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the forest and gladden the eye with a view that would give the imagination the sense of freedom it craved. What wonder that in such a situation the ploneers were cometimes known to climb the loftjest trees at the risk of their lives so as to gain a wider prospect such beller to give then increases as they were accustomed to in the civivertis male a poor fellow prevelsed lized and pleasingly diversified countries A felicy to whitee from which they came.

But this distrossing state of affairs is inh your thing date now a thing of the past. Instead of the brarb and a dissourt rises to isolation that torinred the pioneers the new rise the mitten! there is now a dauger of overcrowding. instead of monotony there is overmuch variety, where hundering stagecoaches toiled once a week over cordurov railroad trains pars every hour, and a Canadian winter is now a measure of leisure and enjoyment. A POSTPONED

CHRISTMAS. ton kept store and was the postmaster from 1820 to 1830, was one of the BY P. M'ARTHUR.

It was deep in that forest that gave a [Copyright 1805, by the Author.] name to the Longwoods district, and

mastis a tradition scattered over a large territory. In such wheel tires, of the Preston a place, where companionship was seusary, it was but natural that a

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these fees. Letters that were not re

The village of Kemoka, where Pres-

ton kept store and was the postmaster

dreariest spots on the continent during

the long winters that then prevailed.

STORY OF SANTA CLAUS

Founded Upon the Legend of Jeans McArthur.

BY CECILA E. CULVER.

NCE upon a time there lived in a neat, snug little cottage Karl, the blacksmith, and Gretchen, his rosy, blue cycd, displed-checked little wife, and the baby. Now then were many nomes in which lived a father and mother aso a baby, and in some of them a large number of children; but there had never been before, nor ever would be again. such a wonderful haby as was this one. I know this to be a fact, for Gretchen, his own mother, had made the assertion repeatedly, and who so competent to judge, I should like to know, as a baby's own mother !

This wonderful baby had been carried to the church at the proper time, dressed in a beautiful white robe made by his loving mother's hands, and, with the proper number of godfathers and godmothers, had been duly christened and given the name of Claus.

Across the road from the tiny cottage stood the shop HE story of the the settlers who patronized the store, were big, broad-shouldered, black-haired Karl made the anvil ring from mostponed Christ- Idacksmith and inevitable tayern were morning till night, as he beat the red hot iron into horseshoes and wagon-

Greachen was a busy, bappy little wife and mother, for she had plenty of sment to fill up the days, and an abundance requires a few could not find it, and during his first and if love and occupation cannot make a happy life, I am afraid there is words of expla- winter young Preston was often on the little hope for one in this world.

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of a woolly fleece the animal wore a man who was at home with nature and kind of overcoat made of hempen canvas had a way of making the best of the newed roughly with cords of basswood rougher side of life. His wife was a bark. A careful examination convinced woman who was in every way in accordhim that his assailant was the vener- with him, and when Preston was usherable leader of a small flock of sheep, ed into the one room of the but she rathough he could by no means guess the turned his greeting shyly, but still meaning of his masquerading appear. frankly.

anca. Having satisfied himself that the creature was not supernatural, he jump- the farmer had said by way of introed down from the stump intending to duction, "and old Melchisedee went at proceed to the house, but before he had him as if he'd been keepin hack a taken five steps he was sent headlong registered letter, and do yeh know," he into a snowdrift. He was blinded and added, with a wink that required fully



"This is the new postmaster, Jane, half of his whiskered fuce to execute. 'he didn't know that today was Christ-

mas until 1 told htm." The woman looked at her husband laughingly and, understanding th

meaning of his wink, she chimed in : "That is funny, but I don't suppose ne'll object to havin his Christmas. linner with us just the same." "Well," replied Preston, looking hungrily at a hoge wild turkey that Wore on the in was browning in a heavy iron pan on

the coals before the rearing fireplace. They then brough you may be poking fun at me, but forth a convie that old gobbler is no joke, and ha The bill of fare, though brief, was of

