MR. BILGER'S CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

"My boy," said Bullington Bilger, the eminent speculator in stocks. "I intend to do something this year that I have never done before. I have never taken much stock in this Christmas foolishness. It seems to me that people carry it to an absurd extreme; but, as I have said, I am going to break away from my custom this year. You are helping to support your widowed mother, are you not?"

The boy who marked the quotations up on the big blackboard made a strong effort to conceal his emotion as he answered:

"Yes, sir. I always carry my earnings home to her."

"That is noble of you. You deserve the highest praise for your thoughtfulness. A mother who has such a son should be very proud of him, and I have no doubt that your mother fully appreciates your worth. What I started to say a moment ago was that I intend to do something to encourage you in your work—something to prove to you that I wish you well and that, however cold I may have at times appeared, I am kind at heart."

"Oh, thank you, sir," said the boy. "Mother will be proud when she learns that I have been able to win your respect."

"I like to hear a boy talk as you talk," the eminent gentleman continued. "A boy who is glad for his mother's sake to win the approval of others may always be depended upon to give a good account of himself. You may not have suspected it, but I have for a long time been watching you. I have noticed that you do not smoke cigarettes; that you use little slang; that you pay strict attention to your duties and always show a proper deference to those above you."

"My mother told me when I started out in the world," the boy replied, "to always keep away from bad habits and be respectful to those who had the right to be treated respectfully."

"Good. It is evident that you have an estimable mother. With such a mother and such a character as you seem to possess I have no doubt that you will succeed in life. It would be a pity to disturb your self-reliance by giving you money. I shall not do that. I do not believe in giving money to people anyhow. It is a bad practice. There are other ways of extending help that are much more effective—much better for those who receive it. Now it is my purpose to do something for you."

"I—I hardly know how to thank you, sir."

"Oh, never mind that, my boy. The most eloquent thanks are not always expressed in words. There are other ways of showing appreciation. So don't bother yourself if words happen to fail you. There are indications that this is going to be an old-fashioned winter, and I know what it is to be tortured by the cold. You have seen that I have a new overcoat with a Persian lamb collar and real mink lining, have you not?"

"Yes, sir."

"You would be surprised if I were to tell you how much it cost. But I need not dwell upon that. I have found it extremely comfortable. It has caused me to feel sorry for others who cannot afford such coats. I think it must be the Christmas spirit that has come to me. With the collar of my warm coat turned up so that it covers my ears I am able to keep comfortable in the coldest weather."

The boy felt a lump rising in his throat and he was compelled to wink rapidly to keep back his tears of gratitude.

"This morning," Mr. Bilger continued, "I found a pair of plush earmuffs that I used last winter, and I have decided to present them to you."

NEWS OF ILLINOIS

ITEMS OF GENERAL STATE INTEREST FRESH FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

SYCAMORE MINISTER RESIGNS

Dr. W. E. Glanville, Who Has Been Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church for Several Years, Accepts Maryland Pastorate.

Sycamore.—Rev. Dr. W. E. Glanville, who for several years has been rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church here, has resigned. He will become rector of St. Peter's parish, Calvert county, diocese of Maryland, January 1.

Joliet.—Automatic derailment apparatus saved a Chicago-bound express train from a head-on crash into a runaway freight train near here on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad. Air brakes on the freight, which was composed of coal cars, failed to work. After it had passed the second stop signal the derailment switch automatically was opened and the runaway freight was shot into the ditch just in time to let the passenger train by. The Frisco Flyer of the Rock Island passed the scene of the wreck ten minutes later. The freight engine was overturned, and John T. Sutherland of Rockdale, engineer, and Henry Bausell, fireman, were buried beneath tons of coal. A rescue crew dug the men out with picks and shovels and found them uninjured.

