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WEEKLY PERSONAL ITEMS

OUR BUSY LITTLE VILLAGE

AND HANDED INTO OUR OFFICE BY OUR John Larsen of Chicago is the guest

of McHenry friends. Miss Florence Welch spent Sunday

as the guest of friends in Chicago. Simon Stoffel was a business visitor

in the metropolitan city Wednesday.

Miss Eleanore Phalin has been the guest of relatives at the county seat.

Florence and Ernest Kamholz were recent guests of relatives at Marengo. Geo. H. Hanly was among the Chicago passengers Wednesday morning.

Miss Eva Stoffel spent yesterday and today as the guest of Chicago friends. Fremont Hoy of Woodstock was a business visitor in town Monday after-

guest of friends here the first of the week. Miss Lena Geske of Carv was the

Lester Gilles of Aurora was the

guest of relatives here the first of the week. Miss Lillian Pouse attended a dance at the county seat on Friday evening of

last week. Gilbert Howard attended to matters of a business nature in the windy city

Wednesday. Mrs. E. J. Mansfield of Woodstock is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs

E. E. Bassett. Miss DeCamp of Chicago has been a guest in the home of James Hughes

outh of town. Mrs. Irving Watson of Chicago is a

Rev. Father Isadore of Norwood Park assisted Rev. D. Lehane here on

Christmas day.

Mrs. Rose McGee of Woodstock was a recent guest in the home of Dr. C. H. Fegers here.

Miss Ethel Krumpen of DeKalb is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Krumpen. George Conway is spending the holi-

days with his father and sisters in the metropolitan city. Mrs. George Buss and children are

spending the week as the guests of relatives in Chicago. Mrs. George Mix of Austin was a

recent guest in the home of her sister.

Mrs. John Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Flaherty of Elgin were guests in the home of Mrs.

Ellen Frisby recently. Miss Irene Davoll returned home last Saturday from an extended visit

with Chicago friends. Herbert Landwer of Barrington spent Christmas day as the guest of relatives and friends in McHenry.

is visiting among relatives and friends in McHenry and vicinity. Misses Pearl and Ruby Claxton are

Nicholas Pitzen of Turtle Lake, Wis.

spending the week as guests of friends in the metropolitan city. Mrs. Silas Pierce of Crivitz, Wis., is

being entertained in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Bacon. Miss Lelah Claxton spent the latter

part of last week as the guest of friends at Barrington and Chicago. George Kane of Woodstock spent the

latter part of last week in the home of his mother near this village. Thompson and daughter,

Mrs. Clara Starritt, were guests of relatives at Huntley on Christmas day. Miss Emus Conway of Elgin passed

the holiday vacation as a guest in the home of her parents south of town.

Thomas Wright of Wauconda was a caller in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Frisby on Friday of last week Jay Hanrahan of Chicago was a Sun-ay suest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Fitzsimmons, who reside west of

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Schaffer passed ecent day as guests in the home of Mrs. Henry Geary near Wau-

Emma McGinnis and daughter. of Elgin have been guests Mr. and Mrs. Chas.

and chil-Mary Mc-

THE M'HENRY PLAINDEALER THE DAYS' NEW YEAR PARTY

His Coming of Age Marked by a Dinner to Which All of the Festivals Are Invited.

The Old Year being dead, and the New Year coming of age, which he does by calendar law as soon as the breath is cut of the old gentleman's Three Months, 46c body, nothing would serve the young spark, but he must give a dinner upon the occasion, to which all the Days in the year were invited. The Festivals, whom he deputed as his stewards, were mightily taken with the notion. They had been engaged time out of mind, they said, in providing good cheer for mortals below, and it was time they should have a taste of their own bounty.

It was stiffly debated among them whether the Fasts should be admitted. Some said the appearance of such lean, starved guests, with their mortified faces, would pervert the ends of the meeting. But the objection was COMERS AND GOERS OF A WEEK IN overruled by Christmas Day, who had a design upon Ash Wednesday (as you shall hear), and a mighty desire to see how the old Dominie would behave himself in his cups. Only the AS SEEN BY PLAINDEALER REPORTERS Vigils were requested to come with their lanterns to light the gentlefolk home at night.

