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NEW YEAR'S CHIME. Toll, toll, toll

For the old year slowly dring; Grim, gaunt, core. " On the breast of Time now lying Hopes of youth are floeting. Hearte with care are licating! Ifo, ye warders of the bells, Toll, toll, toll!

For earth's entiging fashion, Toll for strife's unholy passion, Tall for friendship nuroquited. Toll for hope's enchantments blighted, Tall for love's fond pledges broken. Toll for want and woe unspoken, Toll for mourners sadly weeping. Toll for sin's vast hervest resping.

That while the world shall stand

A welcome to the bright New Year!

iting for birth of spring and flowers,

lling for summer's fruitful tressure.

Hing for bands of gen rous giving,

Iting for yows of nobler living.

lting for truth of tongue or pen,

Year.

HELEN A MURTUA

It was the top dat in a tall house at the

West End," on a dull, old-fashioned, bu

The tenants, beginning with the city

alderman on the first floor, and en-

ing with Miss Vary in her little nest under

the naves, represented a rapidly descending

It was a boose where the standard wa

dollars and cents, honce Miss Vary, in spite

of her ancestors, her old family silver, an

her high bred air, was, so far asher 'house

neighbors" were concerned, nobody in par

Bhe held a life-lease of her flat (the hous

her happy, careless girlbood. She suple

mented it in various ways; by doing fancy

work and painting for the art stores, fine

sewing and odd bats of dresamaking for a

fow special friends, and by literary ven

tures that were more or less successful .

But in spite of all these drawbacks, sti-

As to her suite of rooms, there gould no

little parlor, she felt like saying to them

In the wanter the outlook was not sheer

much be east to regard to the outlook

usually less.

more prosperous days

"No view! No view!"

emipontly respectable street.

scale of social importance.

That this glad year may see

lting for autumn's boundless measure,

Iting "l'esce on rerth, good will toward

Hin and woe shall fill the land.

On his radiant brow appear.

House with bounty Alling.

lin. ye warders of the bells.

For winter's bracing hours.

Hearts with love are thrilling.

Toll, toll, tell!

Toll, toll, toll!

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lting, ring, ring!

Hing, ring, ring!

Ittog, ring, ring!

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had once been a part of the family property LOWEST PRICES which was fortunate for her since it assur All suitable for Xman Boxen ed her a shelter for herself and her few W. McLaren & Co Miss Vary's income was so very small that it would not have kept her in gloves in

GUELPH

led a happy, independent life, and was the wonder of those who had known her in We are doing the same reditable, class of business that we have always been She often remarked, laughingly, that when strangers stepped up to the windows in her noted for, and will be glad to see our Acton friends who are in need of good Fall and Win-

CLOTH HALL

ter Clothing. Yours respectfully,

ful to be sure. But within, all was bright and ovey " Poto" the big yellow cat lay curied up on a dull blue plush cushion in one of the

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broad window sitle, if the eup shope; when it was cloudy, he preferred his backet by the redistor. At the other window pasturtiums, sweet alyseum and mignouette made a bit of color Main Street and fragrance.

In the little parlor there was a grate fire PLANING MILLS. as often as the state of its owner's fluance would permit and beside it in her low chair she sat and sewed or wrote, her thoughts

as busy as her hands. Miss Vary's "Tucedays always brought her numerous callers.

She was ever bright and gay on those porasions; there was a cup of tea and water for the caller, and if the wolfe some times howled near the door of the little flat the chance guest was none the wiser

Her natural tact sa "home-maker" help od her to make the most of her resources and in the pretty rooms, the bits of art work done by her own hands, and the dainty bouse drosses, made from the dale exte sike and woolen of her young days toned by dark velves Noke and outle, or brightened by a lace bertha as the coast

might require in all these things there was no hint at power. Miss Vary was VIS In hor day and gon station Her diet though plata des vern fully chosen, and the pluk cheeks and well-rounded luttle figure reflected oredit

upon a bill of fare, the extreme host of which, In cost, was \$1 50 per week. But there comes a time when the stout cet heart qualls, and it came to Constance Vary in that most blosped season of the

year the week between Christinas and On Christmas day she was as blishe a nousl, received per callers and gifts, and sout out the tretty tokens wrought with loving thought for the recipients, and the few aubstantial gifts for poorer friends, to

buy which, she had precised some self

About the middle of the holiday scasor came a letter announcing the failure o the firm where her little all was invested Ah, how black the prospect, only a lonely woman with the work of two hands her sols means of support, can fully appreciate By the same mail, too, since misfortunes soldom come singly there was returned a manuscript upon the sale of which she had really counted It seemed so much better than some things to which she had given

less thought and which had sold at sight.

