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this	80 BIBLES	The New Year comes to-night, sistemas,	
	From 50 cents to \$10 each during the holidays sold at a reduction of ten per cent, on all purchases up to \$6.00 and faculty	I saw it in my sleep: My stocking hung so full, I thought—	
	for cent of larger funis.	Mamma ! what makes you weep?	
CH.	Call early and get first choice.	But it only held a little shroud— A shroud and nothing more,	4
-	JOHN SMITH. Wyndham St., - Guelph.	And an open coffin made for me, Was standing on the floor.	
S.	- detpu.	It seemed so very strange, indeed,	1
-		To find such gifts, instead Of all the toys I wished so much,	•
	0 to 0	The story books and sled.  And while I wondered what it meant,	
T.	Thanking my many custom-	You came with tearful joy, And said, "Thou'lt find the New Year's suit-	1
	ers for their patronage in the	God calleth thee, my boy!"	
		It is not all a dream, manus -	1
	past and soliciting a continu-	But have I been so bad a boy,	1
ers	aace of the same, I wish you	God taketh me from you? Fdon't know what pape will do	1
	all.	When I am laid to rest, And you will have no Willie's head	1
		To fold upon your breast.	
		The New Year comes to night, mamma: Put your hand beneath my cheek,	
	THE COMPLIMENTS	And raise my head a little more.  It is so hard to speak.	1
tom		You need not fill my stockings now,	
s.	-01-	Before the morning sun is up	
-		I'll be so sound asleen.	•
		I shall not want the skates, mamma. I'll never need the sled;	i
PH.	THE SEASON.	But won't you give them both to Blake,	1
		He used to hide my books away, And tear the pictures, too;	1
*		But now he'll know I forgive him.	1
		As then I tried to do.  And if you please, manua, I'd like	1
ils.	J. V. Kannawin,	The story-book and siste	
		You told me not to hate.	4
her.	4 0000	And, dear manma, you won't forget, Upon the New Year's day,	
	ACTON.	The basketful of comething nice For poor old Widow Gray?	
		The New Year comes to-night, maining-	1
*		It seems so very soon. I think God didn't hear me ask	1
_		For just another fune.	•
		I know I've been a thoughtless boy, And made you too much care,	
class n or	Fancy Goods Store	And may be for your sake, mainma, He does not hear my prayer.	•
the .	—ron—	There's one thing more. My pretty pets.	
Υ.	NEW YEAR'S NOVELTIES.	The robin and the dove. Oh! keep for you and dear papa.	
_		And teach them how to love. The garden hoe, the little rake—	
4	MISS FREELAND	You'll find them nicely laid Upon the carret floor, mamma,	-
er,	Is opening up a complete and varied stock of	The place where just I played.	1
	Fancy Goods in so many of the latest styles and new designs that space will not allow	I thought to need them both so oft When summer comes again;	
the	particularizing.	To make my garden by the brook	***
tion.		That trickles through the glen. I thought to gather flowers, too,	
cton.	All kinds of Novelties suitable	Beside the forest walk, And sit beneath the apple trees,	
	for the Holiday Season.	Where cisce we sat to talk.	
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She spoke rather severely, and Hugh felt

"Really, mother! he said, "you talk as

if I had committed a great sin. I don't

think I am such a dreadful bad boy; my

"There is an old saying that hell is paved

Hugh, a little taken aback by the forcible

"It has, I think, a very solemn meaning.

conveys to me a very awful suggestion of

he good which comes to naught, or which

tentions being carried out. Did you ever

tentions, or of any blessing promised upon

them? By the way," his mother looked

into the drawer of her sewing machine,

s turned to evil, through lack of good

hear of any good coming of mere good

"Why, what does it mean?"

less as ever about the next thing."

a little abused.

expression.

terday?"

look for other work

intentions are good!

with good intentions."

