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## Peace on Earth..

ONCE again Christmas has rolled around. Once again are windows hung with wreaths of holly, while mistletoe with its pale berries hangs from overhead in unexpected places. It is Christmas, the time of good cheer, of peace on earth and goodwill toward men, the time for wassail and tales of good King Wenceslas. All the world is on tiptoe, and a new spirit is everywhere. For weeks children have dreamed of steam-engines and trains and boats that Santa Claus is going to bring them, and many are the plans that have been laid to catch the old gentleman as he comes down the chimney. Christmas-trees of balsam and fir have been taken from their companions on mountain sides and swamps and now stand in regal and solitary splendour indoors. Their green beauty is hidden under a blaze of tinsel and gold, and among their branches, like some creeping vine, wind the coils of electric wire leading to myriads of tiny bulbs.

### Old Scores Forgotten

There is a spirit of goodwill in the air. One feels it as one goes about the streets, and the careless greetings that are flung back and forth seem to hold a cheerier ring. This is no time to be at cross purposes with yourself or with others. Old scores are forgotten and all the world is a friend. For nearly two thousand years this day has been observed in all four corners of the earth. It is the Christian world's most festive occasion. It is a period of universal reverence, and with the gaiety that is part and parcel of this time goes something deeper as well. A feeling of brotherhood and kindness toward all mankind.

In England houses are bright with cheer as families are united again, in Germany tables fairly creak under the loads of good things to eat with which they are piled. There the good German, not content with Christmas Day itself, stretches it into three, and many are the *bruders shafts* which are drunk. America has its Christmas, and Russia and Australia. There is no spot so remote that people fail to gather and observe this day.

### Thrills for Young and Old

It seems, as one grows older, that the day becomes more and more a day for children. When you are young you feel that nothing could ever equal the excitement and thrills of all the presents which are there for your opening on that



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wonderful morning. But this changes with the years, and these earlier pleasures are dimmed by the deeper joy that becomes yours with the privilege of giving instead of receiving. Surely there is no thrill comparable to that of seeing the youngsters dash out in their pyjamas on Christmas morning and of watching their eyes as they see the pile of packages under the tree. To witness such happiness is enough, but to realize that you have been in some way responsible for it will make you a party to it, and before you know it you will be on your hands and knees having as much fun as the kids themselves.

### Another Angle

And of the homes where there are no presents—for there are many. Surely there can be no sorrow greater than that of a mother or father who, on Christmas morning, must see their children without a present. A cold stove and nothing in the larder, no work and no prospect of any. These are the people to whom our thoughts should go at Christmas time, the people who pull their belts tighter and tighter and never complain. Surely these unfortunates do not look forward to the holiday season with pleasure. To them it must be a time of real sadness, and if it leaves a bitter taste behind are they to be blamed? If among such people the seeds of communism find a fertile soil and the ranks of rabid socialists are swollen by new recruits, are we to stand aloof and censor? To engage our sympathy and our support, the stories which are told each year at this time are not necessary. The story of the little girl whose one passion was for a doll whose eyes opened and closed, and of her father who broke a store window and stole such a doll, only to be trailed by the police to his room. When the men entered they found the doll in the girl's arms. It's eyes were closed, but the eyes of the little girl were closed as well—for ever... Or the tale of the shivering beggar-boy who dashed across one of New York's busy thoroughfares to return a dropped purse to a lady in rich furs, to be thanked with a charming smile and, on hurrying back to his windy corner, to be mowed down by a motor-lorry and crippled for life...

No, surely tales such as these are not necessary to make us realize that there is another side to the picture than the one in which we so gaily partake. Let us give this other half a thought on Christmas Day. We'll find that by helping such people we'll get the same glow that comes from watching the children in their joy.



# BARCELONA SOCIAL NOTES

The Hon. Claude Dawson, and Mrs. Dawson, will be hosts at an egg-nog party on Christmas day, at their home.

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Archdeacon Birch, of Calcutta, was guest preacher at St. George's Chapel last Sunday, and afterwards left with Mrs Birch for Tarragona, en route for Málaga.

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The call of the snow is proving stronger than ever this winter, and many foreign ski-ers are coming to try the excellent Spanish fields. A snap taken at La Molina.

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Carols will be sung at St. George's Chapel on Sunday, 22nd. December, during the 11 a.m. service. On Christmas Day there will be Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m. and Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

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Amongst those coming to spend Christmas in Barcelona will be Mr. and Mrs. MacAndrew, of Reigate, England, Miss Hester Lawrence and Miss Wightwick.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Slade, and Mrs. Slade's brother, Mr. Sydney Lewis, left for London on Monday. A large number of friends saw them off from the French station.

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Dr. and Mrs. Walter Scoble, after having spent a holiday in Palma, left on Tuesday for London, determined to return late in the year with their car.

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There was a very enthusiastic audience, which included many foreigners, at the recital given on Sunday last by Yehudy Menuin, whose superb technique combined with an amount of understanding unusual in one so young, made the concert a memorable one.

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Mrs. Gipsy Allan arrived from Palma on Tuesday, and will spend Christmas in Barcelona before travelling through Spain.

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Mrs. Chase Andrews left on Monday, aboard the *Navemar*, for New York where she will spend the winter.

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown are giving an egg-nog party on Christmas Day.

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The Misses Pastor are giving a small dance, Christmas afternoon.

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Miss Chappell, sister of Sra. Serra, who has spent some months in Barcelona, left for Manchester on Thursday.

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Mr. Michael Patrick, the architect, spent a busy day in Barcelona on Sunday visiting the new cooperative buildings at San Martid with Don José Luis Sert. Mr. Patrick afterwards left for Genoa and Innsbruck, where he will spend Christmas.

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Madame Josephson has returned to Barcelona from Madrid, where she has spent some weeks with Mrs. Pamela de Levis Prizer, who has gone down to Málaga for Christmas.

