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Regardless of all onlookers, ab

"Chi on with your playing, won'

Notherly broke t then the young lady

turned to the plane and the restraint

soft the chair was, and how pleasant

And there was kemething else.

New Year's morning would find the

more. The firelight could play on the

not be there to see. Polly had com-

was brave. It was as if Ma Moberly

QIVE YOUR BEST.

The story is told of an old Irlet

woman who lived the life of a miser

all slone in an old house that was liter-

ally tumbling down around her care

of the two umbrellas which she

possessed, and, again opening the

duor, she passed it out to him

sure to bring it back again without

The queen proceeded with her drive

back to the castle; but, when she rais-

ed the umbrella, elio found that it was

it to pieces and the queen did not

The next day the queun's footman

of her majesty. Queen Victoria, to

"Do you mean to tell me that the

"It was, ma'an," roplied the foot-

"Well, why didn't ye tell mo? Why

heavenly Father, who is King of Kinge,

NEW YEAR'S ORESTINGS.

A happy New Year to all the world .-

Ringing in the New Year. The

I will live in the present, the past

Every blessing that the prayers of

A time when most mon cherish good

resolves and sorrow for the wasted

past; when most nion, looking on the

shadows as they gather, think of that

evening which must close on all, and

that to-morrow which has no beyond.

SUSPICIOUS LOOKING.

Of a political transaction that had a

money chough to pay your bill.' The

waiter selzed the bill hurriedly. 'Just

lot me add it up again, eir,' he mutter-

true and earnest hearts our call down

chines are ringing-great bells, nielo-

the very best that we possess !

"The Obrietmas Carol."

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escape her wetting.

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The monarch who is laid away . . . Within the catacomb of years Was barsh and ruthless in his day-Bromed less to love our joys than

We look for blessings manifold, New year, from thy pure, sluless We trust thy heart will ne'er grow

Toward us -and our native land ! Bring healing to the hearts now sore From wounds the cruel old year The vell of pracefulness draw o'er. The wors at each heart thresho

Our hearts refuse to ldyal he To one who takes delight to fling Upon our hearts keen misery ! Be kind to us -- that we may say, When comes the time for thee to go Odarling year, we grieve to-day, Because we all have loved you so!

Belect Family . Hendina

Polly's Home Coming

BY BURAN II. MARTIN. HE girls were having a good time in the sitting room on Now Year's ove. It was wel warmed and lighted and there was the round of lenghter and the hum of merry volces. Some one was tuning a mandelin to the plane and there was a fluttering of music leaves. Company had come in, as asual, to spend the evening. The three Moherly girls that le, the three older ones, all had light hair, bine eyes, and lively, vivacious manners that proved very attractive to the young people in the

quiet villago. "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 don't want me. no light only the faint light of the

"Pa" Murborly was a little, thuld shrinking, old man. He had faded blue eyes, bont shou derannd toll worn hands. He had worked hard for his girls, and had ungradgingly given them life best. It seemed too bee that now he was getting old and they were grown to womanhood, they did

When Mrs. Morberly was allve things-wore different. ... Ha had his comfortable chair then in the sittingroom; his elippers, too, and there was the lounge for him to rost on when I

was tired. But, as his girls grow up, protty strong willed, and altogether solfish Pa Moberly found blmsolf bantales from his comfortable quarters. number of onshions, too fine for use, adorned the sofe, and his armebale pled the plate stool. A young man man. had three tidles on it. He was soon

It was not long before he legan to stay in the kitchen, and by and by he young lady's accompaniment. Alice And to think I've sat at this window. sat no where else. He knew every and Bell and Harriet were sitting for twelve years hoping to see the days." figure on the dingy papered walls, and the only chair he had to sit on was an old straight-backed wooden

one in which he could not rest. He used to long cometimes for his Its lights, its laughter and its music, not want Pa around," they told them. still holding her father's hand.

night after night. in solitude, and bo sometimes used to ponder the ques- It was as if Ma Moberly had come to tion in his heart, as to whether, after all, it paid to bring up girls who were ashanied of you after you are

Polly did not know about was the youngest, and more like her mother than any of the others, being | And who was that protty, brown-

suistl; quiet and brown eyed. She had been staying for three years out in Ponnyslvania with an invalid aunt for whom she had been named. Poor Aunt Bassett was dead, now, and Polly had come home again in time to enjoy the New Year feetlystairs now, busy in the small back room that the girls had forgotten to make ready for her.

