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BE YE SEPARATE .- CLOISTERS. JEAN PAUL.

he claimed ownership of all the king- because it was commanded to bring forth duty to the well. Those who lie on sick | Carist was born.) About twenty feet learning." doms of the world and the glory of them. grass and herbs, and that it was made beds, those who mourn their recent from the star is another recess seven or Christianity begins with a song, and in of space, giving to the church of all time The whole world lieth in wickedness. Hence, the injunction : be not conformed divived, because "the evening and the presents and sadly feel that her for whom of murble hewn in the form of a "man- is a song that never ends, ever "new." to this world!

boundary of the good? At what point Who will show us any good? The Holy truth. More kindly disposed to frail fel. must have had more logic and less piety low-men, I adhere to the expediency of the apostle: " If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth."

3. To those whose hearts are temples of God, disciplinary regulations are su- ple than to assume that it was the same perfluous. Never heless, being a member day on which the power of the Almighty of a church, a true sense of honor dic. overshadowed Mary, and the Day-spring tates conscientious compliance with the from on high began his entrance into the vows of thechurch.

4. All diversions are sinful to a Christian which he cannot take in the name | could reckon forward from this fixed of Ged. Pray truly, earnestly pray, point of the assumption nine months. that the polka which you intend to and arrive at D-cember 25th as the day of dance, the theatrical performance which | Nativity. And here another wonderful you wish to attend, the game of cards which you design to play, redcund to of the winter solstice, the day when the It is a privilege, not a duty, to keep it; a God's giory and your soul's benefit. world's darkness begins to lessen, and the Pray, and before you will have come to 'amen," all desire for the dance, theater, cards, will have disappeared.

5. I know a preacher who very fiercely, and rightly so, inveigns against theaters and cards, who, nevertheless, largely quotes from Shakespeare in his sermons, and, in order to amplify a truth, employs the idiomatic language of the card-table.

6. Should not worldly church members be excluded from the fold of Christ? to decline. The Lord Jesus is born on asking their hearts whether it be possi-When a putrid sore endangers the life of December 25th, the winter so stice, when ble that any whom Carist loves, and who Not far from this "City of Divid," a the body by blood-poison, amputa ion of the sun begins to ascend. And in this is wish to love him should have cause for youth "ruddy and of a beautiful counthe diseased timb is at once resorted to. Should pastors be less wise than sur-

1. Cloisters, monasteries and nunneries constitute an important element in the about 354 A. D. And it is sur; rising to papal church. They originated in the see with what alacrity the da's was remistaken conception that exemption ceived and the Nativity celebrated

2. True, the Christian requires occasional solitude-time for taking an in- and was ready to welcome it at once with voice of our spiritual make-up. Our songs of joy. In the year 360 it was al-Master himself required it. Entire nights ready celebrated in Rome by vast multihe spent solitarily in the quiet recesses tudes thronging the churches. Twenty of the mountain. But neither the Master nor his disciples require of us a life of hermitage or of seclusion in the dark cells of a cloister.

the wants of his handlwork, and he declares: "It is not good that man should St. Chrysostom, in a Christmas sermon

is a sine qua non. 4. In some isolated cases cloisters may have been the seats of erudition and in Harper's. the fine arts, but more frequently they have been hot houses of corcuption and debauchery. The best Bavarian beer is brewed in monasteries.

to the various cloisters.

gership! NEW ORLEANS, LA.

ORIGIN OF THE FESTIVAL.

What reason could be given for choos- In its social aspect Christmas is a lem. The stone pavement of the floor of ing one day rather than another for the freshener and youth-renewer for the year. | the church is deeply worn by the foot-Christmas festival? The gospels, at- The parents, the grand-parents, and, in steps of innumerable pilgrims who in the ways meager in dates, were quite silent | those households where the family tree | long centuries past have visited the conhere. They gave no hint of the day or bears the fruits of four seasons, the secrated place. we may be sure, was equally reticent or conversation, interchange of gifts, and are three large convents, Greek, Latin indifferent. There were, indeed, a few sports more or less vigorous. The can- and Armenian, forming a vast irregular Christ's birth floating here and there is opened, and the procession, including whole the appearance of a military foramong the writings of the fathers; but maids and men-servants, if there be any, tress rather than that of a religious instithese were all of late origin, manifestly enter, wait till their names are called off, tution. Each convent has its separate that many Christians regarded the 20th The tables groan, and, further on, those are held in common as holy places. The of May as the day of the Nativity, others groan who have surrounded them. vored the 19th of November. In the gifts, because all are poor, or find it hard essary to call in the Turkish (Moslem) Eastern Church the 5th or 6th of Janua- to provide for the common wants of life? soldiers to settle the quarrels of these ry was celebrated as the death of Christ's If there be love, the home-made mittens followers of the Prince of Peace. a prophesy of the Incarnation. Others, in the mansions of the Astors or the with lighted tapers in our hands, we fol- inanimate nature is continually repre- child, to deliver man from his ruin, to men were ready, and made the most cogent again, fixed upon the 21st of March as Vanderbilts. the day of Christ's birth. Between such winding stairway into a large natural kingdoms and departments. It is as if antly supported assum- love is than a stalled or and barred for care beneath the church called varying and slightly supported assum- love is than a stalled ox and hatred (or cave beneath the church called the a full revelation of the Creator in his re- alienation and fear, rescue where there never could see on what ground it could be detions there was little to choose. A his indifference) therewith." Better is a "Grotto of the Nativity." This spot has lations to him, was helpless peril, life where the only cided that a State cannot prohibit a business tion. Nothing was left for the church to eye bright with affection, than a great world's Redeemer, ever since the begin- do the nations and tribes and assemblies the dread of dying. This dying race trade does, and we hall this decision of the Sudo but to select some day on grounds of display and dullness of spirit. Riches ning of the second century, and there is of a conscious and grateful humanity gathers about his manger-cradle, follows preme Court of the United States with deconvenience and symbolic significance, are good, if one have many other things scarcely a doubt of its identity. The sing, not only the inhabitants of the him, listens to him, sees him stop the fashioned Methodist shout of "Glory to God!" and celebrate it by common consent as with them. But there are several things room is thirty-seven feet long, eleven rock and the widow's heart and the cap- long funeral procession, and hears him The constitutionality of prohibitory laws may

common date of the annunciation and of all. lian calendar, March 25th) as the exact the things which are seen, but at the Rome. than belonged to the early Christians. And once having discovered by this easy came into being, and the glorious light sprang out of darkness, what more simthe least imaginative of chronographers coincidence meets him. This is the day | Christmas; its observance is not binding world's light to grow; the day which the is a day when Caristian good cheer is in- associations of the place. Though "It ancient world had long celebrated as the tensified; when the body is summoned to the among the thousands of Judah," birthday of the sun-dies natalis solis in share in the joys of the heart, and, set B-thichem is sacred and noted in both

victi: what more appropriate day could be free from the self-denial of fast-days and Old and New Testament history. To found for the birth of the "Sun of Right- the abstinence of the Sabbath, may reach, the northwest, and but a mile away, we eousness?" "Behold, my brethren," says but not pass, the verge of indulgence. St. Augustine, "another instance of the May all our readers have a happy, beloved wife, honored alike by the Jew, wondrous fulfillment of Scripture. St. Christmas, and may those who cannot the Christian and the Mohammedan. In John the Baptis: is born on June 25 h. be happy try to be hopeful, and may some of the fields just before us, Ru h, the summer solstice, when the sun begins those who have lost hope seek faith by the beautiful young Moabitess, gleaned fulfilled the saying, 'He must increase, hopelessness?-N. Y. Advocate. but I must decrease." The earliest mention of the 25 h of

December as Christmas Day is found in an ancient catalogue of church festivals from contact with the world, "worldly throughout Christendom. It seems as it lusts," would thereby be exterminated. the world had been waiting for this festival of divine and human childhood. years later, Antioch had taken it up with great popular enthusiasm. And in little more than fifty years from its earliest which little fifthy lanes and alleys suggestion, the observance of December branch off on either side. The popula 3. Our Creator certainly knows best 25th as the day of the Nativity had become the Universal practice of Christians be alone." But in papai cloisters ceilbacy preached at Antioch, called it the fundamental feast, or the root from which all other Christian festivals grow. - Vandyke,

THE YEAR'S CHIEF FESTAL DAY.

It is pleasing to every Christian to wit. | peacl. ness the delight with which young and 5. The multiplication of cloisters im- old bail the approach of Christmas, in fact the great attraction of Bethle-6. Strange that the occupants of -a contrast in these respects to John the main body of the building remains just cloisters should be required to wear even Baptist. Nevertheless the deep under- as it was built fifteen hundred years now the uncouth and uncomfortable ha- tone must have been felt by all with ago. It is 120 feet long and 110 broad. bilimen's in vogue during the mediæval whom he mingled. It is inconceivable The interior is divided into a nave and restraint was gentle, for the "common piece of marble two feet in diameter and people heard him gladly," Mary and sixteen feet high. These columns were Martha loved him, and at the wedding- taken according to tradition from the feast he was a welcome guest.

torical date was clearly out of the ques- Christmas with few presents, but every been honored as the birthplace of the could not otherwise be made. Not only sure and constant thing was dying and which scatters rum and death as the liquor It would take too long for me to trace not give happiness, any one of which is and paved with marble, and illuminated the lands and the seas and the heavens, life. You may stop dying if you will, some very serious and thoughtful men, like the many reasons which probably led to better than gold. Health is one; good by many beautiful gold and silver lamps, the hills and the valleys sing. The waste and live with me, by toe, for me, in my the most formidable obstacle to legal prohibition has been removed. The way is clear, the many reasons watch probably led to deter than gold. Realth is one, gold the way is clear, the choice of the 25th of December. It name another. Friendship of the genutation has been removed. The way is clear, the choice of the 25th of December. It name another. Friendship of the genutation has been removed. The way is clear, the choice of the 25th of December. It name another. Friendship of the genutation has been removed. The way is clear, the choice of the 25th of December. It name another than gold. The way is clear, the choice of the 25th of December. It name another than gold. The way is clear, the choice of the 25th of December. It name another than gold. The way is clear, the choice of the 25th of December. It name another than gold. The way is clear, the choice of the 25th of December. It name another than gold. The way is clear, the choice of the 25th of December. It name another than gold. The way is clear, the choice of the 25th of December. The name another than gold. The way is clear, the choice of the 25th of December. The name another than gold. The way is clear, the choice of the 25th of December. The name another than gold. The way is clear, the choice of the 25th of December. The name another than gold. The way is clear, the choice of the 25th of December. The name another than gold. The name another tha was doubtless connected by a process of ine sort is worth more than millions In one end of the grotto is a semi-circusing, as well as the fowls in the bran- man carried out. Is it strange that this tory. Happy Kansas! May the joy spread

the very day on which, without faith. nto a sweet and gentle reminder of them.

pertains to the holy Sabbath a taches to kiss the cold stones.

A VISIT TO BETHLEHEM.

