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aunt for whom she had been named.

there was a faint stirring hope.

from the time she was born.

lay on his furrowed cheek.

their mother.

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ways alt here."

he faltered.

room as you used to?"

Pa Moberly shook his head.

"But why?" insluted Polly.

quickly to his side.

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CHARLIE KURY, Prop. | quiet, and brown-eyed.

NEW YEAR Why do we great thee, Q Mithe New Year? What are thy pleasures of mirth and cluser? Comest, knight-errant, the wrong right Connest to scatter our gloom with light? Wherefore the thrill, the sparkle, the In heart and oyos at a word of thine? The old was buoyant, the old was true, Ho crowned us often with grace and

His stormest skies had a deep blue rift. Straight and swift when his hand tinclaspad, With welcome and joy once more We KLERINK!

O. tell us, Year - wo are fain What is thy charm, that we hall thee Dont promise much that is fair and The wind's low stir in the rippling The wave's soft plash on the sandy The bloom of roces from shore Glance of wings from the bowery nest,

Music and perfume from East and Fronts to glitter in jeweled rhyme. Stars above us their watch to keep, And rain and dow though we wake you sitting in the kitchen for, and in or sleep?

Chose, O Year, we shall have from For the thing bath been, and aye Sowing and reaping from socil The waiting long, and the fruitage What beyond is thy guerdon bright, To us who stand in the dawning light? Through the other clear from the The New Year bockons, and makes reply:

our old arm chair any more?" "I bring you, friends, what the years Pa Moberly's chin quivered. have brought, ince ever mee tolled, aspired, hor. Polly was like her mother. Days for labor and nights for rost : "Alice likes to keep that chair for And I bring you love, a heaven-born company," his said slowly. Knewt: Space to work in, and work to do, don't mind the kitchen so much, now. And faith in that which is pure and he added, as cheerfully as he could. Hold me in honor, and greet me dear,

"At least I won't now, since you've come home. I do mles the old chair And sooth you'll find me a Happy some, but it's all right." -MANGARRY E. SANGETERL "The piris don't want me in there Polly," he went on, huskily. "They're young, and there's always company Select Family Reading

you know. I don't know as I blame 'om much. I'm old and worn out and behind the times. No. I can't say as I blame 'em." Polly laid her soft cheek against the

"You're not old or worn out or hind the times, either I" she said. "It's a shame for you to stay out here!" Her sweet, girlish face was full of indignation. "But never mind, pa," she went on.

"I tell you there are botter days ahead, We're going to turn over a new leaf to-night and be ready for old-time comforts, and we enter upon the Now Year to-morrow. I've come now, and I'm going to look after you, see if I don't. What-would in think if she were here, to see you sitting here all alone in this dark old kitchen? Why, it would break her heart! Come with me; pa !"

"Where?" said na Moberly, healtatingly, in his surprise. "Into the sitting room." "Oh, I can't go there, Polly; they

lon't want me." "Yes, you can. I want you. You wouldn't refuse me anything on this my first night home?" Pa Molerly got up. The old wooden

chair was uncomfortable, and he rose stifily, even with the aid of Polly's "Pa" Molerly was a little, timid, arm.

whispered, "We'd better not." But Polly only squeezed his hand in

Moberly felt stronger. room ; his elippers, too, and there was having a good time indeed.

A young lady in a blue dross occupled the plane stool. A young man bending over the victim, said : "Well, liveliest air of onjoyment.

It was not long before he began to stay in the kitchen, and by and by he sat no where olso. He knew every What did Polly mean, and what did uncovered and bowed their heads, he pa mean, by intruding on their com- repeated the prayer word for word, the only chair he had to sit on was an pany in this fashion? Polly advanced old straight-hadded wooden one, in steadily into the center of the room. still holding her father's hand.

termined was the air Polly wore-like as he looked down upon the pale face, young captain going into battle. It "your pardner is dead."-Selected. was as if Ma Moberly had come to life Alico rose. The young huly at the dano turned, the young man stopped

And who was that pretty, brownhalred girl with flashing eyes? Allee broke the silence. "My sister, ble le our old friend, Eva Reent. Pa, 'me."

white-haired man who lived there.

the had been staying for three years | you know Eva ?" Pa fielded cordially and so did Polly

and every one felt it. Poor Aunt Basset was dead now, and Polly had come home again in time to onjoy the New Year festivities in her young man reclining in the chair. old home. She was upstalrs now, "Do you mind taking another chair, Any day may be doomeday. busy in the small lack room that the Mr. Bryant?" who said pleasantly girls had forgotten to make realy for gave it to him."