PLANING MILL

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going out with his skafes. "That'll be all right, mother," he an-A NEW YBAR'S POEM. swored. "I'll be sure to come back in time Does the New Year come to-night mamma! to get it before dark." I'm tired of waiting so ; His intention was good, but, as usual, he My stockings bung by the chimney side failed in carrying it out. He returned only Pull three long days ago. in time for a late supper, after which some I run to peep within the door at early morning' friends called. They're empty still! Ch! say, mamma, Doce the New Year come to-night? Does the New Year come to eight, mamma ! his sister, as he was going into the parlor. The snow is on the hol, Hadn't you better get it before you go And the ice must be two inches thick Upon the meadow rill. heard you tell pape, last night, .His boy must have a sled it before I go to bed." I did not mean to hear, mamma.) And a pair of skates, you said. prayed for just those things, mamma, .I shall be full of gloe ( And the orphan boys in the village school Will all be ouvying nic. I'd give them toys and lend them looks, And make their New Year glad : intentions. For God, you say, takes back his gifts When little folks are bad. And won't you let me go, mamma. Upon the New Year's day. saying to himself : And carry something plee and warm To poor old Widow Gray! I'll leave the basket near the door, thin the garden gate. the New Year come to night, mamma ! seems so long to wait. New Year comes to-night, sismus. aw it in my sleep: tocking hung so full, I thoughtmina ! what makes you weep? it only held a little shroudbroud and nothing more an open comin made for me, as standing on the floor. emod so very strange, indeed, and such gifts, instead Il the toys I wished so much, e story books and fled. while I wondered what it meant, r came with tearful joy. said, "Thou'lt find the New Year's suitof calleth thee, my boy!" not all a dream, manue now it must be true: have I been so bad a bor. d taketh me from fou? n't know what pape will do en I am laid to rest, rou will have no Willie's Lead fold upon your breast. New Year comes to night, mamma; it your hand beneath my check, raise my head a little more. is so hard to speak! need not fill my eteckings now, annot go and peep ere the morning sun is up be so sound saleer. Il not want the skates, mamma, never need the sled; won't you give then both to Blake, hoburt mie on my bead? sed to hide my books away. d tear the pictures, too; now he'll know I forgive him. then I tried to do. than the others." if you please, margina, I'd like e story-book and sixte to to Frank-the drenkard's boy u told me not to hate. dear manma, you won't forget on the New Year's day, . beaketful of comething nice r poor old Widow Gray?

But he forgot it until, half asleep and | thought of his queer dream. "Of all the half undressed, he heard Bridget pass the mean-looking, miserable, contemptible little door of his room, tired out, he knew, with a | wretches in the world, they are the worst hard day's work. He felt sorry and And it's just as mother says, they never ashamed of himself, for, as he had asserted | do anything, and they're never good for to his mother, he really was a boy of good anything.' There! I guess Bridget'll think His unlearned lesson was also a burden | peak-faced chap ever got his wood picked ou his mind, as he lay down to sleep. He up. Dear me!" his face grew suddenly turned once or twice restlessly on his pillow, sober. "That's just like me too. I never "I'll get up early in the morning, -yes, I to have done at the right time and didn't." will,-before Bridget gets up, and get her a -Sydney Dare. fine lot of kindling; and then I'll have a good long time to learn my lesson." "Oh, dear! I hope so." "He won't, though; he'll forget," "Of course he will." "And that'll be another load for carry," said a most doleful voice. ' And for me, too," said another. Hugh was startled by hearing these words spoken close to him, but in topes which had a weak sound, something like a far-away echo. Hastily sitting upright, he looked around, and, to his amazement, beheld a number of small figures moving about the They were curious little creatures, thin, shadowy, and deformed. Every face bore s ful men that ever served under our flag. poevish, forlorn, wistful expression, as if its owner was continually longing for something which he never hoped to receive. And every one carried a burden which seemed almost to overpower him. Their actions were as strange as their appearance. Each one would sometimes start up suddenly, as if bent on doing his last cruise in command at sen. In the be taught to ask them. They must wish something, and doing it promptly and well. But after a few aimless movements he seemed gradually to give it up, and to subside again into a condition of apathy and "Who are you !" asked Hugh, after gaz- geon of the ship that an issue had formed ing at them for a few moments; "and | what business have you here in my room? "Oh! we're here whenever you are," said one of his visitors. "We go with you wherever you go, only sometimes one of us is the fellow that's being made use of more "But notwithstanding that we all have our full share of work," said another. "Well, who are you, I say?" "We're your Good Intentious." "Good intentions!" exclaimed Hugh, his fighting and managerering on board the scornfully. "Good, bey? I shouldn't say there was much good about such a looking | frigate United States, under Decatur, when, set as you are." "That's just what your mother says," "And just what your father says," said "And just what Bridget says," chimed "Just what the teacher says," said num-"And just what everybody else says," added the fifth. "Or if they don't say it, they think it," Hugh looked sharply at the speakers, and as he was becoming more accustomed to the dim light, began to see more plainly what their burdens consisted of. The one who quoted his mother had a bag so heavy that it seemed ready to break his back. Peeping into it. Hugh saw a queer collection of articles. Everything which his mother was in the habit of sending him to buy or to do for her could be the crew af once. found in that bag. Groceries, dry goods, The action that followed was sharp and messages to friends, and all sorts of commissions that a boy might be expected to bear, were there exthered. At the very top of all was the package of needles which she New Year comes! Good-night, mamma. had wanted that day. 'Near him stood a little fellow who might

