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YOLUME IX.

COTTONWOOD FALLS, KANSAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1882.

A WEEK'S NEWS.

struck a camp of half breeds and Crees on Milk River, Montana. The party fled with their horses, leaving behind fifty-eight carts into the Territories and through the States, thereby establishing monopolies in transportation, and directing the Committee of Commerce to report without delay, prohibiting and punishing such combinations. A number of bills were intreduced, one by Mr. Springer, proposing a constitutional amendment relative to the election of President, Vice-President and members of Congress. It fixes the term of the mext succeeding term; abolishes the Electoral College and provides for a direct vote for President. Every State shall be entitled to as many votes as it has Senators and Representatives in Congress, Members of Congress shall be chosen for three years.

In the Senate the 12th, the President submitted a memorial of the Chicago Board of milk River, Montana. The party fled with their horses, leaving behind fifty-eight carts and harness, twenty hides, 16,000 pounds of meat and other property.

Many petitions from the West and Sonth are being presented to Congress, asking for the immediate action of that body on the to-bacco tax. It is claimed that the agitation relative to modification is proving of serious detriment to trade in general, and pending consideration of the subject, business is becoming demoralized.

The National Board of Health has appealed to the different Boards throughout the country for authority to sign a petition to Congress asking the reinstatement of the Board

In the Senate the 13th, at the close of the Assessment resolution. The question being, on Mr. Edmund's motion, to refer Mr. Beck's resolution, and substitute one offered by Mr. Hall to the Committee on Judiciary. After debate this was adopted. Consideration of the Pendleton Civil Service Reform bill was then resumed, which was debated at length and a number of amendments offered, some of which were adopted. Pending the consideration of this bill the Senate went into exceptive session...... In the House the Congressional Library bill was taken up and the motion to reconsider the vote to recommit was tabled. This vote recommittee the bill with instructions to the Committee to report back the bill for the erection of a library on ground belonging to the United States in Washington. The bill was then considered, reported back and passed. The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Military Academy Appropriation bill, and soon reported it back and it passed.

In the Senate the 14th, the bill to promote morning hour Mr. Beck called up his Political

In the Senate the 14th, the bill to promote fliciency in the Navy Chaplains by increasing cfliciency in the Navy Chaplains by increasing their salaries was rejected. Consideration of the Pendleton Civil Service Reform bill was taken up. A number of Senators spoke when Mr. Brown, of Georgia, offered an amendment striking out the provision that entrance to the service shall be at the lowest grade, and providing that competition shall be for offices of all grades, and shall not be confined to persons already in office; also the amendment explicit yauthorizing removals by the President or is ready in office; also the amendment explicit by authorizing removals by the President or heads of departments without an assignment of a cause. Pending which the Senate adjourned..... In the House the Postoffice Appropriation bill was considered in Committee of the Whole. Mr. Caswell explained in detail the provisions of the bill. The total amount appropriated was \$43,948,550, being \$2,700,451 less than the estimates and \$605,380 less than the appropriated was \$43,948,550, being \$2,700,651 less than the estimates and \$605,380 less than the certain for the current year. For the compensation of postmasters \$9,250,000 is appropriated, or \$884,000 less than the estimates. Mr. Robinson, of Massachusetts, inquired whether there were any provisions in the bill for special national facilities; that sixteen States paid their own postal bills and the bills of all the rost. The first ten on the list were six New England and four Middle States. Mr. Anderson, of Kansas, said there seemed to be a general impression in that strip of country known as New England and four Middle States. Mr. Anderson, of Kansas, said there seemed to be a general impression in that strip of country known as New England and bruvest of the American race, he stopped. He did not stop. New England has somewhere about 4,000,000 population, and he rather functed the remaining 50,000,000 of the American people were just brains to the square inch as the inhabitants of New England. He could see no good reasons why, if the remaining 50,000,000 of people could be accorded facilities on ordinary trains, the people of New England. He could see no good reasons why, if the remaining 50,000,000 of people could be accorded facilities. Without closing the general debate the Committee rose and the House aldounded.

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The Pendleton Civil Service bill was further the The Fendleton Civil Service only was further-discussed in the Senate on the 15th, the principal speakers being Messrs. Miller, George, Bayard and Morgan. No important action was taken.... Mr. McLean was admitted to a seat in the House to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Thomas Allen, of the Second Missouri District. The Postoffice bill was considered at length in Committee of the Whole.

WASHINGTON NOTES. The Senate Judiciary Committee has in-

Marshal of the District of Columbia.

The Special Committee on the Improvement causing fatal injuries. The boy, in giving of the Mississippi had a meeting in Washington supposed dying statement, said he believed recently. General Wright, Chief Engineer, Noonan did the shooting, but would not swear recently. General Wright, Chief Engineer, Noonan di was examined as to his observation of the to it. work in progress on the river. He believed the works in tended for the contraction of the river were accomplishing their objects so far two locomotives, was lately being taken up as progressed, as also the works for the protecthe Poplar street grade in St. Louis, it broke tion of the banks of the river. When asked as in two, and the rear part, consisting of four-to his opinion of the efficiency and stability teen cars, dashed down the grade toward the A. Nickerson, Robi

rative of the revelations of the monte men in the jail, concerning the relations of professional thieves and detectives. The committee have employed Gen. H. H. Wells as special M. A. Chapman, who swindled various par-

ly reported from Dakota and other parts of the West, the Commissioner of the General Mike Leonard, of Sedalia, Mo., found a bottle assassin.

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of the morning hour the Senate took up the Bankruptey bill, the question being on Mr. Brown's motion to indefinitely postpone the bill. A debate ensued, and at 2:30 the Senate refused by a vote of 34 yeas to 30 nays adopted the Lowell bill, introduced by Mr. Hordils. The bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciarry. The Senate then by a vote of 44 to 18, took up Mr. Pendleton's Civil Service bill, which was discussed and disposed of by indefinite postponement. In the senate refused by a vote of 44 to 18, took up Mr. Pendleton's Civil Service bill, which was discussed and disposed of by indefinite postponement. In the senate refused by a vote of 44 to 18, took up Mr. Pendleton's Civil Service bill, which was discussed and disposed of by indefinite postponement. In the senate refused and disposed of by indefinite postponement. In the senate refused and disposed of by indefinite postponement. In the senate refused and disposed of by indefinite postponement. In the senate refused the senate refused by a vote of 44 to 18, took up Mr. Pendleton's Civil Service bill, which was discussed and disposed of by indefinite postponement. In the senate refused by a vote of 44 to 18, took up Mr. Pendleton's Civil Service bill, which was discussed and disposed of by indefinite postponement. In the senate refused the senate refused to two cents, has taken preliminary steps for the was cent two-cent stamps.

Through contracts will be made in January for star mail service, 344,000 miles of route, principally West and South, for which not more than one hundred bids have been received. The Department thinks the cause of the feet bids so wing to the fact, there is a half years old. The whole came deathly sick, and alm spasms until they womited freely child soon died in convulsions. The bill was referred to two cents, has taken preliminary steps for the was calken preliminary steps for the manufacture of two-cents taken preliminary steps for the bill was refused in convulsions. The bill was refused in convulsions. The bill was refu

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Catholic, but had a Protestant stomach, and would eat meat, but the piece lodged in his Little Rock, Ark., to three years' imprisonthroat and strangled him.

A terrible accident happened near Altoona, Pa., the other night, by which four persons were killed. The parties were J. Parks, Wm.

similar fate.

THE WEST. TA

Manager Merrill, of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, telegraphed from New York to

A thief walked into Miles' jewelry store at who now resides at Albuquer of this railway organization.

collided and both horses were so badly injured | not in the South mentioned in the list. at \$5,000 each. The Hall Block, Toledo, O., was totally de-

city. Losses aggregate \$650,000, largely covered by insurance.

At Greenville, Minn., John Callighan, hav-

ing been on a long spree, was being taken home by his son, aged twelve, when Marshal Noonan tried to arrest Callighan. A man structed its Chairman to call on the President son drove away. During the row that folto state his reasons for removing Marshal lowed they were pursued and four shots fired Henry, and the appointment of McMichael as at them. The father was killed instantly, and two shots penetrated the body of the boy, and killed his wife, and then committed suf-

of the works, he said he had the filter. On the way down it collided with a mad Hiram Palmer.

In them and had no reason to doubt the correctness of the theory upon which the work was begun.

The Citizens' Committee of Washington have received information regarded corrobo-The Senatorial fight in Michigan is becom-

ties at Rankin, Ill., in amounts aggregating stantly. The murderer then ro With the view of guarding as far as possi-bles against such land frauds as those recent-Neb., and will be taken to Illinois for trial.

Land Office, with the approval of Secretary of whisky on the railroad switch near his father, has issued a circular letter to Registers father's house. He took it to his father, who nd Receivers of the United States land offices took a drink, and then gave a portion to his wife and three children, the youngest two and met at Abilene last week in convention to

Cholera is reported to be raging with such terrible fatality near Chapas, Mexico, that in Davis; W. W. Scott, of Lyon; W. H. Carter, for star mail service, 344,000 miles of route, some places owners of and laborers on plantaprincipally West and South, for which not tions all died, and it was not possible to bury more than one hundred bids have been received. The Department thinks the cause of death's occurred in Tonula. A terrible panic E. N. Stearns and A. P. Collins, of Saline; J.

A. Alston in 1879.

City Tax Collector and Assessor of Louisville, Ky., for 1878, report 222 cases in which the city has been defrauded of sums ranging from simended as to make railroads common carriers. Mr. Knappenberger said that he would assessment district of the city, and false enassessment district of the city, and false entries made between July 1 and December 31,

The other night the house of Singleton James, on a plantation near Atlanta, Ga., was destroyed by fire. Thomas Knight and two children were burned to death. Knight was lying drunk in the house when the fire oc-

tally shot his brother-in-law, Gus McCurdy, at Montgomery, Ala. The first shot was with a pistol, the second shot a gun.

Pecos River, near the end of the Mexican Pacific track, fell in a solid mass, precipitating nineteen hands a distance of seventy-five feet on the rocks below. Eleven men were killed would be safe to elect the Commissioners.

The steamer Kate Kinney was destroyed by

ment for opening registered letters.

GENERAL. Ceylon is the place of exile selected for the

probably be a total wreck. The captain and ten of the crew were drowned. Four of the crew were saved.

The City of Kingston, the capital of Jamaica, was recently the scene of a terrible Legislature. Mr. Dunsmore thought that the The City of Kingston, the capital of Jaconflagration. The loss is estimated at \$30. laws in relation to corporations should not be 000.000. Only once before has the town suffered so severely from fire, and that was in February, 1782.

Cladstone has resigned the Chancellorship

of the Exchequer, and Right Hon. Hugh C. gave way and Annie Casey, John Snowden, Thomas Kindle and Violet Barker, children, pointed to succeed him. A number of changes were drowned. It is feared that others met a in the English Ministry will beccome necessary by this arrangement.

THE LATEST.

The Civil Service bill was further considered in the Senate on the 16th, and Mr. Ingalls Freight and Passenger Agents of his road to restore at once the old rates.

Burglars recently entered the store of J. G. Morrow at Winthrop, Mo. A hole was drilled by the Morrow at Winthrop, Mo. A hole was drilled by the Republicans, and the Republicans to thwart the Democrate, in which publicans to thwart the Democrats, in which plosion was of such force that the entire front of the store was blown out. The thieves suclant and offensive." Mr. Dawes introduced a bill appropriating \$250,000 to settle the indebtedness of the Kansas Indians, as repre-sented by Kaw serip, with the proviso that the United States shall be reimbursed from the sale of Kansas Indian lands.

Congress has been asked to pass a bill granting the right-of-way through the Chickasaw and Choctaw lands in the Indian Territory to the Mississippi, Albuquerque and Inter-Ocean Raffway. Ex-Lieut. Gov. Stover, of Kansas. who now resides at Albuquerque, is President

The Postoffice Department has placed upon the proprietor's attention was turned, the its black list about 240 Southern matrimonial thief succeeded in getting off with diamonds and natal associations, and postmasters have been instructed to return senders any money orders addressed to the associations. The Michigan Mutual Association is the only affair

It is generally understood at Washington, that Gen. Sherman will give up the active command of the army next fall. After mak stroyed by fire on the morning of the 15th. It ing his annual report and closing up his af-was one of the finest business blocks in the shape for Gen. Sheridan.

The President has accepted 200 miles in Arizona and fifty miles in the Indian Territory of the new road of the Atlantic and Pa-

cific.

Hon. Godlove S. Orth, of Indiana, died at named Morris interfered, and the father and his home in Lafayette, on the 16th, of bloodpoisoning superinduced by cancer. He was in his 66th year.

At San Francisco, Cal., Charles Pope shot

cide. The couple had separated after a quar A terrible boiler explosion occurred at th

agricultural implement works of Parlan Orendorf, at Canton, Ill., on the 16th, which the engine house was completely molished and six men instantly killed, name Tom McCarney, engineer: Louis H A. Nickerson, Robert McGrath eaving his wife in charge of the store. An unknown ne-gro man entered the store, and finding Wright gone demanded the money that was in the drawer. Mrs. Wright refused the demand,

is to be his successor. e store One morning lately the eight-year old boy of der, could give but a vague description of the

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

A number of members of the Legislature a half years old. The whole family soon became deathly sick, and almost went into spasms until they vomited freely. The youngest child soon died in convulsions. It is supposed child soon died in convulsions. It is supposed to the poisoned.

Sentatives J. W. Dunsmore, of Neosho County; Max Buck and C. Sweezy, of Osage; A. C. Davis; W. W. Scott, of Lyon; W. H. Carter, of Chase; J. W. Butterfield, of Marion; J. R. Burton and C. B. Hoffman, of Dickinson; W. M. Simpson, of McPherson; L. Hersigg, of Ellsworth; J. J. A. Dixon, of Russell; F. Charlesworth and J. H. Kyle, of Mitchell; J. B. Crange, of Osborn; M. F. Knappenberger, of Jewell; J. D. Snoddy, of IAnn, and Senators Greene and Anderson. J. J. A. T. Dixon, of Russell County, was chosen to act as chairman, and upon motion of Mr. Martin it was agreed that what is known pointed by the Governor; he preferred that the Legislature or the people should elect them. Mr. Walton wanted to know why these Commissioners should be elected by the Executive Council. Mr. Burton thought the Commissioners ought to be appointed by the Governor, by and with the consent of the Senate. Political convenappointed tions for the nomination of candidates for Commissioners would be more likely to be controlled by the railroads than would the Governor and forty State Senators. The Gov-A San Antonia special states that on the 12th the false work of the bridge across the Great Dry Canyon, four miles west of the Governor and the Senate could be held responsible, but the Conventions of political parties could not. If the people cannot trust the Governor and the Senate on their ceths the

cannot trust political Conventions. Mr. Snodon the rocks below. Eleven men were killed and several seriously injured. The disaster will delay the completion of the bridge perhaps sixty days.

The steamer Kate Kinney was destroyed by The steamer Kate Kinney was destroyed by fire at Shreveport, La., on the 15th. The boat was valued at \$20,000, and the cargo, principally of cotton, at \$100,000.

John C. Rudd, mail agent, was sentenced at the Commissioner system. Such he believed to be the experience of sevelal States. Mr. Carter said that railroads ought to be governed by their charters. Mr. Sweezy wanted to know whether a railroad bill was to be adopted for the benefit of the railroads or the people, Egyptian rebel prisoners.

