THE SNOW-FLAKE'S STORY Christman Song for the Little Ouce. BY THE REY. JOHN F. MINES, M. A.

recomes the snow! my Snow-Flake asked; and what is it like, Papa ? alto the storm with my brain thus tasked, is the storm with its white curis masked, sai the storm only leughed "Ha! ha!"
lick up the Baby on my knee, at by the fireside dreamily, the little heart that ticked next mine obed itself out into musical line, the heart in leaves an I in acorps speak

Whence comes the snow-The goblin show With the sicalth of a feather, tethe thistle-blossom rather, and the grace of both together! Slow.

Gliding low.

Gliding low.

With gentle flow.!

Where the bressee blow.

Never warming to a glow.

Now apart, now in a row.

This seeds that crops for springtime sow. the stawoop around our happy home, tow noiseless the invaders come.

TIT. scome from planets that comb their locks, Silvery curls on a forehead of white: from the fleece of the fair-formed flocks at fill with their beauty the fields of night afrom the clouds that sleep by day, breaming a dream of rain made immerial is from the breezes that sweep away he dust from the Heavens' opened portal they plume themselves for a distant flight te from the dust of a sphere that's silvery fragments hurled from sight : n from the glassy occan that heaves spray o'er the golden sweep of the street. with voice like November's falling leaves ile jewelled shore of the Good Land greets

me comes a fiske, and it seems to be maplume of the seraph soldlery; the tear of an angel, as purely w lears must be where there is no night; since shapeless form the earth never trod, contward guise of a blessing from God

who am I, little one dear? -close to my heart come near,

ind I'll sing my song to a little child's cat W. ore in a spring far up in the hill: before, fall many a year I had lain hart of the mountain, held so etill all knew not the grasp of my flinty chain. mday I broke my walls, and crept athe king of the hills, who sleptdisprang to the light with one glad bound inegasilvery song of praise infor the sunlight that filled my breastfowers that smiled ou' my childish daysthe cool white sand that made my nes! wien my praise had cessed its glee utched the sky, I watched the earth, if a little body like me ald do some good in the world of its birth. vabled of, that summer morn, wied with the supshine, a very king mbeart, all clear as a crystal, worn hide my coat-O gladsome thing long a song to the pebble, as field around his thousy homeuna tilt at the blade of grass Mired him to bend to give me room sille weed to the top of the stream,

nat'e child, let not thy trust le llis great plan grow dim! in line is good, and dust is dust. And death is Life through Him!

lnew tired, and Oh, whispered I,

bolung sa its fringe, and made it which

me through the wave the silver gleam

sink right down to the sands, and die

is mortals take for a brook-nymph's curl.

lines where the great of the world are few'

her a violet over the wave athersty and parched seemed its blue, blue eye; top of the water it seemed to crave, eme, it cried, oh give or I die.

the waterest spot in its lettle arms, ure, thrice sweet were the thanks it eave. poured out its scents upon my bead, like I drack of its cup of rieb, ripe wine,

illed me to s'eep in my azure bed.

THE FREDERICKSBURG SHAMBLES.

Letter from the 14th Conv. Regiment. THRILLING DESCRIPTION OF THE CHARGE ON THE REBEL BATTERIES—SCENES ON THE BAT-TLE-FIELD-LOSSES OF THE 14TH.

The New Haven Register is permitted to make the following extract from a private letter from a member of the 14th C. V., dated

FALMOUTS, Va., Dec. 16th, 1862. Falmouth, Va., Dec. 16th, 1862.

