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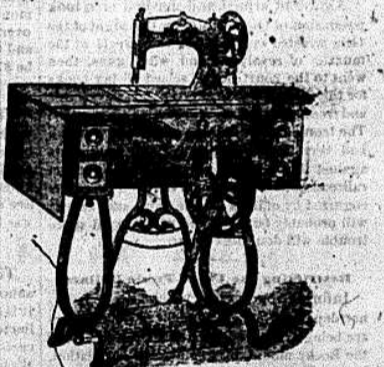
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A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

In the bleak mid-winter Frosty wind made moan; Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone; Snow on the roof-top snow, Snow on the ground below; In the bleak mid-winter Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him Not earth's sustain, Heaven and earth shall flee away When He comes to reign; In the bleak mid-winter A stable place sufficed The Lord God Almighty—Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him whom Cherubim Nor angels might and day, A breath of milk; And a manger of hay; Enough for Him whom angels Fall down before; The ox and ass and camel Which adore.

Angels and Archangels, May have gathered there, Cherubim and Seraphim Thro' the air; But only His Mother In her maiden bliss Worshipped the Beloved With a kiss.

What can I give Him, Poor as I am? If I were a Shepherd I would bring a lamb; If I were a Wise Man I would do my best; Yet what can I give Him, Give my heart. Christmas Rossetti.

AH KIN'S CHRISTMAS TREE.

I have more than once reiterated the following simple story, by word of mouth, for several reasons. In the first place, it is as strictly true as it is strange; in the next, it enables me to justify gratitude in a quarter where justification is seldom accorded; and again because it places our patient suffering, much abused John Chinaman in a better light, and shows him to be as fully susceptible to humane and generous treatment as his more fortunate fellows of the less stunted optics and less pronounced expression of nose and cheek-bone.

As the winter holidays of 188-approached, they found me in a very unenviable state of mind.

I was living, with my family, in the little mining town of Red Gulch, not a hundred miles from Marquette, California. A continued run of ill fortune had reduced me from the proud position of a mining speculator on my own account to the superintendency of a small average paying quartz mill. It was barely sufficient to subsist on in the provoking hard times that were then prevailing. My success had broken my spirit and undermined my individual energy, and it was only by observing the strictest economy in everything that my good wife and I managed to make both ends meet in the conduct of our household, and at the same time send our three children to a respectable school near the city of Marquette.

It was a big lick in the magic name of China. I make good light here in the garden a splendid tree, so high (measuring off about a yard with his hands), a Kistmasse morning waitee and see."

With that Ah Kin went into the house for a basket of soiled linen, and we saw little of him until the Christmas morning following, when our garden contained a number of new and unknown plants, which attracted thither by the wonderful promises of Ah Kin, which Tommy and Bella had noised through the entire neighborhood.

It was lovely weather, as warm and balmy as a day in June in New England. The birds were singing, and the air was full of the sweet melody of the cedar, the gold fish flashed rapidly in the little fountain, I had improvised near the gate, and the children were disputing upon the steps of the cottage piazza with new toys, and jimmies, in which, however, Tommy, Bella, and Jenny were content to take a back seat, inasmuch as I had only been able to afford an extra dinner for the family, and their parents and nurses near at hand, among whom I noticed, with an uncomfortable feeling, both Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, who appeared to look down upon me with ostentatious commiseration at my poverty.

"Suppose I cut one of the dwarf ferns out on the mountain, and hang it over fish sugar plums and cheap candies?" I suggested. "It would be better than nothing."

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"That would cost more than a well loaded Christmas tree, I am afraid," said my wife.

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"Hoory!" he cried, "we're going to have a Christmas tree after all!"

"Yes indeed," he exclaimed, "my father has just made her appearance at his heels, towing in Jenny, whose eyes were also dancing in her head; a better and more wonderful tree than is in all California."

"And where is it to come from?" said I with much surprise.

"Ah Kin is going to give it to us." But my wife and myself burst out laughing at this.

Ah Kin was a simple-minded, Chinese laundryman, who had formerly been employed by me in my little shaft on Feather River, when I was delving for gold on my own account. He had been taken with a dreadful fever, from which only the most unrelenting care on our part, together with fortune's favor, had rescued him to him to life and usefulness—though the latter only with impaired and broken faculties. He had never been strong-minded at his brightest, and his convalescence left him so devastated of his small store of Oriental cunning as to verge upon imbecility, while his physical energies had only recuperated sufficiently to enable him to earn a precarious subsistence at a neighboring laundry that was carried on by one of his countrymen. He had at first joined a showman's enterprise in the capacity of "the great original Chinese juggler," a vocation in which he, according to his own account, had been a prominent in the lowly kingdom; but his impaired faculties had deprived him of his former skill—if, indeed, he ever possessed any—and he at length settled down

as a spiritless and unambitious man washerman. But he had never forgotten our humane treatment during his illness, though he had come to look upon the stolid expression of his gratitude as containing as much intelligence as was to be had from a well-disposed Newfoundland dog.

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"But, papa," said Tommy, earnestly, "the sweetest will come here, Christmas morning and take a lovely Christmas tree grow right out of the ground."

"Yes," put in Bella, "and he promises that it shall be ever so much better than the Cameron girls are to have."

"All covered with silver and gold," chimed in Jenny, clapping her little hands.

"And a real tree, grown right out of the ground before our very eyes," reiterated Tommy.

"Nonsense!" said I, a little crossly, "I shall give the stupid fellow a lesson for putting silly notions into your heads."

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The children were not long in making this cheerful specimen of Celestial civilization acquainted with the nature of the conversation that had interrupted, and the doubts we had expressed in respect to the promised Christmas tree. He contented himself with making a low salaam, with which he always greeted us, especially my wife, and simply said:

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