to put my name on the muster-roll ?" child ?" the commander asked, smilingly. share of the prize-money." boy's name entered on the muster-roll of

have been taken for a mail-carrier, only that none of the Queen's employees ever and did good service. went so heavily laden, or hobbled along so Later, when it was known very nearly wearily. He carried a variety of letters, what the prize would be worth, Decatur notes, postal cards; and newspapers which said to the boy : Hugh had at different times forgotten to

"Well, Ned, we whipped 'em, and we won the day; and I am proud of you, my lad, for the help you gave us. Your share of the prize-money will be as much as two which he had come home from school to hundred dollars. What will you do with find his mother and sister dressed to receive | it 4:

guests for dinner whose invitations still lay mother, along with father's share and the rest I'll take and pay my way at school." Near this one stood the fellow who had advanced Bridget's opinion of his intenand promised to help him in the future tions. He was almost covered up by the And he did it. An early death, however load he carried, and Hugh presently perwas to rob the country of a valuable serived that the most of it was made up of officer. Ned entered the service, and lived anchopped kindling wood. Plenty of other go and look at his gymnasium, and I things were there, -small articles which to become a passed-midshipman, when he died of fever in New Orleans. Bridget had asked him to mend or to get

mended for her, while conspicuous among THE TEMPERANCE LESSON. them appeared a cake burned to a crisp which he had one day promised her to see to as it baked, while she looked after someclasses?" Yes, certainly, 'II there is After him came a worried-looking fellow carrying a pack of books and papers. what a collection of unlearned lessons and undone examples he bore! Then came long line of good intentions in various stages

of depression and debility. And nothing Of course we are not to spend time telling about them was so annoying to Hugh as a class of Christian young men or women the grotesque but unmistakable likeness which the weak and uncertain looking "I wish you'd all clean out of my room, he cried, angrily. "I'd like to know what you are good for, anyway," he said to two | therough temperance principles, but until who crowded very close to him. "I'm trying to attend, to that lesson, said the book-bearer, with a heavy sigh. "I'm trying to look after that kindling, said the other, speaking as if suffocated under his weight of andone duty. "But

We never do anything." He stooped down and laboriously tried great question. If it is the great evil we to raise another bundle to his back. But | believe it to be, what should be our attitude he already had more than he could carry with regard to it? If we knew a lion were As fast as he raised one, another would fall. Harder and harder he tried, panting | would we be justified in saying: "It doesn't and straining with the effort. But the matter to us, our children are all in the more he tried, the worse things became .; house?" Would we not rise up in alarm Two bundles fell for every one he could and not rest content until we knew he was pick up, until with a dreadful crash the recured again? But a thousand lions are whole thing came to the ground.

. Hugh opened his eyes and looked around "Oh! I intended-" Hugh checked himself with a half rueful smile as his Surely some loud noise had awakened him mother closed the machine and went to Oh, yes! in the uncertain light of the early morning he saw that some swinging shelves "Hadn't you bester get your lesson be; which hung in his room had given way, and so many are in danger, and the "laborers" fore you go out skating?" she called after the books which they had hold lay in heaps are so few."

mail. Among others he saw a bundle of

invitations which he had not delivered.

Very distinctly he could recall the day on

sang in his overcoat pocket.

creatures bore to himself.

him a few minutes later, as she saw him on the floor, while ink from a broken bottle was slowly making its way among them. His mother had drawn his attention to the cords which had held up the shelves. showing him that they were growing old and needed replacing.

"Woll !" he said, gazing at the disorder "if I didn't intend-" and then he stopped Getting up with all haste, he set things "Bridget wants you to be sure and not to rights as best he could. Then going forget he kindling this evening," whispered | quietly down stairs he was rejoiced to find that Bridget was not yet up.

