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HE Big Man sat hefore the fire, his face buried in his hands. The Little Man sat upon the floor

half buried in Christmas toys. The drooping attitude of the former bespoke that mental depression arising out of the mingling of past happiness and present sorrows. Memory seems to give way to all her whims and activties during the holidays; her special lies in whetting the edge of such joys and griefs as draw upon human indulgence or endurance. And Christmas day is the supreme test.

In vivid contrast to that slient, sombre figure in the chair, the Little Man was a picture bright and beautiful. His face shone with pure delight; his golden curis crowned him with a halo of ethereal radiance, and every turn of his little body reflected perfect anima-

"Behold the Child among his new-born blisses, A six years' Darling of a pigmy size!"

But, alas! there was neither "sallies of his mother's kisses." nor "light upon him from his father's eyes!" Instead. his light, his pure-angel light-for he was still near the gates of Paradisewas to shine upon his father.

Disturbed, at length, by the prolonged silence of the Big Man, there was a sudden lull in the vigorous beat-

he said timidly, yet so tenderly:

"Papa, dear!" No answer. He waited; then again: "Papa, dear, this is Christmas!"

The Big Man roused slightly and answered:

"Yes, my son." How the Little Man brightened. "And, papa, this is Christ's birthday." "Yes, son." "You mustn't be unhappy on Christ's

birth day. answer. No answer. "Papa, do you think mamma is lost?" The Big Man shuddered. "I know she is lost, my son." "Well, she will be found, papa dear, and will come back." There was no response to the Little

and will come back." There was no response to the Little Man's hopeful words, but he required none, for so satisfied was he in his lit-tle heart of having comforted his father, that he proceeded to beat his drum with renewed energy; and the little tin soldiers, as though reflecting his joy, seemed to jump into place at his distinguished to the solution of the solution of the solution.

lightest touch. his slightest touch. But by and by, when the dusk of the Christmas twilight shadowed the windows and the fire in the grate burned low, the Little Man was again roubled. Forsaking his toys alto-

little face, "with something of angelic light" tried to peer through the hands at the face buried in them. Unable to longer remain oblivious to "a presence which is not to be put by," the Big Man raised his head reluctantly, as though he scarcely could endure the

"A presence which is not to be put by," the Big Man raised his head reluctantly, as though he scarcely could endure the innocent light of his child's eyes. His face gave evidence of the mental an-guish the day had brought him and his expression was set and stern. "Oh, papa, don't look that way," the Little Man pleaded; "it will make mam-ma cry again. You used to make her cry when you looked that way; and one day she said you were—you were—what was it now?" and the little hand went to the forehead—"oh, yes; harsh." The Big Man winced at the word, and maybe, conscience added a thorn. "Are yru harsh, papa?" Little wonder the father turned away from his own little child, whose every word, whose every look, was like a prayer, appealing to his better self. Not that he was beyond the pale of such appeal, but lest the pure soft light of perfect love shinning through this little child should find no light in his own breast. "Maybe that's why she went away," the Little Man continued. "Were you

"Maybe that's why she went away," the Little Man continued. "Were you harsh, papA, and did mamma cry?" The Big Man could bear this no long-er, and said almost sharply: "Huch, my son; run away and play. I cannot have you talk so." But "love suffereth long" and the dear Little Man, realizing instinctively that he had somehow added to his father's suffering, looked up with angelle bright-ness into that stern rigid face and said: "But she's coming back, papa; just walt a little bit of a while; she'll come back 'cause you are sorry; ain't you,

other in any respect. Space does not allow anything of Budapest or of the cities of Arad or Temesvar to be said, but compels me to begin with that most eastern part of Hungary, so picturesque both in scenery and history, Transylvania. And of that only one of its many quaint and

