as goods, and our Harry G. Smith has been in San Francisco for the last six we eks watching all the late Eu ropean arrivals, and selectin $g$ the latest patterns, and choi cest goods to add to the
supply, until we can confide ntly assert that no such disp lay in our line has ever been
made in Astoria, as we shall menced to arrive and as soo $n$ as they are all here we sha 11 have a GRAND OPENI NG DAY of which due not ice will be given.
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| A GROWL FROMM. QUAD. |  |
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| If cheerful men were selling for |  |
| cents apiece, and I had a |  |
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| have a positive reverence |  |
| iling, grinning, bland-voiced |  |
| man. Many a time I re met Smith or Green or White on my way down town, and it would jump my soul a foot high to hear him call out:- |  |
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| "Well, my boy, beautiful morn- |  |
| , eh? Isn't everything just |  |
| ely? Why, I seem to be floatin midair! Why, sir, I wouldn't |  |
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| de this earth for all the heave |  |
| rs. Have a cigar? No? Then a drink? No? Dear me! but |  |
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| and make you feel like an angel or roller-skates?', <br> And I'd stand off and look at |  |
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| and wonder if the land beond the skies did really contain |  |
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| happier soul. Ah! the old hyprite! I got to know in after |  |
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| years that his children were afraid of him, his wife trembled as he entered the door, and that it was his daily habit to growl out as he |  |
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| left the door:- <br> "Wood! I bought $\$ 2$ worth last |  |
| week. If that's gone we'll go without until Saturday. You are |  |
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| the most extravagant woman in |  |
| town. I believe you burn it up |  |
| to spite me. Soap! Didn't 1 get a stray half dollar you happen to bar last Saturday? If you let the thave about you. He's meanchildren play horse with the sosp |  |
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| you must take the consequencess,",Your habitually cheerful man is |  |
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| old fraud and liar. He is well- Quad. ressed, while his children are the |  |
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| a wears a bonnet six years |  |
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| at h |  |
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| when Green gets up in the morn- |  |
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| meal fit to cat for the last three |  |
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| wife is always groaning around |  |
| his wife is always groaning around and his children always whining he has no business to stop the first |  |
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| smile clear |  |
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| back to his ears, and shout out:"Why, old fel, how solemn you |  |

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