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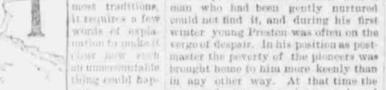
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THE AVENUE G REENHOUSES. The Oldest Floricultural Establishment

in the Capital City. Nearly 30 years ago Mrs. J. Y. Tayfor worked in this city at her trade that of taloring, and as her health began to fail her from that contining occupation herthoughts were turned toward raising flowers both for health and enjoyment, as well as a livelihood, She began with one small plant, gradually increasing her stock from year to year, making a steady expausion in Greenhouse ideas, with the time in mind when she would eventtually own a greenhouse and be counted among the professional flower growers. This earnest woman applied herself so industoriously and with such good tact, that now in her declining years she is owner of the of plants embracing everything usu-

ally kept is a first-class establishment by goite as had as the sent Sectland "be of the kind. Mrs. Taylor has this fore they were made." As neighbors in ner before returning to his office. delight lovers of flowers and make her popular resort still more admired by the public. It is a privilige and re-creation to simply go through the creation control star. The dark@urests resort with Machinester and with creation control star. The dark@urests resort with Machinester and the discuss. The man was creation to simply go through the control star and may be there and the started plan agrees and Man us Greechen's and little Claus's and the village; and ever since Claus could for the form other the village; and ever since Claus could for the form other the village; and ever since Claus could for the form other the village; and ever since Claus could for the form other the village; and ever since Claus could for the form other the village; and ever since Claus could for the form other the village; and ever since Claus could for the form other the village and form other the village and form other the form other the village and form other the village and form other the form other the village and form other the village and form other the form other extends to the public the compliments the pioneers could find us relief it in pioneers could find us relief it is strangest the inclusing walls. For almost 100 strangest the inclusing walls. For almost 100 reature he had ever seen. The head and her floral bower and partake with her unles in every direction there was no creature he had ever seen. The head and ; the joys of the floral world.



pivanty years every department of the public service ago, when Henry Preston, the patriarch was so scandalously conducted for the over." of an important Considiou family, set- benefit of private individuals that the

the wilderness on the northern shore of Lake Eris into a traitful province. Year by year shipleads of pessants came from Great Britalu to take up land in the territory where he was alloost un absolute box of just monarch, and with them came many withose on which younger sens of noble families who our tyrants, were ambitious to make their fortunes. in the new world. Among the latter came our hero, and it was in the first year of his exile that the little adventura occurred that all who enjoyed his accomintance often heard him describe. In those days a Canadian winter had as fore the in- many ferrors that have since become a

ing from his memory. The autumnal mins changed the level country into a suries of wast swamps, and when these miry reaches were frozen to a depth of several fect the winter had a foundation on which to build. In consequence, from the lat of December to the middle of March there was almost uninterrupted cold weather, when the thermometer remainad steadily at a point it cannot now reach without the nul of a cold wave from the northwest, but the swamps are now drained, the forests that held the snow have been cleared away and a "now bid van dat istan the whassis ever, was the almost unroughable ione-

in, the intense frost put a check on all ommunication, even though it addition that it was impossible for them to pay creatures scamper out of sight. and improved the reads that were memi-



interation sufficiently great to overlook incrns were those of a sheep, but instead

Before the baby came Gretchen thought herself a very busy, fortunate hav such master the poverty of the pioneers was woman, what with her three little menus to keen sweet and clean, and her in unmerconstable brought home to him more keenly than big Karl over the way to peen at occasionally from between the snowy cur- "THAT'S THE LITTLE MAN THAT GOT MEL- the homely banquet. aying could happ in any other way. At that time the tains of the windows. But with little Claus to care for, and love, and pet, young colony was so misgoverned and she felt now indeed she could say with the Psaimist, "My cup runneth half smothered by the dry snow, and as was a sudden stir in the pieces of blan-

And such care as the little one received. Never was baby kept sweeter, tled in Kemoka, the strangely directed extertionate fees charged by officials cleaner, and warmer than this one, who repuid all this attention by being energy of Colonel Talliot was enouging frequently made letters cost from 5 to 7 huppy, fat, good-natured, and he would coo and kick and grow just as a baby that when attacked by a butting rain cradie, and while she was hushing him should. To be sure Gretchen could not take so many peeps through the one should lie still and wait for the the father explained to the guest: window curtains now; but oftlimes when Karl would stop teating the iron brute to go away. He decided to try the for a moment he could hear the sweet voice of his Gretchen croaning a soft plan, but he made the mistake of his intro joyous strains like some happy little songater life. He had barely flattened himself pene Christmas." to make you feel that Gretchen was not so far wrong when she would declare, with glowing face and lovelit eyes, "My Karl is the hundsomest had in the red to use bim as the circus clowns do village."

