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—FROM THE—

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THE CHRISTMAS-TREE.

O,
the
Christ-
mas-tree
so bright
and green,
awaits Old
Santa Claus.
And the chim-
ney place all swept
and clean gaps wide
its ponderous jaws.
The little stockings are
all hung up, and baby's
just makes four. Won't
Old Santa Claus be surprised
when he finds there is one
more. There's an elegant place
up in the tree to hang Johnny's
gun, and a place for May and one
for Kate to leave their dolls upon.
But for little baby blue eyes a lower
branch he must choose, where she
may reach and find the place he's
hung her first new shoes. Turn down
the light a little, now, so old Santa
Claus can see. And baby and all
must go to bed, and be as good as
good can be, and to-morrow
morn get up early, after a
long night's sleep,

and
come
softly
down
to the
Xmas
tree
and
see

Who will get the first peep.

DO YOU WISH TO HELP THE INDIAN HELPER HELP THE INDIANS?

We now print 11,000 HELPERS weekly, but for the little letter to be a REAL INDIAN HELPER it should have a circulation of a hundred times 11,000. It is a fact that 11,000 people are interested enough to subscribe why may not 100,000, if the paper can be placed before them? The INDIAN HELPER helps the

Indian by showing people that the Indian is the same as the rest of us if given the same advantages in life. We believe we are doing good by circulating this knowledge, and knowing no better way of increasing our circulation than through our regular subscriber who have shown such an interest in the paper and the people it espouses, may we not ask you to send us one or more subscriptions before the year 1894 begins or as soon thereafter as possible? For a New Year offer we will send post paid for five new subscriptions a cunning photograph of "Christmas Mike" about whom the story of last week was written. On the picture will be given the boy's name by which he is now called, and accompanying the photograph there will be reproduction of last week's story in the form of a booklet printed by our printer G. R. S.

HE COULD MAKE A KITE BETTER THAN WRITE ABOUT IT.

A young Indian full of the "know how to work" and able to do many useful things, finds in his battle for English, troubles difficult for us English speaking readers to understand. His task in school was to write about how to make a kite. With a little study the reader can make out what he tries so hard to say, and we may after our effort, have a little more sympathy for the adult Indian beginner striving so earnestly to climb the hill of English.

The writer says:

"I use to make kite when I was a small boy. I am boy use be about kite making peeces and stricke a ft long one of corner-tide fast. I can soon as I made kite I lessie a r wing blow and than I look for high hills place and then go up the hill standing up against my braset I feel wing, on doing the string running down the hill you look up out for my kite in the air about 300 feet high in air like a hawk."

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A Hard Times Festival at the Indian School.

We are blessed with four very active Circles of King's Daughters, viz: The Sunshine Scatterers, with Miss Bender as leader; The Lend-a-Hand, with Miss Hamilton as leader; The What-so-overs, with Miss Shaffner as leader, and The Wayside Gleaners, with Mrs. Bakeless as leader.

The four Circles combined to raise money to help Santa Claus fill his sleigh for the little folks in the various quarters, and to help the needy elsewhere, also to give a sociable for the school, always so much enjoyed.

So on Tuesday evening a hard-times festival was held in the gymnasium. The spacious hall was as prettily decorated as hard times would allow with inexpensive trimmings tastefully arranged.

Each Circle had a long table which formed one side of a hollow square in the centre of the room. Behind the tables stood pretty girls offering their goods for sale. The What-so-overs, representing Summer, occupied the table facing the door. What appeared to be peach, apple and rosebushes in bloom greeted the gaze of the visitor as he entered. Bits of bright colored tissue paper were tacked to twigs giving a very pretty effect. This Circle dealt in ice-cream, an appropriate Summer dish.

Pass on around to the right and we come to Spring. This was the table of the Sunshine Scatterers. Everything was green except the girls behind the tables who were adepts at selling the candy in which they dealt. The bright colored candies on white plates among the fresh spruce made a pretty sight.

