

DROPPED FROM SANTA'S PACK



The Christmas Tableau
Christopher G. Hazard

JOHN WILSON'S boy could have whatever he wanted, but his father had forgotten something. When Mr. Wilson was a boy himself he had often lingered by the baker's window on his way to school and resolved that when he had become a man and had made his fortune he would buy out the baker and have all the pie he wanted; but now, with all his money and all his manhood he had lost his taste for pie and could pass the baker's shop without noticing the tempting display. Mr. Wilson had forgotten that.

It was plain that he had forgotten it, for he had taken John Junior down to the great store on Pearl street and had told him that he could have for his Christmas celebration anything or everything that he saw there, and when his son had looked things over rather carelessly without wanting anything, he had been surprised. The fact was, however, that Junior, like his father, had already had too much to desire anything further. Junior had never known what it is to be hungry without supply. He had never even had to cry for things. He had lived under an outpouring cornucopia from his first gold spoon all the way on, without the joy of making a cart out of two wheels, an axle and a board, or a henhouse with the remains of a variety of old packing boxes. So that it was very difficult, indeed, to devise a new sensation for young Wilson or kindle a new desire.

With the posturing group of entertainers performing on the snow-covered lawn before the house, however, it was different. They struck attitudes, formed figures, chased each other about, and gave their whole program of tableau with an eye on the

following collection and under the inspiration of the hope that it would be a large one. They'd never outgrown a wish or known the full satisfaction of one, their appetites were always keen.



Lingered by the Baker's Window.

and their enjoyment of their small portion of fortune's favors was greater than all the fun that John Wilson and his son together could get out of life.

The entertainment did bring one new thing into the rich monotony of the Wilson household, however—that of giving a Christmas party to some who would appreciate it and of thus obtaining a new experience for themselves.

The tableau performers were the first to receive invitations, and they were authorized to each invite five of their friends, so that the company that gathered at the Wilson party was a large, as well as a motley one. The selection of the presents had given Junior a sudden and new interest and pleasure at the big store, for the choosing of gifts for others was a novelty to him, and anticipation of their happy surprises had filled his mind with gladness. It was with a real welcome and a hearty handshake that he greeted his guests.

At first the company was rather overwhelmed by the splendors of the Wilson house. Its rich furnishings and dazzling lights made such contrasts that the boys and girls felt out of place and conspicuous. But after the unwinding of the cobweb, the strands of which led each one to a hidden gift, and when the games had made them forgetful of themselves, the joy of it all got into their feet and made them dance, the delight of it

all made them sing, and they gathered about the big Christmas tree that beamed and twinkled in a corner of the parlor with an eager expectancy that made Junior a very happy Santa Claus, as he distributed his favors. Then, when the table had been cleared of its dainty refreshments, the leader said that they wanted to give some



A Little Girl Responded.

Indoor tableaux for their hosts before they went.

So he called first for Madame Melba, and a little girl responded with all the aplomb of a prima donna. Then Signor Caruso assumed a kingly attitude and looked upon the assembly with as much as he could assume of dignity. He was followed by Sir Harry Lauder, who added to his posture a verse of "It's Nice to Get Up in the Morning." This seemed to suggest the idea of going to bed first, and there was whispering about returning home, but one of the guests said they must have a song from Santa Claus before they went. This rather alarmed Junior at first, but he rose to it with a line or two from "Old King Cole Was a Merry Old Soul," which satisfied the demand. Then they all joined hands in a ring and sang the Christmas carol, "Away in a Manger," and so ended the Wilson party.

As the happy shouts lingered on the Christmas wind the Wilson family presented a tableau themselves. Mr. Wilson stood by the window, looking after the departing children. Junior seemed arrested in the act of giving away the joy of the Christmas tree, while his mother paused by the table that gleamed with silver, seeming to feel again a forgotten gladness. The party left such an imprint upon the Wilsons' hearts that they have never since tried to have a Christmas to themselves.

GIVE PHOTOGRAPHS

DON'T mind what your looking-glass tells you! She is prejudiced in your favor and she'll cherish your photograph and tell you it doesn't really quite do you justice. So have it taken and give it to her for Christmas. The camera has stood many a shock and will doubtless stand many more to come.

CARD GAMES AT CHRISTMAS

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A prohibitory statute of Henry VII's reign forbade card playing save during the Christmas holidays. Of course this prohibition extended only to persons of humble rank.

Sir Roger De Coverley took care to provide both creature comfort and amusement for his neighbors at Christmas by sending "a string of hog's puddings and a pack of cards" to every poor family in the parish.

Even the pulpit comes in for its share of anecdotes regarding playing cards. Fuller gives an example of a clergyman preaching from Romans 12:3, "As God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." The reverend gentleman in question adopted as an illustration of his discourse the metaphor of "dealing" as applied to cards, reminding his congregation that they should follow suit, ever play above board, improve the gifts dealt out to them, take care of their trumps, play promptly when it came their turn, etc.

Short notes were frequently written on the backs of playing cards. In an old collection of poetry is found the following lines:

"To a Lady Who Sent Her Compliments to a Clergyman on the Ten of Hearts."

"Your compliments, dear lady, pray forbear."

"Old English services are more sincere;

"You send ten hearts—the title is only mine."

"Give me but one and burn the other nine."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

An Old Dodge.

"Son," said the elderly gentleman, "I notice you are flashing a roll of \$1 bills."

"What about it?"

"Take the advice of a man who has seen something of life. You'd better plaster a couple of twenties on the outside of that bundle if you want to impress the help around here."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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 - 1 hotel desk clerk, married with child, 23 years.
 - 1 cheese maker and creamery man, single, 36 years.
 - 1 poultryman and farm hand, single, 35 years.
 - 1 shipping clerk, single, 27 years.
 - 1 general farmer and poultryman, married with child, 24 years.
 - 1 auto electrician, married 27 years.
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