The Christmas-related stories aren't your typical sentimental Christmas fare. "Christmas Eve on Lonesome" is about a man released from prison and bent on revenge against the man who had him sent there. "Christmas Night with Satan" is not what it would appear from the title. Satan is a little dog, who is actually quite lovable. The story might not be suitable for children, however, because it contains a description of the shooting of some stray dogs and a pack of dogs that had killed some sheep. I found the three other stories to be interesting local color tales.

"The Army of the Callahan" also was marred by the degrading depiction of slaves. That was the only thing that kept me from giving this collection four stars.