It is but one hour's ride from the 'Joffa Gate" of Jerusalem to the arched gateway of the city of Christ's birth. Bethlehem, now called "Beit Lahm," is beautifully situated on the side and summit of a long hill. Below it on the north, east and south, the hill slopes away in terraces, which are crowned with vineyards, gardens and orchards; while groves of fig. almond and olive trees are growing in luxuriance in the rich valleys beyond. The city is long and narrow, and surrounded by a wall. tion is about 3 000 nearly all of v Arab Christians belonging to the Greek Church, or the Roman Catholic faith. The chief employment of the Bethlehemites is the manufacture of beads, crosses and other trinkets, which are sold to pilgrims and travelers. These trinkets are made of olive wood, ivory and mother-of-

The most conspicuous building, and porch of the ancient temple at Jerusa-

ready been generally accepted as the price, and a hope of heaven the best of star encircled by a silver band. Around is an orchestra. All its sounds are a jug in elernal youth, should living, sing the star is the Latin inscription "Hie symphony. Surely this is more than a and make melody in his heart? Is it the creation of the world. Assuming Lat every Christian be cheerful at de Virgine Maria Jesus Christus Natus poetic device or the hyperbole of Orient- strange that when our religion came on 1. Christ did not call Satan aliar when that the world was made in the spring, Christmas. A merry Caristmas is a Est." (Here of the Virgin Mary Jesus al fancy. It meant something "for our the earth the voices of heaven, with its when light and darkness were equally dead, those who look on the unfinished eight feet square, in which is a block the written gospel the last we hear of it the key-note of its life as well as of adomorning were the first day," it was nather they were intended is gone, can they be ger." The original manger in which it It is the eternal oratorio whose two-fold heavens, and rejoice O earth," is between 2. The Savior prayed that God should ural, though somewhat naive, to fix upon merry? Not with the mirth of the units and to be in theme is "Moses and the Lamb." On the Christian life here, already exultant keep us from the evil. But where is the the vernal equinox (according to the Ja thinking; but if they will "look not a the church of "Santa Maria Maggiore" at the test mony of both the evangelic wit- in faith, and the Christian life there,

does the domain of the evil commence? date of the creation. He who could things which are unseen"-if they will Caristmas, the greatest of all holy days istic feature of the Eucharistic Feast ly in him who has abolished death and question the the value of such a straight look and listen, they may fancy that they in the Christian church, is celebrated Spirit guides the children of God into all forward and Scriptural argument as this catch a glimpse of the loved and lost, and with great pomp in Bathlehem. There, hymn. Prisonwalls and threatened sweet as the song the angels sang "when | prayers and tears and thanksgiving, join Christ was born in Bethlehem." There in midnight mass and Christmas carols. apostles. What would our Christian method the very day on which the world is a secret of faith which can transform It is a strange, weird sight to s e the solean processions, with fliring tapers, hose who are gone would be most missed, marching through the long aisles of the grand old church, and down into the an hems, its Gloria in Excelsis, repeated The one sad thought of Caristmas is Grotto of the Nativity. From Caristmas ever since the original birth-night, and that so many will be glad without being eve to Christmas morn they gather by grateful; so many carol who will no con- hundreds and by thousands around the be lost not only out of the joy and deearth's shrines. With chantings and the spiritual-should be a holiday, but subterranean chapels, they bow around ate to the Son of God and Son of man. not an unholy day. No gravity such as the most sacred places and passionately

Leaving the church and convents, we went out upon the terrace which overribute of love, not obedience to law. I looks the plain, and called up the holy could see the "Tomb of Rachel," Jacob's tenance," kept the flocks of his father, Jesse, before he was called to the throne of Israel. Near the gate of the city is the well of which David once said, in time of conflict, "O that one would give me drink of the water of the well of B thiehem, which is by the gate." And. looking on a thousand years later, we see other shepherds on the same fields watch ing by night, when suddenly a royal guard of honor appears in the midnight sky, singing the first Christmas carol of earth. Over yonder rocky path came the wise men from the East, their foot steps guided by a mysterious star to the manger cradle of the world's Redeemer. everybody is able to sing. St. Paul -S. W. Brow, in Central Advocate.

THE SONG ELEMENT IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

The birth of our Lord can never be

from the angelic hymn that sounded sublime verities of redemption, the laws that this question can never be settled through the sky over the pastures at and unity of the body of Christ, the until it is settled right, the New York Tribune Bethlehem. This voice of heavenly grand dectrines of the faith, and the esmusic, made so prominent in the brief sential duties of the Christian life stated and simple account of the scenes of the Nativity, is more than memorable; it | This leads to a practical principle, the has in it a significant instruction for the recognition of a song-element in person- more, and notably the trustees of the cemetery, Christian disciple and the Christian aireligion, which is to the other qualipoverishes society. All who enter as Even those who take an ascetic view of hem, is the "Church of the Nativity," a Church. Undue honor has certainly not ties of a Christian what music is to city of monuments the other day. Yet it was monks and nuns take upon themselves human life, or doubt the propriety of any very ancient structure built over the rethe vow of poverty. Their private forspecial jubilation in connection with relibut by song in the whole history of the kingbut been paid to the remarkable place held of the sounds. To this by song in the whole history of the kingbut been paid to the remarkable place held of the sounds. To this by song in the whole history of the kingbut been paid to the remarkable place held of the sounds. The been paid to the remarkable place held of the sounds. The but by song in the whole history of the kingbut by song in th tine vow of poverty. Their private for special judication in Connection with the tune, great or small, is at once deeded to gion, look indulgently upon Christmas venerable basilica was erected by the dom of God on the earth, in the power which are probably more real than themthe cloister. Often the parents of monks carels. Our Lord was eminently social Empress Helena, mother of Constantine of its faith, in its unceasing worship, in selves, such as face, features, gestures, and nams bequeath large sums of money -present at weddings; fond of visiting the Great, A. D. 327, and is doubtless the whole body of its inspired Spriptures. tones, accents, all vocal modulations. his personal friends; not averse to feasts the oldest church in the world. The How or what Adam and Eve ssng in the Whenever the soul's life rises to its loftidays of their innocence, or just in what est pitch in spontaneous freedom and tone or accent the minor key came into gladness, then we find all other express- were of the most approved ritual. Moreover, their dust as they went out of Eden, we ion inadequate, and resort to measure, the deceased had led, so far as is known, an are not told, though Milton heips us in | melcdy, and, if there is common praise, | innocent and elegant life; had never defrauded ages, and be required to submit to the that coarseness or boisterous hilarity four nizles separated by four rows of the imagination. No doubt the armies to harmony. For less exalted states a human being; had never spoken ill of any degrading avocation of professional beg- could prevail where he was. Yet the noble Corinthian columns, each a single of Israel chan'ed that majestic strain prosale and unmusical communication where the was addicted to no vices. Where, then, is the seandal? "What's is a which they lifted up every time the will suffige. The meaning of this symordered hosts and laden camels moved bol seems to be that when the service of and had been the companion, confidant, and forward with the glory of the tabernacle. Christ is less reluctant or compulsory, most intimate friend of a wealthy and on the march across the wilderness. least grudging or legal, when it comes fashlonable young lady-one of that class The hymns of Miriam and Deborah must most of loving free will, when we do called "belles," and she was a "raining" be only examples of a national hymnody right not because we fear we shall be Disgusted, are you? Well, that foolish or Hebrew anthology. Till one has read punished if we do not, but because duty young andy is a legitimate product of Ederalicim's graphic and wonderful des- is our Lord's will, and, therefore, to be a foolish, imbedie "society," which has cription of the temple-service at Jerusa- done heartily, gladly, with a springing thousands of poodle-petting, cane-sucking, month of the Nativity. Oral tradition, great-grand-parents, mingle in lively Surrounding the venerable old church lem he can hardly be said to have a con- motion and jubilant feet, there the serception of what the harmonies and melovice is highest, best, most true to him to
capticious demands of senseless, consciencedies of the Livitical worship were, in or- whom it is offered. It is a festival ser- less fashion. scattered suggestions of the date of dies burn on the Christmas-tree, the door pile of buildings, and giving to the der, grandeur and beauty. What hu- vice. Going to the very heart of it, THE Western Advocate: It is hardly posman mind can tell the story of the influ- what is the secret motive of that service? sible to everestimate the value to the cause of ence and power of the Psalms of David Christmas tells us that. The motive prohibition in the United States of the decisin all the ages of the faith, or intimate takes its color and quality from what one of the Supreme Court affirming the constiunhistorical, and, above all, quite con- and at last, leaving the tree stripped of chapel and altars, where the monks their present spiritual nature, or question | Christ has done for us. Work your way tutionality of the prohibitory laws of Kansas. tradictory. Clement, of Alexandria, said all but candles, carry away their gifts. officiate, but certain parts of the church that they will be the chosen and perpetual expression of all the moods and emorivalry between the different sects is tions of religious experience as long as troversies, through ceremonies and counpreferred the 20th of April, but he fa- What if there be no tree, and but few very bitter. Sometimes it has been nec- the church stands? To separate the cils and sermons to the very core and the decision would be in favor of the liquor idea of song from that of prophecy, as it burning heart of the kingdom, and what dealers. Some had even gone so far as to is presented to us in Isaiah or his fellows is it that is there? We have the answer think that the only hope for the prohibition in "the goodly fellowship," is impossi- in three words, a trinity of evangelic cause is in a change of the Federal constitubaptism, and the Nativity was joined or scerf, the wooden napkin-ring or plain In the "Pilgrim's Room" of the Latin ble. In all the Old Testament this benediction—love, deliverance, life. also, that, when this case came before the Suwith this on no better ground than a knife may give as much pleasure as the convent we spread our lunch and shared reythmic utterance is so intimately Jesus is born at Bethlehem to prove preme Court the State of Kansas was not repforced interpretation of Ezekiel i:1 3, as distributed fortunes in gold and silver the hospitality of the monks. Then, joined with the thought of God that even God's infinite and perfect love for his resented, while the attorneys of the liquor

from the beginning is the singing of a brought life and immortality to light. cious chorus ? Silence its carols, hymns,

Why is this? It points inward to a fact and a law in man's spiritual constitution. Gratitude to God for his gifts, and especially for his one unspeakable gift, is a more profound and more ennobling religious sentiment than any other. Faith and love enter into it, and make a part of it. The voice of gratitude is N. Y. Independent. praise, and the act of praise modulates it elf naturally into song. In prayer we ask for what we want or wish ; it may IT is said that Sullivan attracts as much atbe only what we wish. While, therefore, the attitude of the soul in its petitions is An exchange says: "Johann Most has been devout, and is both commanded of God | righteously sentenced to a punishment of one The petitioner may be thinking more of In thanksgiving the worshiper gets clear of self, has no ulterior object to gain, and in this blessed liberty rises into a higher air. Hence, the sincerity and purity of his spirit may be judged by the proportions of his askings and his thanksgivings. How is it with our ordinary private devotions? The question is a test of character. In most of the instructions for prayer that we meet with, the proportion is pretty nearly that of the ten who asked to the one who return and gave thanks. If it be replied that, as singing is an art, dependent partly on physical and artistic endowments, not strikingly, in a condensed epistle, large ly in itself as much an anthem as an ardissociated in the minds of his people gument, which deals only with the

in a comprehensive form. lowed our guide down a long narrow sented as breaking out into it, in all its give him life, life more and more abund. argument in their power. The result has diswithout which the means of luxury can feet wide, and nine feet high. It is lined tive, and the tongue of the dumb, but say: "I am come that ye may have be considered settled, and what looked, to deduction with the day which had al- without it. "Love at home" is beyond lar recess, in the floor of which is a large ches. The whole array of the universe young man, living again, and sure of liv- over the whole land!

ness and the heathen Piny, a character- without sin or pain-one life of one fami-

All around us, in these eager enterseem to hear a few notes of a strain as pilgrims from all Christian lands, with death could not crush the song spirit out prising and stirring days, are infinite and of the heart and the breath of Christ's mighty forces. The world is wide awake; its movement is not languid; its zeal is worship soon become without it? What not half-hearted; its carnal devotions would Chris mas be divested of this gra- are not dull; its ritual is not formal; its offerings are not scanty; its mirth sings its unhely songs. We are coming to the "Hely Night," the wonderful birthday. we all feel at once that something would Look into the church. Will it not hold world? Nothing could be plainer. Even secrate; so many spend the day in riotous place of Christ's birth as to the holiest of light of the festival, but out of its spirit daily work and their solemn feas's as ual character as a fruitful heritage of cheerfully, as heartily, as joyfully? Is Christmas should blend the social and prostrations in the great church and Christian generations, and a yearly trib the Christian army strong and swift? If we cannot honestly answer these searching questions as we would desire, we can, at least, among the rejoicing of the household and the table and the nursery, remember to pray for the bride of Christ. that she may come up from the wilderness of error, division and weakness "singing as in the days of her youth."

POSTSCRIPT.

tention in England as Gen. Grant did.

and acceptable to him, yet it is quite pos- year in the penitentiary for using in a public address language inciting to disorder, plunder belongs, most of whom have fled hither from himself than of him to whom he speaks. Europe, ought to be convinced by this time retribution they merit. Such diatribes are not free speech, but crimes

THE Christian Standard: The New York Tribune, in one of its most impressive editowhen the Rev. Dr. Bacon stood on a platform behind his church on New Haven Green and protested again t the Kansas iniquity, declarng that no question which involved right and carriage-makers anxious only for their profits mouth." Exactly! But just now when the clears up that difficulty by explaining: hind, or pulpit in, a church and protests Rev. Dr. Anybody stands on a platform be " Singing and making melody in your against the saloon iniquity and declares that heart to the Lord." And he says this, this question, involving right and wrong so finish this business or it will finish us"ing indifferentists who treathis words with contempt, and angry beer-makers anxious only for their profits in her liquor trade.

> An exchange says that the people of Balti were greatly scandalized by a burial in that not the burial of a pauper, nor an Aparchist; nor was there any disorder during the ceremonies. The whole entaphment was most elegant in all its appointments. The tomb was expensively prepared, the coffin was of genuine mahogany, the remains were decently mourners were wiped away with the costliest

tion. It was regarded as a great misfortune,

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#### Old and Young.

A CHRISTMAS LEGEND.

Eva L. Ogden, in Christian Union. When the shoemaker of Antwerp came to die, And in fear and trembling faced the Lord

most High, To the question stern and awful, "What hast For the King of earth and heaven done be-

low?" "Lord," he answered, "others serve thee.