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Mrs. J. Hill and Miss Bunty Noble have left the *Enfermeria Evangélica*. Mrs. George Noble and Miss Noble will spend Christmas in England.

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Last night a banquet in honour of the Spanish poet, Federico García Lorca, was given at the Hotel Majestic by leading Castilian and Catalan intellectuals. Sr. García Lorca's short speech was greeted with enthusiasm and he was congratulated on the success of his recent works,

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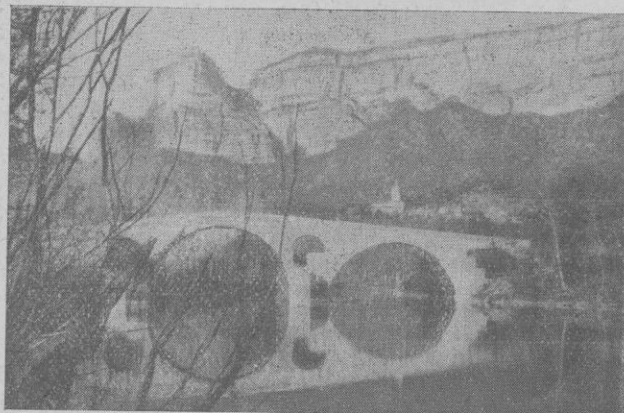
## "It Comes but Once a Year"

by D. R. D.

**C**HRISTMAS, as such, in Spain has never been celebrated with as much ceremony as in northern countries. One confines oneself mainly to the religious observances of the day when Christ was born. Granted it is a national *fiesta*, complete with extraordinary meals and the ensuing general merriment, but such excitement as the occasion produces in say, England or America, rarely takes place in Spanish households. In quite recent years one worked on Christmas morning, the afternoon being a holiday, and this, in a sense, proves the existence of Christmas in the Spanish mind as merely a solemn anniversary. The Christmas tree, which every year appears in increasing numbers in the shops in this country, is also a fairly modern import, the custom of decorating a tree with presents for this day having been greatly encouraged by Ex-Queen Victoria during her many years of residence in Madrid. To this English princess, too, is due the foundation of a Christmas Tree Society for the benefit of poor children, and many society women spend many hours organizing this charitable work. January 6th., however, is the day when Spain wakes up to a celebration more comparable to the Nordic one. On the night of the 5th., while children sleep (with one dark eye half open), the Three Kings, Melchor, Gaspar and Balthazar, come loaded with presents much in the same way as Santa Claus. This symbolizes, naturally, the arrival of the Kings before the manger where Christ lay, ready to offer their gold, frankincense and myrrh.

### Odd Gifts

Though many of the gifts left to good children (if Daddy can afford it) are similar to those crammed into stockings in Boston and Birmingham, there are also some curious items which Spanish children delight in receiving. Sweets in the shape of coke, carrots, onions and garlic are guzzled with delight. The Kings have played a joke. When ordering their presents, Spanish children, like all others, demand far more than they ever expect to get. They instinctively sense some relationship between Melchor's bounty and Father's bank balance. However, in a land, where the great majority of the houses are devoid of chimneys, the balcony takes the place of the traditional «letter-box,» and on King's Night, looking from the roof of an apartment house, one sees many childish letters hopefully waiting for the passing of the ghostly camels and their charitable riders. Most Spanish children have a predilection for one or another of the Kings. The most popular, however, is the Black King, and this year he is already being called «the Negus,» a piece of topical nonsense that may not



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Bridge of Sant Romá de Sau, in the Guillerias

really be far from the truth. In some districts of Spain's larger towns the Kings ride through the narrow streets on the morning of the 6th. distributing toys and sweets to all the poor children. Many quaint legends surround the nocturnal procession of the Kings to the balconies of Spain. One of them is that their horses or camels (according to which school father and mother belong) are shod with cotton stockings so as to make their passing the more silent.

### The Christmas Crèche

The medieval custom of making *crèches* at this time of the year is still very popular in Spain, though it has died out in many other countries. In England it exists solely in name—Boxing Day, when formerly dolls representing the Infant Christ were carried through the streets by children. In Barcelona the fair which commences on the day of the Most Pure Conception, and which is situated in the picturesque streets surrounding the Cathedral, is known as the Crèche Fair, for here you may buy all the scenery, animal and human figures necessary for the arranging of a *crèche*. Many of the stalls specialize in certain kinds of wares. One, for instance, carries a sturdy line in palm-trees made with green feathers. Another displays some expensive and colourful Kings on their steeds. All kinds of figures are obtainable, from the small ones required to stand in the background and give a sensation of distance to the larger ones of the Holy Family which are usually situated in the foreground. For the stable there is every kind of beast and fowl. Doves of turkeys, cocks, sheep, cows, goats and donkeys stand in expectant and immaculate ranks upon the stalls, waiting for a purchaser. For local colour there are fishermen, shepherds, children and women carrying pitchers of water,

for every good *crèche* must have its well. Stars, which can be affixed to the ceiling or to the stable entrance, according to the date, are to be found in every size and quality. Announcing angels for similar purposes are on sale for a few *céntimos*. The most exigent figures, however, are those of the Kings, whose size must be increased as they progress day by day from the back of the *crèche* to the immediate foreground. In some elaborate settings as many as ten different sized figures are used for this purpose, whilst those with money to spend are often tempted by the broken Roman columns and other expensive ruins which give their *crèches* an artistic appearance. The houses, caves, villages and street-scenes, all of which can be incorporated into these *crèches*, are made mainly of cork, and considerable artistry is displayed in their confection. This year a little fantasy has appeared in some stalls in the shape of futuristic settings in the Russian style. One can now have a *crèche à la Matisse*, or a Nativity in the style of Picasso. The possibilities of these scenes are enormous and grown-ups as well as children can be seen picking out new figures and more original settings.

