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THERE was a festival in the house of the wealthy merchant, Mr. Barends. It was Christmas night. The drawing-room was beautifully decked and lighted. While the frost, with its icy finger, had painted glacial flowers on the panes of the windows, and changed the pools and brooks to crystalline mirrors, the active hand of Julia, Mr. Barends' eldest daughter, had decorated the mantel-