

### **Crossing the Bridge.**

*This was told to me a year ago by a young friend of Christian's.*

Four people arrive at a narrow bridge less than a minute before 11:00 p. m. They *must* cross it before midnight, but it allows only two persons at a time. Moreover, it is impossible to cross without a flashlight — of which they have only one. Therefore, while two people can go over at one time, one person must always come back with the light. On account of age and injuries, their crossing times (both forward and back) are very different: 5, 10, 20, and 25 minutes, respectively. Can they make it, and if so — how?