Dear Father: —We have had a terrible battle at Fredericksburg, but by the mercy of the Lord, I am at present safe. We left our camp at this place last Thursday, at daylight, and mached down opposite Fredericksburg, and lay there during the day, while our batteries shelled the city. Friday morning we crossed the river, and lay id one of the streets all day. While there we were in range of the rebel guns, and three men, standing about two rods from me, were wounded by a shell. The next morning (Saturday) we marched up to attack the rebels at 9 o'clock, but did not go into action until 12 o'clock. Then we marched across a plain, under a terrible fire of shot, shell and masketry. the rebels at 9 o'clock, but did not go into action until 12 o'clock. Then we marched across a plaio, under a terrible fire of abot, shell and musketry, about 150 rods. Our men fell very fast. We atooped under a little ridge, and lay down to avoid the abot; but the rebels had a hattery bearing directly on us, and the men were being killed very fast. We were doing no good, so we fell back about 50 rods, to another little ridge. This did not give as much protection as the other had, so we were ordered to charge. The Irish Brigade took the lead, calling us cowards, as they went over took the lead, calling us cowards, as they went over us up the plain. after them, under the most terrible fire of infantry and artillery probably ever known. Our division was the only one engaged at this time, and our was the second brigade. We were entirely unsup-ported by any artillery, and exposed to the fire of Our division the whole rebel force.

Our men were slaughtered like sheep. Our men were slaughtered like sheep. The whole plain was covered with blankets, haversacks, wounded men and dead men. We went up to within about 200 yards of their batteries, and stopped. Here most of our men fell. One of my tent mates, Fred. Ward, fell dead at my side; another, George Stannard, was wounded in the side and arm. The Colone! (Perkins), was shot through the neck, and will probably die. Major

through the neck, and will probably die. Major Clark, shot in the breast; Captains Gibbons and Carpenter, hadly; Captains Bronson and Davis, slightly; (Davis has command of the regiment); Lieut. Stanly, of Co. H, badly wounded in the foot; Lieut. Candield, killed; Lieut. Goddard, wounded slightly in the leg.

We stood it as long as we could, and were ordered to fall back—when the whole brigade broke and run. At this time I had no idea of leaving. Men fell on every side of me. One running by my side, was struck in the back, (I think,) and throwing up his hands, with one wild cry, fell dead. It was a terrible seene, and I hope I shall never be called to witness another. I feel that it is only by the great mercy of God that I am alive. I had had my last thounht and look of home and you, as I my last thought and look of home and you, as I supposed.

Our company came off very well. The wounded are George Stannard, Nathan Clement, (in the head), Wm. Morgan, Henry Knowles; the dead (supposed)—Edson Spenesr, Ed. Wilcox, Wm. Dawes, Fred. Ward. Some companies lost double Diseas, Freil, Warii. Some companies lost double this number. Our regiment is good for nothing. Only three line officers and 158 men report for duty this morning, out of 29 officers and 1000 men that left librition three months ago.

that left Hartford three months ago.
We left Wednesday night last; and came here, but are liable to be ordered back any time. John and Henry Bradley are safe. William Norton is and Henry Bradley are safe. William Norton is dead. The 27th Regt. is badly cut up. Twelve Madison men were wounded.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Correspondence of the Springueld Republican.

Oh, Republican, my heart is sick and sad. Blood and wounds and death are before my eyes; of those who are my friends, comrades, brothers; of those who have marched into the very mouth of destruction as coolly and cheerfully as to any ordi nary duty. Another tremendous, terrible, mur us butchery of brave men has made Saturday, the 13th of December, a memorable day in the annals of this war. On Friday, Fredericksburg was taken with comparatively lit.le trouble and On Saturday, the grand army corps of Sum ner marched up against the heights back of the city, where the enemy lay behind strong fortifica-tions, and bristling with cannon and protected by tions, and bristling with cannon and protected by rifle pits; while our men mast cross a wide space of clear, open ground, and then a canal whose every crossing was swept by artillery so perfectly trained beforehand that every discharge mowed down whole ranks of men. Into this grand semicircle of death our divisions marched with rapid and unflinching step. French's division (to which help and the rank of the research of the re and unflinching step. French's division (to which we belong) behaved splendidly, and the others no less so if we may judge by the losses. Of whole less so if we may judge by the losses. Of whole companies and regiments, not a man flinched. The grape and canister tore through their ranks, the fearful volleys of musketry from invisible fees decimated their numbers every few moments; the conflict was hopeless; they could scarcely inflict any damage upon the foe; our artillery couldn't cover them, for they would do more damage to friend than to enemy; wet our gallant fellows



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TAKING THE RESPONSIBILITY.

In a letter, assuming the responsibility of the Fredericksburg battle, Gen. Barnside says :

"Thanking the Government for that entire supfrom them, I remain, General, very respectfully, your obedient servant, A. E. BURNSIDE."

