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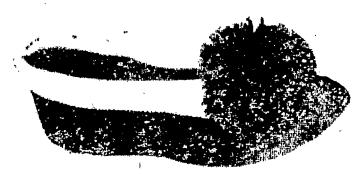
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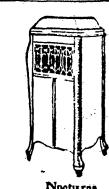
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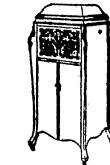
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### A Yuletide Blessing

By Ralph Hamilton



HRISTMAS CHEER was The sleigh bells had a special tone for Ned Graham as he sped over the glittering snow homeward

him, he almost fancied, on this the legs is set in motion by a key that is first Christmus eve he could remember inserted in the works are the walst where peace on earth, good will to men time. had a real vitalizing meaning, and himself a part of it all!

Left an orphan at eight, for five years he had been the slave of a miserly from side to side, just as the reat chilold being. Then Victor Wade, a dis-dren's eyes roll and blink, etc. tant relative, and his wife Alice had taken Ned to their humble little home.

"You have no children of your own and a blessing will come to you for caring for this poor outcast," the vil- CHRISTMAS WEEK IN ENGLAND lage clergyman had told them, and indeed his words had come true. He Time When Scattered Families Are nestled down into their hearts and gave them an obedience and love. And Ned as well shared the shadow

that hovered over their lives. Alice was the only daughter of the richest man in Brompton. She had married since Dickens wrote "A Christmas Wade against the wishes of Martin Carol," but they have not affected the Brill, who had from that hour shut national love for the festival and the both of them out of his life.

that way!" declared Ned sturdily to of its celebration. Christmas week is a chum. "Some day I'm going to let still the great week of the year for him know how mean he is to the best the English people. If is the one week (wa people who ever lived."

Christinas entercalnument and Ned was ciations are revived, when friend greets speeding homeward full of hollday friend with a cheery expansiveness in

came to a sudden halt. A light showed so, undemonstrative to those who do in the parlor, the porch whelow of the not know it well, apparently so disroom was open, and plainly visible in-tant and unsympathetic. side-was a rough-appearing man toss- | From Wednesday all business will ing over the packages grouped under be suspended, not to be resumed fill the little tree.

presents! Hey, you! get out of there all strife and controversy are hushed.



Rough Appearing Man Tossing Over the Packages.

Ned ran to the window, drew a revolver from its case and presented it in menacing view.

The intruder turned, dashed from the room into the hall and disappeared. Valiantly trlumphant, Ned went back to the parlor, for the first & moment noticing a small satchel lying open on a chair. It somewhat thrilled him to observe strange-looking articles but that would seem, indeed, a of steel within.

"Burglars' tools!" whispered Ned, fairly awed. "And here's a great big wallet stuffed full of papers and bank 🙀 iotes, and right across it is stamped he name of 'Martin Brill' in gilt letters. Say! This fellow must have robbed

the old man before he came here." Half an hour later Ned stood in the garden of the Brill home. Gazing into the one lighted room of the place he saw Brill tied to a chair and striving to distodge a gag in his mouth. He as frantic; he tore his hair; incoherently he habbled forth the visit of a

night marauder as Ned released him. "You're the Wade boy, aren't you?" he quavered. "You've done me a good turn. Do another, Call the police." "Say," interposed Ned, "if you'll come with me I'll see that you get your

wallet back." "What - why - come with you -

where?" "To your daughter's home. A funny thing has happened, and if you want your wallet back you've got to go with me there."

Half distracted, fully mystified, Marn Brill consented to the strange proposal. Arrived, Ned told his story, produced the wallet and restored it to

"Oh I fad, you've won my eternal gratitude!" cried the delighted old man, but paused abruptly, his eyes fixed upon a decorated framed portrait of himself.

"Mr. Wade got the holly for that," said Ned, "and your daughter trimmed t. They do that every year." Martin Brill sat staring at the por-

rait, a dim mist crossing his eyes, ved stole quietly from the room as he neard footsteps on the front porch. "Sh-h!" he whispered, reaching it. "Mother, you've got a visitor." "Why, who is it?" asked Alice sur-

"Santa Claus, I'm thinking," was the prompt response—and it was.

#### WALKING AND TALKING DOLLS

Lifelike Forms Gracefully Step Across the Floor Saying "Mamma" or "Papa."



floor saying "mamma" or "papa" just as real children would. Walking dolls being a new invenbound, the melodious ching fion, seem wonderful and bring of the skates along the screams of delight from little girls and river course made perfect boys, too, who watch with intense in-

music to his enraptured terest every step of the bhelike dolls ear, the stars appeared to as they are exhibited in the shops. shine with a new luster—and all for The machinery that moves the doll's

> The voice is made active by works that are wound with a key. The eyes move as the body sways

United and Tender Memories Are Revived.

MANY and great are the changes which have occurred in England determination to preserve unimpaired "He can't treat my dear, good mother the traditional warmth and heartiness when scattered families are rounited, Mr. and Mrs. Wade had gone to a when tender memories and old assostriking contrast with the character-Dashing through the gateway Ned Istle reserve of the English nature,

Monday morning. The whole nutlon "It's a burglar!" gasped the star, will give liself up to good cheer and fled Ned, "and stealing our Christmas good fellowship, and for a brief season, or I'll shoot you full of buttets!" and, and peace, charity and concord reign



Substitute for a Tree.

We are not going to have a Christmas tree, writes a correspondent. To make them brilliant many pretty little ornaments are needed and they cost a good deal. My plan is for a barrel in place of a tree. I have the barrel now in a closet. It is covered with old dark green cambric and the day before the great holiday I am going to pin sprigs of evergreen and holly over it. It will look pretty gay. I think, when It is filled with the gifts that are going into it now, all prettily tissued and fled, and my son as jolly Old Santa Claus stands over it to delve into its mysteries and to proclaim the names of those who are to solve them. I am sure we will enjoy our barrel as much as we would a tree.

#### Best of All Holidays

TAKING it all in all, it may be safely asserted that Christmas is the merriest and the best of all holidays, and one which is likely to be observed for ages yet to come. Nations may rise and fall, new beliefs and religions may sweep away the old, dreary and empty year which brought no merry Christmas in its annual round. May old Father Time long spare his holiday to mankind to gladden the hearts of all with its coming. and may each Christmas be still merrier than the last,

An Ancient Christmas Dish.

An indispensable Christmas dish of ancient times was "frumenty" of "frumante." Here is the recipe for making the sigh according to a faithful old chronicle: "Take clean wheat and bray it in a mortar until the hulls be all gone off, and seethe it until it burst, and take it up and let it cool; and take clean, fresh broth and sweet milk of almonds or sweet milk of kine and temper it all; and take the yolks of eggs." Boil it a little and set it down and mess it forth with fat venison or fresh mutton." Frumenty was often served alone without venison or nutton. When served by itself it was vell šiveetened.



A BIGJOKE Duck: Now I hope I won't get a treatise on 'How to Swim" for a Christmax-gift.

A Form of Generosity. "That fellow is kind of hard to depend on." "He seems to be very generous."

"Yes. He's a regular Santa Claus." "I don't understand." "He is willing to take the credit for glying you anything you want provided someone else stand/the expense."

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