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世界文学名著表现了作者所描述的特定时代的文化，读后带给人的除了流畅的文笔、逼真的描述、详细的刻画外，更多的是对那个时期历史文化的回味和体会。

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### 作者简介

作者：(美国)欧·亨利(Henry.O.)欧·亨利原名威廉·西德尼·波特(William Sydney Porter)，是美国最著名的短篇小说家之一，曾被评论界誉为曼哈顿桂冠散文作家和美国现代短篇小说之父。

他出身于美国北卡罗来纳州格林斯波罗镇一个医师家庭。

他的一生富于传奇性，当过药房学徒、牧牛人、会计员、土地局办事员、新闻记者、银行出纳员。当银行出纳员时，因银行短缺了一笔现金，为避免审讯，离家流亡中美的洪都拉斯。

后因回家探视病危的妻子被捕入狱，并在监狱医务室任药剂师。

他创作第一部作品的起因是为了给女儿买圣诞礼物，但基于犯人的身份不敢使用真名，乃用一部法国药典的编者的名字作为笔名。

1901年提前获释后，迁居纽约，专门从事写作。

欧·亨利善于描写美国社会尤其是纽约百姓的生活。

他的作品构思新颖，语言诙谐，结局常常出人意外；又因描写了众多的人物，富于生活情趣，被誉为“美国生活的幽默百科全书”。

代表作有小说集《白菜与国王》、《四百万》、《命运之路》等。

其中一些名篇如《爱的牺牲》、《警察与赞美诗》、《带家具出租的房间》、《麦琪的礼物》、《最后一片藤叶》等使他获得了世界声誉。

名句：“这时一种精神上的感慨油然而生，认为人生是由啜泣、抽噎和微笑组成的，而抽噎占了其中绝大部分。

”(《欧·亨利短篇小说选》)

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The Gift of the Magi One dollar and eighty . seven cents . That was a11 . And sixty cents of it was in pennies . Pennies saved one and two at a time by bulldozing the grocer and the vegetable man and the butcher until one's cheek burned with the silent imputation of parsimony that such close dealing implied . Three times Della counted it . One dollar and eighty . seven cents . And the next day would be Christmas . There was clearly nothing left to do but flop down on the shabby little couch and howl . So Della did it . Which instigates the moral reflection that life is made up of sobs , sniffles , and smiles , with sniffles predominating . While the mistress of the home is gradually subsiding from the first stage to the second . take a look at the home . A furnished flat at \$8 per week . It did not exactly beggar description , but it certainly had that word on the look-out for the mendicancy squad . In the vestibule below was a letter-box into which no letter would go , and an electric button from which no mortal finger could coax a ring . A soap pertaining thereunto was a card bearing the name 'Mr . James Dillingham Young . 'The 'Dillingham' had been flung to the breeze during a former period of prosperity when its possessor was being paid \$30 per week . Now, when the income was shrunk to \$20 , the letters of 'Dillingham' looked blurred . as though they were thinking seriously of contracting to a modest and unassuming D . But whenever Mr . James Dillingham Young came home and reached his flat above he was called 'Jim' and greatly hugged by Mrs . James Dillingham Young , already introduced to you as Della . which is all very good . Della finished her cry and attended to her cheeks with the powder rag . She stood by the window and looked out dully at a grey cat walking a grey fence in a grey backyard . To . morrow would be Christmas Day . and she had only 1 . 87 with which to buy Jim a present . She had been saving every penny she could for months . with this result . Twenty dollars a week doesn't go far . Expenses had been greater than she had calculated . The always are .

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