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POETRY

THE DEATH OF THE OLD YEAR. Yes, the old year now is dying, See his winding-sheet of snow! And the midnight winds are singing Their return of woe; His eve has lost its brightness, It is dim, his lips are cold, And his footstep all its lightness,--And his boaring once so bold, Wilting, withering fast dway, -Like the morning glory's beauty, In the eve of summer day. Now his heart and breath are failing. And his sands are almost run, And his rosy cheek is poling, And all his beauties fading Like frost castles in the sun. But what is most surprising, Like a Phœnix from the fire : From the old year's ashes rising, From out this funeral pyre

COMING

Comes a new year, bold had young

With his sweet and flattering tongue!

To claim your due allegiance

Coming ! coming ! almost here. The happy New Year very near; Old eighty-five is almost past, Long in memory it will last.

OUR STORY.

NEW YEAR'S EVEL

It was New Year's Event and the snow which had been falling steadily all day A stinging north-west wine was blowing. 'The streets' were deserted and most of the houses closed. One, how ever, and that the most imposing on Frontleroy Square, blazed with light, for a ball was being given within.

Before one of the drawing-room windows of this mansion, holding on to the railing and looking in, was a woman apparently not over twenty-one, and who had once been beautiful. But her form was now attenuated, as if by long sickness, perhaps even hunger, and she was both poorly and thinly

"That is Hetty," she said, in a hushe whisper. " How beautiful she has grown." In her cugerness she rose on tip-toe, hold. ing on to the railing, and lifting ber head till her bohnet fell backward.

At that moment a gay, well-remembered ir rose from a superb band within. "Ah! the 'Beautiful Blue Danube;" she cried. " How I used to love to waltz to it. She listened, breathlessly, till the las bars of the music had died away. Then the promenading began again.

"If only papa would comethis way," she murmured. "He will never forgive me, know; he will never speak to me again but if I could only see his dear face, only

side her, and a policeman's hand was laid on her shoulder. " None of this. Move on, She shrank as if polluted, and fled fright ened from the big, burly policeman. But she went no farther than around the corner.

"Hillo, there !" cried a rough voice be

There, hiding behind a tree, she watched till he had disappeared on his beat, and then stealthily crept back to the window. "Dear Hetty," she said, as a sleider, graceful girl again approached the window, escorted by a cavalier, who bent down to listen to her in a way that told a whole story of love and adoration, "the glamor is on

her, too. God grant she may fare better Helen Fortescue, for that was the way farer's name, had been a high-spirited, petted, impulsive girl, when, at 18 she fell in love with a plausible, handsome adventurer who called himself a Count, and whom she clung to and believed in, even after she had been told his real character. Had her mother lived, it might have been different. But Mrs. Fortescue had been dead for more than ten years, and poor Helen had kown up, without that most invaluable of all

things to a young girl, a mother's constant. supervising care. For now her onco-loved father seemed both prejudiced and tyrannical. There was a stormy interview, in which Mr. Fortesone forbade the suitor his house; an elepement; a vain appeal by the young wife for forgiveness; a curse, literally like that of the old Hebrew's, pronounced on the disobedient child; and then a fainting girl borne off, by terrified servants, to the carriage that had waited for her, and which bore her away to awake, only too soon, from her dream of

For her husband did not even pretend to take care of her, now that he found she had come to him penniless. A few months after, when the money raised by the sale of her! jewels was spent, he brutally deserted her. This happened at an out-of the way German town, and the shock nearly cost Helin her life. Her baby, born in this hour of twofold agony, only survived for a little while, and then the poor hopeless girl was atterly never her old vivacity. Life had been too desolate; for as long as Helen had something to love she was not wholly miserable. She had supported herself during all these sad months, partly by the sale of her ward- daughter who made her father's home haprobe and partly by her needle; but when the pier than it had been, at least since the tiny coffin was paid for and the innocent death of his wife. babe laid in its humble grave, she was utterly destitute. Then began a terrible mistress. Helen had recognized her sister struggle, a struggle merely for bread to eat. | walking up and down the rooms as we have Hundreds of times Helen felt that it would seen, and it was then that Hetty had exbe a blessing if she could die; death would | changed the vows that were to bind her for not come; she was too healthy, she had too life, on that never-to-be-torgotten New much vitality, to sink even under the bur- YEAR S EVE. dens that oppressed her. She lingered at the obscure town, where her infant was Children's Combination Sets | buried, as long as she could, clinging to the | When you are young, how well you know last to that grass-grown hillock where all A little money makes great show. that was left to her was laid; but subsistence was, from the first, difficult to be earn. ed there, and finally became impossible; and then she set her face homeward, with a sort of desperate feeling, saying: "Lat me but see them once again, and then I will lie

down and die?

