VOLUME X. A WEEK'S NEWS.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail CONGRESSIONAL.

In the Senate, the 10th, a memorial was presented from Mexican veterans, asking pensions. Mr. Hill called up, the resolution pensions. Mr. Hill called up, the resolution asking the Secretary of the Interior to furnish copies of all papers relating to the transfer of the land grant of the New Orleans, Baton Rouge & Yleksburg Railroad company to the New Orleans Pacific Railroad company. After discussion the resolution was agreed to.... In the call of States there was a perfect fleod of bills and resolutions offered, over two thousand being presented and the call was not half concluded. Among them was a resolution by Mr. Lamb, calling upon the Attorney General for an itemized account of the expenditures of the prosecution of the star-coute cases. By Mr. Anderson, to prevent undue discrimination by railroad companies, and subjecting them to the control of States under certain circumstances; also to create and subjecting them to the control of States under certain circumstances; also to create postal telegraph; also to reduce the postage on drop letters to one cent; also a resolution salling upon the Secretary of the Interor for information whether the Union Pacific complied with the provisions of the Thirman act. A resolution was adopted requesting the President to ascertain if Patrick O'Donnell, ander sentence of death in England, is a citizen of the United States, and if so, whether tried and convicted in accordance with the municipal laws of Great Britain and the requirements of international law.

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In the Senate, the 11th, Mr. Beck offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Freasury for information regarding the Sink-Freasury for information regarding the Sinking Fund, which he stated was being kept up by over taxation. Mr Ingalls presented a petition pensioning ex-prisoners of war and granting soldiers and sallors who served ninety days in the late war one hundred and sixty acres of land... The avalanche of bills and petitions continued in the House. Mr. Robinson (N. Y.) offered a resolution of inquiry, calling on the Secretary of the Interior for information concerning the purchase of public lands by foreign noblemen, so called, and titled aliens, with their names and amount of acres purchased. Mr. Bingham introduced a bill for the relief of widows of railway postal clerks, killed in discharge of duty; also fixing the rate of postage on mail matter of the first-class two cents for each ounce or fraction thereof. The Speaker laid before the House the message of the President transmitting the communication of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, asking an appropriation of \$60,000 for the wants of his bureau; also a message transmitting the communication of the Secretary of the Interior in regard to the urgent necessity of action on the part of Congress for more adequate prevention of trespass on Indian lands.

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THE Senate, on the 12th, took up the resolution offered by Mr. Beck directing the Sec retary of the Treasury to furnish information retary of the Treasury to formish information concerning the Sinking Fund, etc., and Mr. Beck addressed the Senate. After debate, the resolution was amended and adopted. Mr. Wilson called up his joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution relating to the civil rights of citizens. It was referred, after debate. The Senate then went into executive session....The House was not in session.

THE session of the Senate on the 13th was principally devoted to the discussion of the proposed new rules. Mr. Van Wycks' the proposed new rules. Mr. Van Wycks' resolution calling on the Secretary of the Interior for information relative to the transfer of the Texas Pacific land grants to the Southern Pacific Road, was adopted. A resolution by the same Senator calling for information of certain expenditures of the Department of Justice in connection with the star-route trial, passed... The House was not in session.

THE Senate was not in session the 14th.

The proceedings in the House were unim-

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recess, which will be taken in time to allow members to pass Christmas at home.

Two-THIRDS of the bills introduced in the House on the 11th were pension bills. One of them has been introduced in every Con-

THE President recently sent the follow ing nominations to the Senate: Royal A. Johnson, of New York, Surveyor General of Arizona; Lawrence Weldon, of Illinois,

Judge of the Court of Claims. THE Republican Senatorial caucus recently nominated ex-Congressman McCook

for Secretary of the Senate. J. A. THOMPSON, Acting Deputy Comptroller of the Treasury, was stricken with paralysis recently while at his desk in the

department. THE Postmaster-General has called on of the act of March S, 1883, providing for the readjustment of salaries of postmasters in accordance with the act of June 12, 1866. A very large number of claims have been made by postmasters for back pay under this act, and the amount involved is variously estimated at from \$2,-

000,000 to \$4,000,000.

THE bill recently introduced by Senator Vance to promote the faithful administration of public offices, provides punishment by fine not exceeding \$5,000 and dismissal from office of any officer under the United States Government, executive, legislative or judicial, who shall receive from any railroad, banking or telegraph company free passes, tickets or stock. A provides for the retirement of enlisted men in the United States army after thirty years' service, with pay and allowances of

the rank held at the time of retirement. COLONEL BOUDINOT entered suit recently ia the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia against Colonel Phillips, to recover \$22,500 alleged to have been received by Phillips from the Cherokee Nation, under plea that the same was to be paid to certain high officials for their influence in securing Florence Vincent, a Spanish Artic whaler, in Kansas City, damaged property to the sion to pay for Cherokee lands.

THE EAST.

MARTIN, Citizens' candidate, was chosen Mayor of Boston at the late election.

THE Court-house at Butler, Pa., burned Ala., was recently destroyed by fire. Four recently. The cupola, one hundred feet hundred cars of coke were burned. Loss surance \$25,000.

ken, N. Y., burned in the sleeper Tolono,

place in the rear of Kellogg's drug store,

in their night clothes. The drug store was entirely consumed.

Locust Gap Spring Colliery, at Mt. Carmel, about a trifle.

A PRIMARY election recently held in New wounded, one of the latter being the Sheriff.

THE Standard Theater, a popular up-town place of amusement in New York, was badly hurt. Three freight trains were burned the other evening. Loss, \$75,000; wrecked on the same road the night before. fully insured.

A SERIOUS riot took place the other night at the Blue Mountain tunnel, near Pitts- Railroad, south of Savannah. Both trains burgh, Pa., between the Italian and negro laborers. During the night two of the latter | Ga., was killed; O. H. and S. B. Stevens. broke into a shanty containing provisions and were discovered in the act. About one hundred Italians attacked the negroes with Mike Falvey, a fireman, badly injured. shotguns and pistols. The negroes being unarmed returned the assault with clubs and stones, but were finally forced to seek shelter after four of their number had been wounded, one fatally and the other three seriously. The next morning the rioting was renewed and the negroes were-driven

THE WEST.

THE Kirkwood Hotel at Carrington, D. T., which had been completed only one month, burned recently. Loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$10,000.

MRS. JOHN MADDOX, of marshall, Mo., the other morning found a bottle of beer sitting on her back porch, which she supposed had been sent there by one of her neighbors. She took the bottle into the house, drank a portion herself, gave some to two of her children, aged respectively ten and thirteen years, and handed the balance to a negro man who was employed about the house. About noon all four were taken with violent spasms accompanied by much vomiting. A physician was called, proper antidotes for poison administered and the lives of the sufferers saved. The Egypt. beer had been poisoned, but who did the

dastardly deed was a mystery.

The rumor that Claus Spreckles, of San Francisco, had cornered the entire Hawaiian sugar production is confirmed. The quantity is estimated at 80,000,000 pounds, Rattler were lost during the recent storm, sufficient to enable him to control the sugar trade of the Pacific coast.

Four thieves crowded into a Rock Island train the other evening as the passengers in the recent revolt in Servia. The King were getting off at the Union depot, at Kansas City, and attempted to rob an old gentleman named Vanatta, of Newton, Iowa. when he knocked one of the rascals down,

whereupon the others fled. city limits, the Commissioner of the Gener-

the city. AT Havana, Ill., the other morning Miss Edna Sisney, a girl of fifteen years, was It is said that no legislation will be at- watching by her sick father, when she fell tempted in Congress until after the holiday asleep, and her clothing falling against the stove was set on fire. She awoke in a complete blaze, and, rushing out of doors, was pletely burned off to her waist. She was fatally burned.

> JOHN BONNERS, a drunken brute living in the vicinity of Rockville, Ind., recently locked his wife out doors because she rewith her children and while building a fire

killed the other day in San Francisco, Cal. mittee for Iowa and Minnesota have de-The tragedy was the result of seventeen years' litigation. McLaughlin was the lous to secure the convention, and has ac-President of the Central Gas Light Com. live friends. pany, a large capitalist and land owner, and ranked among the millionaires. He November 1883 was \$14,657,325 against \$15,the Attorney-General for an interpretation | was the promoter of the old overland mail 290,494 for the same time last year; for the route, which made considerable money in 1862. He contracted to build the Western Pacific Railroad from San Jose to Sacra- | \$165,591,075 mento for \$5,400,000, and sublet the grading and masonry work to Cox. Out of this

tragedy. CHARLES CUMMINGS was arrested at Denver, recently, for passing counterfeit It is charged that a few weeks ago he flooded the town of Sedalia, Colo., with the bogus stuff, and then, after disposing of a quantity in bulk to another party, left the country. A detective had

been fellowing him for some time. FRANK LIDDLE was recently arrested at Lincoln, Neb., upon the charge of rifling bill introduced by Representative Rogers registered letters while he was assistant postmaster at Ames, Iowa.

> FRANK JAMES was released on bail at Kansas City, upon the charge of participating in the Blue Cut train robbery, but before leaving the court room was again arrested by an officer from Gallatin, Mo., ty, N. Y., fell recently, precipitating five upon a warrant charging him with the murder of Captain Sheets. He was taken to Gallatin for trial.

shot and wounded his wife and then blew out his own brains. Jealousy was the

THE SOUTH.

THE Coosa River furnace, at Gadsden.

on the New York Central Railroad, died from the effect of his injuries.

One night recently an explosion took the following night.

murder at West Union, W. Ve., recently, across the river.

The other mornitation on the Pan

sick wife and little boy escaped by ladders, probably be saved. The boat was valued at \$12,000 and insured for \$8,000.

COLONEL J. R. POWELL, aged sixty-nine, It was said that four hundred men would a wealthy planter of Washington County, be thrown out of work for a month by the Miss., was shot at Modoc Landing, recently, destruction of the hoisting engines in the by Charles F. Robinson. The dispute was

JOHN W. GARRETT was recently unanimously elected President of the Baltimore Orleans resulted in three killed and seven & Ohio Railroad for the twenty-sixth time. A PASSENGER train on the Texas & St. Louis Railway was wrecked the other night near Gilmer, Tex., and a number of people

A PASSENGER train recently collided with a freight train on the Georgia Central were wrecked. J. F. Wilson, of Davisboro. of Barlow, Ga., badly wounded; Fanny Freeman, of Milledgeville, leg broken and

Mason, United States Consul at Basle. Switzerland, asserts, and supports the assertion by proof, that not only does the Government of Germany prohibit the importation of American pork for sale and consumption within its own territory, but forbids the transit of American hog prod ucts through its territory to other countries, even in sealed cars. The real object of the prohibitory regulations are not to guard the people of Germany from dauger arising from the consumption of diseased meat, but to protect German dealers in hog products from American competition.

A S. CLAL from Monterey, Mex., says: "Quintanine, Mayor of New Laredo, was ordered arrested as one of the principals in the recent train robbery on the Mexican National Railroad. The authorities at Tamaulipas refused to surrender him and other prominent officials are involved. The affair is assuming a serious national aspect. Several robbers have escaped by the delay and inaction of officials."

CHOLERA still exists in some parts of THE police of Dublin recently- seized s

quantity of arms, ammunition and accontrements in a private house in that city and arrested the occupants. THE schooners Mayo, Sea Gull and

off the coast of Newfoundland. A RADICAL editor and his deputy have been condemned to death for participating

has commuted the sentence of two other Radicals sentenced to eighty-five years' imprisonment each. THE United States Consul General in

Egypt has been instructed to see that all In the case of the Pueblo lands in San the rags shipped into this country are Jose, Cal., in which the United States and thoroughly disinfected before shipment. It the city of san Jose claimed the title to two is said six thousand bales of rags are they promptly exerted their influence with hundred and fifty acres of land within the stored at Alexandria belonging to one New York firm.

> States and Canada, for the seven days of these committees. ended December 14, were 325, against last week.

ADVICES were recently received at Ot tawa (Canada) of the discovery of new gold mines in the Rocky Mountains, a mile north of Padmore, British America. The enveloped in flame and her clothing com-

TRIE LATEST.

Among the leading Democratic members of Congress the opinion prevails that the fused him money. She went to the woods National Democratic Convention will be held in the West. Chicago is working quiher clothing took fire and she was burned etly but diligently to secure it and thus monopolize the National Conventions next CHARLES McLaughlin was shot and year. The members of the National comclared for Chicago. Louisville is also anx-

THE value of exports of breadstuffs in eleven months ended November 30, 1883, \$159,739,456; corresponding time last year

CHARLES H. WALKER'S sugar house, near Franklin, Bayou Fouche, La., burned regrew the law suits that led to the final cently. Loss, \$65,000; insurance, \$20,000. It was the largest refinery in the State outside of New Orleans, and made the best white sugar.

PATRICK O'DONNELL, the slayer of Carey, was hanged in London at eight o'clock on the morning of the 17th.

THE other night a small house in Galveston, Tex., occupied by an old man named Carmichael, burned. When the flames were extinguished the charred remains of Carmichael were found on the floor. It was supposed he was murdered and the house fired to conceal the crime. His housekeeper, Amelia Redmon, was arrested, and the police were looking for a male acquaintance of hers.

THE trestle used in erecting the canal bridge at Crescent, Saratoga Counmen twenty feet to the canal bottom. All were injured, four probably fatally.

A RECENT fire in the Diamond Block, at amount of about \$10,000. The fire was caused by the explosion of a coll oil lamp.
HON. DUDLEY C. HASKELL, member of Congress from the Second District of Kan-sas, died at Washington on the 16th.

Sioux Ciry, Iowa, has a local heroine in the person of a Mrs. Todd, who recently bigh, which contained a large bell and clock, fell with a tremendous crash. Several persons were injured, one fatally. The Criminal Court records and a large number of important Orphans' Court documents were destroyed. The building was erected in 1853, at a cost of \$50,000; in surance \$25,000. FERDINAND WORTMANN, of West Hoboice, N. Y., burned in the sleeper Tolono,
the building, and her sister Mary, aged twenty miles to a point opposite Sioux
Sixty, were rescued by means of a ladder.
City, and at two o'clock in the merning induced a man to ferry herself and child

THE other morning the east-bound freight train on the Pan Handle Road ran into a THE Red River coast line steamer Alex. land slide at Skelly Station, O., near Steuin Castleton, N. V. The inmates of the analy sunk recently, above New Orleans, benville, and was wrecked. Trolinger, the house barely escaped. Howard Morse with a cargo of 1,100 bales of cotton and engineer, was killed, and David Versel, derk, jumped out of a window. Mr. Witt, 760 barrels of oil. The boat and cargo will the fireman slightly injured.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

COTTONWOOD FALLS, KANSAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1883.

JOHN MOFFITT'S residence, on the corner of Eighth and Polk streets, Leavenworth, was entirely destroyed by fire the other morning. Loss about \$3,000; partially overed by insurance.

CONGRESSMAN MORRILL has been in-formed by the Attorney General that as soon as District Attorney Hallowell furnishes an opinion that the old tax sale certificates are not a lien upon the property, payment will be made for the site of the Leavenworth public buildings.

Post-oppion changes in Kansas for the week ended December 8: Established—Gale, Marion County, John W. Smith, postmaster; Jackson, Russell County, Robert S. Jack, postmaster. Names

changed-Lorette, Kingman County, to Oakland; William E. Hommar, postmaster. THE monthly report of the State Agent to the Statistical Department at Washington showed that the eastern two-thirds of the State, in which three-fourths of the corn crop has been produced this year, is in the main withholding the crop from the market. The only corn that is being sold s that which is called "rent corn," or that which is produced by farmers upon rented land, and which must be sold as soon as it is fit. There is a well defined hope among farmers that the price will soon advance. It has been said that the only export corn grown this year in the United States comes from Kansas, and this having been promulgated among farmers has had the effect of strengthening the hopeful feeling above referred to. The past two seasons of plenty have placed the farmers upon a much better financial footing than they have ever had before in the State, and they are now able to hold their product for an advance or purchase stock and feed it upon their own farms. The numbers of both cattle and hogs have advanced over the previous year, and a large per cent. of the crop will be fed in the State without reference to any advance in the price that may be made. Both Irish and sweet potatoes are lower in price this season than they have been for several years, the area of both having been much larger this season than ever before and the product heavier than for several years. The area of winter wheat has increased as compared with last year ten per cent., and the area of rye has increased four per cent. The condition of wheat as compared with an average year is 104, and

It was reported from Washington that there was recently a preconcerted movement made by the agents and attorneys of the land grant railroads to prevent Congressman Anderson from being assigned to either the Pacific Railways or Public Lands Committees. This fact coming to the knowledge of the anti-monopoly members. Speaker Carlisle to nullify the efforts of the railroad ring, and it was believed Mr. al Land Office recently decided in favor of THE business failures in the United Anderson would be placed on one or both

> GEORGE R. PECK, for three years genera solicitor of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, has resigned, to take effect January 1.

> THE residence of John Mostit, in Topeka, was burned the other morning, together with the household furniture. Loss, \$2,500; insurance, \$2,000. The family had a narrow escape.

JOHN PIERCE, who was arrested about November 7, in Osage County on suspicior of being implicated in the McMillen murder, which occurred at Emporia on the night of November 3, recently made a con fession of his guilt to the officials and stated that his accomplice in the crime was Elmer Reed, who got a silver watch worn by the victim of the tragedy, while Pierce took the money, about \$25, for his share of the plunder. There was great excitement over these discoveries.

Bowman's tailor . shop in Kansas City Kas., located upon one of the most public thoroughfares, was robbed the other evening soon after dark while scores of people were passing the street. The goods stoler amounted to about \$300.

THE Kansas City Stock Yards Company of Kansas City, Kas., has been organized and filed articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State. The purposes for which the corporation is formed, as expressed in the charter, are the construction maintenance and operation of Union Stock Yards and such buildings, hotels, railways and switches as may be necessary. Th

capital stock is placed at \$2,000,000. ABOUT two weeks ago the wife of a Tope ka stone mason packed up and left. Some time afterwards she was found in Atchison. and declared she prefered a life of shame to living with the husband, who she alleged abused and mistreated her.