Polly. In his yearning fatherly heart "You see, this one is Pa's favorite. there was a faint stirring hope. There was some chance that hol had seemed so unfelgoodly glad to see | the chair nearer the pleasant fire.

In the darkness of the old kitelien he | then pushed Pa Moberly gently into | to the walter: 'I am sorry. I can't give | poorer than we ought to be brushed a tear from his eye. He was his old place. His white hair shone | you a tip, but I find I have only just thinking of Ma Moberly, too, and of in the lamplight, and his lips tremher gentle, tender, wohimity ways. bled. He wieled the girls were more like - "There!" said Polly, in a Box 430, Acten, Ont. their niother.

Just then Polly came in. . She went 1 . ulckly to his side. t'Why. Po." 'sho' cried, "what 'are You altting in the kitchen for, and in you, Eva?" she said gently. the dark, too? Is anything the mat-

took the little hand stroked and it. was quickly qvor. "Nothing, Polly," he said. "I always olt here." Thy young bands yot but blesselngs "Always alt here?" she orled, in surprise. "Don't you go Into the sitting-room as you used to?"

In the friendly darknow Pa Mobarly

Pa Moberly shook his head. "No, know, and overy one else know, that he fultored. "But why?" insisted Polly. his lonely hours in the kitchen wer don't mean to tell me you don't ait in over. your arm clisir any more?" straight-hacked wooden chair has Pa Moborly's chin quivered.

been pushed back, to be occupied no did not know, and it was hard to tell her. Polly was like her mother dingy walls, but I'a Moharly would "Alice likes to keep that chair for company," he said slowly. there to take cure of him, and Polly don't mind the kitchen so much now," be added as cheerfully as he could. had come to life again, and the mor "At least I won't now, since vou've row's dawning brought a Happy Now

come home. I do miss the old chair some, but it's all right." "The girle don't want me in there. Polly," he went on, huskily. "They are young, and there's always company, you know. I don't know as I blame 'em much. I'm old and worn out, and behind the time. No, I can

She lived not a great way from a castle, not say as I blame 'em." Polly laid her soft check against the where it was the habit of Queen Victoria to spend her summer months wrinkled one. One day the queen was driving by the "You're not old or worn out, or beblad the dimer, eitherl' she said.

home of the old woman in an open carriage, when there came up a sudder "It's a shame for you to stay out rain storm, finding the queen withou Her sweet, girli-h face was full of oven an umbrella for shelter. She ordered her footman to go to the "I tell you there are better days ahead.

house of the old woman hard by, and ask the loan of an umbrolla. At the We're going to turn over a new loaf footman's knock she opened the door to-night and be ready for old time but slightly, and, peoring at him with comforts, and we enter upon the New one eye, asked gruffly : Year to morrow. I've come now, and "What do yo want?" I'm going to look after you, see if I "Would ye lond us an umbrella for don't. What would Ma think if sho the lady in the carriage?" he asked. were here to see you sitting here all "Will yo be sure to bring it back? alone in this dark old kitchen? Why, she said; and, being assured in the it would break her heart ! Come with affirmative, she went reluctantly to her closet and brought him the oldest

"Where ?" said Pa Moberly, hesitatingly, in his surpriso. "Into the sitting-room."

