Ring, merry bells, once more repeat The old familiar story. How the beloved Son of God Came down from the realms of glory A blessed infant messenger Of tidings glad and holy!

Ring, merry bells, and in the poor Awaken hopes fast dying: Ring! Let your sympathetic tones, With human love complying, Cheer the cold heart and colder breast Give faith in place of sighing.

Ring, merry bells, where homes are bright. And plenty adds to pleasure: Touch tender chords, that wealth may

From out her bounteous treasure Gifts to the needy, joy to those

Who have but scanty measure! Ring, merry bells, that youthful hearts And all whose heads are hoary,

May hear rejoicingly again The angels' welcome story Of Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men,

And in the Highest-Glory! -Needham Phillips.



"I have been in the habit of consulting my sons concerning their Christmas gifts for the last two or three years," said the grain broker to the man at the office-building clear stand. "I mean that I have asked William what Richard would like and Richard what William would like. I have done that because I believed they would be in a position to know, and then it sort of flatters a kid's pride to share a secret with a grown-up person, besides establishing the right sort of confidence between father and son, which I think is a mighty good thing.

It certainly is," agreed the cigar

"Yes," said the grain broker, reflectively, "it's a good thing. I called William into the library-he's 11-and I said: 'Bill, old boy, what do you suppose Dick would like for Christmas "'I think I know what he wants." William replied. I heard him wishing the other day tom he had one of these Chandled knives with four blades a toothpick and a corkscrew and ittle pair of tweezers and a thing blade and a gimlet and a can r. And then, he added, he's been ng a fountain pen."

on after I took opportunity of ing Richard aside. 'Christmas is ning along here pretty soon. Dickie ay.' I said. 'What are we going to get for Brother Bill?"

"'He wants a watch,' said Richard. 'and his wheel's about worn out, and ft's getting, too small for him; and these air rifles-you know. He'd be awful pleased if you got him an aft

"Presently I heard a racket in the 'next room. I could make out Dick's voice raised in anger and now and then Bill chipped in. I opened the just going to holler at them to keep quiet when Richard shouted

"Yes, I did, too. You're a lobster." "'You didn't,' said Bill.

punching hag and a pair of skates and a fountain pen and a affe with them fixings and all we told him was just that measly cuntain pen and knife ' t leave out anything you and I put in the new wheel you didn't tell me. If that ain't ng a mean sneak I don't know what

"'I don't care,' says Bill, defiantly. "'All right for you. I'll fix you. I'll go right back and tell him you said ou didn't want any watch. "I went back and closed the door

softly. "But wouldn't that jar you?"

SOME NEW YEAR THOUGHTS.

The Past is Merely the Expression of the Living Present.

Commemoration of the beginning of the year is sentimental, purely, since the first day of January marks no special epoch in history, nor is it the anniversary of the birth or death of any

In looking for the beginning of this practice, one must go into the prehistoric past, for lew Year is the most ancient of all the days which men have set apart for special distinction. In the former days, though, it began with the advent of spring. The Latins, from whom came the months now used, celebrated their New Year as the nations older than they had done, in March. This explains why December. meaning "tenth" month, should be twelfth in our calendar.

The day, then, neither a festival nor a fast, did stand for a most beautiful sentiment—the revivifying of nature. It harbingered the banishment of cold: it gave assurance of a harvest for man, who could see in the bursting of the seeds autumn days of full-Thus was it with the Chaldean, old-

est of the civilized peoples, whence came Abraham, the founder of the Jewish nation. They were as puzzled as moderns are over the mystery of and that greater mystery, life. the generative principle they made od and worshiped it. The presence oftheir god was felt, seen, as they taught, in the new garb put on by the trees, in the tiny spears of green grams lich pesped through the sere blades the previous year, and in the manyored little flowers that nestled conbanide the grant-bis century after century this reremains of it are seen hief hely day of the A foring the ver

lime object lesson, it remains solely tached a slip of paper on which he had have hardened our hearts." as a record of the beginning of a new | printed in a bold hand one of the Sunyear, arbitrarily fixed by man. It de day school texts: "The Lord LOvveth clares the mortality of all things, and a CheaRfull, giVveR."--Chicago Daily it proves that the mortal shall put on News. immortality. It teaches the higher lesson that out of death comes life; that the dying year does but make way for the living year, and that the chasm is invisible between the dying and the dead. A single tick, just one tick of the clock, and in the minute interval the Old Year was and the New Year is, and from this lesson one may learn that the sum of all the lives that have been is but the expression of the lives that are, just as the result of all the years that have been

is found in the New Year just begun.