A COMPANY that has been boring for oil in Wyandotte, recently struck oil at a depth of three hundred feet. Tin cans and buckets were filled and taken away to show and Jersey Creek that runs through the city had a decidedly oleaginous appear ance. It remains to be seen if oil has beer found in paying quantities.

JESSE LEE, aged seventy was killed by a freight train at Cherryvale. WHILE recently digging a well at Tonga-

noxie, J. H. Henly was overcome by gas sixty-two feet below the surface, and gave the signal to be drawn up. When within twenty feet of the top he fainted and bis foot slipped through the noose and caught around his leg. In this way he was brought to the surface and there found to be in an insensible condition. It was feared he

On June 30, there were in the Military prison, at Fort Leavenworth 467 prisioners. During the past year there were manufact tured 65,000 pairs of boots and shoes, 80,000 brooms, 4,000 barrack-chairs, and a large amount of harness and other articles useful

FORTY-TWO wax casts of apples exhibited at the recent State Fair were placed in position recently in the rooms of the State Department of Agriculture at Topeka. The casts are all painted and striped very naturally, and, it is said, present a beautiful appearance, true to nature.

TURN THEM OUT!

- From the eastern shores which bound us,
- Unto the western sea, From north to south around us, Let us sing a victory glee. Ye Democratic legions,
- Ye Democratic regions,
 All hall ye, hall, hey O;
 It is written on our banner,
 The Republicans must go.

- The party of corruption,
 The party stained with fraud,
 Will not retain their summit
 With petitions unto God;
 For their mission now is ended,
 And they're marching sure but slow
 To the post of Camp Surrender,
 For the party now must go.
- With the Dorsey-Brady column, With the Dorsey-Brady column,
 Turning on the golden stream,
 They may try to mount the summit,
 But their hopes are all a dream;
 For they've read the glittering banner,
 And their heads are bending low;
 They have heard the awful sentence;
 The Republicans must go.
- Their stars which glittered brightly
- Along the starry route
 Have raised the cry: "surrender!"
 We'll turn the rascals out.
 For they've gambled in high places,
 And their record well we know;
 Turn them back around behiod us;
 Turn them out and let them go. Their bloody shirt is fading.
- And they're groping now alone;
 Virginia crushed their Southern hopes;
 They have lost their brave Mahone.
 They've failed to readjust the South;
 They have no heart to crow;
 Their bosses now concede the fact—
 The party sure must go.
- Postmasters sigh along the route, And strive to hold the guards.

 And strive to hold the guards.

 But the Democrats have shown their hand;
 They hold the winning eards.

 And as their ship of power goes down
 They waverto and fro;
 They bid their pals a fond adieu,
 And with the party go.

 F. A. Neimer, in Stanberry (Mo.) Sentinet.

An Atroclous and Infamous Calumny. The Associated Press, it seems, has already begun the political campaign for 1884. On Saturday it sent out printed slips of an inflammatory address issued by William Mahone, as Chairman of the Readjuster party of Virginia, carefully sub-headed and marked 'For use in Monday's Papers.' We have not observed that the Associated Press has taken the pains to send out the printed slips of any of the speeches of Senator Bayard, or of ex-Speaker Randall, or of Senator Wallace, or of any representative Democrat. If William Mahone's tirade against the Democrats of Virginia is legitimate news, be Sergeant-at-arms, dictated his placethe speeches of the Democratic orators

are likewise. people than this same libel on the white politics. Ever since then, by having people of Virginia just published by william Mahone and distributed by the hone has been the master of the Republication. people of Virginia just published by William Mahone and distributed by the Associated Press. It is simply a lot of groundless and unfounded slanders trung together in turgid phrase and tent of four dreary columns. It charges systematic murder and intimidation by the Democrats, and professes a wonderful admiration for the colored people on ful admiration for the colored people on the part of Mahone and his fellow-Re-adjusters. But how easily this enraged and unscrupulous slanderer is answered

William Mahone and his party at the time of the late election had control of the entire State Government of Virginia. Mahone's creature, Cameron, was then and is now the Governor of State. Mahone's lackeys fill the judicial offices of the State and control the administration of justice. Mahone's tools were the majority in the Election Boards throughout the State. The Federal offices are filled with men of hone's own choosing, and the whole power of the Federal Government in Virginia was virtually wielded by Mahone. How on earth comes it, then, that the crimes which Mahone now charges upon his fellow Virginians were not prevented, or if they could not be prevented that no steps are being taken by Mahone and his party to bring the alleged criminals to justice? Why is it that Mahone fails to name one single murderer or to specify one solitary case of intimidation? Why is it that Ma-hone's Governor failed even to make an effort to protect the Read uster voters from the violence of which this con-

temptible slanderer now complains?

There has been but a single murder trial in Virginia which grew out of the trial in Virginia which grew out of the recent political cauvass. That trial resulted in the conviction of one of William Mahone's own peaceful and angelic Readjusters of the killing of a straight-out Republican negro. How comes it that Mr. Mahone's vivid imagination and inflamed rhetoric fail to describe the only political nurder in Virginia of which Mr. Mahone's courts bear record? The other night white a Democratic jubilee was in progress at the Virginia capital several Democratic negro organizations from the surrounding country were in attendance. What happened then and there? Why, gangs of Readjuster negroes, inflamed by the bloody instructions of Mahone and his co-conspirators against the peace of the State, assembled and assaulted the peaceful and inoffensive members of their own race who had come to participate in the Democratic jollification. This occurred in the Demperatic stronghold of the State and right ander the nose of Mahone's Governor. Does this indicate that the Mahone newas on the part of the supporters of Mahone? But that terrible and bloody mob, the natural outcome of Mahone's inflammatory appeals to his ignorant followers, is not even mentioned in the address which the Readjuster slanderer has seen fit to impose on the country through the generous aid of the Associated Press. If anybody is deceived by the excited, fantastic but malignant statements of this culminator of his own people, he must be as egregious an ass as Mahone is an unconscionable politi-cal scoundrel.—*Harrisburg (Fa.)* Pat-

Exit Mahone.

The country has become acquainted with this adventurer. He has been a notorious and powerful quantity in Federal politics because of accidental circumstances. He got himself elected to the Senate—as a Democrat, with a dif-ference from the main party in the State on the debt question. They were were Funders. He was a Readjuster.

So many readers forget facts that it will be well to explain these terms. The Funders maintained that all the debt of Virginia-not assessable on West Virginia, which was cut out of the West Virginia, which was cut out of the Old Dominion as a war measure—should be funded and paid. It was \$45,000,000. The Readjusters maintained that Virginia should pay only \$30,000,000, on the plea that that was all she could afford—really because the repudiation of \$15,000,000 was "popular." The repudiation was softened into the term "readjusting." Falstaff called stealing "conveying." Mahone got 30,000 whites and 90,000 negroes to got 30,000 whites and 90,000 negroes to vote for "Readjustment." Against it 100,000 whites voted. The Republican party in Virginia combined with the Mahone whites to make two minorities form a majority. All the time, Ma-hone said that, on all Federal questions, he was a Democrat. He ran an electoral ticket in 1880. Only the whites with him voted it. The Funders ran electors of their own. The Republicans did so, too. Both distrusted Mahone. The Funders won by a plurality. The vote of the State went for Hancock. In the 1880 canvass, Mahone urged the Dem-eratic National Committee to get the Virginia Democrats to join with him in the canvass. He said he was as good a Hancock man as any of them. At the same time, he secretly visited Garfield at Mentor for the purpose of a fusion with him—only to be repelled.

When the Senate met, March 4, 1881, there were thirty-seven Democrats, thirty-seven Republicans, and two nondescripts, David Davis and William Mahone. The latter sent word to the Democratic caucus that he would vote with them if he could dictate his placing on committees. The party refused his offered trade. He then negotiated ing on committees, and voted with that re likewise.

A more atrocious and infamous calby Vice-President Arthur. It was the umny never was uttered against the most dishonorable pact ever formed in lican column there. The murder of Garfield enabled Mahone to have the same hold on the Executive that he had repeated over and over again to the ex- on the Senate. Since Arthur became

> His course has been impressed on the country. He has made his action in Virginia that of an autocrat, with a policy of larceny and tyranny. He grad-ually estranged every considerable leader who had led off with him. He stung the honest Republican leaders in-to revolt. That left him only the men without reputation among the whites and the practiced scoundrels who worked on the fears and ignorance of the lower grade of blacks. After an earnest struggle the Democrats have united all the efficient honesty in the State against him. It proved to be a majority. The Legislature is against him. He has yet two more years in the Senate. His tool, Cameron, will be Governor two years more; but that is the limit of his power. This Legislalature chooses his successor. The State has slipped away from him. His overthrow is the chief event for civilization which has occurred in American polities this year. It is a great rebuke to the Federal Administration. President Arthur has sacrificed every principle of Civil-service reform to gorge Mahone with patronage. He has reversed every principle of Republicanism, as to honest money, to sustain the Virginia repudia-He has condemned his Administration to dishonor in history by his Mahoneism. Yet that utter badness is the only affirmative and overt feature of the Administration. Otherwise, it has been a mere parasite on the spoils and in its action and policy, dull, commonplace and tricky.—Albany Argus.

Must Seek Better Tools.

Mahone and Mahoneism have succeeded in making the South most decidedly solid, but not for President Arthur. Mahone's tactics beget murder and rioting and the South has had more than enough of such things. The Virginia boss's efforts to secure his own elevation and to benefit President Arthur have resulted in a downfall that will redound

to the benefit of every Southern State. The kind of politics that such men as Mahone practiced in Virginia and bloody Fort Pillow Chalmers attempted to practice in Mississippi is dangerous in the extreme to the peace and prosperity of any community in any State and es-

pecially so in the South. Virginians, as true Southern people, have good reason to rejoice because they groes were intimidated? Does it not have succeeded in knocking such ather prove that the intimidation methods in the head before they obtained a foothold in the South. They have shown moreover that they deem a "solid South" much preferable to a section divided by the methods of such ' much preferable to a

men as Mahone and Chalmers. If the corrupt Republican party hope or expect to divide the South, they will have to select better tools than those they have used in the recent attempt .-Exchange.

-Free public libraries are demanded by the people of Edinburg and Glasgow, Scothard on the same plan as those in American cities. W E.TIMMONS, Editor and Publisher.

A CIRCULAR LETTER. FORT RCOTT, KAS., Dec 1, '83. ROOMS OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. To the Chairmen ot County Com-

GENTLEMEN:-I am exceedingly of the various Democratic County Centra! Committees in the State, with the names of the officers, and the postuffice address of each mem ber of such committees. Will you not kindly forward me such information at your earliest convenience. Yours, very truly,

W. C. PERRY. Chairman.

N. B .- The Democratic newspapers throughout the State are earn estly requested to publish the foregoing, and to aid as far as they and in 1876 he was elected Speaker NOTICE OF SALE OF SCHOOL can in securing the specified in-

The Art Amatuer for December is a number of holiday size and excellence. Price, 35 cents; \$4 per annum. Montague Marks, Publisher, 23 Union Square, New York

We are again in receipt of the Armstrong (Mo.) Autograph, a live, wide-awake paper, and we see by it that Mr. T. A. Ferlet, formerly of this city, is again one of the editors and proprietors thereof.

O'Donnell, the slayer of Carey, the informer, was hung at Newgate prison, at 8 o'clock, a. m., on Monday; and thus another victim has been added to England's cruelty; and how can Ireland be prosperous when she is trodden under the iron beels of English despot-

(unclaimed property in Chancery, £77,000,000), containing inherit- churches, and in the extension of 3409, New York city.

The following, taken from the of John Brown: "John Brown ended his days in a lunatic asy.

Republican Organs,

Mr. Carlisle belongs to that party which has ruled this country for sixty of the one-hundred and eight years of its existence, or more than one half of the time since the date of the Declaration of Independence, and during which time many of the great achievements of this country took place, and during which time many of the rights we now enjoy were secured to us, and especially to the American citizens of foreign birth, and under where rule in no State was every any sumptuary law ever passed.

Vick's Illustrated Monthly Magazine for December comes to us in holiday attire, and in a very nestly printed cover. The publishers wish their many patrons "A Merry Christmas." This number is, also, larger than usual, and contains number ous contributions, among which we notice several of especial interest. How Vick can afford to publish such a magazine, so profuse-iy illustrated, and with an elegant colored plate, each month, of some plant or flower, and all for \$1.25 a year, is a mystery to us. The pa-

The Chase County Courant per and printing, too, are first class. We notice several excellent clubbing offers to subscribers, one of which is a year's subscription free to Good Cheer, a choice family paper; but, then remember, The usual festivities will be ob we are speaking of Vick, the Flo- served. You are cordially invited rist, of Rochester, N. Y., and that house never does things by halves.

The Hon. Dudley C. Haskelle Representative in Congress, from the Second Kaneas District, under the old apportionment, died at his anxious to obtain a complete list residence in Washington City, at an early hour Sunday morning, of Springfield, Vt., March 23, 1842. moved to Massachucetts soon after he meved to Kansas, in 1854, set- Committee. tling on land near Lawrence. In 1872 young Haskell was elected a member of the Kansas House of Representatives, and again in 1875, of the House. In the fall of 1876 he was elected to represent the Second Kansas District, in Congrees; and was re-elected in 1878, 1880 and 1882. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational church at Lawrence. He leaves a wife and two daughters to mourn his death. His remains were brought to Lawrence, where they will be interred at 10 o'clock, this morning. Both houses of Congress ad journed on Monday morning, until Wednesday, in respect to his mem-

The sun will soon go down on the most prosperous year the State has ever seen, following but not ending a series of years of constant and augmenting good fortune. The proofs are visible all around us in immense crops of corn, wheat and other products; in cattle, hogs and horses; in new farm residences Next of Kin and Heirs at Law and barns, orchards and groves; in Gazette.-Published semi-monthly, the growth of all the towns; in the multiplication of school-houses and ance laws, Chancery decisions, etc., our railroads, mines and manufacand (in continuations) over 120,000 turing industries. Peace and prosnames of parties, which have been perity everywhere-on the very advertised for in England, Wales, fields where we saw war, desola-Scotland, Ireland, United States of tion and poverty; no schools, no America, Canada, Australia, East churches, no cottonwood shanty and West Indies, France, Holland, saloen at the cross-roads, and mon-Belgium, Germany, etc., etc., since ey five per cent. per month. Now 1665. Size. 12 pages; subscrip- the debts are paid, the mortgages tion, \$2 per year. Single copies, are cancelled, there is a balance in 10 cents. Wm. Raich, Publisher, the bank, and golden corn is depos-251 William street, Postoffice Box ited in thousands of miles of plethoric corn cribs. The dollar-and-a quarter land has leaped up to thirty, forty and fifty dollars an acre. Troy Chief, is Sol Miller's opinion and the average Kansas man is a purse-proud aristocrat in 1883. worshippers in Kansas are away This description of things just now up on their ears over an article by in this State, by Web Wilder, is D. N. Utter, in the North Ameri- very glowing, and is calculted to can Review, not very compliment- make Kansans feel proud of their ary to Brown, and several persons State; but when Mr. Wilder spoke threaten to write articles in reply. of the debte all being paid and a It has not been popular in Kansas balance in the bank, he forgot the to write irreverently of John delinquent subscriber and the poor Brown; but the time has come when printer. We ourself have noticed the people must lisien to the truth. these fine crops, and abundance of John Brown was simply an insane everything all around us, and have man, originally a religious zealot. often wondered if the men with Fat Cattle, Hogs & Dressed Chickens Had it not been that Virginia made the balance in the bank ever think a martyr of him, he would have of the printer and wonder it he would not like to have a balance there, too; or, in other words, why Mr. Carlisle belongs to a party is it that the subscription is not as peculiarly hostile to brightness .- | well paid up now as it was in grasshopper times? and why is it that business men do less advertising now than they did then?

SONS OF PYTHIAS.
The following is the programme for the meeting, Dec. 26, 1883: Declamation, Frank Barr. Select reading, Geo. Yeager. Address, Thes. O. Kelley. Song, Ray Hinckley. Song, J. W. Stone. Declamation, Leroy Hackett.

Debate: "Resolved, That the the late Rebellion was a benefit to the United States;" F. B. Hunt affirmative; M. A. Campbell, nega-

The Sons of Pythias will meet at the Congregational church. All are invited to attend.

to attend. WM. M. CRICHTON, Acting Supt. Dec. 18, 1883. CHRISTMAS TREE. CRAWFORDSVILLE, KAS., Dec. 11, 1883. To the Editor of the Courant:

A CARD.

evening, the 24th instant, the M

E. Sunday School will commemor-

ate the birth of the Christ child.

At their church, on Monday

Please announce in your next pa per that there will be a Christmas kidney disease, in the 42d year of tree in the new school-house at his age, having been born in Crawfordsville; and all are invited to attend, especially the Elmdale His Father, Franklin Haskell, and Cedar Point folks. Those a farmer and a native of Vermont, having articles to put on the tree are requested to send them during Dudley was bern, and from there the day (Monday) to one of the

> MRS. HUNT. Committee

LAND.

Notice is hereby given that I will offer at public sale, on

TUESDAY, JANUARY STH, 1884, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m., and3 o'clock, p. m., the following described school land, to-wit: Northeast quarter of northeast quarter of section 36, township 22, range 8, app. aised value, \$3.50 per acre; northwest quarter of northeast quarter, southeast quarter of northeast quarter, southeast quarter of northeast quarter and northeast quarter of northeast quarter of section 36, township 22, range 8, appraised value, \$3.00 per acre; northwest quarter of section 36, township 22, range 8, appraised value, \$3.00 per acre of northwest quarter of section 36, township 22, range 8, appraised value, \$3.50 per acre, and southeast quarter of northwest quarter of section 36, township 22, range 8, appraised value, \$3.50 per acre, situate in Chase county, Kansas. Any person may have the privillege of making a bid or offer on said land, between the hours of 10 o'clock, a m., and 3 o'clock p. m., on said day of sale, at my office, in Cottonwood Falls, Chase county, Kansas.

