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too, and all around will dis-  
appear. Could you reason-  
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they buy only the very  
best—no cheap imitations  
to be had. Come to Guelph,  
and while here be sure to  
use the beautiful holiday  
goods we have for 1904.  
Our prices are always right.

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sity winter or  
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supply the give-  
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and pavements—  
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Washing at reasonable rates. All work  
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CHARLES BURY, Proprietor.



### HAPPY NEW YEAR.

NEW YEAR.  
Why do we greet thee, O little New  
Year? What are thy pleasures of birth and  
thine? Come to Guelph, and while here be sure to  
use the beautiful holiday goods we have for 1904.  
Our prices are always right.

She had been staying for three years  
out in Pennsylvania with an invalid  
father who she had been nursing.  
Poor Aunt Susan was dead now, and  
Polly had come home again in time to  
enjoy the New Year festival in her  
old home. She was updating now,  
busy in the small back room that the  
girls had forgotten to make ready for  
her.  
As Pa Moberly sat alone in the  
kitchen to-night he was thinking of  
Polly. In his yearning fatherly heart  
there was a faint stirring hope.  
When was she coming home? That he  
might take comfort with this, his  
youngest daughter. He had felt that  
from the time she was born. She  
wasn't like the other girls, and she had  
seemed so unforgettably glad to see him.  
He felt the presence of her young spirit  
yet about his neck and her knees still  
lay on his furrowed cheek.

Just then Polly came in. She went  
quickly to his side.  
"Why, pa," she cried, "what are  
you sitting in the kitchen for, and in  
the dark, too? Is anything the  
matter?"  
In the friendly darkness pa Moberly  
took the little hand and stroked it.  
"Nothing, Polly," he said. "I—i—  
was all right."  
"And here?" she asked, "what are  
you sitting in the kitchen for, and in  
the dark, too? Is anything the  
matter?"

### Select Family Reading

**Polly's  
Home-Coming**  
By Susan H. Martin

THE girls were having a good  
time in the sitting room on  
New Year's Eve. It was well  
warmed and lighted, and there was  
the sound of laughter and the hum  
of merry voices. Some one was tuning  
a mandolin to the piano and the  
music was a fluttering of notes. Con-  
stantly had come in, as usual, to spend  
the evening. The three Moberly girls,  
that is, the three older ones, all had  
light hair, blue eyes, and lively, vi-  
cious manners that proved very ad-  
apt to the young people in the  
quiet village.

"Pa" Moberly nobody knew much  
about. He sat out in the kitchen most  
of the time. It was a dingy little  
room, and often in the evening he had  
no light but the faint light of the  
stars.  
"Pa" Moberly was a little, timid,  
shaking old man. He had faded  
blue eyes, bent shoulders and tall-worn  
hands. He had worked hard for his  
girls, and had ungenerously given  
them his comfortable quarters. As  
now he was getting old and they were  
grown to womanhood, they did not  
care.

When Mrs. Moberly was alive, things  
were different. He had his  
comfortable quarters in the sitting  
room; his slippers, too, and there was  
the lounge for him to rest on when he  
was tired.  
That, as his girls grew up, pretty,  
strong-willed, and altogether selfish,  
pa Moberly found himself banished  
from his comfortable quarters. A  
number of cushions, too fine for use,  
adorned the sofa, and his arduous  
had three titles on it. He was soon  
made to understand that he was not  
wanted.

### MAKING A NEW START.

In a sense there is nothing peculiar  
about New Year's day. It is neither  
longer nor shorter, brighter nor  
darker, colder nor warmer, because it  
is the first day of the year. You  
can say that it is more important  
in our life than the next, or any suc-  
ceeding day will be. Every day is  
important. We know not, as we  
enter the gates what may depend on  
this day, or what may follow in  
its short hours. We are trifling with  
moments of vital moment when we  
regard any common day as unim-  
portant, when we suppose it is of no  
consequence how we live, what we do,  
what we say, when we go to that  
day. There is not an hour we live  
in which something may not happen  
that will change everything for us.  
Any day may be doomday.

### A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Just at the turn of the midnight,  
When the children are fast asleep,  
The third Old Year slips up by him-  
self.  
And the New Year takes a peep  
At the wonderful things in his pas-  
sage.  
Weather, all sorts, there will be no  
lack.  
And many a wondrous thing  
Planes, by hook and crook,  
Stars and suns and rain  
The merry times and the sorrowful  
—himself.  
And the weaving of joy and pain.  
When the children wake in the morn-  
—himself.  
Shouting their "Happy New Year!"  
The year will be started well on his  
Swinging along through his first glad-  
—himself.  
With a path before him clear.  
Twenty long months for his journey:  
At the end of it all he'll slip out him-  
—himself.  
Glad of a chance to be laid on the  
—himself.  
At the stroke of the midnight bell.

### ONE'S MERCEDES.

If any one should give me a dish  
of sand, and say there are particles of  
iron in it, I might look with my eyes  
for them, and search for them with my  
clumsy fingers, and be unable to  
find them; but let me take a magnet  
and sweep it, and how it would draw  
to itself all the most valuable particles  
of the pure power of attraction! The  
unfathomable mind, like my finger in  
the sand, discovers no mores; but  
let the thankful heart sweep through  
no day, and as the magnet finds the  
iron, so I will find in every hour some  
heavenly blessings; only the iron in  
God's sand is gold.—Oliver Wendell  
Holmes.

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