"Hurrah!" he exclaimed. "Now I'll have her kindling ready before she comes." "No need of that," said Hugh. "I'll get | "I've had enough of good intentions. though," he said, laughing to himself as h this a good pile. I wonder if that little can pick up and do the things I ough

A BOY HERO.

Where are they now? I never realize the passing of the years as I do when looking around for the aged friends of the times agone. Forty years ago-in 1842-earlier and later-while serving in the U.S. Navy, I became warmly attached to many of the heroes of 1812. I was with Hull-he commanded the Mediterranean Squadron in 1840; also with Commodore Morgan, who was a midshipman of the old Conditation I have heard exercises with "object-lesunder Hull, in her battle with the Guerriere; with Stewart, and with Morris. The latter remember with feelings of peculiar respect and esteem. He was one of the most use-During a continuous sea-service of fifty years, his absence from duty, either by sickness or furlough, amounted to not more than two years. He was the first lieutenant of the Constitution at the time of which we have spoken. I was with him in the old line-of-battle-ship Delaware, in 1844action between the Constitution and the Guerriere Morris wasshot through the body; but stoutly refused to be carried below. To the last of his life he suffered from the effects of that wound; I was told by a surwhich was not suffered to heal.

And there were others, of less degree,old men, of course, -but grand seamen, and capable. Where are they now? There may be one of them left in this lower life; but I do not think so. However, I took up my pen for the purpose of recording an anecdote that was related to me by an old quartermaster of the frigate Brandycine-Billy Hull; he was not related to the old commodore, though be was with him in all Constitution. Billy was a lad, on board the in October of 1812, that ship fell in with the English frigate Macedonian; and his story

was of that occasion. On board the United States was a boy, not over thirteen or fourteen years of age, the son of a quarter-gunner. He was a brightfaced, keen-eyed, smart little fellow, and the officers of the ship had made a pet of him. When their ship was drawing near to the frigate that had shown the British flag, this boy went up to Decatur, who stood and history; and when one considers what near the wheel, and said to him :

large schools our teachers have, and o "Commodore, won't hou be good enough what beterogeneous materials, and under what uncertain supervision, one may well "Why do you wish the to do that, my wonder that they accomplish as much as "Why, sir," the little hero replied, draw-

ing himself up, "I am going to fight all can-anyhow, to help and I would like a Decatur was pleased and he ordered the

severe, as all know who have read. Little Ned was set to carrying powder from the steerage hatch to the different parts of the spar-dock; and of all on board not one was exposed more than was he, yet he never quailed, never besitated, but ran from point to point with the powder as it was wanted,

circling the apple trees, repeat it chorus

"I will send a hundred dollars to my The commodore patted him on the best

filled with a composition of ale, nutmeg, " Is a temperance lesson necessary for a class whose every member has good, sound temperance principles, then that class should be separated at once, and every scholar become a teacher, displacing if need be, those teachers whose temperance sentiments are lax and indefinite. or little gift. An orange stack with cloves,

of the saloon curse, or of the evils which intemperance has brought into the world. All this they know. But they do need to be taught faithfully and repeatedly, until not only their minds are instilled with their hearts are impressed with them, so thoroughly that their own voices will give no uncertain sound; that they will not hesitate to speak out on all occasions, not only against intemperance, but against the indifference of temperance people on this it's no use. We're not good for anything. | great subject. We are to inculcate positive views on this

> roaming at large through our streets on our streets, with open doors drawing men, women and children, only to "destroy both soul and body in hell. Shall we not be aggressive then, in this work, and teach others to be so? So many are suffering,

A FAULT OF THE SCHOOLS. Teaching Children What They Already Know.

A lady of withe educational experience

told, the other day, this story of a small school-boy whom she found in great distress over his lesson. When she asked what had been his particular trouble that day, he stated this ardons problem : "If John has two red apples, and Charles has two, how many red apples have they

both together ?!" "Is that hard?" the said. " Very hard," he said, sadly. "But surely!" she replied, "you know

public schools was devoted simply to teach-

part more the substance of intellectual

OLD NEW YEAR'S CUSTOMS.

some extent. One of the most curious of

these is called the "Apple Howling."

which, besides giving the boys a frolic, was

supposed to secure a good frop of fruit for

the coming season. On New Year's Eve, a

troop of these stordy country urchins,

armed with strong sticks, would visit all

the orchards in the neighborhood, and en-

Stand fast root, bear well top.

Every twig apples big.

Full quarter sacks full."

Hats full, cape full,

Pray God send us a howling cray.