Turn the corner and here we are in front of the Lend-a-hand table, under a veritable Santa Claus roof covered with cotton repre-

sented snow. This was Winter, and the jolly maidens served hot cocoa and peanuts. A pretty cotton sign at this table took fire from the candle which gave it the red tinge, and had it not been for Miss Hamilton's presence of mind and Mr. Campbell's timely aid, who happened at the time to be standing near, there might have been a sad side to the hard times fair, but as it was the little blaze scarcely made a ripple in the enjoyment of the hour. Drain your generous five cent cup of cocoa and pass on, and we come to the Wayside Gleaners, representing Fall. Their table was tastefully arranged with various fruits, lemonade and cookies, which found a ready sale.

Most of the girls wore bright tissue paper caps or had their raven locks decorated with jaunty little fans with an occasional sprig of green.

There were Japanese lanterns hung here and there adding brilliancy to the scene.

Our boys had saved several pennies to give Santa a lift, while bestowing upon their young lady friends a happy little treat of goodies. Of course they kept them company by indulging their own palates with a taste.

While the band discoursed sweet music, maidens and their cousins(?) promenaded or sat at cosy little tables chatting (not altogether about the hard times, as they ate ice cream.

There were two hard-times old ladies dressed in sun-bonnets, calico sacks and skirts, carrying baskets, asking for alms, which afforded considerable amusement.

The evening was a financial success and complete in every particular, the King's Daughters deserving large commendation.

The Jamestown schools are among the leading public schools of New York State. The pupils show a wide awake interest and friendliness for the Indian by subscribing for the HELPER. We have for years sent a large number to Jamestown weekly and a list of over a hundred subscriptions was received this week, for which the Man-on-the-band-stand is truly grateful.

Harry Kohpay of Poughkeepsie has only just fairly started on the \$30 contest, but he means business as shown by a large list sent in this week. One might begin yet and earn the prize. We have relieved hundreds of subscriptions, but there is no one very long list.

The other afternoon two able-bodied men on the streets of Carlisle were heard to say they had had nothing to eat all day.

No work, nothing to eat. Are we thankful enough for having work and food and clothing these hard times?

Seven subscriptions which were sent last week for William Carefell were credited by mistake to S. E. C., which should have been B. E. M. The same kind friend sends 3 more names for William.

Mr. Standing wishes to acknowledge the receipt of a large package of illustrated papers from Philadelphia which have been distributed to the various reading-rooms, and to the hospital, thanks to the unknown donor.

Christmas

MERRY

Weather fine.

No more grip.

Shortest day, yesterday.

Oh, for skating during the holidays.

We have a few French-speaking pupils.

Miss Bowersox led the Sunday evening service.

Mr. Drum has been ill with the grip, but is around again.

Miss Hamilton's mother is with her for an indefinite visit.

The school holds its monthly exhibition next Thursday night.

If you get a Christmas present, do not forget to thank the giver.

Several of the teachers will take a little run away to spend Christmas.

Miss Paull has gone to her home at Blairsville on a month's sick leave.

New railings have been placed at the ends of the steps leading to the office.

Miss Richenda Pratt is home from school near Baltimore for the holidays.

The Indian fire-company did its usual good work at a fire in town last Friday night.

Mr. F. J. Martin, of Philadelphia, is assisting Capt. Pratt with the clerical work of his office.

Santa Claus was seen in Harrisburg on Wednesday buying things for the Indian School.

There will be a sociable in the gymnasium next Wednesday evening at which the S. L. L's will serve refreshments cheap.

Next week promises to be a happy one throughout, for the Carlisle school, notwithstanding school will be in session daily.

Dr. Montezuma and Dennison Wheelock attended an Indian meeting in New York City last Sunday and made brief addresses.

The Invincibles are out with a new scheme. They are preparing for an oratorical contest to come off sometime in January, and will award a silver medal to the best orator.

The beginning Oneidas have trouble with their p's, b's, t's and d's. In a composition recently one said, "A old sheep has 7 lamps." That sheep needs no electric light to see by.

The rising bell weary with much ringing took a rest last Saturday morning much to the annoyance of the kitchen folks who wished their small army of good feeders to get up for breakfast.