Honoring Sania Claus.

The New Year observance, them, is | Much to her surprise she found that is much easier to learn in Fouth

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS.

Gift-Making One of the Most Gracloss Features of the Season. more than you can afford. "Gift-making is one of the most gra-

cious features of Christmas, and one that I pray may survive all other outgrown customs," writes Florence Hull Winterburn, in the Woman's Home Companion. "When love and sympathy are close counselors there is little fear that we shall make the mistake of leaving out of our little one's stocking the particular thing he has set his you to. Give because you love to. If Santa Claus was born in Patavia, is beyond us to gratify, let us come as in Asia Minor. That was not his real near to it as we can, and not convert name. He was an abbot, and named this season into a sort of convenience buy your presents, and then, for lack St. Nicholas. He afterward became for ourselves, thrusting upon his re- of time to make proper selections, give archbishop of Myra. At the latter luctant acceptance such prosaic arti- what your better judgment condemns. place he died and was duly buried. cles as shoes, hats and other essen-

the survival of a day beyond the pe- the little fellow had appropriated one genial, sympathetic and generous than riod of its effective use. Once a sub- of hers for the occasion and had at it is after embittering experiences

> Christmas, Ba I'ts. Don't leave the cost mark on your Don't let Christmas giving deterior-

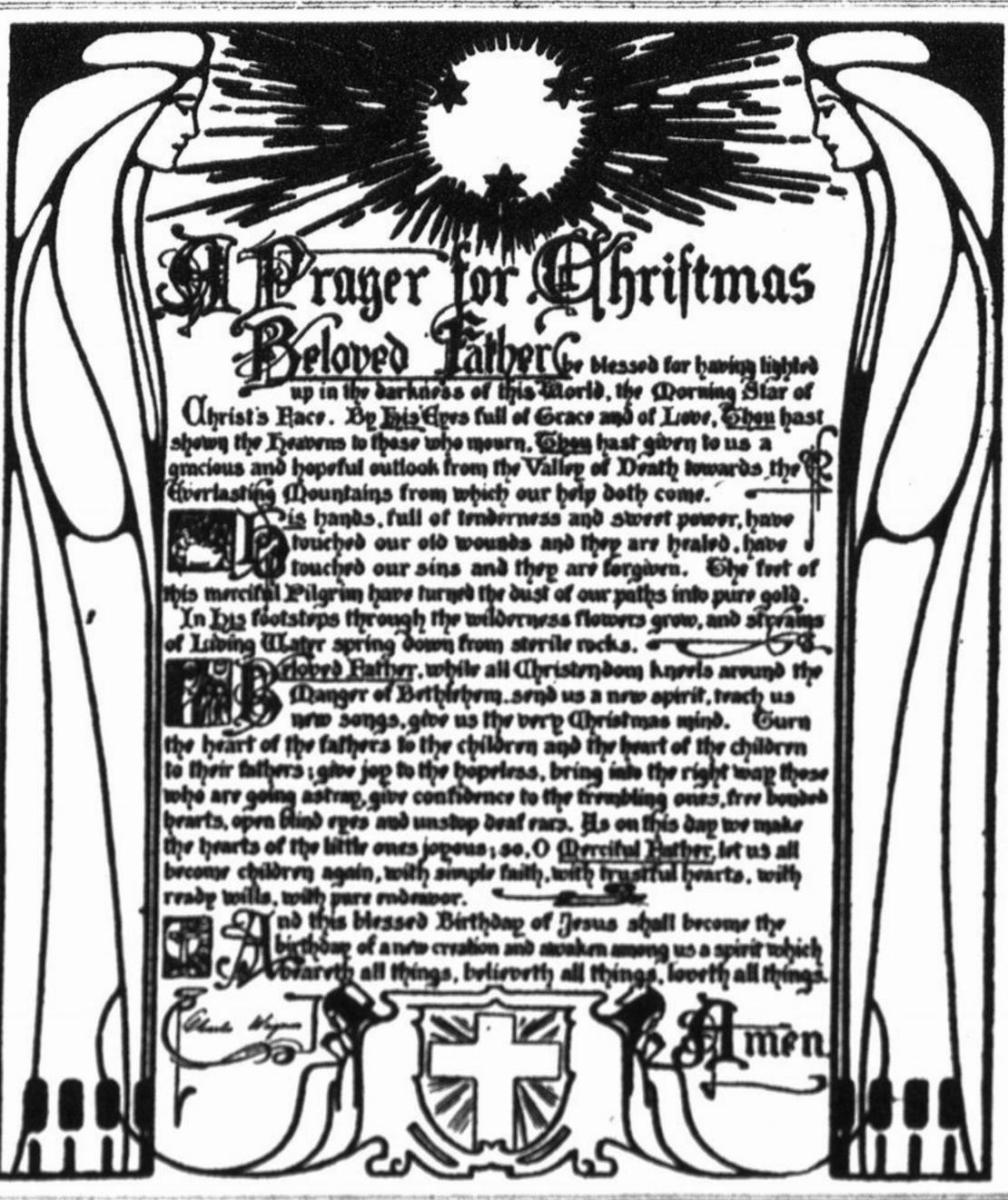
ate into a trade. Don't try to pay debts or return obligations in your Christmas giving. Don't embarrass yourself by giving