"Oh, I can't go there, Polly, they You, you can. I want you. You wouldn't refuse me anything on this. iny first night home ?" Pa Moherly got up. The old wooden chalr was unconfortable, and he rose stiffly, even with the aid of Polly's

"No. I couldn't, Polly," he said. "You-you're-too much .. like your. called at the home of the old Irluh As they left the dark kitchen tositk umbrella with gold handle, saygother Pa Molarly grasped Polly's ling : hand tightly. "I'm a(rold, Poll," he

whilepered, "wo'd better not. But Polly only squeezed his hand in | whom you loaned an umbrella yester-Moberly felt stronger. Polly opened the sitting room door

and a stroam of light flashed out into lady who wanted my umbrells will the little dark entry. The girls were | Queen Victoria P" exclaimed the having a good time indeed. A young lady in a blue dress occuwith hair plastered down over his unde to understand that he was not forehead occupied Pa Moberly s arm. I lent her the worst one I had! If I chale. He had a mandolla in his had known she was the queen, she air?" hand, and was strumming it to the could have had my best umbrolla.

about with the liveliest air of enjoy- queen pass; and, when she did come and wanted my umbrells. I lunt her As Polly and Pa Mohorly entered | the worst one I had!" And she bitterthe room their complacency suddenly ly blamed herself for not giving the faded into astonishment and dismay, Lqueen her best. old corner in the sitting-room, with | What did Polly mean, and what did | So it is, says II. Bounchamp, with Pa mean, by intruding on their commany Christians. They give God the but to his gentle hints the girls gave pany in this fashion? Polly advanced prorest instead of the best. If we would give our earthly ruler the best, how much more ought we to give our

scanty encouragement. "They did stendily into the centre of the room. How little and shy and bent Pa The lenely, tired old man had many looked, the girls thought, and how thoughts as he sat in the kitchen determined was the air Polly worslike a young captain going into battle

Good fortune and happiness go with Alice rose. The young ludy at the plane turned, the young man stopped his mandolin. In all the months ho the bad come to the Moberly house, this changed condition of affairs. Polly | was the first he lad seen of the little. dies, deep-monthed, noble bolls-"The white-haired man who lived there.

halred girl with flashing eyes ? and the future. I will not shout out Alice broke the silence. "My sister Polly, Mr. Bryant," she said, a little the lessons that they teach .- "The Ohristmas Carol." nervously, "and-my father. This is our old friend, Eva Bront, Pa. You know Eva P" from the source of all truth and singer-

Pa nodded cordially and so did Polly Ities in her old home. She was up. But something unusual was to the air, fty-cheer and prosper you .- "Oliver and everyone felt It. Polly led Pa Moberly up to the young man reclining in the chair As Pa. Moberly sat alone in the "Do you mind taking another chair, kitchen to night he was thinking of Mr. Bryant?" she said pleasantly.

Ma gave it to blut." Allco and Bello and Harriet finaled -"Martin Chuzzlewit." might take comfort with this, his but Polly was quite undisturbed. The youngest daughter. He had felt that young man was natonished, but he from the time who was horn .- She rose -quickly -- with a - stammerodwasn't like the other girls, and she spology, but Polly calmly wheeled blut. He felt the pressure of her "Sit here, Pa," she said affectionate.

young arms yet about his neck, and ly, "and let me turn the light so i her klases will lay on his furrowed won't hurt your over."

tone. "len't that better?"

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

Christmas Week Items from Free Press Files in 1887. The FREE PRESS offered congratula

tions to the participants in two quiet woddings at Christmatide. On Wednesday, Dec. 21st, Mr. Wil linn Smith, foreman of Toronto Tan ning Co., to Janate, oldest daughter of Mr. William Carroll, all late of Acton were married in Toronto by Rev. Alex Sapson. The hilds and groom were. attended by Miss Josele Perkins and Mr. W. H. Spelghi, bith of Acton. . On Wednesday, Dec. 28th, at the Nelson family residence, Mill Street

Actor, Rev. R. Phillips united in mar clage, Miss Mannie Nelson, daughter cheek; then the turned to the others. of the late John Nelson, to Mt T. James Moore, tengher at Letlie's school, Erin, and son of Thos. T Moure, Principal Acton Public School Mr. John McLean has been wlected trustre of Lorne School. . The Board Pa Moberly's eyes grew thoist, How is now, composed of Mesers. Wm.