Monticello.—Douglas Gant, a negro, alleged to have attacked four Decatur women, has been brought here by the sheriff to prevent a possible lynching. He was captured in Decatur after he had been wounded on the neck by a knife thrown by Mrs. Spencer. She was peeling potatoes when he approached her. Hurling the knife at him, she fled. Jack Young, deputy sheriff, captured Gant in a brick yard. The negro dropped on his knees and begged for mercy. The deputy prevented his slaying by the husband of a woman who had been attacked. Gant's body bears a burn described by one of the women Gant attacked and the cut on the neck inflicted by Mrs. Spencer. He confessed one attack. He is twenty-one years old and is from Louisiana.

Duquoin.—The Perry county board of supervisors, controlled by Democrats for the first time in many years, convened this week. It is composed of Louis Crossmann, Pinckneyville, Jake Frank, Du Quoin, and Ralph Wendell, Willisville. The board made the following appointments: State inspector, Alfred M. Lee, Duquoin; physician, Dr. Z. Taylor, Pinckneyville; superintendent of buildings, Fred Clouse, St. Louis; poor farm overseer, D. O. Rolls, Pinckneyville, and overseers of the poor, J. H. Gregory, Duquoin; Charles Cook, Tamaroa; Lewis Malan, Pinckneyville; J. F. Ervin, Sandoval; W. T. White, Cutler, and Charles Bradley, Willisville.

Quincy.—The brewers, wholesale liquor dealers and saloon men are in perfect harmony with residents of this city desiring the Illinois state law to be enforced, which will close all saloons here on Sundays, and which, by mutual consent, will become effective Sunday, January 4. The carrying out of the law will be more far-reaching than was first anticipated. As much of the regattas' revenues came from the barrooms of both boat associations clubhouses it has been decided to dispense with regattas. Public dances on Sundays in halls and parks will also cease.

Galva.—H. I. Nowland, an attorney of Peoria, committed suicide by throwing himself in front of a Burlington train here. A warrant for his arrest was issued. He was charged with forging names to a note for $3,000, which he gave to a Peoria bank as security for a loan. When Edward Smythe and James Rae of Peoria were indicted for complicity in the alleged dynamiting operations of the iron workers, Nowland was engaged to defend them as well as defendants from Rock Island and Springfield.

Centralia.—As a climax to an intended joy ride from Christopher on a Chicago, Burlington & Quincy freight, Ernest Herd is dead and Mark Killjon and T. E. Jones, all youths, now are in St. Mary's hospital suffering from severe injuries that ultimately may result in their death. The accident occurred at Sesser, when the train broke in two. The young men were sitting on the rear end of a gondola and were thrown under the wheels of the train.

Mount Vernon.—After a long chase in a Chicago & Eastern Illinois engine and on foot, Sheriff Payne and Deputy Garthing caught Charles Field and George Tate of Centralia, who had held up and attempted to rob Charles Johnson, a wealthy farmer, living north of Mount Vernon. The two men admitted the attempt at highway robbery, it is said. Johnson is seventy-five years old, but succeeded in protecting himself and saving his money.

Decatur.—X-ray and slit skirts and transparent stockings were barred in the Charleston high school at a special session of the girl pupils and woman members of the faculty here. The teachers said that conditions had become shocking and they proposed to put a stop to the scanty dressing.

Anna.—Rev. W. V. McAdoo, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Mount Vernon, has been tendered a call by the Anna First Presbyterian church, and probably will accept. Rev. E. W. McClusky resigned this pastorate to accept the management of Boyle Center in St. Louis.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Although Usually Broken They Often Result in Something Worth While to the Maker.

At the close of the year a great many men and women review the events and experiences through which they have passed, and resolve to profit by them during the coming year. Many a man "turns over a new leaf," and many a woman emphatically declares that she will abandon this folly and that. So many fail in their resolves that New Year's resolutions have become a subject of jest.

Yet while there may be a humorous phase of the subject there is certainly a more serious one than some appear to believe. It makes no difference whether it is New Year's eve or any other eve, there has to come a time in the lives of all when there is an accounting with self. It is only through such accountings that men and women find themselves, learn to know themselves and, knowing, become what they should be.