All the days came. Covers were provided for 365 guests at the principal table, with an occasional knife and fork at the sideboard for the Twenty-ninth of February.

Cards of invitation had been issued. The carriers were the Hours, twelve little merry, whirling footpages that went all round and found out the persons invited, with the exception of Easter Day, Shrove Tuesday, and a few other movables, who had lately shifted their quarters.

"Well, they all met at last, foul Days, fine Days, all sorts of Days, and a rare din they made of it. was nothing but "Hail, fellow Day! well met!" only Lady Day seemed a bit scornful. Yet some said Twelfth Day cut her out, for she came all royal and glittering and Epiphenous. The rest came in green, some in white, but old Lent and his family were not yet out of mourning. Rainy Days came in dripping, and the Sun shinny Days laughing. Wedding Day was there in marriage finery. Pay Day came late, and Doomsday sent word he might be expected.

April Fool took upon himself to marshal the guests, and May Day, with that sweetness peculiar to her, proposed the health of the host. This being done, the lordly New Year from the upper end of the table returned thanks. Ash Wednesday, being now cálled upon for a song, struck up a carol which Christmas Day had taught him. Shrovetide, Lord Mayor's hest in the home of her sister, Mrs. Day and April Fool next joined in a in, made a merry burden.

All this while Valentine's Day kept courting pretty May, who sat next him, slipping amorous billet-doux under the table till the Dog Days began to be jealous and to bark and rage exceedingly.

At last the Days called for their cloaks and greatcoats and took their leaves. Short Day went off in a deep black fog that wrapped the little gentleman all round. The Vigils-so watchmen are called in Heaven—saw Christmas Day safe home; they had been used to the business before. An other Vigil-a stout, sturdy patrol called the Eve of St. Christopherseeing Ash Wednesday in condition little better than he should be e'en whipped him over his shoulders picka-back fashion, and he went floating home singing:

"On the Bat's Back Do I Fly," and a number of old snatches besides. Longest Day set off westward in beautiful crimson and gold; the rest, some in one fashion, some in another: but Valentine and pretty May took their departure together in one of the prettiest silvery twilights a Lover's Day could wish to set in.

GOOD AS NEW.



"My good man, I hope you've made some good resolutions.

"No, ma'am, not dis year. You see I've got a bunch of 'em I made last year an' never used.

Miss Mae Kane of Elgin spent the latter part of last week as a guest in the home of her mother, who resides north of town.

Miss Elizabeth Thelen passed the atter part of last and the fore part of this week as the guest of relatives at Elgin and Chicago.

Read The Plaindealer.



Take away the tattered page Of my erstwhile plety, Dim and soiled and outraged quite— Mocked of bland satiety; Resolutions such as they

May greet the season with aplomb, But when the year, grown old and g Time's not a crutch to lean upon Of all that lofty sentiment, I fain would close the vexing tale

For like a bloom perennial And rosy tinted wake the dreams Of all the morrows yet to come, When life is really what it seems;

When tardiness and broken vows

And duties shirked for Pleasure's court And Mother Grundy's sad pow-wows,
And fickle Fashion's mad report Are strangers to my righteous heart— Tear up the old and frame the new, would make another start.

---Maude DeVerse Newton.

Some New Year Don'ts

Don't sprinkle salt on the tail of tempta-

Don't try to get the better of a man who hasn't any. Don't snore in church. It's mean to keep

others awake. Don't be satisfied to pay as you go. Save enough to et back

Don't get married with the sole idea that misery loves company. Don't follow the beaten track unless

you are satisfied to remain beaten. Don't accept advice from a man who **never offers you a**nything else.

Don't expect Opportunity to come to you with a letter of introduction. Don't trust to luck. Nine-tenths of the

people in the world guess wrong. Don't buy your friends. They never last as long as those you make yourself.