Moore, Thos. Cameron and John Methe fire, and how comfortable was the touch of the little firm hand upon his Mr. Joseph Lasby has been nominat-

ed for Esquesing Council. At the nonsination on Monday Joseph Fyfe were nominated for Reeve. The two latter declined. For Councilore, Mesers, John Cameron, Jas. Brown, Wm. Ismond, W. E. Smith. John Kenney, Ben., J. B. Pearson, Robert Wallace, Joseph A. Hpeight James Moore, Alex. Secord, Dr. Lowry and D. Henderson, were nominated Only three of the latter allowed their names eventually to stand, and Mr Storey did not feel inclined to undertake the conduct of municipal business under the circumstances and also with-

drew. There will have to be another Miss S. B. Snulth, fate teacher of Lorne Public School, who has been a valued member of Knox Church Choir, was pleasantly surprised while enjoying an evening with the choir at the and women. Nothing is cleaner than Manse upon invitation of Rev. and Mrs. Rac, by receiving a complimentary address read by Dr. Lowry, and a beautiful album, presented by Mr. A. Mann. Mr. D. Henderson conducted the presentation ceremonies, and the address was signed on behalf of the choir by Dr. Lowry, A. T. Munn, Jan. Hulsted and John Lawson.

Miss Reid, teacher at Bannockburn, sented by the scholars with an address furniture we have accumulated! And and an elegant album, tendered by Cameron Watren and Ada Somer-Mr. Mosce Smith, of Lowell, Mich.

le vielting his former home here.

Mr. Judson Cook, and Lorne, of Minpenpolis, are visiting at the old home. Jud. is doing well in the west. Mr. and Mrs. II. Grindell, of Guelph and Mr. and Mrs. John Hemstreet, of Shelburne, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Honistreet, of Gloversville, are vielting

at Mr. W. Hometreet's. Successful Sunday school entertainments were held-Knox was in the town hall, and a very varied program was presented, including addresses by so old and decayed that the wind tore Rov. Mr. Phillips and Mr. D. Honder son. Rov. J. W. Ras, presided. The Disciples' was hold with a full church and the scholars gave admirable service. Roove Fyfe procided, and Rove. woman and prosented her with a new Phillips, Rao, and Munro, of Everton, gave addresses. The Methodists held theirs on Ohristmas night having "This comes with the compliments Christmas tree, a real live Banta Claus,

dresses by Rovs. Rac, R. B. Cook and a reassuring clasp, and somehow Pa day, which was destroyed by the Roove Fyfe. Rov. R. Phillips presid-WIT AND HUMOR. Illxon - Who invented the ga

a toa, a lengthy programme, with ad-

Dixon-Judging from my last gas bill. I abould say Ananias. "How tong can a man go without "I do not know. The langest Pull man trip I ever took occupied seven

Ho-If you refuse me, I swear I wil navor love any other woman. She-Will you swear it all the same f I accept you?

Cook-Dinks suffers from hay fever doesn't he? Hook - I should say he des He can't even pass a grass widow without

endering.

"It was a case of love at first sight with me." "Then why didn't you marry her? ' "I saw her sigain on several oc-

"Are you fund of Wagnerian music?" "Woll," answered Mr. Cumrox, "I'm not exactly fond of it, but it doesn't disturb me as much as it used to." "I thought you were married, and

yet you're sewing on your own "I am married, but I keep my Independence, let me tell you.'

He-Why are you going to marry that old fossil P She - I love the very ground be

Ho-I know, but len't there any other way of getting it? Mrs. Gray-What book has been the most beinful to you?

saves the price of a high-chair.

The baby sits on it at the table, and I

Mrs. Brown-Webster's Dictionary.