Have no talent, naught to offer at Thy throne; Only this one thing to Thee, Lord, dare I

I have pleased the children, and they love me

Then the awful hush that followed in the sky Suddenly was broken by a pleading cry; By the voices of the children that arose In the streets throughout the city, praying

"Dear Lord, we are lonely. The monks and thesaints In the city abound,

But since the shoemaker died not a man Have we anywhere tound Who can play the games that the children

And play them so well, Or tell us the tales of the olden time He only could tell. There is no one to sing us the merry old

801 g8 As he used to do. Or to whittle us toys, for the rest forgot how, (If they ever knew).

Dear Lord, there are holy monks and to sp In the streets of the town; Take one of them up to heaven, and send The shoemaker down!'

Came the sudden wondrous shining of the smile that lights the skies. As the King of heaven answered, "Laborer, in my vineyard, rise!

Though thou didst it for the children, thou hast done it unto Me. While a child on earth is living, thou its living

Still we find the little children; still their saint lives on the ear.h;

And when comes the glorious evening of the Christ-child's holy birth, With strange power of speech and motion

passes he from land to land, Scattering bles-logs for the children everywhere with eager hand.

Where no other saint may enter he con without a word. And his coming and his presence mean the coming of the Lord!

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER-BELL

Now listen for the Christmas bells that ring out, loud and clear, A welcome for the holidays, the best of all the

From the smallest to the greatest they add their cheery song To swell the living chorus which gayly floats

along. Oh, the merry Christmas bells! Oh, the cheery Christmas beils!

There's nothing like the music of the merry Christmas bells. There's a tiny little tinkle when the moon

When Santa Claus comes traveling with his reindeers prancing light, And they ring a hearty promise of the treas ures to be found

When the breakfast-bell shall waken happy youngsters - blessed sound! Oh, the merry midnight bell! Oh, the early morning bell!

When the children rub their sleepy eyes and burry down pell-mell. But a bell is ringing later, and the echo of its

Is the jolliest in all the world to merry girls and boys.

Does any music ever heard such wondrous Of everything delightful, as that jingle jingle

If you listen you will hear All its promise of good cheer, As it adds its clang of greeting to this crowning of the year How it laughs amid its din,

As it rings the people in! How the children wait and wonder, all impo tient to begin! And their bonny eyes are bright

At the gay and goodly sight Of the dainties and the dainties and the sparkle and the light. Oh, of all the bells the bell

With a tale of joy to tell! Oh, the jolly, jolly jingle of the Christmas dinner-bell!

CHRISTMAS.

Selected. Dainty little stockings Hanging in a row. Blue, and gray, and scarlet, In the firelight's glow.

> Curly-pated sleepers. Safely tucked in bed; Dreams of wondrous toy-shops Dancing through each head.

Mother stepping lightly, Plans with tender care. How to give each dreamer Just an equal share.

Funny little stockings. Hanging in a row. Stuffed with sweet surprises.

Down from top to toe-Skates, and balls, and trumpets, Dishes, tops, and drums, Books, and dolls, and candies.

Nut, and sugar-plums. Little sleepers waking; Bless me, what a noise! Wish you merry Christmas,

### Happy girls and boys!

AN OLD CHRISTMAS TALE. From the Russian of Dostsjewski. It was very early in the morning when sleep here."

he awoke in the damp, cold cellar where he lived. His little coat was thin and he said a voice above him. The boy thinks to rejoice in tribulation, to take all such little ribbons to the top of the shoe, and shivered in the frosty air. Sitting in one it is his mother cailing him, but, no! it is burdens as something given him to bear to the piece containing the flamed leaves, corner of the cellar on a box, he amused not his mother. Some one bends over for Christ, and his heart was sore. himself, for lack of anything else to do, him and embraces him in the darkness. It had been one of his hard days. At ing bows at the toe of the shoe and at the by watching the white, steaming breath Oh! what a sight meets his eyes! What ten in the morning there had been pre- instep. Make a little bag of bright colcome from his mouth. He was very a beautiful Caristmas tree! But no! it is sented at his office a note for \$500, which ored silk and sew it on to the shoe around hungry. As the hours passed by he went not a Christmas tree; he had never seen his bookkeeper had neglected to enter the ankle. On this bag embroider a again and again to the rough wooden bed such a one before, so bright and gleam- among bills payable. Fortunately the spray and the word "Buttons." Attach on which his mother was lying. The ing, and dolls about it. But no! those money was in the bank and he had only a spool, by ribbons sewed on, to the heel

fallen sick.

A holiday was at hand and all but one gone out. In the farther corner sat an groaning under the torture of rheumatic | them. pains. She had been a nurse once and had taken care of children, but now she mumbled, and scolded at the little boy, till he feared to go near her. He had got a drink of water in the room above, but nowhere could he find even a crust

He s'ill went again and again to the bed on which his mother lay, to awaken her. He grew anxious as evening came on, for there was no light in the cellar. He touched his mother's face, and thought it strange that she did not move and was so cold. "How chilly it is here," he thought, as his little hand rested on the shoulder of the dead mother. Then he blew on his fingers to warm them, and fleding his cap on the bed he stole softly out of the cellar on tip toe. He would have gone before, but he was afraid of the big dog that had sat on the steps of the next house all day and barked. But now the dog was not there, and the little fellow slipped out into the street.

Ah! but what a city it was! He had never seen such a one before. The nights in the village from which he came were very dark; the whole street had only one lamp. The fittle low wooden stores were closed at night wi h rough board shutters. As soon as it began to grow dusk the street was deserted by all save the dogs, who howied and barked the whole night through. And there too it was warm and they gave him something to eat. But here-ah! if he only had one little crust of bread to drive away his hungerl

Here everything was noise and confusion; so many lights and carriages. The breath of the horses came from their postrils in frosty rings of mist, and their hoofs struck through the light enow and rang upon the stones of the pavement. The people hurried and pushed so, and ah! how he longed for something to eat, if only a tiny bit! Suddealy his fingers began to ache. He walked on. "Still and her street!" What a broad one! The crowd would surely trample him to death. How the people shouted and ran! And light! there was so much light; it was more glorious than day. "Weat is that?" he cried to him self. 'On! what a large glass window! And behind it a room, and in the room a tree, which touches the ceiling! That is a Christmas tree, and it is covered with oranges and apples, and parcels wrapped in golden paper. Around the Christmas tree lie dolls and little horses. Children are running about in the room, dressed in beautiful, clean clothes; they laugh and play and eat and drink. There! a little girl is dancing with a boy, and oh! what a beaut ful little girl! They have music in there; you can hear it through the glass." The poor little boy sees all this and talks to himself and laughs in glee. But now his little toe is aching. and his hands have become red; his fing-18 will not bend, and they hurt him when he tries to move them. He begins eyes.

to weep bitterly and goes on further. "What is that over there? People are standing in crowds looking at something," he says to himself. "In a window are three dolls, dressed in red and gold clothes, like live people. A little old man sits on a chair and moves his arm as if he were playing a miniature bass viol; two others stand near and draw the bows across two tiny violins, keeping time with nods of their heads. They look at each other, and they talk, but you cannot hear them through the glass." The little boy thinks at first that they are alive. When it suddenly becomes clear to him that they are dolls he laughs aloud. He had never seen such dolls before. He had been almost crying, but when he sees the dolls his heart is gay for a moment. Suddenly it seems as if some one had hold of his ragged little coat; he turns around, and there stands beside him a great rough fellow, who strikes him on the head, tears of his cap, and gives him a kick. talk loudly, and the lit le boy is terribly frightened. He jumps up and is off on a run; he knows not where he is going; by one of the brethren, who inquired: he flies round the corner, into a strange court, and hides behind a pile of wood Here he thinks it is too dark to find him. He crouches low, and can scarcely breathe for fear. All of a sudden everything becomes light, so very light. His hands and feet no longer ache; a warm feeling steals over his little body, he feels as if he were lying by a stove. Now he shud-How comfortable it is to sleep here. "I the dolls," laughed the lit le boy. "Just this gift called forth. as if alive." While the dolls are playing a lullaby over him. "Mother, I am so words could come from Christian lips. sleepy," he murmurs. "It is so nice to

straw on the rude couch was thin and are boys and girls in gay clothes. They to draw a check for it, but the circum- of the shoe, and your work is done.

rags instead of a pillow. What fate had | them; he tries to run away, buthis mother | remembered that he had promised, on | Take an ordinary three-legged footstool. led her to this? She had come with her looks at him and smiles with jy that date, to settle a claim against him or have one made; gild the legs, or paint boy from another town and had suddenly "Mo her! mother! ah! how beautiful it for \$200, which a young man in a bank them some bright color. Make a bag of T is here, mother!" he cries.

of the other inhabitan's of the cellar had tells them of the dolls in the window. breaking letter from an old college chum together with, and have the bag wide Who are you, boys? Who are you, old woman, about eighty years of age, girls?" he asks smiling and caressing of a poor, struggling church. It was an about a third of its width. Tack the

"This is Christ's Christmas tree," they none on earth." And then the poor little beggar learned

like himself. One had perished with cold, another died from a cruel beating, a third from hunger, a fourth because he drew a check for \$25. He could not take had no nursing in sickness, which a lit- the time to write a letter, and the sheet tle care would have driven away. All of paper accompanying the check con- ulate the cords of the violin. Have them are here now, all like angels, with Christ, tained only three words to his clerical who holds out his arms towards them, friend: and blesses them and their poor mothers; and the mothers stand at one side; they recognize their boys and girls; they run to them, they kiss them; they brush away the tears and beg them not to cry, for it this day an ever-to-be-remembered one is so beautiful, so beautiful.

. . . . . . . In the morning the servants of the visions of a happier existence than had some groceries." been his during his brief stay on earth.

Let us in our own rejoicing at this Christmas time remember those whose for-" surroundings are not so happy as our own.

SANTA CLAUS DOES NOT FORGET. Bertie was a very good boy. He was kind, obedient, truthful and unselfish. always forgot.

No mat er how important the errand, his answer always was, "I forgot." dress-maker, his mother would find the his last dollar. note in his pecket at night. If he was sent to the store in a great hurry, to get something for tea, he would return late.

His father and mother talked the matter over, and decided that something story. must be done to make the little boy remember.

Christmas was near, and Bertie was Santa Claus was to bring him. "Santa Claus may forget some of those

things," said his mother.

shall write sled, and skates, and drum, the one who had thoughtlessly wronged paper. Then when Santa Claus goes to whoever thou art, that judgest!" my stocking he will find the list. He can see it and put the things on as fast as he reads."

what Santa Claus had done.

Finally she heard him coming with slow steps to her room. Slowly he prise as well as please. opened the door and came towards her. He held in his hand a list very much longer than the one he had made out. tears of disappointment fell from his sheet of Bristol board, ten inches by

"See what Santa Claus left for me; but I think he might have given me one thing besides."

His mother opened the roll. It was a list of all the errands Bertie had water colors, a bouquet of roses, passion been asked to do for six months. At flowers, or lilies, and make a pretty ornathe end of all was written, in staring mental border around the entire edge of capitals, "I FORGOT."

mother told him they were all going to grandpa's. For the first time he would see a Christmas tree. Perhaps

It was very strange to Bertie, but on grandpa's tree he found everything he had written on his list. Was he cured of his bad habit? Not all at once; but when his mother saw that he was particularly heedless, she would say, "Re-

#### "JUDGE NOT." New York Advocate.

It was Caristmas eve, but the weekly prayer meeting was to be held as usual. He falls down. The people shout and and Mr. and Mrs. Hestov allowed no above; put this through the opening in trifling thing to keep them at home.

> toward the steel engravings we have frieged. Make two small holes in the purchased for our pastor's wife?"

you anything this time."

It cost Mr. Heston something to say this, for, though he was not rich, he was thus made. Cut from pasteboard the a generous man; his name was rarely shape of a lady's No. 2 low shoe, what is lacking from a subscription list. But he known as a "Newport tie," but without ders agair-yes, he is falling asleep. was not prepared for the storm of unkind heels. Cover this on both sides with words and unjust insinuations which his silk, satin, or velvet, having first emwill sit awhile, and then go back to see partially declining to subscribe toward broidered button holes and set buttors

it seems as if his mother were singing said, for you would hardly believe the of the shoe, cover it with material to

Mr. Heston went in o the prayer-"Come with me to the Christmas tree," service for him. He had not yet learned toe, to the bottom of the shoe. Attach

hard and under her head was a bundle of run to him, kiss him and lead him with stance annoyed him. Later in the day he Another pretty little gift is thus made:

for whom he had gone as bondsman had silk or satin ten inches deep including a Again the children kiss him, and he stolen. Still later there came a heart- wide hem at the top, to draw the bag who was out upon the frontier in charge enough to "full on" to the footstool about answer to a barrel of warm winter cloth- lower edge of the bag to the under side of ing and Christmas goodies which Mr. the stool, so that the edge will be is side answer. "On this day Christ has a Heston sent his friend, thinking he when the bag is drawn together. Run a was slowly dying. She mouned, and Christmas tree for the children who have might enjoy them, but never dreaming ribbon into its sheath in the hem, and the that he was reduced to utter extremity. work-bag is done. As he folded the letter something very that the boys and girls had been children like tears glistened in his eyes, strong man that he was. He took out his hand book, added it up carefully, and then

A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

There were other things which made to Mr. Heston. He went home utterly

GOD PROSPER YOU.

