OUR CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

In days when broks were rare and maders few, the carel sirger was a more aportant person than he is now. To the plettered pearants, a "ballad in print" us once a thing thech men, and they ched sound the carol-seller with webbring delight, not the less that be often and to a very deleful tune. Village dools and village choirs have enlarged te sustic knewledge, and improved the metic ear. Most of cur country parishes an new supply their cwn carol singers, ad sie less dependent on the travelling unders of these Christian wares. More than forty years age. Hene, the

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ere the victims need the carol singer. Immediately We have made a collection of the old he place, con- thristnes carols still printed and sung. egularsweeps." They are indeed currosities of religous nost favorable geature. They nearly all come from the e detaching of highborhood of the Seven Disle, where the moisture of great printing-presses keep up the an-It is a perfect pal supply. Chief among there is the Now kindly for my pretty song, s. This treat. acterious press of Jemmy Catnach, a strange, has bough now bearing the name of anothan and beast printer. It is in Monmouth Court, ew trials are budley-street. Going down this busy mart umber of sub. fold clethes and old shees, the enout half way frem St. Giles's to the ren Dials. Entering the court, a winw with specimens of sentimental kaling illustrated de sid cui-threat looking steres marks post-paid, for e place where Catnach, the "Colburn ddress World's Bentley of his day," preduced his

istion, Baffalo, even Dials Literature." Other printers similar breadsheets and serial stories oats float in on enear; but a visit to one suffices to n of thin garw the nature of the trade. The paper | The Day that Christ our Heavenly King finey, the type poor, the woodcuts rthey are almost all "illustrated" pub- To save poor sirners such as we ed; have a hack- stions) ccarse, and the colcuring wild ats, spitting of legend all rules of art." That such eath, you have conctions should have a large circulaesitate too long in is rather mortifying in these days for taken in its educational progress; but it is so for can be cured by supply can only equal the demand. In tolden Medical ele, the Christmas carols are printed as can testify. By cless reputable issues from the same mes. Hone cree asked Batchelor, a rant spears of liter of Christmas carols in Moorfields, after they have ether he would rot exchange his oldhiened and rude weedcuts for better d more n.ccern designs. "No," said engagement," tcheler, "these are cid favcurites, and and looking deter venld net please my custemers so nuch trouble to ... Mr. Hetten put a similar questien s deaf as a post, Seven Dials printer, and received a uthful of mush. arswer. The cuts were certainly es and spits is said the successor to Pitt-of dying k the engagech and tallad memory-but "the take Dr. Sage's people who boy them wouldn't have care him comin. I do hate to that all if the pictures were new. They r respects he's hers well have never printed 'em." course it cured e hierdsheets (in size usually about en ir ches ly ten inches) contain sevand generous, carols, with a variety of illustrations. and happy over coloured sheets are hideous dauks, their sale nay give a useful hint to se who may seek-to supply a better arwhen Polson's of the class. Each sheet has a genkind of pain; heading for the trade, Some of To see upon her breast

if by magic. teleadings are as fellows : "The Sa-, and quicker ti's Garlard : a choice cellection of emedy in the mest esteemed carels;" "Divine h:" " Saviour of Mankind;" "Christerviline to-day, er of relieving drawing near at hand;" "Harp of la-" 'The Nativity, a collection of ex-Pain cannot just the thing int Christmas carols ;" " The Mes-"The Evergreen; carols for neet a sudden stmas holidays." The last-ramed cents a bottle.

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GOD REST YOU.

ast you, merry gentlemen, nothing you dismay, inber, Christ, our Saviour, s born on Christmas day, repoor souls from Satan's power, ich a long time had gene astray. And 'tis tidings of comfort and joy.

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nd moderately lear not," said God's Angels, nething you affright, ere is born in Bethlehem ure Virgin bright; to advance you, eat down Satan quite." And 'tis tidings, etc.

est, Horse cars, il depots. Fam-the Grand Union sel in the Orty. pherds at these tidings iced much in mind, prescribing eit their flocks a feeding empest, storms, and wind. Il their hosts traight they went to Bethlehem, Son of God to find. And 'tis tidings, etc.

then they came to Bethlehem, ore pilfering ere our sweet Saviour lay, horoughfare. ound him in a manger, he same diste oxen fed on hay. by the soesed Virgin kneeling down when that the Lord did pray. M'S PAINLESS And 'tis tidings, etc.

adden joy and gladness shepherds they were filled, the labe of Israel re his mother mild. "Upon this blessed day Scripturesare fulfilled."