The German bark Argonaut, Captain Brewers, from Bremen for New York, was reported ashore on the Is and of Torschiling, and will to the mutual interests of the people and the railroads. Mr. Walton was in favor of choosing Commissioners by a special election by the

and tribunals of the State. He believed the people should have the right to go into the courts for a redress of grievances committed by the railroad corporations. He believed that rates should be proportioned to the net earnings of the roads. Mr. Burton believed that the Commissioners ought to be empowered to fix rates, redress wrongs, and enforce the law, and he thought the railroads ought to pay the expenses, because their own acts required such a law. At the evening session the consideration of the Ware bill was resumed. Mr. Martin thought the Commissioners ought to be confirmed by the Senate, not by the Executive Council, and \$3,00) salary to each was enough. Mr. Burton thought \$5,000 a fair compensation for the talent required. Mr. Hoffman said that section twelve was too loose. The Board should classify and fix the rates. Mr. Martin said a retired railroad man told him that the railroads were conducted as steals, not on fair principles. Mr. Burton said the clause requiring companies to furnish cars when in their power should be stricken out and insert "shall furnish cars." Mr. Walton thought the Board should decide whether the road could furnish cars. Mr. Snoddy said the roads should do so—no could about it. A committee of five was appointed on business, and the convention adjourned for the day..... Upon assembling next morning, after discussion, the general expression was in favor of the Ware bill, or a similar one. The Business Committee pre-sented a report, recommending that a commit-tee of nineteen members be appointed to gather data and proofs of extortionate charges and discriminations on the part of railroads, and also recommended that a committee of one be appointed to correspond with members in regard to railroad legislation. The report was adopted, and Messrs. Turner, Herzig, Hoffman, Greene, Charlesworth, Ryan, Walton, Knappenberger, Reeves, Butterworth, Ware, Waters, Elder, Crane, Mitchell, Sweezy,

Hoffman, Rush and Russell appointed. Mr. Burton was appointed the committee on correspondence. A committee to prepare an address to the people of Kansas was appointed, and the Conven-tion adjourned to meet in Topeka January Wm. A. Baker, who was tried for forgery, raising a check from \$12 to \$1,200, was found guilty in the United States Court, at Topeka

ast week, and sentenced to hard labor in the penitentiary at Chester, Ills., for two years. A lawyer named Sprowls, who was once County Attorney of Kingman County, but who had been arrested upon the charge of swindling and released on bail, disappeared, and it was thought had jumped his bond. Later developments, however, lead to the belief that he was murdered by others of the gang implicated with him in the land swindles for fear that he would turn State's evidence. Detectives are working the case up. There is a rumor current at Topeka, that

Judge Morton, of the Shawnee district, intends to resign his judgeship in February next, and that Hon. John Martin, of Topeka,

The Senate last week confirmed the follow ing Kansas Postmasters: Wm. Reinhard, Abilene; John L. Brown, Wamego; John L. Harris, Pleasanton; Charles H. Kurtz, Augusta; Mrs. Clara L. Nichols, Fort Leaven-

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caused by Democratic opposition to the majority. The disaster of 1879 was the crushing consequence of a policy it was sheer mainess to inaugurate and ruin to carry out. It is needless now to dwell on that historic humiliation and the causes that led to it. But it teaches, what all our recent defeats have emphasized, that division means defeat. And that lesson had sunk so deeply into the hearts of the Democracy of the State that, at the Syracuse Convention in October, their representatives determined to make an end of division and harmonize the party at whatever cost. They did this work well. They took the representatives of all branches of the party into council. They adopted a platform on which every true Democrat can stand, and does stand. They nominated a State ticket which commended itself to all Democrats and good citizens. And the Democratis and good citizens are the party justify its name and its professions. Only by living up to that at an the party justify its name and its professions. Only by living up to that at an keep, for the people resent anything that seems like an assertion of a perpetual lien upon their suffrages. The Democracy must remember that it is expected to use its power for the benefit of the whole people.—Boston Post.

The Republican Overthrow Final.

There seems a singular concurrence of opinion among party leaders that th

public danger and public good. The resu t has been a great tidal wave, and from one hundred and fifty-four Republicans, one hundred thirty-two Demo-

It is perfectly plain that the interests Republican party." ences and resentments and ambitions, Republican party.

and co-operate with every other Demoand co-operate with every other Democrat in supporting a policy which if carried out will create a new era in our
history. Before the election it was
proper enough to insist on union for the
sake of victory. Now, the victory has
been won through the union, we ought
to demand harmony, all the more for
the sake of the great interests the Democratic is the only party that represents
and champions. Wherever it is possible for one organization to fill the field
and do the work of the party well, the
spirit of conciliation should prompt our
people to union. Wherever leading
Democrats have stood apart distrusting
each other, believing the worst accusations against each other, growing con-

The Democratic Responsibility.

the evidences of confidence in the Democratic party which the cheering returns afford, the party is not yet in a position to more than take the initiative in public measures. The Senate and the Executive can negative the best work that the irouse may do, and under such circumstances, no matter how sagacious and progressive the popular branch may be, it will receive but partial credit for its good intentions, and will still be unable to see its principles carried out for count of this condition of things, its satisfaction never before illustra the good of the country. But if on aclabors are less fructifying, its responsi-bility is none the less great. It must so act as to justify by its evident temper the confidence that has been so to take advantage of power. The for the care of each horse, the bear belley days.

The recent revolution in the politics of the country demonstrates the importance of union and harmony in the Democratic party. Of all the lessons taught by the result of the election, none is of more significance than this fact. There have been many painful experiences from the effects of division within the past few years. In the Presidential election of 1880 the division in New York defeated the Democratic candidate. This year the Democratic opposition to the major ize the politics in New York the Star has never before been known. In speaking of the politics in New York the Star has this to say:

"Every defeat in this city since the reorganization of the Democratic opposition to the major ity. The disaster of 1879 was the crushing consequence of a policy it was sheer maines to insequence of a policy it was sheer maines to insequence of a policy it was sheer maines as well to be placed in a semi-judicial candor and impartiality, judging all claims strictly according to law and evidence. In an article upon this general theme, the Albany Arqus, excellent Democratic authority, says: "The party should at once and for all dismiss any idea that it comes into power to wreak revenges or reprisals, or to fortify itself against political changes in the future by present devices, or by such an abuse of public trusts as Stalwardsm practiced. Reforms and not retaliations are the avenue to public confidence. A record which will command reward, when guaged by the reason, the virtue and the intelligent self-interest of the voters, will give a party stronger and longer hold than any recourse the physical power to take it exists." That applies as well to the party in State and municipal affairs as it, does in

These facts carry their own moral party is final. For some years, at least with them and teach a lesson that is since the "bloody shirt" was furled, pust as important to the Democracy Republicanism has existed and governed throughout the Union as to New York. By Democratic union and harmony the Republicans were overthrown in many States where least expected. This was the result of throwing into a common grave and burying far out of sight the antagonisms, the bitter personalities and faction feuds of a disastrous past. The interest of the people and the general welfare of the country, the great principles upon which our free institutions rest, required every Democrat to subordinate personal feelings and preferences and ambitions to the public danger and public good. The veneration of an empty name, and the selfish and ambitious will desert the ship so ruthlessly dismantled, plundered. scuttled and sunk by Jay Hubbell.

Mr. Blaine evidently thinks the catas crats and five Readjusters and Independents in the Forty-seventh Congress, the Forty-eighth Congress will have a majority of sixty-eight Democrats in the house, with a tie in the Senate and favorable to the Democrats in a party vote.

It is perfectly plain that the interest.

and duty of the Democrats require a continuation of this connection the Star presents a solid truth, when it states that "the revived party exists for the good of the people, not for the enrichment of the place happens and the consistency policy. It is supposed invincibility, ascribed to its power to dispense public patronage. It has used offices to buy votes, and Jay people, not for the enrichment of the place happens. place-hunters. This magnificent public consisted simply in this theory. The end is of itself enough to lead every people have slowly comprehended the Democrat to smother personal preferfacts, and have utterly discarded this

tions against each other, growing continually further alienated, there should be reconciliation for the common cause. Principles, not men, was the old motto. ments of the Jeffersonian organization. Principles, and the men who advocate them, should be the motto of the victorious Democracy now—principles, and the men who sacrifice their preferences and ambitions and resentments, their time and talents, for the principles. This policy of conciliation and harmony, for the sake of the interests, and ideas Principles, and the men who advocate There can hardly be a combination unfor the sake of the interests and ideas which the party exists to further, will never more be a candidate, and when make the victories of this year prepare the way to still greater triumphs."

—Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer.

mever more be a candidate, and the lamost every intelligent Republican confesses his party's mission accomplished and that its end, like that of the old

Whig party that gave it birth, has come. With the return of peace and settle-It is perhaps a wise provision that each Congress is elected a considerable time in advance of its first session.

This gives its members an opportunity This gives its members an opportunity to study the questions upon which they will be called to act without cramming, and ought to equip them with a good understanding, in theory at least, of the important problems with which they will be expected to grapple. The victory which the Democratic party achieved in the recent election, almost unprecedented, when we consider that most of the fresh triumphs were scored in the North, places upon it a responsibility that is little less than tremendous. But even with that responsibility and the evidences of confidence in the Democratic party which the cheering returns. the Republican party is doomed. It will be defeated, even if it exist, in 1884, will be defeated, even if it exist, in 1884, and disappear forever as a National political organization. Other duestions, economy in government, reform in the Civil Service, local freedom, Federal non-interference in affairs of the States, and many others may be discussed by the press and party leaders, but the end is seemingly inevitable just now that the next President will be a Democrat, and the whole country with a degree of and the whole country with a degree of fesses the fact and the supreme neces sity. - American Register.

- Fifteen hundred Erie Canal horses unreservedly given it. Let this be remem-bered, especially in the matter of con-tested election cases, to come before the next House. That is no place in which

Recess.

Official Paper of Chase County.

W E.TIMMONS, Editor and Publisher

Gov., Glick will be inaugurated January 8, and the Legislature will meet on the following day.

this city, died at his home in Dodge no means to make this the dance City. Low prices and best of City, Dec. 8, 1882, of consumption, of the season, but have, at great in the 27th year of his age.

Befere another issue of the Cou BANT Christmas will have come and gone; therefore, we present Templar Band, who will give one purchase. our readers with a "Holiday Sup plement," this week, and at the Mr. James Marden has been en same time we wish each and all of them a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

It has been decided that there is to be no "pemp and circumstance" at the inauguration of Gov. Glick; Floral Guide, which is on our desk, inauguration, because it was the graph cover, is handsome enough are right down to bedrock. people who elected Mr. Glick.

Indianapolis, Ind., who is the Presi dent of the well-known Bryant's tion. These who send 10 cents for Business College at St. Joseph, it can not be disappointed, as the Missouri, has published a "Chart of Double-Entry Book-Keeping," Address, as in past years, James est designs in English queensware, which is a practical "Key" to the Vick, Rochester, N. Y. science. It is the result of many years experience as accountant, counsellor and teacher, and con tains information of great unlity to every accountant, officer, attorney, teacher, and such others as may have occasion to test the accuracy of books, financial statements or business calculations. It will be sent to any address on receipt of \$1.00, by T. J. Bryant.

DISTRICT COURT.

S. R. PETERS, JUDGE.

Since our last week's report, the District Court, which is still in session in this city, has disposed of the following cases:

Geo. Baich vs. Board of Com missioners; judgment for defend

P. J. Norton vs. same; dismissed without prejudice.

Wm. Forney vs. same; dismisse at cost of plaintiff.

ing a nuisance; dismissed.

State vs. A. J. Beverlin, assault; verdict, guilty. State vs. Chas. Larkins, assault;

Jabin Johnson vs. Wm. and B Jeffrey, damages; verdict for \$544.

90 for plaintiff N. J. Swayze vs. J. R. Black shere, note; verdict fer \$112.05.

Bansford, Simmons & Co. vs. S. W. Smith, attachment; judgment ter \$19.62. A. S. Howard vs. School Board

District No. 6; injunction made perpetual.

Chas. McDowell vs. same; same

A. R. Ice vs. A., T. & S. F. R. B., damages; judgment for \$250, Paint Shop. and \$25 attorney's fee.

J. W. Griffis vs. same; mandate of Supreme Court entered.

Judge Peters left for St. Louis, ed at Pennell's. Monday morning, on business, and since then Mr. W. W. Scott has been acting as Judge pro tem.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION. The following is the programme of the meeting of the Chast County Teachers' Association, which will be held on Saturday, January

MORNING SESSION, 9 TO 12 O'CLOCK.

Orthography.—The larynx and appendages; discritical marks of a and e; sound—elementary sounds; pare tones, Prof. Crichton.

History. — Early explorations, Mr. I. C. Warren. Geography.-Mathematical geography; zones, parallels, mendi-Grammar.-Study of the pro-

noun; review of neun, Prot. Wm. Arithmetic.-Proportion and 118

relations; persentage, abstract and applied, Mr. J. M. Warren. AFTERNOON SESSION, I TO 4 Roll call .- Quotations from Em-

Biography of Ralph Waldo Em erson, Mr. Wm. C. Yeager. Recitation, Miss Ella North. Paper, Mr. J. M. Warren.

Recitation, Miss Abbie Johnson. Indeidents is the life of Emerson, Miss Clara Baily. Recitation, Miss Alice Rock

Recess.

Recitation, Miss Carrie Boyd. Paper, Miss Mary E. Hunt. Reading, Miss Lizzie Staples. Query box, J. M. WARREN, Conductor.

MARY E. HUNT, Secretary.

MASONIC DANCE. Zeredatha Lodge No. 80, A. F and A. M., will give their eleventh annual ball, in Music Hall, on Wednesday evening, December 27. Hon. Lloyd Shinn, formerly of As usual, the Masons have spared expense, employed the Emporia of his unparallelled cornet solos. Mrs. M. M. Young will prepare according to size.

nevertheless, the Democracy, the we should judge that the young people, should turn out from all Vicks are "chips off the old block," parts of the State to witness the as the Floral Guide, with its lithofor the parlor table. It is printed Prof. Thos. J. Bryant, formerly of ored plates of flowers and vegeta bles, and is full of aseful informaplates alone are worth the money. choice assortment of the very new-

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The annual mosting of the Chase County Horticultural Society will galus at Doolittle & Son's, where o. m., on Saturday, January 6th, 1883. The election of officers for portant business will come before the meeting; and each member and all others interested in horticulture now. are earnestly requested to be pres-J. W. BYBAM, Secy.

PROMOTED. The following pupils have been promoted from the intermediate to the principal's department in the city school: Nellie Howard, Dottie Scribner, Katie Pence, May Jenson, Nellie Watson, Rida Winters, Jennie Jones, Willie Austin, Lorenzo Walter, Bert Bodge Frank Strail aud Richard Lloyd No promotions from the primary

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"Christmas comes but once a rear;" but you can always get baryou can now, also, find Christmas be held at the office of S. P. Young, goods. Go and examine their in Cottonwood Falls, at I o'clock, goods before purchasing elsewhere. J. W. McWilliams is agent for the

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Foliday Supplement.

"ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN."

THE JOLLY YOUNG KING.

There's a young fellow, so blithe and merry, Who goes by the name of — "January."

He keeps out of sight Till a certain night,
When old Father December
Lies low on his bier,
And his crown, you remember,
Awaits the New Year.

This little new King, as he steps to his throne, Makes many a promise that he will atone For the faults of the old year, or many or few, And no doubt the gay fellow does mean to be true.

And no doubt the gay relief.

To each and to all,

But the best of us fail;

Ind so it turns out

That the New Year, you see,

Though he daily grows older,

No wiser grows he.

And so, laden with many a sorrow and tear,

He, too, leaves his throne, and there reigns

New Year.

But here's to the health of the merry new King!
To his true, loyal subjects new Joys may he bring!
May the months be so glad
That no heart may be sad!
May peace and prosperity walk hand in hand, And doubt and perplexity flee from the land.
For "A Happy New Year."
Cries young January,
"I'm coming! I'm here!
Let all hearts be merry."
—Mary D. Brine.

Light From the Christmas Tree.