In this week so much was compressed

Following this chapter of misfortume? came the greatest temptation of her life and following that but we apticipate. When the good ship Alta railed from India five years before, and was never heard from, Maurice Graham, Miss Vary's Mrs. Murphy, lover was on board. Long after it was certain that the vessel was lost she hoped pp, but at last even she was forced to the

conviction that abe would never meet him

again "until the sea gave up its dead." As time went by, other lovers gathered. about her, and even after she lost her for . Ptext !" she said aloud. "Aud I didn't send

tune, and removed to the little fist, one remained faithful. Though never obtrusive he so evidently meant to win at last, that Miss Vary had really feared he might

-by sheer force of will. "And he is so good and kind?" the thought remoreefully. Nine women out of ten would have loved him just for that, or at any rate, married Lim to escape-poverty. and a little, porhaps because it would make

man, and argue with herself as she would, she had always felt that to marry without love was a crime. I gamit this to have been a very old-fashioned notion of hers. of course, but Miss Vary was thirty-five, and in her "young" day a promise to "love, honor and cherish' was taken in its literal interpretation, and to take such vows with the lips while the heart was not in sympathy, was looked upon by many as akin to perjury. Many others would have look. ed upon it as a special dispensation of providence that, in this time of great trial and perplexity she should have received

DRUH MISS CONSTANCE our reply to my note of a few weeks ago ? You will make me very happy by so doing and I will try in every way to make your life just what that of a reflued, delicate lady should be. You shall lack nothing that love and money can give you.

"It does sound so very business ike." she said to herself - the little ourle to the n's and the black aggressive-looking I' and D suggest his signature to a check! A flush covered her face, for conscience hintod "le it not, largely, for his signature to a

Hoping for a favorable reply.

business like isn't that your attitude in this matter ? What can a woman of thirty five expect in the way of a love letter? she asked her self. But there was the temptation, in whichever light you regarded the letter,

and New Year's eve found her still consid-It was hard, when you reflect about In the one side, a hand to hand struggle with poverty. On the other, wealth and social position and love for the takingand what was in the way? Just a foolish, conscientious scraple, and, possibly, the

weight of a dead man's hand Why, she was besitating because of nere whim, she told herself, a whim which women as pure, as rollood, as deli cately reared as herrelf, would smile pity ogly, and ask each other . "What then does the poor thing expect? and at her age.

"I will oud all this," she said to herself and sitting down at her deak, she wrote her "It sounds almost as business like as Mr. Drayton's letter," she said ruefully, as she

souled and addressed it

"I'll give it to Mrs Murphy when al brings the washing and ask her to post it," +he thought. Then she gathered together Maurice's few gifts, slipped the modest sugagement ing from her finger ("one may as well : this thing thoroughly," she said to horself) and was about to make a package of them to put out of sight forever in her deak,

of clean clothes on her arm, and carefully held in her left hand, a white paper pack "A happy New Year to yer, Miss," said she, "and the flowers is from Jamesy He sex to me at Christman sea ho - when ver sent him too fine pair of shoes, yer mind ?) "Mither, sez he, I'm goin' ter save me ciuts an' buy a New Year's present for the leddy. It'll be flowers, sex Jamsey.

she opened it to Mrs. Murphy with a bundle

That's wot the swells all buys for leddies I soen 'om lots of times. They slave puts in a card, and I il

"An' where'll yet git a card James ! "()"," era he, "yer mind the card was got o ce when I went to Sunday School Well, that's white on one side an' I

write me name on that!" "Bo Jamesy saved cints enough to buy the flowers, an' ter night he wint to a fe lor wot he knows wot sells 'em and he axed him how much was them? and show ed him which ones, and the man said twin

"Ah, wot yor given us? " said Jamesy at bold as brass, for he hadn't but just the fteen cipte yer mind, Mire

"I'll give yet fifteen conta and no more "All right, Jamosy, said the ma-Give us yer money, an ye'll black my cote cheap for me rome day ? "I will that," sez Jamesy

The feller was going to put them to saper bag "No yer dut t!" are Jamos be prepared for the note you will soud I want them to white paper like a swell They're for a lady " "Goth' to put in your said ' era th

men with a grin "I am that, just lind us a pencil ser with on it," sex Jamesy, an' he writ it beauti ful!" concluded the proud mother. "Tell James I thank him very much and

eich bim a happy New Year. And I wish you one also Mrs. Morphy, and Mus-"Thank yer, Mise Same to you Miss