Alice and Belle and Harriet flushed. An Pa Moberly ant alone in the The old was brave, when the old was kitchen to-night he was thinking of but Polly was quite undisturbed. The Polly. In his yearning fatherly heart | young man was natonished, but he of. Now we seem to be at a point rose quickly, with a stammered apole- | where we can cut ourselves, off from There was some chance that he gy, but Polly calmly wheeled the chair | those spolled days and begin again. might take comfort with this, his nearer the pleasant fire.

youngest daugter. He had felt that "Sit here, pa," she said, affectionate She ly, "and let me turn the light so it wasn't like the other girls, and she had won't hurt your eves." seemed so unfeignedly glad to see him She adjusted the light to her liking. He felt the pressure of her young arms | then pushed pa Moberly gently into

rot about his nock and her kisses still his old place. His white hair shone in the lamplight, and his line trombled. In the darkness of the old kitchen "There I" said Polly in a pleased in brushed a tear from his eye. He tone. "Isn't that botter ?" was thinking of Ma Moberly, too, and Regardless of all onlookers, she

of her gentle, tender, womanly ways. stroped and kissed the withered He wished the girls were more like cheek; then she turned to the others. "Go on with your playing, won't Just then Polly came in. tShe went yon, Eva 7' she said gently. Nobody spoke; then the young lady "Why, pu," who cried, "what are turned to the plane and the restraint

the dark, too? Is anything the Pa Moherly's eyes grey molat. How soft the chair was, and how pleasant In the friendly darkness pa Molarly | the fire, and how comfortable was the

'Nothing, Polly," he said. "I-I al- shoulder! And there was something else. He "Always sit here?" she cried, in sur- know and every one else know, that dragging at one's feet, impeding one's prise. "Don't you go into the sitting his lonely hours in the kitchen were progress. Hope breaks every chain,

New Year's morning would find the straight-backed wooden chair had

on't mean to tell me you don't sit in

A PRIEND'S BOHEME.

Here is an amusing anocdote which Mr. J. T. Trowbridge relates in his recent book of literary reminiscences "My Own Story:" "After I had been so far prospered as to be able to place a small deposit in a savings bank, the father of a family once besought me for a loan of sixty dollars. When I told him my sincere regret, that I had no such sum at command, he made answer that his quarter's rent was due, that he had been unable to collect some bills he had relied on to make up the needful sum, and he didn't know which way to turn, if I couldn't holp him. "I haven't it," I repeated; "but' -I thought of my poor little savings bank doposit, and of a family man's natural distress of being unable to pay his rent-"I might possibly raise it for you." Although I know there would to a loss of accumulated and prospec tive interest if I withdrew my money from the bank, and I could not think of taking interest from a friend. expressions of gratitude paid me in ad vance for any such sacrifice. I went at once and drow the sixty dollars. which I handed him without saying how I had come by it. He hald me in a week or two, thanked me warmly, and added this naive remark : "If you truthfulness are quite as common hadn't lent me the money, I should "Give us the man," says Dean Stanhave had to take it out of the savings ley, "young or old, high or low, on bank, and have lost the interest." I

smiled and hold my peace."

THE TRAMP'S PRAYER. There had been a rallroad wrock. "No, I couldn't, Polly," he said. two persons were killed and five or alx that momenta ragged, unknopt and typical vagabond came forward, and and with such feeling as astonished everybody. When he had finished he rose up and said, "That's it. Jim, and looked, the girls thought, and how de- more for him." 'answered the doctor,

NO OPTION BUT BUHHENDEN. "I couldn't get out of marrying had come to the Molerly house, this proposed she said, Will you marry 'yes' or 'no,' she had me.'

