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SNOWFLAKES.

IT is Christmas Eve. But not such a Christmas Eve as country children know and love to picture.

The air is not crisp and clear ; no fields and meadows are to be seen covered with freshly-fallen snow or sparkling hoar-frost ; no trees or hedges hung with glittering icicles. There is no hard-frozen road over which merry feet scamper, as their owners bear along, midst fun and laughter, the holly boughs to deck their home, or the ashen fagot to blaze and crackle upon the large open hearth.

No ; the scene of which we are writing is very different, for it is in the heart of a