Don't envy the rise of others. Many a man who gets to the top is mere froth Don't greet Misfortune with a smile nless you are prepared for a one-sided

flirtation. Don't make good resolutions unless you constantly carry a repair kit with you. Don't place too much confidence in ap-

pearances. Many a man with a red nose is white all the way through.

Don't forget in times of peace to prepare for war. That's about the only use ome of us seem to have for peace.

Don't fail to have an object in view Many a man leads such an aimless exist ence that he could fire at random without hitting it.—Lippincott's.

DIDN'T OBSERVE NEW YEAR'S

Puritans Regarded the Celebration as a Heathenish and Un-Christian

The sole record of the observance of the New Year by the Pilgrims in the new world, named New England, was most prosaic, most brief: Many of the went to work betimes." good Puritan ministers thought the celebration or even notice of the day in any way savored of improper and un-Christian reverence for the heathen god. Janus. Yet these English settlers came from a land where New Year's eve and New Year's day were second in importance and domestic observance only to Christmas. Throughout every English county New Year's eve was always celebrate ed: in many it was called by the pretty name of Singing E'en, from the custom which obtained of singing the last of the Christmas carols at that time.

This New Day.

Out of the tomb of night a day has risen. Be not anxious; this day is all your own. Do not hurry, for in time it is like all other days; neither delay, for now is passing. Early turn your face to the dawn and let its fresh beams bathe away all stains of night; then, should the noon be dark with storms, your smile will still wear the rose tints of the morning. Step softly among human hearts, and leave so much of kindness along life's pathway that gladness shall spring up, bearing tribute in the cool e entide of the world's glad New Day.-Croft.

TO THE PUBLIC

In turning over my business and good will to my successor I take this opportunity of thanking the good people of McHenry and vicinity for the liberal patronage extended me during the years that I have conducted the West Side meat market and grocery It is not a matter of choice that I step out of the harness, but on the advice of my physician. Ever since my last spell of sickness I have been looking for some trustworthy and reliable man to take the burden from my shoulders and in disposing of my stock and good will to G. C. Bosma I believe the right man is taking hold where I left off. I cheerfully recommend Mr. Bosma to the public and bespeak for him the patronage that has been accorded the place in the past. Again thanking the public and wishing all a happy and prosperous New Year, I am, Respectfully yours,

E. F. MATTHEWS

Thomas Knox of Chicago spent a couple of days last week as a guest in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Knox.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson of Ridgefield spent a recent day as guests i the home of their daughter, Mrs Jo

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NEW YEAR'S DAY IN ENGLAND.

New Year's day is kept very curiously in some of the old countries. In Emgland the ringing of bells is about the only formal demonstration they show for the anniversary at the present time, though years ago it was as much of a gala day as Christmas. They used to give presents and have great feasts, and there was a good deal of revelry and drunkenness, more than there ought to have been in a the new is quite as good as the old way, to my thinking. In Denmark the cannon booms, as a sound of joy to welcome in the new year. Every morning of the first of January, Copenhagen is shaken by this peaceful cannonading. The people in the rural districts go to the farmhouses and fire their muskets under the windows of the sleeping inmates, to inform them that a new year is at hand. The custom is not a very nice one: it smacks too much of old time roughness and

New Year Resolutions.

I will try to be kind.

I will try to find the good in others I will carry sunshine with me, especially into the dark places.

I will try to make someone happy each day.—Woman's Home Companion

RAYMOND PATCHEN WINS PROMOTION

WAS FORMER MANAGER AT LOCAL TELE PHONE EXCHANGE

Raymond N. Patchen, who a few ears ago was the local manager of the McHenry telephone exchange, has been promoted to the position of traffic chief for the Chicago Telephone company for the Gary-Hammond district, the largest one outside of Chicago. He takes charge today.

Mr. Patchen has been located at La-Grange and has had his jurisdiction enlarged several times

He has become popular in the towns along the Burlington railroad, where business interests called him, and is popular in the Business Men's association, Masonic lodge and other societies in LaGrange. His promotion is a testimonial to his

good work with the company.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS Council Room, Dec. 26, 1913.

