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OLD YEAR! GOOD MIGHT! The day has hastened to its close, Hebind the lurid West The wintry sun, which late uprose, Haw early sunk for test, Now all in dark to bornen alghet 1 Good night, Old Year! Good night! The favor and the strife are o'er -The turmoil and the din t A selemn panes seems given before, The New Year's nahered in. We wait the dawning of its light; Good night, Old Year! Good pight!

With false Ambition's smouldering Illusions and deceits: Our lukewarm efforts for the Right : Good night, Old Year! Good night Give place, Old Year, to fairer days, With higher hopes and alms, . Give, through the darkness of the

of pass our unfulfilled desires-

Our failures and defeatet

() car views of I)uty's claims; for lust for self the prospect blight Good night, Old Year! Good night It youd the threat'ning clouds that 1 wa-The tumult and unrest,

Faith sees, with bright un-calded eye A future, richly life-1; For God is Truth, and Right is Might . - Henry Faulkner Darnell, D. D.

Select Jamily Reading

Section III and the section of the s

... A White New Year

years with the firm of Maye, Daye & pasture, the dark woods, the winding queer little joy-quavers, Company, and now had been offered- creek-what was there in it all that They had been her bankers during the tute, the few books-her own gifts of before and I do not feel tired this Edith Williams. There were a numyears of her careful, conscientious later years-what it must be to spend morning like I have generally been ber of choruses, quarteties, recitative service, and now offered her this safe | one's life in such surroundings! What | lately." investment for her money, as well as a contrast to the city suits of rooms,

question was a surprise to Mr. Man- acter had been moulded, where her pleasure and satisfaction." fred Maye, the senior pariner. Indeed father and mother had lived out the her delay somewhat whetted his ever- record of a united godly life. siert business instinct and he thought he scented another proposition some wedding party" returned. Then there where competing with theirs. But Miss Edgemore vouchesfed him no again. information. On the old Edgemore farm all was pleasant. "Loretty" was year? You couldn't come in oftener, couling home for two weeks. She did could you?" said Joel, looking wistfulnot visit home as often these late years antho love of father and mother craved, but, of course, how could it he expected? Years of business life in the fully drassed hair, her general air of city had brought around her many friends, interests and demands that did not touch the farm circle at all. The dear old neople were mighty broud of "Loretty," and well might

they be.. When she was only fifteen she had begun to have ambitious. the mother's slight form. With a busy young brain she had invented ways to earn money for berself, saved up enough for business college, took a thorough course, and in you-Loretty-and my old heart-gets | Only have just what saucepans are | Kirkfield. she had made a clean, bright business record for berself, culminating in the ionor paid her by Maye & Daye.

Wife! You haven't forgotten how Loretty likes those mutton turnovers. have you? And the raspherry pat-

"No, Joel, I have forgotten nothing she was plump and rosy and brownmothers never forget. "Don't they? What's the matter, Lors? Not sorry the girl's coming

home?" The farmer stretched out his labor-scarred hand and tenderly touched his wife's cheek. She shook ber head, the tears falling little faster at the loving provement.

dying fire. Then the good-nights were "I'm just thinking, Joel - maybe I'm getting selfish. They say old quietly said. But in that quiet house three hearts kept watch. In Loretta's people do. But there wou't be many more homecomings for the lass-we're getting well on in years. And-and-I'd like to see more of her. She's our

"There, there, Lora! You're a bit blue. Tired, ch? Tell you what, when Loretty comes I'll take you away for a day - our wedding day city ourselves. It's all right, Lors, only we must not get in the girl's way. She has her life to live, you know, when we are gone."

It was just a plain old farm-housewell cared for, but devold of luxury. Joel and Lors were "plain folks", and in the busy card of field and fireside. cattle and dairy, and all the other work of a farm which is "oever done" they found no time for "fixing up." The square little parlor, had the same horsehalr set that Loretta used to slide off in vain attempts to keep awake on the gulet Sundays when only the perfor was used. The walls were dingy, and everything about the house bore sadness settle even more deeply on the

marks of age and wear. The last of the "good things" set in careful array in the pantry. Mother and father were stiff and secone drew back the curtains, and sat by the in their best clothes, always donned bearth siternately enjoying the starlit for the first hours of the city girl's scene of snow crowned hills and the visit. She came, and they bleesed her wonders that a picture-loving eye alfor her carnest, kindly ways, her ways finds "in the bollow down by the thoughtful, generous gifts, ber loving flere." But they did not talk much. reverence of their years and their Heart voices had full sway. perenthood. Ah! yes, they were | When the "grandfather" clock in "mighty proud" of "Loretty !" . But the corner pointed five minutes before -and the trembling hands secretly midnight, they were on their knees. brushed away the tears that would and Joel poured out his heart to God fall, for also was their 'poly one," and | -thanks and praise for the past, trust their bearts yearned to wese more of and praise for the present, trust and make the machinery move, or the