Phil. iv:19.

"James," his wife said as they say large house found the little body of the around the cheerful supper table, "I frozen boy behind the pile of wood. A happened in at old Mrs. M'Neal's this smile overspread his face, showing that afternoon, and I saw clearly that they though poor and neglected his last mo- would have no Christmas dinner unless I ments had been cheered with bright sent it to them, so I ordered a turkey and

> "That was right. You paid for them?" "No, I hadn't a cent left after paying

> She checked herself just in time. It was a silk umbrella for her husband's Christmas which had drained her purse. "They came to five dollars. I bought

them at Kleing's. He doesn't seem to be He had, however, one great fault. He doing much this year, and I told him I would send Mary around with the money this evening."

He took out his pocket-book, and When he was sent with a note to the handed the servant the required amount-

A little later he went to prayer-meeting, and was accosted and misjudged, as I have said. He returned home, and without the article, but with his usual came up to his mother's room, and kneeling beside me as he used to do when he was a boy, silently told me the whole

Silently I prayed our Father to take away the sting, and reaching for my Bible I pointed to a verse I had marked busy making out a list of things which many years ago: "Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin," and when he gave me his good-night kiss I saw that he was comforted. But "He cannot," replied Bertie; "for I I did wish I could whisper in the ear of and violin, and all the things on this him: "Thou art inexcusable, O man,

#### CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. New York Advocate.

Christmas morning came, and Bertie | As the days go by, bringing the Christwas up at dawn to see what was in his mas holidays so rapidly, the question stocking. His mother kept away from comes up, What shall I give this one his companions. This was an honest him as long as she could, for she knew and that this year? There are plenty of things that may be given, but we want something new, something that will sur-

The stores show a few novelties, some of which our readers may like directions for making; and first among these we He put it in his mother's hand, while name a calendar. The materials are a twelve, three yards of satin ribbon two inches wide, of three different shades of purple or crimson, a yard of each shade. and a half-yard of fine brass wire. Oa the left hand lower corner paint, in the board. On the right hand upper cor-Bertie wept for an hour. Then his ner put a motto of some sort, spacing it irregularly and using quaint lettering; then an inch above and below the exact center of the board with a sharp knife something might be growing there for cut two slits a little over two inches long; two inches to the right of the lower slit cut another, and still another two inches below that; two inches to the left of the upper middle slit cut a slit two inches long, and another two inches above that. On one of the ribbons write in gilt letters, at intervals of two-and-amember, Santa Claus does not forget." quarter inches apart, the days of the week, Sunday, Monday, etc.; put this ribbon through the slis at the left of the calendar. On another of the ribbons write the months of the year, January, February, etc., at the distances apart as the middle of the board. On the third At the church door they were accosted ribbon write figures from 1 to 31, and put this through the right-hand opening. "How much are you going to give me The ends of the ribbons should be deeply upper edge of the calendar, and through "I think perhaps I ought not to give them put the brass wire to hang the board by, and the calendar is done. A pretty needle-book and button-bag is

on one side, as in a shos. Cot another I will not tell you what this solicitor piece of pasteboard the size of the vamp match the rest, make leaves of fluorel and fasten on to this piece; then sew the meeting, but there was little joy in the piece for two inches, beginning at the and tie the needle-book to the shoe, mak-

For a whisk holder: Cut a pattern of a violin or guitar, and when you have got it gamzing the system exact from soff pasteboard cut a form like the pattern. Cover this on one side with velvet and on the other with cambric. Sew on five lengths of tinsel cord to simperfectly even and straight. Acress the lower part of the violin sew an embroidered band an inch and a half in width, having it lined, and not fitting it clo ely to the violin. This is for the whick. Cover the ends of the cords with bows of ribbon, and sew on under the bows at each end a narrow ribbon a little longer than the violin to hang it up by.

#### HOW IT BEGINS

"Give me a half-penny and you may pitch one of these rings, and if it catches over a nail, I'll give you threepence." That seemed fair enough; so the boy

handed him a half-penny and took the ring. He stepped back to the stake, tossed the ring and it caught on one of the nails.

"Will you take six rings to pitch again. orthreepence?"

"Threepence," was the answer, and the money was put in his hand. He stepped off, well satisfied with what he had done, and probably not having an idea that he had done wrong. A gentleman standing near him watched him, and now, before he had time to look about and rejoin his companions, laid his hand on his shoulder.

"My lad, this is your first lesson in gambling."

"Gambling, sir?"

"You's aked your half-penny and won six half pence, did you not?" "Yes, I did."

"You did not earn them, and they were not given to you; you won them just as gamblers win money. You have taken the first step in the path; that man has gone through it, and you can see the end. Now, I advise you to go and give

his threepence back, and ask him for your half penny, and then stand square with the world, an honest boy," He had hung down his head, but raised it very quickly, and his bright, open look, as he said, "I'il do it," will not seen be forgottten. He ran back, and soon emerged from the ring, looking happier

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The event and its attending circumstan-

ces have been stated by pagans. There

is Mara, who, in writing in Syriac to his son Serapion (A. D. 74), says: "For what benefit did the Athenians obtain by putting Socrates to death? or the Jews by the murder of their wise king? Socrates did not die because of Piato; nor yet the wise king because of the new laws which he enacted." There is Dionysius, the Areopagite, who, being at Heliopolis, in Ezypi, at the time of our Lord's crucifixion, exclaimed, when he beheld the midday darkness: "Either the God of nature suffers, or the frame of the world will be dissolved," (Blunt's Lectures). There is Tacitus, the Roman historian (born A. D 55), who, speaking of the Christians whom Nero had slaughtered, says: "The founder of that name was Christ, who suffered death in the reign of Tiberius, under his procurator, Pontius Pilate." Gibbon says that the most skeptical criticism is obliged to respect the truth of this testimony of Titus. But there is Josephus, ly involved, and she had chronic Gas- the Jewish historian (A. D. 93), who also says: "Now there arose about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man; for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with gladness. He and also many of the Greeks. He was ally took THIRTY GRAINS A DAY FOR DAYS gestion of the principal men among us, they wont come to you because you have IN SUCCESSION. This could not last. had condemned him to the cross, his first a fine ship. You must go after them and ble, almost as bad as the two-fold disday; the divine prophets have foretold ing was painfully evident, but the fever those called C ristians, after him, is not many such sermons as that would it was there still. Almost every day there extinct to this day." Conceding what take, do you think, to awaken a came on the characteristic chill and skep ics claim, that these words of Joracking headache, followed by the us- sephus may have been "enlarged or al- in the day of Pentecost, and to make tered," it still remains true that they

There is much other profane testimony of highest value to the life and death of from me these facts, said: "Why, I truth would remain as clearly established cured you?" I asked eagerly. "Kas- from the writings of Juvenal, Seutonius, kine," he said, "try it for your wife." Pany, Tre jan, Adman, and others who I had seen Kaskine advertised, but had wrote in the century immediately following the death of Christ, Canon Rawlin. I don't object to the doctor's expositions son says: "They declare these things to and illustrations. As I said before, they dust, for such a case as hers. Mrs. us, and establish, so firmly that no skep- were all ship-shape. But the trouble Hall had no higher opinion, yet on the tic can even profess to doubt it, the his- was when he had sailed to the fishingstrength of my friend's recommenda- torical character of (at least) that pri- ground, and the whales were spouting tion I got a bottle and began its use as mary ground-work whereon the Chris. around him, instead of manning his tian story, as related by the evangelists, boats and trying to catch them, he made

Now recall what I have already said rests as on an immovable basis."

If you think a recital of these facts trainty manteetry countries and tacked. Doddridge says that "an thing. If the whaleman fails in that, his abridgement of the history of Christ whole voyage and venture are a failure, may be found in Celsus," one of the and I can't help thinking that it is so in Chaplain Albany, N. Y., Penitentiary. Epicurean philosophers. Wescott cites P. S.—Sometimes letters of this kind the significant fact that the first quotaare published without authority, and in | tion of a book of the New Testament as case any one is inclined to question Scripture (Basilides'), the first commentary on an apostolic writing (Heracleon's), In some parts of the country the idea of and the first known canon of the New preaching to save sinners is obsolete. heretical authors.

> The catacombs of Rome, and other places of Christian burial, are also full acombs belong to the earliest times of through which they passed compelled these primitive Christians to hide away ries, deep below the earth's surface, the precious memorials of their dead. Here are several millions of Christian graves, confirming what Tacitus said of the "Martyr" very frequent upon the tombs. likewise perish." Brethren, don't go many phials which once contained blood, a-whaling without harpoons.-Interior. the emblem of martyrdom, innumerable inscriptions of Christian import, and numbers of pictures representing historical scenes from the Old and New Testatruth that the early Christians were men's sons who were doing great and

been identified, and probably five others." Thus the circumstantial evidence is as leaf observes that the New Testament mentions about thirty names of empe rors, kings, high priests, rabbis, R man and Jewish leaders, of whom all but Theudas and Barabbas are found in secular history; also nearly fifty countries or foreign cities-all accurately. It

gives, he says, a vast amount of circumstantial evidence. Its witnesses, if false, expose themselves to detection by the variety and minuteness of their details. But they bear to be cross-examined. "Give Christianity a common law trial," says Chief Justice Gibbon, "submit the evidence, pro and con, to an impartial jury, under the direction of a competent court, and its verdict will assuredly be in its favor."- Michigan Advocate.

#### NO HARPOONS.

A sailor who had just returned from whaling voyage was taken by a friend to hear an eloquent preacher. When they came out of church the friend said, "Jack, wasn't that a fine sermon?"

"Yes, it was ship-shape; the water lines were graceful; the masts raked just enough; the sails and rigging were all carried away with him many of the Jews right; but I didn't see any harpoons. When a vessel goes on a whaling voyage. the Christ, and after P.late, at the sug- the main thing is to get whales. But adherents did not forsake him. For he harpoon them. Now, it seems to me sent, not to sail among the fish, but to this and ten thousand other wonderful catch them. Jesus said to his disciples, things concerning him. And the tribe of 'I will make you fishers of men.' How them cry out, 'What must I do to be saved?' "

"But, Jack, people nowadays don't want to be harpooned. They want to be cred as the homes of their javenile Christ which we cannot quote. Had the interested intellectually in the truth. brokers, of Albany, who, on hearing New Testament never been written, this They like to listen to such expositions and illustrations as the doctor gave us have been through almost the same as almost any other fact of two thou and this morning. Did you not see how at thing, and have got over it." "What years ago. Referring to the evidences tentive they were? Surely it is a grand thing to attract such an audience to hear the gospel."

"To hear about the gospel, you mean. a polite bow and said, 'I am glad to see as to her then condition, and then read | But there is a multitude of early Chris- so many whales. I hope they admire my what follows: Under the Kaskine tian witnesses, some of them very emi- ship, and will come and spout around it treatment all the dyspeptic symptoms nent as authors, who make such abun- again on its next voyage.' Do you think SHOWED INSTANT improvement, and the dant references to the New Testament, that the ship owner in New Bedford and to the leading facts which it records, would send such a captain to Behring that a tolerably full narrative of the life Strait a second time! Now read the realtogether. Side by side these diseases and death of Jesus can be put together port in Acts of Peter's first gospel servanished, as side by side they had tortured their victim for ten years—the one of the Platonic philosophers who examined into the evidences of Christian- gard to the resurrection of Christ and improved from week to week until she could eat and digest the average food Christ, in the end sealing his testimony when he had gained the attention of the that any well person takes, without any with his blood, and whose narrative coin- crowd, he charged home upon them with cides with the canonical gospels, alone the words, 'Jesus, whom ye have crucinewed assimilation of food came, of gives enough Scripture truth to lay a ded.' That was hurling a harpoon. And course, a steady increase in flesh, until solid foundation for the Christian faith. we are told that it was effectual. 'They St. Barnabas, St. Clement, Ignatius, were pricked in their heart,' and the gos-She still takes Kaskine occasionally, Polycarp, and others who wrote in the pel catch that day was three thousand Testament history were unquestioned in sharp harpoons, and the skill and courage to hurl them at just the right time. Even the early adversaries of Christianity indirectly confirm what they attended the harpooning is the main after all, the harpooning is the main preaching."

Jack was an old-fashioned tar. He did not appreciate the modern improvements. Testament (Marcion's), ali came from The aim and effort is to attract congregations. The successful preacher is not the man who is instrumental in bringing men to Christ, but in bringing them into the congregation, and thus making it strong socially and financially.