The Lord give you good look on a good susband! and Mrs Murphy book her Miss Vary unrolled the paper with a wan title smile at Mrs Myrphy's suggestive New Year a wish, and a genuine laugh at

Jamesy a card - Mint. . J. un. M. mint James had evidently been laught at some aried of his existence to write his name. or the writing of it seemed to have come saier to him than did the other words on his "card". the "James" haing particularly | understanding, and gazed thoughtfully after

It was written with a tlunt lead pencil the back of a sorled ser name card. Miss Vary turned it idly and read the

"He that dueth wrong shall receive for he wrong which he hath done, and their o no respect of persons." She dropped the card with an impationi little frown, and it fell upon Mr. Drayton's letter which she had forgotten to hand to

She went on unrollin, the paper and brought to view a bunch of yellow abryan A strange expression passed over her

"Maurico's favorito flower- and that

the letter either! Well, the morning will

Hhe arranged the flowers carefully in tall glass against which she placed "Jame sey's" card. "He that doeth wrong shall receive fo

the wrong which he hath done, and there is no respect of persons," The text haunted her long after the retired for the night. She watched the year out and the new year id, not with the happy dreams and pleasant anticipations But Constance Vary was the tenth wo of the young and gay, but with

retrospect, and gloomy forebodings. In the morning wifer the janitor brought op her mail, he also handed her a white wrapped bunch of flowers. "The gentleman will call at elever ma'am," he said respectfully.

mums, and there was no card. "Can they be from Mr. Drayton?" she "If he gives me yellow chrysanthemums low can I bear it? How can I?" she

It was another bunch of chrysanthe-

However, eleven o'clock found her in soft French grey tea gown with delicate falls of lace, and a great bunch of chrysanthemums throat into the girdle. It was characteristic of Miss Very (per haps of some other women) that if she were to be false to her convictions of right

be thorough about it, and the chrysanthenums were to her the visible token her complete renunciation of past dreams and delights, as they would be of the she expected. Bhe seemed to berself a marytr, in he

and her ideal of womanly honor, she would

dofiant, self-pitying mood. If she seems to us weak, and selfish, who check that you are tempted to marry John of us can throw a stone at her? Who can Drayton !" Suppost his letter does sound not remember occasions, perhaps more than one or two, when the world and the floch were too much for our high ideals and the recording angel chronicled a failure where we had meant should be written glarique victory?

> As she opened the door in response to ring, what face confronted her? ann browned and aged a little and with hair and board thickly streaked with gray? What voice was this but the dearest voice in the world saying "A happy New Year, Constance ?"

> Had the sea given up its dead ? The occasion was too much for her over strained nerves and it was a very demoral ized little been of Brench cashmere and lace and crushed yellow chrysonthemums that the caller gathered in his strong arms second later and deposited on the couch. "I never fainted before in my life," she

said a few minutes afterward.

terned pale! (with a jolly laugh at the ides of such a thing | And what yellow monster is this tha flow at me when I picked you up ? indicating "Toto," who gazed at them with grim disapproval form the "forbidded ground"

"I hope you never will again, my dear

It frightened me so that I must have

of a delicate sofa pillow that slipped to the Call him Toto, do you? Now I move we call him "Chrysanthemum," (he looked like one) and call him "Chris" for short. and so talked on to give her time to reques when there was a knock at the door and Then everything was explained The

old story of the letter that never came , the long years in foreign lands, &c. "But this is what I would specially like to have explained," said the gentleman taking from his pocket-book a worn slip of paper. Muss Vary road with deligate eyes. "It Boston, Aug., 16, 18 - Miss C. W. Vary."

There was a long pause, then "Perhape her name was't Constance? sugrested Miss Vary. "I never thought of that!" he said blankly, I had received no letter; I had lost track of you entirely, I read that notice and it seemed to explain everything. and, well, I didn't care where I went then.