Co Treasurer of Chase Co., Kansas.

BRIDGE NOTICE.

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK, COTTONwood FALLS, KAS., Dec. 3, 1883
Notice is hereby given that the Board of
County Commissioners of Chase county, Kansas, intend to build a bridge at a place known
as the Osage crossing of the Cottonwood
river, in Diamond Creek township, in said
Chase county; that the estimated cost of
building such bridge is \$4,500.90, and that said
Board of Commissioners will, at its regular
January, A. D. 1884, session, consider the
matter of building said bridge, and make an
appropriation therefor.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners.

S. A. Breese,

CERTIFICATE.

This is to certify that A. N. Boorey has accepted a position with M. L. Samson, of Emporia, Kansas, District Agent of the German Insurance Company, of Freeport, Illinois, and we heartily recommend him to the people of Lyon and adjoining counties, as a reliable and trastworthy young man, and we feel assured that any business entrusted to him will receive prompt and careful attention.

C. Hood, Vice-Pres. Emp. Nat. Bank.
C. S. Cass. Cash. First Nat. Bank.
J. W. FRIGHAM, Co. Atty. Lyon Co.
L. B. KRLLOGG. Probate Judge.
J. G. TRAYLOR, Clerk, District Court.
WM F EWING, Co. Clerk, Lyon Co.
Emporia, November 30, 1883. dec6-4w

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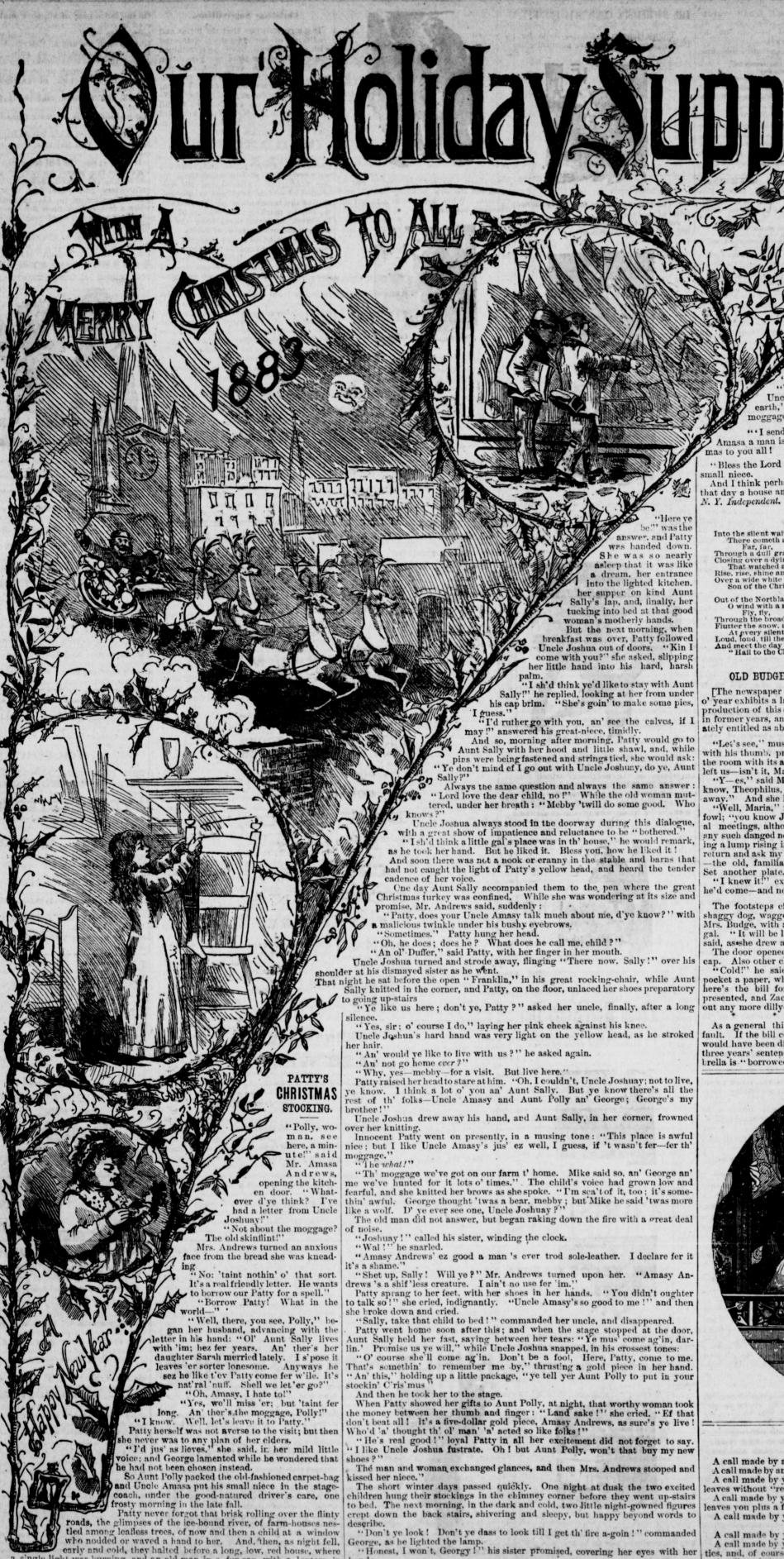
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"I send you what would please you most, child. Tell your Uncle Amasa a man is pretty good that raises such a little girl. So, a Merry Christ-From "The Old Duffer." mas to you all! "Bless the Lord!" whispered Aunt Polly. And "Bless the Lord!" piped her And I think perhaps our Patty was the only child in New England who found that day a house and lands in the toe of her Christmas stocking.—Ruth Hall, in

CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Into the silent waiting Eas.
There cometh a shining light—
Far, far,
Through a dull gray bar
Closing over a dying star
That watched away the night—
Rise, rise, shine and glow,
Over a wide white world of snow,
Son of the Christmas-tide!

Out of the Northland bleak and bare, O wind with a royal roar, O wind with a royal road,
Fly, fly,
Fly, fly,
Flutter the snow, and rattle and cry
At every silent door—
Loud, loud, till the children hear, And meet the day with a ringing of "Hail to the Christmas-tide!"

Out of the four great gates of day
A tremulous music swells;
Hear, hear,
How sweet and clear,
Over and under and far and near,
A thousand happy bells:
Joy, joy, and jubilee!
Good-will to men from sea to sea,
This merry Christmas-tide!

"Oh, Georgy! a doll! A lovely, great big doll! Oh! ain't I glad!"
"That's good news," said Uncle Amasa, cheerfully, as he and his wife appeared at the or. "Air ye satisfied, child en?"

But Patty had, at last, come to Uncle Joshua's box.
'I'll cut th' string with my new knife." George cried.
"Now less look; mebby it's a gold watch and chain, Patty."
"Taint nothin' but writin'," said the child, bewildered.

Uncle Amasa took the sheet with trembling fingers. "Heaven an' earth," he ejaculated, letting it fall the next moment. "It's that moggage made out to Patty. Listen here:

Lo! in the homes of every land
The children reign to-day;
They alone,
With our hearts their throne,
And never a scepter but their own
Small hands to rule and sway!
Peace, peace—the Christ-child's love
Flies over the world, a white, white doveThis happy Christmas-tide!
—Juliet C. Marsh.

cried the boy, diving into his stocking.
"Leggin's!" cried the

"Oh! Patty, look 'ere, won't A sled, a true an' hon-

OLD BUDGE'S CHRISTMAS; OR, THE UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL.

[The newspaper that doesn't print an original Christmas story about this time o' year exhibits a lamentable lack of enterprise. We have, therefore, secured a production of this character which may suggest some stories that have appeared in former years, and a few that have not. It is founded on fact and is appropri-

"Let's see," mused Theophilus Budge, testing the edge of his carving-knife with his thumb, preparatory to dissecting a nicely-browned turkey which filled the room with its appetizing odor, "it's just five years ago to-day since Jeremiah left us—isn't it, Maria?"

"Y—os" said M—"

"Y-es," said Mrs. Budge, with a sigh six feet in circumference, "and you know, Theophilus, that it was your harsh, unreasonable conduct that drove him away." And she helped herself to a spoonful of cranberry sauce.

away." And she helped herself to a spoonful of cranberry sauce.

"Well, Maria," replied Budge, making a savage onslaught on the smoking fowl; "you know Jeremiah would persist in writing poetry and attending political meetings, although he was only seventeen years old, and I couldn't stand any such danged nonsense as that, if he was my own flesh and blood; but," feeling a lump rising in his throat, "p'raps I was a little hasty; and if he were to return and ask my forgiv—— Hullo! what's that? Footsteps coming up the walk -the old, familiar footsteps, as I'm alive. Maria! our boy is coming home! Set another plate."

"I knew it!" exclaimed Mrs. Budge. "I had a premonition all along the he'd come-and now he's here."

The footsteps came nearer. Old Budge went to the door, and Bruno, the shaggy dog, wagged his tail as if he, too, recognized a familiar sound; while Mrs. Budge, with a grateful heart, prepared a place at the table for the prodigal. "It will be like the Christmases we read about in newspaper stories," she said, as she drew an extra chair up to the table.

The door opened and there entered a man wearing a hard visage and a fur

cap. Also other clothes.

"Cold!" he said, backing up to the stove and drawing from his inside coat pocket a paper, which he handed to Theophilus with the remark: "Mr. Budge, here's the bill for last quarter's rent. This is the third time it has been presented, and Zach Skinner, your landlord, says if it is not paid at once, without any more dilly-dallying about it, out you go in short meter!'

As a general thing Christmas stories don't end this way, but it's not our fault. If the bill collector had been old Budge's son Jeremiah, the denouement would have been different. But Jeremiah couldn't come. He was serving a three years' sentence in a Texas jail for borrowing a horse, the same as an umbrella is "borrowed."—Norristown Herald.



NEW YEAR'S CALLS.

A call made by a friend who owes you thirty dollars and desires to pay up.

A call made by another ditto with a present of a gold watch, or forty-dollar ulster.

A call made by your rich uncle from whom you have expectations, who never leaves without "remembering" you.

A call made by your ditto aunt who hopes you keep good hours, etc., and

eaves you plus a fat check. A call made by your other aunt with your pretty female cousins with ber.

UNWELCOME CALLS.

A call made by your tailor regarding that little account.

"Don't ye look! Don't ye dass to look till I get th' fire a-goin!" commanded

George, as he lighted the lamp.
"Honest, I won't, Georgy!" his sister promised, covering her eyes with her

"There; it's a-goin'! I'm glad I fix't it las' night. Now look, Patty. 'h!

A call made by your best girl's father, who is of strong temperance proclivities, and, of course, surprises you in a Bacchanalian orgie with your friends.

A call made by your landlady to inform you that she intends to raise your rent.

A call made by your friend, the bore, who talks you half wild and never leaves inside of two hours. - The Judge.

a single light was burning, and an old man in a fur cap, with a lantern in hands his hand, came to the gate and called:

"A'nt got a little gal fer me 've ye, Silas?"

THE COURANT

COTTONWOOD FALLS, - KANSAS

ON THE CHURCH-STEPS. I came out of church; the grand music was Over, The bells had been rung, But my heart was still singing the joyfullest

arol
My heart ever sung.
went through the verbs: To be loved, to be hated—
for there in the glad, Christmas sunshine he waited,
On the church-steps.

You see, I had promised to make him a pres That beautiful day.

And though it was costly, I'm sure I was

willing
To give it away;
And though on that moment my life was depending,
Too proud of my power, I stood there pretending,
On the church-steps.

And what was this present the dear boy expected?
You goose, can't you guess?
Well, listen—he asked me so hard with his

eyebrows,
I had to say—yes.
He knew he had conquered, I made no re But gave him my love for his love and exist-There, on the church-steps.

-N. Y. Graphic.



"First my mother she died, then my father he got married; then my father he died and my mother she got married-and now I've got no father, no mother, no Christmas, no turkey, no nothin'."

Christmas and New Year's Items.

-Rejoice, our Savior He was born On Christmas day in the morning. -Old Christmas Carol in "Sketch Book."

those that will beautify a home for a

At Christmas be merry and thankful withal, And feast thy poor neighbors, the great with the small.

-Thomas Tusser. -How to present a Christmas present to children-sock it to 'em. -Low-

ell Courier. -Without the door let sorrow lie, And if for cold it hap to die,
We'll bury 't in a Christmas pie,
And evermore be merry. —Wither,

-In England a barrel of oysters is a very common Christmas present to a country friend.

-The night that erst no name had worn,
To it a happy name is given;
For in than stable lay, new-born,
The peaceful Prince of Earth and Heaven.
-Alfred Dommett.

-Christmas comes but once a year; but then it makes its presents felt .-N. O. Picayune.

O. Freatyane.

-Christmas! Hear the joy bells ing!
Gladly in the churches sing
Of His mercy, of His power,
And the gifts the angels shower.

-Miriam Lester.

-I have always thought of Christmas time as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time .- Dickens.

-As flits the holy Christmas-birth,
Be this, good triends, our carol still—
Be peace on earth, be peace on earth,
To men of gentle will. — Tiackeray.

Devise liberal things for the poor, they may, by your gifts, be reminded of the coming of the Christ-





How It Looked After the Holidays.

The poor will many a care forget; The debtor think not of his debts, But as they each enjoy their cheer, Wish it were Christmas all the year.

-Christ mas is the only holiday of the year that brings the whole human family into common communion.—Charles Dickens.

--Some say, that ever 'gainst the season come Wherein our Sav'or's birth is celebrated. The bird of dawning singeth all night long, So hallowed and gracious is the time.

-It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child Himself. - Dickens.

-Rise happy morn! rise holy morn! Draw forth the cheerful day from night, O, Father, touch the East, and light The light that shone when Hope was born.

-'Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, * genial flame of charity in the heart.—

-The belfries of all Christendom Now roll along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

-Longfellow.

—"If somebody will kindly whistle 'There'll Be No Sorrow There,' we shall be very glad to join in the chorus."—Many Turkeys.

-With gentle deeds and kindly thoughts,
And loving words withal,
Welcome the merry Christmas in,
And hear a brother's call.
-F. Lawrence.
-The only time in the long calendar of the year when men and women seem, with one consent, to open their shut-up hearts freely.
-Dickens.
-The church bells of innumerable. —The church bells of innumerable sects are all chime bells to-day, ringing in sweet accordance throughout many

lands, and awaking a great joy in the heart of our common humanity .--Fogg says his son William is always particularly well-behaved about this time. With him Christmas is indeed the season of good Will .- Boston Tran-

script. -This happy day, whose risen sun
Shail set not through eternity.
This holy day when Christ, the Lord,
Took on Him our humanity.
-Phache Cary.

-Who taught mankind on that first Christmas day.

mas day, What 'twas to be a man; to give, not take; To serve, not rule; to nourish, not devour; To help, not crush, if need, to die, not live; — harles Kings en

— harles Kings ey.

—A Williamsport (Pa.) young lady was asked by her "feller" what she desired for Christmas. She said: "Call around for me Christmas morning and bying a minister with you." Two souls, two hearts.

-Sound over all waters, reach out from all lands,
The chorus of voices the clasping of hands;
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn, Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born! — Whittier.

-In making Christmas presents al-ways choose a useful gift. If you have a friend who is a hard drinker give his family an order on an undertaker, or else present him with a cemetery lot .-Philadelphia Chronicle. -There's a song in the air, there's a star in the

sky. There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry; And the star rains its fire while the beautiful

sing,
And the manger of Bethlehem eradles a

King.

—J. G. Holland. best prevent a quarrel with your inamorata? Be still, O loving heart, and draw comfort from the reflection that your best girl isn't going to break away from you until after Christmas anyway. -Lowell Courier.

-The Christmas cards this year are beautiful, and it is a pleasant custom to send them to friends, but the best

Christmas card that we know of, says the Mobile Register, is one tied on to -The best Christmas presents are the leg of a turkey, with the name of some deserving poor man or woman written on it, who is not able to buy any Christmas cheer. -It is said that the custom of mak-

ing New Year calls is on the wane. Last year "best society in New York merely hung out baskets." To travel about a city all day, in a suit hired for Norristown Herald.

-"I'se only been like Santa Claus," said a little seven-year-old girl found by her mother dragging a basket in a Philadelphia street Christmas day. "Mamma said last night Santa Claus never comes to the poor, so I saidl will give some of my target." give some of my toys and fings to the poor children myself. So I got mamma's basket and put in the fings, but I didn't find any poor children, and I got lost and didn't know what to do."

-Charley wanted to give Clara a Christmas present, but couldn't make up his mind what it should be; so the next time he called he frankly told her the difficulty under which he was laboring. "Want to make me a present, Charley!" Clara exclaimed, in welldisguised astonishment. "Why, Charley, you forget yourself." Charley took the hint and offered himself on the spot.

-- As Christmas is near at hand, we may expect soon to see in our St. Louis | rant." exchanges such items as this: "A Chicago young man, in a rash moment, told his girl that if she would hang up her stocking on Christmas eve he would fill it to the brim with something nice. He has since seen her stocking, and is undecided whether to get into it himself or buy her a sewing-machine." Norristown Herald.

-The old north breeze through the skeleton trees
Is chanting the year out drearily;
But loud let it blow, for at home we know
The dry logs crackle cheerily,
And the frozen ground is in fetters bound;
But pile up the wood we can burn it,
For Christmas has come, and in every home
To summer our hearts can turn it.
Wassail! Wassail!
Here's happiness to all, abroad and at home,
Wassail! Wassail!
Here's happiness to all, for Christmas has

Here's happiness to all, for Christmas has

-A lively writer of "Girl's Gossip," in the London Truth makes some comments on the Christmas-card mania, the force of which will impress itself on many people, just now. She says: "One does not like to throw them away -they are too pretty; and yet, after the first week or two, no one ever looks at them. The worst of sending cards is that one is almost sure to forget somebody, and get into a scrape. I think I shall advertise next Christmas in the daily papers: 'Madge Manners offers the compliments of the season to all who cards. trouble."

