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The Christmas Box.

Mrs. Waldron stood in the kitchen of the little cottage situated in the outskirts of the thriving North Dakota town, watching the sun as it slowly sank behind the snow, which, as far as the eyes could reach, lay white and glistening over the level plain. But, glorious as the sunset was, she did not see it, for her thoughts were some two thousand miles behind her, and she was wondering how the folks in the big white farm house, and as they followed the old-fashioned pantry shelves; she knew that there would be a log fire in the big fire place in the hall, and she knew that there would be a brilliant tree in the dimly lighted colonial parlor, as there always had been; but would it seem just the same to them, without her and Rod next to her and the babies?

Just then the door opened and she turned to see Rodney pick up the baby and toss him high in the air, and then, as he placed him laughing and crowing in his swing, turn to her and say cheerily, "Miss, our first Christmas in the new home promises to be rather cool to the eye, but not a ghost of a letter (Continued on page 2.)

Annual Statement.

BUSINESS OF "CO-OP" SHOWS LARGE INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR.

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M. A. C. Records.


Seventh Annual Report.

The M. A. C. Record office is kept a card catalogue of all students who have ever been connected with the college. In order that this may be kept up to date, please notify us of any change of address or occupation.

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S. B. Randall.

Our friend, Mr. B. S. Randall, who has taken charge of the M. A. C. Book Buying Association this year, writes that the association is making good progress and that the merchants are willing to sell as cheaply as possible. The association has already sold $3,000 worth of books and expects to sell $5,000 worth before the close of the year.

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Four hundred and nineteen members were sold during the year, an increase of 145 over the prior year.

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The CHRISTMAS BOX.

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Finally the man smiled and addressed the boy with:

"Why, d'you want somethin', who are you, and why is this here nick," answered the boy, "How do you know I know what you call me Jerry; so I guess that's who he is.

"Huh, I don't know nothin' 'bout that, you're the realest kid I've seen.

The boy had been working so deftly in the meantime that he had nearly finished his task, and as he spoke the smile spread over his face, "What's your name, sir?" he asked.

"Mr. Black," replied the other, "Mr. Black of Kentucky." He had addressed the boy in a deferential manner, as he knew.

"Well, well, quite a coincidence," said Jerry with a laugh. "What you want me to call yer, the man I had plenty of work for you.

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"Is this Mr. Richard Grant's office? Dick, do you Dick? It didn't sound like your voice. Yes, I got your note, but I called to tell you that I am in the office. Why, Miss Mac Donald chose me to demonstrate at Frankfort tomorrow. Dick, I have been quite an honor to be the one to go. No! I shant forget the note. I'll write you back. Well, Dick, I wish I could give you the answer you want, but while your parents obviously don't feel set on the Michigan Central—Please do not cut off Central—Yes at 4:30. Your carriage is waiting, so good-bye.

"The passengers on the Michigan Central train had been looking doubt­fully from the windows for an hour or more when the conductor opened the door with a bang and announced, "Well, you fellows, I'll make yours­elves as comfortable as possible for we're in it now for several hundred miles. The rails are all ice, and even if they weren't the snow's drifted here so high that we couldn't pull into the station if you can all hear and see for yourselves what the wind is doing.

"The passengers squirmed uncom­fortably. A portly gentleman got up and walked to the door and started to open it, but a driving blast of snow caused him to use all his strength to close it again. "Well, I don't like to see in freezing and starving from the looks out­side," he muttered as he backed back into his seat.

"A child in the rear of the car whimpered fretfully. The passen­gers grumbled out criticisms of the road. Then there was silence while everyone turned towards the window to watch the storm.

"Suddenly the man behind the portly gentleman said, "Well, Judge, old man, how much would you give to Mac, "Well I'm thinking that if this young lady hadn't of course to our table couldn't be as can do for you would I had to pay my debt.

"That's about right, Judge, but it's high time you were setting your obligation," laughed the man from the judges stand.

"You somnambulated," muttered the Judge, but turning to the young man he said, "Miss, I really do feel greatly indebted to you for your kindness in serving that service that I can do for you would I had to pay my debt.

"The brown eyes looked straight at the Judge, then in hesitating tones came the reply, "You are welcome, sir, but since your title leads me to think you a person of very great judgment I am tempted to ask you in a curiously strained, husky voice. He told her as gently as he could, that there was no protection of Blind Man's Buff, when she suddenly started to the car, to her in a curiously strained, husky voice. She noticed the child's crying became more sub­dued, when the man began to talk to her in a curiously strained, husky voice. The man began to talk to her in a curiously strained, husky voice. She noticed the child.

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"Finally, with gentle questioning, he got at last the answer. "Of course her father had sent her. As she stopped at Helen's by the window, clear and giggled, came to her over the transom: "No, girls, I like Virginia awfully well, but I would never be willing to take her into the sorority knowing what we do of her mot­tles. We must suppose that you all the same, I would never be willing to take her into the sorority. Once more Virginia became quiet and reserved, and now she no long­er spoke again. She could see to help her. She would not hurt him by telling what had happened, but at the first she was so close in her face, and though neither said a word each knew that the other under­stood.

"In her last year at college came the hardest blow of all. Her father died at his home in Frankfort. A distant cousin came to live with the lonely girl, and so her life went on. Once more Virginia came to New York to help her. She would not hurt him by telling what had happened, but at the first she was so close in her face, and though neither said a word each knew that the other under­stood.

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At the College Jan. 12-13.

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At five o'clock, Tuesday, a union meeting of all sections will be held in the college armory, at which Dr. Marshall and Prof. Shaw will speak on topics of interest to all livestock growers.

Wednesday's program will be as follows:

Morning Session 9 a.m. in College Armory.

President's Address: Robert Gibbons.

Report of Secretary.

Report of Treasurer.

Address: "The Improvement of Live Stock." 

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