

HEW! it bites like a No. 2 Newhouse trap," grumbled Pa Schoon-

maker, closing the settin' room door against the icy blast and rubbing his tingling cheeks. He stamped his feet before the stove in which the hickory was burning with such a roar of comfortable warmth as almost to drown the shrill whistling of the December wind outside the farm

"Hello, what's the matter with Herbie?" The youngest of his three joys, a tiny misshapen child who had suf fered a boyhood of pain and deformity since his nurse had dropped him in his baby days, was huddled in the corner beside the woodbox crying silently, except when an uncontrollable sob shook his thin little frame.

"Been teasing you have they? I'll tease them-with a stove-length, I will. Can't have anything like this the night before Christmas, not by a jug-He advanced to the unhappy child and comforted him in rough but kindly fashion, picking him up as though he were a wisp of hay and ssing him to his ample shoulder. What you boys been doing to Herbie, hey?"

There was no severity in the question, for the sturdy brothers, Petey and Normie, always were patient and kindly in their attitude toward the less fortuntae child, and only unintentionally and in boyish carelessness occasionally hurt the sensitive little fel-

"What is it, Herble? Tell dad." The sobbing broke forth unrestrainedly under the hearty kindness of the sweet natured farmer, and then slowly subsided. Pa Schoonmaker walted patiently until the child was calm and then repeated his question.

"Normie said there wasn't to Santy pectantly.

tense whisper, quivering with the grand idea that had come to him with ormie's remark. With beaming face he explained his scheme to his brother while their father was engaged in propping up the tree. Quickly they were busy with a cardboard box, scissors and pencil.

and under their nimble fingers was evolved in a few moments a grotesque figure that in their enthusiastic eyes bore an excellent likeness to Kris Kringle.

feller will leave something for you two, after all. You stood a mighty

good chance of having your stockings overlooked, running him down that away to one of his friends. Now go to bed, both of you. I'll open the door and rattle things some when ma and me fixes the tree; Herbie 'll be sure

to wake up and see the shadder. Hope it satisfies the pore little feller." The boys went happily to bed. Pa and Ma Schoonmaker dressed the tree and laid at its base the assortment of presents for the children. The bed-room door had been opened toward the last and the two were silent as they completed their work, rattling they completed their work and the two were silent as they completed their work at the fact that an unusual quantity of the fact tha and Ma Schoonmaker dressed the tree



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The repeated his question.
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# Livestock Board Fights **Unscrupulous** Dealers

fall upon it. Then the door was closed again. Pa Schoonmaker grinned when the states at the request of the Oregon fine of from \$50 to \$250. No one, not

Mr. Krebs declares that conditions bales.

Portland—A vigorous campaign is be prosecuted by the State Livestock to be waged by the State Livestock Sanitary board in every case where it Sanitary board against unscrupulous is found that they have failed to re-dairy cattle brokers, who have been port the sale of tuberculin, as required shipping into Oregon many worthless by law.

Kris Kringle. Softly the door to the bedroom was opened. Herbie was fast asleep. The figure was experimentally placed at different points before the coal oil they were shipped, and yet these cows they were shipped, and yet these cows within three days make a written realmerent points before the upon the have been found to react to the test wall of the inner room just where the eyes of the sleeper, on opening, would be an opening would be alwed to be an opening would be alwed the sleeper of the s

significance of these operations dawn- State board, because it was found that even veterinarians, hereafter are to ed on him. "Reckon maybe the old in many cases the tests were fraudu- be allowed to inject tuberculin into animals without authorization of the

Is Predicted By Grower

Portland-Conrad Krebs, one of the rels of beer the coming year. Accord-

Wholesale and retail druggists will State board.