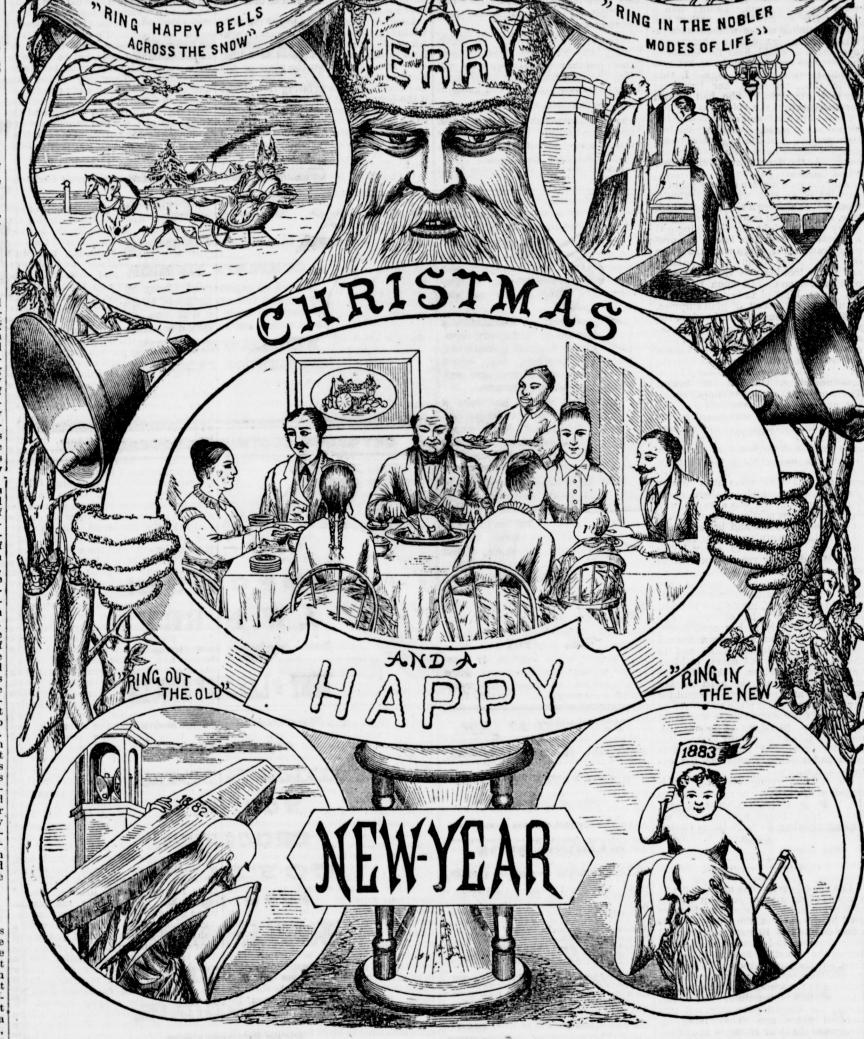
The Glastonbury thorn which bloomed at Christmas tide was only the popular symbol of that mid-winter blossoming of the fir and the pine which stands in our homes in these happy days loaded with unwonted fruit, and ringed by cir-cles of shouting children. Loving thoughts have planned during busy weeks for this hour, when the light of the tapers is reflecting back from shining faces; loving hands have bent every twig and bough into the service of af-fection; and when at last the candles are burned out, and the branches are bare, the mystical tree has dropped its

fruit into every life, and sent the glow of its circling lights into every heart. The little child who counts his years by the lighted trees which have lighted its short path, if he learns the secret of the Christmas tree, will find the highway of life overshadowed by the fruitage of God's love. The ministry of heaven to earth, by which through shower and shine the forests are clothed, and the flowers are strewn far and wide in endless blooming, is not more pervasive and continuous than God's tender affection for the men and women whom He fashioned in His own image. In every life that is opened up to the Divine purpose God sows the seeds of infinite joy and fruitfulness. If care and sorrow make deep furrows the seed falls into richer soil and the harvest is the more abundant. God's gifts come under strange disguises, but that is because they are sent to the very highest that is in us, and we must grow into their use before they reveal themselves. That which seems to hold us back from peace and joy is the very thing that makes it possible to attain these precious possessions. The bird would find his nos useless were t mosphere to bear him in his heavenward flight, and the soul that had never known the throb of sorrow, the agony of conflict, the weariness of disappoint ment, would find its aspirations powerless to lift it upward. It is not strength of wing alone, but strength of wing and resistance of air that make possible the skyward flight. — Christian Union.

What to Buy.

These are the days when one hears complants on every hand regarding the purchase of Christmas presents. The ladies are almost in despair as to what they can buy for their gentlemen friends, and the men don't know what the ladies want. We take it upon ourselves to make some suggestions, first to the lady. Suppose you buy him a boot-jack. They all have 'em? Oh, no they don't, and they are as novel as they are useful. Or course, a wooden boot-jack is not a very ornamental thing, but you can decorate it with roses and bugs and such things, and make it look quite antique and striking. We just know he would like it, and if own hands adds a value to the gift he does not use it to draw off his boots which cannot be reckoned in dollars he can shy it at the festive cat from the and cents. Every one realizes this. It second-story window. If you will not give him that, how would some cigars out bearing them in mind; and we do and a case of champagne answer? He not willingly keep those in mind whose don't drink? Is that so? Well, then presence there is not agreeable. suppose you give him the slippers you have been working for the minister? He has a pair? Lucky man. Then go boxing-gloves, or an easy chair that every woman with the average degree will fall to pieces in a week. Now, if among all those articles you cannot find one that will answer, it is because every thing we have mentioned is too expensive. If you want to make your husband a present of something more vuluable than anything else, and at the same time something that will not cost you a single cent, we will tell you what it is. Make him a solemn promise not to give him a curtain lecture in a whole year, and he will think himself the happiest man in the land. To the gentlemen fewer words will be neces-sary. Buy her an unusually large opera hat, two dollars worth of mixed candy, a poodle, a white crow, (don't leave out the "r," oh! gentle compositor), a sewing-machine that runs by elec-tricity, a patent mop that wrings itself, a new kind of dish-water, or any similar thing equally esthetical. If you of skill can reproduce as souvenirs for don't think she would be suited with her friends. any of these things, suppose you insure your life for one hundred thousand dollars and sink yourself in the canal. How do you think that sort of thing would suit her for a Christmas present? The household given to hospitality, there is nothing which she will appreciate more than a set of "dinner fawould suit her for a Christmas present?" For these there are numbers of -Rochester Express.

-This is the season of the year when



Looking Toward Christmas.

The thought which goes into a Christ-

Happily, so many ingenious minds and fingers have been at work in the buy him a pair of gloves, two sizes too the simple, pretty and artistic things fection—shading off into the tint of the may be made. By this is to be under-thange, a stove-pipe hat, a rat-and-tan, that have been produced—things which silk—the inequalities of the oven which



If one of these friends is the mistress pretty novelties easy to make, and pleasant to receive. An appropriate favor is a cracker which proves also to all dear, good wives go down town and be a scent-sachet and a pin-cushion. buy a handsome Christmas present for their husbands. The gift is hidden are cut the size of soda-crackers. Then away and reaches "hubby a day or two before the bill of it does.—Detroit Chaff."

Square and round pieces of pasteboard in the lettering, for a pungent legend in the store windows that real cross-way and reaches "hubby a day or two before the bill of it does.—Detroit Chaff."

Square and round pieces of pasteboard in the lettering, for a pungent legend in the store windows that real cross-will help to pass off your possibly unstable and some dolls are displayed in the store windows that real cross-will help to pass off your possibly unstable and some dolls are displayed in the store windows that real cross-will help to pass off your possibly unstable and some dolls are displayed in the store windows that real cross-will help to pass off your possibly unstable and handsome dolls are displayed in the store windows that real cross-will help to pass off your possibly unstable and handsome dolls are displayed in the store windows that real cross-will have on each side a thin layer of bat-before the bill of it does.—Detroit Chaff.

nearly the shade as can be procured of the cracker. These are neatly overstitched. Then, with a silk thread, the same shade as the silk, stitches are thing goes off merrily; your cards belating the pricking of the cracker. have not only given pleasure to one, These are not too regularly taken, but but have put it out, as it were, at comwith that appearance of a careless effort pound interest. at regularity which the hasty baker gives. But the cracker is not yet done; the last artistic touch is to be given with a little deeper shade of brown walast few years, that there is no end to ter color paint, which imitates to pergive here and there a deeper tinge to the baking. A plate full of these mixed crackers is so deceptive that astonishmental. The box may be of any plain ment and surprise will break up the icest formality of a dinner party, for which again your hostess will thank you over and over. Painted menu cards have been so oft-

> ther to say than that usually, when amateurs undertake anything of the kind, they make the mistake of undertaking too much. The most desirable menu beauty, but of mind and humor—esprit, as the French say. Whatman's water-color paper with a good grain, cut into the necessary shape, is material color by material color paper with a good grain, cut into the necessary shape, is material color by material color paper with a good grain, cut into the necessary shape, is material color by for beginning. If one can draw or design, the deed is three-fourths done. If be stiff enough, is of no consequence. not, don't disdain tracing-paper in the service of your friend. Fortunately, in one way or another the country is flooded with suitable designs. None are prettier than those which are usually way, and decorated as has been described above for the colored with suitable. A second shorter piece is prepared in the same way, and decorated as has been described above for the colored with a colored with matting and framed. one way or another the country is flooded with suitable designs. None are prettier than those which are usually kate Greenaway figures, but which embrace figures from "Patience" as well as "Pinafore," and sketches full of human are fastened together and hung on the process of the plantation, value, \$175, with \$100 will be a very nice Christmas present worth of cabbage, potatoes and homing. Corn bread was served made of the gift and concealed it from view in a problem of the plantation, value, \$175, with \$100 will be a very nice Christmas present worth of cabbage, potatoes and homing. Corn bread was served made of the gift and concealed it from view in a problem of the plantation, value, \$175, with \$100 will be a very nice Christmas present worth of cabbage, potatoes and homing the plantation, value, \$175, with \$100 will be a very nice Christmas present worth of cabbage, potatoes and homing the plantation of the plantation, value, \$175, with \$100 will be a very nice Christmas present worth of cabbage, potatoes and homing the plantation of th

Let these be neatly transferred to the Examiner. cards and colored in delicate flat tints, which a little practice will teach you to

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is laid. The covers are of pale silk as people are not usually critical, and will taken through and tightly drawn, simu- come souvenirs of a happy evening, and

Nothing finds a place here which is not at once feasible and inexpensive, because these Christmas presents are to burden no one either in money or labor. Thus, for a young lady's room a cabinet which, by projecting above and below polished wood. A good piece of ve ned pine serves as well as a more costly wood. To this is fitted a door which is made like a frame to the inner panel. This panel is covered with straw maten described that there is but little fur- ting, such as comes on tea-chests. The matting is either left in its natural state, or covered with liquid gold. The decoration is a piece of broad painting in

than twisted wrapping cord .- N. I.

-As Christmas approaches, so many

Christmas in 1862.

On Christmas Day, 1862, when Confederate money had begun to depreci-ate, turkeys in Virginia were worth apiece, salt thirty-three cents a pound, while "the yule log" was \$15 a cord: fire-crackers were \$5 a pack. In 1863 turkeys had risen to \$50 apiece; whisky and rum for egg-nog cost \$75 a gallon; sugar was from \$5 to \$10 a pound; flour \$125 a barrel. Gold was at a premium of \$2,800, and a plain Christmas dinner cost about \$300. In 1864 flour was \$600 a barrel; butter \$40 a pound, and sugar \$2 an ounce. At a Christmas dinner at a country

And assess of desolation.

Wee to the man with the shattered sock—Oh, darn it all, 'tis shocking!—Hackensack Republican.

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may of the distribution of the "spare bureau."

meal at \$50 a bushel, and salt at \$1 a
pound. The desert was black molasses

But she cannot help intimating to her tea-real tea, worth \$100 a pound. treasured for the occasion as a surprise, and not sassafras -there was coffee a these for one dollar and fifty cents. discretion, made from sweet potatoes Unhappy James; he little knows what cut into little squares, toasted and Christmas has in store for him. - Ex-

CHRISTMAS CHATTER.

Pity the person who takes no stock in Christmas.

-Santa Claus is of commanding presents. - N. Y. News.

-A leg-end of Christmas-the turkey's .- Yonkers Gazette.

-"The poor ye have always with you" on Christmas Day. -"Know all men by these presents"

that Christmas is coming. -Present time and pastime are pleasantly joined at Christmas time.

—Darn the stocking that catches no Christmas presents.—N. O. Picayune.

-Christmas trees are looking spruce. Children pine for them. - Boston Transcript. -- Man wants but little here below;

but he appears to want that little on Christmas day. -There should be no holes in Christmas stockings if they are worth a darn.

-N. O. Picayune. -Big feet may be laughed at all the rest of the year, but their stockings hold most at Christmas.

-Boston girls never hang up their stockings; an exchange says they "suspend their hosiery."

-"Christmas comes but once a year," and if it came a week later it

wouldn't be in the year at all. -A well-fed hog roused up in his sty, And oropped a regretful tear— "The beautiful snow has come," he said, "And slaying will soon be here."

--A man who don't buy a Christmas present for his wife now and hide it will miss much of the romance connected with the legendary day.

-It is stated that "stuffed birds are a very toney Christmas present," we should suppose a live bird would be more toney.—Boston Post.

-It is the whole-souled people who make holidays worth remembering. The half-soled man is too thin for Christmas. - N. O. Picayune.

-On Christmas day everybody living will have a Christmas present. -- Boston Transcript. And likewise a Christmas past-time—unless he was born this year.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

-Embroidering "Remember me" on a pair of presentation suspenders will not hit the mark. Omitting to properly fasten the suspender buttons will ever keep your memory green in the mind of your husband. -New Haven Register.

--The morning dawns, and the house-hold is awakened by the sound of drum and fife. But it is not war. It is not the summons to go out and slaughter the Zulus. Nay, brethren, it is Christmas, and don't you forget it .-- Yonkers

-The young men converse: "What are you going to give your girl this Christmas, George? Don't you find it rather hard to select anything appro-priate?" "Oh, no; that don't trouble me. I shall give a few things my last girl sent back to me."—Lowell Citizen.

-The Parisian says: "According to a French superstition, a young girl who wishes to know the name of her future husband must, on coming from midnight mass on Christmas Eve, give an alms to the first male beggar that she meets and ask him his Christian name. Her future husband will bear the same

—A jewelry firm in New York has just received a diamond valued at \$30,-000. The name of the journalist for whom it was ordered as a Christmas present for his girl is withheld.—Norristown Herald. Yes, we didn't want anything said about it then, but if—if necessary you might mention it now, though please print our initials correctly. -Derrick.

—Why, Jennie, you foolish girl, come into the house. What are you out in the snow for without wraps?" "Oh, nothing much, ma. You see Augustus has just called, and here are his footprints in the snow. I'm measuring to get the right size for those slippers, and do you know I don't believe I've got half enough cloth for them."

-Among the superstitions connected with Christmas Eve are the following. The bees sing in their hives; the oxen may be found on their knees in adoration of the new-born Savior; bread baked on Christmas Eve never grows moldy. They are all from English folk-lore. Farmers in the north of England firmly believe that the oxen in the stalls kneel down on the eve of Christmas, old style. It seems to be a general popular tradi-tion that an ox and ass were in the stable of Bethlehem when Christ was born, and that they warmed him with

their breath. -Who will venture to say that the women of the West are not economical? A young married lady of Madison, at \$60 a gallon, and after one cup of lady friends what a shrewd bargain she has made. "Why James always pays ten dollars a box for them, and I got

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THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Where grows the Christmas tree—
The green, deep-rooted Christmas tree?
By what brave toil, in what rich soil,
Can spring the biooming Christmas tree?
Is it from prairies broad and deep,
Where future harvests softly sleep,
And flocks of a res, far and free,
Lie level as a waveless sea?
Or is it where a breeze-skein twines
Between the lofty-plumaged pines?
Or where sweet stealthy Languor roves
Among the Southland orange groves?
Or blooms it best mid city homes,
With Wealth's unnumbered spires and domes?
Or is it where, through changeful day,
The mountain shadows creep and play,
And swift a gleaming sun-flood rides
Along the tail cliffs dappled sides?
High grows the Christmas tree,
The sweet, love-planted Chistmas tree—
Where'er extends the hand of friends;
Wherever heart-caressings be.

