

The Haunted Man or, The Ghost's Bargain

By Charles Dickens

CHAPTER XVI

The little Tetterbys were not habituated to regard that meal in the light of a sedentary occupation, but discussed it as a dance or trot; rather resembling a savage ceremony, in the occasional thrill whoops, and brandishings of bread and butter, with which it was accompanied, as well as in the intricate flings off into the street and back again, and the hoppings up and down the doorsteps, which were incidental to the performance.

"These children will be the death of me at last!" said Mrs. Tetterby. "And the sooner the better, I think."

"Poor people," said Mr. Tetterby, "ought not to have children at all. They give us no pleasure."

He was at that moment taking up the cup which Mrs. Tetterby had rudely pushed towards him, and Mrs. Tetterby was lifting her own cup to her lips, when they were both stopped, as if they were transfixed.

"Here! Mother! Father!" cried Johnny, running into the room. "Here's Mrs. William coming down the street!"

And if ever, since the world began, a young boy took a baby under a cradle with the care of an old nurse, and hushed and soothed it tenderly, and tottered away with it cheerfully, Johnny was that boy.

Mr. Tetterby put down his cup; Mrs. Tetterby put down her cup. Mr. Tetterby rubbed his forehead; Mrs. Tetterby rubbed hers. Mr. Tetterby's face began to smooth and brighten; Mrs. Tetterby's began to smooth and brighten.

"Why, Lord forgive me," said Mr. Tetterby to himself, "what evil tempers have I been giving way to? What has been the matter here?"

"How could I ever treat him ill again, after all I said and felt last night!" sobbed Mrs. Tetterby, with her apron to her eyes.

"Am I a brute," said Mr. Tetterby, "or is there any good in me at all? Sophia! My little woman!"

"Dolphus dear," returned his wife.

"I—I've in a state of mind," said Mr. Tetterby, "that I can't bear to think of, Sophy."

"Oh! It's nothing to what I've been in, Dolf," cried his wife in a great burst of grief.

"My Sophia," said Mr. Tetterby, "don't take on. I never shall forgive myself. I must have nearly broke your heart, I know!"

"No, Dolf, no. It was me! Me!" cried Mrs. Tetterby.

"My little woman," said her husband, "don't. You make me reproach myself dreadful, when you show such a noble spirit. Sophia, my dear, you don't know what I thought. I showed it bad enough, no doubt; but what I thought, my little woman!"

"Oh, dear Dolf, don't! Don't!" cried his wife.

"Sophia," said Mr. Tetterby, "I must reveal it. I couldn't rest in my conscience unless I mentioned it. My little woman—"

"Mrs. William's very nearly here!" screamed Johnny at the door.

"My little woman, I wondered how," gasped Mr. Tetterby, supporting himself by his chair. "I wondered how I had ever adured you—I forgot the precious child-

ren you have brought about me, and I thought you didn't look as slim as I could wish. I—I never gave a sedentary occupation, with severe self-accusation, 'to the cares you've had as my wife, and along of me and mine, when you might have had hardly any with another man, who got on better and was luckier than me; and I quarreled with you for having aged a little in the rough years you have lightened for me. Can you believe it, my little woman? I hardly can myself."

Mrs. Tetterby, in a whirlwind of laughing and crying, caught his face within her hands, and held it there.

"Oh, Dolf!" she cried. "I am so happy that you thought so; I am so grateful that you thought so! For I thought that you were common-looking, Dolf; and so you are, my dear, and may you be the commonest of all sights in my eyes, till you close them with your own good hands. I thought that you were small; and so you are, and I'll make much of you because you are, and more of you because I love my husband. I thought that you began to stoop; and so you do, and you shall lean on me, and I'll do all I can to keep you up. I thought there was no au about you; but there is, and it's the arm of home, and that's the purest and the best there is, and God bless home once more, and all belonging to it, Dolf!"

"Hurrah! Here's Mrs. William!" cried Johnny.

So she was, and all the children with her; and as she came in, they kissed her, and kissed one another, and kissed the baby, and then ran back and flocked and danced about her, trooping on with her in triumph.

Mr. and Mrs. Tetterby were not a bit behindhand in the warmth of their reception. They were as much attracted to her as the children were; they ran towards her, kissed her hands, pressed round her, could not receive her attentively or enthusiastically enough. She came among them like the spirit of all goodness, affection, gentle consideration, love, and domesticity.

"Oh, Dolf!" said Milly, "what delicious tears you make me shed! How can I ever have deserved this! What have I done to be so loved?"

"Who can help it?" cried Mr. Tetterby.

"Who can help it?" cried Mrs. Tetterby.

"Who can help it!" echoed the children, in joyful chorus.

(To Be Continued)

LIMA MARINE UNINJURED IN BATTLE OF TARAWA

A participant in the battle for Tarawa, Pfc. Paul Busiek, 19, USMC, was unharmed, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Daisy Busiek of 1015 E. Elmwood street.

Pfc. Busiek, a former student of Central high school, entered the Marines in October, 1942, and has been overseas since January, 1943.