The small boys have again to thank Miss Anthony for a volume for their reading room. No company of pupils reads more than the small boys, and they know how to appreciate a gift of a good book.

The band is to play Mozart's Gloria from the Twelfth Mass, as an opening piece for the Christmas service. The printed service is Christmas complete and will be carried out Christmas morning by the school assembled in chapel.

Christmas cakes are making.

The Christmas turkey is beginning to tremble.

Ida Wasee receives a credit of 2 names from S. E. C.

William Carefell has received credit of eight names from L. M. P.

Samuel Dion receives a credit of six subscriptions from M., Kans.

The small boys are exceedingly grateful to the Lend-a-Hand club for a donation for Christmas.

A very nice little Christmas box from J. V. R., Germantown, has been received and will make glad a host of little Indian hearts.

Miss Sarah Webster who has been visiting the school the past week has gone to Ft. Shaw Montana, to take a position in the Government School at that place. While here she made many warm friends.

Mrs. Spray, who came with the Cherokee children from North Carolina, last week, remained over a day or two looking into our methods. On Sunday evening she gave an earnest little talk to our pupils.

The Sunshine Scatterers have made a nice lot of little presents for those of their number who have gone to their homes in the West. It was very thoughtful in them to remember their faraway sisters who will appreciate the kindness greatly.

The names of the happy winners of the prizes for sending the largest number of subscriptions before the 1st of January will be published in the first HELPER following the first day of the month. Letters received after midnight of the 31st will not be counted.

A visitor in No. 10 Wednesday night, miscalculating the length of the seat she was about to occupy sat upon the floor rather unceremoniously. There was a decorous silence until said visitor exclaimed "Oh, let them laugh!" in the midst of which she arose and joined in.

On last Friday evening the Standard Debating Society elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, Malcolm W. Clarke; Vice President, Clark Gregg; Recording Secretary, Howard Gansworth; Corresponding Secretary, W. M. Hazlett; Treasurer, Chas. Buck; Reporter, C. Y. Robe; Marshal, Anthony Austin.

Our special correspondent for the Tuesday evening's Fair made the following notes:

The young lady who was so absent minded as to hand us three five-cent ice-creams for ten-cent tickets will be forgiven on account of her having had the grip, but the ladies who dispensed candies and mistook our venerable hat for a receptacle for oranges and candies we shall avoid at the next Fair, or take flour bags with us. The young ladies who prepared the lemonade for thirsty mortals were immense, that is the lemons were. To the ladies who dispensed cocoa, etc., our thanks are due for reminding us that the World's Fair has closed but its lunch prices are still open.

FROM LETTERS RECEIVED DURING THE DYING DAYS
OF THE OLD YEAR OUT OF WHICH COURAGE MAY
BE TAKEN TO BEGIN THE NEW.

A subscriber in Roxbury, Mass., says: "The paper is very interesting, and I cut out all articles on the World's Fair to put with the various photographs and souvenirs which I collected while there. Not receiving this last week's issue I realize how I should miss it."

A cultured Boston subscriber writes: "I get something valuable or entertaining from it every week."

The editor of the *Children's Missionary* says: "I want your little paper, and I hope that through the columns of our paper I may be able to pass along to other readers bits of information and interest regarding our Indian brothers and sisters. God bless all the Indian boys and girls and may they every one learn to know Him as their Father."

A gentleman eighty-three years of age says: "A friend of the Indian encloses thirty cents for three copies of the HELPER for my grandchildren for Christmas gifts. I like the HELPER. It is always welcome."

A Kansas subscriber says: "The paper grows more interesting all the time."

A Harrisburg subscriber says: "I enjoy the little paper greatly; the selections are fine and instructive."

A Watertown, N. Y. subscriber says: "The little paper has been a regular visitor since it was a small sheet of four and a half by five or six inches, though it has changed its name and dress. The copy that comes here does not have to wait long for a reader though more than a dozen papers and magazines are taken in the family."

An aged friend of Philadelphia, says: "Enclosed I send you a renewal of subscription to the boy of '79 (myself)."

"Your little jewel is an indispensable article in our family."—[A Penna. subscriber.]