What bears the Christmas tree—
The bright, rich-fruited Christmas tree?
What gather they, expectant-gay,
Who throng around the Christmas tree?
Leaves picked by love-instructed art
From off the branches of the heart;
Fruits culled from every tree and vine
Where zephyrs fly and sunteams shine.
Whate'er can brighten to our gaze
The trembling dawn of childhood days;
Whate'er can feed more clear and high
The flame of youth's expectant eye;
Whate'er can make more richly good
The blood of man or womanhood,
Or bid old age look smiling round
At gems of earth-joy newly found;
Whate'er can say; "While strength endures,
My life has love and help for yours."
Rich glows the Christmas tree,
The heart-protected Christmas tree—
With tokens dear that bring more near
God's earth-lent love to you and me.
— Will Carleton.

THE HOUSEHOLD CHRISTMAS GIFT.

More than five solid years of Christ-mas days since the Star of Bethehem began to shine! What a radiant cluster of throne-white gems in the circle of Christian ages they would make! But we want them just as they are -strewn, one a year, along the lines of our lives. Like the well and the palm in the desert, they are places where pilgrims call a halt, and unburden, and lie down to pleasant dreams, and rise up with sweeter memories, truer hopes, fresher strength, nobler aspiration, and tenderer

humanity.
Whoever does not feel angels in the air on Christmas Eve, though he may not see the shining of their wings, has too little imagination to obey the Golden Rule. To be younger and happier for the day we must be like them of whom the Savior said "For of such is the press and willow. kingdom of Heaven." Christmas is Oh, children young and old, "it is mas gifts brought to the babe in the far-away village, who was not born in a human dwelling, were "gold and frankincense and myrrh." They were the offerings of the wise men of the East. But there have been wiser men and richer gifts since then; faith in things unseen; hope that wakens through the night, impatient for the morning, layer night, impatient for the morning; love that easteth out fear. It is not wrath but love that makes us brave to dare, to do, to suffer; and fortitude is the sublimest of courage. Miles Standish, belted and booted, striding forth with his stout heart and sword to the savage "front" was valiant; but the Pilgrim women, shivering around their cabin fires, strong to suffer, and waiting serene and patient for the Christmas, stood there in that long gone December, the New World's guardian angels of the virtues of mankind

"Wish yer a merry Christmas! Gimme a cent!" That is what I heard, all in a breath, on a clear Christmas morning, when the silver steel air was full of the tingle of frost and the tinkle of bells, and the snow was crisp and fresh as if new bank-notes a foot deep covered the ground. This is what I saw: an eightyear-old in a ragged coat some bigger boy had shed; a cap suggesting a drowned muskrat that never came up; hands bare; face ripe, unless, like a blackberry, it was red when it was green; and with the look of having been put to the grind-stone and sharpened. Poor little skirmisher, too early on life's line of battle, whose idea of happiness could dwell in a horizon narrow as the rim of a cent! I took twenty-five times



Turkey's Christmas Nightmare

the amount of stock in his supreme content that he asked for, and he went down the street on the bound, like a snow-bird, shouting: "Now Jenny can have the jumpin'-jack she cried for, and lots of"—his sentence was rasped in two as he turned a sharp corner and was gone. And I said to myself, "Three of us—Jenny, Tatterdemallion and I—and a quarter goes round! Joy for two and a pleasant thought for one." It was a good investment, and I lost a pound of lead out of my shoes, and went onthinking.

I thought of another Jenny that died so many years ago. The little mound above her has subsided, and a hollow in the sod marks the place, as if Earth smiled and showed a dimple every time she thought what a treasure she had there, and that was all the time. You know what that hollow means. It means that, save a little dust and a dim outline like the 'form' a hare leaves in the grass, her shapely body is not there any more; that it has gone out into the bright and living world; that it has entered the green grass and the roses above it like a soul, that it may be wrought into the wing of a sparrow or the plume of a pine; that in the small grave there is no semblance of Jenny at all. She was a Christmas gift the year round, and she lived but twelve of them, for on a Christmas she was born, and on a Christmas day she died.

It was just as the gates of morning were swinging open. Fading like a flower, fair as any lily, so patient and uncomplaining all the while, the chrysalis grew thinner and thinner before our eyes, until it could hold the immortal butterfly no longer, and the casket was emptied with a little sigh. I, that write this, "watched her breathing through the night." She had known for many days that a voice was saying.

When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky, one Christmas more. She had her answer. As the dawn grew on she asked, "Is it Christmas yet?"

And the pale mother rose to part the curtains of an east window. "Don't, mother!" exclaimed a sister by the bad side, as if she half female.

gauzy barrier might stay the dying girl a minute. It was too late. The drapery drawn aside, there were the doors of day set wide. Jenny's eyes, so large and dark, looking out from her pure pale face, opened full upon the celes-tial gates, kindled an instant as with a thought, a little start of glad surprise, a flicker of a smile, a little sigh, the white eyelids like pale rose-leaves slowly closed down upon those sweet eyes, whence truth had always looked out as from two windows of heaven; and Jenny had gone home for Christ-mas unending, which is far better. There had been six in that upper chamber, and now there were only five, and so Rachel's lament was heard in the dawn of the morning. But not for long. There was no need. Her sweet influence could not be banished from the home she left. Her brothers grew gentler, her sisters lovelier. The Christmas gift was with them still. Jenny was no perfect child, for there never was but one, but she was always fulfilling a child's dear mission: to keep the key of our hearts all safe and bright, ready at an instant's warning to turn them in the locks and open to every holier thought and tender recollection, and so we grow young evermore.

That mother's hair crowns her brow to-day with silver bands; the daughters of music are brought low," but her girl of long ago yet makes melody in her open heart. The other children are blown abroad like thistle-down in the wind, and to this day when they all come, children and children's children, to the old homestead for Christmas, the aged mother sets a plate at the Christmas board for her that is gone. Her place will never be lost out of the charmed circle while that He was dressed all in fur from his head to his stand. Birds eat the berries, and thus mother lives. But it makes nobody sad,

children's day. Little and big, let us all, for twenty-four hours a year, be children, every one. The first Christmas gift, mas gifts brought to the babe in the mas gifts brought to the babe in the children, every one. The first Christmas gifts brought to the babe in the mass gifts brought to the babe in the children, every one. The first Christmas gifts brought to the babe in the placing of its offspring securely in a probably swallowed, and the seed then passes, undigested, through their bodies. In either event the placing of its offspring securely in a probably swallowed, and the seed then passes, undigested, through their bodies. In either event the placing of its offspring securely in a probably swallowed, and the seed then passes, undigested, through their bodies. In either event the placing of its offspring securely in a probably swallowed, and the seed then passes, undigested, through their bodies. In either event the placing of its offspring securely in a probably swallowed, and the seed then passes, undigested, through their bodies. In either event the placing of its offspring securely in a probably swallowed, and the seed then passes, undigested, through their bodies. In either event the plant obtains its desired result, the placing of its offspring securely in a probably swallowed, and the seed then passes, undigested, through their bodies. In either event the moth. The servants them proceed the passes, undigested, the moth. The servants them proceed to the passes, undigested, the moth. The servants them proceed to the passes, undigested, the moth. The servants them proceed to the moth. The servants them proceed to the moth them to the moth that the moth that the moth that the moth that the moth them the moth that the moth t mas, every one.—Benjamin F. Taylor, The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, in Good Words.

Snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a

in Good Words. Christmas Evergreens.

The use of evergreens and flowers as a means of decoration seems an instinct of human nature. Green boughs were used by the Jews at the Feast of Tab ernacles, and the Romans ornamented their temples and houses with them, during the Feast of Saturn. The anduring the Feast of Saturn. The ancient Druids hung green branches and the mistletoe overtheir doors as a propitiation to the woodland sprites. A survival of this superstition was found among the English peasantry, not two hundred years ago. They hung up this figure as the work, and giving a nod, up the chimney he rose. He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, and away they all flew like the down of a thistie. hundred years ago. They hung up evergreens in their cottages, in the belief that the sylvan sprites would flock thereto, and so the boughs would remain unnipped by the frosts till a mild-er season. The English custom of decking houses and churches with evergreens at Christmas springs, therefore, from an ancient practice and a human instinct. The favorite plants are holly, bay, rosemary, laurel and ivy. Objection was formerly made to the use of ivy in church decorations on account of its associations with the orgies in honor bay, rosemary, laurel and ivy. Objection was formerly made to the use of associations with the orgies in honor of Bacchus. The mistletoe was also excluded because it was the plant most intimately associated with the heathenish rites of the Druids.

Though excommunicated from the church the mistletoe was the popular plant for decorating English homes. When Druidism was the religion of the Britons, the mistletoe was held in great | tion from all northern peoples in every veneration. It was gathered with mystic rites from the oak on which it had grown, and then, divided into small pieces, distributed among the people. pieces, distributed among the people.

They hung up the sprays over their dwellings as a propitiation to and a shelter for the woodland deities, during the season of frost. Even as late as the seventeenth century a piece of mistletoe has afforded an open battle-field for insuspended from the neck was supposed to guard the wearer from the baleful inwhether four little leaflets in the flower were to be called netals or calvy pieces fluence of witches.

In modern times the mistletoe has a tendency to attract men towards witches of a fairer face and a more amiable nature. A branch of the mystic plant is at Christmas hung from the ceiling. If any man or boy can by coaxing or cunning induce a fair girl to come under the spray, he is entitled to come under the spray, he is entitled to kiss her. Gossip does report that maidens have been known to pass on purpose under the salute-provoking branch.

Among the old Christmas carols may be found some in praise of the evergreens used in decorations. Of the holly it is said:

"Here comes holly that is no gent, To please all men in his intent. Allelujah!" The ivy is praised in these lines: "Ivy is soft and meek of speech.
Against all bale she is bliss. Against all bale she is bliss.
Well is he that may her reach."

— Youth's Companion. THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS. Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.
The children were nestled all snug in their bed.
While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads,

And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap. Had just settled our brains for a long winter's map, When out on the lawn there arose such a clat-I sprang from my bed to see what was the mat-

Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash. The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen snow, Gave a luster of mid-day to objects below; When, what to my wondering eyes should ap-

pear! But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer, With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they And he whistled and shouted and called them

by name—
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer
and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donder and Bit-To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall! Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!" When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky.
So, up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full or toys—and St. Nicholas,

hedgerows, which are somewhat more remotely connected with the original of the mistletoe, which was clearly intermediate between those two typesplace in the old linear arrangementplished this change may still be observed

white fruit one can see four small, blackish marks, which are the scars left behind by the four calyx pieces in falling of the household gods, but be those reoff. These scars show the place of the membrances admitted with tender enplant beside such other bushes as the couragement. They are of the time dogwood and the wayfaring tree. Now, if the berry is cut open, the inner pulp assurances, and of history that reunited appears as an extremely viscid mass of even upon earth the living and the appears as an extremely viscid mass of slime—indeed, the very word "viscid" dead; and of the broad beneficence and is but the ad ective of viscum; and from this pulp birdlime is manufactured Emto to tear to narrow shreds.—Charles Dickbedded in the slime is a single hard seed. The use of such an arrangement to the mistletoe is easy enough to under-

which have berries much like those of blaze, an enemy's face! By Christmas mistletoe), together with the little clinging cleavers and bed straw of our ancestor. But certain allied races like the sandalwood family, are parasitic on the roots of other plants. The ancestor whence the dispute as to its proper must have more or less combined both habits; it must have been at once a creeper and a parasite. In this way it could ascend the trunks of trees, and then fasten itself on to the soft tissues of the bark, at first, no doubt, by means of suckers. The mistletoe has be-come, in the ordinary but very incorrect language of botanists, a perfect parasite. The means by which it has accom-

in the existing berry.

Looking closely at the top of the little

ST. NICHOLAS AT HIS OLD TRICKS.

foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes

carry the seeds from tree to tree. Sometimes, no doubt, the fruit simply clings

And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.

He had a broad face and a little, round belly That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf—

And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of my-self.

A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread. He spoke not a word, but went straight to his

"Happy Christmas to all! and to all a good-night!"

Mistletoe.

Apart from its real or mythical con-nection with the Druids, and its practi-

cal use in modern Christmas festivities,

ance and mode of growth has had much

to do with the place it fills in popular superstitions and folk-lore. The bough, "quod non sua seminat arbos," is al-

most the only good example of a vege-table parasite to be found in any north-

ern climate; so that it has reasonably enough attracted a great deal of atten-

green branches, its suspicious-looking

claucous color, and its terminal twigs

Scientifically speaking, the mistletoe

were to be called petals or calyx pieces

-in itself about as important as the

question, who was Hecuba's grand-mother—has often cruelly divided the botanical world. We now know that

the mistletoe is really exactly what each

origin from a family of climbers.

It is closely connected with those four-petaled flowers like the

cornel, dogwood, guelder-rose and elder, which compose a perfect network of connecting links between many very

distinct groups of plants. These types, in fact, form a central station, as it

were, from which diverging branches

run out in every direction. Several of the lines started from this interlacing

center have taken to climbing habits;

among them are ivy on the one hand and honeysuckle on the other (both of

abruptly ending in an unfinished knob.

-Clement C. Moore.

fastening on the tissues of its host. For

such a purpose the glutinous pulp is obviously well adapted. Most parasites,

animal or vegetable, have to produce

enormous numbers of eggs or seeds,

which are simply turned loose anywhere,

on the chance that one or two among

them may happen to light upon its proper

prey. But the possession of a fruit in

he shape of an edible berry, provided

with natural gum to fasten the seed on to the branches of trees saves the mis-

tletoe from any such desperate shifts as these. So successful has it been, in-

deed, in getting its young well started in life, that, like many other berry-bear-

ers which trust to birds for dispersion, it

has actually been enabled to dispense

with some of its primitive quotum of seeds.—Pall-Mall Gazette.

Christmas as We Grow Older.

thankful that the circle of our Christmas

bring expanps! Let us we'come every

one of them and summon them to take

the steadier lights that burn around us.

hearts: and for the earnestness that

clouds now? Let our thoughts, fluttering like butterflies among these flowers

Before this boy there s'retches out a

future higher than we ever looked on in

our romantic time, but bright with honor

and with truth. Around this litt'e head, on which the sunny curls lie heaped, the graces sport as prettily, as airily as when there was no seythe within the

reach of Time to shear away the curls of

quiet but contented litt'e face, we see

Shining from the word as rays shine

are old, other hopes than ours are young;

other hearts than ours are moved; how

other waves are smothered; how other

happiness b'ooms, ripens and decays-

no, not decays, for other homes and

other bands of children not yet in being,

of chi dren, bear witness.

home fairly written.

their places by the Christmas hearth.

day, we do forgive him! If the injury he has done us may admit of such com panionship, let him come here and take his place. If otherwise, unhappily, let him go hence, assured that we will never injure or accuse him.

data of New Year calling is a very pleasant one. In this country men who are past their first youth generally have little time and less inclination for much er injure or accuse him. The winter sun goes down over rosy path, as if the sacred tread were

town and village; on the sea it makes a fresh upon the water. A few more mover occur a time all the year round when a call can be made upon them on, and light begins to sparkle in the prospect. On the hillside beyond the quite too much for an ordinary man to shapelessly diffused town, and the quiet keeping of the trees that girdle the village steeple, remembrances are cut in stone, planted in common flowers, growing in grass, entwined with lowly brambles around many a mound of earth. In towns and villages there are doors

and windows closed against the weather, there are flaming logs heaped high, there are joyful faces, there is healthy and all its comforting and peaceful re-

How Scandinavians Celebrate Christmas Day.

