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By WILL CARLETON.

Farmer Stebblys as Santa

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We went to Postown visiting, my good old wife an' me, Aur thought that we would bathe ourselves in Chris'mas in an' slee: For Sarah Ann, a buxom dame, an' daughter, too, of mine. Resides there with her older half an' children eight or nine; An' so we gathered gifts enough to make 'em all content Air's took the train an' landed there the very day we went.

> The children warmly group in an an arounded round fith four a perchin' on my kuses an' young uns still

An' maked about my speciacies, an' how I growed An' if my pape bought my touth before I got so big.

An' how my whiskers come to bleach an' other questions prone To make a mortal realise that younger days have flown:

An' If I ever looked it up how fur I was around An' whom I run if it would shake the whole adiscent ground,

An' if the your-correct-weight box didn't think I was a lot And if I wouldn't have to put two pennios in the slot, With other questions well designed to give a hout to us That I was not a first class sylph so far as they could see

An' when I told ero fairy tales they wouldn't be-An' said the Sin'bad sallor things could never have

occuned; An' all the pleasant little lies that used to cheer my directs

They set upon without delay as destitute of truth. An' when of Christmas mysteries in solemn tones I

They laughed an said that Santa Claus was all "a bloomin* lake.**

> "So Christman eve I slyly told my daughter Saruh Ann:

"I'll show the tots a little night to laugh at if they can. You rake the fireplace clear o' fire, not tellin' them the cause, Am' I'll come down the chimney way dressed up as Santa Claus. It isn't very fur to climb-the weather's pretty mild. Axx' I would do three times as much to interest a child."

I went an clad in hairs garb, with whickers long an' white Ant other things to paralyze the inexperienced sight.

An' had some sleighbells bright an new a-hangin' on my arms An' pockets full o' Christmes things to add unto my

An' with the strongest ladder rope that I could find

in town I entered in the chimney top an' clambered slowly

My goodness sakes! Who ever heard of such un-

timely lack? The chimney narrowed all to once, an' suddenly I stuck Any hung there like a roustin' hen a-wattin' to be brown, For spite of all my effortin' I couldn't get up or down. Am' them the chil'red heard the noise au' run distressin' fleet Am' looked am' yelled: "'It's Gran'pa Steb. We know him by his feet

An't then their mother had to tell what I had tried

parme They asked me if I'd traveled far, if chimneys injuxed couts.

Whereat their little fancier sprung the subject to

An' where my span of reindeers was, an' if they'd

like some outs, An'told me, with a childish greed for Christmas guthered relf.

If I would throw the presents down, I needn't come

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An' there I have for quite awhile, with fury

do my heart, Until they brought a mason in, who took the bricks apart: An' though they made the children stop, an' sent 'em off to bed, I knowed what they was thinkin' of an' what they prob'ly said, Am' when the mornin' did appear an' breakfast time occurred, They set around the table there forbid to my m word;



A sufferin' so to laugh at me, afraid that I'd be with 'om a decen native prisoner.

An' longin for their presents, too-I knowed it well An' then a tear come in my eye, an' like a fond old dunce

I went an' dug the presents out un' give 'em all to

An' then I says, "If Santa Claus is what you call 'o fake,' These pritty things he brought fur you is real an' no

mistake.

An' then they up an' danced around an' kissed me, one by one,

An' housed me harder than the blamed old chimney just had done, An' with a thousand looks of love incumbered me with thanks Any made me like em more an' more in spite of all their pranks An' me, the prettiest of the whole, who always took my part, She smiles an' says: "It's Gran'pa-Steb. We know him by his heart!

The Religion of Paying Debts, One of the papers has the follow- Worth going to see! The dollar ing remarks on this subject. They table alone is a sight to behold. drive the mail in the head and clinch

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around I new Captain Stout, Second Mate of buying new elother for the shill Bill Fry and Jim English erawlin out of a big ways and helped em up the beach.
" [Look! yalls Fry, shakin the walne from his eyes." There she gons!
"As we glanged in the direction of the

Jolly Rover she stangered like some gigan-

school. Every Look The of 'one was drowned. Then we started inland to supplore the place. We think to feel at all at

nihals and head hunters in the Pacific. "We spalled that we were dead men M we were continued, and we kept a charge looken for the cannible while we were taken in the lay off the find. We saw many concepts and breathrale mean the bland was approprint uninhabited. If my apparentic limeter about half on he after me landed a dome ugly, teste arter are landed a dozen ugly, testered the her yell particles arter are landed a dozen ugly, testered the her yell particles are landed upon as from the bashes. Also be eatl on I knocked the of 'em of file logs before a course, no live allogs the big if he big warelub benaght me to the gence, and physic the team Stout, Fry and English had no better sail from each of luck. The savagor were armed with civits, and the Mis dig

and guarded by two big black follow armed with olube.

follow sort of a longit. "Most tely apti." be says, "If tomourow sin's Charles hoof Perhaps these blocks are goth to have us help 'em make their turkey disper a success.' We all shuddered, and Jack frown for one thirught he had men lies. York for the last time. We lay in the but all day and the followin might. The meagest fed us very well, and while we suoyd the mess we couldn't help thinking that the black villains were givin in to us to make us more fat and saidths. Mest mornin we beard a great yellin and goundin of tamtama and Fry, who would ibrough a coack in the hi party of blacks had just returned from somewhere in large war cancer and had

" 'It kooks,' says Fry, 'as if our entires have been makin was on another tribe than lives in this village. The priscours they have with 'em evidently got away when

pland and exptured."
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blacks of both nexts, welcomed the setum of the war ourses, leaded down as shop were with Christman turkers.

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The has led to mether execute which is in vigue especially in Constantscopic, where the Armenian of the when the Armenian of the characters and the whole are instant in the characters and shore in a mandy beach. Lockity I had strength enough left to got up and run inland a low face before the next wave caught me.

"Day was just breakin, and as I looked to be characters for the characters to give a constant to the Christman of the characters to the Christman of buying new clother for the children of the children of buying new clother for the children of the children of buying new clother for the children of the childre The making of painting of Comments of Comm

bows and grows and these years have been been and been an what was hargin up ugin the but next to us? We all said, 'No.' Well,' says he, "It was the float of business betwin, and, as Captain Stout faceed, these follow with all they are, our grows in control, and cond so are we,' the captain says with a Sollow sort of a length. 'Meet tay orth.'

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