Higher Price for Hops



ent of North ryne, Sullivan made a dart forward ch om the rest invention of the united dened crafts, knowing the significance

of that upward dart, rose also. "Will you drop that?" shouted Sullivan The answer was a hail of bullets Sullivan was surprised to see that they bored into the protecting shell

of his machine. They did not entirely penetrate the cirynith. "That is some thing new," thought he. After the return to Cirvne he examined those bullets and found each tipped with

diamond chips. He saw, in the distance, two other call for assistance.

pulled the lever that discharged the an explosion came that sent the flock of machines high up into the air. Sullivan's 'dromone, being to one side, did not suffer the shock that the others had, and he succeeded in spreading the wings and checking the upward flight.

The nature of cirynith was such that the aerodromones escaped without much damage, but had the explosive found a greater resistance than air there would have been great havoc among the machines. The awful shock in the air was felt. by Napoleon, who was circling above of Schombu new deposit ew fleet of a scovers a lique a fleet for t f the fleet ele o master th e an utimatur a the princes Madeira. He knew what had happened, as his aerial instruments told him that the disturbance had been in Sat the air and not on the earth's surface Ciryne was safe. He had been wait-

ing for Rositta, but now, fearing that real plans and is in despain her feet had been diverted to another course, he hastened to meet her. CHAPTER XXII .- Continued.

he saw, spread out in a great crescent seventeen birds. He recognized the 'Princess" as the glittering bird in the offices in 19 principal cities in the river from anton. He says he saw a chair before his test in the say in the says he saw a chair before his test in the say in the says he saw a chair before his test in the says in the says he saw a chair before his test in the says he saw a chai enter, leading. His powerful tele scope showed that the Princess Ro-

er, then he turned about and faced They were rising, each trying to gain in elevation. Rositta cried to Santos: "Why can't we rise faster?"

"There are three of us and only one "Did you hear that, Sulamov?"

sharply said Rositta. He bowed subnissively. "Your ancestors were always ready

to die for their sovereign; are you?' "I am!"

"Thank you!" She smiled at the Russian and pointing to the side door of the aerodromone, continued: "This

way, my boy, we are too heavy." Sulamov kissed her hand and opened the door calmly. With a last rdent look, he jumped.

The Princess leaped upward, gaining rapidly on the Eagle. Rositta urged Santos and watched Napoleon who was following every move of the ttacking Princess closely.

He could have dipped again and run away, but that was not his game. They almost touched, and the Prin-

cess Rositta shouted through the speaking tube: "Give up, Mr. Peace President; you have no chance!" Indeed, it seemed so; the larger bird

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nade a leap toward the Eagle that was below her, but a twist of the steering wheel saved him. Napoleon was watching the east anxiously, and Rositta's eyes were focused on Napo leon. She felt sure that he was help lessly prolonging the surrender.

This dangerous play went on until Napoleon could see the widely extended fleet of aerodromones with his naked eye. He dipped downward, and

serodromones coming in answer to his stopped in the air, about two hundred feet above the surface of Pamlico The four hostile aerodromones con Sound. There the Eagle awaited the inued their fire, and finally Sullivan

Princess. As she made a desperate rush for him, he escaped again, almost ollected lightning. It struck the metal by a miracle, then turned and darted shell of the bomb and the next second after the Princess madly, changing from the pursued into the pursuer. They rose upward together and Napoleon waved a smiling salute to the princess.

The aerodromones of the latter were approaching steadily. She seemed to have forgotten them entirely in the heat of the pursuit, while she was the aggressor, but now, when Napoleon turned against her, she quickly turned to the stylograph and gave orders to her fleet to close in upon them, but not to interfere until it was necessary

for her safety Napoleon plainly heard the message and waited until she had broken connection, then he faced her machine and unhurriedly pulled a lever that was connected with the tube that had been lately attached to all his aerodroones. A thick stream of white liquid shot out and landed squarely upon the left wing of the Princess. The bird

Just as he sighted the Spanish coast trembled. Santos calmly turned on the emergency dry battery and, like a great wounded bird, the Princess began to settle downward. The white stream was stopped, a deft turn of the wheel, a well-directed move and the Eagle slipped between the wings of

the Princess, and she was a prisoner. Rositta was as pale as death. The errible disappointment of losing, when victory was so near, made her faint. Then she remembered her fleet

and signaled orders quickly. She had not noticed that Napoleon just before he turned on the liquid that had disabled her machine, had hoisted a red signal, and a great fleet of aerodromones rose from the coast along North Carolina and silently closed in on the fleet of the enemy.