Jul (Yule) is the great Swedish festival, but it was a restival among the Scandinavians long before the birth of our Savior. They commenced the year with the longest night, for, according to them, night, darkness and cold pre-ceded daylight and warmth. The longest night comes on the twenty-first of December. Odin, who lived about a hundred years before Christ, ordered and welcomed, and they need not rethat at this season a great sacrificial test main long enough to be called on for should be observed, lasting during the period when the lengthening of the days was hardly perceptible. This fes-tival, called the Jul blot, continued, according to some, until the 13th of January; according to others, until the close of the month. As there was only four days difference between Jul-mat and Christmas, when Christianity supplanted paganism, there was little difficulty in is an easy time to begin such an acmaking the change of time, and the heathen Jul, retaining its own name should do, is to call upon all the ladies and some of its old observances, was of his connection. He need not select transformed into Christmas.

made long beforehand. While the grain is unthrashed the choicest sheaves are selected from which to brew the Jul ale and bake the Jul bread. On Julation, the day before Christmas, the cattle must be let out from the cow-house and driven to water an hour earlier than common, and returned before noon. otherwise the next harvest will be late. The Swedish peasantry have the same antipathy to forests which characterizes our pioneers; all the trees are carefully cut a pole from the house-top for the benefit of the small birds, for all creatures must have reason to rejoice on the day when Christ came into the world. Meanwhile, within the doors, the wo-men have been busy scouring and family are got out and hung on the as then. It is an outrageous thing for a placing of its offspring securely in a rials as the dinner of the family; a porproper position for germinating and tion of this and a portion of the choicest forage are given to each cow, with the words: "This is Julation, my little one." The horses, in addition to their forage, have a drink of ale, in order that they may be mettlesome when going to matins the next morning. The poultry are regaled with a dish of Jul-grot, a kind of pudding of flour or rice and milk. The very watchdog is unchained this night, for it would be a pity that the poor fellow should be tied up and miserable. From the position of the cattle auguries are drawn as to the coming harvest. they are laying down, the crops will be abundant; if they are standing, they will be scanty. If possible, a tew hairs from a newly killed bear are put into each crib; this, it is supposed, will act as a preventative against the attacks of

> suing year.
> When night is fallen, the great room As we grow older, let us be more is lighted up with pitch-pine torches and candles. Supper comes off at ten or eleven o'clock. A pig's head, or at associations and, of the lessons that they least some part of a swine—and a large loaf of bread, called Jul-boar, is always placed on the table. This is an un-We come, o'd aspirations, g ittering creatures of an ardent fancy, to your places underneath the holly! We know doubted relic of heathen times; for the boar was especially dedicated to the god Frey, the giver of light and sunyou, and have not outlived you yet. Welcome, old projects and old loves, however fleeting, to your nooks among shine, because it was said that this animal, by turning up the soil with its tusks, taught man to plow. All the family coin and silver cups and spoons are placed on the table, for it is held Welcome, all that was ever real to our that the light of the Jul-fire will cause made you real thanks to Heaven! Do them to be lucky and increase. we build no Chris'mas castles in the

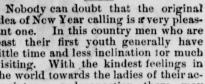
these ferocious animals during the en-

The supper concludes with a psalm, in which all the company join. A tankard of ale is left on the table for the delectation of celestial visitants, this is called "Angla ol," angel's ale. A plate of stir-about, a little tobacco, and some articles of diminutive clothing are left here and there for the "Tente-Gubbe," or little old man of the house, a sort of friendly elf, upon whose good-will much depends. He is supposed to have the form of a little old our first love. Upon another girl's face man not larger than a child. The few near it—placider but smiling bright—a who profess to have seen him describe him as clothed in gray home-spun, with a red night-cap and clumsy shoes. His Shining from the word as rays shine special office is to watch around the from a star, we see how, when our graves house and cattle-sheds, and see that everything is kept clean and tidy, and that the animals are well cared for. So long as he remains with the family all goes well; but if he be displeased, and betakes himself elsewhere, misfortune is sure to follow.

nor for ages yet to be, arise and bloom and ripen to the end of all. Welcome everything! Welcome alike what has been and what never was and what has been and what hever was and what hever was and what he holp may be to your shelter underneath the holly, to your places round the Christmas fire, where what is sits open-hearted! In yonder shadow do we see, obtruding furtively upon the giving."

Dickens. When he invented or rather revived Christmas, the Americans took up the matter warmly. Before that they had only three festivals—the Fourth of July, New Year and Thankswee see, obtruding furtively upon the giving."

Transcript.



visiting. With the kindest feelings in the world towards the ladies of their acquaintance and conection, there may when a call can be made upon them

New Year's Calls.



We've Only a Few More Calls to Make."

confront. On New Year's day alone is this state of things changed. Most men are on that day less occupied with business than at other times, and find it possible to call at the houses of their friends with little trouble or ceremony. They know that they will be expected more coversation than the most bashful man is equal to. It is a good time to call on old friends, of whom a man has of late years seen less than he formerly did. Besides this, many gentlemen are in-timately associated in business, and have the warmest regard for each other, but from one season to another is an easy time to begin such an acquaintance. Another thing a man ransformed into Christmas.

Preparations for the coming Jul are
The plain old ladies are probably just as worthy, and the poor ones will preciate a call quite as much as the rich. In some family connections the old gentlemen never forget this courtesy, but invariably call on each of their kinswomen. Certainly there is no more graceful or dignified compliment than such a call. If a young man belongs to a large family this may occupy the most of his day, but he could not spend it more profitably. Apart from the matter of natural feeling it is a good down around their dwellings. But at Julyoung pines, stripped of their bark and lower branches, are set out before the house; and as the sun goes down a but blood is thicker than water, and a house; and as the sun goes down a but blood is thicker than water, and a sheaf of unthreshed grain is hoisted on family that holds together solidly is

sure to be a power in the community.

New Year's Day is also a time when a stranger may properly extend his acquaintance among ladies. But no man should dare to go to a house where he is not known unless he is taken by a friend who would be just as competent to introduce him any other day in the year open house and force himself into a place where he could not go at any other time. No gentieman would do such a thing. It is a fact, however, that there have been most glaring instances of this sort of cheekiness. deed, the thing became so serious a few rears ago that many families prefer to shut their doors rather than have their hospitality abused, and still more refuse o make any public announcement of their reception.

We have not the least criticism to make of the fashionable New Year's reception. If a dozen or two young adies wish to meet at the house of one of them, and then in full dress, in gaslit parlors, receive their guests with lowers and band music, they will probably enjoy it very much and certainly present a very pretty picture. Indeed, there are some advantages to this plan. A gentleman will thus be enabled to see more ladies than he possibly could meet if he had to call at each house. But while this is all very well, it is quite as fashionable and proper for a lady to sit quietly in her own parlor, in a dark ress, and welcome to simple refreshments her husband's and father's friends. Indeed, if there is to be a choice, this is the best way in which to celebrate New Year's Day. - Indianapolis Herald.

-Practical philantrophy .- "I wish you a happy New Year!" said Pingrey.
"Oh, that's easy enough to say," replied Fenderson; "but what will you do towards making my new year a happy one?" "Anything I can," said Pingrey. "Do you mean it?" cried Fenderson, dramatically. "Do you mean it? Well, well, good-by, farewell." "What's the matter with you?" asked the mystified



Enlarging Her Christmas Stocking.

Edmund Yates says that "the American Christmas is purely due to Charles Dickens. When he invented or rather revived Christmas, the Americans took

THE NIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS.

The following is an amusing parody upor Clement Mcore's unequaled "Night Before Christmas:"

'Twas the night after Christmas, when all through the house Every soul was abed, and still as a mouse; Those stockings, so lately St. Nicholas' care, Were emptied of all that was catable there; The darlings had been duly tucked in their heigh. with very full stomachs and pains in their

I was dozing away in my new cotton cap, And Nancy rather far gone in a nap, When out in the nurs'ry arose such a clatter, I sprang from my sleep, crying: "What is the

I flew to each bedside—still half in a doze, Tore open the curtains and threw off the clothes, While the light of the taper served clearly to The piteous sight of those objects below; For what to the fond father's eyes should appear But the little pale face of each sick little dear, For each pet that had crammed itself full as a I knew in a moment now felt like old Nick.



What their stomachs rejected I'll mention by Now turkey, now stuffing, plum puddings, of

Before outraged nature, went to the wall, Yes—lollyyop, flopdoodle, dinner and all, Like pellets which urchins from pop-guns let fly, Went figs, nuts and raisins, jelly and pie, "Till each error of diet was brought to my view.

To the shame of mamma and Santa Claus, too.



I turned from the sight, to my bed-room stepped back, And brought out a phial marked "Pulv. Ipecae."
When my Nancy exclaimed—for their sufferings shocked her—
"Don't you think you had better, love, run for the doctor?"

Pran, and was scarcely back under my roof, When I heard the sharp clatter of old Jalap's hoof, I might say that I hardly had turned myself When the doctor came into the room with a He was covered with mud from his head to his And the suit he had on was the very worst And he hardly had time to put that on his back,
And he looked like a Falstaff half fuddled with

Snip was soon harnessed to the dolls' got merry?

His cheeks looked like porte and his breath smelt of sherry;
He hadn't been shaved for a fortnight or so,
And the beard on his chin wasn't white as the

snow.
But inspecting their tongues, in despite of their teeth;
And drawing his watch from his waistcoat beneath— He felt of each pulse, saying: "Each little Must get rid"—here he laughed—"of the rest of that jelly."



Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He didn't prescribe—but went straight to his And dosed all the rest—gave.

And dosed all the rest—gave. jerk.
And adding directions while blowing his nose—
He buttoned his coat—from his chair he arose,
Then jumped in his gig—gave old Jalap a
whistle,
And Jalap jumped off as if pricked by a this-But the doctor exclaimed, ere he drove out of sight,
"They'll be well by to-morrow-good night,
Jones-good night!"

HOW NED AND TINA WENT CHRIST-MAS SHOPPING.

A Story for the Children.

"Now, Tina, I have to take an early train to Southdown this morning; Aunt Katie is very sick and grandma has sent for me, 'said Mrs. Earle to her little daughter one morning in December, some years ago.

know you promised to take me shop-ping with you," said Tina, bursting into a flood of tears. "But you would not want me to let

spend the day with you. I will tell Maggie to make a nice queen's pud- the doctor. ding, with frosting and sauce, and you and Ned can dine in state."

"Oh, that will be nice; I will be the mamma and Ned the papa, and we will their pulses, and look at their put the dollies in some of the other chairs. You may come, too, Snip," she haby first.

"Now, Ned, we must not let Maggie know that we are going, for she would stop us."

"Well, you can look and see what know that we are going, for she would stop us."

"How much is that?" said Tina,



"Let Jawy Be Unconfined."

said to the Skye-terrier, which had been looking into her face most sympa-thetically, for he shared all her griefs and joys.

"Oh, goodie! goodie! won't we have a grand time," sang Tina, whirling around, while Snip barked as loud as he

"Well, only be a good girl and mind Maggie," said Mrs. Earle, hurrying off

to get ready.

Yes, mamma, I will; come, Snip, let us go over and ask Ned.

Tina, with Snip at her heels, was soon flying across the street. Ned saw her from an upper window and rushed down

to open the door. "O, Ned," began Tina, before she was inside the door, "you are to spend the day with me, and we are to have queen's pudding for dinner, and eat it all alone in the dining-room, instead of in the kitchen with Maggie. Won't that be elegant?" gasped Tina, quite

out of breath. "Oh, it will be perfectly magnifi-cent," answered Ned, who was one year younger than Tina, who had just passed her sixth birthday. Prancing up and down the hall, Ned gave vent to his feelings of delight.

"Run up-stairs and ask your mamma if you can come," said Tina. 'Oh, she has been away for two days, but I will ask Susan; she will be glad 'nuff to let me go, she says I bover

her so. A willing consent was given by Susan for "Master Ned" to spend the day with "Miss Tina," and the happy children scampered away. Mrs. Ear e bade the children good-bye, charging them "to be good and play happily." "I will come back to-night, Tina, if possible," she said, as she hurried down the steps. The children rushed up to the warm nursery, and were soon deep in a game of hide, in which Snip was the seeker. After this came blind man's buff, in which snip, with a handkerchief tied over his eyes, made the most frantic efforts to catch the children. Just as Tina was going to give him a good chance to seize her dress, he ran against the sharp edge of the door and bumped his nose, which made him lie down in disgust, and refuse to play any

more. "Never mind, Snip, we will play doctor now, and you shall be my horse. You must have all the children sick this time, Tina, for papa says there is a great

carriage, while the dolls were hastily undressed and put to bed, all but Algenon-he was saved out to run for the doctor. It was thought best, however, to tie a piece of flannel around his neck as he seemed hoarse, and was "subject to quitar in winter," Tina said. I suppose she meant catarrh.

"I guess they had better have other 'eases from each other," said Ned, "so I shall have a great many medicines to give them." "I shall give them awful doses," he continued, "for I am an alapalaty doctor, you know."

"How shall we make the medicines," said Tina. "Oh, I know; we will mix different colored paints with water, and will get some of mamma's homlypatty more. After dinner Tina said: "Now bott'es to put it in." The medicines were soon mixed, green, yellow and red.
"There," said Ned, "they look
'zactly like some of papa's that he has library, and each taking a large easy on the shelf in his office. Now I must have some 'either.' I will fill this biggest bottle with water for that. I alwa. s take it with me, but I don't use it 'cept in dreadful things."

All was now ready. The doctor's

All was now ready. The doctor's team was waiting at the door. Dr. Ned was putting on his coat, when in rushed Algenon (pushed along by his mother), and squeaked: "O, Dr. Ned. come quick--the children are all sick, and



Preparing for Next Christmas.

me years ago.

'Oh, mamma, that is too bad. You made no difference. Snip understood his part and trotted out into the hall, through Mrs. Earle's room, to the other door of the nursery.

The doctor was a long time fastening

dear grandma and auntie suffer for the sake of giving you pleasure," said Mrs. getting up an imaginary flight of stairs. sake of giving you pleasure," said Mrs. Earle, drawing Tina to her side.

"No-o," said Tina, rather doubtfully; "but what shall I do all alone this long day?"

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Poor Snip stood mournfully looking at the children. He evidently felt that he was going to lose his playmates.

"But what would you like to buy?"

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"Don't take on so; I am here," said "Oh, save my children!" shrieked

the mother,
"Yes, marm, I will. Let me feel pathos to be taken.
"Now, Ned, we re

"Oh, my, she has got the group. Put her in the basin and turn the hot water on to her quick. [Scald her with all your might. She is china and it won't hurt her, you know, Tina." While Bess was being scalded, Dr. Ned felt of Augustus' pulse.

"I think he has the scarlet fever; he is all covered with a rush, you see; I think he will die, so we won't stop for him," said Ned, moving on to the bed where Eveline and Blanche were lying.

After a careful examination they were

declared "very sick with brain fever, caused by eating too much." Meanwhile the doctor's horse had been amusing himself by shaking Algenon between his teeth. With a wild shriek Tina rushed to his rescue. "Bring me the either," said the doctor, calmly; "his head must be sewed up." While Algenon was being sewed and bandaged the dinner bell rang, and, shouting queen's pudding, the children rushed down stairs, followed by the doctor's horse and carriage. When the bottom of the second flight was reached there was not much carriage left; but Ned comforted Tina by telling her that 'papa's buggy got smashed the other day, and he guessed all doctors' did sometimes."

Maggie had a nice dinner for the children, and was going to stay and attend to them, but Tina declared that her mamma had said they were to dine alone. Maggie laughed at the two small specimens at the large table, and, after fastening their napains for them, went out of the room, saying: "You can

ring for me if you want me."

"Oh, a n't this jolly." said Tina.

"Here, Snip, take a chair; but don't stare at the food, it isn't good man-

"Oh, dear, Ned, we have forgotten the children," said Tina, with a look of dismay. "But they are too sick to come down

stairs; let the butler take up their din-ner," said Ned, very gravely. Tina ordered an imaginary butler to take up a little of everything to the

children, and to tell Algenon to open his mouth carefully, so his head would not come apart. The children began to eat their dinner. They met with a few mishaps, such as spilling the salt, using the pepper too freely, and burning their fingers with the very hot roasted potatoes, but on the whole, behaved with propriety. Snip was treated to a morsel, occasionally, which he seemed to enjoy

When pudding time came, Tina ordered it in with such an amount of dig-



"Kris'mus Cums But Once a Yeah.'

nity that Maggie laughed outright. The children ate of it until they could eat no we will go into the library and talk

one would give me a new one," said Tina. "How much money have you got, Ned, for Christmas?"

"I don't know, 'zactly, but I have got it at home in a box. How much have you got?"