-Halloo, what a this? picking "Jamesy's" card -- "A rival to the field Now who is Mr. James Murphy, Miss? To his boundless amazement the fair face flushed from brow to ohin. Not o account of "Jamesy" of course, but of Mr Drayton's note, of which the gard remind

la ber surprise and happeness she had completely forgotten him ! However, like a brave little woman, abtold the story. Told it to shame and humility, but not sparing herself in recital, and twhen it was finished Mr Graham said quietly, "Lot us forget all that, my dear." You've efflered enough to atone for any sutended wrong, in telling the story. I remember Mr Drayton I'll go sometime to-day and look him up. When he sees me alive and well, he will remember and understand, I think and h

instead of this one. And now suppose you charming winter morning by the Park St. entrance to the Common

graing in silence down the long avenue of been a slight fall of snow in the night. followed by rain to the morning sunlight Japanese form of macardos, which exten every two gluttered as if covered with

oung girl and her lover passed them and a scrap of their conversation drifted back | this paste on the clear winter air. "Eliza's going to be married to March" "Pretty old for that sort of thing aint she?" said he of the shadowy mustache

to me thirty's most old enough to die, but mamma says " the wind carried away Ti a couple of involuntary listeners glane od at each other with a sinile of perfect

and weak, retreating chin. "Yes seems

the oung people. I sere to a good deal that they don't kno v I" said the gentleman at last. "I loidentally, that the happiest New Year in a woman's life may come after she is thirty-and old enought to die!" said the lady with a gay little laugh.

> THE GLAD NEW YEAR. The glad New Your Is at the door. What may I sak

> > Histor and coar.

The fland of Love

That leadeth me !

From out life store ?

And care free days?

A daily walk In pleasure's maye . Nu. this I ask A lipert to see

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

selves or for their friends !

This is 183 time to be sleeping.

When wrong has its heel on the right;

When error is boldly maintaining the ground

How lightly the words are said, and yet how much they mean! How few stop ask what kind of happiness they desire for themselves, or for their friends! No doubt there is a general desire in the hearts all for shooms in the world, for comfort at home. And this is right enough, as far as it goes. But how few stop to sak what kind of happiness they desire for them

Let us ever remember as God is the

giver of all good: so also is be the giver of the New Year, or the oftion of it that we may live to enjoy, that we may spend its working time in labor for him. How these words should enho and re-echo through the soul of every candidate for glory : "Go work to day in my vineyard!" Every morning in the year when first waking to consciousness from sleep that voice of authority will be renewed. "Go work today in my vineyard !" "Work while the day lasts, for the night cometti when no man can work." There can be no happiness to an idle man. . How little comparatively have some of us worked for Jesus during the past year, during all the years of the past! In this respect shall this year be like the others, or shall there be wonderful improvement? It is quite easy to sing for Jesus, to pray to Jefus; bet to work, work, work for Jeaus-that's the question

And Truth stornal lies blooding and bound . 'p! have a hand in the fight. Now is the time for making new resolu tions, for turning over a new lost. To be sure if has come to be a proverb that New Year resolutions are evanescent. They are, we are told, like the chaff that the wind driveth away. Thrre to some truth in this, but it is by no means wholly true. Not all the good resolutions made with the opening year are fruitless. But, however large the proportion may be, that is orrtainly no excuse for neglect and the refusal to resolve again. It is lamentable to fail to carrying out good resolutions, but it is still more lamentable to refuse to try lest

One is on a pretty low plane spiritually whom he will not even resolve for fear of failure. No progress can be made without resolution, some 14 always made where there is firm and honest determination in review the 12 months carefully and see if the fear of God wasted time has not been at'the bottom of

It is quite possible that we lose much by

not being sufficiently specific in our resolutions. We resolve in a general way that we will do better, and this is well, but we should go farther and be a little more specific about it. We know of some weakness, passion or sin that is ap: to get the mastery of us; let us this year give special attention to that. If it is selfishmess, if it te hasty speaking, if it is the drink habit, let us take hold on that and subdue it We are not to be content with cutting off a single evil, but some one evil may require unusual attention, and while we will not knowingly tolerate any wrong let us this year and now, grapple with some castly

besetting sin and completely sub lue it. Oh! never stuk 'neath fortunes frown, But brave her with a shout of cheer And front her fairly-face her down She's only storn to those who feer ! Here's "better luck another year "

Another year ! But, beloved, would this be a Happy Hear & Wagnalla Company. Year to us if it should carry us to the shores of eternity? Happiness in the next world -that is what we should on deavor to attace. And it is within the power of every pps to make sure of entering

that new life with joy. No one can make sure that he will pros per in this world, or will enjoy good health. But he can make sure of a happy elernity. The pealmist says, "Thou, Lord, hest nover failed them that seek Thee." I'rec-Jone and heautiful words but not more beautiful than true. A holy life is the only way to a happy eternity-a life of of the Holy Spirit, a life of simple walking | poems on times and seasons, life and in the ways of God, seeking to do his will ou earth as it is done in beaven, and all the while doing our work heartily and the Saviour, the Crucifizion, and the Rosenjoying, thankfully, the pleasures that God gives us. This is the way to ensure a happy New Year and to prepare for a

that I wish you all a Happy New Yoar. SO MANY GIFTS.

