two hours high the smoke began to ished by the trapper to remain consecurit from the rimrocks at the point where the raiders' outlook had stood at noon. The Warm Springs ware riors, headed by their chief and Dan Follett, had made a detour to the south of the main trail and hoped to the cowboy left early in the morning would the hand of warfors from the cowboy left early in the morning to be avoid the band of warriors from the townby left early in the morning avoid the band of warriors from the southwest by hiding among the sand dunes until they had passed. But when they discovered the smoke rising coyotes from the traps near at lag from the rimrocks they feared hand. These cunning animals had forenoon whose horse had escaped tag vigilance of the raiders the previous night, upon reaching the noon camp of the Warm Springs party had sent a scout to search the plains for the escaping raiders. He had no sooner reached the summit of the rimrocks than the cloud of dust among the mend dunes showed him that the raiders and their horses were there; and the cloud of dust farther on to the southwest gave him the further knowl-edge that the other band of Egan's warriors had seen the early morning

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With a shout of exultation Egan's braves hurried toward the common

signal fires and were coming to aid

In recapturing the stolen horses. The lookout gathered several arm:

full of sage brush from among the recks and started a fire, the Indian's means of telegraphy, and seen signal-ed the two Flutt bands of the whole

The only hope before the raiders was to evade the Snakes until night-fall and then make their escape in the darkness.

It was their intention, in case they encountered the Plutes, to have 40 of the warriors under their chief and Dan Follett engage the enemy while ten of the raiders would attempt to escape with the horses. But in casof defeat the raiders were each to select an extra horse, abandon the lect an extra horse, abandon the others and make their way out of the country as best they could. If night should come upon them before the arrival of the Plutes, then they had great hopes of escaping list they were doomed to disappointment. Shortly before sundown a band of Pintes from the southwest was upon The raiders took shelter be hind the sand dunes and with this advantage, held their enemy at bay for some time. The men with the horsen proceeded at a rapid pace, while the fight continued in their rear and as the Piutes pressed the raiders they backed from sand dune to sand dune, disputing every inch of the ground. While it was a warm and determined engagement there was but little fatality as the men of each side sheltered themselves behind the sand dunes. But this scene was changed about the time of sunset. The other band of Plutos arrived and attacked the raiders from the other side. Thus attacked from front and rear the Warm Springs warriors were compelled to retreat and as they did so a great yell arose from the Piutes who gave them a warm chase. When the raiders overtook the party in charge of the atolen borses they hur-riedly took possession of an extra horse each and abandoned the others.

horing to escape in the darkness.

But the Plutes were not satisfied with finding a portion of their horses.

Flushed with victory a majority runhed on while a few stopped to corral the horses that had been aban-

Dan Follett was no less daring than he was a villain. Seeing in the dusk of night a small detachment of the turned and drew his revolvers and faced them, considering that every moment's time should be rained at this point that was possible. He was a splendid marksman and when the Indians had approached within range of his revolvers he began firing, and in his madness rushed toward them. He repulsed and routed them for a moment, but in his zeal he made a fatal mistake. Flushed with his gain of time he had crowded them still farther when, suddenly, he discovered that a larger de-tachment of well mounted Piutes had encircled him and cut him off from the main band of his friends. He turned and attempted to ride through the Plute lines but discovered that his revolvers were now empty and there was no time for reloading. They surrounded his instantly and took him a prisoner, and when the dashing marauding chief, for it was Old Egan himself who led the hand, laid his

hand upon Follett, he exclaimed:
"You make better Piuts than
Warm Springs Indian. Warm Springs
Indian coward run away and leave you, Piute stay with you, and now you stay with Piute," chuckled the old chief as he ordered his men to bind

Bertha had spent accoral days with morning started home, gathering up her father and provided for his every the hides of marten, wildcut and wish. Hammersley had rearranged coyotes as they proceeded; and it wish. Hammersley had rearranged things generally about the place, giv-ing his home a better appearance. Juling his home a better appearance. Beach to ferrit out the whereabouts his descendants of William Lyle. turn before action and, in the mean-time preserve a silence as to the safe-jects they had in view.

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ing from the rimrocks they feared name.