Per contra-the Congressional Committee report that :

"Gens. Burnside, Sumner, Hooker, and others, testified before the committee, that in their opinion

Halleck and Meigs are responsible for the failure of the pontoons." "The failure of the pontoons," was a "failure" indeed. They were to have been at Falmouth, simultaneously with the arrival of Gen. Buruside's army at that point. But when Gen. Burnside

arrived he found no pontoon bridge. The enemy's force at Fredericksburg consisted of only one battery of artillery, one battalion of cavalry, and one regiment of infantry. So said the correspondent of the New York Times, at the time. But the pontoons were not there, and the river was to be crossed! The hills could have been easily taken then, without loss of life. Days and weeks passed, and no pontoons. Gen. Burnside went to Washington, and it is said that he did then hold "somebody responsible" for this fatal failure. In the meantime the rebel army poured in, and made the hills bright with brass cannon and bristling bayonets. When the pontoons came, "it was too late." The great disaster followed. The failure to afford facilities for crossing the river at the proper time, resulted in the defeat. Barnside testifies before the Committee that Halleck and Meigs are responsible for that failure. But Gen. Burnside now "assumes the responsibility," considers that he was to blame, just for the fun of the thing-or to please somebody.

SOLDIERS VOTE.

The bill providing that, soldiers of this State nay vote in distant States, includes every officer and representative to be voted for. Judges of Probate and Representatives in the Legislature, re not usually nominated till a very few days before the election, and often a very few votes elect them. We have a regiment some 50 miles ap from New Orleans. It will require about a month to get the news of a nomination to them. Other regiments are scattered over a vast extent of country. The bill is clearly unconstitutional, and for this reason we do not see how any member, swearing to support the Constitution, can vote for it or how a governor, whose oath is registered, can sign The bill will never secure the real voice of the soldiers, but we feat it will cause them to be misrepresented. It will certainly make much trouble and confusion at home, and probably lead to decisions which will embarrass legislation, if they do not seriously affect the interests of the people. But it was for this object, that the extra session was real-

Gentlemen Republicans, you are mistaken if you think the heart of a majority of the Connecticut soldiers are with you. It is not. But who supposes that a fair vote can be had among soldiers on the battle field-with commanders for box tenders, judges, and canvassers? Who honestly supposes that a political canvass thrust into the camps of the soldiers, will be of use, or really gratifying to them? Who does not suppose that it must tend rather to democalize and harm them as soldiers on duty, far removed from the scene of the political contest and its surroundings, and without the usual information as to candidates, af. forded to electors *

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for it seemed impossible that any one so aged should have a living parent, I asked:
"Where is your father?"
"In the house," he answered, amid his tears and

sobs.
Carlosity led me into the house, and there I saw-Methusaleh, as I verily believed. The sight

made me start. said I, " is this your son at the door,

"Sir," said 1, " is this your son at the door, crying ?"
"Yes," replied the ancient, gruffly.
"And pray, what did you whip him for ?"
"Why, the good for nothing blockhead threw a

club at his grandfather

I folt amazed. But K even I go that way ngain, I am determined to see the grandfather.

Manchester Mirror.

CITY-ITEMS.

Christmas Religious Services.

Dirine service in Christ, St. John's and St. Paul'. this evening at 7; and to-morrow morning at 1 o'clock.

There will be divine service in the South Church Rev. Mr. Parker's) this evening, commencing at quar ter of 7 o'clock.

ily invitation of the pastors of the Congregations and lisplist Societies of Hartford, Rev. Dr. Kenneds, of the Methodist Church, will preach on Christma morning (Thursday) in the Centre Church. Service commence at 11 o'clock. The congregations represented the control of the contro sented are invited to be present by their respective

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Will not be issued to morrow, it being Christma and generally observed as a holiday.

THE POST OFFICE will be open on Christma from 9 to 10 A. M., and from 1 to 2 P. M.

THE HARTFORD WAR COMMITTEE have I duced the bounty offered for enlistments from 8: to \$25.