> pearly teeth, and learned to walk, timidily at dist, holding to the dear mother though such a subeme might have been along it didn't seem just right that he hands, and then, growing stronger and bolder, he could go from chair to all right with a bellwether reared in shouldn't have our. But things wasn't hands, and then, growing stronger and bolder, he could go from chair to chair, and finally to his o a surprise, and the wonder and delight and ad-miration of his mother, the sturdy little legs could carry him wherever he wanted to go. And you may be sure while all this wonderful development we used of the hard a burban overcoat and had a had to shear old Metchiseleo to get had been in progress he had also been learning the use of the busy little pair of hores that would have done wool, and as the socks didn't get made tongue, and the rosy red lips, and each day some new word seemed to form credit to a dilemma. As soon as Preston till this week we just naturally had to itself in the baby intelligence, and be lisped out, to the delight of the fond recovered his breath he uttered a yelf in ther and proud father.

> The house of Karl was not far from a deep, cool, forest, and in the long grapplied with his tormentor. He caught have for a start house and house of the house and together they have been and togethe summer days Gretchen and her boy speat hours and hours under the trees, rolled through the drifts, collided with to the little doll and string of glass and beside the clear, pebbly brook - so clear they could look down to the very stamps and sent the snow flying in beads that Santa Claus had left in the bottom and see the round, smooth stones, the delicate green mosses, and the clouds, while Preston's yells mingled stiff little pair of stockings, and the onthe "sh gracefully during thither and yon; or listing to the russle of the with the frightened bleating of the ram. shadows were long before he passed the caves as the sweet summer breezes made music through the branches second The uprear brought the farmer on the guard of Melchisedee and returned to may to that of the birds, as they ditted about from tree to tree, waking the mene, and with a few well directed his lonely office.

wholes with their hursts of melody. Or they would search out the deficate kicks he made the ram loss interest in variable climate has taken the place of the earnest weather that was then the rule. Even were than the cold, how Letters from home were maturally the distance-with their bushy tails curled up over their bucks, and their little and inquired liness. When the winter had fairly set greatest source of pleasure to these bright eyes snapping in such a comical way at their human visitors, that "How did yeh get inteh the wrastle

lonely people, yet many were so poor little Claus would laugh and clap bis bunds, which of course made the little with Melchisedee

deemed were exposed in the window of but Gretchen talked a great deal about the good tatries, who were freak bunted me. to see some of the unfortunates to whom known to inhabit this very wood; and she taught Claus that if he would they were addressed gazing at them only keep himself good enough and pure enough, some day they might be with hungry eyes. Sometimes they rec permitted to see and tais with the spirits, and have granted them the deargnized the handwriting as that of a estwish of their hearts.

wed one beyond the sea, and then the So the years went by till mittle Claus was eight years old, and then a specifi this winter. The wind may be rappentment was all the more bitter, change came into the home. It was not that Gretchen was less beautiful, tempered to the shorn lamb, as the myin To manpy from the thoughts and feelfor Karl thought she never had tooked so lovely as now; such a rich, bright is, but it ain't by a long shot for a ings provoked by such surroundings and color as would come into her checks, and such a sparkle would dura in mer shorn ram, and I kinder guess the fit of often put on his skates and found relief eyes-though some way the merry twinkle seemed to be going out of his overcoat ain't exactly to his livin after put on his states and found from them-and such a delicate whiteness of the skin; no wonder that even the wishin yeb a merry Christman."
aking the forest along the little hoy noticed it, and many times, as he looked at her loyingly, called ther "A what?" asked Proton as he look glassy streams, just as a husiness man his "Pretty pretty, mamma," And Karl began to notice her more and more ad at the farmer with an air of hewil-