OF COURSE YOU KNOW. You know the liquor traffic absorbs the money that ought to go for food suspicious look, Sonator Beyoridge and clothing and comforts. It outs cinal, healing; body-building elements sald : "Though in the thing there is ; down the business man's receipts and of ood liver oil, but no oil. nothing on which we can lay our hand, ologs the factory with unsold goods. It gertainly appears fishy. It reminds | It weakens the workers' power to earn. me of a Washington walter. A gentle. and makes him a degraded weakling billtated, tired, overworked people, old She adjusted the light to her liking man after enting a good dinner, said instead of a man. It makes us all people, weak women, nursing mothers,

> AS GOOD AS NEW. "How about those good resolution

you made the first of the year?"

"Oh, they are still good."

THE DYING YEAR

Boant leaves upon the aspen Bliske golden in the sun : old Year, thy sine are many, Thy sand is almost run. The beech-tree, brazon orange, Burns like a sunset down ;

Old Year, thy grave is ready :

Doff sceptre, robe, and orown.

The elm, a yellow mountain, Is shedding louf by leaf ; The rains; in guste of passion, Pour fourth their quenchies grief The winds, like banchees mourning, Old Year put off thy splendour. And don thy funeral bood ..

The bare boughe bar the sky— Skeletons wild and warning. Quaking to see thee die. hou hast lived thy life, romember; Now lay thee down and rest [ The grade shall grow aboye thy lead; And the flower above thy breast.

THE DOOR OF A POSSIBLE HEAVEN,

New Year's Day is the universal moving-day. Out we go, whother we will or not, from No. 1007 into No. 1008, and January First (as the very name indicates) is the door of our new liouse. Janus was, as Ovid telle us, Mosers. W. H. Storey, Dr. Lowry and the doorkeeper, or junitor, of heaven. and fanua was the common Latin word for "house-door." I do not wonder that we are to be evicted from our present house, for even in the term of a single year we have proved ourselves pretty bad tenants. How selfish and thoughtless and wrong headed and wrong hearted we have been, and what a mess we have made of the premises! I do not know what use our landlord, Pather Time, makes of the old year when we have done with it, but what a house-cleaning must be necessary before he can let it out to other occupante! And, on the other hand, what a fine thing it is to have a brand-new year to move into, as pure and spotless as the celestial regions and quite as fit for angels as for men the future, and January First is really the door of a possible heaven. . If we make anything less than a heaven of our new spartments, it will be altogether our own fault and not that of

Since we have to move anyhow, why should we not take the opportunity of changing our way of conducting our business at the same time? What a on leaving her school there, was pre- lot of broken and out-worn officewe ought to be ashamed of our obsolete system of push and pull, violence and decelt-each for bimself and against everyone vice. Let us open a new set of books and adopt the best up-to date methods. It is only in so far as we have been generous and kindly and helpful in the past that we have got any sound estisfaction out of life. Let us encourage those qualities at the expense of the others. I suggest the insertion of the following business notice in the list of almilar announcements which always mark the begin-

ning of a new year : "We, the people of 1008, hereby give notice that, on the occasion of our enforced change of quarters on the First Day of January next, we shall cease doing business under our old firm name of Greed, Grab, and Graft, having formed the new partnership of Freedom, Fairplay, and Friendlinees, which will act as Anglo-Saxon representative of the well-known house of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity."

Wouldn't that sound well ? But let us not be discouraged if we cannot affect this great change all at once. At any rate, on this and overy succoeding New Year's Day, we can, each of us, resolve to contribute our little nert toward bringing the good time nearer, and then-who knows P-some day it may actually come true, and January First at last prove to be the real door of a new heaven on earthfor Justice is the architecture of heaven and its courts are warmed by Love.-Ernest Crosby.

Sprains should be treated as quickly as possible with hot water, after which the part affected should be rubbed

with liniment. Much fuel may be saved when bolling clothes by having two or three layers of ashestos wrapped around the wash boller.

A CRAZY MAN Found Esting an Egg. Shell and All -People are Amazed. A creay man was recently foundest-

ing an egg, shell and all and it was declared additional proof of his ineanity, as every one realizes that the shell of an egg has no food value, and is both indigestible and injurious. It is just as crazy for a same person to swallow a lot of cod liver oil to get the benefit of the medicinal elements contained therein, as for the crasy man to eat the egg, shell and all.

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