But she's coming back, papa: just was a sudden lull in the vigorous beating of the tiny drum; while the sturdy little soldiers, in their glittering tin uniforms, left for the moment without their commander-in-chief, the Little Man,—fell one by one out of their ranks in a sorry state of disorder.
Dear Little Man! Was he pondering his mission, the spiritual mission of "a little child?" For as though to disple some shadow hovering o'er his bright Christmas dream, he remained very still for a time, with the tiniest trace of a pucker on his smooth baby forehead, and with eyes of heaven's blue full upon his father. By and by he said timidly, yet so tenderly:
But she's coming back, papa: just wait a little bit of a while; she'll come back 'cause you are sorry; ain't you, papa dear?"
Taking an affirmative answer for granted, he pulled himself up into the Big Man's lap. Then he began again: "It's all right when you are sorry—need" to himself. "She'll come to hinght. Christ will full her and show her the way,—through the dark," and the cyces grew big, as he conned over his little heads, as though to quicker bring about all that his little heart craved—his divine heritage of peace and love and harmony; and to drive away the gloom that seemed to be hedging about a glorious atmosphere whose pure airs he still breathed; for "heather the sort of the solut as plot a still breathed; for "heather the solut a story at the solut a story the solut a story and heather the solut a story and heather the solut a story and the solut a story at the solut a story at the solut a story at the solut as t ing about a glorious atmosphere whose pure airs he still breathed; for "hea-

ven lies about us in our infancy!" "Ain't we glad, papa?" the Little Man

"Ain't we glad, papa?" the Little Man repeated. "For what, son?" absently. "Why, that mamma is coming to-night?" "Is she?" Of course. That's why Christ was born-to find people; and save 'em-and show 'em the way-when it's dark like tonight. Oh, yes,-back to where it's light. Come paps, let's light the Christmas tree, so mamma can see-oh! lots of lights." "The Big Man rose mechanically and did as the child bade him, for he was under a divine influence; and when the tree was ablaze with light, the Lit-

under a divine influence; and when the tree was ablaze with light, the Lit-tie Man led him back to his chair once more, making himself comfortable on the paternal knee. "Now there's light enough for mam-ma," he said contentedly, while his eyes grew bright as the candles. "Through the dark—into the light," he murmured over and over. "What else?—something else, papa—oh, yes— Iove."

Since then the history of Transyl-vania has been entwined with that of Hungary, and later that of the Austro-Hungarian empire, a part of which it love." The Big Man started involuntarily. Had he not been striving to forget, the live long day? He had all but mas-tered sweet memories, so he thought, by burying them forever in the past, when lo! the word love with all its love." still is. Kronstadt, (which is the German name for Brasso) was one of the orig-inal seven forts and of its present 30,000 odd inhabitants, nearly one-third still is

meaning must descend upon him through the pure tender lips of his

-a sreat love, a new Spirit, the Spirit of Christ." "Light and love," the Little Man mused, with a radiant little smile, "are the curtains all up, papa? I think she's coming new."

the curtains all up, papa? I think site a coming now—"" I will not take her back," the Big Man broke in fiercely. He had forgot-ten his little child in the moment of fresh struggle brought on by the drop-ping of that word—love. To him love was only sorrow, agony, bitterness; he was now almost beside himself. "I will not receive her." he

-the Big Man had softened. "I will, my son; I will," was all he could say, as he crushed him to his breast, for the tears fell thick and fast on the golden head. The Big Man had become as a little child, and his heart was throbbing with "a great love." He had heeded "one of His little ones" and learned that "It is better not to live than not to love." Oh, joyous Little Man! He almost

pretty towns came under my observa-tion, the town of Brasso. Transylvania, of which Brasso is the

mon important center of trade, at the beginning of the Christian era, was

a part of the kingdom of Dacia, and after about the year 107 became a part of the Roman province of that same name when Trajan conquered Deceba-lus. It remained Roman until Aureliau

was forced out in the year 271. From that date until the beginning of the eleventh century it was the battle-ground of the Ostrogoths, Huns, Bul-garlans and Magyers, and other east-

garians and Magyers, and other ensi-ern races, which were surging toward western Europe. Ladisiaus I king of Hungary from 1078 to 1095 conquered the Kumans, which were the last tribe to hold Transylvania, and annexed it to Hungary. Then for the first time in centuries did the blood soaked land be-cin to cher proce and cutot

shouted in his joy. "See the candles, papa, ain't we happy though? Christ will lead her through the dark to the light-we love mamma-and mamma loves us!"

loves us!" Then how the happy voice softened. "Don't cry, papa. Christ is so glad-'eause you are sorry, and mamma is sorry, too. Christ loves us all, papa, dear-my papa"-the voice grew still softer-"Christ-loves us-all-and we love-Him." The golden head drooped

love-Him." The golden head drooped and the Little Man slept. Oh, tender little child of love! As the father looked down upon him, there came to his mind a picture of himself as a little child at his mother's knee; and her words stole gently back to him who "is attll small voice" saving: like "a still small voice," saying:

"Love suffereth long, and is kind; Love envieth not: Love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed

up; Doth not, behave itself unseemly; Seeketh not her own, Is not easily provoked, Thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, But rejoiceth in the truth:

But rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, Hopeth all things, Endureth all things." —Lady Babbie.