By what lonely wanderings, through what hunger and sufferings, she fought her way, months after, back to America, who ca tell? Yet she aid not return because sh hoped to be forgiven. No! she knew he

futher too well for that. But at the end her health began to fail, a hacking cough set in and the desire grew on her to creep within sight of the old house and lie down and lie Sometimes, in her nights of fever, sh thought she might catch a glimpse of Hetty or her father, afar off, they not seeing her. Or perhaps they might brush by her in th street, so that she could touch their garments, unknown to them.

This very day she had reached her native city, penniless, having spent her last dollar in railroad fare. She had eaten nothing all day. She knew not where she was to sleep She had come, instinctively, to the old home: but she dare not enter; all she could do was to look in, hopelessly, as she was doing now. "How cold it grows," she said, as he teeth began to chatter, for the wind bler keener than ever. "I feel so tired, too Oh! if I could only see papa."

Gradually she grew more and more drowsy; but she did not feel so chilly now only her limbs seemed to be giving way under her strangely, and her brain gotdulled

"I will resta while," she said, finally sit ting down on the door step. "Bye and by I shall feel hungry. No wonder I an tired-I have not slept any, or so little, fo

When some time after, the ball began break up, and the first carriage to armive the footman found an insensible figure on the doorsteps, half lying, half learing against the railing. The news of so strange an event soon penetrated to the master of the house, usually kind-hearted almost to a

"Bless me!" he cried. "A homeless! man. Dead, or dying, did you say? Have her carried to the housekeeper's room. that everything is done that can be beggar almost? That makes no difference. Why, on such a night, I wouldn't turn dog from the door."

Helen was being borne in, according these directions, when the old butler. had been in the family for years, came had tling along the hall. Changed as she was he recognized her at once.

"What are you doing ? he cried, frightened voice. "Told to carry her in the housekeeper's room, you say? There must: be some mistake. Put her down here," and he pointed to a lounge in the hall. He was so dazed he hardly knew what

said or did; his voice trembled till iterded A crowd of curious servants and sympat izing guests gathered immediately around the prostrate form, and the noise attracted the attention of Mr. Fortescue, who, with

Hetty, stood in the back drawing-room, r ceiving the adieus of the departing guests "What! James won't let her be carried in?" he cried. "We'll see about this! He's lived with me till he thinks he's master. But this is insufferable."

As he spoke, he moved toward the hall Hetty, by some inscrutable instinct, followed, putting her arm in his. The crowd parted, to make room for their

The moment Hetty saw that pale, wan face, she recognized her sister. "Oh, papa! oh, papa! it is Helen!" sh cried in a breathless whisper, and bursting

nto tears, she flung herself on her knees by the couch. "Helen, dear Helen-don't you mc ?" she sobbed. " Oh! she is dead, she is dead!" she cried. almost in a shriek. For a moment Mr. Fortescue seemed about to stoop and drag Hetty apgrily away from her sister. But something in the pale in animate face reminded him of his dead wife, as he had last seen her, just before the coffin was shut on her forever. He turned ashen pale, staggered, and would have fallen, if the butter, who had been watching

him auxiously, had not caught him. "Mr, air! For God's sake, gentlemen, give him air," cried that fituctionary. The rush of the keen atmosphere from the open hall door, as the spectators drew away at these words, partially revived Mr. Fortescue. He gasped for breath, looked blankly around and put his hand to his !

head; then he recalled all. "Carry her in-take her to her old room, he said, with a choking sob. "Runfor the"

"Oh, papa!" cried Helen, throwing her a joke. "What I do you mean to say you arms around her father's neck, "bless you haven't visited it yet?" "Visited what ?" for these words. We shall be-so happy- "Complet, of course. Why, tis one of the now-" She broke down in hysteric sobs. most charming spots in Paris. My dear What more have we to tell? Helen re- fellow, you must, by all means, see Comcovered in time all her old health, though hard for that. But she became what was better, a calm, earnest woman, whose ear was ever open to the cry of distress, a

For Hetty married and left Helen sole

THE DIFFERENCE.

