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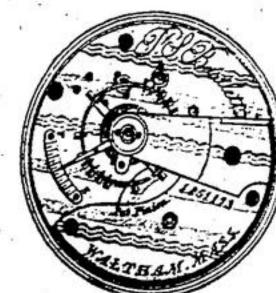
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HAPPY NEW YEAR.

A New Year spreeting Hoppiness to all! How swe t the wor is that fe'll spon the car Like Edols' motes, when a mong the Hooms they

Each other in the reary time of the year? The words of free beand others will in me dear, Fall on the heart this morn as (unumer's dew. And, freehening it, new blo-somings appear, The Great Dr. Dio Lewis. | Until this loving presting brought them into Within affertion's lower, we never ku. w.

Another New Year! While its moments dy, The very marked testimonials from Col-B: It our aim to live each passing day lege Professors, respectable Physicians, Upright and pure, thrustin; all evil by, and other centlemen of intelligence and And walking firmly in the holy way, character to the value of Warner's SAFE For strength from God let us unneasing pre-That so, in all we're called to do, no fear our best newspays recharge greatly surprised. May rise to turn our trusting hearts astray

> appear. When we have entered Life's uncading, glad

> > OUR STORY.

A Story of Christmas Day

(Continued from last week)

"I will prove all that I have said Robert Dyson," said the woman, quietly. "You are a courageous man, and meet it bravely. Well, I can save the officer the trouble of coming. I am going t the 'Blue Bell;' you can send him there. Come, my poor pet." nestling the golden head of the child on her shoulder, the woman passed out carrying the sympathy of all with her. Robert Dyson's brain whirled, and was dazed by the enormity and suddenness of the accusation.

Recovering himself, conquering hi agitation, he said, quietly, "I feel that my simple denial, save to those who can trust me,"-and he glanced towards Helen D'Almaine, who stood, her hea l averted, leaning against a pew,-" will be but a waste of words. But the confession shall be made as publicly as the charge has been. I shall not rest till I have seen to that." No one came forward or spoke to him

All looks were averted. Robert Dyson got his hat and walked to the door. By Helen D'Almanie he stomed. "Helen," he said, in a low tone, "you know me-you, I hope, trust me-you do not believe this?"

She paused a second, then looking up she answered, holding forth her hand "No, Robert, I cannot! But there are others you must satisfy-my fatherbefore I can be your wife. This toystery must be remove l." "It shall be," he rejoined, fervently

and hastened from the church. "This is your work, John Buchanan, he reflected, fiercely; "this is what you threatened; this is your revenge, to can a temporary slur upon my character; but it shall fall upon you and the instrument of your plot. I will mest ve tfearsalv: everything shall be revealed." Residir he walked over the snow to the little town. The first step he saw to be taken was to seeme the woman Buchanan's accompline. stestion was, had she really gone to the lilue Bell," or had she which was most probable, taken flight.

He proceeded to the inn. Yes, the woman lind just stopped out for a mo-Licut again. Theu she would return? Oh, a rtainly: for she had left her

ittle gir. "See, sir," remarked the smiling landle ly. lifting a shawl from two chairs, " Isu't she the prettiest love you ever Robert Dyson gazed in silence at

Meenic, rosily flushed with sleep, and, without & word, quitted the inu. "The woman has fiel, leaving the child here." he reflected. "She must be found." And he proceeded to the police-station to lay information. e went a parishioner wished him the

"A merry Christmas for me!" he muttered, with a bitter laugh, "And yet how few hours ago I deemed it would be the happiest and best! So might had I given that scoundred the money he wanted. But uo," resolutely; " I am glad I did not. I will brave him and John Buchanan at a court of justice

thall crave my mercy, not I his." But the find ng of John Buchanau and the woman proved no easy task: both had disappeared. Robert Dyson put the matter in the hands of a detective; but with no im-

mediate result. Meanwhile, the little, forlorn, aband-**Condition Powders** oned waif, "Meenie," remained at the What was to be done with the child

The good-natured landlady decided

such a mite. She would take care of it until matters were arranged, when, perhaps, she might be rewarded for her trouble by them to whom the little thing belonged. In her own mind she referred to Robert Dyson. Redlands was divided in its opinion regarding him. If only for the sake of opposition and argument, people always do divide. As to the minister himself, he had not only told his story-how his mother, a rather weak, vain, pretty woman, had | chance: been inveigled, to her misery, into a marriage with a scoundrel, while he Robert, was at Cambridge-to Helen D'Almaine and her father, but he let | the waters rushed on, but Robert Dyson it be known to all Redlands, also, how foolishly he had paid John Buchanan to keep silence, having a nervous dread of disgrace, and also of that last meeting

Mr. D'Almaine said he saw no reason on a couch on the Manor library. to disbelieve Robert Dyson's story; yet | 'I hear you, doctor," said the dying daring and dangerous one for even an will suffice to clear the innocent. Bob ness of the country.

at the Manse gate, with John Buchanan's

chemy to make; and until everything was satisfactorily made clear to the pub-Robert Dyson as previously, much less as Helen's affinned husband.

hear. Those who once had been friends turned cold; and even those who showed to outward change, he knew mistrusted him in their hearts; while he became an object of curious interest and gossip to the poorer classes.