-Capacity of the Chicago Stocking: "Papa," said a gushing young damsel of Chicago, "I want you to give me this Christmas a seal-skin sacque and muff, a pair of diamond ear-rings, that beautiful writing-desk we were looking at the other day and bushels and bushels of French candy. Will you, papa?" and the dear thing's eyes danced in glowing anticipation, while her feet beat a tattoo on the velvet carpet that sounded like muffled thunder. "Ah, my dear child," replied the proud father, as he gazed at his daughter with a pensive, upward-tendency-in-pork look, "indeed I will. Just hang your stocking up in the back yard and I will fill it for you, darling, if I have to chuck

THE BACHELOR'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

"Thank Heaven," said old Pinkerton Puckerpurse, "that I have no brats to



buy Christmas presents for, or botherations of that sort-Just then there came a violent ringing at the front door-bell.



"Wbat-! Who-! Why-!"



Sing, and the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King.

—J. G. Holland.

—"Cupid"—You ask how you shall lest prevent a quarrel with your inamparata? Be still, O loving heart, and loud: "Awa—awa—awa—a-a-a!"



Obviously, the first thing to be done vas to try and soothe the little savage the occasion, dropping cards into a basket, is about as wild and hilarious fun as to sit on a fence and see your fun as to sit on a fence and see man, as he wildly swung the basket to and fro.



"Ha! she sleeps at last, and now to my revenge!" "Stay!" said the monitor within, "perhaps you were an infant once yourself." This view of the case never occurred to him before, and he hesitated. Another ring at his door-bell. "Ha! twins this time, I'll war-



He had barely time to thrust the innocent cause of his agitation out of sight, when in walked his old friend Slorgam to spend the evening.



"Hello! what's that?" said Slorgam, 'sounds like an infant afflicted with pins, or" - "Cats, only cats," replied Pinkerton Puckerpurse, in a sepulchral to accept her good wishes. No Pinkerton Puckerpurse, in a sepulchral s." It would save a quantity of voice, "it's a famous neighborhood for



But his friend was a man of family and scalping-knifes and rock-eandy and himself, and was not to be taken in by nuts and raisins than you ever saw be"cats." "Come!" he said, sternly: "I fore! Yip! Peel me down, dear father in a house and lot."—Rochester Post-Express, and lot."—Rochester Post-in a house and lot."—Rochester Post-tell you, Pinker on Puckerpurse, you | - hang my hide on the fence, mother darling."—Detroit Free Press.

Christmas Superstitions.

It is a curious fact that the forms and traditions of our ancestors, connected with our festivals, have been retained and handed down from one generation to another with very few changes; none bowever avent where civilized none, however, except where civiliza-tion has softened and beautified them, for the mistletoe and holly, the Yule-log and Christmas candles, are as full of meaning in the New York homes of to-day as they were in merry old. England when Herrick wrote:

"Kindle the Christmas brand, and then Till sunset let it burn." One of the earliest customs is the decorating of our homes and churches with evergreens at Christmas time, for our forefathers believed that the dec-

oration of private dwellings in recogni-

So there was nothing for it but to

bring out the now howling infant and

explain. While doing so in a rather in-

A Christmas-Box.

Santa Claus.

out of the store-door.

mischief as he could.

as Dakie himself.'

baby's Santa Claus.

Companion.

asked:

"Sick?"

"No."

" Dad.

Dakie.

gutter.

the paper of sugar burst open, and the

raisins were scattered about, and more

than half of the crackers went into the

"Oh, dear me!" said Dakie, as he be-

currants and figs and nuts and candies,

until it was quite full. Then the cover

was nailed on, and Mr. Daley's man was hurried away with it to Dakie's

home, where it arrived almost as soon

"Why, why, who sent it?" cried

"I don't know," said Mr. Daley's

But Dakie knew the moment he read,

in big letters on the cover: "For the

"It was the lady!" cried he. "Oh, isn't she beautiful!"

"Bu'ful!" echoed the baby. - Youth's

How the Sunshine Came.

right hand going up occasionally to wipe his nose, when along came

another anatomy about his size and

"I dunno. I've just been licked."
"Who dun it?"

"Yes. She told him I had been

"Say," said the new arrival, "you are in luck. I'm trying my best to git dad to whale me. I'd give fifty cents

"Why! Haven't I got three dollars

saved up to buy pap and marm Christ-mas presents, and if I can git 'em to

whale me before Christmas won't I

spend every cent of that money on my-

"Bully! You are all right! You've

bin licked, and they won't expect even

a stick of gum from their pounded son.

I'll go home and slam the baby around

and steal sugar and kick the cat and

sass mother, and if I can git walloped

to-night I'll meet you here to-morrow

"Did your ma ask him to?"

aching for it more than a month.

"Any the family dead?"

"Going to run away",

was all through hurting.

self? How much you got?"

"Two dollars."

A boy of twelve stood leaning against a fence on Duffield street yesterday, hat pulled down, feet crossed, and his

coherent manner-

tion of the Incarnation of the Divinity would, by marking the homes of the believers, preserve them from the in-trusion and evil auspices of fiends. It is regarded as a very unlucky circumstance if any leaves or sprigs are dropped or remain behind on the removal of the church or home decorations, and all must be cleared away be-fore Candlemas-day. (February 2); and on no account should the sacred mistletoe bough-the standing symbol of rough-and-ready flirtation, without consciousness or necessity of harm—be cast into the street or carelessly thrown aside; for love luck it must be burned by the oldest unmarried member of the family, male or female.

His friend suddenly disappeared, and Pinkerton Puckerpurse found himself alone hugging his bottle instead of a baby, for he had only been dreaming. If one wishes to revive an old Roman custom, let him send a holly branch to his friends as typical of good wishes, and it may have a double meaning by adding a sprig of mistletoe, the gleam-The very next day he signed the pledge and his check for \$1,000, which last he for if the holly carries good wishes and foresight or torethought, the mistletoe is an assurance of "I surmount difficulties," and many a wife has been won by this little token of assurance. gave to an orphan asylum.—L. Hop-kins, in Christmas Graphic. It wasn't a pretty box all trimmed with paper-lace and embossed pictures and filled with bon-bons.

From the remotest times of the burning of the Yule or Christmas log, it has had all kinds of superstitions connected It was made of wood, and once upon a time it came to Mr. Daley's store full of soap. It was under Mr. Daley's counter that very afternoon before Christmas, when Dakie Lane came to with it. In some parts of Europe the log must be of a certain kind of wood, log must be of a certain kind of wood, as in Devonshire it consists of fagots of ash bound together, and an extra glass year!"

Year poor, innercent wife is talking—d'ye hear? D'ye moind, now—just wish me a "Happy New Year!" ash bound together, and an extra glass from the cider barrel is expected by the buy ten cents' worth of raisins and a guest for every crack made by the blaz-ing fagots. One log is the general cuspound of sugar and a pound of crackers and a very little spice.

"Going to have a pudding?" asked Mr. Daley's boy, weighing out the to light next year's Christmas fire with, and be sure that the fire does not go out during the night, nor entil Christmas Day at sundown. In many homes was a sure that the fire does not go out during the night, nor entil Christmas Day at sundown. In many homes was a sundown. In many homes was a sundown. "Yes," said Dakie. "And I want a stick of candy, too, if you please, to put in the baby's stocking. There's a It was a very large cent, and it shone down. In many homes music is played

as if Dakie had polished it.
"That's worth two sticks," said the during the ceremony of lighting the fire, but on no account must it be lightgrocer-boy. "We don't often see such a shiny one. "What're you going to have in your stocking?"

"Nothing, I guess," said Dakie; "I'm too old. I'm going to be the baby's "Oh," said the grocer-boy, wrapping up the two sticks of candy; and Dakie didn't see him pay for one of them out of his own pocket. "That's it." A lady-customer at the other end of the counter was giving Mr. Daley a good many orders, but she had ears for the conversation going on between Dakie and the grocer-boy, and she smiled at Dakie as she went past him Perhaps that would have been the end of it, if, on her way home in her carriage a little later, she had not passed Dakie again with one arm full of his

small parcels. Just at that minute a big dog bounced up against him, and down went Dakie on the sidewalk; and shelter at Christmas-time. Christmas Day, es falls on Sunday. have nothing to fear.

At no other time is a black cat-a strange black cat-thought to be lucky gan manfully to repair as much of the but at Christmas. If one comes into the house, it is a sure sign of money.

"No pudding now," thought the lady; and in a minute more she was No person but the boys must presume this practice. to go out-of-doors on Christmas mornbeing driven back to Mr. Daley's store. ing until the threshold has been con-There the soap-box was pulled out from under the counter, and into it secrated by the incoming footsteps of a went all sorts of nice things; raisins and

"Dem folks what hab short talking (quarrels) on Christmas Day or night won't hab no luck in friendship, love or pocket," said an old colored mammy: and be sure you wish some one a "Merry Christmas'' before you put your shoes and stockings on; and for real good luck kiss the oldest person in the house first on Christmas morning, and the youngest on New Year's morning. Harper's Bazar.

The Jones' Skeleton.

Peace, like a white-winged dove, has lately brooded over the Jones family, but one day last week the demon of discord entered most unexpectedly. Jones was getting ready to go down town in the morning, and in looking for a handkerchief in the family bureau found a drawer that resisted him-in fact it was locked, a most unheard of thing in that family. At first it only made Jones mad, because the resistance threw him across the room, and bounced him up against a chiffonier on the other side, but when he regained consciousness he called Maria and asked her, with white, calm lips, where the key was. She said it was in her pocket. He demanded it. She refused to give it to him; and then ensued one of those painful domestic silences which are so much more harrowing than words or blows. Jones went out and came in for three days, and sulked during the whole time, for had been distraught and mysterious the door bell had rung in the evening and she had evaded his inquiry as to idea that Maria had met a handsomer man than he. Green-eyed jealousy took possession of his soul and ate and ate into his heart like a canker!

night Mrs. Jones went out, and as she tripped past the parlor door she looked in and said: "Jeptha, if you hear the baby gurgle I wish you'd look at him." —"Are

That was his opportunity-now or it s lently open, and there lay before is a little late to make New Year's calls him-the picture of that other man? this year. - Texas Siftings.

Oh no! but a pair of slippers embroidered in red, green and yellow with a terra cotta "J. J," in a wreath of eglan-tine on each too and a "Merry Christmas" card tacked to the pair. Poor Jones! this was even worse than he expected. It is enough to break up any man to thrust a pair of embroidered slippers upon him, and as he stood and looked, and shivered, and realized that the things were four inches too short the things were four inches too short, and had soft heels, he saw a paper sticking up curiously on one side. It was addressed in a man's handwriting to Mrs. Jones. Ha! ha! this, then, was a

It was: it was the bill from the man who soled the shoes, and it included one for the velvet and another for the embroidery, and Jones was trying to foot the matter up to his satisfaction, when a tremendous blow fell upon his head and a fearful howl rent the air as Bridget shrieked: "Ow, ye mizzable, thieven, maraud-

in blaggard, I'll tache ye to stale into dacent people's houses — Oh, howly Moses! it's the master himself, bad 'cess



A foine looking masher ye's are, indade! An' how many New Year's calls have ye made! An' where did ye go? ye haythenish brute! Ye miserable, outlandish galoot! I'll tache ye yer manners, an' learn ye to stay At home with the childers on next New Year's

to him. How was I to tell him from enny other thafe?" tom, but we have known a hod of coal selected for that purpose when wood was inaccessible. A bit of the Christ-wurrd' to Mrs. J., but oh, with what a

There is an old tradition that Christ was born about midnight. From this, fire, but on no account must it be lighted before the proper time, which is at sunset, Christmas Eve. The Yule or Christmas candles should be lit soon after, but for good luck the light must be taken from the Christmas fire. It is very bad luck to snuff them, and they should be set on the highest shelf or table in the room. The oldest person gives the state of the st table in the room. The oldest person glish superstition that on Christmas eve present must extinguish them, but a bit of each must be saved to relight on their knees at midnight; that the cocks New Year's Eve, to see the old year out crew; that the cabbage seeded, etc. and the new year in. It is considered a The devotion of the oxen was derived very bad omen for any one to leave the from an old story that an ox and ass, table during supper on Christmas Eve which were in the stable at the birth until all are through, and see that there of Christ, fell on their knees in a supis an even number of guests, if you will pliant position, and that a cock crew. make friends during the year. Be sure and have a cheese and cake untouched mas, which has passed into oblivion, is in the house, and let no one tempt you said to have sprung from the songs of to cut them before the proper time. Never refuse to take or give food and Christ. The common custom of decorating houses and churches with ever-It is very lucky for a child to be born greens is derived from a common bey, especially if the day lief that sylvan spirits would flock to And the girl who is a those evergreens and remain there until bride on the 25th of December is said to the coming in of a milder season. Holly and ivy are the evergreens chiefly used in England; these are also worn about the head, and the phrases, to "kiss under the rose" and to, "whisper under the mistletoe," have reference to

—Christmas comes! He comes! He comes!

Ushered with a rain of p ums!
Hol ies in the windows greet him,
Schools come driving past to meet him,
Gifts precede him, hills proclaim him,
Every mouth delights to name him;
Wet, and cold, and wind, and dark,
Make him but the warmer mark;
And yet he comes no one emoodied,
Universal's the bithe godhead,
And in every festal house
Presence hath ubiquitous.
Curtains, whose snug room-enfolders,
Hang upon his million shoulders;
And he has a million ples,
And is very merry and wise—
Very wise and very merry
And leaves a kiss beneath the berry.
—Leich Hund.



Our Holiday Supplement Appreciated.

-The Lancet offers these delightfully and sulked during the whole time, for an awful suspicion had taken possession of him. He remembered that Maria to compete with the younger members of the family in the enjoyment of Christdad to whale me. I'd give fifty cents lately, with a glassy look in her eyes. mas cheer in a manner which amazes if he had tanned me this noon and it. He recalled the fact that several times their middle-aged relations. The explanation is that the digestive elements are long preserved, so that a man who, in who was there. He knew the evil ten-dency of the age and shuddered at the dyspepsia, by reason of the sensitivedyspepsia, by reason of the sensitive-ness of his gastric nerves, eats and drinks with the courage and success of a boy in his later years, when his nerves are blunted, and when, therefore, his But all things come to an end. One peptic cells are able to pursue their chemical work undisturbed by nervous

> -"Are you going to make New Year's calls this year?" asked Burrell never. He crept softly up stairs and Chase, on the day before New Year's, entered the peaceful room where their of Bronson Alcott, another Austin sochild was sleeping and turned the gas ciety young man. "No, I am not down to the merest glimmer; then he stealthily produced a key and fitted it into the lock of that drawer and pulled next year, which will be to-morrow. It

Oh! this is the tale of a very bad boy: He had done all he could other folks to annoy. Then what do you think there was found to The very bad wits of this very bad boy?

On the night before Christmas, St. Nick to decoy. Two stockings were hung by the very bad boy, Who said to himself: "Of the sweet ChristjoyI'll give him these stockings his time to employ; And while he's at work," said the very bad boy, "I'll hook from his pack just the handsomest

But somehow the fun had a bit of alloy: St. Nick got a peep at the very bad boy; He whipped up his steeds, and he cried out: "Ahoy! You'll get, my young lad, neither candy nor

Then away went St. Nick, and he chuckled with Joy.

And he left not a thing for the very bad boy.

—Harper's Young People.



Our Bachelor's Christmas Dinner.

THE THREE GRANDMOTHERS.

"And you would marry this fellow," said Grandma Von Breeks von Starch, in her bassooniest (that is the only word I can think of with which to describe

them) tones, "if you could?"
"Yes, ma'am," replied Gertrude,
meekly but firmly.
"The idea is simply preposterous!"
declared Grandmother Huffey's fife-like

'Preposterous indeed!' responded the bassoon. "More than preposterous -disgraceful! A mechan'c! a common working-man! a house-painter!"

"He's a fresco-painter," timidly corrected Gertrude. "Which amounts to the same thing,"

groaned the bassoon.

"Michael Angelo—" began Gertrude.

"Heaven preserve us! shrilled the fife; "she's bringing some Irishman into the discussion now. Be silent, miss. We'll not hear another word from you. And understand distinctly, once and for all, that if that person calls here to-morrow, which no doubt he will have the impertinence and assurance to do, you are to dismiss him instantly, or we will."

"And endeavor to begin the new year'—the bassoon took up the strain pre pared to whistle again, again-"in a manner befitting a descendant of the illustrious General Von Breeks von Starch, whose unexampled bravery made him and Bergen-op-Zoom -the city of his birth-famous, not only throughout Holland, but the entire world, at a time when you were not

dreamed of.' As for Great-gran Peeky, she had sat softly rocking to and fro in her cushioned rocker, munching her caraway bis-cuits—a store of which she always carried in a little sachel suspended at her side—sleepily regarding the group of talkers, and saying not a word herself. But that was nothing strange for her. She searcely ever spoke save in monosyllables, and never even in them when Madame Von Breeks von Starch and Mistress Huffey were laying down the law (a favorite occupation of theirs, bythe-by), to servants, trades-people, or grand-daughter Gertrude. And the last thing that could have occurred to either of the amiable law-makers would have been the idea of appealing to the old lady for an opinion on any subject whatever. It sufficed them that she paid without grumbling the greater part of the expenses of the household out of the income which was to cease at her death, and yet allowed them to manage all things pertaining to it in their own

Gertrude-so named by Madame Von Breeks von Starch in honor of the patron saint of Bergen-op-Zoom-had lost both her parents in her infancy, and her father having been reduced to poverty some time before he died by various gentlemanly vices, she had been left wholly dependent upon her three grandmothers.

