

THE CHRISTMAS WISH-BONE

Across the hedge a stream I hear, And saw a little girl...

In joy I ride the gamster lay, Most luscious, brown and fat...

ON CHRISTMAS EVE

BY J. L. HARBOTH.

DUNNO what in creation to get your ma for Christmas...

"I got her a nice silk umbrella with a silver handle...

"You can tell you in one word, pa."

"I firmly believe, pa, that ma is shortening her days grieving for Jenny."

disgraced the family by up'n running away with that Will Martin an' marryin' into that good-for-nothing...

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He dropped on one knee before a small, old, hair-covered trunk, with brass-headed nails that had lost their luster years ago.

"I know that the Martins are a poor, shiftless lot, an' that Will was as trifling as any of 'em."

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light and joyous that she looked up quickly. He picked up a lamp and said: "I want to go into the parlor a minute before supper."

"Come in here an' see your Christmas gift, ma. It's such a beauty I can't wait until morning."

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A Strange Recollection. "The strangest thing I ever knew in nature," said Albert Senec, "was in Texas. The town of Cisco at the junction of the Denver and Rio Grande and the Texas Pacific Railroads is right in the cyclone district."

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REV. DR. TALMAGE.

The Eminent Washington Divine's Sunday Sermon.

Subject: "The Petty Annoyances of Life."

Text: "The Lord thy God will send the hornet, the bee, the wasp, the locust, and the grasshopper, upon thee."

These petty annoyances are sent on us, I think, to wake us up from our lethargy. These annoyances are intended to persuade us of the fact that this is not a world, but a school. It is a school of suffering, and it is a school of discipline.

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word pick of the epitaphs of the world. Then I would have you live 150 years, and you should not have a pain or ache until the last breath.

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Gratting a Snake. Dr. G. A. Contryman, of Mallette South Dakota, possesses a combination snake. It is half garter and half sand snake...

Evidence Against Him. "Why don't you have me called at 6 o'clock?" roared a commercial traveler in one of our city hotels...

Pleasure Galley of a Roman Emperor. Divers in the lake of Nemi, near Alba Fucina, several miles from the lake, eighty feet from the shore...

Robbed a Stage With a Baggy Gun. A stage robber held up the stage on the Agler-Klamath Falls line near Keno, Oregon, with a baggy of a tree trunk...