JOSEPH SCHWAB, 402 Main street, has received a fresh supply of skating mittens. They are comfortable as well as a convenient article for t use of skaters, being so contrived that the thun and fingers can be slipped out of the mitten wit out taking it off.

Police Court .- James Harris, an old c tomer, was sent to the townhouse for 30 days as common drunkard.

Peter Doyle was up on the same charge, but w let go on his promise to leave for Boston this not Patrick Maloy was charged with being imported in the assault on Miss Callahan on Mond night. His case was adjourned till Friday mornit

THE BEETHOVEN SOCIETY, numbering of hundred voices, with the best orchestra in ! country-the celebrated Germanian's, give II del's grand oratorio, The Messiah, to-morrow e ning at Allyn Hall. In addition to Hartfor splendid corps of solo singers, the society have the assistance of Mr. C. A. Guilmette, Boston, and one of the first vecalists in the co Tickets can be obtained, and seats secur at L. Barker & Co's Music Store.

THE STEREOPTICON was exhibited last nig in Touro Hall to a large and delighted audien It is a wonderful exhibition, as all who were pr ent last evening will testify. The photograp views embrace some of the most interesting la scape scenery in both the old and new world, w the most celebrated structures of ancient modern times; views of cities, castles, palac public galleries, the pyramids of Egypt, and ruins of modern and ancient times, together w the most noted specimens of sculpture exta The whole combining an exhibition of uns passed interest and beauty. The representation of statuary are truly marvellous. It should witnessed by every lover of the beautiful in nat

THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

Preparations are manifest, in the showy are of the toy and confectionery stores, the evergre ornaments of churches, the extra arrivals Christmas poultry, and various other movemen that indicate the advent of "Merry Christmas."

The Mission School In Morgan street will enj a grand Christmas dinner for the children in City Hall.

The laurel and pine adornments of St. John and Christ Churches are in process of arran, ment, and extra fine music will be among

tu llis great plan grow dim for tirus is good, and dust is dust.

And death is Life through Him! VIII.

are hing a violet over the wave.
And thirsty and parelled seemed its blue, blue eye; Suchrap of the water I seemed to crave, It bent, and I eneany from the sellish wave to the warmest spot in its little arms, When sacet, thrice eweet were the thanks it gave, And sweet the carest of its in ideat charms and it poured out its scents upon my head, While I drank of its cup of rich, ripe wine, hild tolled me to s'rep in my azure bed,
And bade its leaves for a canopy twine

I woke-where was I! My sleep had been sweet, Lulled by the hum of the thieving bees, by the sougs of the birds, by the leaves that meet With a rnette that swells through the velceless

By the bull that was bursting its swaths of green With the shrilly sound of a fairy flute; By be sirk of the corn that spreads its sheen With a voice that is loud when the winds are mute;

I had dramed my voice was added to these.

And blent, with the violet's little hymn, th over the topmost spires of the trees In the far-off sky had its joy grown dim list a centle hand had broken my dream-Had brok-n the stem of the violet-Broken and left there a ghartly seam, Where the life flowed out in a silvery jet.

Yet the flowerlike a heart that's crushed and beut To the earth by the stroke of a cruel blow. Gave out its treasure of sweetest scent

Where its love lest hope had been laid low and the maid willose heart was of tender make Spared the nestling dew-drop for l'ity's sake. She bore the flower to a dying man Toat its purple cheek his eye might catch, And its wings of scent his breath might fao :-Ob still in its breast I kept my watch !

Dear Lord, my faoing heart doth call For the healing dews that walt on the power; Sie, Lord, thou inskest Thy dews to fall On the fading lips of the little flower "

Istood when a tent on the white, white lid Of the eye that had looked its last on earth; I heard the prayer of the priest that bid The soul procisim the land of its birth.

I stood a tear on the cold cold lid-And the eye was dim-and the heart was dead-When a ray from Heaven through the window slid, And, up, up to God with thy hymn, it said.

I rose through the upper air and took
The sunneam's track for my little feet-And its golden motes, though they quivered and shook, With kindly ai I gave my footsteps greet.