Of these Great-gran Peeky was the mother of Grandmother Hufley, who in turn was the mother of Gertrude's mother, while Grandma Von Breeks von Starch held the same close relationship to her father.

The bassoon grandmother was at the head of the American branch of her



"Doll Baby in my Stocking, eh? I'll-; I'll-

family (she had been a Von Breeks von Starch herself, and had married a cousin of the same name)—a family of great prowess and many bags of gold in their fatherland some century and a half ago. She was tall, stout and solid, with a round face, big black eyes, abundant iron-gray hair, and a carriage that im-mediately suggested to the beholder the last syllable of her aristocratic name.

The fife grandmother, five years her junior, was directly her opposite, being short, slim and limber, with a sharp-cut face, extremely thin, fair hair and

faded blue eyes. Great-gran Peeky, notwithstanding her eighty-three year, was by far the best looking of the three (though she did look, I must confess, when munch-

THE TALE OF A VERY BAD BOY. above her still dark eyebrows, beneath her cloak, turned the key in her door, which beamed with a mild, dreamy light her soft brown eyes, and a pleas-ant winter bloom lingered on her

wrinkled face. It was from her Gertrude had re-ceived all the picture-books and sugar-plums, almost always bestowed in perfect silence, that had brightened and sweetened her childhood, Grandma Von Breeks von Starch supplying the lessons in deportment, and Grand-mother Huffey (let me whisper it) the punishments, usually inflicted with a slipper or the back of a hair-brush. But in spite of the lectures and lessons and other disagreeable things, Gertrude led a tolerably happy life with her three grandmothers until her eighteenth birthday. From that day dated such strict surveillance, so much sarcasm, so many scoldings, that even the hairbrush-and-slipper period seemed comparison a regrettable one. And all on account of the young man who came to fresco the parlor ceilings. A flected a bride-like figure. Dress of handsome young man he was, posses-sing the highly euphonious name of daisy-decked head, a cloud of lace Everdell Tremlett. But neither his clasped at the throat by a tiny gold the students in the Quartier Latin, the good looks nor his romantic name availed him aught with the two managinets, waited impatiently until half an sand churches, and the happy laughter ing grandmothers, who saw in him only

von Starches had nothing in common. And therefore, wita no more thought about the matter than if John the manservant had been there in his stead, they allowed their grand-daughter to practice her music lessons in the back parlor-the sliding-door being partly open-while he was at work in the

front. And so it happened that Gertrude, trying to play an air from memory, and finding it continually eluded her, was about giving it up in vexation, when some one softly whistled it behind her; and turning quickly on the revolving

that of the bas soon grand-mother, though much more mel-

"Oh yes, thank vou." said Gertrude, with a blush; and turning to the piano again she played the whole air skillfully and gracefully.

"It's a beau-

tiful thing, 'said the painter, still standing in the doorway; "but 1 think the song beginning in this -and he way" when heencountered the frozen frown of Madame Von Breeks von Starch, as she stepped into the room from the balcony, and

fled. And the next day the piano a prisoner in her own room; and Grandmother Huffey, meeting Mr. Everdell Tremlett as he came to work, requested him in one brief sentence to "get through hiswork his business as soon as pos-

But love--bless his merry little heart! -- laughs at locks and locksmiths, and the very next time Gertrude went for her

sible

von Starch or Mistress Huffey) she of fear. But great-gran came straight found there a new pupil with a mag- on, without a word, until she stood benificent bass voice, and that new pu- side the frightened girl. pil was the fair-haired, blue-eyed young fresco-painter. Not one word of this meeting, nor of the meetings that fol- air. "I've got a key that fits the Genfowed it two or three times a week for eral's door, though she don't know it, six months thereafter, did the naughty girl breathe to either of the three grand- Oh! if she'd caught me. But she sleeps mothers, and the two younger of the like a soldier of the Revolution. And trio exulted greatly over the strict vigilance with which they guarded the small package in Gertrude's hand. future bride (according to their longlaid plans) of Diedrich von Breeks, the like me the night I ran away with York with the new year. But their exultation came to an end on New-Year's Eve. On that evening the Conservatory of Music gave a pupil concert, and the strength—Gertrude standing motionless very first duet was sung by Miss Gerin her great surprise—the old lady unof Music gave a pupil concert, and the trude Von Breeks and Mr. Everdell locked the door and gently pushed the dren grew up to a strange unfamiliarity Tremlett. In vain had the latter girl out into the arms of her lover. begged to be left out of the programme; And when the flight was discovered by the control of the programme. in vain had he summoned to his aid a next morning, the anger theceat was mysterious throat disease. His professor declared that sing he must, or lose his place in the Conservatory, and, what was still worse, prove himself an for the key was under my pillow," "ingra-a-te!" And so the three grand-thundered the bassoon. mothers, sitting in great state near the stage, were horrified-that is, two of them were (great-gran munched her caraways as placidly as ever)-by seeing and hearing their grand-daughter ionable audience, by the young man must have helped her." who frescoed their parlors.

In a moment the whole truth flashed

upon their minds, and how they sat out the rest of the concert, so great was their indignation, they never knew. Mistress Huffey, looking rather spitetheir indignation, they never knew. But at last, much to their relief, it came her favorite rocker and munched her tainly deserves honor so long as we preto an end, and the ominous silence with favorite refreshment. "She never sees tend to call ourselves a Christian peowhich they received the pretty culprit nor hears anything. But however the ple. prepared her for the storm (the after- ungrateful minx got out, I'm glad she's

and took from her bosom a note, which she hastily read:

she hastily read:

"My Dearest" (thus it ran),—"I suppose—
In fact, I know—you will have a scene to-night
with Her Royal Highness Von Breeks von
Starch and her faithful henchwoman the
Duchesse de Huffey. I am so sorry for you,
dear! But don't let them frighten you; and
don't be frightened at what I am about to propose. To-morrow will be New-Year's Day.
Consent, I entreat you, to begin the new year
with me. I have but a humble home to offer
you, but in it waits the blessedest of mothers
and the best of grandmothers (who will make
your fourth) to welcome you. I shall be waiting, when you read this note, with a carriage
around the nearest corner. Our alto and
tenor will be with me, ready to act as bridesmaid and groomsman. Your grandmothers
would never consent to our marriage, and unless you take a decisive step they will marry
you, in spite of yourself, to your Dutch fifth
cousin. Come. my darling, come.

EVERDELL.

"P. S.—If you find it impossible to make

"P. S.—If you find it impossible to make your escape, why, then I must beard the lions in their den to-morrow, and fight a duel with the Von Breeks von Starch as soon as he arrives in the country."

Gertrude stood an instant in thought. hour had passed, and then unlocked her one of the working-day race, with door, opened it, and listened. All was which the Huffeys and the Von Breeks silent as the grave. Cautiou-ly she door, opened it, and listened. All was silent as the grave. Cautiously she How charming is that ancient and ventured out into the entry, groped her tender custom of the Calabrian peasway to the stairway, and began to destep to make sure that no one was astir tains to visit the shrines of the mother and watching her. At last she reached the street door in safety. It seemed an age to her until she had succeeded in unfastening the heavy chain across itin reality it was just three minutes— and then she felt for the key. It was gone! Her heart sank within her.
"Poor Everdell!' she said, and sadly

prepared to retrace her steps--not daring to try the basement-way, because the servants slept in that part of the stool, she saw the young painter, brush in hand, standing in the doorway.

"Beg pardon, but that is what you great gran, carrying a lighted can
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"Beg pardon, but that is what you great gran, carrying a lighted canwanted, is it not?" he asked, as he de in her hand, coming down the stairs

"Here's the key, my dear," she said,

in a whisper and with quite a girlish

and I took this from under her pillow.

"Law, child, how much you do look

And when the flight was discovered

"She never went by the front door,

'She couldn't have opened one of the

parlor windows to have saved her life,"

squeaked the fife. "Only John and

myself know the secret of the fasten-

ings. And if she could have opened

But the servants emphatically de-

"There's no use asking ma," said

clared their entire innocence.

to the manner of it.

lay a crisp thousand-dollar United we are following an old British custom States Treasury-note. But never did of the Druids, who hung the green up Everdell or his wife hear from or see within doors when the frost came, in her again, for very soon after their mar-riage she passed quietly out of life, and so

will remain an enigma to them forever.

And Madame Von Breeks von Starch and Mistress Huffey, having succeeded in marrying the merchant from Bergenop-Zoom to a distant relative of the Von Starch family—sought out and dowered for that purpose—departed with the bridal pair for that once-renowned military town, and "the land of the free and the home of the brave" knew them no more.—Margaret Eytinge, in Harper's Weekly.

Christmas Keeping.

There is something very pleasant in the thought that when we are celebrating our Christmas festivals the wave of reverence and joy that has reached us, sweeping round the world from east to west, comes bringing with it the chant of Roman masses, the carol of English villagers, the less worshipful songs of of children from the beginning of the boundaries of Christendom.

ants, who in the days just before scend the stairs, pausing on every other | Christmas go down from their mounof Christ, and cheer her with their wild strains of song till such time as the holy Babe is born! Surely the winds of Christmas morning might bring us, if not the echo of that music itself, yet some whisper of its spirit-a something Yule-logs.

bot of Unreason held sway with their that, when, by the best authorities of the

till Candlemas-day cleared away the

last remnant of the Christmas merry-

making, and where the boar's head, and

capon, and roast swan, and wassail-

bowl, were the least of the dainties, and

"lashings of good drink there was,"

moreover. Our timid ancestors re-

garded these things, in spite of sacred

carols sung by clergy and people, fathers, mothers and little children

carrying the blessed tapers burning in

their hands, as but signs of a time when

reverence lived only in the crust of

ness, and so discountenanced the keep-

ing of the festival at all that their chil-

order that the sylvan sprites might still the human race.—Harper's Bazar find a home in the wintry weather under the forest bough, and bring a bless-ing to the house that gave it to them.

Although in Latin countries the day and its preceding night are celebrated with countless bells and masses and candles, and with midnight banquets to sustain the fatigues of the celebra-tion, yet the children there have no such luck in school holidays proper to the season as children do with us, their longest holiday ending the day but one after the festival, while our little lads and lassies look forward to Twelfth-Night as the winding up of their joys.

Nor are our children confined to any one form of the Christmas genius. As every nationality is represented with us, so every form of Christmas sprite and guardian is happily welcomed, from the Santa Claus who came over with the Knickerbockers, his pack full of toys and sweetmeats, to the Petit Noel of French settlements, who goes about dropping silver pieces into the children's two shoes at the foot of their little beds: and all up and down the land the flowers of summer are replaced by the flowers that bloom in the tiny flames upon the boughs of the Christmas tree, which, if it was originally exotic, has now established its growth, and if it has not become almost a native of the soil, has certainly taken out naturalization papers, and become a citizen of our homes if not our forests.

We may console ourselves for the neglect that the great festival has met with in these regions of ours by rememthe revelry which goes on under mistle-toe boughs and before the blaze of Yule-logs. bering that Christmas was not celebrated ble feast, often confounded with anoth-Many of our ancestors were fright- er, that of the Epiphany, and sometimes

remaining, ed, whether correctly or not making really very little matter, so long as is desired is thus remembrance. Nor do we now actually keep that identica date, since the Old Style to NewStylebrings the time round still.

to quite another With all the celebration that Christmas receives the world if it anywhere ous and general celebration ason ther south firepistol - shooting give it a strange atmosphere and still further south its songs are given to balmy breezes laden already with the scents of roses, of orange flowers, nial and as pleasant as it ours is in these sad holidays.

singing lesson to the Conservatory (to and from herself. "She will call the others the door of which she was always as soon as she is sure it is I," she extended, that they grew to deserve and ever manner it is kept, Christmas is wear the name of the Captains of Missand years ago wear the name of the Captains of Missand years ago wear the name of the Captains of Missand years ago wear the name of the Captains of Missand years ago wear the name of the Captains of Missand years ago wear the name of the Captains of Missand years ago was always as soon as she is sure it is I," she extended the captains of Missand years ago was always as soon as she is sure it is I," she extended the captains of Missand years ago was always as soon as she is sure it is I, what they grew to deserve and wear the name of the Captains of Missand years ago was always as soon as she is sure it is I, what they grew to deserve and wear the name of the Captains of Missand years ago was always as soon as she is sure it is I, what they grew to deserve and wear the name of the Captains of Missand years ago was always as soon as she is sure it is I, what they grew to deserve and wear the name of the Captains of Missand years ago was always as soon as she is sure it is I, what they grew to deserve and wear the name of the Captains of Missand years ago was always as soon as she is sure it is I, what they grew to deserve and wear the name of the Captains of Missand years ago was always as soon as she is sure it is I, what they grew to deserve and we was always as a day peculiarly belonging to home chief; those revelries where the great and all that pertains to the sacred-Yule-log was kindled, a log so huge ness of the hearth. One can not but that its slow core of heat might burn feel that women should hold in esand smoulder for all of six weeks, or pecial regard the day that did more to take them out of dishonor and establish them in honor than any other single day that ever dawned over the earth. When one sees the difference between the savage woman and her captor, between the Greek woman, even, and her cultured lord, between any slave and her master, and sees, on the other hand. the pretty nearly perfect equality now given by man to woman, if not politically, yet at any rate materially and in personal consideration, one realizes that the forces which came into play on things, and the heart was hollow rotten- the first Christmas-day of all were forces which lifted her from a low estate to a throne. It becomes her, then, to burn the fire

with its long-descended customs, and upon her hearth in its honor, as if it where they heard of them in any report, heard of them only were an altar flame fed with spices and fanned by the breath of prayer, to hang things to be avoided. They the ground-pine upon her door, that al showed, it would seem, less reverence who enter it may enter in the name of for the day, however great might be the day, and the holly-stems and their reverence for the facts and tenets laurel in her window, that all who of their stern religion, than have the pass shall know the spirit that reigns cattle who fall on their knees in stall within, and to cast her wreaths upon on the night of the Nativity, if popular the mounds in the church-yards in the superstition is to be listened to, inneritname of Him who has risen from the ing the instinctive motion from the old dead, and that none of all the houseox and ass which, according to anhold who may have gone into the shadmade operatic love to, in a very real it, she certainly could not have fastened cient paintings, fell on their knees ows beyond shall fail to have their love-making way, before a most fash- it behind her. Some of the servants in the stable where the ancient share in its remembrances. It becomes manger was a cradle. Thus in many them to spend thought and care and portions of our country the last two money on their gifts and on their tables, and to see that their poor also are not forgotten, and to teach their chilgenerations were the first, with the general decline of a too severe ascetidren to sing carols not altogether as mere-music, or as part of the merrymaking, but as expressive of their recognition of all that Christmas-Day means, which, having raised one moth-Yet it is odd to notice how, even in er into the reverence of half the worclaps of which I have recorded at the beginning of my story) that burst upon does she ever sec."

our abbreviated observances, we have not been able to escape some of the mothers. For only in Christendom and

women been accorded any portion or that place and power which is their due as the mothers and co-educators of

Home for the Holidays.

No dreary splendors wait our coming. When rapt ghost sits from ghost apart, Homeward we go to Heaven's thanksgiving, The harvest-gathering of the heart.

Did we have a happy Christmas? No. we did not. I suppose it was all wrong— we, the children of a King, journeying here for a day-but we spent every hour of that pleasant festival time in sorrow and repining; we, who had been so happy, and expected that on our heads, at least, would never be placed "sorrow's crown of sorrow;" that the dark angel Azrael would never darkea

our happy home! He had written to us-our darling-that he would be home for the holidays, written it in a little ill-spelled letter which his dear, boyish hand had hur-



When dem chil'uns wakes up de'll think Santa Claw's done spread hissel dis

riedly traced, and even while we were reading it-his mother and I-and laughing over it, and I saw at the same time something like a tear glitter on its soiled and crumpled page, there was a step at the door, and the wellknown whistle-he was always whistling-and then he was in our armsthe same bonnie, blue-eyed boy with ceased whistling, in a voice as deep as as carefully as she had come down them followers till Little Christmas, or old Roman archives of that early time that high, fearless look; the same mischievous dimple in his chin; the same date was decid- loving smile that seemed the most precious love-light in the world to us, that will never die or be lost in this

weary life! Home for the holidays! It was his first year at school, and he had pleadthe fact for ed so for this home-coming, that we which the date could not refuse, and all our plans had included him-for what would a Christhallowed with mas dinner have been without our boy?-and we had his sled, "The Mayflower," out, for there was a flurry of snow, and we tried not to let him see how fond and foolish we were about him, or how we followed the sound of change from that whistling voice through the house and wondered if there ever was such another dear boy, and planned out just what sort of a man he would be!

That was one week before Christmas. All in a moment a hand cold as ice was laid on our hearts—the snow that had fallen in its white chilliness brought death with it, for it fell into our summer garden and covered the one tender over, we doubt flower blooming there.

"I think," said the Gardener, clasping
The plant with a gentle hand,
"This flower is nucl too tender
For the winds of this lower land."

I can tell you nothing about it except our own shores. In the North, days, and of days that were as nights; amidst snows of sad, solacing words from people who and hemlock meant well, but who were all boughs, the day has a delightful domesticity, a grief we are dumb?" There was a sense of shut-in blind groping of the little arms-a comfort and fond, feverish caress, and the last well-be ng: far- whispered words:

"Pap-a, m-a-m-ma, I am go-ing h-o-m-e for the holi-days," and then:

"His Lord looked down on the flower
And His heart went out to its need.
"Tis just the plant for my garden,
A plant of celestial seed."
And into the gates that were golden,
And o'er the fadeless plain,
And c ose by the wonderful river of life.
He planted the flower again."