Rev. Dr. Talmage used to tell the story of a young man who annually devoted New Year's eve to a review of the year ended, concluding with resolutions which he seldom kept for any great length of time. Lying lazily back in a comfortable Morris chair, this young man would smoke a cigar, think over the year, and make his resolves. One New Year's eve he thought and smoked until, half dreaming, he fancied he saw in the smoke as it curled upward the word "resolutions." His fancy led him to serious consideration of how many of his resolutions had really gone up in smoke. He was astounded, and made one supreme resolve that they should no longer end in smoke.

Each time he told this story Doctor Talmage assured his hearers that this young man was today one of the foremost business men of New York city, a factor in its commercial life and a powerful agent for good in many directions. The reverend gentleman made the point that although resolutions may be made only to be broken, the time must come in the life of every man and woman when they make one supreme resolve which is the making of themselves. Therefore Doctor Talmage always declared that he favored New Year resolutions even though they would be broken, because he knew that in the end they would result in something really worth while.

"GOODBY, OLD YEAR, GOODBY."

By Margaret E. Sangster.

"Goodby old year, goodby."
We've had good times together:
You gave us many a bright blue sky,
And sometimes stormy weather.

But we've had lots of fun—
We've skated, fished and boated;
And now, just as the year is done,
In school we've been promoted.

Old year, be brave and proud;
With banners floating over you,
You join the shadowy crowd
Of years that went before you.

Goodby, old year, goodby;
With "finis" to your story,
The stars shine out on high
To light your way with glory.

A LONG SLEEP.

"Yistiddy was 1913 an' today is 1914"—

"Gee! How's that? We must've slept a whole year last night."

A New Year's Wish.

My New Year wish is that all through the year the yesterdays will have contained as much happiness as you wish for the tomorrows.

ILLINOIS NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Johnston City.—Luther Erby, a driver, was killed in the East Side mine by being caught between loaded cars. He is survived by his mother.

Naples.—Hugh Bagby, twenty-six years old, committed suicide here by shooting himself with a rifle. He was in poor health.

Springfield.—Garland Shepherd, fifteen years old, committed suicide at Vernon at the home of his grandparents because he had been spanked.

Cairo.—The $4,700 in checks lost by Rufus James, negro messenger for the Iron Mountain railroad, was recovered. The checks were found at the door of a barn in an alley.

Bloomington.—James H. Flagg of Clarence died at the age of ninety. For many years he was a sea captain and made 12 voyages to West Indies. Later he amassed a fortune in farming.

El Paso.—Mrs. Jennie M. Young, the oldest school teacher in Illinois, is dead at her home here. Mrs. Young was seventy-seven years old, and had taught school continuously for the last 58 years.

Ottawa.—All court records of La Salle county were broken when a jury disagreed after being out 65 hours considering the case of B. F. Kreuse, a deputy sheriff, charged with embezzlement.

Greenville.—An explosion of natural gas in a room in the Hubler hotel blew out one end of the building and seriously injured Benjamin Breuchaud, occupant of the room. The explosion was caused by gas leaking from a small stove.

Sparta.—It is probable Robert C. Probasco, now deputy sheriff, will succeed A. B. Sproul as postmaster at Sparta. Congressman R. P. Hill of the Twenty-fifth congressional district says he recommended Probasco several weeks ago.

Duquoin.—What is thought to be the smallest baby ever born in this part of the state is one born to Mr. and Mrs. Isom Brown at Christopher, east of this city. The infant barely weighs 2¼ pounds. The attending physician says the child will live.

Mount Sterling.—The H. E. Browning sale of Duroc Jersey hogs drew a large crowd of buyers from other states. The 45 animals sold brought an average price of $105.80. "High Private" was purchased by J. J. Baker of Independence, Kan., for $332.50.

Springfield.—Charles Welch, seventeen years old, killed his nine-year old brother, John. The elder brother had started hunting, but came back. As he stepped upon the porch at his home near Illiopolis the gun was accidentally discharged.

Sparta.—Mrs. Lillian H. Gordon, principal of the Steeleville public school, has announced publicly that she is a candidate for the office of Randolph county superintendent of schools. She is the first woman in the county to seek a county office.

