

**2019**  
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**JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

## A PRESENT FOR YOU

One dollar and eighty-seven cents. That was all. Della counted it again. \$1.87. She stood up and looked out of the window. She saw a gray cat that had large gray eyes. It was walking on the gray wall. Everything looked gray.

The next day was Christmas Day. Della wanted to get a present for Jim, but she did not have enough money.

“Is there anything that I can sell?” she said to herself.

Then she stood before the glass and looked at her rich hair for a long time.

Della went to a shop that was a few blocks away from her house.

In the shop she saw a woman who was sitting behind the counter.

“Will you buy my hair?” asked Della.

“I buy hair,” said the woman. “Take off your hat.”

Della took it off . “

“Twenty dollars,” said the woman.

Della ran to a shop and bought a watch chain. It was twenty-one dollars.

“Jim’s gold watch will look nice on this chain,” she thought.

It became dark. Soon Jim came back. He opened the door, and looked at his wife.

“Don’t look at me that way, Jim,” cried Della. “Say ‘Merry Christmas. I’ve got something that you’ve wanted for a long time.’”

“I’ve got this for you,” said Jim. He put something on the table. It was a small box.

Della opened it. She looked at the pretty combs which were laid in it.

“Oh, Jim!”cried Della.

Both of them were silent for a while. At last Della looked up and smiled.

“My hair grows fast,” she said. “Well, I have a present which I bought for you.”

Della took out the watch chain. It was shining beautifully.

“ You like it, don’t you? You’ll have to look at the time a hundred times a day now.”

“Della,” said Jim. “ I’ve sold the watch. I sold it to get your combs.”

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