"I have got three dollars. I was going to go shopping to-day, if mamma had not gone away. How I wish I could do it all my ownty, donty self!" "Let us go together this afternoon," said Ned.

"So we will," said Tina, springing out of her chair. "I know where Marshal's big store is, and they have every thing there; you run home and get your best coat and hat, 'cause we must look 'spectable, if we go down town—and be sure you bring all your money. I will put on my best things, too.'

Away scampered Ned, his blue eyes dancing, and his yellow curls bobbing brightly up and down. No one heard his core the horse way we want to hear the horse way was to hear the horse was to hear the horse was the horse way was to hear the horse was to hear the horse was to hear the hear the horse was the hear the hear

him enter the house, run up-stairs, and get the necessary articles for his expedition.

"Now, Ned, I must wash your face and hands a little with my sponge, for they are dreadful dirty," said Tina. "I can't brush your hair; but your cap will cover it—besides, it is all a snarl of curls, anyway. My bangs look pretty well. I guess."

Tina was soon arrayed in her long, fur-trimmed coat, and big hat with plumes. Ned's coat was long, too, and covered his every-day suit.

paw across his nose, 'plead with great | ple.'



Watching the Old Year Out and the New Year In.

"Quiet, Snip," said Ned, holding up his finger. The three ran lightly down stairs, but came near betraying themselves by shutting Snip's tail in the door in the haste to get out. Tina caught him up in her arms and smoth-

ered his yelling. Maggie, who had at intervals listened at the stairs to see if the children were all right, concluded, as they had been so all the morning, that they would be so all the afternoon, and so kept busily at work. As Susan ran over to see her for a while, and had a long story to tell her, it was not so very strange that the children were not missed at once. "You had better let me take your money, for you, Ned. I will take care of it better," said Tina, when they had

safely turned the corner. "Guess a boy can take care of his money as well as a girl, Tina Earle," said Ned, indignantly, and holding tightly his box. "Well," said, Tina, sweetly, "all right."

She was afraid Ned might get mad and go home. In a few minutes they reached a hack

stand, at which one hack stood. "O, Ned," said Tina, her eyes sparkling, 'let us take a hack. Mamma often does when she has a good deal of shop-

ping to do."
"Oh, yes, let's. How nice it will be."
"Mr. Man," said Tina to the driver, who was leaning against the lamp-post,

looking very lazy and good-natured, "we want to go to Marshal's big store." "Oh, do you? Well, that is right down on B street," pointing with his thumb. "Yes, we know that," said Tina, with

great dignity; "but we want a car-

riage.' "Got any money? 'Cause you know my horses won't go without money."
"What a story!" said Ned, firing up. "What a story!" said Ned, hing of "People never pay until they get to the place, and of course we have got cents in that way.

"Now home," said Tina to Ben, with the nearly choked with box and rattling it.

"Oh, by George!" said the driver, "if this isn't as good as the story told by Boots, of the Holly Tree Inn, that feller read about at the hall t'othernight."
"But, you see." said the driver to Tina, "I am afraid you will spend all your money, and then I sha'nt have

"Well," said Tina, "what do you "Well, I guess as you're pretty light weight, I'll take you down for fifty

"But you must wait for us," said Iina, "to bring us back."

"Oh, then I'll have to charge you a dollar; fitty cents apiece. The children got out their money and handed it to him.

"I say, Atoms, does your man know where you are? You must tell me your names and where you live."
"I am Miss Tina Earle, and live at No. 6 Freeland street, and his name is Ned Benton, and he lives at No. 5," answered Tina. "Well, get in; I'll take you."

Ned sprang into the carriage and Tina

"Well, I think your are very unpolite, Ned Benton, to get in first. Mamma says genmplums always let the ladies percede them," said Tina, pouting her

"Well, I will next time," answered Ned, pulling up the carriage robe. Snip took the opposite seat, and seemed very

"Well," said Ben North, gathering up the reins, "I never had two such mites for passengers, going shopping, on their own account, in my life. I'll take care of them and see that no harm and I can't bear to spoil the little

widest extent. It was easy to suppose they were in company with some older person, as there were a great many people in the store. "Hold on tight, Ned," said Tina. They made their



Ready for Tackling His Christmas Goose

"You must put on your gloves, Ned way to a circular counter on which was

he was going to lose his playmates.

"Oh, let us take him, Tina. Want to go, Snip? Well, beg, then." Up got Snip on his hind legs, and putting one will be and Aunt Katie, and lots of other peo-

"So do I, too," echoed Ned. "How much is that?" said Tina, hold joys .- N. O. Picayune.

pointing to a lovely vase. "I guess mamma would like that."

"That is four dollars." "Oh, dear, I can't have that, for have only got two dollars and a half.' "Well, I guess I can show you some other things you would like, and they don't cost so much. Here are some very pretty things," said the clerk, much amused with his bright little customer.

Tina decided on a pretty little postage stamp box for mamma's desk. grandma a pretty scent bag, and for papa a paper weight."

Ned was not so wise in his choice. He preferred to go down stairs where the toys were. He bought a Jumping Jack, two shrill whistles, a pop-gunand a whip.

"You know, Tina, if the people don't like their presents, they can give them to me," he said, with great compla-When the children had spent their

money they left the store, hugging their big brown toy-mule under her arm as parcels and looking well contented with their success.

they entered the carriage. We must that mule on the counter, and said: "We will have to eat it, you know, because the children are too sick," said this mule three days before Christ-

"But we have spent all our money. What shall we do?"

"Let's ask the driver to lend us some," said Ned. "He looks real pleasant." "So we might; and we can pay him

some time," said Tina, joyfully.
"Driver." called Tina from the carriage window.

Ben good-naturedly reined in his Ben good-naturedly reined in his edest child you ever saw. Like to cry horses and asked what the lady and himself to death Sunday." gentleman would like.

'Drive to a candy store," said Tina. "Yes, marm," said Ben, chuckling with laughter. When they reached the store Tinagot out, and looking up at the big fellow on

the box, asked in a very sweet voice if he would please lend her ten cents. "Why, you ain't spent all your money, have ye?" "Yes we have; but you see we must

have some candy for the children," said Ned, very much in earnest. "co you shall," said Ben, putting his hand into his pocket and bringing out ten cents.

The children disappeared, while Ben the candidated disappeared, white bear a cracked his whip in glee. "If that aint the cutest pair I ever did see. Good as a play. I'll tell my little Jim all about it when I get home," he said.

"No." he won't eat, nor bite, nor kick, nor bite, nor bite, nor kick, nor bite, no

The children decided that ten differ-

such an air that he nearly choked with smothered laughter. "Shall I take you to No. 6, or leave you at the stand?" he managed to ask,



"I'll Give Callers a Warm Reception."

fagigged and have got so many bund-dles," answered Tina, leaning back in the carriage. "Oh, cracky," said Ben to himself. "I never en oyed a fare like this in my

life. Come Nip and Tip, we will take them home in style." For half an hour great consternation had seized Maggie, Susan and the parents of the children, who had all re-

turned and were instituting a search for Dr. Benton had driven off to the police station to notify the Chief of Police of the loss of two small children,

whom he minutely described.

Mr. Ear e was trying to pacify the two distracted mothers. Susan and Maggie had been sent to hunt in differcomes of it. They are off on a frolic, and 1 can't bear to spoil the little drove up to the door with a grand flourcritters' fun."

In a few minutes the carriage reached Marshal's. Ned assisted Tina to alight, in gallant style, much to the amusement of passers-by.

The children clasped hands and entered the store, their eyes open to their Benton hugged Ned to her bosom in the store, their eyes open to their benton hugged Ned to her bosom in the store and the store are stored as the store and the store are stored as the stored as her delight at having him safe and

"Why, we have been out shopping," said Tina, in the most innocent fash-

"And we have bought some beautiful things, and no one must see them until Christ mas, must they Tina?" said "No, indeed, they must not think of

it," answered the little damsel. "O children, how you have frightened us," sobbed and laughed Mrs. Earle. Mr. Earle had meanwhile inter-viewed the driver of the hack and re-

quested him not to obey Miss Tina's orders again. "No, sr; I won't. But, you see, it was such a precious pair. I couldn't spoil their fun, and I wouldn't have let

anything happen to them for a thousand dollars. Dr. Benton, after stirring up the police to hunt for the children, returned to

find them safe and sound. The children's parents tried to impress upon them the exceeding naughtiness of their conduct, but could not find it in their heart to spoil their happy day by any very severe punishment. To be sure they had no butter on their bread for supper that night, but that was

ma. -Boston Traveller.

-Santa Claus is twice blessed; it blesses him who gives and him who

-Christmas toys. Little boys. House-



The Return of the Mule.

You could see that she was innocent and confiding by the way she held that jogged along Woodward avenue, and no old woman's face ever wore a "O, Ned, we haven't got any candy more satisfied look than her's did when for the children," exclaimed Tina, as she finally entered a store and placed "La! sakes, but I'm nearly tuckered

mas.

"Yes, that toy came from our store," replied the clerk.
"I gin a dollar for it: bought it for

my grandson. He's such a boy for horses and mules and wagons whips, and so on, that I thought it would tickle him 'most to death.' "Yes."

"But it didn't. He's the disappoint-

"What is wrong with the mule?"
"Everything. In the first place my grandson wants a mule which opens his mouth and can be stuffed full of hay. This mule's jaws are sot.'

"And he wants a mule which will roll his eyes and drop his ears." "But we haven't any such mules."
"No. 1 suppose not; but the boy

wants one just the same. This mule don't even kick." "Of course not." "And he hasn't got any harness on."

"Then what's the good of him? If he won't eat, nor bite, nor kick, nor

"Nor a lion which paws and roars?" "No. ma'am. "Nor a cow which bellers when you ueeze on her?"

"Sorry to say we haven't." "Well, I've got to trade this mule for sunthin' or other to amuse that boy. If you had a tiger which frothed at the

mouth I-" "But we haven't got." "Have you a goose which flops her

"No. The only toy of any account we have left is a black boy who rolls his eyes and utters a squeak when you hit him on the back." "That'll do-that's jist the thing, and

we'll trade even! He'll put in to-day punching the black boy between the shoulders, use up to-morrer digging out his eyes, and next day he'll cut him up and string him over the back yard, and by that time his father will be home from New York with a drum, four mouth-organs and a boy's chest of tools.

moor!" - Detroit Free Press. Christmas Observance.

In our country at present Christmas is generally observed wisely and well by Christians. Our churches are open for prayer and praise on that day, and of old customs, we continue to follow only those that are symbolic, innocent beautiful-such as gift-giving, the Christmas tree, decking our homes with evergreens and holly and the like. We preserve, a'so, the time-honored custom of serving up an abundant and rich din-ner on that day, which is well and commendable, so long as we remember that this is only a part, and by no means a very important part, of our Christmas

rejoicing.

Let us eat heartily and give God thanks for the excellent food and the good appetite and digestion that enables us to enjoy it; but let us not eat so much as to hurt our health or our temper-so may our thanks be sincere and heartfelt. It may be that the sight of our own abundance will move us to call in to share our meal some neighbor whom God has blessed much less bountifully than us in material things-that would be a part, and a very good part, of giving thanks. The proper observ-ance of Christmas should be a part of our Christian duty as well as anything else. - Church and Home.



—The largest Christmas pie ever known was told of in the Newcastle Chronicle for the 6th of January, 1770. It was shipped to Sir Henry Gray, baronet, London. Mrs. Dorothy Patterson, Tina's papa promptly paid the driver of the hack his ten cents, but he never drove Tina out again without her series of the butter for grounds of grounds of butter for grounds of grounds of butter for grounds of grounds woodcocks, six snipes, four partridges, two neats' tongues, two curlews, seven blackbirds and six pigeons. It weighed twelve stone and was nine feet in circumference at the bottom. It was fur-

nished with a case on wheels for convenience in passing it round to the

It was a city hunter bold, His dog a pointer true, Who thought he would on Christmas dine Upon a bird or two.





He banged away; the frightened fowl Alighted near the honest granger; The latter, with a dreadful scowl, Indicative of vengeful anger,



The bird's neck wrung and took it to Our friend, now trembling in his shoe, And taxed him dollars sev'ral—one For the duck and four for the fun.

Dog-gun the man who will not pay For fun like this on Christmas-Day.

The Christmas Trees.

All over this extensive country these trees are planted-not only in private homes, but also in Sunday-schools and deform our better natures were never day schools; and it would seem as called into action among those to whom if hardly any child could live so poorly that would not be the recipient of some longed for toy or sweetment. In the a misanthrope, indeed, in whose breast cities one can pur hase these trees alsomething like a jovial feeling is not ready planted in a bit of plank, and partly decorated or entirely filled with association is not awakened by the retoys, and ready to be brilliantly lighted | currence of Christmas. at any moment. Yet in the country, where one must contrive and save, and make many of the gifts of the tree, and I hear a whispering going through the with frosting and sugar plums, and drive out into the woods and select a compassion. This in remembrance of ree, and cut it down and bring it Me." home, there is quite as much fun in the preparation, and quite as much real sat- blessings-of which every man has isfaction, as in the city. Several days before Christmas it is well to bring home which all men have some. Smile again the tree, lest a deep snow should fall, and it might not be easily obtained, and then your Christmas shall be merry all the children must help carry it home. Select one that has a regular cone from base to summit, and is of the proper height for your parlor, and lop off any branches that may interfere with its beauty; and while selecting the tree you can also gather quantities of running pine, coral pine, and Prince's pine wherewith to make garlands and crowns, and wreaths for adorning the halls, parlors and dining-room. Also bring home large branches of laurels and clusters of swamp elderberries and boughs of bitter-sweet berries. Plant your tree in a small wash-tub, filled in with brick-bats or a hodful of hard coal. or anything that is heavy and will keep it in place—flatirons will do if there is nothing else at hand-and cover over the tub with a gayly striped afghan, or a fur robe, or a flag, and upon this base many of the larger articles, such as books, desks, etc., can be arranged.

Those of our readers who are the fortunate posessors of a long purse can purchase at the fancy stores every imaginable device for decorating most artistically and beautifully-such as silver doves or stuffed doves, colored glass balls, flags of every kind, gilded stars, tiny looking glasses that, if suspended behind the candles, will reflect piece the artists sat down to a regular their light and make it twice as bright, bells, woolly lambs, and bonbons of every description; while in the toy shops are whole regiments of dolls, from the most elegant Parisian belles to the knitted sailor boy for the little baby. and vast caravans of animals, and Noah's arks, and toys that surpass description. But in thousands of village homes these articles are not obtainable. yet the children can manufacture many beautiful decorations for the Christmas | with more than an ordinary adult could tree, in which they will take quite as eat of goose, supplementing this colosmuch pleasure as if they were from the fancy shops of the city. With a few sheets of gilt, blue, scarlet, and silver paper cut into tiny strips four inches in child. Her pallor and sickness seemed concern and helf an inch in width your length and half an inch in width, you to him suspiciously allied with indigescan make long chains to entwine from bough to bough of the tree. With a struggled against this feeling for a time, bottle of mucilage paste the two ends of but it mastered him, and he could not the strips together until half of them think kindly of the little one. are made into rings; then make up some more by slipping one end through two rings and joining them together.

One day in a fit of disgust he sawed off a piece of meat and bones from the savory bird, and flung it into her plate, Let the three rings become dry, and join them in long garlands. Suspend around the outer branches of the tree once the child would be satisfied. But from top to bottom, Twenty yards will she wasn't. With a punctuality worthy

twine them also about the branches, and after the presents are distributed break up the chains into necklaces and The poor child hung her head. Toole asked the Justice.