### A-Hiking We Will Go

The two days' holiday which Christmas brings to workers in Spain is used more than ever each year as an excuse to get away from the towns. Thousands of hikers and skiers are to be seen making their way on Christmas Eve to the railway stations, where they take train to the mountains. They usually carry a Christmas lunch with them and really not much hiking is done that day, but tortured digestions are soon put in order by one more day of strenuous exercise. The magnificent scenery which abounds in this country is seen in one of its most dramatic aspects in the winter light.

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An English Christmas dinner will be served at 8 p.m. on Christmas Day. Tickets for the whole evening are 12 pesetas.

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Decks were cleared for action early last week at the English Tea Rooms, and every day a new batch of plum puddings and other such seasonable specialities was produced for the delight of those who prefer to have *real* English Christmas fare. We don't think that there is much left now for disposal and any belated purchaser is advised to hurry.

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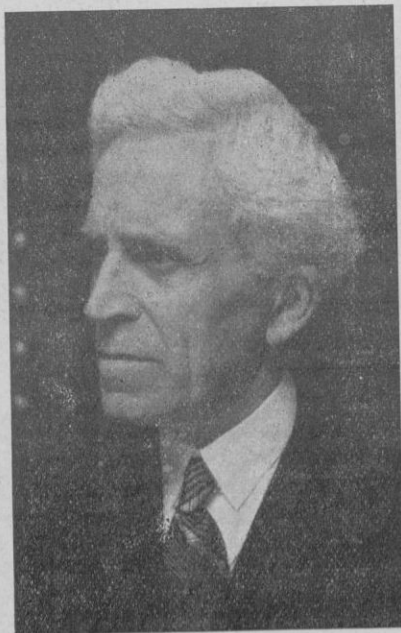
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 ROMEA—Singerman Company in modern repertory. Good.  
 NUEVO.—Lyrical company in *La Mesonera del Llano*. Recommended.  
 PRINCIPAL PALACE—Xirgu Company in Garcia Lorca repertory. Best thing of the year.  
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The list of stars is a long and brilliant one, and there has been much trouble taken to fit the types of Shakespeare's characters both in the appearance and the ability of the actors. The delicate beauty of Anita Louise, Jean Muir, and Olivia de Havilland, as *Titania, Helena, and Hermia*, and the more majestic style of Verree Teasdale as *Hippolyta*, are well balanced by the impish Mickey Rooney as *Puck*, Dick Powell and Ross Alexander as the two bemused lovers, and the inimitably comic group of tradesmen led by James Cagney as *Bottom*, with Joe E.

Brown, Hugh Herbert, Otis Harlan, Frank McHugh and Dewey Robinson as his companions.

Perhaps the finest touch of all is the tragi-comedy of «Pyramus and Thisbe,» presented by the loutish *Bottom, Flute, Snout and Starveling* in honour of *Duke Theseus'* wedding-feast; but some may prefer the sheer absurdities of *Titania's* love for *Bottom* wearing his ass's head, or the incidental ballets with their exquisite lighting effects. One thing is certain, that this production marks an important step in the history of the newest art, and that no one who loves either old beauty or new should fail to see it.



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**SPORT**

**WINTER SPORT:** The recent cold snap has turned our thoughts rather towards the mountains and snow than the muddier patches of Wales where the All Blacks have been doing valiant things. They have been defeated in Wales before, and the famous 1905 side met their Waterloo at Cardiff where an epic try by the Welsh wing decided the most thrilling game in history.

**SKI-ING:** From Barcelona, a day in the mountains is something of an expedition. Up at 3 a.m., Mass at the Pino, which opens very punctually at 4 a.m., then off to the North Station to catch the train which wends its way to Nuria. Skis can be hired in Barcelona, and those economically minded may bring their own fodder. There are special trains and services for the holidays and every effort has been made to cater for excursionists who have 50 pts. and a pair of old trousers. It was 15 degrees below zero, and we thankfully reached Barcelona and our oil stove at 10.30. *Sic Transit. Gloria Sunday.*

**BOXING:** Louis proved too good for Paulino and although the Basque fought gamely he could not last against the rain of punishment which he received. Whether Louis can take it himself remains to be seen, but a record of twenty victories of K. O. in twenty-five fights does not inspire confidence in challenger's hearts, though Isidoro Gaztañaga says he is confident. It is Christmas-time, and it behoves us to forget Bedy-line blather, Olympic Squabbling, what the T.U.C. are thinking and whether X is really a Shamateur. *Nunc. est... Bibendum. Nunc...* what is her telephone number? **HAPPY XMAS!**

*All Rounder*

**GOLF AT SAN CUGAT:** The outstanding event of the it entries for the Championship of Cataluña Batlló, who produced the wonderful score of 66 for his fourth round. This breaks the amateur record of 69 for the course, held jointly by F. Witty, an ex-champion of Cataluña, and Luis de Arana, the famous amateur from the Neguri Club, Bitbao, who made a score of 69 in the championship of Spain held at San Cugat last year.

Batlló, with an aggregate score of 295 for the four rounds, is thus the reigning amateur Golf Champion of Cataluña, as well as being the holder of the Amateur record for the San Cugat course.

**Results:**

A. Batlló.	76 75 78 66	— 295
F. Witty.	86 73 76 81	— 316
G. de la Riva.	86 81 74 76	— 317

The handicap prize for the best aggregate score for the 72 holes was won by A. Berglund (handicap 17), with a total of 278 nett. He also won the prize for the best 18 holes, with a 62 nett. Batlló and De la Riva took second and third places in the handicap aggregate.

**SPANISH FOOTBALL:** The following are the matches scheduled for to-morrow:—

Barcelona	v.	Madrid
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*Mens Doubles.* Maier and Blanc beat Suqué and Boter, 7-5, 7-5, 6-3.