Ing from the rimrocks they feared name occasionally been caught by the that they were discovered and that set for them, but yielded the least their whereabouts to the two approaching bands. The war party from numbers, of the animals that fell victures to the trapper's strategem. The time fairly swarmed with these animals that the set of the trapper's strategem and the trapper's strategem. plains fairly swarmed with these animals, yet the number of marten and wild cat caught by the traps was almost as large. The trapper paid es-most as large. The trapper paid es-pecial attention to the latter class of edly pagan, has been brought to light

the traps showed greater success in the finer fur catch as this was the



She saw a sight that dumbfounded her the edge of the great barren waste that extended to the rocky gorges sur-rounding Stein's mountain, they came

reclaimed: "Grizzly sure as you live!" He then pointed to where he had left a huge trap and then to the trail left behind where the bear had dragged it, and the heavy weight at-tached to it, un the sorge. The trap-

"Ee on the lookout!" cautioned the trapper to his companion, "he may show fight when we come upon him

They had entered a sub-canyon and were passing through a point at which a late spring seep from the mountain side had moistened the ground and produced a high growth of sage brush along the banks of the channel of the gulch and the trapper again preserved unusual precaution. As they were elbowing their way through the tall sage brush that overlapped the channel, the trapper carry-ing his rifle ready for action, there was a swish, an unearthly cry, and a mountain iton aprang up in the sage brush to the left and tried to learn upon the two men. But Ham meraley fired Instantly and the charge entered the animals heart.

Company, of Baltimore, to be tested before being shipped to its owner, the "You will go to Milton?" "You will go to Milton?" "You big gump." cried ber consinguated the constant of the same dounced out of the room in high dounced out of the room i They approached the dead animal feet, and with its supports it weight distinguished and found why it had sutiously and found why it had cared up so straight in the air and and been unable to leap. Hammersley's great traps had cut its saw-teeth deep into the animal's left hind leg and held it fast.

The animal had been caught several days previously, and had dragged the trap to this point where it beame entangled and could get They lost no time here, however. This was a big haul, but the trapper was more desirous of over-taking the grizzly.

But they were not kept long in suspense. They came to a narrow point in the canyon where the big animal had attempted to force the heavy weight that was attached to the tray pulled upon it so strongly that It had become fastened and the animal could go no farther. With a surly growl he warned them of their danger before they even saw him. As he tore against the chain attached to the trap for his freedom, however, they saw the side of his huge body beyond the boulder.

Hammersley watched the great an

the grizzly's, and early the following morning started home, gathering up the hides of marten, wildcat and coyotes as they proceeded; and it is needless to say that when they arrived home they were loaded down, in fact, the horse which had been left hobbled on the way was pressed into service and was also loaded with the services and the services are the

to keep secret all of the matters agreed upon.

As the episode of Bertha's arrivel and the stirring events thereafter and prevented the trapper from looking after his trapper. She had done so without an usual, it was decided that he should now make the rounds that he had started upon in which he was thereafted by discovering Old Egan and his party with their captive. Preparaticas were completed one night.

sight that fumfounded her. The face was first like a dream to her. It seemed darker and wore a more for-lors look than when she had last seen it. The man was harefooted and bure-headed and he had no cost. His feet were a mass of wounds, freshly made. were a mass of wounds, recally made, and she knew that he most have trav-eled many miles over the sharp rocks and through the sage brush, for his pants legs at the bottom were worn into shreds, Again and again she watched him

Again and again she watched him in he prepared and ate his meal. She knew that she had seen him before, but where? But when he prepared to leave in the morning she recognized him. He placed a pair of the trapper's old moccasion on his feet, after he had wrapped them well, placed a bunhad wrapped them well, placed a bun-dle of food in a bag and then took an old hat he found banging on the wall, when he placed the list on his head, the broad brim shaded the face and cut the profile down, making it recogniz-able. It was Dan, Follett!

(To be Continued.)

AN ARTISTIC ROMANCE

Christmas, Merry Christmas, is with us once again, with us once again, with the memories and greatings, with loy, and with its pain.

A minor in the eared,
A shadow in the light,
A spray of express twining
With the holly wreath to night,
And the holls is never broken
By the laughter light and low,
An we listen in the staffait.

To the bells scross the snow,

O. Christmas, Merry Christmas,
"The rich as very long.
Since other voices blended.
With the carol and the song!
Could we but hear them stoping.
As they are simpling now,
Could we but see the radiance.
Of the crown on each dear hrav.
There were no sigh to smother,
No hidden tear to flow,
As we listen in the startight.
To the bells across the anow,

O. Christmas, Merry Christmas,
Tida never more can be,
We cannot bring again the days
Of our unshedowed glee,
But Christmas, Happy Christmas,
Ewest heraid of good will,
With body songs of glory
Brings holy gladness still,
Pot peace and hope may brighten
And patient lows may glow,
As we listen in the startight
To the bells across the snow,

—Frances R. Havergal.

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NELLIE'S PRESENTS.

BY PAUL INGELOW.

o presents—they aren't that kind."
"I'm not exactly thinking of presents."

"What's Christmas for? What are

Milton and Warrenville were only to

and Nellie experienced a slight pang as she glanced down the bright business street and thought of the fine Dallas mansien. She could not help but com-pare the dull little hamlet of Milton and the humble Winston homestead. She found but little change in the Winstons.