The formation of Pamlico Sound made this maneuver easy and Napoleon had cleverly led Rositta and her fleet into the trap. He turned his Eagle landward and, weighted as he



said :

with a proper railing.

returned to the growers.

The inspector has started on a cam-

paign to rid the markets of unsound fruit and will require everything that

is not up to the standard to be re-

turned to the shipper. If this course

Many Elk Seen On Eastern Oregon Range

price of 1913 hops, then we will see at who, unlike other years, must pay

least 35 cents paid before next Sep- cash, and they simply buy for im

is receiving additional helpful exploi- along the Walla Walla river, just east tation through the window displays of Milton, according to the mail car-ed the chancellor in Berlin. He remade in the Northern Pacific ticket rier on the route extending up the tired to his library and sank into the offices in 19 principal cities in the river from Milton. He says he saw a chair before his desk in despair. The

who sold a large part of the Oregon Imports will not exceed 20,000 bales. crop "short," have been trying to That leaves for home consumption force the market to a lower level, but 190,000 bales, or a shortage of 89,600 warrant much higher prices. He "Assuming that the 1911 crop, with the surplus on hand at the time, did "Taking statistics as a basis for not more than meet requirements, and the prices of any farm product, hops the 1912 crop did not leave much sur-should sell at 40 cents, but in reality plus, we are confronted with a peculiar the present market stands at 20@21c. condition. The reason for the present If production and consumption have low price of hops must be assigned to anything to do with the ultimate the financial condition of the brewers,

quickly restored. Fretfully and with a deeper sleep. deeper droop to his sensitive little mouth he suffered his mother to take



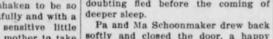
him to his small bed chamber opening off the settin' room

"We didn't go to do it, pa." Petey began when the door was closed on Herbie, forestalling his father's further questioning. "Herbie heered Normie and me talking about Santy Claus being only a yarn for little tads; we didn't know he was about. He bust out crying and-well, we didn't know what to say. Honest, pa, we wouldn't 'a' told him for anything." Petey looked nearly as woebegone as the disillusioned child.

"You'd oughter be more careful what you say when Herbie's nigh," admonished Pa Schoonmaker. "It'd spile his Christmas if he thought there wasn't any such thing as Santy Claus. Now we gotter prove it to him some way that there is, and you boys better figure it out. And it's nigh time you went to bed too; ma and me'll have to be a-fixing the tree pretty soon."

The fragrant young spruce, newly cut and sledded down from the snow mantled ridge, was brought in from the woodshed. Petey and Normie, deep in thought, assisted in setting it up. Unless they could devise some means of restoring their little brother's belief in the patron saint of Christmas their own pleasure in the

day would be spoiled too. Normie nudged Petey. "Look at the



softly and closed the door, a happy Burnett writing the opinion, in affirmlight in their eyes.

"Won't he have it on the boys to- case of O. W. Dunn against the Orch-

WHY THE MISTLETOE KISS?

Present Custom Is an Outcome of an Old Practice of the Norse Druids.

ing; in fact, it was given this attribute for centuries. It had special significance as the cause of the death of be a defense, but may be taken into has investigated fruit conditions thor- the field of the first aerial encounter. Balder, the Norse Appollo, who was account by the jury in fixing the dam- oughly throughout the valley, and his killed by an arrow made from its ages. branches.

The opinion further says: Subsequently Balder was restored "The statute having made it a crimto life, the mistletoe tree was placed inal offense on the part of the employ- the valley, and there is no blight here under the care of Frigga, and from er to create or maintain an avoidable to interfere with their culture. that time until it touched the earth risk, the contract of the workmen for was never again to be an instrument employment will not be construed to 400 Birds Exhibited at include such a hazard, because that of evil.