> "Why didn't you just keep silent, then?" inquired his friend.

In a sense there is nothing peculiar

MAKING A NEW START.

about New Year's day. It is mither longer nor shorter, brighter nor glanulor, colder nor warmer, became it is the first day of the year. Nor can we say that it is more important in our life than the next, or any succeeding day will be. Every day is Important. We know not, as we enter its gates what may depend on its decisions, or what we may do in its short hours. We are trilling with untlers of vital moment when we regard any commonest day as unimportant, when we suppose it is of no consequence how we live, what we do, But something unusual was in the air, what we say, whom we meet, that day. There is not an hour we live Polly led pa Moberly up to the in which semething may not happen that will change everything for us.

Yot the first day of the New Year "You see, this one is pa's favorite. Ma | always seems to have special significance. It is a new beginning. The past has not been satisfactory. There are things in it which we are ashumed So we make good resolutions and

One of the cloments in all new-year life should be hope. No matter what lies bohind, how imperfect and blotted the past and full of failure, we have "What is now a new opportunity. defeat?" naked Wendall Phillips. of canvas before he can paint a pic- the wand, discovers no mercies: but ture which is worthy to be seen. We let the thankful heart sweep through ready now to do better. We should God's sand is gold .- Oliver Wondell took the little hand and stroked it. touch of the little firm hand upon his begin anow without 'the slightest Holmes. colling of discouragement over our met. Discouragement is a chain

makes one free, and changes burdens

that is oither boautiful or good; we

whom we can thoroughly depend:

Another of the elements in been pushed back, to be occupied no propitious new year must be readimore. The firelight could play on the new for hard work. Want of energy dingy walls, but me Moberly would not is one of the most fruitful causes of be there to see. Polly had come there fallures in life. Nothing worth while did not know, and it was hard to tell to take care of him, and Polly was can be easily attained. The young brave. It was as if Ma Moberly had man who is in quast of a good time come to life sgain, and the morrow's with short hours, light tasks, no "Oh, I dawning brought a Mappy New Year stuggles, and other people to do the hard things for him, will not realize the dreams he is cherishing. We cannot dream ourselves into anything

must how our drowns out of the lord rock with pick and hammer. There is nothing for the self-indulgent but miserable failure. Thousands of young people are now in school, or preparing in other ways for their life work. Wise men are telling us these days that the secret of nearly all failures in business life may be traced to lack of thoroughness in preparation. Men do not rise above their starting place because they do not muster their work. They are content to get through the day watching the clock, and dropping everything the moment the closing hour comes. They have no real inter est in what they are doing. The result is they never get any higher. They blame it on the employers there is no chance for promotion, they say. The new year should call young people to thoroughness in preparation. Preparation is everything. t makes you ready to onter the gates of opportunity which are always opening in life's paths. A further essential element in good now year is character. They tell us that gambling has become universal vice. Dishonesty and un-