*Ladies Doubles.* Mrs. King and Belli Maier beat Stas. Torres and Losse, 6-4, 6-1.

*Mixed Doubles.* Carles and Sta. Rife beat Boter and Sta. Blasco, 6-4, 6-2.

**II CATEGORY:— Mens Doubles.** Massip and Bartoli beat Castellá and Ros, 6-4, 6-2.

*Mixed Doubles.* Soler Cabot and Sta. Carles beat Masip and Sta. Camprecios, 6-1, 3-6, 7-5.

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**London Letter**

Our waning interest in the Italo-Abyssinian business has been revived like magic with the revelation of the «peace terms» which appear to have been offered to a somewhat reluctant Duce. It is being found more than difficult to reconcile these proposals with the previous attitude adopted, and even governmental supporters (and notably the government press) are finding explanations pretty embarrassing. Darkling hints are thrown out as to the urgent circumstances which stimulated the Anglo-French peace effort, but the feeling of conviction is decidedly not there. So far as an individual can ascertain, I do not believe there is anybody in England today who wants war with Italy or anybody else, but it is hard to get away from a general impression that the appeal to Abyssinia to show «statesmanship» in giving away half the country is not only weak, but a darn poor effort in statesmanship itself. The story runs here that our political masters and pastors have been listening to the French story of German rearmament and what it means to Europe. Hence the flurry to secure peace at any price—even if it is Abyssinia that has to foot the bill to keep Germany from appealing to English statesmanship to give up half its possessions in Africa.

In purely domestic circles, the greatest event of the week has been the trial of Lord de Clifford in the House of Lords on a charge of manslaughter. The preparations for the ceremony have taken weeks of cleaning, furbishing up equipment, studying laws of procedure and precedent, making special robes for the noble lords to wear, and all for a hearing that lasted for something less than ninety minutes in all. It has taken a lot of explaining in the press here to give the average taxpayer some idea as to why the House of Lords can become the equivalent of the Old Bailey to try what was a very ordinary motoring case. Anyhow, if Lord Sankey has his way there will be no more of these House of Lord trials except for cases of a more solemn nature.

C. E. Head



# LUNCHEON AT ONE...

## COMPETITION WINNER

*The Editors of THE MAJORCA SUN AND SPANISH NEWS have, after due consideration, decided to award the prize of Ptas. 25 to the author of the above story.*

## A Christmas Story

By H. DARE

The ground was covered in a light mantle of snow. There was a sparkle in the clear, crisp morning air, and steam rose from little piles of freshly dropped horse manure, as Peter Slingsby strolled into the waggon lines of «D» Battery, 98th., Brigade, R. F. A. Three aeroplanes hovered in the cloudless blue sky, and somewhere beyond Passchendale a German observation balloon, like a great, swollen haggis, dominated the horizon.

Captain Slingsby thrust his hands deep into the pockets of his fleecy British-warm. What a perfect Xmas morning. He felt it was good to be alive—that, at least, was something to be thankful for. His thoughts turned to his home in England, to his wife and his small son. He wondered how they would spend their Christmas Day and where the next would find them all. Three months ago the Division had been full of talk about Peace before Xmas—and where were the talkers now? One by one they had gone. At Tower Hamlets and Polygon Wood. At Zonnebeke and Passchendale...

«A Merry Xmas, Sir!»

«A Merry Xmas to you, Sergeant Major—and many of 'em. But the last, I trust, in what is left of the Salient. Listen,» he added as the faint mutter of guns stirred the still air! «Jerry's at it again. No sense of proportion. With this frost on, some damn fool will try and straighten some damn line—on Christmas Day!»

«It's bitter cold enough for anything, Sir,» said Sergeant Major Banks, who had once travelled in bottled beer, and who infinitely preferred Bar Parlours to horse lines (as who indeed does not?).

«Mess-cart get back all right last night from Poperhinge?»

«Got back all right, Sir; but the driver reports a shocking outrage, Sir, a shocking outrage. Huns, they call 'em, and Huns they is!»

«What's happened now?»

«They bombed the whisky dump at Poperhinge yesterday — on Christmas Eve, Sir. Not a bottle of whisky to be obtained for love or money in the whole of the Second Army.» Little beads of moisture gathered round Sergeant-Major Banks's eyes.

«Christ!» said Slingsby (on His birthday, too!). «that's torn it. No whisky—we'll lose the war at this rate! Not a dorp at the battery, and I promised to let them have some this morning.»

Peter Slingsby thrust his hands still deeper into his pockets. It was intolerable. War without whisky Xmas without whisky. It was absurd. To sink a hospital ship is one thing, to destroy the Army's whisky supply another. Quite another.

Intolerable. A dirty, a dastardly... a cowardly stab in the back.

He, himself, had but one bottle left. But he really couldn't let the Major down. Particularly as he was going up to lunch with him this Xmas Day. He would have to share it with him - and the Battery Mess.

Peter Slingsby trudged ahead of a long line of horses and mules across the waste lands that lay around Ypres. Each animal carried ten rounds of ammunition. There were five hundred rounds of high explosive. Small part of a little entertainment planned for Boxing Day.

In addition to its normal load the first horse carried a plum pudding, the bottle of whisky and the Xmas mail. They passed through a maze of shattered tree stumps that were once green and pleasant woods. The countryside lay very still. A short month ago this same ground had seethed with men, and horses, and guns. A perpetual going and coming. An incessant shriek of shell; a crashing of high explosive and the soft, sibilant discharges of mustard and phosgene gasses. Now small parties of men went silently about their lawful occasions, burying dead horses, collecting corpses.

As the column entered Sanctuary Wood a heavy howitzer battery, to the right of the path, suddenly sprang into life. There was a shouting of orders; men ran from dug-outs to gun-pits, and one after the other three squat, black monsters coughed—slid slowly backward and once again thrust their muzzles into the sky.