Another Boston renewer, says: "I like your little paper very much indeed and should miss it if I did not take it another year."

A youthful Ohio subscriber says: "I think your paper is very good and I like it. I am glad I subscribed for it."

A SLIGHT MISTAKE BUT NOT ALL INDIAN THIS TIME.

One of our ladies unable to go to town as desired on a certain Saturday afternoon decided to ask the Indian boy who drove the Herdie to do some errands for her.

She wrote two notes, one to the dress-maker and the other to the grocer.

But on seeing a driver new at the business on duty, and fearing that he could not find both places in town, she tore up the note to the grocer as she thought, and gave the Indian boy the other, telling him to go to Miss —, the dress maker, with it.

The boy who was able to read, saw that the note he held was for the grocer, so to the

grocer he went and got the articles wanted.

On his return to the lady she was much surprised to see macaroni and cheese instead of the dress she had sent for, and asked the boy how he had gotten them without money.

"Oh," replied the boy, "I charge."

"But I have no account there," said the lady.

"Well, I charge any how."

When the lady went a few days after to pay the bill she found that the groceries had been charged to Miss —, the dressmaker.

HE WANTED BIG STOCKINGS.

Was it a little Indian boy who went to a store in town for big stockings? No, but Jerome might have gone and the clerk would say:

"What size stockings do you want?"

"Then Jerome would answer: "About No. 20 I guess."

"Why, my little man, you cannot wear a larger stocking than No. 4," the clerk would say.

Then Jerome would say: "I want them for Christmas."

Enigma

I am composed of 17 letters.

My 3, 11, 8, 14, 17 are found in the country.

My 2, 13, 5 is a pronoun.

My 1, 11, 15, 12 is what we need nowadays.

My 8, 3, 7 is a part of the body.

My 10, 15, 16 is a food for some animals.

My 9, 4, 6 is a position.

My whole is what we will all enjoy.

SUBSCRIBER.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S ENIGMA: Santa Claus.

STANDING OFFER.

Premiums will be forwarded to persons sending subscription for the INDIAN HELPER, as follows:

2. For two subscriptions and a 1-cent stamp extra, the printed copy of Apache contract, the original photo, of which I am composing two groups on separate cards (8x10), may be had by sending 30 subscriptions and 5 cents extra. Cash price 60 cents for the two.

(This is the most popular photograph we have ever had taken, as it shows such a decided contrast between a group of Apaches as they arrived and the same pupils four months later.)

3. For five subscriptions and a 1-cent stamp extra, a group of the 17 Indian printer boys. Name and tribe of each given. Or, pretty faced papoose in Indian cradle. Or, Edward David and family. Or, cabinet photo of Piegan Chiefs. Cash price 20 cents each.

4. For seven subscriptions and a 2-cent stamp extra, a bondior combination showing all our prominent buildings. Cash price 25 cents.

5. For ten subscriptions and a 2-cent stamp extra, two photographs, one showing a group of Pueblos as they arrived in their Indian dress and another of the same pupils, three years after, showing marked and interesting contrast. Or, a contrast of a Navajo boy on arrival and a few years after. Cash Price 20 cents each.

6. For fifteen subscriptions and 5 cents extra, a group of the whole school (9x14), faces show distinctly. Or, 8x10 photo of Indian basketball club. Or, 8x10 photo of graduating classes choice '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, 8x10 photo of buildings. Cash price 50 cents for school, 30 cents for 8x10's.

7. For five and seven subscriptions respectively, and 5 cents extra for postage, we make a gift of the 6x9 1/2 and 8x10 photos of the Carnegie school exhibit in the line of march at the 31-centennial to Phila. Cash price 20 and 25 cents.

8. For fifteen subscriptions and eight cents extra for postage, a 19x24 xlb group photo of 25 Piegan chiefs in elaborate dress. This is the highest price premium in Standing Offer and sold for 75c retail. The same picture lacking 2 faces Bondior-size for 7 subscriptions, and 2 cents extra. Cash 25 cents, without accompanying extra for postage, premium will not sent.