I know we were to be a six own core

I know we were not alone in our sorrow; that the first snow fell on other little graves that cover precious dust; that at other tables there are vacant chairs; that ever since the King of Isand of olean-ders, that make the day as ge-Gol I had died for thee?" hearts have been broken and homes desolated, as

must have been nearly two thousand years ago estine. In what-pt. Christmas is

"And yet, dear heart! remembering thee, Am I not richer than of old?
Sa'c in thy immortality, What change can reach the wealth I hold! What change can mar the peace and gold. Thy love hath left fa trust with me?

"I can not feel that thou art far,
Since near at meeds the angels are,
And when the sunset gates unbar,
Shall I not see thee waiting stand,
And white against the evening star
The welcome of thy beckoning hand?"
— Detroit Free Press.

-"I wish you a happy New Year!" said Pingrey. "Oh, that's easy enough to say," replied Fenderson; "but what wiil you do towards making my New



Great Anticipations.

Year a happy one!" "Anything I can," said Pingrey. "Do you mean it?" cried Fenderson, dramatically. "Do you mean it?" "Well, well, good-bye, farewell." "What's the matter with you?" asked the mystified Pingrey. Why, you are going away forever, aren't you? You said you would do anything you could to make me happy. Farewell, old boy, farewell." And Fenderson walked briskly around the corner, while the perplexed Pingrey stood as if rooted to the spot for the space of five minutes -Boston Transcript.

—But the star that shines in Bethlehem Shines still and shall not cease. And we listen still to the tidings Of Glory and of Peace. —Adelaide Λ. Proctor.

did look, I must confess, when munching her caraway biscuits, somewhat like a very nice meditative old rabbit). Her showy white tresses waved prettily like a very mice meditative of the showy white tresses waved prettily like a very nice meditative of the showy white tresses waved prettily like a very nice meditative of the showy white tresses waved prettily like a very nice meditative old rabbit). Her showy white tresses waved prettily like a very nice meditative old rabbit). Her showy white tresses waved prettily like a very nice meditative old rabbit). Her showy white tresses waved prettily like a very nice meditative old rabbit). Her showy white tresses waved prettily like a very nice meditative old rabbit). Her showy white tresses waved prettily like a very nice meditative old rabbit). Her showy white tresses waved prettily like a very nice meditative old rabbit). Her showy white tresses waved prettily like a very nice meditative old rabbit. Her showy white tresses waved prettily like a very nice meditative old rabbit). Her showy white tresses waved prettily like a very nice meditative old rabbit. Her showy white tresses waved prettily like a very nice meditative old rabbit. Her showy white tresses waved prettily like a very nice meditative old rabbit. Her showy white tresses waved prettily like a very nice meditative old rabbit. Her showy white tresses waved prettily like a very nice meditative old rabbit. Her showy white tresses waved prettily like a very nice meditative old rabbit. Her showy white tresses waved prettily like a very nice meditative old rabbit. Her showy white tresses waved prettily like a very nice meditative old rabbit. Her shows a very nice meditative old rabbit. Her shows a very nice meditative old rabbit have crept and the very nice which her shows a very nice wave of the like a very

The New Year is a lovely youth,
The Old is bent and gray;
But counsel comes with hoary hairs,
We fain would have him stay.

The New Year can gally laugh And featly can he sing: But the Old Year's voice is sweeter still In its dim whispering.

The New Year may promise fair Of bloom and fruit to come; But the Old Year has reaped his grain, And held his harvest-home.

Oh, New Year! gay New Year!
Be blithe and strong of will:
Youth is the time for hardihood
And age the time for chill.

But this we wish you, wishing well,
That when your end shall be,
As now we mourn the dear Old Year,
So we may mourn for thee.
—Susan Coolidge, in Christian Union.



Our Daughter and Neighbor's Son Decide the Supplement Good Enough for Their Use.

TED'S ACCOUNT OF NEW YEAR'S.

"By the way," said Mr. Samuel Gloss, "I've a letter from Ted. It's quite a heavy one, you see, for a chap of ten; but I can't make out such a mass of scrawl. Here, mamma, suppose you read it

Before Mrs. Gloss could reach out her hand Uncle Joe, Mr. Gloss' bachelor brother, interfered with: "Let me have the boy's letter; I always did like that

young scamp of yours,"

After smiling at the down-hill tendency of the superscription, Unele Joe soon became absor ed over the pages that began in text-hand, continued in spidertracks, and at last rose to the dignity of hieroglyphics.

The Gioss family, tired out after the holiday season, were having a domestic evening in the dining-room. The library, hung in old Spanish leather, lacked the embellishments that grow out of daily use, and oppressed one like a great bronze extinguisher; the long drawing-room, the conventional New York parler, was too like a mammoth and splendid hearse to permit of even its proprietors feeling at home in it. So about the dining-table were gathered Papa and Mamma Gloss, the Misses Lou and Rosie Gloss, Mr. Sorghum, a gentleman of many smiles and compliof a dog-cart, and gorgeous living gen- tache over a bad imitation of a smile. erally, and Uncle Joe, unmarried, crusty and rich. There was also a young fellow called Fred Tremaine, but the was only a chap in papa's office at a small salary. Though he had six good

"then Father he after a good while he got up & put on his Cote to go home and just Out is det he door of the club House a man said semething to father and father he said lots of Swear Words that ain't allowed boys in Program and Sattliment. the was only a chap in papa's office at a small salary. Though he had six good feet of uncommonly good looks, still he was very modest. "And no wonder," as Lou whispered to Rosie. "He ought to

be. Twelve hundred a year, indeed.' Sorghum remarked, in his sweetest tones: "How seldom a poor dog of a bachelor like me has the chance of en-

joying a happy family gathering!" A sigh, carefully given out for only Rosie to hear, was a graceful hint of his dissatisfaction with a bachelor ex-

Mamma Gloss clasped her plump hand in a little eestacy, and answered: "No one can have an idea of the peace and content of family life!" A smile both maternal and encouraging, showed that Mr. Sorghum was an approved candidate for the position of son-in-

Lou, who was clever, and had a lofty bearing, a marble-white skin, and wonderful rows of coal-black scallops on her pretty forehead, made a properly and girlish comment on the bachelor re-



Many Returns of the Happy Season.

mark; but Rosie, who was a confiding blonde with big gray eyes, said nothing, and kept on with her crochet work. Sorghum used inwardly a warm emoltient of Wall street invective, and wished himself the Afghan stripe that could so hold her attention.

Just then Charlie Hedge (the young stock brokerage firm was Hedge & antiarly to his partner, joined the family circle by taking a place at Lou's side. He exclaimed: Sorghum) dropped in, and nodding fa-

"How jolly! A regular boom in domestic evenings, ch, Miss Lou?" Now, Uncle Joe was sixty at least, toil. grizzled, clean-shaven, heavy-browed, with a cast-iron look that

pierce the neatest coating of sham. Having at last finished his reading, he sat awhile shading his face with his hand; then looked up suddenly, as if he had made up his mind to something, cast a searching and discomforting glance around at the table and

"Who would like to hear Teddy's letter? "I." said Sorghum, with the liveliest

interest. "Ted must be a capital boy. He's your brother." (This last in an aside to Rosie.)
"Fine boy," confirmed Hedge.
"Saw him here New Year's. So

Cheek is business capital. Ted will succeed. Let's have the let-

"I think my Teddy is very bright," remarked Mrs. Gloss, "and so I always tabel. "He said look at them keep him away at school, where he has the best of advantages.

"Yes," answered Uncle Joe, with an inscrutable intonation; "boardingschool is such an advantage to a child

of ten. "Oh, yes, undoubtedly," sighed mamma, with a pensive look at the diamonds on her nice, fat fingers; "and

we mothers sacrifice everything to the good of our dear children. Uncle Joe coughed noisily, and then "Are you all sure you want to hear

the letter, and that you'll sit still until the end?' Quite an amiable clamor of voices assented; so he began the epistle, which,

grammatically and orthographically, ran in this wise: "DEAR FATHER & MOTHER: Professor

"Dear Father & Mother: Professor Whacker gave us a subject or our first composition when we come bac after the holidays he said we must rite an account of new Years & put into it all we saw & herd wile we was hom at New year so i rote mine & visterday he give it back to me with very good marked onto it & he sed for me not to leve it Lyin roun luce So i guess he thort it was pretty good & i guess I will send it to You so as You can see i make some progress I brush my teeth very carefull evry nite & I am entrely out of rockit money your aff son Teddy."

A murmur of amused admiration went around and every one composed

vent around, and every one composed himself, with a smile, for further listen-

"Boys & gurls have fun at Chrismas & get presints in their stockings & but new Years times is for grown folks crismis eve children has lots of fun so i think Grown folks ort to have fun New ylars eve. i don't want to be mean about nothin so I didunt anser back nothin to my sister loo when she called me a horrid troubelsome boy for sittin down in her room after dinner New years eave she was "Skolding a little woman wot wass a dressmaker & had brort a long tailed pink dres home sumhow fixed up Wrong & she Had her hair all in little ion griddions to make it skulup nice the next day."

Miss Lou flushed, then laughed aloud nervously to show that she enjoyed the "AN ACCOUNT OF NEW YEARS.

nervously to show that she enjoyed the joke. Uncle Joe, without so much as a quiver of his bushy eye-brows, went on: quiver of his bushy eye-brows, went on:
"rosy was sittin with her feet kurled up
under her eting candy and reding a story book
in her Room she sed go way Teddy & ma She
was in her room having a row with Kamil the
Made about her cloes & she sed go way Teddy
too then I says where shall I go to & she says
you may go to the club and find your father
I know where the feniX club is Just roun the
korner but father was busy playing cards
with some men & he said go and sit down my
Son.

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"So I setdown & looked at some pictures ther was two men talking & I guess they didunt know me but they knowed my sisters good kause one says charlie you go in for loo if You can stand her temper and Ile go in for the blondy then, we will make the old man gloss settil our bills lie brake her temper if I get her says charlie & I will get more capitil for the Firm.

"blondy is meek & will stay at Home & not interfear with me, i Guess, says the other feller anyway we will share the proffets."

A funeral silence fell upon the room.

A funeral silence fell upon the room. Hedge looked unnaturally childlike and ments, of many suits of fine clothing, unconscious. Sorghum pulled his mus-

fessor Whacker's skool & It was all a bout a Settliment
"And father said he Hadunt Got the money for it. So I thort it was a new-year's presint that Man wanted pa to buy him,
"then we went home. Mother says to pa the guris will look ellegant tomorrer & they will be sure to catch something wurth wile at last.
"Father says they had better ketch it pretty quick then for things is comin to an end then all of a suddin pa pounsed on me & sent me to bed.

to bed.

"the next Day, wich was new years, noboddy et breakfast down stares but me and father; father looked splendid & so did i. We had on our bes cloes & the carriage was reddy to take us callin. Wen ma & the gurls came down they were very butiful espeshully loo tho I like Rosy best.

"ma says pa what do you think of your chick er Biddys, and kissed him.
"Pa says hunf! And we went Out and he banged the frunt door."

mercilessly:

"Some of the Ladys we called on was old & some was yung. The old ones mosely had no necks in their Dresses & a good many had orfully pink cheeks and dirty eyes with black Smudg under them.

"but Pa sed the Same thing evry wheres.
"How charming You are to Day says pa to all of them & he bowed & bowed. And he kinder lafted and Bobbed roun & looked Stilly and then he come out and jumped in The carriage & says Swear words agen.
"says is if fun to make calls pa
"Says pa its a nusense so says I wot makes you do it Pa
"Sosierty says pa then I asked who Sosierty

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"Sosierty says pa then i asked who Sosierty was & pa says Nusense agen then he teils me to hold my tung.
"so then we went to see an ugly old woman with lots of diamonds & she wanted to Kiss Me & I wouldunt do it & after Wards pa skolded me & said she was Misses Koopons & I must always kiss such a Rich ole lady Then I asked pa if he was sick & he sed he wasunt and I told Him I herd Misses Koopons say he was a sick Offant.
"And father sed more Swear words & made the Coachman drive me home, ma & the gurls were in the parlor & so was the two men that talked A bout loo And rosy at the club The big feller with the mus tash said to Rosy she was a crewel darling & rosy She turned her back to him
"then ma pinsed Rosys arm and said she was a little fool & had no fealing for her family & rosy cryed softly rite down on the Makroons I was eting oake all i wanted & no boddy notised Me"charlie forrut all a Bout loo's temper I

roons I was eting cake all I wanted & no boddy notised Me
"chartie forgut all a Bout loo's temper I
Guess bekause he said to her my butiful
kween I will be good and obbediunt husband
loo laffed & hit him with her fan then lots
more came in & they all looked silly like
father & all the ole men told ma she looked
like rosy's sister. that ain' so because ma is
orful fat"

By this time the whole company had risen, and were trying to interrupt the reading, when Uncle Joe, in a voice of thunder, commanded attention. They all fell back into their seats, and re mained, with many curious changes of countenances, silent to the end.

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"then Nite come on & Loo & rosy went Up stares & put more wite powder on there faces & looked at there, Back hair in the Glass & loo said rosy ort to mary mister Sore Gum because he was so rich & loo said she was going to mary mister hedg bekause He was rich All tho he was a fool & then they went Down Stares.

"a big tall yung man come into the library were i had hid my kandys & rosy sed out loud i want to show you this Nice room, they was behind the door & he sed havunt you got enny new years for me Rosy & she sed yes fred & gave him a kiss behind the door & he sed o rosy if I was only rich & then ma came in to the entree & they ran out & looked Silly two.

"then I went to seep sittin on my bundle."

"then I went to s'eep sittin on my bundle seemed made to withstand humbug.

Some a steel cold, sharp eye that could write to seep sittle on my bundle of candys & when ma woke me up every Boddy had gone away & ma sed she hated new Years & loo sed the men were all munkeys

and rosy had a Hedake. then I went to bed but Some thing had made me orful sick tho I don't belief it was cake & I went to rosys room softly. She was cryin & sittin on the floor by the fire then I went in to mas room & She was cryin too & Pa was sayin We are Livin on a Volcaner I tell you.

"I was kinder skared be kause volkaneers burn you all up & are verry dangerus. Ma says samuel i Kant help it the girls must dress & we must keep up appearance says i ma why kant we moove off the volkaner & buy a new House up to Sentril Park.

"pa says where did that young skamp come from & then the flor jumpt up & hit me & ma sed it was kause I hed et too much terrash.

"& i was orful sick all nite. The nex morning Kamil the made helped me git up & sed i was to go rite off to skool Agen & the Coach man was to take care of me I went to say good By to loo she was in bed with griddions in her hair eting lots of brekfast. rosy kissed me & her eyes was al red & she sed teddy deer they are breaking my hart & I prommised Her wen i grow up i will lick them al.

"I like Rosy pretty well considerin she is my Sister. pa & ma was shut up in the liberary & pa had lots of little paper on the tabel.

"He said look at them

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"dresses, bonnits, fineary, jewelry, i kant
pay them i tell you we are livin beyond our
menes. So is evvry body says ma but the girls
will marry wel. says pa look at rosy she is now
in lov with that good lookin Rasgal on 12 hundrid a year.
"She shant hav him says ma now dont be a

"She shant hav him says ma now dont be a brute and cut down expenssis perhaps jo will help you out my brother jo is a Stingee ole kur says pa. & if he knows we are Hed an ears over in det he wuddunt leve Ted a sent.

"I dont want a sent pa says I five sents aint much & one sent aint nothin and uncle jo is an old bare says I. o Send the boy to skool he makes me Craz Zy says pa & ma kissed me in a hurry & pusht me Long to the dore.

"pa had his hed burryed in his hand & kept sayin rooined, rooined, and all for appearances So i am tired of riting such a long Compersishen and the concluman took me bac to skool & that is all i know a Bout newyears."

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Uncle Joe quietly folded up the scrawl, and looked out from under the thatch of his eyebrows at Hedge, who. glancing at Lou, and seeing she was dangerous, silently left the room and the house. Sorghum followed also, politely escorted to the door

by Uncle Joe's steady gaze. The method failed with Fred Tremaine, for the look only sent him as far as Rosie's side, where he sat down with determination. Mrs. Gloss was sobbing hysterically, and her husband seemed inclined to drop down dead.

"Well," Uncle Joe began, "well, aren't you a pack of idiots to sacrifice your comfort and honesty for this wretched show of fashionable life? Now, I've always disappointed you in the money way, and I'll do it still." Mr. Sam Gloss trembled. "I'll do it still; for you think I m going to see you go to ruin, and I won't. I will look over matters with you, Sam, and find out how I can put you on your legs again. But stop this high-pressure livST. NICHOLAS.

'Ho! there at the wicket, who pounds at the Such a din in Olympus was he'er heard be-I would sleep-get ye gone-I'm ailing-I'm the deuce-there again-who is calling St. Nick?"

"Arouse ye! Arouse ye! It's dawning The star that once beamed over Bethlehem's plain—
The star of the Mari, that shone on the morn
When earth's blessed Savier, the Christ-child,
was born!"

"Ho! Ho! Is it so? Then I'll up and away As soon as the Goblins can harness my sieigh." Then he roared such a laugh as he spreng out of bed, It startled the stars in the sky overhead, And they winked at each other as much Say: There is something gone wrong and Old Nick is to pay.

It took but a moment to jump in his 7 oots,
To wrap himself up in the best of fur suits,
To run to the closet and drag out his pack,
Which he swung with a chuckle across his
broad back;
Then off to the stable he dashed 'hrough the

where the reindeer were prancing, all ready

where the reindeer were prancing, all ready to go.

He was up in a jiffy, and, cracking als whip.
With a "Hi, there! my hearties!" he let the reins slip.
Straight down through the welkin they sped like the light;
Without pause or turn to the left. 6.2 the right;
The clouds dragged their skirte to get off of the track,
The winds shrank alarmed—all quite taken aback.
E'en the moon drew in haste a veil o'er her face,

So quick cracked the whip and so first was the pace; And he pealed out a laugh so jocund and gay That Aurora woke up long before it was day; Oh, never such sleigh-ride was ridden before As that of St. Nick with his rich Christmas Far down in the distance Earth rolled fast

asleep, Dark night having wrapped it in silence so deep
That the children, tucked close in their snug
little b ds,
Whence nothing peeped out save their cherubim heads,
Were dreaming of fairies, of frolie and fun,
And other stern facts of life just begun.