More than once John Buchanan's ! words had come true . He wished he had given him the fifty pounds. But it was a momentury weakness. "No!" he exclaimed firmly. "Whatever comes. I'll live it down. It is L not he, who shall conquer."

So the days went by, Christmas Eve came. Robert Dyson passed it alone. He had had invitatious, but refused them. How could he be gay with this | riest to the young minister, who passed dark cloud around him ?-a cloud which, it by the side of Helen D'Almaine, his if he could not disperse it, must separate | betrothed.

heavy snow-fall had melted, a wild wind | efface from Robert Dyson's memory the blew over the land, but the sky was suffering of that one Christmas day. me. Many of these gentlemen I know, and | From that bright clime whose splen love that | clear and bright. For the first time since the event.

Robert Dyson ascended the pulpit. His glance round showed many seats vacant. There were those who had judged and condemned him already. He bit his lip. Then, abruptly, he put aside the sermou he had prepared, and, fronting the con-gregation, calmly gave out the text, " Judge not, lest ye be judged." It was an impromptu sermon. Coming

from his heart, it touched the hearts of others, but it exhausted Robert Dysou. Reaching the vestry, he dropped into a seat. his head bowed on his hands. "The fight is too difficult," he mound. 'I must succumb; I cannot bear it!"

He waited until the groups that lingered in the churchyard to talk over the startling and powerful sermon had goue, then went to his solitary Christmas dinner at the Mause. He had but one consolation. Helen had met his glauce from the D'Almaine pew, with a bright, encouraging smile. Never was day more dreary to Robert Dyson, who had reckoned upon it being

of the merriest. While it was light, he remained at home, not caring to meet men's glauces; but when the early winter night set in, he wandered forth, too restless, too wretched to remain longer The evening was gray, the pale gleam of the moon, breaking occasionally

through the filmy canopy of cloud, giv ing a weird aspect to the scene. fierce wind yet tore through the leafless branches; while, when it subdued space, the rush of the river, turbid and swollen from the melted snow, was heard, as it roared and leaped along its Robert Dyson involuntarily bent his

steps to the Manor. Entering the grounds by a private gate, he proceeded through the trees until he came in front From every window issued rava light, figures passed and repassed the Idinds of the lower rooms. Occasionally,

strains of music reached hum. But for John Buch man, he might have been there -there with Helen, hi betrothed; who now, he knew, mourned in her heart au did be. But fer John Robert Dyson, throwing up his arms,

in his bitter indignation, cursed him. Then after a space, maddened by being so near Helen, yet unable to join her, he tore himself from the spot, and wanderd across the fields. He had not observed as he quitted

the Menor grounds a man emerge from the shadew and follow him. Apparently, he had the intention of overtaking the other, only the latter walked too fast. Nevertheless, now and again puffing at a clear, the man kept on his track. Where was Robert Dyson going? Would be turn soon? It was a wild night for a walk. Abruptly the minister, reaching the

bank of the river, stopped, gazing into the whirling waters. The other by a few quick strides was

"Well. Bob Dyson," he remarked lightly, " what do you say now? Have The minister leaped at the other.

you now. You shall not escape." " Not quite. See, I am prepared." And stepping back he presented a small "Coward. But I will summou aid."

"Difficult to find it here, I reckon. Tut. tut; listen to reason. I have come lo give you a last chance. A hundred pounds and I clear your character. I'll confirms the plot." Not a hundred pence," was the reso-

lute response. " I give you five minutes." "I do not require one-I refuse.

leave all to time." Robert Dyson saw him turn and walk the river bank. Should he call him lack? A hundred pounds was little Never! He would be free of this man at least. He watched him turn at the narrow rustic bridge, and glance back. Robert Dyson made no sign. He saw A bit and sup couldn't be much for him step on it, then-all was rapid as in a dream. The bridge, undermined already by the swollen water, yielded beneath his weight. A wild cry, then bridge and man were whirling in the stream together.

Just one moment Robert Dyson panscd. The next he had sprung down the bank, and seizing an over-hanging tree, leaned far over the waters. If he could catch John Buchanan as he passed he might save him. It was his only Here he came, helpless, whirled here

and there. Ah, too far. No, no-he had seized his arm. The bridge and The spine is injured; he can live

It was the doctor who spoke after examining John Buchanan, who was lying

but a brief space."