And 'tis tidings, etc. the Lord sing praises within this place; true loving Christians other then embrace,

For the merry time of Christmas Is drawing on apace.

God bless the rulers of this bouse With great prosperity; And many a merry Christmas May they live again to see, Amongst their friends and kindred That live both far and near. And God send us all a happy New Year.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY. In friendly love and unity, For good St. Stephen's sake, Let us all this blessed day To Heaven our prayers make-That we with him the cross of Christ May freely undertake.

Now, while we sit here banquetting, Of dainties having store, Let us not forgetful te To cherish up the poor, And give what is convenient To the needy at the door. And Heaven will bless you evermore.

And Heaven will bless you evermore.

For God hath made you stewards here Urcn the earth to dwell. He that gathereth for himself, And will not use it well, 'Gainst the kindness of his Maker Does wickedly rebel.

May every blessing from on high Attend each family dear, Long life, health, and prosperity, To enjoy good Christmas cheer.

Good butler, draw some beer, And Heaven, etc.

And Heaven, etc.

ST. JOHN'S DAY.

acce to Mor mouth Court is on the left, The moon shines bright, the stars give light. A little before 'tis day; And bark! the bellman of the night Awakes us all to pray. Awake! awake! good people all, Awake! and you shall hear How Christ our Lord this day was born, To be our Saviour dear.

> Arise, arise! and let us sing Glad songs to hail the day, Did in a manger lay. From everlasting pain, Christ died upon the cursed tree And rose from death again.

The life of man is but a span, He comes forth like a flower, For presently he is cut down And withered in an hour, Princes and kings, with those that sing, These ditties through the streets, Though fortune does them here divide. In death at last shall meet.

HOLY INNOCENCE.

Now cruel Herod, with wrath and anger Did order that all infants should be killed. Thinking to murder our dear Saviour then. O cruel, cruel, savage-hearted man. Hail! ye first flowers of matyrdom, Whem, leedlesss of your tender age, Christ's persecutor, blind with rage, Destroyed-as Does the sterm young reses in their L'com

The rest carel on the sheet may be taken as a specimen if the strarge deggerel cf very early times:-

THE JOYS.

The first good joy our Mary had It was the joy of one; Her own beloved Son. Her own beloved son, God-man And blessed may He be; Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, To all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of two; To see her own Son Jesus, To make the lame to go, To make the lame to go, etc.

The next good joy our Mary had, It was the joy of three; When that her own Son Jesus Did make the blind to see, To make the blind to see, etc.

The next good joy our Mary had, It was the joy of four; To see her own son Jesus To read the Scriptures o'er. To read the Scriptures o'er, etc.

The next good joy our Mary had, It was the jey of five; To see her own Son Jesus. To raise the dead to life. To raise the dead to life, etc.

The next good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of six; To see her own Son Jesus To wear the crucifix. To wear the crucifix, etc.

The next good joy our Mary had, It was the joy of seven; To see her own son Jesus To wear the crown of Heaven. To wear the Crown of Heaven, etc.

THE THREE SHIPS.

As I sat on a sunny bank, A sunny bank, a sunny bank, As I sat on a sunny bank, On Christmas Day in the morning.

I spy'd three ships come sailing by, Come sailing by, come sailing by, I spy'd three ships come sailing by, On Christmas Day in the morning.

Oh, he did whistle, she did sing,

And all the bells on earth did ring,

And who should be with these three ships, With these three ships, these three shiqs, And who should be with these three ships But Joseph and his fair lady.

For joy that our Saviour he was born, tle men," and the "Joya," used to be the

latter, the fourteenth or fifteenth century, is among the Sloane MSS. in the thus begins :

"When Joseph was an old man, an old man | the crowing of a hen at night: to dream And he married Mary, the queen of Gali-

An oldversion of the hymn well known in modernized form, "Christians, awake! salute the happy morn ;" "It is the day, the hoir day on which our Lord was born;" "Come Christians all, behold the Lamb," and "Ye faithful, triumphant enter into Bethlehem," are carols included in most of the sheets. The latter, by the way, is invariably printed with the stop thus.