Istepped in the less ten cloud and slept-With the other drops is the Bow 1 crept
Not e'es is their numberless number lost. We circled the earth from pole to pole,

And, when the sun passed us in brave teview. Red, golden, and blue, our banners sto Out till to one bright arch they grew. Then I halted at every shining star, For though but God's stepping stones they be, Yet for my little feet the way was far And I tolled in the task but wearily.

I reached but the outer gateway of all; Yet a joy it was-too much joy for me-lo gaze on the golden glint of the wall,

And the echo hear of the minstrelsy. I saug my song at the portal, there-A faint song was mine of a contrite soul-But angel harps took the song up and bare

It in shouts of joy: ab, I heard it roll On through the streets to the Temple's door-And I listened—but mortal can hear no more.

Mine was but a lowly aphere to fill. But the little rain-drop was glad to be in the might that circled the Deity Least of the servants that do liis will.

Child, the King was pleased with my ministering, And He breathod His breath on my heavy wing lill it grew as white as any that walt On the prideless pomp of the King's high state; And once more he bade me descend to men To yield up my life for duty again.

fut see, my sisters neetle around To shield my wings from the hard, hard ground; Good night, my little one, sweet good night-Pray God to clothe you in robes of white

The New Orleans Picayone has a dog that wites "dogged," and o parrot that is "parrotical." The latter on seeing a lady in thin shoes, crossing, a moddy street, indited the following :

of street, indited the following:

Ye'ever twheful glorious nine,

Oh: bless this beauteous bird of thins
With powers of poesy, rich and rare,
To cassion younder mades far,
Who walks the damp and muddy street,
With thin-soled slippris on her text.
To tell her by consumption are
Wilshortly dead and bried be—
And pass into cternity.

of clear, open ground, and then a canal every crossing was swept by artillery so perfectly trained beforehand that every discharge moved down whole ranks of men. Into this grand semi-circle of death our divisions marched with rapid and unflinehing step. French's division (to which circle of death our divisions marched with rapid and unflinching step. French's division (to which we belong) behaved splendidly, and the others no less so if we may judge by the losses. Of whole companies and regiments, not a man flinched. The grape and canister tore through their racks, the fearful volleys of musketry from invisible foes decimated their numbers every few moments; the condict was hopeless; they could scarcely inflict any damage upon the foe; our artiflery couldn't cover them, for they would do more damage to Triend than to enemy; yet our gallant fellows pressed on, determined to scale those breastworks and take the position of the release. pressed on, determined to scale those preastworks and take the position of the robels. But there were none left to do that work. A little handful of a great division approached, and even in a few instances began to climb the works, but only to leave their mangled bodies on the bloody field; a leave their mangled bodies on the bloody field; a few torn and blackened remnants of those fine regiments sternly retired to the city. The wounded were mainly brought off, though hundreds were killed in the benevolent task. The city is filled with the pieces of brave men who went whole into the conflict. Every basement and floor is covered with poals of blood. Limbs in many houses had been and suppose and suppose a suppose of the conflict. lie in hears, and surgeons are exhausted with their

Trying labors.

But I will not sieken you with a recital of the horrors before us. Why our noble fellows were pushed on into such a hopoless and desperate undertaking I am not military man enough to say.

What the Popular Feeling Really Yn.

From the N. Y. Journal of Commerce.

The people know now that the Administration The people know now that the Administration at Washington is responsible, and they will not be satisfied until that Administration is absolutely changed—changed in men, changed in views, changed in spirit, changed in policy.

If there were any plain constitutional method of compelling the resignation of President and Vice President, and placing a new man in the seat of Abraham Lincoln, the people would demand that.

They are a Constitution loving people to-day, as they have been throughout the war, and they recognize the necessity, the duty of standing firmly by the President as long as he remains President. But if Abraham Lincoln and Hannibal Hamlin should resign, and Congress order a new election at once, there can be no doubt that the people of the United States would accept the event as the consummation of their most ardent desires and the means of saving the nation. They do not expect that. But they the nation. They do not expect that. But they do desire—not Democrats, not conservative men, but the people of all parties, Republicans more loudly than any one else—they do desire that the President should at once and wholly change his entire Administration. A half way patching up of the Cabinet will but lead to a renewal of the old wrongs. There are members of the Calinet who might well be le a new Cabinet, but the construction should be new. Every man should struction should be new. who hight were being a new obstitution should be new. Every man should resign, and a new ministry be called by the President, who should be wholly free from the trammels of party politics and party association, who will conduct public affairs on public principles, and who will advise the President as American patriots and We speak with great plainness of speech. This is the hour for such speaking:

HORRIBLE DEATH.—We have rarely heard of a more heart-rending, yet thrilling scene, than the following, described by the Dumfries (Scotland) Courier:—On Thursday last, the Comes put into the harbor of Garliestown, and took the ground on a sandbank at a short distance from the quay.