Whole No. 443. you are a brave, good fellow. I bid all here know that the charge made against lie, he could not consent to receive Role it Dyson is false. The woman was my own wife; it was my own child. Don't let people blame poor Carrie. I The minister's position was bitter to forced her to say what she did out of revenge, and to extort money from him.

In return he risks his life to save mine.

It is not his fault I die. I am sorry for

what I did. Bob. As I said, I am a bad

p sany; but I shan't turn up again. Can you forgive me?" somet Lyson pressed his hand. " Thanks. Bob. Stay, will you be

friend to my poor little Menuie?" "Thank you. You-you may have a merry Christmas yet. Mine is ended.' It was, for with the words the soul

The revulsion from misery to joy made, after all, that Christmas the mer-

Years of prosperity and happiness Christmas morning dawned. The have cu-ued, but they cannot quite

God's Gin.

Under the mocalit Leaven, in the olden eastern The wise men stood en Iwatched a birring star, Wi selegicamed forth bright and grand:

A new bright star att wart the eastern sky. Whose glorious ray, would never pale or die. cfore them moving in the grand and wondrous To show where Christ in manger lowly lay. The Christ whose love for man wou d never die, The loan of love and jos to eli markend. The gift to fetters break and chains unbind. Oh! glorious Christians Day, when all do meet
To worst ip Hun whose riories hever die,
Whose coming made our integer more complete,
Whose coming was the last great sift to man,
From God, to make complete eternal plan.

The Origin of Christmas. dim shadow of the groves of the Druids | year, which are more important than joinwho knew not Christ, and is dear to those who now renounce the name of Christian. The Christmas log, which Herrick exhorts his merrie, merrie boys to bring with a poise to the firing, is but the Saxon Yule-log burning on the is liable to want something besides day English hearth, and the blazing holiday | board. She may want a dress or two, or a temples of Saturn shine again in the hat, and a time may come-at least we illuminated Christian churches. It is the pagan mistletoc under which the Christian youth kisses the Christian maid. It is the holly of the old Roman | be expected, and the fourteen dollars a Saturnalia which decorates Bracebridge | week bridegroom has to pay a dector. She Hall on Christmas eve. The huge smoking baron of beef, the flowing ocean of ale, are but the survivals of the tre-

mendous eating and drinking of the Scandinavian Walhalla. every point with the pagan rite. It is not easy to say where the paganism ends and the Christianity begins. The carols and the wassail, the prayers and the games, the generous hospitality, Hobby-Horse and the Lord of Misrule, got to furnish a house out of that fourteen Maid Marian and Santa Claus, are a curious medley of the old and the new As the religious thought of all ages and countries, when it reaches a certain elevation. flows into an expression which makes the Scriptures of the most diver- courage young people by telling of the gent nations harmonious, the history of things they need a great deal more than this happy festival is evidence of the common humanity of the earlier and later races; and the stranger in Dracebridge Hall, musing by the glowing hearth on Christmas eve, as he watches | couple always want the best baby wagon the romping revelry beneath the glisten. | that can be bought, the first time they buy ing berries, and listens to the extolling outside in the moonlight, or as he is wakened on Christmas morning b he hushed patter of children's feet in passage, and the shy music of 'ren's voices at his door, may well erem to hear a more relestial strain, and o catch a deeper meaning in the words.

Before Abraham was, I am." Rules for the Journey of Life.

Never ridicule sacred things or who others may esteem as such, however ab surd they may appear to you. Never show levity when people are en

gaged in worship.

Never resent a supposed injury till ve know the views and motives of the author " Villain!" he exclaimed. " I have of it, and on no occasion relate :t. Always take the part of an absent person who is censured in company, so far as truth

and propriety will allow. Never to think worse of another on ac count of his differing from you in political and religious subjects. .

Not to dispute with a man who is more than seventy years of age, nor with a woman, nor with any sort of an enthusiast. Not to effect to be witty, or to jest so as to hurt the feelings of another. To say as little as possible of yourseld and those who are near you.

To aim at cheerfulness without levity. Never to court the favor of the rich by flattering their vanities or their riches. To speak with calmness and deliberation on all occasions, especially of circumstances which tend to irritate.

Frequently to review your conduct and note your feelings.

Wise Words.

When you fret and fume at the pretty ills of life, remember that the wheels which go round without creaking last longest. We have a vast number of gingerbread young gentry thrown upon the world who remind one of the abandoned hulls some-

Young Men, Attention.

Did young men who are in the habit of drinking intoxicating liquors ever stop to them. It not only threatens to destroy sky where rain gambling goes on reout from the better positions in the emthe charge made against him was a man. "I know it. But a few minutes, ployment of those who conduct the busi- or will not fall within a certain time, and

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NET

The simple annual feast is spread-Sober the guests and few-That here with grave but cordial cheer Have met to "see out" the Old Year. And welcome in the New.