He has two brothers in the Marine Corps, Clarence, in the southwest Pacific, and Edsel, a sergeant at Cherry Point, N. C.

Mine-laying was originated during World War I.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

By Ripley



Putnam Priests To Mark Silver Anniversaries

(Lima News Bureau)

OTTAWA, Dec. 23 — Ordained during the same rites 25 years ago at St. Charles seminary, Carthagera, two Putnam priests find themselves in the same county as they prepare to celebrate the silver jubilee anniversary of their priesthood Dec. 20.

The priests are Rev. Leo A. Landoll, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic church of Ottawa, and Rev. Otto Mueller, pastor of St. John Catholic parish at Glandorf. Both are members of the order of the Precious Blood society.

On Sunday at 10 a. m. Fr. Landoll will conduct his silver jubilee high mass in the Ottawa church. Rev. Augustine Bogdanowski of Milwaukee, Wis., a close friend of Rev. Landoll, will be deacon and will deliver the sermon. Rev. Thomas Growney will be sub-deacon.

At 2 p. m. Sunday a program in honor of Fr. Landoll will be held in the parochial school auditorium and will be presented by children of the parish.

Fr. Landoll will leave Sunday evening for Germantown, Mo., where the second portion of his silver jubilee will be held. There Fr. Landoll and his brother, Rev. Rupert Landoll, pastor of St. Ludger church, will join in observing 25 years in the priesthood.

The brothers also were ordained in the same rites 25 years ago. One of the principals in this mass at Germantown will be another brother, Rev. Urban Landoll of Cole Camp, Mo. Sister Mary Aloisia of Bryant, Ind., and Sister Mary Celestine of Maria Stein, O., sisters of the priests, may attend the services at Germantown and Ottawa.

Fr. Landoll served at St. Mark church, Cincinnati; St. Marys of the Woods parish at McQuady, Ky.; St. Catherine church in Tulsa, Okla., and St. Peter Claver parish which he established in Huntington, W. Va., before he came to Ottawa.

Rev. Mueller will celebrate his silver jubilee mass in St. John church at 10 a. m. next Wednesday. Three sons of the parish will assist Fr. Mueller. They are Rev. Rev. Othmar Missler and Rev. Francis A. Heumiller of Galion, Gilbert Schmenk.

Mrs. Theodore Eckert of Chicago, a sister of the priest, is expected to attend the services. Rev. Mueller has six sisters and brothers living in Germany but he has not heard from them since the war began.

In addition to the Glandorf parish which he has served since 1939, Fr. Mueller has served at St. Paul church in Sharpburg, O., and at the St. Marv's preparatory seminary at Burkettsville.

Crosby Croons Christmas Carols Thursday Night

Bing Crosby will present a program of Christmas carols Thursday at 8 p. m. EST. over WEAF. Included in the selections are "Silent Night" and "Adeste Fideles."

Dinah Shore will be saddled with two sour notes when Wally Brown and Announcer Harry von Zell don the robes of Christmas carollers on "The Dinah Shore Program" Thursday at 8:30 p. m. EST over WABC.

Portly Edward Arnold of stage and picture fame, will be the guest of Abbott and Costello on their program of Thursday at 9 p. m. EST. over WEAF.

Henry Aldrich mixes with an angel and gets a cracked rib for Christmas in "The Aldrich Family" over WEAF on Thursday at 7:30 p. m. EST.

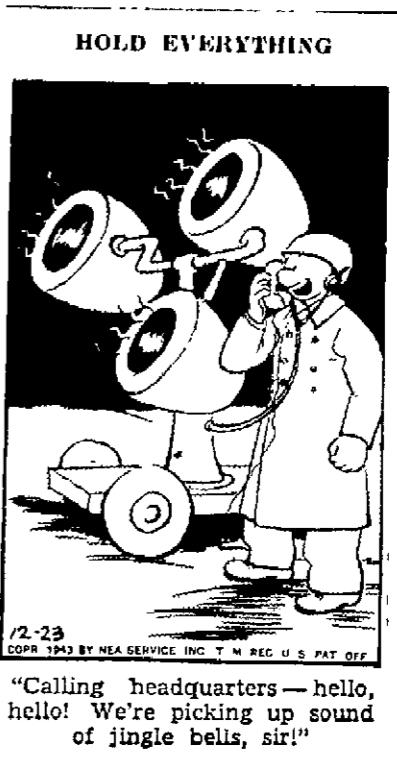
Bob Burns will present a month-

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

Eastern War Time P.M.—Subtract One Hour for GMT, 2 hrs. for M.S.T.

Changes in programs are listed due to corrections by networks made too late to incorporate.