> "Ye faithful triumphant, Enter into Bethlehem," etc.

It is sung to the tune of the Portuguese Hymn. Another old favorite is "The angel Gabriel," thus commencing:

"Come, all you faithful Christians That dwell upon the earth, Come, celebrate the morning That gave the Saviour birth. This is the happy morning, This is the happy morn, Whereon to save our ruined race, The Son of God was born.

"Behold the angel Gabriel, In Scripture it is said, Did with his holy message come Unto the virgin maid; Hail, blest among all women, And thus did greet her then, Lo, thou shalt be the mother, Of the Saviour of all men.'

Another old carol is entitled "A Virgin most pure," from the opening words:

"A virgin most pure, as the prophets did Should bring forth a son, and so it befel To be our Redeemer from death and from

Which Adam's transgression involved u

Then follows the quaint chorus repeateds after each verse:

"Therefore, be merry, aye, therefore be merry,

Th duty of liberality to the poor at Christmastide is forcibly er joined in the old ballad of Dives and Lazarus, beginning thus :-

"As it fell upon a day, Dives made a feast, And he invited all his friends, And gentry of the best, A Lazarus laid him down and wept, And down at Dives' door, Some meat, some drink, brother Dives, Bestow upon the poor."

We conclude by quoting an equally plain and practical carol, which gives the title to one of the broadsheets.

CHRISTMAS DRAWING NEAR AT HAND. Christmas now is drawing near at hand, Serve the Lord and be at his command, And Gcd for you a portion will provide, And give a blessing to your soul beside.

Remember, man, that thou art made of And in this world thou hast not long to

This wicked world will never be content With all its gifts that God hath sent.

Down in the garden where flowers grow in ranks. Down on your bended knees and give the islands constituting the Lofoden Archi-

Lord thanks. Down on your knees and pray both night | gales are blowing from east or west, the and day, Leave off your sins and live upright I pray.

So proud and lofty is some sort of sin, Which many take delight and pleasure in. Whose conversation God doth much dislike.

And yet he shakes his head before he strikes. So proud and lofty do some people go, Dressing themselves like players in a show.

As if God had not made them fine enough. E'en little children learn to curse and swear. been more rapid in former times than And can't rehearse one word of god!y pray-

Oh! teach them better—teach them to rely On Christ the sinner's friend who reigns on

In the older carols which we have quoted will be noticed some fragments of date from pre-Reformation times. On easy to produce broadsheets more attract- | she when I am entering upon any cause ! ive in appearance, and with greater varie- How kindly does she rejoice with me ly afterward. In a few weeks he had ty of matter.

A Patagonian Rum Dance.

the cask, which was speedily tapped, and then, with great unction and solemnity curtain, and with secret rapture enjoys by the alkaloid (for otherwise he would they groceeded to taste the liquor in order to see if it had been over watered. Several decided grunts of satisfaction, however, showed that these aged fathers approved of its strength, whereupon a not my youth, nor person; which time general and doubtless equitable distribution of the spirit took place, and before long the whole camp, men, women, and children, had ample opportunities for judging of its merits for themselves.

Presently a dance was organized. The self was a monotonous jig, executed the excruriating music of various drums or tom-toms. The women, strange to say, long as they were sober into liew ded

Prognostications

ling of a dog: the hooting of an owl of dead friends or kinsfolk : to sweep the house at night : or to make a new opening of any kind in an inhabited house Boys are of evil omen when they accompany the Viatioum, but as they always do accompany it, it would seem as if no one who has received the Last Sacraments has a chance of recovery. He has not much; but it does at times happen that he breaks the bonds of death already weven round him and comes out with renewed life and vigor. Death is expected at midnight or at the first hours of the morning or at midday, If delayed, something supernatural is expected. Had the dying man when in health burned the yoke of a plow? Is there an unwashed linen thread in his mattress? Perhaps he once, like care, killed a cat. If he delays he dying, the friends must call out his name in seven Litanies, or at least put his clothes out of doors. In any case he dies because the doctor has misunderstood his case and given him a wrong medicine; else Saints Cosmo and Damian Saints Francisco and Paolo, would have qualities are enumerated and his bad measures ninety-two feet. Sicily makes a bed with the head to the feet above the sea. mournful songs.—Temple Bar.

