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**ASTON VILLA COMING**  
Famous English Soccer Club to Visit Canada

Montreal, Dec. 22.—That a team from the famous Aston Villa Association Football Club will visit Canada next summer was the feature announcement at the social evening of the Montreal Referee's Association held to celebrate the second year's existence of the association.

The announcement was made by President Fred Davis, of the province of Quebec Soccer Football Association, in response to the toast of the governing body.

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**WORDS AND THEIR MEANINGS**

**OASIS**—An establishment on nearly every street corner in the large cities.

**OBESITY**—A fat woman with bushels of money.

**OBEY**—The little joker in the marriage ceremony.

**OBITUARY**—Kind words said after it is too late.

**OFFICIAL**—See "Graft."

**OLD**—A condition that improves wine, but not women or song.

**OMELET**—A chef's disguise for questionable eggs.

**ONE**—A man and his wife, the difficulty being to tell which is THE one.

**OPERA**—A good place to study anatomy, both on the stage and in the auditorium.

**ORCHESTRA**—Something—hotel managers will have, whether they can afford music or not.

**ORANG-OUTANG**—A large animal who is not to blame because he looks like a man.

**ORGY**—College girls with a chafing dish, some cheese, a tin of sardines and some bananas, pickled limes, chocolates and sour pickles.

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**SMALL BOAT WRECKED ON WEST COAST GRAHAM ID.**  
Boiler Tube Burst in Heavy Gale and Boat Smashed on Rocky Coast—Men Saved.

Masset, Dec. 21.—After having met with an accident in the blowing out of a tube in its boiler and becoming almost unmanageable, the steam schooner Mamie of Queen Charlotte was wrecked on the west coast last Friday.

H. McPhee, surveyor, had chartered the boat to take him and supplies to the oil fields near Tiahn Point, and engaged Captain Hall. While in the broad sweep of the sea one of the boiler tubes burst and, though this was repaired after a fashion, it was impossible to navigate in heavy seas and the boat drifted ashore at the entrance to Otard Bay and there the heavy waves smashed it to kindling wood.

Henry Edenshaw, in his gaso-line launch Josephine, was making Naden Harbor on Saturday, when he was attracted by distress signals on the shore, and putting in close he was hailed by McPhee and Hall; who had started in to follow the coast line from Otard Bay to Naden Harbor.

They were brought to the Harbor on the launch and afterward to Masset. They have returned over the trail to Otard Bay again.

**The Night Before Christmas**  
By E. M. Allstair.

Of course it was Bart who suggested it, several weeks before Christmas. It was natural for Bart to suggest things, and it was just as natural for his brothers and sisters to carry them out, and even now, after they are all married and settled in homes of their own, the would not have hesitated to obey him, even if his suggestion was not as pleasing to themselves as the one he had just made.

The suggestion came by letter to Mary, the robust good natured elder sister, and she fell in line with it at once, and as Bart had requested, supplemented his letter with one of her own. Thus it was that the others, Henry, the successful business man, of Pentroth; John, the commercial traveller from Riverside's largest firm, and Geraldine, the baby of the family, who now had two dark eyed little daughters of her own, received two letters instead of fame.

Geraldine, it was, who objected to going away for Christmas. How could she leave little Rita, and to take her would be the death of her surely, she argued with her slow going spouse. However, he insisted, much to her surprise, for since her marriage she had gradually become the gentle dictator of the household, and since the advent of the little ones, John dared not deny her. "I will stay and take care of them," he urged. "They will be alright with the nurse."

So it came about that when the train drew up at the station at Hambleton, Geraldine was there to join her laughing sister and three boisterous brothers.

The old house was just the same, even the ancient dog kennel near the kitchen door—the home of Fido and Gyp, they remembered so well, was there, but minus an occupant. "Where is old Gyp?" whispered Harry.

"He's been dead for a year," was the response of his elder brother.

"I didn't know," he murmured, and, after a pause, "Say, we've treated the old folks rather shabbily, leaving them all alone here every Christmas. It's four years since I've been home for the holidays, and I know that Geraldine hasn't been home for two, and she was the last one of us."

The others said nothing, but Mary, who was closest to him, squeezed his arm.

The gently flickering light on the window pane told them before they looked that before the great open fireplace they would see the "old people," as they affectionately called their parents.

Sure enough, they were there—but surely mother was not crying. No, it must be laughing.

With nervous fingers John took out his knife and gently opened the window, as he had learned years before. Now they could hear the voices of the dear old dad and little mother. My! how changed they were. How much older looking; and mother's hair was almost as white as the snow covered ground—but what was she saying—listen.

"I know, John, I shouldn't be crying, and that they are all happy in their own homes, but—"

"Don't cry, Annie, don't cry," pleaded the cracked voice of the old man, and the listeners outside gulped and in each throat arose a strange lump, while down the girls' cheeks trickled the tears which the boys successfully fought back.

"I know I shouldn't, John, but it does seem lonely to be just by ourselves on Christmas. I know the Lord has been good to us, John, and we have such a good family, but they just forget, John, they just don't think. I remember so well, as if it was only yesterday, don't you, John?"

"Yes," the old man murmured in ignorance of what she remembered, but he, too, pictured the past years vividly.

"How Geraldine used to stand right there, John, every Christmas Eve and say that old piece, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas—"

And all through the house Not a creature was stirring, Not even a mouse."

The old gray head of the "Little Mother" fell over on the old man's shoulder and his hand stole up and brushed the thin white locks.

"There, there," he murmured, "be brave," but those outside in the snow knew that he, too, was crying.

"I can't stand this," declared Bart. "Come on," and with a crash and a rattle and bang they broke into the kitchen and on into the big sitting room, regardless of the snow they were tracking in on their feet.

"Eh! what's this?" demanded the old man. "What, you all here? Well, well, I knew you'd come."

"Yes," interrupted Geraldine, releasing her mother from a bearlike hug. "And what's more, we are coming every Christmas."

"You bet we are," chorused the others.

"But, where are the little ones?" asked the bewildered little mother, when she got the chance from the kisses of her children.

"They will all be here tomorrow," answered John, "but we wanted you all to ourselves to-night."

"Because," broke in Geraldine, "Twas the night before Christmas—"

And all through the house Not a creature was stirring, Not even a mouse."

"Oh, John," murmured the little mother, "I'm so happy, and they didn't forget."

"Yes, my dear," responded her husband.



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**SCOTTISH CUP**

Drawings in the First Round of Scottish Cup

Glasgow, Dec. 21.—The draw for the first round of the Scottish cup was made yesterday, only two games having to be played Kilmarnock v. Niddale Wanderers, and Hamilton Academicals vs. St. Bernards, the other thirty teams receiving byes.

The second draw is as follows:

Aberdeen University vs. Peebles Rovers.  
Hearts of Midlothian vs. Dunfermline Athletic.  
Greenock Morton vs. Falkirk.  
Dumbarton vs. Aberdeen.  
Ayr United vs. Airdrians.  
Clyde vs. East Stirlingshire.  
St. Johnstone vs. East Fife.  
Celtic vs. Arbroath.  
Hamilton Academicals or St. Bernards vs. Glasgow Rangers.  
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