The Old Year dies-dies in our hearts-Dies on the stormful sea-Dies on the wintry moors that gleam-Dies moog the firing clouds that seem

And here, in presence of the dead. Let all our quarrols die : We're parting with the Past, we reach Hands to the Puture, and on each Fate's shadow's deeper lie.

His passing skirts to be.

Then all the "Cup o' kindness " high And bark ! from the church tower Time, with his fron hammer, slow, And with a sigh 'twixt every blow, Boats out the midnight hour.

" A Good New Year, and happiness To you, and you, and you!" We kiss the girls strong ban is we grasp-The eyes grow tender with the cle because the laste are true.

New, ere the "First-foot's" at the door. And white the 'wil-lered bells Ring in the year with lawless chimes. Mingled of sad and merry thymes. Of greetings and farewells,

A herith to the absent let us drink. With hearty three-times-three : E'en now we know, with waving hands, They wast us kisses from far lands At 1 eighs from o'er the seas.

Joining a Loage.

A woman who has been married four

weeks to a clerk in an agricultural imple-

ment agency in a country town rites to

. D. MUBRAY SMITH

know what The Sun thinks about her hasband joining a Masonic or Odd Fellows' Lodge. She says they have talked it over themselves, and he is twenty-one years old, gets fourteen dollars a week, and they are warding with her sunt, and they have aggreed to leave it to The Sun. This paper does not wish to encourage or discourage any young man from joining an order that he feels it his duty to join, but the indecicon of this young married man is the best evidence in the world that the time has Lot arrived for him to join a Lodge. Lodges are not made any more powerful by the addition of young fellows who have only been married four weeks, and who are boarding with their wives' aunt. A man can join a Lodge when he is twenty-one years old, but Lodges are not searching the birtl: records to see when a man arrives at that age, in order to get him to join. When a man becomes of age, and gets married, Christmas looks out at us from the he has other duties to perform the first ing a Lodge. Several things are liable to occur that will make the fourteen dollars a week look tired without joining a Lodge .. The girl that the young man has married have known it to come in a great many families-when the bride is as well as could is the only bride he ever had, and she is the dearest bride on earth to him, and the best doctor is none too good, and some of the best doctors knock a serious bole in The Christmas and ante-Christian | fourteen dollars a week. So it is best not feeling blend in the bappy season, and to hurry about joining a Lodge. Any well the Christian observance mingles at regulated Lodge will wait until you get the doctor's bill paid .. Then the young bridegroom should begin to think about the time when he does not want to board with his mother-in-law, or anybody else, and has dollars a week. It will take two weeks of that to buy a cooking stove, to say nothing of things to cook, and one week's pay for a bed room set. But it is not right to disthey do a membership to a Lodge. A baby wagon could be bought for about what it would cost to join a Lodge, and a young one. Of course, the young parent might' get trusted for the baby wagon, but it is awful hard to pay for it after the baby has got so it can walk, and the baby wagon is stored away in a pigeon hole in the attic for future reference, and the parent is almost ashamed to bring the baby wagon out for a second addition before it is paid for. So that it can be readily seen that joining a Lodge is the last thing to be thought of, until the candidate has the necessaries of life paid for, and is not cramped for money. The trouble with many young men who join Loiges, is that they want to take all the degrees in sight before they have a second shirt to their backs, or their wives nave much more clothes than they were married in. They see men who have taken degrees above them, and they want to get there, and it takes money. After a Little ones, he feels comparatively at ease courage such a person from joining a Lodge,

man has got a home to shelter him and his anapolally, and the children are not barefooted, and their pants out of their knees, and vice versa. The Sun would not disi he felt like it, and after he joins, if he can afford it, he is at liberty to take a thousand degrees, but as long as he owes every man that will trust him, and hasn't got credit enough to buy a sack of flour, and his family are pinched for the necessaries of life, if he yearns for expensive degrees they ought to be driven into him with a club. The young wife who writes to The Sun for advice as to her husband's joining a few Lodges can gather from these few casual remarks that it is deemed wise. to postpone the goat cavalry business till next year .- Peck's Sun.

Queer Gambling.

The gambling spirit is universal, and the ingenuity shown in making occasion for 'a bet is amusing. The Spanish races in South America frequently vary the monotony of their midday siesta by playing 'fly." times picked up at sea with only a monkey In this game a pool is made, and each player furnishes himself with a piece of loaf sugar, and the possessor of the piece on which a fly first alights takes the pool. The newest gambling institution is at Bombay-" rain gambling.". There are think what such a practice is doing for certain shops near the Mombadevi Chowhealth and manhood, but it shuts them during the monsoon. This species of dissipation consists in betting that rain will