It was three by the clock, when out on the roof That tinkle of sleigh-bells and taps of a hoof Made their little hearts bound and flash round

the Earth
A smile such as welcomed the Lamb at its
birth;
But they woke not. Oh, no! Old Nick is so He fastens a padlock on each prying eye.

With a "Whoa, there, my pretties," he stops with a jerk. Lights his pipe, swings his pack, then away to his work. Over steeples and house-tops, in windows, down flues,



ing, and give this girl, Rosie, to Tre- So fleet you would think he had wings to his

words of thanks, but, failing to do justice to their feelings, consoled each other by clasping hands.

There is worse misery than poverty." Uncle Joe went on, "and Miss Loo had better cast about for some good boy at a thousand-dollar salary, for no more a thousand-dollar salary, for no more brokers will desire her dowry to mend with round dimpled cheeks and a fine flashtheir capital. As for Ted," and Uncle Joe rose to go into the library with his brother-"he's an example to all young writers-exact, truthful, impartial. Mr. Gloss used every wile to turn value his manuscript. I shall keep him Uncle Joe's attention; but he went on in pocket-money and make him my heir.

Christmas Is Coming.

-Hope it won't be a green Christmas. Boston Post.

-Bet you that you get a pair of slippers on Christmas Day. - Cleveland Plaindealer.

-The turkey that escaped Thanksgiving begins to tremble for Christmas. -Cleveland Plaindealer. -Married people are generally good

mind readers. Just now wives and husbands are artfully trying to deceive each other as to what they want for a Christmas present .- Boston Globe. "Pay that ten dollars to-day? Why,

my dear sir, do you expect a man to take Christmas money to pay debts? No, sir! no, sir! I still have a warm heart in my bosom, sir!"-Louisville Courier-Journal. -It seems like taking advantage of

Christmas on the remains of the dressing left over from, perhaps, her father's or mother's skeleton, but such things are done. - Rochester Post-Express. -Just at this season of the year the world is divided into two classes-viz.:

Those who find difficulty in selecting appropriate Christmas gifts and those who find difficulty in purchasing them after they have been selected. The latter class is the more numerous. -- Rochester Post-Express.

-"Are you going to present your husband with a Christmas dressing-gown?" asks the Detroit Free Press of the ladies. Perhaps it is not competent, but there are a great many wives who will present their husbands with a Christmas dressing-down if they don't get what they want.—Boston Globe.

-O maiden fair! the Christmas comes, And Christmas snow is flocking. Thou hast my heart, sweet one, or else I'd put it in thy stocking. Close by the chimney it should hang, And warmer grow, and warmer, Till in the morn its captor came, The darling little stormer!

O maiden fair! the Christmas com. And Christmas snow is flocking. Behold a lover at thy feet, If not at thy dear stocking! -Louisville Courier-Journal.

maine, who is a good fellow, if he is In pantries he peeps and through bed-rooms he whirls, Rosie and Fred tried to say some Now pinching the babies, now kissing the

Nor forgetting the switch, always left for bad Then on through the play-rooms to plant those great trees,
Where grow dollies and drums with exquisite ease.

ing eye, Hair jeweled with hail-stones, and such a red nose. It lights up the pathway wherever he goes! Then his rich, merry laugh—ah! never, I fear, Will music so sweet again gladden the year!

But time flies apace. Even now a faint ray Struggles up through the East as the herald of day; The winds wake in protest and scatter the Now, listen! the signal! I hear the cock crow.

"Ho, ho!" cries Old Nick, with his cheeriest warning,
"Merry Christmas to all! and to all a good-Edward C. Hancock.

Christmas.

The stockings are numerous, and they become more numerous year by year; but there is wealth enough to fill them all. The Lord takes care of these things, and no little child will appeal to the Christmas heart in vain. There are problems in political and social economy which can never be satisfactorily solved; but there is a beneficence in the general plan of living and dying which will permit no gross injustice. We go to the Father and to His Son when we die, trusting to their generosi--It seems like taking advantage of an innocent turkey to fatten him for and no little child in New York, and let us believe in all the land-for a single exception at this time would be injustice to the whole plan-will appeal the Father or the Son, or to any of their representatives-and who is not their representative in the Christmas

time?—in vain.

There should be no children's tears to-day or for days to come. As we bope for charity for ourselves, let us be generous to the helplessness which is a type of our own helplessness in the eyes of the Power to which we pray. The little children are bad and good, and ragged and well-clothed, and promising and unpromising, and bright and dull, and jubilant and sullen, and lovable and unlovable; but there is in every pair of eyes the same pleading look and the same kind of tear, either of gratitude or disappointment, and for the most part they have the same kind of heart and the same ability to understand disappointment and injustice.

Light up these little eyes on Christmas morning, and use the means to it at once. Brighten these little faces, though the shining of them shine through dirt that a better article of general government ought to have washed away. Smooth out the care ms.

that comes prematurely to faces that should only know merriment and be an evidence of nothing more serious than careless study and thoughtless play. The Christmas is civilization, and civilization means the tenderest of judgment and the largest of humanity, And of all the humanity that ever blessed mankind, the kind that put its arm around the child and strove to lead him to think well of the world, including its law and its gospel, has done most for the manhood and womanhood that

grew up from that experience. What more might be expected of the Christmas season than this? What more might the Savior, whose birth we celebrate, ask? What better can we do for ourselves and our happiness? For the little children who are to grow up and be men and women along with our children, fighting for life with them in the ordinary existence of every day, are going to give them hard rubs if they are not treated as the Father and the Son want them to be treated now.

It is the Christmas season, and Christmas is civilization. Let us see how civilized we are. Let the snow protected child. Let there be no little one yearning in vain for good fellow-ship. What a farce would Christmas be if there were such a friendless, homeless, suffering waif in all this world .-N. Y. Graphic.

Mistletoe at Christmas Tide.

The hanging of the mistletoe is the cause of much frolic and laughter in the ouse. It is the rule that whoever is passing under the mistletoe-bough must submit to being kissed then and there by whosoever chooses to take that liberty. As a bough usually hangs from the center of the ceiling, spreading over a large space, it follows that there must be much dodging or much kissing; I am inclined to think there are both.

The origin of this use of the mistletoe s not known; but we do know that more than eighteen hundred years ago, when the glad stars sang together over the manger in Bethlehem, and when wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to a young Child in the peasant mother's arms, England was a chill, mist-covered island, inhabited only by savages, who wore gar-ments of skins and lived in huts of mud and stones. Among these savage Britons there were pagan priests called Druids. These priests were a mysterious folk, who lived in dense woods far away from other men, and who, in the gloomy solitudes of the forest, performed strange secret ceremonies. The "sacred groves," as they were called, were of oak; for the oak was a divine tree, according to the Druidical religion. Within these sacred groves the priests, it is recorded in history, offered their sacrifices, and in some manner now not known they employed the mistletoe. But all mistletoe was not sacred to the Druids. They would have none but that which clung to the trunk and was nourished by the sap of the divine oak. To them the apple-tree mistletoe, which modern England uses so freely in her holiday festivities, would be a worthless

and common thing.

When in later centuries England was who went thither from Rome, the people, though professing a belief in Christ, retained many of their heathen rites and customs changed from their original meaning and purpose. At any rate, from the Druids has come the modern usage of the mistletoe-bough, strangely preserved in festivities which commem--St. Nicholas.

THE NEW YEAR.

When, oh! when did the New Year come? When, oh! when did the New Year come?
When the midnight bells were ringing.
There were shadows dark in the far-off sky,
And we were asleep, dear, you and I,
When the little New Year came winging
Its downward flight
From an unknown height,
In the restful, peaceful, watchful night.

How did the New Year come to us?
Unstained and pure and tender,
With the light from the Star of Bethlehem
On the fair young brow like a diadem,
Shining in all its splendor. Are you sorry, dear.

Are you sorry, dear.

That the bright New Year.

Will grow dim and weary with us here?

-M. D. Brine, in N. Y. Independent.

How Times Have Changed!

"Changed!" exclaimed Deacon Green to the dear little school-ma'am, a year ago come Christmas, "I should think they had changed. Why, many's the time I've heard my dear old father tell how, years ago, when he and Aunt Mary were children living on their father's farm in old England, the least little present used to delight them.

"They were well-to-do people, too, the Greens were; but to find one book or a ball or a shepnerd's pipe in his Christmas stocking would make father perfectly happy when he was a boy; and his sister thought a box of sugar-plums, or a new doll, or any one pretty gimerack. was a joy, indeed. Changed! well, I'd like to know! Why, I'm told that a boy of this day, a real boy of the period, would consider himself a much-abused fellow if he didn't find on his Christmastree a ball, a six-bladed knife, a scientific top, a x of carpenter's tools, a printing-pass, a jig-saw, a sled, a bicycle, ice-skates, roller-skates, a Punch-and-Judy show, a telephone, a steam-ena microscope, a steamboat, a working train of cars, a box of parlor magic, a pistol, a performing acrobat, a real watch, a gold scarf-pin, gold cuff-buttons, a bound volume of 'St. Nicholas,' and twenty or thirty other books. more or less, besides a pocket-book with gold money in it, and a pair of kid

"I may have forgotten something," adder the Deacon, wiping his brow, "but so far as I can make out, that's the proper thing for an average boy's

Christmas, now-a-days.

"As for the girls," the good man went on, raising his voice, "as for the girls—

How she did it, I do not know; but that wonderful little school-ma'am actually stopped the proceedings then and there. So, to this day your Jack doesn't know what an average girl of the present day does, might, could, would or should find on a Christmasreq. -St. Nicholas.

-I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year .- Dick-

Christmas Presents.

Children of the present generation are not aware, probably, how much better they fare at Christmas and on their birthdays than their fathers did. And it is a conclusive proof of the growth of our people on the sentimental side of their natures, that it is so.

Forty years ago, in this country, it is not likely that one boy out of a score expected to receive even one present at Christmas. The practice has grown almost universal within the last genera-

Now it might be easy to say that this change arises out of the greater abundance of money in the country. That has helped it, no doubt. But there have always been ways to give presents without spending much money for them. And those presents which we receive at Christmas-tide, which are the handi-



A Quiet Christmas Dinner.

work of loving friends, are those which

are most prized. The last fact shows that present-giving at stated seasons is a matter of sentiment, and it also shows that the more it is that, and the less it is a matter of gain, the more pleasing it is to us. Accordingly it is not that part of present-giving which is due to the greater Nat onal and individual wealth, but that which comes from the sentimental willingness to work for others, and to make an outward expression of the good-will which is not doubted, that is

worth noting and praising.
This laudable tendency of Americans at the present day shows itself also in the fashion of card-sending. Many a miss still at school can remember the time when the practice of sending holiday cards was almost unknown.

Nowadays everybody sends cards, and holidays are almost invented for the purpose of affording an excuse for the cards. The artists and the publishers vie with each other in producing pretty and elegant designs. Christmas, New Year's Day and Easter cards are published and sold by the million. The mails are loaded with them.

All this is very pleasant, indeed. Let the gruff and old-tashioned sneer at the taught the Christian religion by priests folly and the hollowness, as they deem it, of making presents which are expected, and of wishing a Merry Chr.st-

mas by sending a chromo. Most of what is pleasant and agreeable in our association with others comes from the observance of certain formalities. When you bid your neighbor "good morning," what do you mean orate the birth of Him whose pure wor- by it? Certainly not to give him any inship destroys all heathen superstitions. formation. You say it as a matter of formal courtesy. It means that, and

nothing more. But who would abolish the morning greeting, the gentleman's hand-shake, the baby's kiss, that raising of the hat to all lady acquaintances and to all men acquaintances who are accompanied by ladies, and the other formal

courtesies of life? An excess of sentiment and an overdoing of the outward expression of feeling are possible. But Americans have a long road to travel before they are in danger of failing on that side. It will be for our great-grandchildren to preach from the text-less sentiment and more heart. - Youth's Companion.

Crismus.

I like Crismus first rate. Crismus is jolly good feller. So is my mother. When Crismus comes mother always gits a headake, coz she bakes pies in a hot oven. I wouldn't bake no pies in a hot oven if I was my mother. I'd let somebody else bake 'em, an' I'd eat 'em. Crismus comes but onct a vear. I wisht it would come every day. Crismus comes when there is snow and

I don't like snow on a pond, coz your



holes, an' you go through. Jim Delan he was skating onct an' he went through, an' he got wet, an' he got a awful walloping from his father. I guess it hurt him, coz he hollered like a wild steer. I don't know whether wild steers hollers, but they hooks. Jim Delan is a jolly feller. So's my mother. So's Crismus. Crismus is a jollier feller than a wild steer is, coz a wild steera wild steer-a wild steer-coz a wild steer is no feller at all!

-There is a dawning in the sky
Which doth a world of fate imply;
And on each casual, passing face
A look expectant you may trace;
These signs the veteran turkey sees,
And with a deep and mournful sigh
He calls his numerous family nigh
And murmurs, pointing to the trees,
"Roost high, my little ones, roost high!"
-Denver Tribune.

-In England thirty swans are taken from the Thames and killed each year about Christmas time. The Queen has four, the Prince of Wales two and the sisters, cousins and aunts of the royal family one each.

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CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.



billiard hall in Strong City. last Sunday night; but it was quite

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CHASE COUNTY.

To Those Wanting Information.

Letters reach us from parties in the East, almost daily asking for information about Chase county. The questions are numerous and it would require too much labor and money to answer them all. So we have decided to give the advantages effered to farmers stock raisers and business men as briefly as possible:

In the first place, money is a necessary

In the first place, money is a necessary article in Kansas as well as elsewhere; and you will need some to commence with. Pluck and energy are, also, necessary ar-

country can not be found. Winter wheat is an almost sure crop; corn yields largely; other grain as well as anywhere else. To give an idea of the way wheat and corn yields in Chase county, we give the following showing for 1875; Wheat, acreage, 6,0132; yield 132,102 bushels; value of product. \$138,641 58; Corn, acreage, 27,070; yield, 1,136,940 bushels; value of product. \$227.388.

Irish potatoes yield 80 bushels to the

Irish potatoes yield 80 bushels to the arrish potatoes yield 80 bushels to the acre; sweet potatoes, 163 bushels; broom corn, 870 pounds; rye 22 bushels; barley, 23 bushels; oats, 35 bushels; tobacco, 650 pounds. Thus it will be seen, that farming pays in Chase county.

Farm laborers are paid, per month, with beard form \$13,0826.

pard from \$12 to \$26 Vacant lands sell at from \$1:50 to \$9 per

Persons that have any knowledge of stock raising will see by the larae corn product, that this is the place for them to make money. Cattle do well; horses and hogs could not do better. Hogs are hardly ever troubled with the diseases so common in the Feat. Cattle winter well: in the East. Cattle winter well: in sum-mer our unlimited range furnishes ample feed. It is conceded that Chase county is the

It is conceded that Chase county is the best location for sheep-growers in Kausas; and we honestly believe it to be a fact. Men of competency and practical experience in sheep-raising give it as their opinion, that wool of the Merino and other fine varieties can be profitably raised here, at a cost of ten cents a pound. It is believed that the finer wooled will pay the best, as that the finer wooled will pay the best, as a great deal of expense is saved by being able to run them in large flocks. There is generally a fair competition for the purchase of wool. Our grasses are good and nutritious, and herbs and shrubs plentitul. Our upland is rolling. The business of sheep-growing is bound to be an important one in this county, and the time will be dotted over with sheep, as well as cattle. Dairy farming is a branch of industry that will pay in this county. It costs very little to feed milk cows. Butter and cheese have a ready sale.

Chase county has thirty-six good schoolhouses, in which school is held, at least, eight months in the year, thus affording better educational facilities than can be found in the older States.

found in the older States.

We have Congregational Catholic, Methodist, United Presbyterian Quaker and other religious denominations worshiping in this country.

in this county.

Lodges of Masons, Odd Fellows and other benevolent societies are in flourishing condition in this city.

Chase county building stone has justly gained the reputation of being the best in the West; and can be found upon almost every quarter section in the county.

To porties having money to invest in store and gone into

To parties having money to invest in manufacturing establishments we can say that Chase county has from seventy-five to one hundred miles of the best waterpower in Kansas, with material to build dams and mills everywhere. The streams

dams and mills everywhere. The streams are clear and swift-running, with rocky beds. Money invested in utilizing our water-power will yield tenfold.

Chase county has room for a woolen mill, which, we think would pay. Iso, a paper mill; and three or four cheese factories. Besides unlimited room for all other instates.

For any further information address (enclosing stamp)
W. E. TIMMONS,
Proprietor of the Courant.

LOCAL SHORT STOPS.

We need money.

Southwest wind, Monday. South wind, Saturday night.

It was quite cold tast Thursday. Have you subscribed for this pa-

Mr. I. B. Vail was in town this

Cold, Friday night and Sunday

Mr. W. C. Thomas has enlarged

Yesterday was the coldest day of

10° was the way the mercury stood Tuesday. It snowed about one-half inch

deep, Tuesday night. Mr. Chas. Houston will be Mr. Griffis Under Sheriff.

Prof. Louis Heck, of Topeka, was in town, this week.

Sheriff Balch has been quite ill

for about two weeks past. Mr. Peter Weiland has opened a

Mr. J. W. Marie i, of South Fork, left, last week, for the East. The first snow-of the season fell

Mr. Geo. Topping, of Wonsevu; went to Kansas City, Tuesday

Mesers. George McDonald and Walter Hait have returned from Leaven worth.

There will be a Christmas tree at the M. E. church on Christmas one and all, "A Merry Christmas." Eve night.

Mr. J. L. Cochran and wife and Mrs. O. H. Winegar were down to Emporia, last Saturday.

sick for about a week past.