The village trustees met in special ession for the purpose of passing an ordinance amending the telephone ordinance, with President Stoffel presid-Trustees present: Barbian, Cham-

berlin, Fisher, Nickels, Spencer and Weber. On motion by Fisher, seconded by

ain't well, but I dunno what ails him Nickels, that the ordinance be passed I've been real careful of him. He's as read. Yeas...Barbian, Chamberlin, worn thick flannels, and he's had Fisher, Nickels, Spencer and Weber. wholesome victuals; I ain't never le Nays- None. Motion carried. him have pie." On motion by Nickels, seconded by "Lemuel was always dreadful fond of pie," said I. I felt kind of sorry, for Fisher, to adjourn. Motion carried.

SIMON STOFFEL, President.

what good ones he used to make him-

A HAPPY

NEW YEAR

brother

Silas. The three had

lived together and

kept bachelors' hall

ever since our moth-

er died. I was mar-

ried and away from

home long before she died. I dien't

how

would get along at

know

first but all of the boys had been used

to helpin' ma a good deal, and they

were real handy, and when I asked if

they wasn't goin' to have a house-

keeper, they wouldn't hear to it.

ma's place, nohow. So Silas he took

hold and did the washin' and ironin'.

and Reuben did the sweepin', and

Lemuel, he was the youngest, next to

me, did the cookin'. He could cook a

dinner equal to any woman, and his

pies beat mine. My husband said so

Well, they seemed to get along so

nice, and none of 'em had ever seemed

to think much about the girls, not

even when they was boys, that I must

say I was astonished when Lemuel he

up and got married to Mehitable

Pierce. She was a little along in

years, too, rather more so than Lem-

uel, and a dreadful amart piece. She

was good lookin' and she had property.

but she was dreadful smart and up an'

comin'. I could never see how Lem-

uel ever got the courage to ask her to

have him, he was always a kind of

mild spoken little fellow. Reuben he

declared he didn't. He vowed that

Mehitable asked him herself. He said

he knew it for a fact, and he said it

with the tears rollin' down his cheeks.

Reuben was the oldest and he'd al

ways been terrible fond of Lemuel.

"That poor boy would never have got

in such a fix if that woman hadn't up

an' asked him, an' he didn't have

spunk enough to say no," said Reuben.

Mehitable had a nice house of her

own that her father left her, all fur-

nished and everything, so of course

Lemuel he went to live with her, and

Mehitable's house was pretty near

where I lived, so I could see every-

thing that was goin' on. It wa'n't very

long before I said to Hannah Morse,

my husband's old maid sister that

lives with us and teaches school, that

I believed Lemuel was henpecked,

though I hadn't anythin' against Me-

"I don't see what else anybody that

married Mehitable Pierce would ex-

pect," said Hannah. She spoke real

sharp for her. I've always kind of

wondered if Hannah would have had

Lemuel if he'd asked her. "Well." said

I, "I hope poor Lemuel will be happy.

He's always been such a good, mild,

willin' boy that it does seem a pity

for him to be rode over rough-shop,

and have all the will he ever did have

"Well, that is what will happen, or

I'll miss my guess," said Hannah

Morse. For a long while I thought she

was right. It was really pitiful to see

Lemuel. He didn't have no more lib-

erty nor will of his own than a five-

year-old boy, and not so much. Mehit-

able wouldn't let him do this and that.

and if there was anythin' he wanted to

do, she was set against it, and he'd al-

ways give right in. Many's the time

Lemuel has run over to my house, and

his wife come racin' to the fence and

screamed after him to come home, and

he'd start up as scared as he could be.