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Paste a bit of brown paper over the guestian and following the direction. Paste a bit of brown paper over the back of the glass, and bind the edges with strips of gilt or scarlet and blue eyes toward the wings, there he saw a hungry little horde of ragamuffins pitching into the Christmas cheer with an papers, and paste a bit of ribbon or paper at the top to suspend them from the boughs. You can not have too many tiny mirrors. Purchase a pound or two of English walnuts and cut them into halves and take out the meats. took another grudged morsel from the Save them to put into the middle of table. Toole told the story to Dickens, each small frosted cake. Purchase who listened attentively, and at its conalso a pound of sugared caraways, and clusion, with a burst of warm enthusithem, and paste on the other half. Use common glue, or gum-tragacanth for paste. Insert a bit of narrow ribbon in any color at the top of the nut. Cut a small round of gilt paper and cover it with paste, and wrap it carefully about the nut, letting the folds of it lie evenly about the bit of ribbon. Make as many about the bit of ribbon.

as you can of these, for they are the

prettiest of rattle-boxes, and everybody

likes to possess such a trophy. Little lace bags made of bobinet lace or wash

illusion, by running them together with

scarlet, blue and gold colored worsteds, and using a bit of it for a string to draw

and sugar plums for the children. Small

nice to perfume bureau drawers, and a

dozen or more will not come amiss upon

drippings. - Ladies' Floral Cabinet.

of Christmas.

mas time awaken.

coming.

the year.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

By Charles Dickens.

There seems a magic in the very name

A Christmas family party! We know nothing in nature more delightful.

How many old recollections, and how

This is the season of hospitality, mer-

The most minute and trivial circum-

Who can be insensible to the out-

pourings of good feeling, and the hon-

est interchange of affectionate attach-ment, which abound at this season of

Would that Christmas lasted the

whole year through (as it ought), and

that the prejudices and passions which

called into action among those to whom

Christmas time! That man must be

On this day reflect upon your present

to think of people below them as if they

really were fellow-passengers to the

grave, and not another race of creatures

"The Christmas Carol."

the dresser at the theater, whose pale

face and interesting manner fitted her

well for the part, played "Tiny Tim." The sickly little girl was a favorite in

the theater, and especially so with Mr.

piece the artists sat down to a regular

supper of roasted goose and plum pud-ding, which was, in the present instance,

genuine material. Toole was in the habit of chopping the viands up and giv-

ing them to the children performing, and they, when they had eaten the first

helping, returned like "Oliver," for more. "Tiny Tim," like "Benjamin,"

appeared to eat seven times as much as

her brethren. She was first to return

her plate for more and always made away

and your New Year a happy one.

they should ever be strangers.

stances connected with those happy meetings crowd upon our mind at each

recurrence of that season.

riment and open-heartedness, and many are the hearts that are gladdened by its

many dormant sympathies, does Christ-

It was Christmas Eve. The night was very dark and the snow falling fast as Hermann, charcoal burner, drev them together, are also very pretty and desirable when filled with nuts, raisins, now hastening back to his little hut. apples closely stuck with cloves are also poor, gaining barely enough fr the dozen or more will not come amiss upon this most wonderful tree. A Christ child or angel, made by dressing a doll in lace and silvered wings, is very decorative when fastened to the topmost bough of the tree. Small candles can have a bit of wire thrust through the lower end by heating it, and then

bough of the tree. Small candles can have a bit of wire thrust through the lower end by heating it, and then fasten it securely to the boughs of The child answered nothing, but looked piteous'y up in the charcoalburner's face.

the tree. Apples and oranges can also be suspended with thread wire. "Well, I cannot leave thee here. Thou Cut rings of card-board and slip over the candles, and they will catch their woulds; be dead before morning.

with a needle and coarse thread. En-twine them also about the branches, Where are the bones?" he added, look-you can't tax him fur a ten?" "Did he give you the ten dollars?"

Sam Johnsing then went on to state that when he asked his future father-inlaw, old man Snowball, for a ten, the latter snorted like a cow pony when he hears a brass band for the first time, but finally cooled down and said as soon as he cashed off a little check he would hand over the X.

"I said 'all right,' and went off," said Sam, "but seems dat after I was gone old man Snowball asked his darter, Matildy, to let him hab de funds, but nebber tole her it was for me. She said she couldn't find her portmania, and asked her brudder, Bob, who am sitting on the bench dar, wid his head tied up, fur de ten dollars. He said he would get it as soon as de bank opened, as he didn't hab no small change; and he hunted me up and down on Austin avenue and asked me ter loan him ten dollars, and I said I would next day, but I nebber meant to do no such foolishness, no how. You see, Jedge, none of 'em tole de udder dat hit was me what fust started de business."

"Well, what has all this to do with

the assault?" asked the Justice. "Next day, New Yeah's Day, I called at de Snowball mansion on Aushis cloak tighter around him, and the wind whistled fiercely through the trees of the Black forest. He had been to old man if he had de ten dollars he promised me. He said sartinly, and went ober to Matildy and axed her for Although he worked very hard he was de money she had promised him, and she said sartinly, too, and goes ober to wants of his wife and four little chil- Bob fer de money he had promised. Bob said 'ob course,' and I hope I may be struck dead in my tracks ef dat fool niggah didn't come up ter me and say Brudder-in-law what's gwine ter be, has yer got de ten dollars yer promised me?

"What followed?" "I jess ris up, and putting my stove-pipe on de side of my head, I said: 'I enders my resignation as a future sonin-law, de same ter go inter effect from right now. If yer suspects dat Sam So saying, Hermann raised it in his arms, Johnsing am sich a sucker as ter play wrapped it in his cloak, and warmed matrimony in a family dat hain't got



TELLING THE STORY OF SANTA CLAUS.

The Christmas tree casts no glowing its cold hands in his bosom. When ten dollars on New Yeah's Day, you child and rapped at the door, which was dat's all,' and I made for de door.' bake many cakes which are covered leaves: "This, in commemoration of the thrown open, and the children rushed to meet him.

"Here, wife, is a guest to our Christmas Eve supper," said he, leading in the little one, who held timid y to his finger with his tiny hand.

"And welcome he is," said the wife. "Now let him come and warm himself

which all men have some. Smile again with a merry face and contented heart, by the fire." The children all pressed round to welcome and gaze at the little new-comer. This is a kind, forgiving. charitable, They showed him their pretty fir-tree, pleasant time; the only time I know of, decorated with bright co ored lamps, in in the long calendar of the year, when honor of Christmas Eve, which the good men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and mother had endeavored to make a fete for the children.

Then they sat down to supper, each child contributing of its portion for the guest, looking with admiration at its Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our the little room; and as they gazed it grew into a sort of halo around the head, bis eyes beamed with a heavenly childish days; that can recall to the old man the pleasure of his youth; that can and his eyes beamed with a heavenly transport the sailor and the traveler luster. Soon two white wings appeared thousands of miles away, back to his at his shou'der, and he seemed to grow own friends and his quiet home. vision vanished, spreading out his hands as in bened ction over them.

A Characteristic Story of Dickens and Hermann and his wife fell on their knees, exclaiming, in awe-struck voices: "The holy Christ child!" and then em-Toole was acting in "The Christmas Carol," playing "Bob Cratchett," A little delicate girl, one of the children of braced their wondering children in joy and thankfulness that they had entertained the Heavenly Guest.

The next morning, as Hermann passed by the place where he had found the fair child, he saw a cluster of lovely white flowers, with dark green leaves. looking as though the snow itself had blossomed. Hermann plucked some and carried them reverently home to his wife and children, who treasured the fair blossoms and tended them carefully in remembrance of that wonderful Christmas Eve, calling them chrysan-themums; and every year, as the time came around, they put aside a portion of their feast and gave it to some poor little child, according to the words of Christ: "Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these, My breth-ren, ye have done it unto Me."

They Out-Voted Him.

the document.

been dar."

"You must not use such language,"

be needed to trim a large tree, twelve for a small one. These paper chains when once made can be kept for years if carefully handled. Parch a large pan of popcorn, and string them into chains of popcorn and str

"What next?"

"What next! Come here, Jedge, and run your hand ober my wool and feel dat bump like an egg plant. Dat's a New Yeah's giff from Matildy. Does you see this gouged eye? Dat's what I got from de ole man ter remember him by; and I'se got enudder New Yeah's giff on my pusson whar Bob took out a mouf-full wid his teef. Dat's why I walks wid a cane. I tried mighty hard to return de compliments ob de season, but when de ole woman poured bilin' water down my back, I drew out as an independent candidate. Dey out-voted me, Jedge.

In consideration of it being the holiday season, and about the Justice's time for dinner, the cases were dismissed .-Galveston News.

The True Christmas.

Every year the churches are more beautiful, but the gorgeous fruitage of the trees that grow in their vestries is for the children who would have no Christmas else. Every year the shops are more splendid, and wealth and love give costlier gifts to their own, but every year, also, more men and women save something from the sum to be spent on kin and friend for those who can claim only the human tie for re-membrance. Every year more ragged school-children, and news-boys, and boot-blacks, and sufferers in hospitals, and patient folk in alms-houses, and long hopeless inmates of asylums and prisons, are remembered in kindness. Every year more hard-worked men and women get the brief holiday for their homely uses. Every year there is more

friendliness in the air. So it seems that the true Christmas, like the Kingdom of Heaven, of which, indeed, it is a part, is within us. It is the hour of charitable thought and active service. It is our season of vision, when eyes are anointed to see how beautiful a thing is Happiness, and how easy it is to bestow it. To most of us, indeed, an underlying sadness must deepen a little by contrast with the ex-ternal joy. We think of those past Christmases of our youth, each of which in turn was to have seen us great, or "You make this affidavit against the rich, or famous, or noble, or happy, Snowball family, do you?" asked the Justice, of Sam Johnsing, holding up with the fulfillment of some desire which was never to be satisfied. We think of the friends whose greeting was "Yes, sah, I does. Dey puts on a heap o' style and puss, but dey am de ordinariest family in de whole city ob Austin. Dar ain't ten dollars in the whole family. I know, because 1 has been dar."

think of the friends whose greeting was the best of Christmas to us, and whose voices we shall no more hear. Filling the children's stockings, we long unutterably for the child who was to grow up only in the life to come. But these aspirations, ambitions, loves, are not dead. Let us not try to forget, but give remonstrated the Justice, "but please them all a place at our Christmas fire, state your case."
"Well, sah, I was engaged to be in what we fancy we have lost.—Harrich, very rich, in what we have, richer

The New Year.

All Christendom-Russia alone excepted—starts out upon a New Year on the first day of January. In Russia, New Year's Day is the 25th of March. This date was also the beginning of the year in England, up to about one hundred and thirty years ago. In 1751, the famous Lord Chesterfield secured the passage of a measure in the English Parliament which set the New Year on the first of January. Thus the legal year was made to correspond with the solar year.

The first of January first became New Year's Day in Europe three centuries ago. In 1582, it was so ordained by Pope Gregory XIII., and was adopted by all Europe except England, Russia and Sweden.

Another change, besides altering the date of the New Year, was made by Lord Chesterfield's reform of 1751. Up to that time, in England, the calendar was eleven days behind that of the rest of Europe. That is, when it was the first of March, or April, or July, in England, it was the twelfth of the month in continental Europe. By Lord Chesterfield's act the English calendar was advanced eleven days.

Thus was brought about in our mother country the change from what was called the "Old Style" to the "New Style." Russia still adheres, alone among European nations, to the Old Style; and when it is the twelfth of the month with us, it is only the first of the month in Russia.

As America was, in 1751, subject to the mother country, our calendar, as well as that of England, was altered in that year in the manner described.

We have become so accustomed to the first of January as the date of the New Year, that it seems very strange to think of its ever having teen at so awkward a date as the 25th of March. But this only serves to emphasize the fact that these divisions of time are artificial, and, in a sense, merely the creation of man's ingenuity. Still, we are now guided by the movements of the sun and moon in our calculation of time; so that it has been brought into harmony and fitness with the physical scheme of the universe.

There are, happily, few human beings setting out on a long journey or voyage, or beginning a new enterprise in business, or building a new house, the faces of men and women are turned towards the future.

Memory of what has been seems most natural and most fitting for reflection in the latterdays of the dying year. The threshold passed into another, every one is impelled to cast his glances forward, to wonder what is coming, to enter with fresh zeal and fresh plans into the schemes of life. schemes of life.

And corresponding with this feeling is the kind ed moral impulse to build anew, on the foundations of the new year, a better and higher life. It is a good thing to make a large number of good resolutions, even if it turns out. regular recurrence, once in every twelvemonth, of a date when mankind, instinctively, as well as by custom, takes a long glance over an extended period, and turns its thoughts seriously

"Rirg out, wild bells, to the wild sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light! The year is dying in the night. Ring out, wild bells, and let him die!"

Hark! the death-knell of the year is tolling. Hush! 'tis a solemn moment; step softly; listen! That old, old year brought many sorrows, many joys, to this strange world of ours. Into the heart of youth it poured love's golden treasure; it parted friends whose hearts were linked in bonds of true affection; it kissed, perhaps, with kiss of silver he dark, rich tresses upon some pen-

sive brow. In that short space of time many a weary pilgrim lad down his burden and went to his reward; many a youthful knight, with spotless shield, entered

the lists of life's great tournament.

Old friends have left us and new ones filled their places; we have all changed for better or for worse-and if the old year has been kind to us, we lament his fate; if harsh, we bend in worship to the king who claims the vacant throne. Hush! the bells are tolling faintly; it is almost over; the end is near.

"His face is growing sharp and thin,
Alack! our friend is gone.
Close up his eyes: tie up his chin;
Step from the corpse, and let him in,
That standeth there alone.
And waiteth at the door.
There's a new foot on the floor, my friend,
And a new face at the door, my friend—
A new face at the door, my friend—
Let us cherish the last words of the Let us cherish the last words of the old, dead year:

"I am fading from you, But one draweth near, Called the angel guardian Of the coming year. "May you hold this angel Dearer than the last; So I bless his Future, While he crown: my Past."

Standing on the shining threshold of the coming days, while old joys and sorrows fade slowly in the distance, we may repeat the solemn wish of the poet:

"Let the dead past bury its dead." The old year with its sufferings has ourified our strength; its misfortunes have given us experience; and we go onward down the pathway of the coming years with bright hopes for the future, and no vain wishes for the past. - Youth's Companion.

—Conjugal conversation. Time— every evening during the holidays. Scene—the domestic hearth. "And oh! Charles, I've seen such lovely things!' "Huh!" "And they are so cheap!"
"Huh!" "And I want to buy a—, and a-, and a-, and a-, for dear mother and the girls." "Huh!" "And something for the children." "Huh!" "And there are some bargains in house-keeping things." "Huh!" "And I want to buy a little gift for you, (harlie!" "Wall lie." "Well, how much money do you want?" - Boston Transcript.

-In England Christmas is at once a all ages and ranks.

A CHRISTMAS HYMN.

The air was still o'er Bethlehem's plain, As if the great night held its breath, When life eternal came to reign Over a world of death.

All nature felt a thrill divine When burst that meteor on the night, Which, pointing to the Savior's shrine, Proclaimed the new-born light.

Light to the shepherds! and the star Gilded their silent midnight fold; Light to the wise men from afar, Bearing their gifts of gold.

Light to a realm of sin and grief; Light to a world in all its needs; The light of life—a new belief Rising o'er fallen creeds.

Light on a tangled path of thorns, Though leading to a martyr's throne; A light to guide till Christ returns In glory to His own.

There still it shines, while far abroad
The Christmas choir sings now, and then:
"Glory, glory unto our God!
Peace and good-will to men!"
--T. Buchanan Read.



This man so happy, and so full of fun, Crams well the Christmas stockings, and, when done, Laughs loud and long, and winks his eye,

He thinks his boys are "fooled" 'bout Santa Claus.

Christmas Day.

Holidays with a religious sanction are, so far as we can know, as old as the human race. At any rate, the earliest records we have of such observances to whom the coming of the New Year does not bring, to a greater or less degree, the "pleasures of hope." On setting out upon another year, just as on growing out of fellow-feeling, confesses sential to their very purpose, the evoking of the "wondrous kindness," which, growing out of fellow-feeling, confesses a common dependence upon a divine power. This going out of the human heart to something higher, holier and more beneficent than man, is more universal than a cursory glance would lead us to think. There are many who are moved unconsciously to themselves by it, even as without thought or effort they breathe the breath of their natural bodies. Prejudice, bigotry, selfishnesss and narrow ignorance may impede, or may mar the mystery of sympathy. But the reach of the true holiday, in the boundless Christian spirit of charity, includes in its benison all the children of the All-Father, of whatever nation, or class, or creed, or kindred. National holidays and neighborhood commemora-tions have their limits of theme and that they are not all kept. There is something highly beneficial in the econ- are nothing if not tolerant, and do not omy of time and men's affairs, in the fill the true signification unless they rise above mere toleration, and embrace in kindly thought all the children of the Father of all.