The present custom of kissing under would be to contract for a violation of the mistletoe is the outcome of an old law by at least one of the parties, and practice of the Druids. Persons of op- hence void as against public policy." posite sexes passed under the suspe

ed vine and gave each other the kiss of love and peace, in full assurance that, though it had caused Balder's death, it had lost all its power of doing harm since his restoration

## Reign of Good Cheer.

Bring me a garland of holly, Rosemary, ivy and bay; Gravity's nothing but folly, 'Till after the Christmas day.

### **DISGUSTED WITH SANTA.**

(management)



barrows "What's the matter with him?"

"He only got a new slate and his funny shadder the tree makes on the old last year's sled painted over. Now wall. Looks for all the world like-" he says he don't care if there ain't rock soon and the jetty work will be funds were not appropriated at the friend." "I got it!" Petey interrupted in a no Santa Claus!" pushed rapidly.

No Relief From Liability

## Salem-The Supreme court, Justice Willamette Valley Pears

Albany - That in the next decade possible manner." ing a verdict for the plaintiff in the

leged that the board walk upon which ment on the success that has been ob- sailed for New York. the plaintiff worked was not supplied tained where pear-growing has been

tried in the valley and the growing Citing that the act requires all market for Oregon pears in the East. The mistletoe was held in great reverse are the form the ground or floor shall be feet from the ground or floor shall be particularly and divinely healcourt says that contributory negli-gence of the person injured shall not hibit at the San Francisco exposition, the sunshiny, clear sky would soon be

pears of splendid quality are grown in hurry back to them. After another

Monmouth Poultry Show

Wormy Apples Are Found. Portland — County Fruit Inspector About 400 birds were on exhibition Napoleon rose high in the air Stansberry condemned 50 boxes of offered attracted exhibitors from variwormy apples on Front street, while on ous counties. During the four days in been patrolling the Pacific Ocean all which the show was held, the attend- night. Young Sullivan told him that ance was good, and a growing interest they had sighted four blue-flagged in Polk county was shown toward the aerodromones headed for America an

poultry industry.

Hogs Prove Profitable Product. The Dalles-A. H. Fligg, an Eight- Napoleon told Sullivan to stop them

does not suffice to keep wormy, dis-

More Road Work Planned.

Salem — That the County court of Marion county plans more road im-provement next year than has been done for several years is indicated by the levy of 4 mills for road districts the levy of 4 mills for road districts farmer received more than \$20 for which has just been announced. This will yield about \$128,000, or twice as months. Many ranchers here will be the transmonthy being handicapped its flight. Rositta looked back and each at Wiesbaden, Cassel and Hanwill yield about \$128,000, or twice as months. much as the fund of last year, and in raise corn next year for feeding hogs. by the tremendous weight they were saw the great Eagle shoot forward, over. The Prussian ministry of the inaddition to this sum there will be Farmer Proves Benefactor.

\$123,120 levied from the general coun-

Nehalem Jetty Work to Begin.

furnish the rock for the jetty work at the mouth of the Nehalem river are constructing a large camp at the rock quarry on Miami river, near Gari-baldi. They will begin getting out below Raddant's farm is talked of, but "We'll drop it in good time, my

last term of court.

Fast Coming to Front the address mentioned in the quickest running from her.

"Won't he have it on the boys to-morrer, though!" chuckled Sam as they mounted the stairs. "Won't he have it on the boys to-they mounted the stairs. "Won't he have it on the boys to-they mounted the stairs. "Won't he have it on the boys to-they mounted the stairs. "Won't he have it on the boys to-they mounted the stairs. "Won't he have it on the boys to-they mounted the stairs. "Won't he have it on the boys to-they mounted the stairs. "Won't he have it on the boys to-they mounted the stairs. "Won't he have it on the boys to-they mounted the stairs. "The plaintiff was awarded damages" prophecy of E. C. Roberts, of Leb-The captain left the German consu-of her prey and clutched the railing

The plaintiff was awarded damages for injuries received in falling from a slab haul operated by the defendant company in Lane county. It was al-horticulturists. He bases his state-

CHAPTER XXIII.