Just fif y cents will cause you bliss 'Tis then a dollar looks like this :

B t when you're old, and bills come due, A d c edit rs are dunning you, A devery cent you spend you miss, 'Tis then a dollar looks like this:

Kisses By Mail.

A young postmaster of a village post office was hard at work when a gentle tap was heard upon the door, and in stepped a bashful maiden of 16 with a money order which she desired cashed. She handed it to the official with a beautiful smile, who, after closely examining it, handed her the money it called for. At the same time he asked her if she had read what was written

on the margin of the order. "No, I have not," she replied, for I; cannot make it out. Will you please read it

The young postmaster read as follows: 'I send you \$3 and a dozen kisses." Glancing at the bashful girl he said : "Now, I have paid you the money and I uppose you want the kisses."

"Yes," she said, " if he has sent me any sisses, I want them, too." It is hardly necessary to say that the balance of the order was promptly paid, and in a scientific manner at that and eminenty satisfactory to the country maiden for she went out of the office smacking her

lips as if there was a taste upon them she never encountered before. After she arrived home she remarked her mother: "Eh, mother, but this post office system of ours is a great thing, developing more and more every year, and each new feature added seems to be the best. Jimmy sent me a dozen kisses along with the money order, and the post-master

gave me 20. It beats the special delivery system all hollow."-U.S. Mail. Short Rules for Long Comforts at

For New Year's Study. Put self last Be prompt at every meal. Take little annoyances out of the way. When good comes to any one rejoice.

When any one suffers speak a word of Tell neither of your own faults nor those

Have a place for everything, and everything in its place. Hide your own troubles, but watch to help others out of theirs.

Take hold of the knob, and shut, without slamming, the door. If the door squeaks, apply the drop of oil

Never interrupt any conversation, but watch patiently your turn to speak. Look for beauty in everything, and take cheerful view of every event. Carefully clean the snow and mud from your feet in entering the house.

Always speak politely and kindly to ser-When inclined to give an angry answer press your lips together and say the Sun," This elephant was found 354 years

ask yourself: "Have I never doub an ill and deserved forgiveness?"

A Lawyer Scienced. The following smart reply to a browbeating lawyer is historical, and was given in a Court of Justice in Liverpool. A poor lliterate woman came forward to prosecute apother who had robbed her of some twentyeight shillings. A lawyer who prided himself on his oratorical powers, and his knowledge of common and statute law; rose up to cross-examine the poor unsophisticat ed daughter of the Green Island, he being engaged to defend the prisoner, when the following dialogue took place: Lawyer-"Tell me, good woman, what sort of money. had you?" Witness-"Eight shillings in other day on some thirty young women silver, and a sovereign in gold." Lawyer employed at a large India-rubber works by drawing himself up in the full dignity of inhaling the fumes of paphtha used on the forensic elevation)-" Now, tell me, good premises. One after another they began

and was silent afterward for more than half an hour.

- A Friend's Little Joke. The omnibuses and tramways of Paris only admit a fixed number of passengers. doctor. Ah, Mr. Hunter," as one of the When the limit is reached, the conductor guests, the most eminent practitioner in the hangs out a placard bearing the word comcity, rose from Helen's side, where he had plet. After this no one is admitted, and been feeling her pulse, "I forgot you were it is useless to run after a car or bus. An here. Only fainted, you say. Thank God! American, one day, at the commencement She that was lost is found," unconsciously of his sojourn in Paris, asked a friend: breaking into the words of Scripture, the "What does that word complet mean, that ment gradually calmed down; but work tears rolling down his cheeks, his voice I so often see on an omnibus?" "What!" had to be suspended at the factory during shaking; "she that was dead is alive again." exclaimed the friend, who saw an opening for several hours.

> plet." The traveller needed no more pressing to make him run and shout after every omnibus he saw bearing the sign; but, sad to say, he never caught one.

Neither praise nor dispraise thyself He who revealeth his secret maketh him self a slave. He who seeketh trouble never misseth Gaming is the child of avarice, but the

The Wisdom of the People.

parent of prodigality. He that speaks doth sow, but he that holds his peace doth reap. He that has little knowledge is far more likel, to ge: more than he that has none.

discretion his best frieud. St n yo ir place an none can make you rise.