Navidar, as the tide was flowing, five men were on a sandbank at a short distance from the quay. Next day, as the tide was flowing, five men were engaged in docking the vessel, when a person standing on the quay observed that she was about to heal over. He forthwith gave the alarm, and four out of the five succeeded in keeping clear; the fifth, a man named William Loch, was caught by the hull of the vessel as it went over, the bulwajks resting on his loins, leaving his head, arms and the upper part of his body free. The tide was coming in rapidly, and it was known that the proxcoming in rapidly, and it was known that the pros-trate body would be submerged in the course of an hour if the weight of the versel could not be shifted. In the course of a few minutes all the seamen, carpenters and able-bodied men in Gar-liettown were upon the vertex. scamen, carpenters and able-bodied men in Gar-liestown were upon the spot, and every effort was made to lift the vessel a few in-hea, but in vain; and by the time the water had reached the pros-trate prisoner it was evident that his fate was scaled. The scene which cassed was truly pitta-ble and beart reading; it was witnessed by a large number of spectation. ble and heart rending; it was witnessed by a large number of spectators, omong whom there was hardly a dry eye. The Rev. Thos. Young walked into the water beside the drowning man, engaged in prayer, and drew his attention to thoughts beflitting the sudden and inevitable change await-ing him. His last words to his companions were "Oh, take off my vest and cover my head so that ing him. His last words to his companions were,
"Oh, take off my vest and cover my head so that
I may not see the water." An effort was made to
do this, but the garment could not be removed,
and his face was covered with a napkin, just as
the tide was rising around him. In the course of
a few minutes after this, the cold green waves
covered the body, and the sorrowing crowd dispersed.

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The whole thing is embarrassing, unconstitutional, and really unjust to the real sentiments and good opinion of the soldiers themselves. Whilst one company votes, another removed on picket or other duty, cannot; and this, too, will make dissatisfaction, and will be considered unjust. Soldiers feel like other citizens-when they leave the State on duty or business, they leave voting behind them, and they do not ask that the Constitution shall be violated by sending the ballot box out of the State, for their votes, or such votes as somebody may put into them, any more than the Secretary of the Navy will ask that it be sent to him and to his chief clerk, for their votes.

Mr. Gladstone.

Mr. Gladstone, Chancellor of the English Exchequer, says in a published letter, that he has not expressed any sympathy with the Southern cause. But he "would not encourage the North to persevere in their hopeless and destructive coterprise."

OLD WHITE COAT APTER EM .- Major Gen. Preface Pratt has introduced a resolution into the Legislature censuring the Black Republican Senators at Washington, for holding a caucus on the subject of the Cabinet, and giving their opinion upon that celebrated institution. "D-d scoundrels!" "Rocky Hill" had better dig up another buried representative, if they can find one, crazy as a bodbug.

MILFORD, Dec. 13.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES:

Thinking your readers might be interested in the following item, I send to you being one of your read ers.

The firm for manufacturing bats in this town has received a new impetus from a discovery by which paper is made so closely to resemble thick cloth or felt as to be very valuable in the manufacture of hats, both by its cheapness, the first cost of each being less than 25 cents, and also for its lightness. The inventor, a Mf. Andrews, is still experimenting wish a view to some needed improvements in summer hats.

THE BELLS OF CHRISTMAS EVE.

BY TENNYSON.

The time draws near the birth of Christ:
The moon is hid; the right is still;
The Christmas bells from sail to hill
Answer each other in the mist.

Four voices of four hamlets round, From far and near, on mead and moor, Swell out and fail, as if a door Wers shut between me and the sound.