Every bough, all les encu'.

One of their number accompanied this

chorus on a cow's horn, and during the

ceremony the boys rapped the trees with

their sticks. We can imagine that "Apple

The girls meanwhile were also having

their sport, going boot from door to door

singing verses in honor of the reason, and

sugar and roasted crabs or apples, called

Lamb's Wool" Those visited drank each

other's health in this mixture, repeating,

Was haile, or drine hell, which are the same

as our " Come, here's to you!" or "I'll

pledge you!" They generally bestowed

upon the maiden wassailers, a small coin,

appears to have been a favorite New Year's

gift in the olden time, as were also-gilt nut-

In Scotland on the last day of the old

year, the children go from house to house

asking for bread and cheese, which they

call ." Wog-money." They make the re

Get up, gode wife, and binuo sweir (be not

And deal your cakes and cheefe while you

or the time will tome, when ye'll be dead,

And notther need your cheese or bread."

It must be a hard bearted person indeed

who can refuse a trifle to these bonny lads

In France New Year's day is celebrated

more as it is in this country, by a round of

visus being made between relatives and

friends, and an exchange of bon-bons, and

sweet-mest. It is a contest of ro'tteness,

which shall start earliest, and make the

first call, but sugar plums must always be

presented either in fancy boxes or baskets,

generally given by some member of the

family, and the evening concludes with a

saparille is a radical, reliable remedy.

has an unequalled record of cures.

r simply wrapped in paper. A dini

social gathering.

megs and Kentish pippins.

quest in these words : --

Howling" was a very appropriate name.

the following words:

training, with less of the "process."

The cutter's too wide. already that two and fwo make four; there And the girl at ang side can be no trouble about that?" Doesn't gauggle as site obght to do. "Of course not," was the pathetic re-She insists I shall drive sponse. "Of course I know that well With both bands-Man alive! enough, Mrs. - But the process !- it's When I tried once to give her a kist; the process that wears me out." "I'm astonished!" she said. With a toss of her bead, No one who has had much to do with

And I stuttered : "Oh p-p-pardon me, Miss schools, and especially with public schools. She's cold and she's glum, can help seeing the tremendous force of this You would think she was dumb, infantine sarcaim. Multitudes of things If you never had seen her before, which come to naturally into a child's But she an't, ob. no! mind that they might almost be taken for ! Don't mislesd yourself so! And to-morrow she'll talk all the more. granted, are virtually taken from him, and offered him again in such a formal shape, It's beginning to snow! We've got ten miles to go. and so environed with definitions and tech-Aud I lash old Macepps in vain. nicalities and processes," that he is Now you mark what I say. almost made unconscious that he ever knew You may kick me all day them. It is sot confined to arithmetic. If I ever go sleighing again. Many children who have grown up under -Somerville Journal educated influences write better English certainly more diomatic, and often more NEW YEAR MEMORIES. correct -before studying English grammar than afterward. They write as they speak, by ear, and the rules confuse more than they belp. In the study of natural history

Christmas the most joyful time of all the year to the young, is past, and the New Year is dawning. This is rarely a happy season to the old, for to them the Past is far more than the Present, and memory sons" that seamed to me expressly conhange the walls of remembrance with many trived to stultiff the homan intellect; and familiar presents of the "long ago," which this especially in normal schools, where serve both to sadden and subdue. So, as one young putel stands up before the older friends trudge through the snow to others, making believes he knows every visit some dear congenial friend, they pay thing, and Ber classmates sit before her little heed to the merry shouts of the boys making believe they know nothing. It is and girls in the street, or the cheerful necessarily all a form and a "process." greetings on every side, for their thoughts They go through the questions which the are basy with the time, when New Year children are supposed to ask about the was a festive season to them as well, and object; and of churse, if the real children do many whom they have "loved and lost." not ask the right questions, they must gathered about the family board. When ight licarte kept time with the springing to know what they ought to wish to know. feet that tripped a graceful measure, and not what they really desire. When the all was mirth and bounteons cheer. young teacher faces real children, therefore instead of studying their actual minds, she

PRICE THREE CENTS.

A SLEIGHING SONG.

[Not after the customary manner, but wri with some regard to facts.]

Ly o'er the cold snow

The sleigh bells don't sing.

And the silver moon ween't shine bright

Not a single warm spark

N. and likewise my nose

The old pag is played out,

If he'll have enough strength to pull through

I'm beginning to doubt

We go raspingly scraping to-night

It's cold and it's dark

My loft car is froze.