Wanderings of Salt Lakers In European Countries.

erybody in Hungary and Transylvania will have become Magyerized. The Germans have, however, in opposition, established private schools in which German is spoken, but the movement is too week to live long it is thought. With this continual strife conditions cannot be very pleasant in Brasso. The Savans still preserve their old Vienna, Dec .- From Vienna to Con- | stantinople there are two direct routes open to the travelers. One is over Bucharest, Canstanza and the Black sea. The other over Sophia and Beigrade,

which is entirely by land. I chose the route over Roumania because in com-The Saxons still preserve their old erangelical religion which penetrated to them in the days of the reforma-tion. In fact, one of the most inter-esting places in the town is the Suth-ern (formerly Catholic shurt). ing to Constantinople it is necessary to sail the whole length of the Bosphorus, and that is a thing not to be missed under any circumstances. The Sophiaern (formerly Catholic) church. We visited it and were shown through by the old Saxon warder and his daugh-Belgrade line would do to come back on. but for going was not equal to the

> The church from its blackened walls, has been given the name Schwarz-kirche." It was erected between the years 1385 and 1425 and contains, of course, altar pleces and Sacramental services and all the other regulation belongings of a church which are costly, unique and interesting. But fine as they are they are not what held my interest most. What did in-terest me was not what the church contained, but the edifice itself--its old stones held together by the crumbling mortar-those dumb de-ders of time who testify to the living of an age that is dead. With them too, the old bearded Saxon and his round faced, flaxen-haired daughter had a relationship. The old man, whose forefathers had labored in the erection of the church, looked scarcely a day removed from them, and his daughter could have stepped from the Caughter could have stepped from the middle ages as a type of the mediae-val "Gretchen." When they spoke to one another their quaint ways of pro-nouncing German words now familiar and their use of others now unused in the language supplied the one thing lacking to transport the onlooker back and avoy from all things patients and away from all things pertaining to the present. Under the spell of the moment I almost expected to see a Walter von Stalzing, Tranconian knight, step out

from some nook and enact a scene like that that was his in a similar old

centuries did the blood soaked land be-gin to enjoy peace and quiet. Giesa II who reigned somewhat later than Ladislaus recognized the import-ance of Transylvania as the eastern boundary of Hungary and saw the necessity of bringing colonists in there who cultivate the land and remain permanently upon it. He therefore sum-moned Germans from the middle Rhine district who came and settled there, calling the land Siebeuburgen from the first seven forts or "Burgen" which they erected. like that that was his in a similar old church in Nuremberg. Of other features of general inter-est the town possesses but few. There are still the remains of a fortified wall to be seen here and there, with battlement and moat, and on one hill the ruln of a once stately castle pro-trudes its mouldering tower above the stately pines

One or two streets in an older quar-ter of the town retain an eighteenth century appearance, but the mediae-val character one might expect has disappeared entirely with the above noted few exception.

ENORMOUS WEALTH OF NEW YORK STATE.

In no way, perhaps, is the enormous wealth of the state of New York more weath of the state of New York more forcibly illustrated than by the fact that the total amount of real estate which is exempt from taxation ex-ceeds the total assessed wealth of 25 of the remaining states in the union. The following figures were given re-cently by the New York Sun: "New York has \$1,500,000,000 of real estate exempt from fravetice. It has

estate exempt from taxation. It has

\$185,000,000 represented in churches and church buildings. It has \$150,000,-000 in hospitals and charitable insti-tutions. It has \$100,000,000 in schools, exclusive of \$60.000,000 in colleges, universities and other buildings wholly

universities and other buildings wholly devoted to the purpose of instruction. "The city of New York includes, of course, by far the largest proportion of these holdings, though in the mat-ter of church property the land and buildings outside of the city of New York represent a total value of \$75,000,000. "The Federal sovernment has \$80.-

"The Federal government has \$80,-000,000 worth of land and buildings in

the state of New York, of which \$60.-000,000 worth is in New York City and \$6,500,000 worth in Euffalo. The state itself has \$55,000,000 worth of property, land, buildings throughout the state.

the state. "There is \$60,000,000 of property within the state of New York in come-teries and \$40,000,000 worth of pro-perty in libraries and scientific and patriotic organizations."