They had entered the battle zone. Rather more than half a mile ahead Captain Slingsby could see his battery position. Black spots against the white near the crest of the rising ground in front. It was the last, but always the worst, lap of the frequently terrifying journey between the waggon-lines and the guns.

Ahead the snow lay white and smooth, covering both shell-holes and rotting corpses in a white shroud. Suddenly the air was filled with the scream of shells, and a moving curtain of black, erupting earth swept across the intervening distance. The earth spouted and shook. The curtain swept nearer and nearer, and then receded. Up and down... down and up.

Peter Slingsby halted his column, sat down on the edge of Sanctuary Wood and lighted a cigarette. He watched the barrage; it might last five minutes, or it might go on for an hour. But it wouldn't shift. Above all things the Bosche was methodical. Peter had encountered this same barrage at least a

dozen times—and been caught in it once, and lost five men and fourteen horses. It was extremely improbable that a shell would fall nearer than a hundred yards from where he was sitting.

Peter waited ten minutes. He looked at his watch, it was a quarter to one. The Mess lunched at one o'clock sharp. The Major above all things, believed in punctuality. Peter was cold. He was hungry. He felt a strong desire for a glass of whisky. The shelling might last an hour. He decided to leave the column where it stood—in safety—and go on to the battery alone. He would take the whisky and the plum pudding. He called his sergeant, and gave him instructions to move up as soon as the shelling ceased. He took the two parcels and set forth.

The shelling had receded, but he kept his ear attuned for any warning note in the sound. He heard it coming and dived into a shell hole. The guns lifted, and he walked on. The barrage dropped again and a shell burst within a few yards. He crouched in a shell hole. He began to feel that he had been a fool. Better to have waited till it was all over. Still nothing for it now but to go on. He started to run, dropping from time to time to the crater-pitted ground. It was cold, but he began to sweat. He had nearly made it. He could see the entrance to the Mess dug-out clearly. The earth around him began to heave. A heavy lump of metal clanged on his steel helmet.

Peter sank into the bottom of a newly formed crater. What a fool he had been. Better to be late—than never. He shot out his wrist and glanced nervously at his watch. It was five minutes to one. Time suddenly seemed to have become of major importance. He felt rather like the White Rabbit in Alice in Wonderland. The whisky had got to arrive before lunch. After all, Xmas comes but once a year. The shelling seemed to have slackened. Peter Slingsby decided to make a bolt for it.

Firmly clutching his precious cargo, he ran as he had never run before. He stopped just short of the Battery Mess to regain his breath. He wiped the perspiration from his face, adjusted his tie, and prepared to make as unruffled an entrance as the circumstances demanded. He glanced again at his watch.

Peter Slingsby arrived at the top of the dug-out steps at precisely one minute to one o'clock—and so did an eight inch shell. It was odd, but the bottle of whisky rolled unharmed down the steps; whereas, some time later, the plum pudding was shovelled into a sack together with what was left of Captain Peter Slingsby.

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The main problem of most people during the Festive Season is that of catering, which invariably works out far more expensively than one imagines, with the consequent aggravation of what some bright person has called «the agony of January.» Providing you spend the holidays at home, you will need to make your catering plans well beforehand, so as to avoid last-minute rushes for necessities. Christmas puddings, unless you still cherish great-aunt Ellen's complicated recipe, can be obtained nowadays at most large stores in the imported variety. VICENTE FERRER, in the Pza. Cataluña, can be relied upon for this and other staple necessities. MUNTANER TEA ROOMS, LA MARGARITA and the CONFITERIA BERNA are the prime providers of the home-made variety, and can also be relied upon for everything in the pastry line, whether for a children's party or for your own bridge tea. MONCLUS, in the Rbla. Cataluña, specialize in cocktail «what-nots,» whilst ESTEVE RIERA, FORN DE SANT JAUME, FORN DEL CISNE and LLIBRE I SERRA, provide delightful cakes, biscuits and items for dulled appetites.

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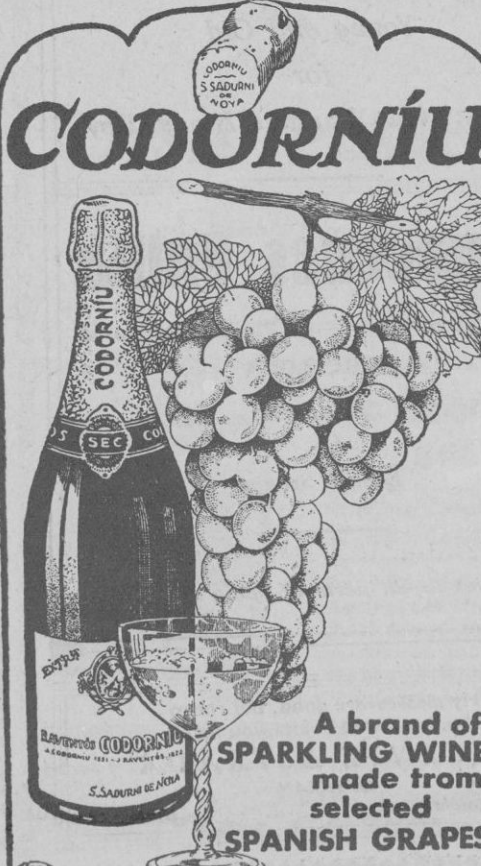
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# The "Kid's" Christmas

by Robert M. Gavett

The Kid sat on the edge of his narrow iron cot and coughed. That damn cough, there it was again. As if a guy didn't have enough to worry about without that thing too. Enough to make a fellow sick, coughing all the time that way. He'd go nuts if it kept on. Well, hell; he was sick, wasn't he? Didn't the doctor tell him this afternoon that he couldn't live but a couple of months? If a guy had money enough to go to a good doctor or if he dared to go to one of the city hospitals maybe it would have been better. Both lungs shot and no chance of getting better, he had said. Of course, if he could go to a good hotel up in the mountains or out West, with the best of food and a long rest, he might stretch it out two or three months longer. Where the hell was he going to get the dough for a good hotel and a good long rest? Find it? He hardly had the price of a meal in his pocket. And a rest. He couldn't even remember when he had ever felt rested. When a guy did have a little jack, he couldn't get a decent rest. There was always some flatfoot nosing around into things that were none of his damn business. The first thing you knew when you sat down to a good meal there was a dick at the next table looking you over. You couldn't enjoy your food that way, and as for a rest—hell.