The temptation to labor for congregations rather than for conversions is very insidious. Elders and trustees often in these secret caverns and gloomy galle- join with Satan in presenting it to the minister. "We must fill the pews and WANTED .- COUNTY AGENTS IN the treasury," they cry. "We must not repel the impenitent by pricking them in their hearts." But God sends his embas-Roman Christians, that they were "a sadors, not to prophesy sweet things, but vast multitude." Here we find the word to cry, "Except ye repent ye shall all

THE CHILDREN OF THE CLERGY.

ments, among them being the baptism of world had suffered on account of the Christ, the raising of Lazarus, and Pilate celibacy of the Roman Catholic clergy. washing his hands, all confirming the He instanced many Protestant clergytruth that the early Christians were men's sons who were doing great and fearfully persecuted, just as profane history records, and that they held just as nent in science, literature, the learned A MON'H and BOARD for Earlies in the country of Eright Young Men or Ladies in the country records, and that they held just as nent in science, literature, the learned NEW YORK. tory records, and that they held just as nent in science, literature, the learned

orthodox Christians of to-day. It has advanced the idea if there had been such been said that monumental evidence is a class of men from the time of Gregory stronger, though not richer than docu- VII, who interdicted marriage of the mentary. Behold the monuments of clergy, the Dark Ages might not have Christianity! The Lord's supper is a b en dark. The habits of virtue and perpetual memorial of the Lord's death. morality, of personal purity and picty, The Lord's day, with its forms of faith of indus ry and temperance, of intellec and worship, is a standing monument of tual and spiritual growth, required of the Lord's resurrec ion. The Christian clergymen by the very nature of their Church is an abiding and living monu- calling, are such as fit them pre-eminentment of the Lord's triumph. Palestine ly to become the fa hers of sons and to this day "is written all over with the daughters sound in body, mind and mornames and relics of the places where the als. The comparative poverty of cler gospel scenes were laid. Of about thirty- gymen as a class is far more in their six Syrian and Palestinian towns men- children's favor than against it. The tioned in the gospels, twenty-four have tools with which success is attained. rather than the unearned fruits of suc cess, are their heritage. They are trained strong as the monumental. Judge Green- to habits of self denial, industry and economy.

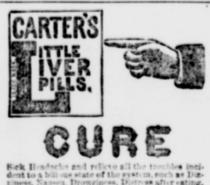
The curious student of biography with the hint above given, will be sur prised to note the large number of min isters' sons who have been and are emi nent in the higher walks of life. A mona these are Fletcher, the dramatist; Cow per, the poet; Linguage, the naturalist; John and Charles Wesley, James Montgomery, Leonard Bacon, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Edward Everett, and James Russell Lowell. We will not prolong the list, but leave our readers the pleasure of extending it themselves.

Of ministers' daughters, whose names or whose writings are known wherever the English language is spoken, we have Mrs. Barbauld, Miss Havergal, Mrs. Prentiss, Harriet Brecher Stowe. The two women more prominent than any others in forming the Association for the Advancement of Women were, one the daughter of Episcopal clergyman, the other of a Methodist. An eminent Buptist ciergyman was asked the other day how it happened that his daughters were on the stage. "The answer to that ques tion is very easy," said he; "they inherit a taste for public life, and not having re ligion enough to go into church work. they devote themselves to the drama."

It used to be said some years ago that ministers' children were usually worse than those of other men. Few intelligent people, whatever were their sympathies. would now make such an assertion. Clergymen who place the church before the family, and cultivate other vineyards while leaving their own to run to weeds. can bardly wonder if their children go astray. The family was first organized after that the church, and it is not safe to reverse this order. The children of clergymen have a right to feel that their home is sacred from all intrusion, as safriends and associates .- N. Y. Advocate



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God for his infinite love and for the man ifestation of his redeeming wisdom and power. This exclamation is both a tender expression of sympathy for fallen man and a grateful acknowledgment of the goodness of God. Pages on earth! This is a prophetic intimation of the fruit of the Redeemer's advent. Peace to every heart and home and to the wide. wide world! The establishment of Christianity will tranquilize the troubled heart of the world and bind the nations in a govenant of love. No more, then, shall men "uproar the universal peace and pour the sweat milk of concord into hell and confound all unity upon earth." ocean he was strack by two things; the cret of success. columness of the vast expanse of water the near tof the New York Ledger. He is our town in good health and solution of the constellation of the constellatio

reconciliation of God. The legal barriers have been broken down. The judicial obstructions have been swept away. The chasm has been bridged. God waits to be gracious. Now every penimerit of Christ and exult in the infinite and eternal love of God. We are thus assured of the sympathy and moral support of the universe in our mighty struggle, of the paternal solicitude and interthem hope in God. Let them face the morning light, and with the hallowed influences of the anniversary of the birth ter and to do better --- to appropriate the treasures of his grace and to secure a blessed immortality at his right hand in heaven.

#### EDITORIAL BREVITIES.

LIGHT on thy hills, Jerusalem! The Savior now is born; And bright on Bethlehem's joyous plains Breaks the first Christmas morn.

THE Southern Advocate: Rev. B. J. Guess was transferred to the West Texas Conference. We give up Bro. Guess with sincere regret. He is one of our most consecrated young men. A good preacher, a faithful pastor and a devoted Christian-such has been the record he has made among us. The West Texas Conference receives a valuable addition in the person of this young brother.

THE Southern Advocate: Rev. James A. Harmon, who was connected with our conference for a year or two, and who was discontinued at his own request in order to allow him to attend Wofford College, has gone to Texas conferences. Bro. Harmon is a young man of second fine character, and of much promise. He of Pontotec. I want a good worker. Address carries with him to his new field of labor the carries with him to his new field of labor the confidence and affection of his brethren here.

THE word was made flesh and dwelt among us. He who was in the form of God, and thought it not robbery to be equal with God, took upon himself the form of man, was made in the likeness of sinful flesh. He was Inmanuel, God with us, the brightness of his

peace, good will toward men.

Glory to God in the highest! The intelligences of the celestial world congratulate us upon our good fortune and felicitate us upon our great joy. They praise

The heathen raged, and the people imagined a vain thing. The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers took counsel to gether, against the Lord, and against his anointed, But Jehovah has given to him the heathen for his inheritance and the uttermost and Hearne, \$321.89; Bremond and Rezgan, \$254.33; Durango circuit, \$232.34; Leevett and Hearne, \$321.89; Bremond and Rezgan, \$254.33; Durango circuit, \$322.54; Franklin circuit, \$233.94; Leevett circuit, \$182.89; Centerville circuit, \$247.50; Buffato and Oakwoods, \$165.10; Fairfield circuit, \$247.50; Buffato and Oakwoods, \$165.10; Fairfield circuit, \$200.46; Meadville circuit, \$180.46; Meadville circuit, \$182.89; Centerville circuit, \$233.94; Leevett circuit, \$233.94; Leevett circuit, \$182.89; Centerville circuit, \$233.94; Leevett circuit, \$182.89; Centerville circuit, \$247.50; Buffato and Oakwoods, \$165.10; Fairfield circuit, \$182.89; Centerville circuit, \$182 parts of the earth for his possession.

> SANTA CLAUS still defies the image-breaking spirit of the age.

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an appropriation of \$1,202,821 for mission The war-drums shall cease their throb-bing, the battle flags shall be furled, the kingdom of God will have come. And exhort you to remember that the advance of a prosper year. the individual heart of man shall Christ's cause cannot depend for its human feel the Savior's calming power-"the motive power upon the large gifts of the peace of God which passeth all under- ing fidelity of the many. Let us face the fu- soon to record special changes. My welcome few, but must depend upon the self-sacrificstanding." When Mageilan first rode ture with an intelligent courage and faith back to this charge has been most cordial, and out upon the broad bosom of the Pacific proved by our works." That is the whole se-

tent may anchor his soul to rest in the men, in conference assembled, do most emall - comprehensive and all - sufficient phatically declare and affirm that the patronest of God. Good will toward men! Let of our Zion by sweeping away thousands of of Christ around them, struggle to be bet- liverances of the official board of the McKen-

where he will find work in one of the Texas the San Saba district. The work will pay

Baird.

-R. F. Dunn, Baird, Dec. 16: 1 find myself back again to my former charge, which I left one year ago. Have had a kind reception

Grossbeck.

-G. D. Wilson, Groesbeck, Dec. 12: We have moved from Hubbard to this place and are comfortably situated. Could not be otherwise, for on the evening of the 31st ult, we April 1, 678,351 copies.

The General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, after making an appropriation of \$1,2,2,82i for mission mission of \$1,2,2,82i for mission mission of \$1,2,2,82i for mission miss

> -A. E. Rector, San Angelo, Dec. 15: First Quarterly Conference is over, and came too

San Angelo.

the outlook is very hopeful. Bro. Potter's district now extends from Bandera, Texas,

ask my correspondents to note the change of my address from 26 Houston avenue to corner Walker and Louisiana Sts., Houston. The year is starting off with fair prospects.

—C. S. Field, Aledo, Dec. 13: I have been elected treasurer of the Sunday-school Board of the Northwest Texas Conference. Communications and remittances intended for me should be addressed to Aledo, Texas.

—M. A. Black, Mason, Dec. 13: I want a single man to supply the Fredonia circuit in the San Saba district. The work will pay \$200. The work is north of Mason and west of Pontotec. I want a good worker. Address me at Llano, Llano county, Texas.

—I. T. Morris, Victoria, Dec. 13: I left Luling the evening following the adjournment of our conference; reached Corpus Christi, my home, Wednesday night; boxed my goods and left Saturday morning; reached Cuero Saturday evening; spent the Sabhatb there, and left Monday morning for Victoria, my new field of labor. At the depot we were met by some of the pretareneal stand at the conference wille, "Brethren go to your charges and work ville, "Brethren go to your charges and work will, and then you can write about them." Observation and experience have demon-"Observation and experi

changes madé in reference to the homes of the preachers, a few words of ad nonlition will not be out of order, especially when we think of the disturbing inflaence of the late prohibition campaing in many localities, dividing the church against itself, setting at naught the son against the father, brother against brother, etc., thus verifying the truth and teachings of the Bible, and showing who among God's people had their hearts fixed on heavenly and the temporal interest that would accrue they saw the spiritual blessing that would rest upon the church in confirming the doubtful, strengthening the weaker ones and reclaiming those who had denied their Lord and gone astray, and by removing the church's greatest foe, the world could see more clearly the "straight and narrow way" that leads to heaven behind and reach out for those that are before, and give our pastors such a greeting that they are indeed among brethren. Let him know you teel a solicitude about his spiritual success among the people as well as it the liand from which it had sprung. The

something suitable and entertaining for the children on the occasion of Christmas day. A tree is not to be thought of on the Sabbath, and with a community so scattered, and bad roads, and etc., it is hard to come to any conclusion in the matter. Our superintendent has suggested instructive books for each scholar as presents, instead of so many worthless toys, usually given. The nearness of the happy Christmas time, reminds us forcibly of the period when the legend of "The night before Christmas" held such charms for our childish ears. The time when, no doubt, many of us could repeat it more correctly than the ten commandments or the aposties creed. Those dear old days when,

"We deemed every word of it true.

the ven. Yes, let us forget the things that are behind and reach outfor those that are before, and give our pastors such a greeting that they may feel that they are indeed among brethren. Let him know you teel a solicitude about his spiritual success among the people as well as his financial support; give him your sympathies, your prayers and a welcome in your homes. Perhaps he may not be clothed with the title of a D. D., or possessed with a knowledge of Greek and Latin, yet if he carries the seal of the Holy Ghost stamped upon his life, and manifest those traits that characterize a true follower of Christ, he is a chosen vessel of the Most High sent to preach his gospel. No doubt the church in many places has reliapsed into a cold and formal condition on account of these things. Let me admonish you, brethren, as one who Lives the church and delights in the law of the Lord, who loves Goo's people above all others, to let us rise up out of our slumber and put on the whole armour of God, that we may help our pastors to reclaim all that was lost. "Turn thou us unto thee. O Lord, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old."

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developments at Nashville, in the McKentree and Control of the State of the Control of the State treasures for themselves? I do not know why, but as I pen these words there comes to me a thought of Dora Rankin, and as always with a thought of her "the things" which are "not seen" become real, and I behold her in the unveiled presence of her King, somehow nearer and dearer because of the yielding so willingly the young life to his service.

N. E. HOLDING.

internal war in the control of the c stripped and left behind in sorrowfel hours, I feel sad: but ob, when I amalone in my far-off field of labor to which I shall go soon, what new vigor will be added to my racing by the fact that in that cloud of witnesses that holds me in full survey, my own noble brother leans over the battlements of glory and shouts "halletujah!" when I run well. "Unfinished"! No: but "well done thou good and faithful No; but "well done thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler of many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

J. D. Scoggins,

EL PASO, TEXAS.

