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LITTLE JIM.
(Fred Hart.)



[The following little poem may to the superstitious, seem somewhat irreverent, but it is evidently true to nature, and opens up a missionary field to those who would cavil at its roughness.—Ed.]

Come in, old man, come in and sit:
I thought 'twas Sandy Kloss.
A little rattled in the head:
I rode yer pinto hoss.
Inter the gulch the stampede come—
I had to—don't yer see?
Head off the bulls,—'twas rocks below.
That's what's the matter 'o me.
Nuns from the reservation, north,
Has told me lots 'o yarns
'Bout bible angels 'n Sandy Kloss—
The more we live we learns!
She said some 'o the curioses things—
How Christ had died for me
A hundred years ago and more,
I can't exactly see—
—was killed you know by sheeny Jews,
Who nailed him to a tree.
Along a couple 'o hoss thief scouts,
And mebbly a Chinee.
But what she banked on most of all
Was 'bout his lovin' care,
And roundin' up for kingdom come
'Thout payin' any fare.
It's true, I guess, for she was like
A lay once I seen.
She didn't swar and cuss around:
She waza reglar queen.
The women here mean well enough:—
They can't quite understand
A sick kid needs a heap sight more 'n
Helhoopin lots o' sand:—
Some pie, and truck with raisins, and
Somebody like the Nun
To straighten out the blankets, right,
And tell about the Son.
I swar I felt just like a child
'Ez the nun she talked to me.
How old am I? I'm eleven, Bill—
An orphan since three.
Can't talk no more; I want to rest,
Sit close up to my side.
Say, Bill, you know I'm thinkin' 'bout
Going over the divide?
I never had nobody by
To tell me things like these:
So I'm a harder citizen
Than mebbly you'd suppose.
I've dreamed o' the Nun and angels too—
I dreamed o' them all night.
It seemed the nun was mother, then;—
There wasn't no more night.
The winds wailed in the Cottonwoods,
The night shades slowly died,
And little Jim, on Christmas morn,
Was over the divide.

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