A man's felly is his worst for, and

I sing on the sea, sail; being on the land bend the neck than bruise the

OUT OF THE FASHION.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

A fashionable woman In a fashionable pew; A fashionable bonnet Of a fashionable hua: A fashionable mantle And a fashionable gown, A fashionable Christian In a fashionable town;
A fashionable prayer book
And a fashionable choir;
A fashionable chapel With a fashionable spire ; A fashionable preacher With a fashionable speech ; A fashionable sermon Made of fushionable reach. A fashionable welcome At the fashiouable door: A fashionable penny To the fashionable poor A fashionable heavan And a fashionable hell; A fashionable Bible For this fushionable belle, A fashionable nod; A fashionable everything,

But no fashionable God! WHO THEY ARE. Who lectures me four times a week,

And marvels when the wash tubs leak, That I can look so awful meek? My dad. Who feeds her cousins with our ham,

Our cold roast beef and peas and lamb, But keeps me short on currant jam ?---Who; when I nide behind a chair

And calmly listen to a pair Of idiots, could almost swear? My sister. Who will not with myself agree, And takes delight in pounding me

Because I'm not as big as he?

Who comes to see us once a year And gives me thateen cents to clear And not return while she is near? My aunt.

My brother.

Who meets me when on errands bent And says "you'll be a President," And starts my bank account—one centi? My uncle. Who gives me everything she's got?

And pawns her dothes for what she's not!

Tis graudma.

Bless her dear heart, I've not forgot-

Ages of Animals. A bear rarely exceeds 20 years; a dog lives 20 years; a fox, 14 or 15; lions are long lived -Pompey lived to the age of 70; the average of cats is 14 years; squirrels and bures, 7 or 8 years; rabbits, 7. Elephants have been known to live to the great age of 400 years. When Alexander the Great had conquered Porus, King of India he took a great elephant, which had fought very valiantly for the King, named him Ajax, dedicated him to the sun, and let him go-with this suscription, "Alexander, the son of Juniper; has dedicated Ajax to the after. Pigs have been known to live to the When pained by an unkind word or deed | age of 30 years; the rhinoceros to 20; a horse has been known to live to the age of 62, but averages from 20 to 25 years; camels sometimes live to the age of 100 years; stags are long-lived; sheep seldom exceed the age 10; cows: live 15 years. Cavier considers it probable that whales sometimes. live to the age of 1,000 years. Dolphins and porpoises attain the age of 30. An eagle died at Vienna at the age of 101. Ravens have reached the age of 100. Swans have been known to live 360 years. Pelicans are long-lived. A tortoise-has been known to live to the age of 107 years.

Forced Merriment

A remarkable effect was produced the woman, did you ever see a sovereign in to dance, while uttering shrill peals of anything else but gold?" The poor woman | laughter and throwing their limbs about in looked the very personification of humility | extraordinary fashion. The infection but replied without the least hesitation- rapidly spread among those who had not "Oh, yes, your honor, I saw Queen come under the influence of the naphtha, Victoria, God bless her!" Laughter in and in a few minutes the whole place was Court, culminating in an absolute cheer, in an uproar. The managers sent in all followed the answer. The lawyer sat down, haste for a half-a-dozen doctors. On their arrival the excited workwomen rushed on them, laughing like maniacs, and before they were aware of it these venerable practitioners were dragged and pushed into the work-room, where they were forced against their will to join the frantic dance, waltzing, polking, jumping and whirling in spite of their vigorous protests. On recovering from their surprise they made tremendous efforts to get away from the mail crowd: Most of the women had to be carried out by main force, and conveyed home in cabs. On getting into the open air, their excite-

Chestruts.

How can five persons divide five eggs, so that each man shall receive one, and still one remain in the dish?

A. One takes the dish with the egg. How many soft-boiled eggs could the giant Goliath eat upon an empty stomach? A. One, after which his stomach was What kind of a fish has its eyes nearest

A. The smallest fish. Why does a miller wear a white hat? A. To keep his head warm. Why is a philanthropist like an old horse? A. . He stops at the sound of woe.

THE LONG EVENINGS can nowhere be so profitably spent as on the farm, giving a taste for reading and study .- Many a young farmer or son of a farmer has a chance to improve his mind during the next six months, if only he will apply himself diligently and systematically. One or two good books on grain-growing, or live stock, or fruit-culture, well studied during the winter eveniugs, cannot fail to tall on the results of work in all future