A rough bob met her at the depot and blunt old Hiram Winston looked as nome-ly as ever, but he tucked in real warmth about her with the lumenase buffalo robes. When she got to the house Annt Amanda greeted her with her usual prim-ness, and her lovalld sister, Eliza, only looked naler and thinner than ever

ness, and her invalid sister, Eliza, only looked paler and thinner than ever.

There was no mistaking it—the place was dreary, and the set ways of its homates were chilling to youthful spirits. Nellie cried a little as she pictured Lucy in the gay gas-lit parior of the sumptuous Dallas home. Then she bravely resolved to see if she could not brighten her surroundings, lostead of inflicting additional moodiness. With earliest daylight she was down in the kitchen helping Aunt Amanda. She arranged a dainty

Aunt Amanda. She arranged a daint

tray for poor, invalid Ellia. She made them all smile, telling humorous stories about school; she fed the chickens and

Nellie's heart rose, however, as she kissed them all good night. "Hang up your stocking, dear," sug-gested Annt Amanda.

little miss rattled on,

ELLIE and Lucy Sherman were

Discovery of Pagan Rus-Rel of in Con-

vent Where Nums Bad Masked It. A Paris convent would appear the most unlikely of places to shelter a masterpiece by Clodion, but a most important work by the 18th century sculpanimals, however, as their skins were much prized in the market and brought large prices.

When they had reached a point among the most cavernous rimrocks the traps showed greater success in the finer fur catch as this was the entury, was not originally intended to serve as a convent. It was constructed by Broughlart for Princers Louise of Conds and gallantly decorated by sundry of the first artists of the day, Clodion included, who executed a bas re-ilef of very considerable dimensions representing a number of fawns, nymphs and Copids at play. It fell out that destiny was unkind to Mile. de Conde. She lost her heart to M. de la Gervaluals, who was several years ber lunior, and of no birth to espouse a ady of her rank. They exchanged some very pretty love letters, which were ublished not long ago by M. Paul Viollet, but the opposition to their marclage being Insurmountable, the prineas renounced the world, took the vows, and became the Mother Superior of a community of Benedictine nuns who took up their quarters in the new-fy erected palace. The Clodion was enfombed. The expression is literally accurate, for at a period which is not were told they might across vectors. that extended to the cocky gorges surrounding Stein's mountain, they came
upon the big traps. Here they found
evidences of big game also.

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manded-\$40,000-is a difficulty,-Pall Mall Gazette.

acquire possession of it, the price de-

"What's Christmas for? What are you thinking of, then?"

CAN BE OPERATED BY ONE MAN.

The largest commercial wheel ever cast has been set up in the shops of its makers, the Robert Pool & Sons (Company, of Baltimore, to be testen before being shipped to its owner, the

more than 1,000,000 pounds. It is to be used to carry away the refuse from miles apart. Two days before Christmas Nellie and Lucy boarded the cars.

The showy Dallas rig awaited Lucy



chief as he ordered his men to bind the captive securely and guard him closely.

The Piutes pursued the raiders for some distance and took several more horses and prisoners before they abandoned the trail.

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CHAPTER XVI.

A Big Haul.

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was in its toe. Eagerly she investigated, to bring forth the "pincushion" Annut Amanda had so patiently made. Before she could inspect it she saw resting on the bureau a portrait, surrounded by Ellen's leather frame.

It was a picture of her mother when a girl. Often Aunt Amanda had showed it to her—treasured fondly by the sister. Neille shed tears of tender gratefulness. Nothing could have observed her more.

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girl. Often Aunt Amende had showed it to her—treasured fondly by the sister. Nellio shed tears of tender gratefulness. Nothing could have pleased her more, and the pretty frame enhanced the gift. She dressed herriedly, and ran down the stairs, to meet Eliza with a gladeomy Christmas greeting, and to learn that carry in the morning a sick neighbor had sent for Mr. and Mrs. Winston. Before breakfast there was an interruption. It

the good Saint as often as you please, but tell them invariably as myths, as fairy tales. Tell them from bubyheed, when the letter will be all he will under-stand, until he reaches the age when he can group the spiritual idea and slough the letter off. If the thild is sivenys told the mith of Santa Claus as a fairy tale, he will have all the childish joy and will

early in the morning a sick neighbor had sent for Mr. and Mrs. Winston. Before threakfast there was an interruption. It was Lacy. The Dallas driver was sent some miles up country after some roung people, and Lucy had arranged to be dropped here, the vehicle to call for her on its return.

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FAREWELL TO THE OLD YEAR.

a merry time
Since frat we met,
Old Year,
You're sung for me the Christmas rhyme,
And rong for me the Christmas chime,

You've been for many a day friend most tried, a friend most

Wa've had full many

And as we bid yes our adless.
We give our bearts feld thanks to

TO SPEND CHRISTMAS AT GRANDMA'S.



"Only a pincushion."

gem of a watch she had over seen.