If the present lime tempes from his frequently seated at the window, and he would give her a smile and a nud dermant. facing over the water under fall sail and thing what a pretty picture she made, framed in by the snowy curtains; On one of these permanent about the there came a day when he noticed that the picture lacked color, except atts by tetresting to his yacht and and think what a pretty picture she made, framed in by the snowy curtainst middle of February of a forgetion year the gold of the hair, and the bine eyes had a longing, wistful look, and the and of February Christinas was over he plunged listher lists the wilderness hands were thin and white, and she seemed content to let them lie idly in two months and

than ever to-form, arringing to trace a her lap instead of being restlessly busy, as always before. And now the black shadow settled down over the once happy home. frozen crock to his source, and shous upon suddenly energed into a little Greichen was passing away, and who would make life happy for poor libble Melchisedee. He doin't hit yeb on the eve, "seem to think I'm oot up to date his company substantial patronage. charing of whose existence he had not Claus, her baby, her hears's treasure! She wept as she looked forward to head, did her the lonely days and years that are the lot of a motherless chrid; to be sure "Now, see here, what sort of non, weaf in and rang up his pidar stables, Salem propie the best work known to providedly lown aways. Knowing the his father would be left to protect and care for nine, but while a man may sense is this you are talking about "what they'd think if they saw me at the profession, as well as the benefit hospitality of the planners, he decided love and indulge he cannot understand a child as a woman. That is what Christmas?" asked Preston, with the it just at present?" Then he pressed a of all the newest devices and tmpleto visit the little log hur that shoul en the edge of the dearing and get his din-God made mothers for.

season relitted her greenhouse and the early twonies often aver infrequent and all callers are made

Avenue Greenhouses, and Mrs. Taylor buried alive. The dark lines they might measure a guaried and twisted pair of and Grandmother's, who lived in the village; and ever since Claus could re- one of these natural ploneers who had extends to the public the compliments ine pioneers could and us relief from borns he sprang nimity to the sprang n

Concluded on Eighth Fege.

TO TROUBLE.

While they were at the table there he partly rose to his feet, spluttering ket that covered a large sap trough in and clawing, he was howled over again the corner, and the querulous cry of a by his aggressive enemy. baby was heard. The mother hastened

Now Preston had heard in his youth to take her child from its primitive "That's the little man that got Mel-"But I don't understand how," said "Well, " replied his host half humor

ously, half defiantly, "bardworkin the cushion on which they turn somer- folks like as never have time for Christ-Time passed by as time will, and the baby Claus cut rows of sharp, saults, and he quickly realized that mas, but when this little fellow came postpone Christmas until we were ready that roased the echoes for miles and for it."

Proston entered into the spirit of the

"Beelsebub, you mean, don't you? I Not only did they see and enjoy all these beautiful things, of nature, was coming up to your house when the

"Well, yea minsta't he too hard on him, if yok alu'i hurt. Yob ain't, are whit? "No.21

"Yoh son, he's had a lot to try his

But 'sense me for talkin an anteh before

"A merry Christmax "

"Not by a long shot it ain't. Today

sterme in the obs The savory turkey was stuffed with chestnuts, and there was a large wooden dish full of stenning potatoes that had been saved for the occasion. These, with fresh scones of johnnycake, completed

smells appetizing.'



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thought of all his little ones. He sorrowed for his wife; frozen tear or 2167 Then hade fare well to life. With trembling hands he car ried it Reyand the out-PF RALE There on a dreary Waste of snow He further tempted fate.



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Crosty to his wife the day after Christ: Over 20 years he may been established in the business of photography at in-"Peace on earth, sh? And you bought dianapolis and was there recognized as a leader to his particular line. The

citizens, of Salem, who are ever ready "These Americana down there, " mid to seknowledge and credit real enteris Christmas, I tell yell. Yeh must have Santa Claus, as he sat on the fee side of prise will welcome Mr. Pickereil tack got twisted when havin it out with an neeberg and waited for Christmas to the Capital City and vouchsafe Now I wonder." he murmured as he The new company expect to give the air of a misu who was ready to get angry "None at all. Yeh must come to that the store show of the ischerg and and "Grizzly, run out that new deer. None at all. Yeh must come to that

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