The Maelstrom.

On the 10th July, 1856, I was sailing very near to the spot where the Maelstrom is marked on our English maps, and therefore looked for it on the detailed sailing charts and other Norwegian maps that were on board. It was not to be had much experience in these parts. He had ever been able to obtain concerning it had been obtained from English geography books and the accounts of English passengers; that the fishermen who lived on the islands on each side of it knew nothing at all about it in consequence of their ignorance of the English language. He was cruelly satirical. There is a current between Lofotoden and Mosken (the position usually assigned to the fabulous vortex) known as Moskostromnen, one of the many tidal currents that run through the sounds between the multitude of pelago. At the spring tides, when heavy Moskostrom is sufficiently dangerous to be avoided by prudent navigators, but in fair and calm weather is no more dangerous than that between the arches of Putney bridge- As Tonsberg says the "Norge" (the national illustrated handbook of Norway,) the fishermen dwelling on the spot have no fear of the Strom, They patch and paint and dress with idle | they fish in it and suffer their boats to drift on its surface." For reason's that I have explained this current may have now, but it was never anything but a simple tide stream running through a channel - [The Gentleman's Magazine.

Pliny's Wife.

What a delightful picting has the ancient superstition and error, for they younger Pliny given positive in his letters! Of Calphurnia, he wild, he says the whole it is satisfactory to state that the | "Her affection to me har liven her a turn traching of the carols is sound, and that | for books; and my con; sitions, which the offences are mainly against propriety | she takes a pleasure in reading, and even and good taste. Without losing what has getting by heart, are continually in her hold on the popular mind, it would be hands. How full of tender solicitude is when it is over! While I am pleading, aged alarmingly, and became quite bald, she places persons to inform her from his brain gave way and he never recovertime to time what success attends the ed. There was but little difference between Some of the older mengathered around cause. When at any time I recite my his age and mine, and but for this dreadworks, she conceals herself behind some my praises. She sings my verses to her lyre, with no other master but love—the best instructor-for her guide. Her passion will increase with our days, for it is gradually impairs, but my reputation of which she is enamoured.

Blue Stocking.

The origin of this name is traced to the men who took part in it were all specially | literary society, composed of both sexes, painted for the occasion, and were long and formed at Venice in the year 1400. At the last meeting of the Swedish Crefeathers on their heads. The dance it- Having existed up to the year 1590, it | mation Society, however, the President, cropped up in Paris, and was especially patronized by lady savantes. The origi- that arrangements had been made with nal societies distinguished their members do not dance; at least they did not as by the wearing of blue stockings, which livery or badge was kept up on the birth As the evening wore on, after vast of the branch in France, and afterward north of the city, where a wide view quantities of meat had been consumed and in England, where it was started by obtained of the surroundings. A large innumerable dances had been performed, Mrs. Montague in 1780. Miss Monckton, plot of ground round the crematorium On Christmas day in the morning, special attention began to be paid to the afterwards Counters of Cork, was the strong Genarguadiente, and the fun consequently last survivor of the clique; she died in expense of the town. It is handly likely soon began to be very fast and very fur 1840, and the Blue Stocking Society be most popular, of all. A remion of the property pro Mandering in Paterine countraine donition of the local support of the local support

VARIETIES.

The most common progressions of Japan, and missionaries are regarded as harmless curiosities.

At the Poultry Show recent y held at Amsterdam occurrently with the Agricultural exhibition one of the female birds in a pen of Toulouse geese sent from England weighed thirty-four pounds.

The Church of the Holy Ghost at Heidelberg is divided by a partition running lengthwise through it. On the one side the service is Protestant and on the other Roman Catholic. The Elector Palatine in 1719, undertook to annex the Protestant part of the church; but the attempt was a failure. Some interesting particulars have been

given before the Social Science Congress concerning the extent to which excessive railway-rates are driving business from the Midlands to the ports. No fewer than six important firms are said to be removing their manufacturies from Birmingham to the sea-coast.

