

BEAUTIFUL, BETHLEHEM BELLS.

VER the roar of the cities—over the hills and the valleys—

It was now time for school, and the two brothers took their books and went off, watching wistfully such people as they passed,

There is an old French romance of the thirteenth century in which the hero sees a tree whose branches from top to bottom are covered with burning candles,

THE CHILDREN'S COMING HOME

FROM the far and frozen Northland with a whirling flight of snow—

INCOMES OF ROYALTY.

Many Monarchs Enjoy All the Luxuries of Abundant Wealth—Czar of Russia Reputed to be the Richest Man in the World.

to this single purpose of discovering how to preserve human bodies in the flesh so that they shall be as hard as

JOHN D. HART.

Death of the Famous Filibuster and Cuban War.



CAPT. JOHN D. HART.

for Cuban shores laden with warlike goods for the island patriots.

An Unexpected Santa Claus

BY WILLIAM O. BAYON.

MOTHER, how many years is it since last Christmas? inquired Bobby Gray, a youth of about six, of his widowed mother, who was busy, "footing" a pair of stockings.

DIRGE OF A HAPLESS FATHER.

THE NIGHTMARE IS UPON ME AND IN VAIN I TEAR MY HAIR; THEY NAIL ME IN THE HALLWAY AND THEY FLOOR ME ON THE STAIR.

ANECDOTE AND INCIDENT

At the close of a performance given as a benefit to John Broughan, the actor and dramatist, one of the audience threw upon the stage a purse of gold.

NOT PLEASED WITH ROME.

Kansas City man smashes the idols in the Eternal City.

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COMPLICATING CHRISTMAS.

We are widely departing from the best way to celebrate the day.

MAN OF THE HOUR.

There is Jack upon the ocean—and our wistful eye was well—

THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

It was introduced into England by Queen Victoria's husband.

TAKE CHRISTMAS EASY.

At Christmastide the thing to do about expenses is not to stew.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH.

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POINTING THE WAY OUT.

What do you think Miss Poppins did when I stayed late last night?

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