Don't give trashy things. Many an attic could tell strange stories about Christmas presents. Don't make presents which your friends will not know what to do

cumber the home. Don't give because others expect heart upon getting. And if his choice you cannot send your heart with the

with, and which would merely en-

gift, keep the gift. Don't wait until the last minute to Don't decide to abstain from giving



ried by some plous Italians to Bart. that occasion is refused by the priests, years memory hangs upon it fondly. many pilgrims as the edifice will hold. On St. Nicholas day, Dec. 6, a great celebration takes place in his honor. Early in the morning the populace take his image from the priests and carry it through the town. At night the city is grandly illuminated.

Christ's Birthday. There is something akin to sadness in the fact that in tracing the origin of many of our church festivals we find it in pagan celebrations antedating the Christian era. There is nothing certain even about the hirthday of Christ Some authorities assert that December was in the dry season, when shepherds were on duty day and night. In the controversy over the date, extending from December to May, Pope Julius (337-352) had an investigation made by St. Cyril and was satisfied that the 25th of December was correct. It was so established in the Roman church, and before the end of the fourth century the dictum was universally accepted.-Boston Herald.

Willie's Text.

After 5-year-old Willie had gone to his stocking properly for Santa Claus.

EXPOSED.

tials of the toilet. Far prettier is the German custom of bestowing gaudy sive presents. The thoughtfulness of at rest in a splendid church which but are part of the glitter and fashion those to whom you give, are the prinbears his name. The people round of the holiday, When it is possible cipal things. The intrinsic value of about make a pilgrimage to his shrine nothing is so good to have as the tra- your gift counts very little. every year. No one seeking food on ditional Christmas tree. In after while accommodation is given to as and we bless in our hearts the kind "You don't hands that took so much trouble to give us pleasure.

> "Then the stocking hung up on Christmas eve has a romance all its own. The breakfast table dressed with holly-berries and gifts piled under snowy napkins is a graceful custom, and is far nicer than the blunt handing out of our gifts. Some trouble should be taken to create the welcome element of surprise. We all like it, Frau Santa Claus has such a burder but it is one of the greatest delights in a child's experience. He finds out before we would choose to have that what is looked forward to most eagerly seldom turns out well. It is sad philosophy, yet true, that it is dangerous to set one's heart on anything in tals world. But the love that hides its intention until the hour of fuffillment, and then lets out its secret in an outburst of generosity, is the best substitute that is ever offered for the special Providence Santa Claus, and all other gracious mytha.

"An example of generosity is seldom lost upon children if it is true, not artificial. They are very willing to live up to their little knowledge, if we allow them the chance, and part of our duty to the day is to encourage in our young people the same kindilness we cultivate in ourselves, it is

without pause, "That you're married and have a real wife, Santa (Taux,

And that all of these years, when we've loved you so well, No word of your wife have we ever heard

You're a brave little maid," he said, chuckling with glee; Though you scold me so soundly, I like

That she rarely finds time to go an

Pictorial Review.

For the Children.

