

Good Christmas Lesson for Bennie, the Thief

BENNIE chuckled, slipping through the dark with the stolen jewelry. Suddenly he drew back close against the wall. Some one had entered the next room.

"Grandmother, do you really believe in prayers?"—it was a girl's voice. "Certainly, dearie. We prayed that we might hear from George on Christmas day, you know, and the day isn't quite over."

"But—"

"Listen, dearie, I'll tell you about a prayer I had answered once."

Bennie's lips curled. Nobody believed in that stuff any more. If there was really a being that knew things, Bennie wouldn't steal. He'd be afraid.

The story told by the sincere older voice made Bennie nervous. She seemed to mean it!

"Grandma, Christmas day will be over in half an hour—"

"In a half hour many things can happen."

Minutes passed. Bennie heard whispered prayers. Finally he grinned in relief. A minute to twelve!

Then a sound at the door and two women cried happily, "George!"

In awe Bennie slipped away, but he left the jewelry.—(Clara Agee Hays. (A. 1318. Western Newspaper Union.)

CHRISTMAS FORESIGHT



She—I suppose you're looking forward to Christmas?

He—Am I? I'm looking away beyond it—that's when the bills fall due.

Burning the Yule Log

The custom of burning the Yule log on Christmas eve is not prevalent in England. The custom is still followed in some of the rural sections. It is more prevalent in the Scandinavian countries.

Enjoying Christmas

When one is very young and when one is very old one may enjoy Christmas; things look so different viewed from a parambulator or a bath chair. —The Tattler.



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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Christmas Goose Now Is Close Rival of Turkey

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A Remembrance From Her Boss at Christmas Time

JENNY was standing in front of the ladies' cloak counter of the great emporium fingering one of the cloaks covetously. Could she buy it? There was the room rent and the five dollars a week for board. That must be paid. The landlady did not wait for her money from anybody.

Of course there was the ten dollars she had saved from expenses in the past two months. And she did need it. The weather was growing very cold, so she shivered in going to and from work. Perhaps she could go without shoes a little longer. And then the boss manly gave his help a remembrance. Maybe he would make it money this Christmas. But she mustn't count on that.

"Hello, Jenny; looking at cloaks, eh? Glad I saw you. Haven't given you a remembrance yet. How'd you like it to be a cloak? But look here! This is shoddy! Haven't you better?" to the clerk.

"Yes, sir. This is better. But it's four times as much."

The boss examined it. "All right," he decided. "Let the girl have this," dropping the price on the counter. "But I—"

"Tut, tut, you've been very faithful. A horse was gone—Frank sweet." (A. 1323. Western Newspaper Union.)

MISTLETOE FRUIT



"Does the mistletoe plant produce fruit?"

"Delicious fruit, dear—kisses, you know."

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