Peoria.—A coroner's jury recommended that James Pankey be held for the alleged murder of Gladstone Hardy of Jackson, Mich. Pankey has not been apprehended by the police. Hardy died from a blow on the head received during a drunken brawl at Washington and Cass streets.

Champaign.—Prof. John A. Fairlie of the University of Illinois department of economics has been granted leave of absence beginning in February, to assist the efficiency and economy committee of the state legislature investigate state department bureaus and commissions.

Champaign.—James H. Kelley, executive clerk of the University of Illinois, resigned to become president of the Colorado Normal school at Gunnison January 1. He has been here four years, previous to which he was president of the Oklahoma Preparatory school.

Legal Notices

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF DU PAGE—ss. In the Circuit Court of Du Page County. To the June term thereof A. D. 1914. Henry Timke vs. William Hogan, Margaret Martin, Michael Martin, husband of said Margaret Martin; Catherine Hogan Lemke (also known as Kathryn Hogan Lemke), Clarence Lemke, husband of said Catherine Hogan Lemke; Ellen Hogan Seiffert (also known as Myrtle Hogan Seiffert), Edward Seiffert, husband of said Ellen Hogan Seiffert; Anne Hogan (also known as Nannette Hogan), Marie Hogan, James W. Chilvers, as guardian of said Marie Hogan, a minor; W. H. Edwards, individualy and as trustee; A. L. Palmer, as successor in trust; acting sheriff of said Du Page county, as successor in trust; William Foster Burns, individually and as trustee; B. E. Kehler, Brooks-Mueller Company, a corporation, unknown owner or owners, holder or holders of promissory note for the principal sum of six hundred and ten dollars ($610.00) and interest note for the sum of eighteen dollars and thirty cents ($18.30), both bearing date of June 19, A. D. 1912, secured by trust deed dated June 19, A. D. 1912, recorded July 17, 1912, as Document No. 108754, in book 69 mortgages, page 279, and all unknown owners defendants. In chancery No. 6877. The requisite affidavit having been properly filed, notice is hereby given to said defendants in the above entitled cause that the above named complainant heretofore filed his bill of complaint in said court on the chancery side thereof to foreclose a deed of trust conveying real estate situated in the village of Downers Grove, county of Du Page and State of Illinois, known and described as follows, to-wit: Lots 7 and 8 in the resubdivision of Block 5 in E. H. Prince & Co.'s addition to the village of Downers Grove, Ill., said block being situated upon and a part of the northwest quarter (N. W. ¼) of Section 8, Township 38, North Range 11 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in the County of Du Page and State of Illinois, together with all the improvements thereon standing and that a summons thereupon issued out of said court against the above named defendants returnable on the first day of the June term of said Circuit Court of Du Page County, to be holden at the court house in the City of Wheaton, in said County of Du Page, on the second Monday of June, A. D. 1914, as is by law required, and which suit is still pending.

BUNGE, HARBOUR & CHADWICK,
Complainants' Solicitor.
GEORGE W. THOMA, Clerk.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Bertram Roth, deceased.

The undersigned, having been appointed administrator of the estate of Bertram Roth, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Du Page County, at the Court House in Wheaton, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this First day of December, A. D. 1913.

Louis Roth, Administrator.
Bunge, Harbour and Chadwick, Attorneys

Their Specialties.

The United States leads all countries in the production of corn, wheat, oats, tobacco, cotton, coal, petroleum, iron, steel and copper; Russia, leads in the production of rye; British India in sugar; China, rice, tea and silk; Brazil, coffee; Australia, wool; Transvaal, gold; Mexico, silver.

Seize on Opportunity.

There is no day too poor to bring us an opportunity, and we are never so rich that we can afford to spurn what the day brings. Opportunities for character always bloom along the pathway of our duty and make it fragrant even when it is thorny.—Samuel J. Barrows.

Sound Philosophy.

A homegrown philosopher in Garden City is quoted by the Telegram as saying: "We came into the world weeping, while the people stood around the bed smiling; let us go out of the world smiling while our friends stand around the bed weeping."—Kansas City Star.