The oldest and largest tree in the world, so far as known, is a chestnut at the foot of Mount Etna. It it hollow and large enough to admit two carriages driving abreast through it. The circumsaved him. When he dies the women | ference of the main trunk is two hundred raise the death-howl and let loose their and twelve feet. The American Grizzly hair about their shoulders. All his good | Giant, monarch of the Mariposa Grove,

ones are forgotten. He is dressed in | The Yangste-Kiang, or Biue River, of white, and after he is dead his shroud is | China, usually called the Ta-kiang, or sewed tight. This pious work gains in- Great River, rises in the high central dulgences for those who perform it; and | plateau os Tibet. Is extends from 880 the very needle is preserved as a sacred E to 122° E., couering it its winding possession. Sometimes, however, it is course a distance of some three thousand left in the grave-clothes to be buried with | miles, of which two thousand miles are the corpse. In certain places the women | navigable. The main stream is formed are buried in their wedding dress, which | by three branches having their confluence they have kept all these years to serve as | in 94 ° E., 34 ° 50. N., where its breadth their shroud. Seated or in bed, the in the dry weather is seven hundred and corpse is always laid out feet foremost | fifty feet, and in the summer rains over a to the door, and for this reason no one in | mile. Its level here is thirteen thousand

window and teet to the door. It would New ZEALAND MUTTON. - London be a bad omen. About the corpse bed takes an immense quantity of New Zeastand lighted candles, or, however poor land mutton, and it is largely supplied the family, at least one little oil lamp. even by the West-end butchers, without The hired mourners, "repulatrici," were | the knowledge of their customers. The once so numerous and costly as to demand | quality is excellent. The freezing ar-Rejoice, and be merry, set sorrow aside, legislative interference and municipal rangements are so far perfected that the For Christ our Redeemer was born on the regulation. To this day they tear their London butcher can send to the large hair and throw it in handsful on the cold store rooms at the docks for as many corpse, and the sisters who lament their | carcases as he requires, with the certainty brothers-rustic Antigones and Electras of being able in a couple of hours to fur--exhale their sorrows in sweet and nish his customers with joints which they will be unable to distinguish from homefed mutton. Buying these at fivepence per pound and retailing them at elevenpence, bis motives for preferring them to animals bought at Islington at even sevenpence per pound are sufficiently obvious.

INTERMARRIAGE OF COUSINS. - The prevalent idea that the offspring of the intermarriage of first cousins are specially found on any of them. I then asked the | liable to be below the average intellectu-Captain as to its whereabouts, he having ally and physically is not found to be sustained by good evidence. Mr. G. H. told me that the only information he Dirwin, in a very carefully prepared paper, read before the Statistical Society, comes to the conclusion, as the result of close comparison of all the records available, that evidence will not "enable anyone to say positively that the marriage of first cousins has any effort in the production of insanity or idiccy With respect to deaf mutes, there is no evidence whatever of any ill results accruing to the offspring in consequence of the cousinship of their parents." And again, "It tends to invalidate the high death-rate among the offspring of cousiny." And once more, "the safeat verdict seems to be that the charge against consanguineous marriages on this head is not proven."

Fighting Sleep With Tea.

The practice of taking tea or coffee by students, in order to work at night; is downright madness, especially when preparing for an examination. More than half of the cases of break-down, loss of memory, fainting, etc , which occur during severe examinations, and far more frequently than is commonty anown, is due to this.

I frequently hear of promising students who have thus failed; and, on inquiry, have learned—in almost every instance that the victim had previously drugged himself with tea or coffee. Sleep is the rest of the brain; to rob the hard-worked brain of its necesary rest is cerebral sui-

My old friend, the late Thomas Wright was a victim of this terrible folly. He undertook the translation of the life of Julius Cæsar," by Napoleon 11I., and to do it in a cruelly short time. He fulfilled his contract by sitting up several nights successively by the aid of strong tea or coffee (I forget which). I saw him shortful cerebral strain, rendered possible only have fallen asleep over his work, and thereby saved his life), he might still be amusing and instructing thousands of readers by fresh volumes.

Cremation in Scandinavia. Cremation is making way even in

Scandinavia. The Swedes have long favored cremation, but hitherto their efforts to obtain from their authorities the sanction for building a crematorium at Stockholm have been unsuccessful. Lieut Gen. Klingenstierns, announced the Stockhoim authorities for erecting a crematorium in one of the suburbs. The place chosen is a high rocky plain to the plos of ground round the cremstorium