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owed and broken figure of the Big an, and touched his arm ever so

rently. "Papa dear,—my papa," His little voice was like a caress, with a world of tenderness in it. "Papa, I think mamma will come tal answer, but he was silent. "Papa, I think mamma will come to-night," the Little Man repeated; and a

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are Germans or, as they term them-selves, Saxons. It is said that among themselves, they speak the language almost exactly as it was in the twelfth century. Of course they also speak modern German when required. The Aside from the beauty of the moun tainous surroundings there is little to hold one's interest for longer than a day or so. My stay was prolonged awaiting the decision of a friend to accompany me as far as Bucharest. This matter once settled both he and I took an affernoon train for the balance of the population is divided about equally between Magyers and Roumanians. Brasso nestles snugly between the pine clad hills (really worthy the name mountains) in a valley narrow enough to be called a canyon. And if the three

Roumanian capital. Predial is the frontier station between Hungary and Roumania and it was there our passports were most thoroughly examined and stamped up thoroughly examined and stamped up in a most interesting manner. At Predial, to our infinite delight, we became 13 days younger and instead of being in February we had jumped back to the middle of January. If that sort of thing could only be kept up indefinitely what an attractive place Predial would be for old maids and other seekers for renewed youth. From Predial to Bucharest is a mat-ter of four or five hours and darkness being nearly upon we were forced to

whose beauty should be an influence for peace. If people cannot live together without strife in a land so beautifully blessed with the good and beautifull things of the earth as this, where in-deed shall they do so? Yet that they cannot is abundantly proved, for here Magyers contend against Roumanians, and they both wage war with the Sax-ons. A Magyer would no more think of speaking German than he would of cutting his hand off. In fact if spoken to in German he will refuse to answer even in his own tongue in nine cases out ter of four or five hours and darkness being nearly upon we were forced to seek other amusement than that af-forded by viewing somewhat moun-tainous landscapes through which we were passing. A desire for sleep most concertunely assorted itself and we found our amusement in the realm of slumber where we remained till the train rolled into the station of Buch-arest. SPENCER CLAWSON, JR.

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WHERE GEESE ARE SHOP.

to be called a carryon. And if the three races that form its population do not live together in harmony, it is no fault of nature for she has done much to place around them an environment whose beauty should be an influence for

even in his own tongue in nine cases out of ten. The feelings of the Germans are

equally strong in the opposite direc-tion, but they, also are gradually be-ing brought into line by the Magyers,

grocer, "and I know where they shoe

geese, "They shoe them in the country round about Warsaw, in the Vilna district. They do this because the geese have a long annual journey to make-a jour-

ney to the goose market. You see, in the late fall and early winter a goose market is held at War-saw, and geese to the number of 5,000,-000 congregate in the town. The geese march to market on fost. Some come from 100 and 150 miles away. The average distance they come from is 60 miles, and to protect their feet on this long journey they are shod. "To shoe the geese, the gooseherd first

makes them walk back and forth in melted tar. With a coat of tar on their feet, they then walk through fine The result is that they are shod with a good, strong shoe of mix-ed tar and sand that protects them well on their journey to the Warsaw goose market."

Plans for a University Wanted.

Minister John B. Jackson, at Athens, sends further details as to the archi-tects' plans desired for the Bulgarian University building at Sofia, mentioned in the foreign trade opportunities in the issue of November 22. The time limit for submitting plans to the Bul-garian minisery of public instruction is April 1. In addition to the three prizes of \$2,000, \$1,400, and \$1,000, a further sum of \$900 will be at the dis-position of the jury for the purchase position of the jury for the purchase of designs. On the jury there are to be two foreign architects—a Frenchman and a German. To any foreign architect who cares to apply there will be furnished gratuitously the pro-gram of the competition and the plan of the ground at Sofia on which the university is to be built.

Austrian Steamship Subsidies.

The proposed new agreement be-tween the Austrian government and the Austrian Lloyd Steamship com-pany is to be for 15 years and is based on the necessity for bringing about considerable improvements in the na-tional abinning service. There is to be tional shipping service. There is to be a large increase in the annual subsidy, bringing the total amount up to ex-ceed \$2,000,060 annually. The com-pany is to give preference to Austrian firms in regard to supplying materials

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