TEMPERANCE WORK IN CHINA. The following is an extract from a letter written by Miss Dona Hamilton, our missionary to China, to Mrs. Lizzie D. Johnson, of mes
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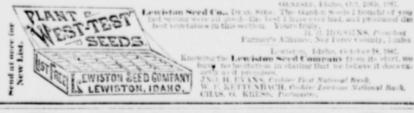
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Fordham, the Jockey, who lately died in England, left a fortune of nearly \$100,000 per-sonal and a large amount of real estate, and had a great deal of gold and silver plate, being prizes and testimoniais, to distribute

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Renewer.

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While living in Eastern Texas, my wife suffered with chills for eighteen months, and after trying several doctors and a host of, so called, "chill cures," without effect, I moved my family to this county, where my wife continued to suffer with third day chills for nine months more. Her health was such that life was burdensome to her. Much against my faith, I was induced to try a fitty cent bottle of Moriey's T.X.S Ague Tonic, and I am happy to say that from the first day's use of it her improvement began, and after using two bottles, her health is fully vestored, for she has not had a chill for eleven months and is in better health than she had been for years before. I refer you to any of my neighbors in this and Lamar county.

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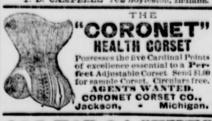
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CHRISTMAS GLORIA.

Arise, O my soul, on this Christmas so blest, And tell the glad story, to shepherds confessed.

Of the mercy of God and his infinite love, In sending salvation from heaven above. I wish I had been with the shepherds that

When the angelic herald, all haloed with light.

ly gate, With message of love fraught with promise so great.

No wonder the glory of God shone around, For never on earth did such blessings abound; The Father, in mercy, his own Son had given, Announcing his gift by an augel from heaven.

Great tidings of joy for his message he brought. Which were to all people by sin sore distraught:

He said to the shepherds, by night watches worn, A Savior for men, Christ the Lord, has been

Then came the sweet harpers and seraphs of

In shining array-what a glorious throng! No wonder the souls of the shepherds were stirred. When the bright-winged choir celestial was

heard. How grand and how solemn that anthem so

sweet, Which my soul to itself doth so often repeat! Of "Glory to God in the highest," they sang-A pean of joy that ... rough all the world rang. The earth, from the time it rolled forth from

God's hand. Had never heard music so sweet or so grand, And then did break forth in melodious strains On the silence that brooded o'er Bethlehem's

Again did the angels renew the glad song, And sing that to "men of good-will" did be long

The promise and portion fulfilled in Christ's birth. Of "peace universal to reign upon earth,"

And then the bright cohorts to heaven took

flight. And the white-winged host was soon folded from sight:

While the shepherds, in search of the her--alded Lord, Found a Savior to worship with sweetest ac

My soul sometimes asks if the wild beasts of From the flocks by good angels were banished

That the shepherds might go to the infant And pay their glad homage ere break of the

Though lowly, how faithful those shepherds alway. In tending their flocks lest they wandered

Full oft in my leart I have prayed the good

To help me my vigils as faithful to guard. Now the wish of my soul this bright Christ

MORE LOVE TO THEE. "More love to thee, O Christ, More love to thee! Hear thou the prayer I make

On bend d knee.

So sang a group of Christian friends a few evenings since, as they met for social worship. Was it not heard, that pe tition, and shall it not surely be answered? Yes, if the aspiration was pure, if the heart sant forth in the voice is sincere desire, if no conscious alloy was mingled in the offering. For the song of praise carries its message to the throne of grace no less directly than the united prayer, and just as really comes back the response. A heavenly peace is granted, a quiet rest, a sweet trust in the neverfailing promises; the soul is brought nearer to God, and so quickened in its active life. Let us for a moment review

the influence of this same song. With each stanza sung the real Christian feels an increasing longing for more love to the blessed Savior. He pants for freedom from sin, for strength to truggle manfully against the adversary of souls. Some daily temptation appears more glaring in its deformity, and he is ready to exclaim: "Get thee behind me, for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men."

Christ appears as the chief among ten thousand, the One altogether lovely, and the world with all its allurements less far less, to be desired. And with the last lines of the hymn,

Then shall my latest breath, Whisper thy praise, This be the parting cry My heart shall raise-This still its prayer shall be-More love, O Christ, to thee, More love to thee!

not all perhaps, but certainly many of the circle, are attuned in heart and voice with the melody of the song, and the

with the melody of the song, and the strains linger as if loth to die. In the ear of him who gave the power of song the incense finds acceptance, and angels loo may listen.

For a little space there is a hush, and then, with face aglow with joyful interest, a young man speaks of the exceeding precioueness of this same love, of his gratifude for God's unspeakable love to man, and in words of earnest zeal commends to all present the life of the Christian as the only one worthy the name. Another testifies to the blessedness of the Cristian religion, expressing his abiding belief that no one can be disappointed who makes any personal sacrifice for an interest in the great atone ment. In silence many resoond, and in unison their great prayers ascend that even as in this hour, so before the world in their da'ly lives, may their witness be for Christ. For we mingle continually with those who know nothing of "the product of the same lor aixty years. She moved to Texas, in leading the same lor aixty years. She moved to Texas, in the college commencing the same lor aixty years. She moved to Texas, in the college commencing the source of the commencing the same lor aixty years. She moved to Texas, in the college commencing the same lor aixty years. She moved to Texas, Change the same lor aixty years. She moved to Texas, Change the same lor aixty years. She moved to Texas, Change the same lor aixty years. She moved to Texas, Change the same lor aixty years. She moved to Texas, Change the same lor aixty years. She moved to Texas, Change to the continually with those who know nothing of "the same lor aixty years. She moved to Texas of the commencing the latter than the condition of the latter affectionate the same lor aixty years. She moved to Texas of the condition of the latter affectionate the latter affection and she conditions the condition of the latter affectionate relations to the properties of the condition of the latter affectionate the latter affectionate relations to the properties of the condition of the latter ment. In silence many respond, and in unison their great prayers ascend that even as in this hour, so before the world in their daily lives, may their witness be for Christ. For we mingle continually with those who know nothing of "the line of the line of th

Burst forth 'mid the stars, through the heaven

trials result in sweetest blessings. If our usual festivities are diminished, because we are called to administer to the sick and dying, how abundant may be the compensations in the increase of our patience and holy faith! If found in the furnace of physical suffering, how blessed it will be to draw very near to our Savior and realize the value of his words and his work. Many an apartment of suffering has become the place of sing and gladness, though the music of the sanctuary and the Christmas sermon have been denied. The conscious presence of Jesus is batter than all else. Without this character of the sanctuary and the Christmas sermon have been denied. The conscious presence of Jesus is batter than all else. Without this character of the sanctuary and the Christmas sermon have been denied. The conscious presence of Jesus is batter than all else. Without this character of the sanctuary and the Christmas sermon have been denied. The conscious presence of Jesus is batter than all else. Without this character of the sanctuary and the Christmas with him who now nourns his description in all black than all else. Without this character of the sanctuary and the Christmas sermon have been denied. The conscious presence of Jesus is batter than all else. Without this character of the sanctuary and the Christmas with him who now nourns his description of the church. In 1853 she was united in marriage with him who now nourns his description of the church in 1853 she was united in marriage with him who now nourns his description of the church in 1853 she was united in marriage with him who now nourns his description of the church in 1853 she was united in marriage with him who now nourns his description of the church in 1853 she was united in marriage with him who now nourns his description of the church in 1853 she was united in marriage with him who now nourns his description of the church in 1853 she was united in marriage with him who now nourns his description of the cure of all disorders of the Stomach Liver, though the cure of all disorders. Klaneys, Radder, Nervous discharge the first of the cause we are called to administer to the ide is real y ank . ve, however grand

church? Have you welcomed any stranger in church? Do you visit the poor, the sick, and strangers? Have you

Christian death much to encourage you. May sought to know our new members? Do you "go into all the world and preach the gospei" by giving as the Lord has prospered you? Is secret prayer your daily mas Day,
Is to bow at Christ's feet and my glad homage pay,
And take up the chorus that rang o'er the plain,
And sing with the angels that "Glory" again.

And sing with the angels that "Glory" again. hand any person a good book or trac? Do you contribute your part of the current expenses of the church? Are any society one of its most auractive members.

of the ways of working and witnessing our heartfelt sympathy in their great effection. for Christ your ways? -- Dr. George L.

> Sanctified affictions drive us from the world to Ged, teach us to live by faith warm the spirit in prayer, and urge prayer into supplication. We usually send up faint prayers in time of prosperity, when haleyon ca'ms are upon our tabernac'e: but in stormy times we fly to our Rock.

#### Marriages.

Harris, near San Saoa.

PENNER-BENHAM-At the residence of the bride's parents, Dec. 7, 1887, by Rev. T. C. Del'ew, Mr. Maximilion Penner and Miss Emma Benham; all of Gollad county, Fexas. Emma Benham; all of Gonad county, Texas.

COLLINS—DUDGEON—At the residence of the bride's father, Oec. 8, 1887, by Rev. W. J. Joyce, Mr. Charles P. Collins and Miss Emma Dudgeon; both of Caldwell county, Texas.

SMITH—LAWSON—At the residence of the bride's father, Dec. 1, 1887, by Rev. B. F. Gassaway, Mr. O. R. Smith and Miss Mary T. Lawson; all of McLennan county, Texas.

Lawson; all of McLennan county, Texas.

MAGGIE MAY.

Commutee. DELAMAR-GAGE At the residence of the bride's tarber, in Whitney, Hill county, Texas, Dec. 4, 1887, by Rev. H. B. Henry, Mr. J. D. DeLamar and Miss Annie Gage.

MONROE—BRANDON—At Evergreen, Texas, Nov. 23, 1887, by Rev. M. G. Jenkins, Mr. J. P. Monroe and Mrs. M. M. Brandon, of Hamilton county, Texas. CAMPBELL-GARY-At the residence of the

bride's father, in Montgomery, Pexas, Dec. 7, 1887, by Rev. J. M. Wesson, Mr. Solon W. Campbell and Miss Susie N. E. Gary. STRONG—BYRUM—At the residence of the bride's father, near Gribble Springs, Texas, Dec. 8, 1887, by Rev. H. G. Nicholson, Mr. Gro H. Strong and Miss Norvie E. Byrum; all of Deaton county.

### Obituaries.

The space allowed obituaries, twenty to twenty-Ave lines; or about 170 to 180 words. The privileg is reserved of cond using all obituary notices. Parties desiring such notices to appear in ful as writties desiring such notices to appear in ful as writ-

that evening meeting, more than one recurred in thought to the suggestions of that hour, and faith was strengthened and hope brightened.—Illustrated Christian Weekly.

SHUT IN.

To know Christ better should be the one desire of all those who are providentially removed from the busy world during the holid ty season. When this longing possesses us fully, even our severest trials result in sweetest blessings. If

where "God shall ever come, no shadow shall ever come, R. EAGLEBARGER,

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the oratorio may be. With that presence our earthly trials only serve to lift us into realms of peace.

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MCGREGOR, TEXAS. HULETT-Resolutions adopted by the Whereas, Our Heaverly Father has, in his

most zeal-us pupils, the church an earnest worker, the parents a loving daughter, the brothers and sisters an affectionate sister, and

our heartfelt sympathy in their great eill eth n.

3. That we bow in humble submission to will of our Heavenly Father, for he doeth all things well.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of departed, and another to the TEXAS ADVOCATE for publication.

MR. W. R. ORME,

MISS LILLIE VADEN,

MRS. M. H. HUFF,

Committee

BLAKE .- Whereas, it has been willed in the dispensation of divine providence to remove from our mid-t our worthy sister, Mrs. T. K

Blake, therefore, be it Resolved 1. By Gufford Chapel Sunday-school, of which she was a member, that we feel deeply bereaved in the death of one so much beloved by all, we cannot fully express SPINDLE—HARRIS—Near San Saba, Texas,
Dec. 4, 1887, by rev. T. F. Dimmitt, Mr. T. M.
Spinole, of Waldrip, Texas, to Miss Eliza
Harris, near San Saba.

In the presence of this painful
event which has taken from our society one
of its useful members. Her good disposition
and Christian character endeared her to all

ve, as well as they, have sustained a severe

FULTON.—Joannah Fulton, daughter of Allen and Sarah Montgomery, was born Jan. 15. 1861; was married to W. H. Fulton Jan. 8, 1885, and died April 15. 1887. She was happily converted at the Alder Branch camp meeting and joined the M. E. Church, South, Sept. 18, 1886, from which time until her death she lived a consistent and devoted Christian lite, and died after fifty-three days of suffering, leaving the evidence benind that she has gone to heaven to enjoy the rest that God has prepared for his people. She leaves a husband, an infant child two months old, father and mother, brithers and sisters, and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss; but they mourn in hope of meeting her in the sweet spirit land, where death and sorrow and sad parting shall be known no more.