who will stand firm when others fail the friend, faithful and true, the ad visor, honoat and fearloss, the adver sary, just and chivalrous; in such a one there is a fragment of the Rock of You-you're too much like your lejured, and among the latter was a Ages." This sentence is worthy of professional tramp, who had been being written in words of gold on the As they left the dark kitchen to- stealing a ride. To the doctor who | walls of every young man's room. At gether pa Moberly grasped Polly's oxamined his injuries, he said, smiling English preacher recently used this hand tightly. "I'm afraid Poll," he foebly, and with that manner peculiar Illustration: "Once there was a brier to bla class: "Well pard, what's the growing in a ditch and there came a verdict of the jury ?" "You are very gardener with a spade. As he dug a rousenring clasp, and somehow pa badly burt," was the roply. "Are my round it and lifted it out the brier lege off?" "No; you are fatally in- said to itself : "What is he doing that Polly opened the sitting room door, Jured, however." "That means I'm a for? Does he not know that I am an and a stream of light flashed out hito goner; my pard was on the car shoad, old and worthless brier?" Then the the little dark entry. The girls were is he hart?" "No, here he is." At gardener took it to the garden and planted it amid his flowers, while the brier said : "What a mistake he has made, planting an old brier like mywith hair plastered down over his fore- Jim, they say you have got to go, solf among such rose trees as those. head occupied pa Moberly's arm-chair. How are you feeling over it ?" "Sor- Hut the gardener came once more He had a mandelin in his hand, and | ter ! No use to kick, "Tom." "Kin I | with his keen-edged knife, made a was strumming it to the young lady's | do anything for you?" The dying slit in the brier, and, as they say in ecompaniment. Alice and Hell and | man gazed at him a moment in allence | England, "budded" it with a rose, ftarrief were sitting about with the and then whispered, "Tom, you are and, by and by, when summer came, the only pardner I over had asknowed lovely roses were blooming on that As Polly and pa Moberly entered the Lord's Prayer. Just say it over to old brier. Then the gardener said : the room, their complacency suddenly me." The old tramp pulled off his cap "Your beauty is not due to that fuled into astonishment and dismay. and knelt down, and as the bystanders | which came out, but to that which That is what Christ would do with each life of ours. He would not him self, his own life, into us. Then we shall be able to live worthily and How little and shy and bent pa kin I do anything more?" "Nothing beautifully, and to succeed and become a blessing in the world.

, HORODA INJUKED.

A man came into the police court at Ottawa the other day carrying a friend on his back. The Judge said : his mandolin. In all the months he her," Hoppeck explained. "When she | "What's the trouble?" The man blillous man be never a companionable said: "Indge, this man is a friend man because his ailment renders him mo? Have you any objection? of mine and his name is Oun. Now, more and plasmy. The complaint You see, no matter whether I said Judge, Gun is loaded. I know it is is not as dangerous as it is disacreeagainst the law to carry a loaded gan able. Yet no one need suffer from it on the streets, so I brought him who can proune Paralee's Vegetable

here!" The judge said: "Gun, you Pills. By regulating the liver and ob-"That's what I did, and she said, are discharged," and the next day the viating the effects of bile in the stemnervously, "and-my father. And Sil reegi, co consent," and that ended [region was in the papers. Haworth, [ach they restore men to cheerfulness, (III.) Natural Class.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Just at the turn of the midnight. When the children are fast asleep, The thod Old Year allow out by him Glad of a chance to be laid

And the New Year takes a perp At the beautiful world that is waiting ... For the wonderful things in his pedlar's pack; Weather, all sorts, there will be no And many a wondrous things

Flowers, by hests and armies, Stars and sumbine and rate ! The merry times and the worrowful times, Quickstep and jingle and dirge and

And the weaving of joy and pain. When the children wake in the morn-Shouting their "Happy New Yoar," The year will be started well on his

Swinging along through his first glad With the path before him clear. I'welve long months for his journey:

Fifty-two weeks of a spell; It the end of it all be'll slip out him-Glad of a chance to be laid on the At the stroke of the midnight bell

OUR MERCIES.

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no light only the faint light of the

had come in, as usual, to spend the

shrinking, old man. He had faded blue eyes, bentahoulders and toll-worn hands. He had worked hard for his girls, and had ungradgingly given thom his best. It seemed too had that now he was getting old and they were grown to womanhood, they did not When Mrs. Moberly was alive,

things were different. He had his

comfortable chair then in the sitting.

the lounge for him to rest on when he

was tired. Hut, as his girls grew up, protty, strong-willed, and altogether solfish ps Moberly found himself banfaligh from ble comfortable quarters. number of cushions, too fine for use adorned the sofa, and his armchair had three tidles on it. He was soon made to understand that he was no wanted.

figure on the dingy papered walls, and

which he could not rest. He west to look sometimes for old corner in the sitting-room, with its lights, its laughter, and its music, but to his gentle hints the girls gave scant encouragement. "They didn't want pa around," they told themselves. The lovely, tired old man had many thoughts as he sat in the kitchen night after night in solltude, and he some times used to ponder the question h was the first he had seen of the little his beart, as to whether, after all.

paid to bring up girls who wer

ashamed of you after you are old. Polly did not know about the changed condition of affairs. Polly was the

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