The happy tears rushed to gentle Nellie's eyes. Her heart was full to over flowing. And just then, from nelow sounded the hearty, chuckling tones of Uncle Hiram, returned: "Where's our little sunbeam? It's time

to find out how she's enjoying her Merry Grateful Nellie was down the stairs in

we jumps, her arms clasped about the lear old fellow's neck, as she sobbed joyisly into his ear:
"Oh! dear, dear Uncle Hiram! I'm the happiest girl in all the world, this Merry, Merry Christmas!"

CHILDREN AND SANTA CLAUS,

Wisest Course to Pursue with Them is to Tell the Story as a Fairy Tale. PROBLEM is before us: What shall we do a) is

Claus: who sted Annt Amanda.
"And get up in time—haf haf" laughed do is to believe in him yourself. Ask note Hiram, with puzzling heartiness, yourself what Santa Claus has meant

"Oh, yes—something beautiful," answered Neille. "Come up to my room and see."

"Humph—only that!" shrugged Lucy, as she inspected the portrait. "I told you they were mean, and poor!"

"Why, Lucy," said Neille, "I prize poor Elina's gift dearly."

"Well, I wouldn't! I like jewelry gifts, and that," and Lucy twirled the cheap ring on her finger. "What's thia!" and she pounced on Neille's other present. thing is not to quarrel with our condi-tions, but to keep our purposes high and pure.-Watchman.

Christmas in the Nursery.



A Month of Celebration.

Perhaps no nation or religion enjoy: New Year's day more than the Chinese What shall we do
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Claus? The analous mother questions, "Would
you have me fell
the child nothing
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Claus? Would
you leave all that
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There is a Santa
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"There," said the prudent housewife, as she looked over the Christmas decors-"And get up in time—hal ha!" laughed Uncle Hiram, with puzzling heartiness. "Hope you have a good time—hol ho! We'll keep time to some good old tunes to morrow—ha! ha!"

He strangely emphasized "time," and Aunt Amanda frowned at him as if he were betraying some cherished secret.

Think of what Christman meant to you that has that for?" saked her hus bend.

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"I don't wish to wear the carpet out

all in one spot." Mrs. Asbit-Why do you not mak your husband stop smoking? Mrs. Knowsit-Christman in coming, and ash

trays are luexpensive.-Baltimore Amer

And if you gathered some fair flowers. That blossomed on your way, You bore them to a fairer clime, Where neither cold, nor care, nor Time Could blight them in their golden prim Or touch them with decay.

And ab! you brought, Old Year! Old Year! One tiny baby flower To nestle on its mather's breast, And close its blue eyes into rest, When same-birds seek their crade-nest At twilight's shadowy hope.

And now, Old Year, farewell to youl

We grieve to lose you so— You've been a friend both tried and tree; And as we bid you opr affen, We give our hearifeit thanks to you, And sigh that you must go. —Helen Whitney Clark. How Mistletoe Comes to Be. The story of how the mistletoe gets on the trees is a most interesting one. Cov-

the trees is a most interesting one. Covering the mistletoe twigs are pearly white herries. These come in the winter season, when food is comparatively searce, and hence some of our birds eat them freely. Now, when a robin eats a cherry he awallows simply the meat and flips the stone away. The seed of the mistletoe the bird cannot flip. It is sticky and holds to his bill. His only resource is to wips it off, and he does so, leaving it sticking to the branches of the tree on which he is sitting at the time. This seed appoints after a time, and not finding earth sprouts after a time, and not finding earth
—which indeed its ancestral habit has
made it cease wanting—it sinks its roots
into the bark of the tree and hunts there for the pipes that carry the ang. Now the sap in the bark is the very richest in the tree, far richer than in the wood, and the mistletoe gets from its host the choicest of food. With a strange foresight it does not throw its leaves away, as do most parasites, but keeps them to use in winter, when the tree is leafless. -Ladies' Home Journal.

Dad and Mother and Me Nobody's like did Santa Claus
With his red and jolly face;
There's not another around the globe
Can travel so swift a pace.
His twinkling even, and his merry image,
His chackie of bubbling glosNobody clee is so dear by balf.
To Dad and Mother and Ms.

He doesn't forget the baby sweet
As she rocks in her cradic whits;
He has time to wait for the lagging feet
Of his oid, by candicalight.
He has gifts and gifts for the roung and

Who envirces the Christman Tree; And he has the love to his latest day Of Dad and Mother and Mo.

The frost is chill in the silppling blast,
Smooth is the ley mere;
The short fleet days go burrying past.
To the last of the wailing year.
And never was fose of the summer's prime
the rose that blooms in the winter's rims
For Dad and Mother and Me.

—Cofflier's Weekly.

Wall from the Old Roy. Don't offer contry gifts with which That Christmas tree is hing; Just give me hack the appellte I had whi'n I was young.