Our friend is restored to the joy of her Lord, FULTON .- Joannah Fulton, daughter of Al-Our friend is restored to the joy of her Lord, With triumph departs.

With triumph departs, But speaks by her death to our scholing hearts: Follow after, the cries, as she mounts to the skies, Follow after your friend,

victory that overcometh," and often should the petition arise for grace to walk circumspectly.

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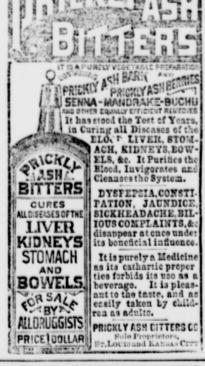
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Texas Incidents.

The Masonie Grand Lodge passed a resolu The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in Mr. Peck, while the two were bunting. \* \* of interesting papers were read by the mem- single to the main chance. bers. About seventy members were in attendance. \* \* Gaspar Guiano, an Italian store keeper at Corpus Christi, was murdered in a peculiarly barbarous manner. His head was split open with a shovel, and he was then strangled with a leather strap. Object-rebbery. \* \* Terry's Rangers will have their reunion at Austin January 25. \* \* Rises in streams of Eastern Texas have given an impetus to sawmili work, as lumber logs can now be floated by the thousands. \* \* Montague

visited portions of Northwest Texas during the pation and slurgish liver. week past. \* \* Land Commissioner Hall is on a western trip to investigate as to necessities in land classifications, \* \* While feeding a paper-cutting machine in the State book-bindery at Austin, Theodore Reisner

had his hand cut smoothly off at the wrist. \* \* Henrietta had an election to decide the people's choice for postmaster, and it fell upon W. A. Squires. \* \* The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., had the past week was attended by an immense its annual meeting at Houston the past week. The attendance was very large. The following grand officers were installed: Anson Rainey, of Waxabachie, grand master; W. S. Fly, of Gonzales, deputy grand master: A. S. Richardson, grand senior warden; G. W. Tyler, of Belton, grand junior warden; Henry Scheriffus, of Houston, grand treasurer: T. W. Hudson, of Houston, grand secretary. Past Grand Master M. F. Mott was the Installing officer. \* \* Wm. Roberts was assassinated by two men unknown while he was riding along the road with a couple of friends, \* \* M. M. Bain and H. P. Long, merchants of Cotulla, had a difficulty, and Mr. Bain was shot, it is thought fatally, Fred Foster, a detective, was accidentally killed by the ears at Houston. \* \* D. J. Corn, living near Paris, was killed by his

Hypochisy is a sort of homage vice pays to Warner's Log Cabin Sarsaparilla, renew it with new and virtuous blood and there will be doses for \$1.00. All druggists sell it.

Obituary.

Dec. 17-Mrs. Martha Magee, aged ninetydescendants, died at Navasota. \* \* Miss cate who the unfortunate man can be. Mary Swinburne and Mrs. W. C. Dey died at Mexia. \* \* Mrs. Jno. P. Zuick, of Jackson, Michigan, en route to California, died at Abilene.

Dec. 13-Mrs. Joseph Daniels died at Leon-

Dec. 14-Mrs. J. W. Sinclaire, until recent ly a resident of Wills Point, died at Milford. \* Mrs. Jackson, wife of Rev. J. H. Jackson, died at Marshall. Being frightened by a drunken man, she fainted, and could not be present governor of the territory is one the president to veto separate items in the revived-dying, it is thought, from congestion of a large ring to defrand the people of of the heart caused by the fright.

### Wonderful Cotton Plant.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 14 .- A Mexican cotto ant at the Cotton Exchange is an object of much interest. It was grown on a plantation and seventy infles south of Piedras Negras,

ment, when they hear persons talk of the sovwill never consent to the idea that because sovereignty in its broadest term and with reference to all governmental affairs is not claimed or conceded by statesmen, that therefore the States have yielded up their claim to sovereignty in all things. When that time comes, our destiny as a free republic will be sealed. When States and State officials become mere automatons, and the citizen is forced to look to a central power for redress in all concerns in life, we will be no longer a republic, and a claim to such will be a mock ery. One of the grave errors that the federal judiciary seems to be laboring under, is that they appear to regard themselves as representing a government unknown to, and foreign to the States; when, in fact, they are mere serants to the States, though selected and placed in power in a different mode from those

Come to the brida' chamber, Death! Come to the mother, when she fee a For the first time, her first-born's breath, And thou art terrible?

And thou art terrible?

The untimely death which annually carries off thousands of human beings in the prime of youth, is indeed terrible. The first approach of consumption is insidious, and the sufferer himself is the most unconscious of its approach. One of the most alarming symptoms of this dread disease is, in fact, the ineradicable hope, which lurks in the heart of the victim, preventing him from taking timely steps to arrest the inalady. That it can be arrested in its earlier stages is beyond question, as there are hundreds of well-authenticated cases where Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has effected a complete cure. covery has effected a complete cure.

The H. and P. C. Railroad. Mr. Chas. Dillingham, receiver of the H. and T. C. replied to an invitation to be present at the immigration convention, saying: "If I should find my self unable to be present, I desire to say that the Houston and Texas tion to establish an orphans' home. 833,000 of | Central railway company will, in the future, as in the past, use every endeavor to bring immigrants to Texas, and will cheerfully and months i cannot conceive. The misery is insession at Houston, installed officers for gladly co-operate to the best of its ability with creased owing to the bitter cold weather. the coming year. \* The expiration of all | the citizens of Texas in their efforts in this diliquor licenses expired at Cameron, and the rection. Our experience teaches us, however, new law will force a number of saloonists out | that it will take time, money and hard work of business, \* R. H. Hill, constable for on the part of the citizens, aided by the rail-Ladonia, was accidentally shot and killed by a roads, to turn the tide in this direction. Low fares alone will not do it. 1 am quite sure you it is really wonderful for purifying and en-The North Texas Medical Association met in will find all the railroads in this State willing annual session at Gainesville Dec. 13. The and anxious to work with you for the common ling a healthy tone to the whole system. Be address of welcome on behalf of the city was good." It is to be hoped the H and T. C. will delivered by Yaney Lewis, Esq., and was a do better in the future than in the past, as its masterpiece of eloquent oratory. A number action in the past has been mostly with an eye

Business Troubles.

Henry Amthor, Colorado county, assigned. George P. Stacey, books and stationery, Aus tin, assigned. Mrs. F. A. Brown, Terrell; attached. Geo. Tidwell, dry goods; and the Richardson Co., groceries, both of Sanger, attached. G. F. Crosby, hotel and saloon, Jefferson, attached. \* \* Ed. Coopman, liquor and small stockmen. The fact that land is dealer, Gainesville, attached.

A Trial by Jury.

#### General News.

Miscellancous.

er Oaklahoma invasion. \* " California is be promptly made upon proper proof. He now counted a first class beef market by the thinks much of the talk against the lease law stockmen of New Mexico and Arizona. \* comes from men who have cows on free grass Mrs. Jno. Jacob Astor's funeral in New York and want to scare off the actual settlers. He concourse. Rich as she was, she went the lands in Dallam county in the Panhandle, and same road to eternity pursued by the unno- this classification opens up the entire county ticed pauper. " " Gen. Thomas Kirby as farm lands and subject to settlement, ex-Smith died at Philadelphia, age t sixty-seven | cept seventeen sections. years. \* \* The Chicago, Hannibal and Springfield railroad has been incorporated. \* \* Congressman Mills of Texas, says that a country by next November. \* \* A measure to carefully consider the following questions: for a loan £10,500,000 is being railroaded nett. \* \* Sands W. Hopkins, a youthful to least embarrass existing industries. and eccentric millionaire of Kansas City, committed suicide. \* \* The Chamber of it was not desirable to abolish the internal Commerce of Salt Lake City has issued a protest against the reduction of the tariff on lead or lead ores. \* \* A negro assaulted and dies to American steamship lines. robbed a Mrs. Hubands, near Meridian, Miss., name on a piece of paper to secure his arrest.

\* \* An immense balloon was observed sailing no hypoerisy in your strong and healthy na- over Owensboro, Ky., last Saturday afternoon, alike to sail and steam vessels engaged in for ture. Best blood remedy and cheapest. 120 at a great height. Afterwards it was found in eign commerce. an old swamp, about ten miles south of Hawesville. There were also discovered the adulteration law. emaciated remains of a man who had evidenteight years, forty-seven years a resident of from where the air ship had fallen. No pa-Grimes county, and having ninety-eight living pers or other evidence has been found to indi-

They Should Post Themselves

Our congressional members should fully ost themselvs as to the land-grant statues in New Mexico. It appears to be the absorbing interest in the territory at this time. Many thousands of acres of land are kept away from the people, it is claimed, through fraudulent or justly forfeited private landgrants; and it is further claimed that the the land in the interest of monopoly-a ring in which both political parties seem to be about equally divided. The Nogal Nugget ples of the Lowell bill. (N. M.) puts the situation in this language "The Nugget has noticed that some of the papers of New Mexico are calling for the orin the State of Coahuila, about three hundred ganization of a new, or people's party. That a change of some kind should be made in the was planted in 1876 and has been bearing management of the political affairs of the without cultivation ever since. The neck of territory will be readily conceded by all canthe great tap root sustains between fifteen did minds. We have no real politics in New and twenty rations or stalks of this season's Mexico. The leaders of the two parties have appropriated for the work. This is the first gun in a war by the government upon the growth, covered with opening boils of fine staple cortion like silken floss. It was sent to the secretary of the Exchange by Mr. Rufus H. Parker from Matamoros.

In the decide party managers of New Mexico have possessing the power of this telegraphic. protected the interests of their Republican possessing the power of this telegraphic The Old Alcalde Married.

Ex-Governor O. M. Roberts and Mrs. Kate
Borden (of Tyler) were married at New protected the interests of their Republican ring friends, and vice versa. As a case in point: Gov. E. G. Ross is the appointee of the Democratic president at Washington; the appears in this issue of Advocate. He

of Democrats and Republicans; Gov. Ross could have reached the merits over the juris- barefaced, unblushing, outrageous scheme to demonstrate the error in the judgment. The lands that ever originated in this territory. Maryland case so much relied on was not a The scheme is a slick one. The governo happarallel case, and that the main case was one points some men on the 'commission' who are against a soveriegn State, I think clear. I not interested in land-grants, and who he know that a derisive smile passes over the fa- knows will not go to Washington. He knows ces of centralists, and of men who have no that the land thieves will go. What members real conception of our dual form of govern- would naturally be willing to incur the expenses of such a trip? Why, those claiming ereignty of the States. I trust our posterity the grants, of course. Thus it is clearly shown that the Democratic 'reform' ring governor of New Mexico has appointed a 'commission' of grant claimants to go to Washington to act as lobbyists for the confirmation of their own claims."

Disastrous Overflow. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15,-The steamship City of Sydney arrived this afternoon from Hong Kong and Yokohama. Chinese papers give the details of a disaster occasioned by the Yellow river overflowing its banks in the province of Honu, and describe it as one of the most appalling occurrences in loss of life and property recorded in recent times. The river broke its banks on the evening of September 28 southwest of the city of Ching Chow, and not only completely inundated that city but also ten other populous cities. The whole area is now a raging sea ten to thirty feet deep where it was once a densely popu lated and rich plain. The former bed of the Yellow river is now dry, and the present late was the bed of the river centuries ago. The loss of life is incalculable, and the statement is made by missionaries that millions of Chinese are homeless and starving. Thomas Paton, one of the American missionaries, writing from Honu province under date of October 28, says: Newly gathered crops, houses and trees are all swept away, involving fearful loss of life. The country was covered with fine winter grain, which is gone, and implies com plete destruction to next year's crop. "Bread, bread" is the cry of thousands who are on the river banks. Benevolent people go into boats and throw bread among the masses here and there, but it is nothing compared with the requirements. The mass of people is still being increased by continual arrivals even more hungry than the last. There they sit stunned, hungry and dejected, without a rag to wear or a morsel of food. Mat huts are being erected for them. What it will be in two

That the body is now more susceptible to bene fit from medicine than at any other season Hence the importance of taking Bood's sarsa parilla now, when it will do you the most good riching the blood, creating an appetite, and givsure to get Hood's Sarsaparil a, which is pecu liar to itself.

Panhandle Troubles.

Reports having been numerous that large easers of grazing lands were using their power to oppress actual settlers, and discourage those desiring to settle, the State sent Gen. Henry E. McCullough to investigate. Her-ports that the settlers have no complaints to make, and that perfect harmony prevails among the grazing land leasers and farmers leased does not debar it from occupation by actual settlers, and the Land Commissioner and Governor-in fact, all concerned except a county is excited about her coal business, prospects being regarded as most flattering.

\* Chambers county has purchased a poor farm one mile from Liberty. \* \* Snows poor farm one mile from Liberty. \* \* Snows poor farm one mile from Liberty. \* \* Snows prospects being regarded as most flattering.