The Second Victory. It was the Tuesday before Thanks

statement about prospective pear cul-ture is not an idle one. He says that Napoleon took leave of his wife and

> embrace from Astra he ascended to the roof of the Crystal Palace and stepped into the Eagle. He was alone.

He floated slowly toward the east. His preparations were complete

Jerome Whistler had marshaled all Monmouth-The annual Polk County the men together and they had taken Poultry association exhibit went on the aerodromones from the island. record as having been the largest and The busy little place was as silent as

Napoleon rose high in the air and

hour before. They were grouped together and carried a large, heavy ob

eased apples and other fruits out of Mile-Valley farmer, has had his first and make them drop the object into behind, eased apples and other fruits out of stile-valley farmer, has had its inst the ocean. If they refused to obey against the growers. the growers. As mall litter of pigs became large ment in his treatment of them, but gan to rise slowly. The distance was as a small litter of pigs became large ment in his treatment of them, but gan to rise slowly. The distance was enough this spring he commenced feed. they were not to be permitted near diminished to fifty, twenty-five yards.

Wheeler-The contractors who will sary with the exception of the cable, German, through the speaking tube.

There was another on the retreating Eagle. Rositta's sealed envelope in the packet and this eyes glowed with excitement; the man order: "Take this letter porsonally to whom she feared, loved and hated was It seemed as though they gained on

The sealed envelope was addressed him with more rapidity; half a mile,



It Struck the Metal Shell of the Bomb and the Next Second an Explosion Came,

chase and never noticed that the six

can coast.

closely, rising as he rose. The Eagle perfection slowed down and let them come near mounting.

was, moved slowly away. His men had been fully instructed in regard to their action and Whistler led them. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

## COURTESY ALWAYS AN ASSET

#### Simple Trial Will Convince Anyone That It Really Pays to Be Gentle and Polite

If you doubt the value of courtesy, just put the power of courtesy to test for a single day. When have done this you will be ready to admit that it has aynamic power. Let us suppose that you are a housekeeper, with many things to attend to at the markets and shops. You determine, come what may, that you will be courteous. A dealer has sent you poor goods, for which he has ade an exorbitant charge.

He declares that this is not true; he is rough and determined.

"You maintain an attitude of perfect courtesy, walt a little, are patient -patience is one of the essentials of ourtesy-state that you hope he can adjust the matter, as you would prefer to have him continue to support

As a rule you will gain your point with the dealer. In any event you will score within yourself more than one point in the strength saved and in self-respect maintained. More than this, you will leave definite good with each person with whom you come in contact.

That each human being is surrounded by an emanation which af-fects those about them is true, since it is sufficiently tangible to have been photographed. What the sun is to

al: courtesy is to this personal at-mosphere, and to be courteous is to teen aerodromones had been left far have and to hold and to radiate a beneficent power which will be like

the power of sunshine. gan to rise slowly. The distance was German Emperor Fond of Theater.

Emperor William of Germany Salem - That the County court of ing them corn. They were marketed the coast. Young Sullivan bowed and when something happened that opened shows his belief in the system of na-

carrying. He signaled for his three with its wings touching the smooth terior sets aside yearly \$625,000 for men to come to his assistance. They water now and again, thus seeming to the royal theaters in Berlin alone, answered from the north and south give twice as much speed. The stu- which sum is made up to \$737,500 out \$123,120 levied from the general coun-ty fund for the maintenance of roads and bridges and the salaries of super-visors, and about \$25,000 special road visors, and about \$25,000 special road

vance when he began to ascend rap- a stone's throw from the castle, so idly. As he rose, he saw with satisfac- that he can easily run in and conduct tion the faint blue line of the Ameri- rehearsals. It is entirely owing to his efforts that the productions here

The Princess was pressing him have attained their present pitch of perfection in everything that concerns

d perous farmer of the Upper Shetz IV er, Lincoln county will get a new bridge. Raddant has offered to fur-nish all the material and labor neces-What do you want?" he asked in