The Strong City Band will give of Newton. a ball in the Opera House in that city, on New Year's Eve night.

The Cottonwood Falls Cornet day night, December 27, in Music

Judicial District, Judge Houk's get they are no longer boys.

of Main street.

3d Sundays, Methodist; 2d and 4th clubs. Fifty cents a year in clubs. its texes against that firm, and said undays, Baptist.

We understand that all the saloons (drinking establishments) in this city and at Strong City have quit that business.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Baptist church in Strong City, on Christmas Eve, at which everybody is invited to be present.

This week we present our read. ers with a "Christmas Supplement," as a slight token of our appreciation of their kind feelings for the COURANT.

county, Ohio, a triend of Mr. J. C. Music Hall, Thursday night, Dec. 27. the guest of Clay Hotel in that larged to its former size, and a on three counts, and fined \$300 to \$5. City, several days last week.

The Rev. J. M. Benton, of the M. E. Church South, preaches the first Sunday of each month in the Baptist church in Strong City, at 11 o'clock, a. m., and 7:30, p. m.

Friends of the Courant, having legal notices to publish, will confer a favor on us by requesting their atterney or the county officers to have them published in the Cou-

Messrs. J. S. Doelittle and David Biggam have another railroad con tract, near Udora, on the Kansas City branch of the Santa Fe road, and Mr. Biggam left, Monday

Mr. Hazel has purchased a grocery store and gone into that business. We wish him success in his new business and new home.

crystal wedding of Mr. and Mrs. and T. H. Grisham; alternates, F. Martin Heintz we failed to state P. Coehran and T. Harrison. The Kelley, at Young & Kelley's Law that Miss Alta M. Tennis's present Department of Kansas meets at Office. was a water pitcher, and Miss Ma- Topeka, July 15, 1884.

mie Gamer's a glass of jelly. church in Strong City will be held City, Kas., bought three Hereford

and 7:30, p. m.; the Sunday-school at 9:30, a. m., every Sunday.

A very fine organ, of the Kimball make, reached here, Tuesday, the gift of Prof. Louis Heck and family, of Topeka, to Miss Mamie Nye, daughter of Mr. J. N. Nye, an old friend of Prof. Heck's.

Last Saturday afternoon, while wo of the sons of Mr. J. W. Jarvis, of Toledo township, were playing together in the house, Orvil, the two-year-old one, fell and broke his right leg, just above the knee.

Married, at Americus, Wednes day, December 12, 1883, by the Rev. J. A. Collins, of the United Presbyterian Church, Mr. Chas. C. McDowell and Miss Lettie Sheehan, both of Cottonwood Falls, Kansas.

Specimen copies of that enterprising monthly, The Housekeeper, Minneapolis, Minn., are sent free, with "Grand Premium List," which offers everything that girls or ladies wear, from a silver thimble to a silk dress, all made up. Wuterbury watches for boys.

Miss Agnes Tracey, tormerly of Strong City, but now at Rattoon, New Mexico, was voted an elegant silver service set as being the most handsome and popular young lady present at a Catholic fair held in the latter city, recently.

Next Tuesday, December 25. will be the anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ, or Christmas Day, and as this will be the last issue of the Courant before that day, we now wish our readers,

have been in attendance at this term of Court, since our last report, are J. A. Smith and A. W. Mr. Wm. Wheeler, the jeweler, Harris, of Strong City; Judge Peyof Strong City, has been quite ton, J. V. Sanders and C. N. Sterry, of Emporia, and Chas. Bucher.

"Familiarity breeds contempt"is, no doubt, what Mr. J. N. Nye thought, the other day, when he Band will give a dance on Thurs- told the lawyer who was cross-ex amining him, and who familiarly said: "Now, Nick," that his name Mr. A. Altdoerster, of Hutchin- is Mr. Nye. It is strange how son, is the Reporter of the Ninth men in this western country for-

The grand double, holiday num Mr. E. Williams is putting down ber of The Housekeeper, with new some curbing and guttering on illustrated premium list, will be the west side of Broadway, north sent free to any address. New and beautiful premiums for ladies, and The religious services at Cedar some good ones for boys and girls, pany. From this verdict it will be Special prizes in gold to larger olubs. Fifty cents a year in clubs.

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On Friday evening, Dec. 21, the children of the Congregational Sunday-school have their jugbreaking. They are to have a Christmas tree on Monday night. All are most cordially invited to attend both of these exercises. The tree is for the use of the public generally. A very beautiful cantata is being prepared for the Christmas tree.

The Cettonwood Falls Cornet Mr. J. L. Funk, of Champion Band will give a grand dance in large attendance is anticipated. and costs. It will be a dress dance and not a The Emporia Band, accompanied for plaintiff. by the inimitable Mr. Jas. Marden, M. Young will furnish the supper. | tled. All are invited.

The election of officers of John W. Genry Post No. 15, G. A. R., Department of Kansas, for the ensuing year, which took place in this cicy, last Saturday afternoon, resulted as follows: C. C. Whitson, Commander (third term); T. H. Grisham, Senior Vice; C. I. Maule, Junior Vice; W. A. Morgan, Chaplain; Geo. W. Hill, Quarter Master; Wm. Norton, Officer of the Mr. Jas, f. Hazel and wife left, Day; A. B. Watson, Officer of the last week, for Kansas City, where Guard. Appointed by the Past Commander: Capt. Ewing, Adjutant; F. P. Cochran, Ser geant Major; T. B. Johnson, Q. M. Sergeant. Representatives: C. In our account, last week, of the C. Whitson, P. C., W. A. Morgan

At the late sales of fine stock at For eggs, butter, chickens and oth-Regular service at the Baptist Chicago, S. F. Jones, of Strong er products, at Pennell's restaurant. on the second and fourth Sundays heifers and one bull; D. B. Berry, Lost, a surgeon's pocket case, on Cottonwood Avenue, Strong Cry, of each month, at 11 o'clock, a. m., lef same place, one heifer, and G. Sept. 9, 1883.

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DISTRICT COURT.

L. HOUK, JUDGE.

The District Court of this county has decided the following cases

since our last report: State vs. N. Brown, appeal; verdiet, not guilty.

W. A. Morgan vs. Geo. Balch; interest, making \$61.06. This was a suit brought by Mr. Morgan, editor of the Leader, to recover the value of a buggy seized by the Sheriff and sold, on a tax warrant against the defunct firm of Ransford, Simmons & Co., of which firm said editor's wife was the Comseen that the county is still out of the county has received pay for the

guano decorated vehicle. State vs. L. C. and J. N. Hawkins, firing revolver into railroad cars; plea of malicious mischief, and

fined \$125 and costs, each. State vs. R. Morgan and M. Quinn, liquor case; plea of guilty on two counts by Mergan, and ordered to jail, where he now is, until fine (\$200) and costs are paid; and dismissed as to Quinn.

State vs. A. Ferlet, liquor case; plea of guilty on one count, and

fined \$100 and costs. State vs. J. N. Nye and M. A.

F. P. Cochran vs. E. and Eliza-

John McCallum and R. M. Watwill furnish the music; and M. M. son vs. Geo. Balch, replevin; set-

settled and dismissed.

Jacob Vail ys. A. L. Seamans, appeal; settled. Ida M. Magerl vs. Anton Magerl;

diverce granted. L. W. Heck vs. Anna Pherson

et al.; decree quieting title. Lucy Gilpin vs. Frank Gilpin. partition; sale confirmed and deed

W. R. Goodwin vs. Henry Howe to be sold if not paid in ten days. Hansoe; divorce granted and cus-

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FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

-Potato tops should be left on the ground they grew on. - N. Y. Times. -The sooner milk is placed in pans after milking, the larger will be the yield of cream.—Chicago Journal.

-A frequent cause of malaria is impure water from cisterns and wells. Upon the first symptom of any unpleasart odor clean out the cistern. See that the well receives no drainage from any unclean source.-N. Y. Herald.

-It may seem extravagant to cut up and plant the largest, smoothest, and nicest potatoes raised, but a very few trials, taking one year with another, will soon convince the grower that it is the most profitable thing to do.-Chicago Tribune.

-A Nevada woman has a novel way of preserving eggs: During the summer she breaks the eggs, pours the contents into bottles which are tightly corked and sealed, when they are placed in the cel-Jar, neck down. She claims the contents of the bottles come out as fresh as when put in .- Exchange.

-The latest novelty in bed linen consists of sheets, pillow cases and shams hemstitched and embroidered, and decorated with diamond-shaped and square blocks of linen, hemstitched or in geo-metric patterns of various kinds, and bordered by frills hemstitched and vandyked in the edges. Others are hemstitched in rings and dots. - Detroit Post.

-Vienna Knobs: Beat half a pound of butter to a cream, stir into it the yolks currants and sugar. Bake them in a moderate oven .- N. Y. Times.

-A kerosene stove with three or four burners is a very convenient thing to put in cellars, and leave burning when the thermometer is far below zero. It will at such times raise the temperature several degrees, often enough to make just the difference between safety and loss of perishable vegetables by frost. The stove should be set on the floor, as the heat rises, while the frost is more injurious at the bottom of the cellar .-Albany Journal.

Should a fowl become crop-bound, work the crop well with the hand, and endeavor to force away the obstruction in the passageway to the gizzard. Should this fail, draw the skin to one side and cut the crop sufficiently to relieve it of the contents. Sew up wound with silk and the fowl will not be seriously damaged. After the cut-ting be sure the obstruction in the passage is removed as well as the contents. - Prairie Farmer.

When to Make Pork.

Swine should be converted into pork before very cold weather, except young ones that are to be kept through. These must have warm, fairly clean, dry quarters or their keeping will not be a source of profit. A hog will live in a small box that he can crawl into to get out of the snow, but a hog or other animal that just lives is an expensive boarder for a man to keep. Six or seven months is long enough to make a nice piece of pork from any well bred, weaned pig, and he who takes a year for it is pretty sure to throw away three or four months' feeding material. Every farmer ought to know that the more rapidly he onverts a young pig into pork, the the pork will cost him per pound, but too many still adhere to the old way of buying shoats in the fall and keeping them a whole year to get from three to four hundred pounds of pork. No pig that weighs forty pounds in October should be allowed to go through the heat of the following summer, but should be hurried along and made to weigh from two hundred and fifty to three hundred pounds or more, dressed, by the last of May. A barn cellar is often condemned for pigs, but if light, dry and warm, there can be no better place for them on the farm. They will keep the manure packed down solid, so it will not spoil by heating, and they will eat and grow almost as well as in summer. Pork is low just now and many will be discouraged about pork making and will keep no pigs this win-ter, but if hogs have usually been kept it would be foolish to let them go now. for it is not unlikely that those who do will find themselves without pork when high prices are offered again.-New England Farmer.

New Method of Curing Hams.

A contributor to the Country Gentle man makes a novel suggestion for smoking hams. As a substitute for the smoke house, he says, smoke a barrel thoroughly with maple or hickory chips (raise the barrel an inch or two from the ground to furnish draught), and when smoked sufficiently, sweep out the inside and give it a slight rinsing with cold water. When you have thus prepared it, pack the hams and shoulders in it, flesh side up, and pour over them the pickle in quantity sufficient to cover them, and your work is done. The pickle extracting the desired smoky the pickle extracting the desired smoky flavor from the barrel, will carry it through the whole mass of meat, and much more equally, or evenly, than by the usual process of smoking, as the flavor will be as strong in the center as at the surface of the ham. In addition to this even flavoring of the meat, this process will be found to be much less troublesome and laborious, avoiding the risk of falling into the fire, of a burning smoke-house, or into the hands of thiev-ing neighbors, beside escaping the filthiness which is inseparable from the common way of smoking, and its consequent waste when preparing it for the table, as the meat is in every way as clean when taken from the barrel as when placed in it. By this process, all the expense, labor and trouble of bagging the hams after making, to keep them from the flies is obviated, as they may be kept submerged in the pickle till wanted, or the last piece is desired for the gridiron, pot or pan. Be sure to smoke the barrel very thoroughly if you would have strong flavor of smoke in vour meat.

-A patient in Barnwell County South Carolina, has obtained a verdict for one thousand dollars against two doctors of that county, for damages sustained by their treatment of his broken arm

The Funny Man.

fresh country-faced youth coming into the office the other morning, with a smile on his face and about a half dozen on the inside of him.

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"The best you got in the shop." "All right, sir; what's the subject?" "We want it fur an obituary." "An obituary?"

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The Latest Bonanza in California.

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OATS-No. 2 24 @ 26
RYE-No. 2 45 @ 46
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A TERRIBLE PROPHECY.

"Air you the funny man?" asked a The Red Sunsets, Cyclones and Earthquakes Foretelling Coming Dis-aster—How to Meet 1t.

aster—How to Meet It.

The recent mysterious appearances following sunset and preceding sunrise have attracted wide attention from students of the skies and the people generally. During the days of recent weeks the sun seems to have been obscured by a thin veil of a dull leaden hue which, as the sun receded toward the horizon, became more luminous, then yellow, then orange, then red; and, as night settled down upon the earth, a dull purple. At first it was thought these appearances were ordinary sunset reflections of light, but it is now pretty, certain that they are either the misty substance of the tail of some unseen comet, in which the earth is enveloped, or a surrounding stratum of world dust or very small meteors. Professor Brooks, of the Red House Observatory, Phelps, N. Y., has turned his telescope upon these objects and discovered what he thinks are myriads of telescopic meteors. If it is unorganized world dust, or decomposed vapors, as the Democrat and Chronicle, of Rochester, N. Y., remarks: "How is this matter to be disposed of? Will it settle and form a deposit upon the earth, or remain a partial opaque shell about the earth to cut off a portion of the sun's light upon it?"

Whatever the mystery is, there is no de-

Whatever the mystery is, there is no de-Whatever the mystery is, there is no denying that some very strange forces are at work in the upper airs. The terrible tornadoes and cyclones which have swept our own country, and the fearful volcanoes and earthquakes which have destroyed so many cities and thousands of people—the tidal waves which mysteriously rise and fall an coasts hitherto unvexed by them—the transplance activity which is evident the tremendous activity which is evident in the sun by the constant revelation of enormous spots upon its surface—all in-dicate unusual energy in the heavenly

dicate unusual energy in the heavenly bodies.

These circumstances recall Professor Grimmer's prophecies that from 1881 to 1887, the passage of the five great planets—Mars, Neptune, Jupiter, Uranus and Saturn—around the sun would produce strange and wonderful phenomena. He says: "The waters of the earth will become more or less poisonous. The air will be foul with noisome odors. Ancient races will disappear from the earth." He attempts to prove his prophecy by the fact that in 1720, when Mars and Sa urn made their passage around the sun coincidentally, great destruction and mortality visited all parts of the globe. He also found the same results in a revious perihelion passages of the planets, and argues that these circumstances always produce epidemics and destructive diseases which will battle the skill of the most eminent physicians; that the poor will die by thousands, the weak and intemperate falling flist, those whose blood has been impoverished by excess of work or dissipation next, and only those who are in comparative vigor shall escape to enjoy the era of renewed activity and prosperity which will follow the period of destruction.

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follow the period of destruction.

Inasmuch as the entire world seems subject to the sway of the heavenly bedies no part of the earth, he thinks, can escape scourging. He even predicts that America will lose over ten millions of people; that farmers will be stricken with fear and cease to till the soil; that famine will make human misery more wretched. That hundreds will fice to overcrowded cities for aid in vain. That sudden changes in ocean currents, temperature and surroundings aid in vain. That sudden changes in ocean currents, temperature and surroundings will entirely transform the face of nature and climate of countries; that the air will be so foul with malaria and other noxious gases; that those who survive will be troubled with disorders of the digestive organs. That many who escape other ills will bloat with dropsy and auddenly pass away, while others will grow thin and drag out a miserable existence in indescribable agony for weeks. Neuralgic pains in different parts of the body will torment them. They will easily tire and become despondent. A faint, hot feeling will be succeeded by chilly sensations while hallucinations and dread of impending ill will paralyze all effort. "The birds in the air, the beasts of the field, ing ill will paralyze all effort. "The birds in the air, the beasts of the field and even the fish of the sea will become diseased, poisoning the air and poisoning the waters of the globe."
We are told on the other hand that those who shall pass through this period of trial will have larger enjoythat those who shall pass through this period of trial will have larger enjoyment of life and health. The earth will yield more abundantly than ever before. The animal kingdom will be more prolific and life prolonged very materially. This prolongation of life will be owing to the healthy electric and magnetic influences that will pervade the atmosphere. It would perhaps seem that the present redness of the sun, and the presence of a belt or veil of cosmic matter, justified, in a measure, the prediction of Professor Grimmer, but disturbing as his prediction may be we are told for our comfort that the strong and pure blooded need have little to fear in these calamities, that those who are delicate or indisposed should adopt means to keep the system well supported and the blood pure and that the most philosophical and effective method of accomplishing this is to keep the kidneys and liver in good condition. From the testimonials of such men as Dr. Dio Lewis and Professor R. A. Gunn, M. D., Dean of the United States Medical college, New York, and thousands of influential non-professional people, it seems almost certain that for this purposping there is no preparation known to science equal to Warner's Safe Cure, better seems almost certain that for this purpose there is no preparation known to science equal to Warner's Safe Cure, better known as Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure. This medicine has acquired the finest reputation of any preparation that was ever put upon the market. It is a radical blood purifier, which soothes and heals all inflamed organs, strengthens the nervous system, washes out all evidences of decay, regulates digestion, prevents malassimilation of food in a philosophical and rational manner, fortifies the system and rational manuer, fortifies the system against climatic changes and malarial influences and the destructive agencies which seem to be so abundant in these "evil days."

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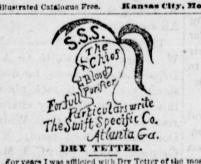
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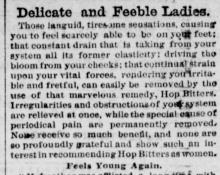
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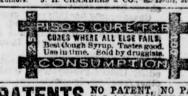
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