That great American jury, the people, have rendered a unanimous vertiet in taver of Dr. Pierce's Piesant Purgative Pellets, the standard remedy for bowel and stomach disorders, billousness, sick headache, dizziness, constitutions. Panhandie occupied by settlers. The Land Commissioner says that the lands are being ways, and the numerous failures of other appliances cause those afflicted with hernia to have doubts about the efficacy of our treatment. Call on the Williams Rupture Compaticulars.

They can enter upon and purchase by Williams Rupture Compaticulars.

We have just received a special lot of Marseilles Quilts, in two qualities, which we have marked at \$2.50 and \$3.25, they are really worth \$4.00 and \$5.00. rights. They can enter upon and purchase farming lands whether leased or not, and if any farm lands by mistake or otherwise free Comparison of the Compariso any farm lands by mistake or otherwise Are Kansas adventures are preparing for anoth- classified as grazing land, the correction will has just received the classification school

Business Recommendations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 .- At the Board of proper reduction of the tariff by this congress | Trade n ceting to-day, resolutions were adopwould greatly improve the condition of the ted calling upon the National Board of Trade

1. That the business men of all parties, both through the Mexican congress. \* \* The protectionists and free traders, should unite Tortahta Mining company has filed a libel in demanding early action by Congress to resuit for 8500,000 against James Gordon Ben. duce the present enormous revenue in a way 2. While desirable to reduce internal taxes

3. That the government should give sub-

4. That every legitimate means to foste virtue. Drive out the vicious blood with and then cut out her tongue. She wrote his the merchant marine should be used, including the enactment of the law now pending in Congress known as the tonnage bill, applying

5. The necessity of a judicious national

6. That the internal revenue tax upon alco ly been emptied from the basket several yards hol used in the arts and manufactories.

should be abolished. 7. The adoption of a postal telegraph system and to urge its consideration upon Cor

8. Consideration of the subject of a co nercial union with Canada. 9. The question of refunding a sufficient portion of the national debt to constitute an

adequate basis and security for a permanent national currency under the present national banking system. 10. That the amendment proposed to the

Constitution of the United States to allow annual appropriation bills should be adopted. 11. That Congress should be urged to enact bankrupt laws embodying the general princi-

War on a Monopoly

United States Senotor Cullom is the author of a bill to establish a postal telegraph sys tem. Under its provisions the system is to be censtructed by the engineer corps of the army, and turned over when complete to the postmaster-general. Four million dollars is to be

land-grant ring of New Mexico is composed | takes first rank in his profession.

Mr. Crain on Sugar.

preme Court of the United States. Judge hopes thus to give the grant thieves a standing new process for converting sorghum into sureland closes his very able article with the and respectability before Congress which they gar, conducted under the auspices of the agrifollowing solid Democratic logic: "If you would not otherwise have. This is the most cultural department, will result in the extensive cultivation of sorghum wherever it can dictional question, it would not be difficult to rob the people of their right to the public be grown. "Indeed, I have seen," said Mr. Crain, "a letter from Mr. Cunningham, of Fort Bend county, Texas, to Commissioner Coleman, in which the writer says he contemplates planting a thousand acres in sorghum as he is satisfied from personal observation that the new sugar-making process is a success. In this connection I may add," he continued, "that I have been informed that Claus Spreckles, the celebrated Hawaiian sugar importer, is making preparations for the cultivation of beets and then manufacturing them into sugar in the State of California."

There were all the evidences of a coming storm; but when he drew from his pocket a bottle of Dr. Bull's Co.4. h Syr p then came a calm, for the baby had the croup and would now get well.

Little Williesercams and storms with a burn upon his arm. To little Willie Joy is sent, by using Salvation Oil the great liniment.

A Sweet 7 ransaction. Prof. Swenson, while in the employ of the government, and operating with government fands, developed the diffusion process of making sugar. It now transpires that a patent has been issued to him, and the United States Attorney-General will endeavor to set it aside.

Is There any Gum in it? Is there any gum in it? is what all prudent men ask before taking hild of any new enterprise. Tay or's Cherokee Bemedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein basgum in it and the finest stimulating principle known. It cures coughs, colds and consumption.

The Nogal (N. M.) Nugget says: "Leav ing aside all questions of morality and religion, it is a fact that teachers everywhere have fully tested and proven that no child can be advanced rapidly and permanently in literary studies if its mind is distracted by attendance upon dances and parties,'

time. My treatment is not used by any other physician in Texas. I have cured hundreds of cases since locating in Dallas, three years

tion, will not probably give occasion either to constitutional struggle or serious practical difficulty as to the form and manner of its

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Not a Cyclone Exactly: Mistress—"Why. Mary, I told you to make up my room an hour ago and here it is in terrible disorder." Mary—"Yis, mum. an' I did make it up; but the master came in to put on a clane collar, mum, an' he lost the button."

## WILLIAMS

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A Trying Condition: She (to George, who is taking her out for a ride and whose horse has balked)—"Don't be annoyed, George, have patience and he will move on presently." He—"Patience, my dear! Why. I am paying for this measily animal by the hour."

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of Pills and Ointment, for a friend of mine who
is not expected to live; and as your medicines
cured me of Consumption some three years
agr. I want him to try them. I gained fifteer
pounds while taking the first three bottles, and
I know it is just the thing for him. I know it is just toe thing for him. Respectfully, J. V. HULL, Lawrenceburg, Anderson Co., Ky.



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And in every city and town in the South.

# The Hon. John Ireland publishes a forcible criticism of the decision in the drummer case, taking the position that a Federal circuit court has no jurisdiction of appeal cases from State courts, and that appeal from the court of last resort in a State must be to the Supreme Court of the United States. Judge of Democrats and Republicans; Gov. Ross uses his position to protect the ring, in that he appoints these ring members as a commission to go to Washington this winter and 'remain to go to Washington this winter and 'remain the belief that this country in five years will be exporting sugar, or at least will be supplying our people with all the sugar they use, for the successful-experiments with the new process for converting sorghum into su-

## HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS

Are numerous and weighty, and consist of reduced prices in Suitable

## <=HOLIDAY GOODS!>>

FIRST ON THE LIST IS ORU DRESS and still feel happy.

and Plush Fancies to match at \$6.75, reduced from \$10 50. Paris Patterns, assorted in vari-Mr. Gladstone, in a letter to Lady Florence Dixie, says he believes that the question of home rule in Scotland, should it ripen for acnation Dress Patterns that have been marked from \$18 to \$2:50 are all marked to the uniform price of \$12.50 each, cut in two.

> TWENTY-FIVE PIECES OF FINE Camels' Hairs, 42 inches wide, at 65 cents a yard, reduced from \$1.25.

> WHEN AT THE COUNTER LOOKING at these, ask the salesman to show you the balance of reduced goods. They may please you better than those mentioned.

REMNANTS AT HALF PRICE.

OUR HOUSE FURNISHING DEPARTment makes a few additions to the low-priced lo's of last week. Those were appreciated and we doubt not the following will be similarly treated. What would you say to a fancy bordered bleached and cream table set consisting of Cloth and dezen Napkins to match, that is worth \$6.50 and is sold for \$4.25. You might exclaim wonderful, and we could answer correct. Yet this is what we are doing. We are also selling \$1000 sets for \$8, Fine Bleached Cloths at \$2.75, reduced from \$3.50; The disposition to hold to old forms and from 85 50. We have just received a special

> GENTS' FINE FURNISHINGS ARE broken, at \$1.50 to \$2 a pair, that are worth always in demand for holiday gifts, yet even those of the largest purse are anxious to buy them at low prices. We have them that way. THOSE WHO BUY UMBRELLAS CAN Counter if you want to see Handkerchiefs. nd pure silk, natural wood handles, at \$2.25 that are worth \$3.50,

WINDSOR SILK, WITH SILVER handles, at 82.75, worth 84.

AND FINER QUALITIES, WITH large silver handles, at 85, worth 87. We have Umbrellas up to \$20 each; they are all remarkable values. A GENTS' SILK MUFFLER MAKES A

small by the tollowing prices: LARGE SIZE WHITE CHINA SILK.

hemstitched Mufflers at \$1; nobody else can sell them for less than \$1.75 without a loss.

fancy Mufflers at \$1.35; \$2.25 would appear to you when you call, and fine Suspenders, behind this counter for this week. Neckwear and Handkerchiefs will also entice

GENTS' ROBES AND SMOKING JACKets. There are few houses that devote so pruch care and attention to collecting an attractive line of these goods as we have done. As a result we are able to offer not any excellent styles but very low prices.

\$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.00 up to \$50.00 each.

GENTS' SMOKING JACKETS AT \$6.00, 88 50, 810.00, 812 50, 815.00 up to 825.00 each. THESE EMBRACE ALL THE NEW cle, and we have an elegant line of them. nd desirable materials and are guaranteed below the prices usually asked for these goods, IN OUR CARPET DEPARTMENT WE have opened a new lot of Smyrna Rugs this week which were bought at great reduction and will be sold likewise.

RUGS AT \$3 00 WORTH \$4 00. RUGS AT \$3,50 WORTH \$5.00. RUGS AT 85.25 WORTH 87.50. RUGS AT \$7.25 WORTH \$10.00,

OUR ART DEPARTMENT, ALTHOUGH Goods Department. In fact, we hardly ever particularly a holiday feature, has already ook about us for something to advertise un- made so many friends among purchasers of ess we have it on the list. Ladies like to Wedding, Birthday and Complimentary Gifts read of cheap dresses for Christmas anyway. | that we have decided to permanently retain it. Foo late to make them up? Perhaps so! But We have already placed orders with foreign anyone receiving one of these handsome pat- manufact, rers for spring novelties, and have terns will have it made up after Christmas systematically marked down all goods now in stock. The items are too many and descriptions would be inadequate. New prices for PARIS PATTERNS OF PLAIN GOODS this week is the correct and shortest way for us to put it, and an examination the easiest way for you to find out all about them.

> PLUSH TOILET CASES AND MANIcure Sets-Of these we have but very few left. Toat this should be the case, in view of recent events, carries a significance that is noteworthy. However, those that are left will be sold still lower this week:

\$3 50 CASES FOR \$2 50. \$5.00 CASES FOR \$3 50.

\$7.00 CASES FOR \$5.00. \$10.00 CASES FOR 87.50. And so on throughout the line. If you remember that former prices were low enough

to almost close our large line, you can imagine

what these will do.

THERE ARE FEW THINGS COSTING a moderate sum that are more appreciated as gifts by gentlemen than a pair of Slippers. We have the most extraordinary line of them, and every pair has a holiday appearance, they are so bright and pretty.

PLUSH AND VELVET SLIPPERS. handsomely embroidered, quitted satin lin ings, at \$2.50 a pair.

REAL ALLIGATOR SLIPPERS IN RUSsett, wine and tan color, at \$3.50 to \$4 a pair; Maroon Goat Opera SI ppers at \$2.50.

WE HAVE SOME OLD LOTS OF EM-

broidered Slippers, sizes of which are already nearly double. COME TO OUR HANDKERCHIEF

Handkerchlefs-in fact, there is no end of LINEN PRINTED HEMSTITCHED BOR-

Everything is Handkerchiefs, and still more

ders at \$1 per dozen, that should be \$1.50. CLEAR LAWN, PRINTED AND HEMstitched borders, at \$2 per dozen, that are good value at \$3.

HAND - EMBROIDERED INITIAL nice, small investment, holiday present. We shall aid you in making the investment very Handkerchiefs, at \$1.50 and \$2 a dozen. Only enough last to last several days more. 25c and Sie each are popular prices for Handkerchiefs; at least you would think so if you saw our line of them. They comprise all the new things in white and colored borders in fine LARGE SIZE, EXTRA QUALITY, prints and embroidered. They must be cheap, too, or why do such crowds congregate in the cheap for them. Other Mufflers will be shown neighborhood of their exhibit? Extra help

REAL LACE HANDKERCHIEFS ARE largely in demand. The prices we named last week remain until all are sold.

OF COURSE OUR CLOAK DEPARTment will be crowded this week. The children want Cloaks and Dresses for Christmas, and you can buy them cheap. We shall sell GENTS' DRESSING GOWNS AT \$10.00, \$6.50 garments at \$4.50, \$7.50 garments at \$5, and \$10 garments at \$7. If you want fine goods we have them also, and we are selling them at still greater reductions. Ladies' Tea Gowns and Wrappers are a nice holiday arti-

> ALL WOOL WRAPPERS ELEGANTLY braided, reduced from \$12, to \$8, Gray Flannel Wrappers at \$5 worth \$7.50,

ELEGANT TEA GOWNS AT \$10, \$12,50

and \$14 worth one-third more. IN THIS DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO be found some desirable holiday articles in the way of Chinese Crep Silk Embroidered Squares and Shawls, also handsome black and Colored Cashmere Shawls and Scarfs.

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