The last job hadn't brought in any thing and he'd been damn lucky to get away. It was dumb to shoot that butcher, a crack on the head would have been just as good. Shouldn't have taken a rod along at all for a little job like that. It was lucky having that big refrigerator there, though, and the dumb flatfoot had never thought to look inside. If they'd caught him it would have been the hot squat or life for sure. It didn't make any difference whether that old butcher died or not, fourth offense—and up the river for life. He coughed, and smiled bitterly, it had been pretty smooth handing the gun to that punk that was along, God! what a sap that kid was, too. Fresh from the country and thought he was just coming along to help me collect a bill. Me in the ice-box and the kid standing there with the gat in his hand just as the cops come in the door. Give the hick credit though, he never made a move toward the box.

Kind of tough on the kid, maybe, but the papers say the old Dutchman's got a thin chance of living. It'd be the kid's first and maybe he'd get off with 15-20. That'll give him lots of time for thinking and by the time he gets out he'll know better than to have a gun in his hand when the cops arrive. Good I didn't tell the kid my name or give him a good look at my pan. He'll never be able to pick me out from the photographs down at Headquarters. Hell, I got to stop this thinking or I'll go nuts.

A guy'd like to go to a movie tonight but sure as hell there'll be one of those muggs from Headquarters in every lobby, minding everybody's business but his own. Maybe down on the corner in the back room at Tim's a guy could sit awhile and be safe. At least not be so damn lonely.....

The back room was warm, full of smoke and there was sawdust on the floor. Some of the tables were occupied but their occupants were busy with their own drinking and paid no attention to the newcomer. The Kid sat at a table by himself and looked around. The place looked strange, what the hell was it? That was it, the walls and ceiling were covered with branches of pine and at the lone window there was a wreath. Tim's never looked like this before, what was it all about? Cripes, that's right—it's Christmas Eve. The smoke in the place made him cough and he still felt lonely but at least it was better than a tiny hall bedroom alone. He could get pretty drunk on two dollars and then when he went back maybe he could sleep for a change. He hadn't been sleeping very well since the stick-up. So it was Christmas Eve. Christmas, hell, what was Christmas? Just a day when the guys that had money sat at home and ate and drank a lot. And it was a day when you were supposed to give things to people. Nobody'd ever given him anything except some of those damned black robed judges when they'd given

him five or seven or ten years. His second whisky burnt like fire as it went down and made him cough again, but he felt better already. Why couldn't they play something good over than damn radio? What *was* all this talk going on? There it was again.....

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«This is the first time I ever spoke over one of these things and I reckon I'll do it wrong but I hope you all can hear me good and I hope that the one man I want to hear it is listening now. I haven't much to say but—but—I saw my boy Albert today and I asked him if he done it and he said no and my boy ain't never lied to me in his life. He ain't never done a mean thing neither that I know of and if he's sentenced to jail or—or—maybe the electric chair it'll kill him, as well as me. And you, Mister, if you're listening to this and you ever done a good deed in your life, it's Christmas Eve and now is the time to do it. That's all, I guess.»

The kid shuffled his feet in the sawdust and coughed. The third drink hadn't helped a bit.

He'd been much better off if he'd stayed in his room. Or why hadn't he gone out before that damn radio started? Christmas—what the hell. A time to give people presents. Well, hell, I gave him a gun, didn't I?.....

He tried to laugh at his own feeble joke and failed. All he could do was cough.

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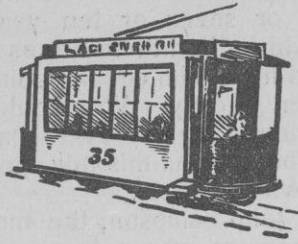
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**Henderson Line:** Agents: Agencia Schembri, Avenida de Antonio Maura. 52. Tel. 1417.  
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Jan. 11—USSUKUMA, from Hamburg and Southampton for Genoa, Port Said and around Africa.

**North German—Lloyd Line:**

Jan. 11th GNEISENAU from Bremen and Southampton for Barcelona, Genoa and the Far East.



**Mail Connections for U.S.A.**

Friday, Dec. 27th. Mail closes Palma Post Office 8:00 p.m. for the WASHINGTON, Havre, due in New York Jan 5th.

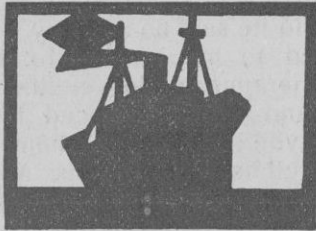
Sunday, Dec. 29th. Mail closes Palma Post Office 1:30 p.m. for the Berengaria, Cherbourg, due in New York Jan. 7th.

Jan. 21.—POTSDAM, from the Far East for Southampton and Bremen.

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PALMA

The Island's most distinguished visitor in some time left suddenly on Monday night. Mr. Winston Churchill had come here and settled down at Formentor for what he hoped would be a long rest. It was not to be, however, and on Monday a telegram called him home to England. During this time of tension the Government evidently feels that he should be close at hand.