happy hereafter. And it is in this souse

Three bondeed and staty-five spick span our Seautiful presents for me and for you fill them with kindness and squahing And you'll find these after better then play things

DEBIS SETTLED ON NEW YEAR'S add value and interest to this most desir On New Year's eve to Japan handfulls of beans are thrown about the rooms and able acquiention for the lintary or the over the threshold to exercise svil agirits centre table. It is a unne to quarry, a store house to draw from, a continent to

Before the new year the merchants explore. go and get ready for a little walk? It is a endeavor to get in all the money that is swed to them and to pay or settle their Fifteen minnies later they were standing own debts. As a consequence many things can be bought very cheaply at the end of the year, for ready money is the great desideratum. Men carrying trays of some It was a beautiful sight. There had thing looking like white worms go through the streets orying, "Sobs, sobs!" the with my sauce, is a favorite delicacy with the coules and purchase men For their As they shord admitting the stew, a little contemers these men make all of figures of devils, gods and appeals from

NEW YEAR MEANS PROGRESS

A new year, not simply another year Many people may be said to five the same year over and over again. Each succeed ng year is the same unit added once more to the sum of life There is the same tack performed in the same spirit with the same motive, the same imperfections of charsctor, the same failures of conduct. The times may change and progress hasthn, but if we stand still, we live only the old year once again. A new year never comes to the contented ox; he simply grows old. it is not the lapse of time or the progress of civilisation, but our progress, which makes possible to us a new year .-- Jonian

Love and Charity.

STRUXU.

If you can make love and charity to heast chord with the last copg the choi sings New Year's day, you can make up your mind that you are a pretty good man after all. - Kenrucy Journal.

vigorous and keep you from sickness latter

### GOOD INTENTIONS.

The wonderful things we have planned, Love The beautiful things we have done, The fields we have tilled, the gifts

In the light of another year's am When we think of it all we are belling. There's so much that never comes True, Because, Love, instead of our doing.

We're always just meaning to do. The friends we are wanting to help, Love. They struggle alone and forlorn, ty trial and suffering vanquished,

l'erchance by temptation o'erborne, But the lift Knd the touch and the greeting That well might have aided them through The perilous strait of ill fortune. They miss . - we're but meaning to do

We dream of a fountain of knowledge.

We only were meaning to do.

'We lotter along on its brink. And toy with the crystalline waters, Forever just meaning to drink. light falls, and our tasks are unfluished. Too late our lost chances we rue. Dear Love, while our comrades were doing,

-MARGARET E. SANGTSER. FIRST OF JANDARY RESOLU-TIONS.

Notions That, Carried Out, Wil Make 1896 a Pleasant Year. If you wish to avoid one fruitful cause of liscomfort during the comeng year, make a resolution not to grumble about the weather. Kicking and fault finding never made a hot day cooler or a cold day warmer; but, on the other hand, they always ntensify the current weather trouble im

If you want to make your husband good natured, resolve to help him to have his own way invariably. He probably will anyliow, and the adoption and carrying out of this resolution will save a whole lot

of trouble. If your wife has got in the habit of askng you for money every day, resolve to make her a regular all; wance and then keep your resolution. You'll be as much surprised by the result as she will be by

the resolution.

If you have become disheartened by the depravity of your fellow men, resolve to stop thinking about it and try to do a favor every day for some one of them. It will smaxe you to see how quickly the world at large will improve in your eyes. If the new year finds you clean, discouraged because of a lack of pregress in 1895,

made up of minutes, and you cannot well fail to advance between New Year's days if you make every minute count. If you have had-hard work keeping your New Year's resolutions in the past, resolve this year to make none and to conduct yourself to such a way that none will be

necessary. Good practice is better than

your failures. If it has, resolve to make

the minutes count in 1896. A year is

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French Canadian Jour de L'an

A child prestrate before its father asking or his blessing on a New Year's morning. This is a typical custom among the French Canadians of the province of Quebec, and undoubtedly retained by French Canadians now resident in New Tinchand and other parts of this republic. The head of the family rises early New Year's morning. renews the fire on the bearth and in the stoves, and, seating himself to an armehan within the shadows of the Yole low. watches the embers and awaits the first of his offspring to ask for the paternal bloss ing on the glorious "jont de l'an " Hoston

Time was when it was considered a sure sign of death before the New Year to see your own shadow in the mostlight on the lat of January.

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