Upon these essential verities, spiritual and intellectual, hang, as tinsel and orto moral self-improvement as well as nament, the innocent sensual enjoymaterial advancement.—Youth's Comments of the season, as the fringe adorned the official garments of the priest in the Hebrew Temple. The senses are the necessary ministers to the mind and heart, the body is the servant of the soul. And we are to take heed that the servant does not dominate the master. The family circle is to-day the center of satisfaction and the scene of the purest happiness in the hope of those who would keep holiday. May those who would keep holiday. May all to whom these words shall come heartily enjoy it, and realize that the sympathy which makes the whole world kin, causes all in a house to be of one

happy mind.
The burthened mails, the loaded trains and the busy messengers have been over-taxed discharging their trust. The absent are brought near by kindly tokens; the needy are not forgotten, and there are reunions everywhere in spirit as well as in personal presence. The thought of the poet that the moon looks down on many brooks, but the same moon is reflected in them all, is pertinent in a higher sense to-day. In a higher and in a more poetical sense as well; for truth is the essence of poetry. Many are the nations, many the men, many the temperaments and conditions, but Christmas lightens the faces of them all, if they will but reflect from their own hearts the brightening beams of the Star of the Nativity.--Philadelphia



Making Resolutions for the New Year.

-Before we greet our readers again, most of them will be bankrupt, while we, who have repudiated Christmas with all its hereditaments and appurtenances, will keep right on socking one thousand dollars a week, into bank and religious, domestic and merry-making doubling our commission with the festival that is observed by persons of undertakers for whom we furnish custom. - N. Y. Dispatch.

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Don't you know you ewe th printer? Then what is your duty? Mr. Mart. Heintz intends building a comodious residence for him-

for a two weeks' heliday.

Capt. Parker, of Alexandria, has zone on a visit to his mother, in Michigan.

Born, in this city, Dec. 9, 1882, to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. O. Kelley, at Strong City drink any, or do a daughter.

Dr. W. H. Cartter, Representative-elect, returned from Abilene, last Friday.

A Mr. Dennison is putting up a residence at Strong City, this side of the depot.

Mr. Geo. P. Hardesty, of Safford, took a lot of cattle to Kansas City, Monday night.

Mr. Jake Moon, ex-Sheriff of Lyon county, called in to see us, last Thursday. There will be a Christmas tree

in Hildebrand Hall, Strong City, on Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. F. Davis of Peyton creek, will spend Christmas in New York city. Mr. S. R. Helmes, son of W. 1

Holmes, Esq., of Elmdale, is lying dangerously ill, at his father's. Mr. Geo. Smith, of Cottonwood

township, bas sold his farm and gone to Lyon county to locate. Mesars. Wheeler & McGrath, at

Strong City, have a town clock on the top of their store building.

Mr. C. A. Britton has put up in feed, which is run by borse power. Mrs. Wilkeson, of Emperie, and

Miss Mamie Nye, of Strong, made lor. a visit to Nickerson, last Monday. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. James

Kimmey, on Bleedy creek, on Monday, Dec. 18, 1882, a daugh

Mr. Charles Lantry, of Strong City, made a visit to Topeka, last week, as did also Judge A. W Harris, of the same place.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Congregational church, on Christmas night, as also one at the M. E. church, on the same night.

Mr. J. V. Sanders, of Emporia one of the best lawyers of the State, was in town, this week, accompanied by his wife, attending

If you want anything done and men who are owing can do it, the quickest way to have it done is to do it yourself. Such is our experience.

Mr. C. M. Talkington was thrown from a mule, on Tuesday morning, receiving several seratches on his hands and other parts of his

Mr. F. R. Dodge sold his household goods, and, with his family, them, and who hope to see them left, last week, for Columbus, back in our midst not many years 10 pounds coffee A sugar for \$1 Ohio, where he will make his fu- bence.

East to knew of the progress of the er's telling about the drawing of county in which you live, send the jury at this term of the District them this paper. It is better Court a person would imagine it than many letters.

Arrived, early on Friday morning, December 15, 1882, Miss Flora S., youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Pennell, of this city; weight, nine pounds.

Mr. H. E. Snyder, of Middla creek, has sold his farm to Mrs. S. A. Frech, of McPherson county, and contemplates an early visit to his old home in the East.

The Marquis of Lorne and Princes Louise, daughter of Queen Victoria, will pass over the Santa Fe railroad, in a few days, on Point has just returned from the inches. their way from California to Can- city, with a complete line of holiday

the death of the six-year-old son of be sold down to bed rock prices, estate security. Call on Thos. O. Mr. Geo. W. Crum, of Morgan. It Come one, come all, both old and Kelley, at Young & Kelley's Law occurred at 12 o'clock, Wednesday young.

night, December 14, 1882, of digh theria.

There will be an examination of applicants for teachers' certificates, held at the County Superintendent's office, on Tuesday, January 2, 1883.

MARY E. HUNT, Co. Supt. We understand that Mr. John Pratt has sold his farm in Butler county and contemplates moving on to the farm of his brother, Mr. O. C. Pratt, on South Fork, to run that farm in connection with his brother.

The Burns Club will meet at M. A. Campbell's store, on Saturday, Dec. 23, 1882, at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and to make arrangements for celebrating the Bobby Burns anniversary.

The Strong City Independent says: "Folks drink at Cottonwood Fails." Yes; we have good water, and drink whenever we teel so in clined; but, pray tell us, don't folks they quench their thirst by absorb-

The non-resident lawyers in attendance at this term of Court have been J. J. Buck, Peyton & Sanders, Cunningham & McCarthy, C. N. Sterry, W. W. Scott, of Emporia; C. E. Reed, Marion Center; S. N. Wood and J. G. Waters, of Topeka.

The way to step taking a news paper is not to leave it in the postoffice, or to send it back to the editor, but to call in or send and pay all arrearages, and then tell the publisher to discontinue sending it to you, and he will be sure to do so.

If you are a paid up subscriber to this paper call and get a copy of "Kendall's Treaties on the Horse." If you are a non-resident and have paid up your subscription, you, too, are entitled to a copy of the book, and can obtain it by sending us four cents to pay postage.

A negro, named Gentry Jones charged with the murder of a white man at Shelbyville, Tenn. three years ago, and also of the policeman who tried to make the arhis building a mill for grinding rest at the time, was arrested at Strong City, the other day, by detective from Topeks, named Tay-

> Mr. Lafayette Cottonwood Hawkins, son of John Hawkins, Req.,o Cottonwoop township, called in te see us, last Saturday, in company with Wm. H. Shaft, Esq., of the same township. By the way, Mr. Hawkin was the first white child born in Cotton wood township, his birth taking place on December 29, 1856. This county was then known as Wise county.

> Now is the time of year for peo ple to select their reading matter for 1883; therefore, we have revised our clubbing list, which will be found in another column. As some of the rates therein, especially the Kansas Farmer, will be increased at the beginning of the new year, it would be well for parties to take advantage of these clubbing rates immediately.

Mr. J H. Dygert and family, of Fox creek, left, Monday, for Woodstock, McHenry county, Illinois, where they will make their future home, not, however, without the flyings, 85 cents per pound. hopes of returning here to live. They have many friends in this produce, butter, eggs, etc. county, whose good wishes go with

"Now you see it; new you don't If you want your friends back see it." According to the Leadwas very wrong for a Greenback official to neglect to do a thing at the time prescribed by law; but it it should have been a Republican official's fault that the thing was not done at the time fixed by law, it was a saving of expenses to the county and no damage whatever done. Yes, "it depends on whose and caps ranging from 25 cents up ox is gored;" but would it not look to \$450. a little better if our neighbor was lees hasty with his faultfinding?

and other goods in his line, which We are called upon to chronicle have been bought for cash, and wall three, four, or five years time, real

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"The fire originated near the water-front The sea-breeze that prevails during the evening fanned the flames inland. The fire excended about one and one-fourth mites along the water-front from the wharf of the Royal Mail Steamship Company to the Atlas wharf. Searly all the buildings were one and two stosies high, and made of wood. There was no Fire Department, and the negro natives, who ompose the great part of the population, were probably too much frightened or too lazy to combat the flames.
"Half the city is burned. McDowell's office

destroyed, but the wharves are saved. "Kingston has twice before suffered disas-rously from fire. In February, 1782, the town was almost completely destroyed; and another ire which commenced on March 29, 1862, and n which a few persons perished, destroyed property to the value of \$1,250,000. It is a naritime city and the capital of Jamaica, in he County of Surrey, on the south coast, welve miles from Spanish Town, the former Capital, and contains a population of some 35,000. It is situated on the gentle slope of a oranch of the Blue Mountains, and stands on he north shore of a magnificent bay defended

lens. Besides the English church, the hand-somest in the town, there are a Scottish, some Methodist, and several Roman Catholic hurches, and two synag gues; but neither these nor the other public edifices, such as the theater, hospital, court-house, new penitenciary, work-house, commercial subscription cooms, barracks and jail, possess any archi-

ectural beauty.
"The situation of Kingston, between Europe and the center of the American continent, has rendered it an important commercial entrepot. The chief exports are coffee, sugar, tobacco, dyewoods and rum, and the imports love, like my illness, and they will get main'y consist of manufactured goods, flour. over it, while I shall fill an early grave; wine, ale and salted meats. Its exports annually aggregate something like \$8,000,000, and the imports are about the same amount."

Strange Freak of a Crazy Man.

A recent Westerly (R. I.) dispatch says:

"Just before dayli ht yesterday morning,
yrus Barber, a young man whose mind has
find my way back. Well, good bye, old given way under religious excitement, and who has been guarded by his friends, as he tried once before to kill himself, was seen to leap suddenly from the window of his bedroom just as his father entered the room to relieve the guard. Mr. Barber ran out the back door, with a view to overtaking him and bring-ing him back. Just as he reached the door, he heard the sound of chopping at the wood-pile, and thought the young man was chopping wood. Stealing softly up to the pile, old Mr. Barber heard his son repeating over and over again: 'It is most off, it is most off.' The luna-tic seemed pleased that his object was nearly accomplished. The old man saw him fall over, but in the darkness was unable to see what the young man had done. Stooping down, he found that the young man had fainted. Aid rable shade eas Goods, was called and the helpless youth was carried into the house and laid upon a lounge. Then it was discovered that he had chopped one leg nearly off about six inches above the ankle, the hacked and nearly severed limb being held together only by a fragment of flesh. The young man probably failed, from losing his balance, to finish cutting off the end of the member. The leg was bound up as soon as possible by the two men, and a surgeon was sent for, who dressed the limb. At daylight he lunatic had partially recovered from his shock and was talking about his act. He seemed satisfied that he had done right, and quoted such scripture as: 'All things work together for good to them that love God,' and called for a reading from the book of Revela-tion. Young Barber has been for some time In a morbid state of mind respecting religious subjects, and tried a few weeks since to kill himself by holding his breath because he thought it was a sin to breathe."

The Timber-Culture Question.

The following resolutions were adopted by the National Agricultural Association at its session in Chicago on the 14th: "WHEREAS, We begin to realize the lamentable wasting of the forest lands of the United states, and begin to feel the sad effects of

their destruction upon the climate and watersupply of the country, and are forced to confess our need of a knowledge of the better nanagement of the woodlands than is now possessed by the people; the refore.

"Resolved, That we urge upon the State Legislatures the propriety of selecting judicious persons to act as State Forestry Com-

missioners, whose duty it shall be to instruct he people in regard to forest trees, their proluction and management, said officers to re-port annually upon the condition of the wood-Prescription." By druggists. lands in their respective commonwealths.

and "Resolved, That we beg of ail the agricultural colleges established under the land-grant of Congress that they shall lose no time in planting State arboreta, and establishing fores experimental stations, where all species adapted to the soil and climate shall be tested and whence surplus seeds and plants may ! distributed; annual reports of these establishments to be made to the Governors or to the State Boards of Agriculture.

Resolved, That Congress be asked to establish

one or more forest experimental stations upon the public domain, where the propagation an lesting of useful trees shall be the leading of ject, with the collection of seeds and plants to be distributed by or under direction of the United States Agricultural Department, to which bureau these stations shall make amua reports."

The Proposed Bankruptey Law.

A Washington report gives the following summary of the provisions of the Lowel Bankruptcy bill substituted by the United States Senate for the regular committee bi

on the same subject:
"By the Lowell bill estates will be admit istered by a trustee and Committee of Supe vision. Both these are chosen by the credi ors apart from the court. It pre e a corplete code of Bankruptcy law. It d es the rights of debtors and creditors and marks of the procedure by which they are to be e forced. It proposes that jurisdiction shall the exercised by Commissioners in Bankrupte a species of half official, half Judge, with a appeal to the Supreme Court. They will be appointed by the Circuit Courts, two Justice concurring, of whom one shall be the Distri Judge. The Commissioners are to give bone as receivers, and may act as both Judge ar Registrar. There are to be supervisors to overlook the administration of estates at sale ries of \$2,000 a year. Rules and forms are be made and issued by the Supreme Cour The property of a bankrupt may be seized be fore or after adjudication, on the order of the Judge. A receiver may be appointed before adjudication. There are provisions for volu tary bankrupicy when the debts exceed \$50 The estate is liquidated by a trustee appointe th a VALUABLE TREATISE on this disease, to er. Give Express and P. O. address.

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The Bad Boy at Breakfast.

"Yes," said the boy, with a vacant look, "I take no interest in the pleasure of the chase any more, though I did have a little quiet fun this morning at the breakfast table. You see pa is the contrariest man ever was. If I complain that anything at the table don't taste good, pa says its all right. This morning I took the syrup pitcher and emptied out the white syrup and put in some cod-liver oil that ma is taking for her cough. I put some on my pancakes, and pretended to taste of it, and I told pa the syrup was sour and not fit to eat. Pa was mad in a second, and he poured out some on his several and a young lady sister, and a beau the other night, and just as the conversation became interesting the little brother walked in "Well," said his sister, "what do you want here?" "I want to whisper something to you," was the reply. "'Tisn't polite to whisper in company; speak right out like a little man." "But I don't like to." "Yes, but you must, so Mr. J. can see how bright, you are." "All right, then. Brother Tom told me to ask you what was the date of your last but the syrup and put in some cod-liver oil that ma is taking for her cough. I put to take the present of the surpler." Tom left on the midaight to take of it, and I told pa the syrup was sour and not fit to eat. Pa was mad in a second, and he poured out some on his several and not give the present of the presen sour and not fit to eat. Pa was mad in a second, and he poured out some on his pancakes and said I was getting too confounded particular. He said the syrup was good enough for him, and he sopped his pancakes in it and fired some down his neck. He is a gaul darned hypocrite—that's what he is. I could see by his face that the cod-liver oil was near killing him, but he said the syrup was all right, and if I didn't eat mine he'd break my neck: and by gosh I had to eat it, and pa he guessed he hadn't got much appetite and he would just drink a cup appetite are pevish, cross and nervous. The disease poisons the blood, weakens the kidness pevisant pevisant persuaded.

It is not to be wondered at that chronic dyspetites are pevish, cross and nervous. The disease poisons the blood, weakens the kidness pevisant a cup appetite are pevish, cross and nervous. The disease poiso and that I think makes this disappointment in love harder to bear. But I felt sorry for ma. Ma ain't get a very strong stummish, and when she got some of that be north shore...

by two forts. It is built in the ...

imphitheater, with wide and regular streets; the houses, mostly of two stories, are solidly constructed of brick or wood, and painted green or white. The nouses in the center of the city form blocks or squares, and in the principal streets are furgulares, and in the principal streets are furgular streets.

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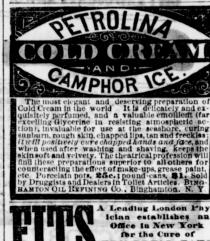
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