Noted Collections of Jewels.

The Rajah of Dholpur's collection of pearls has been valued at $7,500,000. The Jam of Jamnagar, the Gaekwar of Baroda, the Nawab of Rampur and the Sultan of Turkey are other Oriental rulers whose collections of pearls have been noted. Prince Ranjitshingi of Kathitwar conducts his own pearl fisheries as well as making collections of the beautiful gems.

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There is one place in Downers Grove for sale that has just recently been put on the market at $3,500. Seven rooms, modern; bath, heat; wooded lot 50x140, a fine neighborhood and an unequaled value.

Could you use a lot, 50x132, inside corporation and well located? There are a few left at $150.

$200 after October 1st, Water, gas & sewer in.

We have a booklet, listing about 100 of the numerous places on sale in Downers Grove. This book also contains pictures of most of the streets and all of the churches and public places. If interested call or write for one.

Numerous inquiries are received from Chicago for 6 or 7-room modern houses. If you have one strictly up-to-date that you wish to sell, we will be pleased to place it on the market.

A good 6-room house (not modern) on a lot 50x270 with fruit, garden and shade, in fine neighbrhood, and not remote from train service. Cannot be equaled anywhere at $2,600. Hope you will doubt this assertion enough to investigate.

A fine, modern house on South Side; 8 rooms, cement basement, hot and cold water, bath; furnace—in fact, a house that could not be duplicated for the price of the whole place, which includes a little over one acre. A number of fruit trees, cement walks; $4,600, on very easy terms; $4,000 with ½ acre.

A comparatively new story and a half dwelling with cement basement, laundry tubs, furnace, hot and cold water, living room, dining-room and kitchen on first floor, 3 bedrooms and bath on second. An unequaled value at $4,000. One and a half acres of good soil, chicken house and pens. Small fruit and a number of trees just coming into bearing.

Something extra in residence property, with plenty of ground to occupy your spare time. Eight rooms and pantry. Hardwood floor and trim throughout. Bath, steam heat, gas and electric light; hot and cold water, with all kinds of fruit. Chicken house and pens. The home recently decorated throughout at a cost of $400. A 5-room bungalow of this nature will not last long at $2,250. Better see it.

[illegible] the only one of the kind in Du Page county is the 235-acre farm at $[illegible] per acre. Improvements are worth $[illegible]. Figure out what the ground is worth for. This is an ideal country home and could not be duplicated in the unequaled location, fruit, productiveness. House of [illegible] in every respect, even to a [illegible] refrigerator built on the [illegible] with ice from the ice house. Have a standing offer of $[illegible] for 10 acres of this place, which [illegible] to split up for subdivision.

A comparatively new story and a half dwelling with hall, parlor, dining room, kitchen, pantry, 3 bed rooms, bath, hot and cold water, cement basement, laundry tubs, etc, good cement walks with 5 lots, at $4,000.

Accident and health insurance is a good proposition for investigation.

A cozy 5-room cottage, water, gas, hard wood floors in good condition. Lot 50x200, with fruit and shade. $2,000, $300 down. This is a good solution of the rent problem.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 20.

SATURDAY, DEC. 27.

In the Hands of the Black Hands.—The city was in the hands of the black hands down to the black hands of the black-faced cops. Lily loved the black chief and showed the love by a fine, fat roasted chicken. That is what started the next scandal for the newspapers. Fired by Mrs. Kash for this offense, Lily tried the black hand stunt, and believe me, Mrs. Hard Kash came over.

Where's the Baby.—It was an eventful time Mrs. Malone's baby had, while she was off settling the kids that sauced her. But Billy and May got in some good work meantime, baffling cruel papa, an affair in which Baby Malone played no small part.

Simple Cure for Colds.

An incipient cold can often be prevented by taking ten or twenty deep, slow, full breaths in the open air or at an open window. The breath must be drawn through the nose very slowly till the lungs are filled, held a second and exhaled slowly till the lungs are emptied.