Each voice four changes on the wind, That now dilate, and new decrease, Peace and good-will, good-will and peace, Peace and good-will to all mankind.

This year I slept and woke with pain, I almost wishedene more to wake, And that my hold on life would break Before I heard those bells again:

But they my troubled spirit rule,

Yor they controlled me when a boy;
They bring metorrow touch'd with Joy,
The merry, merry bells of Yule.

Old Folks at Men

An old joker gives the following whiensically amusing account of an adventure of his in York State. Unless be exaggerates, there must be a place out there where "the king of terrors" has for a long time back failed to enter and fake toll. Had our informant been a little more explicit, and given the precise locality of the occurrence he describes no doubt a swellen tide of emissions. given the precise locality of the occurrence he de-scribes, no doubt a swollen tide of emigration would have at once set thitherward, made up of such as, "through fear of death, are all their life-time subjects to bondage."

The oldest man, apparently, evel I saw in all my life, was sitting on a wood-pile by an old farm-house, crying bitterly. I called and inquired of him the case of his trouble. And what you think was the unexpected reply "Father whipped me."

Half doubting the infirm gray-beard's sanity."

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The grand concert of the Beethoven Sa be given on Christmas night-Thursday A special train of cars will run from this evening at 7:45, to accommodate 1 who wish to attend the Christmas Eve ball at Weaver's, North Manchester. Se

Neptune Engine Co. give a Christman Church for prompter.

Turkies and goslings to-day sell at chickens at 14c. a lb .- the right mat good Christmas dinner, next to hold "plum pudding with brandy sauce."

HOLIDAY GIFTS .- The stores have viting aspect-a large and attractive dis be witnessed in the show windows, and t difficulty in making a selection of gifts, large variety one has to choose from. dealers make their usual fine display rich and rare; and the jewelers have s most attractive specimens of their work while the toy and fancy stores display !: tities of playthings and trifles for juven little ones talk of Santa Claus, and the indication that the Christmas of '62 season of much pleasure. How fares soldier? We fear not so well; but w will momentarially forget the dark cl hangs above the national horizon, and celebration of the world's great holiday. Below we call the attention of our

the stores where suitable presents can be Books and Fancy Goods of all kinds co at Wm. Jus Hamerstey's 263 Main attes Pona's, Post Office Building; Brown & Main street, and &braham Rose's, 91 As; Their stocks show Books, Writing Dosks, Opera Glasses, Chessman and Boards; it have every kind of fancy articles, to suit all.

Walches and Jewelry .- Deming & Gu: accommodate purchasers with a costly pr their stock of first class Watches, Jewelry them a call.

l'erfames -John J. Lambe, 161 Main s Moses, 606 Main street, Preston & Oeborn, and American Row, have Spape, Extracts, articles of the best variety and exquisite fir At Sage's, Asylum street: D. R. Toft's, C

and H. W. Goodwin's Central Row, an er of rich presents can be seen, and they are They have Bohemian and Porcelait fine Fanoy Willaw. Ware .
States will prave acceptable to boys and ;

may be found, of various qualities, styles, ferent prices, at Francis & Gridley's, 343 M Geo. M. Way & Sons, and at Whiting's.

Corning has a full; assortment of Bools, P. Albums, and fancy goods, which he advertis prices." . Cartes de Visites are among the most fast

well as most appropriate articles for present Brothers, in the Charter Oak Bank Buildin vis, 245 Main street, have facilities for furniones at short notice. , Tag Moore Brothers a fine amortment of Albums.

Mrs. Hinckley, 403, billas Wallach, 447, a Schwab, 472 Main street, advertise a new variety of Milliner, and Fancy Goods. Mrs.

Pratt street, offers desirable articles.

Don't forget to supply yourself with an of fruit and comfectionery. Graham & of fruit and confectionery. Graham & C Union Hall Building; Gregory, 102 State vi a full ascortment, and iSchottlander, 222 M says that Santa Claus gets lots of Confedior

For Hate, Cape and Fure you can find a first class assortinent int Goodries & Dix's street; and they are young gentlemen who a ready to attend to customers abserfully, a: at fair Prices.

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