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The Italian-Abyssinian affair has far reaching effects. The latest to come to our attention is that it has cost Mrs. Renault a nice Christmas present. While on the Continent recently Mr. Renault bought the gold cigarette-case which was used by King Albert of the Belgians just before his death. Mr. Renault intended giving this to his wife, fitted out as a vanity-case. He feels, however, so much in sympathy with the Italian cause at the moment that they have decided to send it to Mussolini for his gold collection. Mr. Renault, during his present visit to Barcelona, will present the case to the Italian Consul-General there.

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Miss Eugenia Lewis returned to the Island on Tuesday from the United States.

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It was gay last Saturday at the opening of the Trocadero. There was a big crowd on hand to listen and dance to the new band, which lived up to all expectations. The foreign colony was well represented, among those present being Miss Nita Dreiberg, Mrs. T.P. Leaman, Mr. Leo Burgess, Mr. Noble Clay, Mr. Eric Wolfe of Cook's and Mr. Rolf Memison. An innovation which the crowd appreciated was the fact that drinks cost the same at tables as at the bar which should continue to add to the Trocadero's popularity. Sr. Dubosc has asked us to repeat that the prices for drinks as given here are both minimum and maximum. Every evening, except Saturday nights and special gala nights, 1.50 and 3.50; on those nights, 3.00 and 4.00 ptas. The only exception will be Christmas and New Year's Eve, when all drinks will be five pesetas, no more no less.

Mrs. Grace Atwood, long a resident of various hotels in and about Terreno, has decided to go in for housekeeping and during the week moved into the charming little house at No. 1, Dos de Mayo.

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Mrs. McClintock was hostess at a small dinner-party in her home, on Wednesday, for Mrs. Chanter who was in town for a day from Puerto Pollensa.

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Mrs. Noble Clay and Mrs. Florence Atkins arrived back on the Island from Madrid on Tuesday. They report a gay time in the capital, with enough but not too much sight-seeing and art galleries. It was pretty cold up there, too, with lots of snow.

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The Count and Countess Moltke gave a bridge and cocktail party on Thursday, with Miss Lafayette as guest of honour.

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Mrs. Martha Fell, the charming American newcomer to Mallorca, is giving a house-warming Saturday afternoon in her new apartment in Calle Villalonga. It is literally a house-warming, as she is the first tenant and has been in but a week.

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Some close bridge went on Thursday afternoon when Mrs. Dora Raffloer entertained Mrs. Mather, Mrs. Clay and Mrs. Atkins.

It won't be quite the same sort of Christmas this year without Colonel Riccard's cheery presence. He left on the *Scharnhorst* Tuesday to spend the holidays on his native heath. He had practically no sleep for days previous to his sailing, due to worrying as to how he could be on the dock Tuesday at seven a.m. This was solved, we understand, by sleeping on a bench at Lena's.



The Staff of Wagons-Lits Cook take pleasure in wishing to all their many clients the compliments of the Season.



The Committee of the British Association is holding a tea and sherry party at the rooms of the Association on Monday afternoon. During the past week Mrs. Phyllis Harvey has become affiliated with the Association in the role of hostess. This should add immensely to the popularity of this centre.

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Mrs. Charles Salisbury, with her small son Timothy, has left her mother's house where they have been since his arrival and gone to join Mr. Salisbury in the rigours of Genova. Young Timothy, aged three weeks, has evinced a desire for quiet during the holidays, not intending to step out on the tiles this year.

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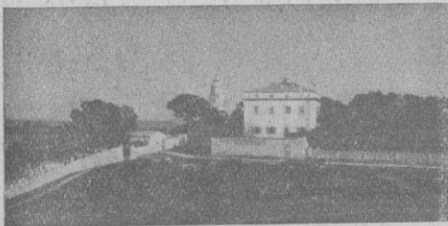
Sr. D. Jacinto Garau, the brother-in-law of the Doctors Peñaranda, frequently to be seen in Lena's, is well known in Madrid art circles and is the author of the new play, «*La Señora Guapa*,» which is having such a tremendous success. It is being presented by the Maria Guerrero and Fernando Diaz de Mendoza Company.

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Mrs. Philip Jordan, who has been staying with Mrs. Bowman-Burns since her return from Ibiza, left on Thursday for Marseilles to join her husband, who is travelling from Egypt via Palestine. Mrs. Jordan will return after the holidays.

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Christmas holidays, which will last until after the *Reyes*, began today at the Ecole Internationale de Baleares. The playgrounds of the School remain open, however, and will be much in use during this time. Two new children have recently been added to the roster of the School, Miss Nina Thompson and her brother, Bert. They will share their Christmas dinner with their mother, Mrs. Margaret Thompson, and their older sister, both just arrived from Vienna.



Other parents who are coming here to visit their children at the Ecole are Mrs. Virginia Moore, Mrs. Judith Loewenthal and Mrs. Ann Lister Warner.

It is with great regret we announce the death, at «*Mar Azul*,» Puerto de Pollensa, on Saturday, Dec. 14th., of Count Jean Pujos du Coudray, of Fontainebleau. The Count had been seriously ill since July. The end came suddenly, and his sister, Baroness Berthemy, arrived from Fontainebleau only in time for the Requiem Mass held on Tuesday morning. This is the second bereavement within four months of the Countess du Coudray, who lost her father, the Rev. Freece, of London and Rathsalagh, County Wicklow, in August. The sympathy of their many friends in the Puerto is with the widow and the sister of the Count, who was a most popular figure and had endeared himself to all.