- 5:30—Just Plain Talk—Dramatic—nbc
- The Jack Armstrong Serial—blu-east
- The Sea Hound's report—blu-west
- The Landl "Pro Singing Along—cbs
- Chick Carter, a Loy Detective—nbc
- 5:45—Front Page Farrell Serial—nbc
- Captain Midnight's Serial—blu-east
- American Women Drama Series—cbs
- Serial Series for Kiddies—mbs-basic
- 6:00—New, Serenade to America—nbc
- Children's Dramatic Series—blu-west
- Fifteen Minutes of News—cbs-basic
- Dancing Music Orchestra—other cbs
- Prayer, Comment on the Day—mbs
- 6:15—Captain Tim Healy Stories—blu
- Bob Becker and Chats on Dogs—cbs
- Lenny and Gunner with—cbs
- 6:30—Jack Armstrong rept—blu-west
- Jeri Sullivan and Song Show—cbs
- News Time and Volney Howard—nbc
- 6:45—Billstein and Sports Spin—cbs
- Lowell Thomas and News—blu-basic
- Capt. Midnight in repeat—blu-west
- World News and Commentaries—cbs
- Repeat of Kiddies Serial—other mbs
- 7:00—Fred Waring's Time—nbc
- Organ The House on Q Street—blu
- "I've a Mystery," Dramatic—cbs
- Fulton, Lt. and Comments—mbs
- 7:15—World War via Broadcast—nbc
- Harry James and His Orchestra—cbs
- 7:30—Bob Burns, Comment—blu
- Tenny Taylor and songs—other nbc
- The Coast Guard Dance Band—blu
- Mrs. Kenyon Hughes—cbs
- Dancing Music Orchestra—cbs-Dixie
- Art. Hale wor-vbr-wjz wja-wol
- 7:45—Kaltenbach Comment—blu
- Arthur Hale with repeat—other mbs
- 8:00—Fanny Brice & F. Morgan—nbc
- News Broadcast Time, Italy—nbc
- Suspense, Mystery Drama Show—cbs
- The Black Castle, Dramatic—mbs
- 8:15—Lowell Thomas and News—blu
- Fulton Ouster News Answers—mbs
- 8:30—The Henry Aldrich Family—nbc
- 8:45—Just Plain Talk—Dramatic—nbc
- Death Valley Days Drama—cbs-basic
- The Jamboree from Dixie—cbs-Dixie
- 9:00—The House on Q Street—blu
- 5:55—Five Minutes News Period—cbs
- 9:00—Bing Crosby's Music Hall—nbc
- 9:15—Listen to Lulu and Songs—blu
- Gabriel Heater Speaking—mbs-basic
- 9:15—Grace Fields and Comedy—mbs
- 9:30—John Dore & Party—nbc-basic
- Bob Burns with a repeat—cbs
- Spotlight Bands, Guest Orches.—blu
- Dinah Shore and Variety Show—cbs
- The Alfredo Antonini Concert—blu
- 9:45—Harry Wismer Sports Time—blu
- 10:00—Abbott & Costello, Comedy—nbc
- Raymond Gram Swing Concert—blu
- First Line, I. S. Navy Prog—cbs
- Raymond Clapper Commentary—mbs
- 10:15—Listen to Lulu and Songs—blu
- Dale Carnegie About People—mbs
- 10:30—March of Time in Review—nbc
- Here's to Romance and Songs—cbs
- Winns to Victory War Drama—blu
- Dancing Music for Hall—Hour—mbs
- 11:00—News for 15 Minutes—nbc
- The Fred Waring repeat—nbc-west
- News, Variety, Dance 2 1/2—blu & cbs
- Comment, Dance Orch. 1 1/2—cbs
- 11:15—Late Variety With News—nbc



old lion cub to Lt. Comdr. A P Coffin, skipper of a torpedo plane squadron on his "Arkansas Traveller" program, Thursday, at 6:30 p. m., over Station WEAF. In return, Coffin has chosen as his group's insignia, a bazooka-blowing hon, in honor of the squize of Van Buren. Burns and Agnes Moorehead star in a Christmas sketch and Spike Jones and his "music that jangles your nerves" band will serenade Santa with "Jingle Bells."

Peter Lorre will portray a henpecked professor of botany in the new "Suspense" chiller, "Back For Christmas," on Thursday, at 7 p. m. EST, over WABC.

The United States used about 82 pounds of fats and oils per capita during 1941.

LIMA SOLDIER IS CAPTURED AFTER ESCAPE

Pvt. Ray W. Thomas, 21, of Ft. Hayes, Columbus, Wednesday and later were captured near Pataskala.

The other prisoners were Pvt. Clem C. Goddard, 21, of New Martinsville, W. Va., who was shot before he gave himself up to the authorities, and Pvt. Stacy K. Halfhill, 24, of Cheshire, O. Goddard was rushed to the Ft. Hayes hospital, Army officials announced. Thomas and Halfhill were returned to the guard house at Ft. Hayes.

The trio escaped while cleaning the post headquarters postoffice and led military police and state highway patrolmen a merry chase for a few hours until they were captured. They overpowered a guard who was on duty at the postoffice to make their escape, the Army officials disclosed.

MEET UNEXPECTEDLY

BLUFFTON, Dec. 23—Recently in North Africa, it was learned here this week, two Bluffton boys met unexpectedly, and found that they were stationed only a short distance apart. They are Roger Howe, son of Mayor and Mrs. Wilbur Howe of Springfield, and William Amstutz, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Amstutz, Sr., of Route 2.

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