"Yea," said Mr. Blykina, "we always relebrate Christmas for the children's sakes. They expect it, you know, and wouldn't have the heart to disapsoint them." "But you and Mrs., Blykins always remember each other?" "Oh, yes, I am going to give her a two-hundred-dollar coat and I have reason to think she intends to give me a fifty-dollar chair. We always settle wall in advance what our presents will be. All we have to think of now is a doll for the little girl and a tin wagon for the boy."-Washington Star.

Christman Bille.

The Christmas bills Give dad the chills: He'll never climb The heavenly hills Nor wear the angels' Wings an' feills Because o' them Same Christmas bills! -Atlanta Constitution.

His Delicate Proposal. Gladva (on Christmas morning)-What a dear little clock! Who gave you that?

Mariorie-George, of course. Gladys-Is it going? Marjorie-Oh, no! George wishes me to understand that I may set my own time.—Smart Set.

Rather Discouraging. Maude-Did Daisy Freshlight give your Slowboy any encouragement at the New Year's bail? Clara-No. I think not. She asked him to marry her, that's all. Chicago Daily News.

Greeting of the New Years Haff Glad New Year! Would We merely arge this simple tank-Pray do not make them worse,

MONORAIL GYROSCOPE CAR STIRS U.S. I

Test in England Proves It a Success—Speed of 160 Miles are Moun Trains Using This Principle-Spinning Wheels Keep Equilibria



TRONG OF GYBOSCOPE CARA

Great Interest has been manifested adapted to a full-sized car for the first among American railroad men lately in the monorall car tried out by Louis Brennan, C. B., before the Royal Society of England. Many believe that idea with a small model before the through the fact that a revolving

time is about to revolutionise railroad construction.

Mr. Brennan first demonstrated th

THE BRENNAM GYROSCOPIC MONORALL CAR

ty he exhibited, on the grounds near Chatham, a 22-ton care 40 feet long, 13 feet high and 10 feet wide, mounted on a single line of four wheels, without other support than those wheels.

Two gyroscopes were used, weighing three-quarters of a ton each and making 3,000 revolutions a minute in a vacuum. A gasoline engine furnishe the power. The gyroscope wheels are 3 feet 6 inches in diameter and are placed in a cab at the front of the car. A speed of only seven miles an hour was attained on trial.

It was found that the big car was even more successful than the model. it showed no tendency to leave the track or to tip. Sudden shifting of weights in no way endangered the equiltbrium.

It is expected that this type of car will do away with the dangerous and uncomfortable side thrust which leads to spreading rails and excessive juli and jar, and limits the safe speed of the ordinary two-rail train to about seventy miles an hour.

Moreover, the power of this engin can be more economically applied, and it is predicted that a safe speed of 150 miles an hour can be attained.

The gyroscope employed is same principle as the toy of that name and of the ordinary spinning top. lends stability to the supporting

Sheeing Freed Norway from Fore Ready to Overwhelm Her. Surely Norwegiana should know what's what in skeeing. Have they not made history with their skee? Would they be the united, free and independent little country they are today had it not been for the skee and their army's abilty to use them? Would they not be merely a succession of icefree ports maintained for the convenience of England, Germany, and, most of all, Russia? They had a pretty hot little war all their own is 1807-08, and if it was short they have only their commander, Prince Christian Augustus and their infantry on skee to thank says Charles F. Peters in Out-

All Europe was busy trying to keep Napoleon from amudging out the lines of the map, and nobody would beil Norway, except the already besieged Denmark. She, although willing, was prevented from sending food and ammonition by the English war vessels that blockaded the Norse coast, and with Sweden battering them by land and England by sea, poor little Norway could only sit tight and wait for the approach of the season when Thor should throw the hammer and the frost glants of Jotunheim would fight her battles for her.

And lo! the Swedes allowed themselves to be outwitted. Just as their army of the west, which outnumbered the Norsemen ten to one, arrived at the frontier and brought up their heavy field artillery, the White Bear from the land east of the sun and west of the moon sent his feathery flakes and brought confusion and defeat to

the invading forces. Their fieldpieces were buried, their men could only flounder about in the deepening drifts, and, to add to their discomfiture, little flocks of green dots began to appear upon the surrounding strengthened by a test he made mountain crests, to skim down within stepping in front of a speeding New range, fire carefully aimed rifles, and glide away again before resistance could be attempted by the demoralized Swedish hosts. Thus the entire war consisted of much starvation, but only three battles, in all of which Norway was completely victorious, and peace from the injury to his skull. Wilson was made before the year ended.