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 LIRICO—Spanish Opera Company.  
 MODERNO—Ronald Colman in *Un Aventurero Audaz*, with Loretta Young. MONDAY: Joe Brown in *El Campeón Ciclista*.  
 PRINCIPAL—Spanish Theatrical Company.  
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**THE «KID'S» CHRISTMAS**  
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That's funny, that is, that old dame coming all this way to say a piece over the radio. Did she think everybody was as much of a sucker as her precious Albert? Did she expect a guy who'd been smart enough to get away to come right out and take the rap himself? She must be as goofy as her own kid. His mother hadn't been that way—or had she? He could hardly remember. He hadn't thought of her in years. He remembered his father all right. Always drunk and nasty mean. Why had his mother stuck to the old man all those years, hiding him away when his father came home and taking all the beatings herself? She'd stood it long enough so that when she died he was old enough to run away and live in the streets. God, had she done all that for him, do you suppose? And he remembered now, vaguely it came back to him through the fumes of the alcohol. It had been Christmas and his mother was crying, the last Christmas it was before she died. She

was crying, she'd said, because she didn't have a single present to give him and he, he had never even thought about anything for her at all....

The bells rang outside, and in the front room the crowd at the bar were drinking Christmas toasts. Above the roar of the elevated trains overhead he could hear some kids singing a carol or something down the block aways. It was midnight and another Christmas.

The Kid got to his feet and walked through the door and down the street. In the distance shone the two green lamps in front of the Station House. He hesitated when he reached the steps between the lamps and then slowly turned in.

What the hell, the doctor said two months. With all the delay it'll be four before they can burn me. I'll make the old woman a Christmas present....

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Tauchnitz

Christmas is the season for peace on earth and goodwill towards all mankind. Therefore, in pleasant mood I sat down to read «Saturday Island,» and when I had finished it my mood was the same.

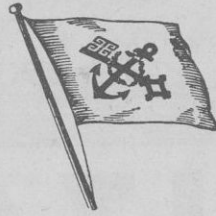
For it is indeed a pleasant book, ranking with any of the better Christmas gift books, whether for children or grown-ups. In fact, there is a strong suggestion of «Alice in Wonderland» about the neat shipwreck which prevents the heroine, Aggie the barmaid, from reaching the West Indies. She is heading for these Islands because her sister-in-law finds her a dull person, in fact because, generally, she is one of those intelligent, sensitive people who think they are not appreciated, so reach the stage where they cannot see any reason why they should be appreciated. Actually, Aggie is a most lovable person who keeps her remarkable sense of humour and plucky spirit up throughout the whole «down-the-rabbit-hole» disaster when she swirls through the Atlantic, supported by a life-belt and propelled by a tornado. Her starved capacity for maternal love is fulfilled when a thirteen-year-old boy, the only other survivor, shares her isolation on an uninhabited island. And this is where we find Mr. Brooke at his best—for he undoubtedly knows boys, and Michael is a typical boy, beautifully portrayed.

Michael has made himself a waterproof box, containing a varied assortment of things necessary, to his mind, for a shipwrecked mariner. This was conveniently prepared long before any thought of shipwreck, just in an adventurous spirit of «in case.» As for Aggie, she is amusingly given to bursting into verse at any moment, and when the famous box is washed ashore after them, she breaks out with—

'Oh, gosh, my dear old box,  
It's full of sand and soap and sox,  
Of cabbages and coal-tar soap;  
But, oh, my soul is full of hope,  
I've found my dear old box'.

This is followed by the line, «*The sun, at that moment, suddenly set,*» which leads me to think that Mr. Brooke is a very pleasant person, and one who knows his Brighton, who makes uninhabited isles pleasantly free of mosquitoes and life in general so pleasant for this pathetic little barmaid and her titled companion that of course they fight against it when they are eventually rescued.

They were, against the usual habit of castaways, definitely disappointed, and so was I. S. S-V.



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**Sidelights on Geography**

by Charles Gilson

Sir Richard Burton  
And the explorer, Speke,  
Had the same shirt on  
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**There Ought To Be a Law -**

**«Shoot Early, Wrap Well»**

Agnes Spadefore, who shot and killed her husband here, during the summer, was sentenced in a local court to pay a fine of one dollar and given her freedom... *Portland, Ore. paper.*

Cost of living advances. Commodities rise 10 per cent since summer. Financial Service predicts still further increase... *Financial Section, New York Times.*

Not a word said about the cost of dying. After all, if juries and judges like the ones who listened to Agnes' case are to be allowed around loose, the financial side of folding up should be considered as well.

In any event it seems as though Agnes had just gotten in under the wire. Had she waited until winter time for her hunting it would have cost her a dollar and ten cents. And in these times every ten cent piece counts. She had better start saving now, for her next one will probably cost her a lot more. But you have to give the girl credit. There is nothing like being ready when opportunity knocks and never put off until tomorrow what ought to be done today. Of course it may have been a bit tough on her husband to spring it on him all of a sudden but then you can't please everybody.

With the devalued dollar, the threat of inflation and all, it brings a husband down to about fifty-nine cents, which seems fairly reasonable, taking everything into consideration. We'll bet that there are a good many wives who would pay that much and never think about it again, or even pay more, for a quiet little murder. They say in America that the law only protects a man as far as the altar. After that he is what the insurance companies call a bad risk. Just how bad he very seldom has any idea.

In the States, about one jury out of every ten will convict a woman who shoots her husband, once her attorney gets her in the witness chair. Maybe all he did was to go right to sleep at night when she wanted to talk, or perhaps he had had to stay late at the office a few evenings with the new stenographer; but for her that was plenty. The report of this trial did not mention any extenuating circumstances but you can be sure they were there all the same, and the poor man had no more chance than a rabbit. The jury may have had a sneaking feeling of sympathy for the man and very likely over some of them there passed a faint cold breath of something very near which left a small shiver in it's wake. But the sight of the helpless creature in front of them, demurely dressed in black with silk stockings (they always wear them) was too much for them and like the men they are, they voted to a man for acquittal or third degree with recommendations for mercy.

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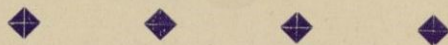
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