'N' I wish I was back home, I row !

Of life seems left us now.

In ellence and slow

Or, perhaps, they recall the New Year Eve, when, in the old homestead, beneath proceeds on a mathod previously arranged. the waxen lights, they plighted their troth It did not surfaise me, in the discussion to one another, and promised to share each which elicited the anecdote with which I other's joys and sorrows. Fifty long years began, when a later speaker, a man who have passed since then, and they sigh as had spent many successful years as teacher they contrast the stalwart hopeful young and school superintendent, expressed frankbridegroom and the winsome girlish bride. ly the opinion that there were many with the couple who have outlived children schools which simply stultified their pupils, and grand children, who have tasted the instead of enlightening them, and when he bread of adversity, have seen their fondest asserted as a general proposition, that at hopes blighted or dashed in pieces at their least thirty per cent. of the time in our feel, and who, now poor and bent and gray, are wearily plodding their way ng over again to children, in a more elabthrough the winter storm. But suddenly crate and artificial way, what they already the bells begin to chime from the tower, knew perfectly rell in their own way, the and as the sweet liquid notes float above time being given, in other words to the their heads, the old man pauses, and clasp-"process," not to the real thing. It is ing the hand of his aged wife, whispers, something, I suppose, which all the best "Hark, sweet-heart! They are like angel's teachers will admit as an evil, and some- voices, speaking words of hope and cheer, thing which they all struggle against all and they promise reunions beyond the the time. At some points certainly there clouds, and a happy dawn of the day. has been much improvement made; thus where all are young, and sorrow is no reading and spelling are taught far more more!" To the young those bells tell of a easily than they once were, and in a less new year full of gladness, of study, of conmechanical way. The same is true in stant striving after something better in the many schools, with grammar, geography,

WHAT A WOMAN WOULD LIKE

Being a woman, I would like to see I would like to see children a little mo

they do. They certainly achieve almost everywhere some training in the elemen-I would like to see servants do honest and tary duties of obedience, order, self-control, honorable work rather than eye service... patience and propriety. This is much ; I would like to see sensible fashions used, and the/time is coming when they will im-

> I would like to see babies sensibly, rather than elaborately dressed. I would like to see people return by

Some odd New Year's customs formerly I would like to see simple meals well ! prevailed in the rural portions of England, and in remote parts, may still be found to

I would like to see the pretty words thank you " always given when a service . I would like to see my sex more interested a

good than in bad reading. I would like to see the millenniumthough it may be doubted if I will. How, ever, it is in our power individually to make it seem as if it had come, and we can oach of us help by precept and practice to bring about this delightful state of affairs. I am going to try. Will rou? >

READY TO SAVE HIS SON Heroic Self Sacrifice of a Father for HIs Boy's Good.

" Pop," said the small boy, "do you care if I go ter the circus?" "Yes, sir : I do. Circuses are demoralizing, and there is no telling what may

. But I want to. "Got yor mind made up, have yer ?" said the old gentleman, looking up from his bearing the wassail bowl, a great bowl raper with an expression of interest that decked with garladds and ribbone, and

> was momentarily quickening into enthus-"Yes, sir," said the boy with some hesi-

" Nothin' will change ye?"

" No. sir" (with growing confidence). "Ell didn't give you the money you'd meak in under the tent, an' maybe get arrested, wouldn't ye ?"

"Yes, sir" (with great positiveness) "Well, it never shall be said that I was the cause of my own child's gettin' arrested, and to make sure that nothing happens to ye I'll go along with ye."

Let's reason together. Here's a firm, one of the largest the country over, the world over; it has grown, step by step, through the world of greatness-and it

selfs patent medicines !- ugh ! "That's enough!" Wait a little-

That firm pays the newspapers good money (expensive work, this advertising!) to tell the people that they have faith in what they sell, so much faith that if they can't benefit or sare they don't want your money. Their gparantee is not indefinite and relative, but definite and absolute-it the medicine doesn't help, your money is

Suppose every sick man and every feeble woman tried these medicines and found them worthless, who would be the kner.

The medicines are Dr. Pierce's " Golden Medical Discovery," for blood diseases, and his "Favorite Prescription," for woman's peculiar ills. If they help toward health, "For scrofuls in every form Hood's Sarthey cost \$1.00 a bottle each! If they don't, they cost nothing !