RAGS, THE NAVY YARD DOG.

Able Seamon Jones Tells Som Large Stories of the Canine. The battleship Massachusetts was floated out of dry dock at the New York navy yard in Brooklyn yesterday. Shortly afterward there came out of the pumped-out dock a little, lanky dog. A little fish dangled in his teeth. The dog was Rags; the canine Izaak Then I woke up here." Walton of the marine guard.

"Where away, sir? Didn't hear bout Rags, oun dog that fishes?" said "Toddy" Jones, able sailorman, to the inmisitive visitor. "Wallop me, yer pilotbor craft that go out with a cargo of An alloy of the desired color landlubbers and come Back with all been formed, the gold is the ballast in their foretops. Them crucible at a temperature fish get shanghailed in the undertow the fusion point. It is them when the dry dock is opened, and an ingot and date and by when she is grimmed out and all closed tween a pair of nowestal a they are left marconed on the bottom. Into a ribbon one at g he just goes down and gots wide and ten dest

in a give pot and then rolling in a half an inch thick and th rag yard. But he's cute. He got a half inches square, contait job here on his face two years ago 180 leaves of tough paper s from the marine guard. And that dog | ed for the purpose, This is can laugh, minter leastwise he never for about twenty minutes with stopped since he run afoul of government rations. He goes around the yard gold is spread to the size di every time a picket is posted and sees | "cutch." Each lenf is then to them marines do their duty.

"When he was piped off that the Massy was being floated that dog full down the steps leading to the bettom and takes an observation between the keel blocks. Then he tooted his giren.

"Quick as falling off a yald Raga Up he comes with a four-inch feller whacks them dead with his tail. Sure, have fish for supper. Want an affidavy?"-New York Times.

FAITH CURIST TESTS CREED.



J. C. Wilson declared that his faith n Christian Science had Orleans trolley car. Surgeons at the hospital, where the man was re moved, say he has concussion of the brain, gashes and cuts about the head and face and that the left leg may have to be amputated if he recovers affirms that he does not feel any pain. "I left my lodgings in the morning with the lines of true thought running through my brain," he said. " saw the car coming and instantly resolved to put my belief to a test. As it drew within a few feet of stepped onto the tracks. I heard the clanging of gongs, the shouts of the motorman and the screaming of women as I sprang head first at the car

HOW GOLD LEAF IS MADE

house ain't got all the charts this titles and used by the picture-frame friend of his. cruise. Why, there are more real live makers, as well as by other trades, is shie to but fish in a dry dock when it is builded made as follows, says the Canadian and a out than there are in them there has Painter and Decorator:

and cut in four pleces. steams down to the dock. He shinnies square and three-quarters of an ind thick, containing about 730 skins which have been worn out "mold" or finishing process described later. The shoder requires about two dove his bow in 'tween the keel blocks, hours' beating with a nine-pound hammer. Each leaf is again cut in four in his teeth. He flung it contempts pieces and placed between the leaves oun-like on the dry floor. Then he of a "mold," composed of about 950 of dove again and flung a six-inch feller, the finest gold beaters' skins, five inch-Mister, he puts six of them in a row, es square and tilree-quarters of an inch thick, the contents of one shoder fill-

> ing three molds. The material has now reached last and most difficult stage of the cees. During the first hour the h mer is allowed to fall principally the center of the mold. This can gaping cracks upon the edges of the leaves, the sides of which rapidly coalesce without leaving any trace of the union after being beaten upon. At the second hour, when the gold is about the 150,000th part of an Inch in thickness, it for the first time permits the transmission of light. If the gold is pure, or but slightly alloyed, green rays pass through; when highly alloyed with silver violet rays appear.

As a rule about four hours beating with a seven-pound hammer is requir ed. A single ounce of gold will at this stage trim to about 1,200 leaves the and a quarter inches square. The ished leaves are taken out of the and the rough edges trimmed of slips of rattan fixed in parallel group of an instrument called a wagon, leaf being faid upon a leather to for that purpose.

The leaves are piaced in " pable of holding twenty-five each, which have been rul with red other to preve from elffiging to the paper gold beaters' skin is the on

"Yes," said the tire