And many's the time I've been in

she'd tell him to set down, and he's

Mehitable she bought all his clothes,

an' she favored long-tailed coats, and

he bein' such a short man never

looked well in 'em, and she wouldn't

let him have store shirts and collars,

but made them herself, and she didn't

have very good patterns, she used her

father's old ones, and he wasn't no

such built man as Lemuel, and I know

he suffered everything, both in his

pride an' his feelin's. Lemuel began

to look real downtrod. He didn't seem

like half such a man as he did, and the

queerest thing about it was: Mehit

able didn't 'pear to like the work of

One day she talked to me about it

Lemuel he don't seem to have no go

ahead and no ambition and no will of

his own. He tries to please me, bu

it don't seem as if he had grit enough

even for that. Sometimes 7 think h

remembered how fond poor Lemue

had always been of mother's pies,

her own hands, so to speak.

set without a murmur.

trodden into the dust."

and he swallowed hard.

hitable.

and I had to give in they did.

They said they wasn't goin'

have no strange woman round

they

to

in

married

marant.

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"I know it." said Mehitable. "He wanted to make some himself, when we were first married, but I vetoed that. wasn't goin' to have a man messin' round makin' pies, and I wasn't goin' to have him eatin' of 'em after they were made. Pies ain't good for him. But I declare I dunno what does make him act so kind of spiritless. I told him today I thought he'd better make a resolution for the New Year and stick to it, and see if it wouldn't put some spunk into him."

Pretty soon she went home. I could see she was real kind of troubled. She always did think a good deal of Lemuel in spite of everything.

The next day was New Year's, and in the afternoon Mehitable came in again. She didn't have her sewin' as she generally did, she was a very in-Mehitable dustrious woman. She jest sat down Pierce when he was and begun twisting the fringe of her quite along in years. shawl as if she was real nervous. Her Nobody thought he'd face was puckered up, too. "I dunno ever get married at what to make of Lemuel," said she, all, any more'n my brother Reuben an'

"Why, what's the matter?" said I, kind of scared.

"He says he's made a resolution for the New Year," said she, "and that he's goin' to keep it."

"Well, what is it?" said I. "I dunno," said she.

"Well, if it's a good one, you don't care, do you?" said I, "and it couldn't be anythin' but a good one if my brother made it.'

"I dunno what it is." said she. "Won't he tell?" "No, he won't. I can't get a word

out of him about it. He don't act like himself."

Well, I must say I never saw such a change as come over Mehitable and Lemuel after that. He wouldn't tell what his resolution was, and she couldn't make him, though she almost went down on her knees. It began to seem as if she was fairly changin' characters with Lemuel, though she had a spell of bein' herself more'n ever at first, tryin' to force him to tell what that resolution was. Then she give that up, and she never asked him where he was goin', an' he could come in my house an' sit jest as long as he wanted to, and she bought him a short-tailed coat and some store collars and shirts, and he looked like another man. He got to stayin' down to the store nights, an' talkin' politics



Mehitable She Bought All His Clothes

with the other men real loud. I heard him myself one night, and I couldn't believe it was Lemuel.

Well, Lemuel he never gave in, and he never told till the next New Year's day, when he'd said he would. He'd said all along that he'd tell her then I'd got most as curious as Mehitable myself by that time, and New Year's mornin' I run over real early-they wasn't through breakfast. I knew the minute I saw them that he hadn't told. He said he wouldn't till he was through his breakfast. He was most through-was finishing up with a big piece of mince pie, and he'd made it himself, too. When he'd swallowed the last mouthful, he looked up and he laughed, real pleasant and sweet, and there, and he started to go out, and | yet with more manliness than I'd ever

"S'pose you want to know what that New Year's resolution was?" said Lem-

"I guess I can stand it a while longer," said Mehitable. Now the time had come she didn't want to act too eager, but I showed out jest what I felt. "For the land sake, Lemuel Babbit,

what was it?" said I. Lemuel he laughed again. 'Well, it wasn't much of anythin'," he said, in his gentle drawlin' way. "I didn't

tion, really."
"What, Lemuel
Babbit!" cried Mehitable. "No," said he;

make no resolu-

"I dunno what 'tis," said she, "but "I couldn't think of none to make, so I made a resolution not to tell that I hadn't made any.



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