flushed cherks to the girl's stories of. O Father, as she goes back to bes the city. Hhe was always careful to work, bless her and make her a blessmake a note of things that she knew ling! We are old-our days declinewould please them, and thus they we may not meet sgaln-keep thou ne, shared, in some measure, the wide and | O Lord, according to thy tender mercy we pray thee!" varied outlook of her life. Then, In the distant city googs were strikleaving ber in charge for a couple of days, these lovers of almost half a log, guns were booming, horne and century went a jounting to the town whistles and bells were clamoring the where they had known the annny days | advent of the New Year. In the counof "courting." Mother was respien- try, the starlit stretches of snowclad

another year had rolled aroud?

ly at his "girl." She made an attrac-

refinement and ease and kindness.

-oftener if you are lonely."

"Lonely! Ob daughter-!"

are old and-you mustn't mind."

"holden" thus?

God giveth thee."

at breakfast.

A veil dropped from Loretta's eyes.

Had ber father always been as white-

haired, as bent, as tremulous, as he

was to-night? Had mother aged thus

haired. How was it her eyes had been

Mother got up and moved about the

room striving to regain ber self-control.

Loretta noticed that the dear feet-

Blience sat with the group before the

room the lamp burned all night; and

than they had been since her coming.

"Can you stay and watch out the

"Yes Indeed. I do not need to be

beart sank as she noted the look

faces of her beloved once.

once "light as a fairy's"-dragged

"I expect I shall be busier than ever.

dent in a long, soft, warm clock and fields lay still under the calm bluesky. fine new bonnet that was stylish and All was well with God's world. yet kept the searching wind from frost winked jovially at the jolly red ching sare; and father laughed at the twinkle from the farm windows. They stood embracing by the leap- was returned to him by Mrs. S. A. neuralgia-breeding east, wind in his fur cap and overcost with great fur lng fire. Would another year bring Second as soon as his right was provcoller. Who wouldn't be "mighty them together again ! proud" of a girl like "Loretty"! So

"I have a New Year's present, dear ones," said Loretta, standing between | versary on Christmas night had the they colebrated their wedding day with tears and smiles, and then -oach | them and drawing them close to her. | largest audience that ever was prewith a hidden burden-went back to "Would you like a New Year's pre- sent. The scholars were the principal the farm, for Loretta could only be sent?" "You are our best gift, darling,"

with them a few days more, and-who could tell what might happen before murmured the mother, brokenly. Loretta's laugh was salted with In their absence Loretta had gone happy tears. "Well, that is just it. all over the old house. It was a time There is no place on earth like this of reminiscence. "Upattle" she found dear home, and-I'm going to stay in Gurney; "flanta Claus and the used to rock in it "the little brother you want me so? Yes, I will be your Lad's Christman," Clare Moore; "Lazy ORETTA EDGEMORE smiled that died." In the parlor were the old girl again-till death part us I" at the templicals of her em- albums with the queer, faded, old The next morning, when Joel had Bertle Speight; "No Fibbing," Edith

return. She had worked for fourteen panes. The distant bills, the rolling in a low, wondering volce, full of a Girl," Dean Oralne; "Betsey Bobhouse-a partnership in the concern, She looked around on the age-stained new. The walls look fresh, the rooms Wonder," Willie Taylor : "Flo's Latwith full control of one department. | walls, the old, well-preserved furni- look bigger and less old fashloned than | ter," Eva Matthews; "Katy's Wish,"

"It is all true, I am going to stay llams and Madie McNabb. Two long position well fitted to her cultured the artistic wall-paper, the Persian here for all time to come, for after ladders gally trimmed and decorated taste and exceptional ability. That rug, the books, the pictures! Ah! all love is better than mere business were loaded with presents for the Now, when you go to school again she should hesitate an hour on the but this was home where her char- success and bridge with it far greater, children.

HINTS FOR THE HOME

Thus thought was busy until "the were tellings and tours and laughter | but water. "Will you be quite as busy this next When choosing beef press it with At the municipal nomination, the

tive picture in her tailor-sult of blue. of good quality. ber anowy collar and cuffs, her tastestant use will crack unless rome water Joseph Anderson, Alex. Secord, A. O. to-morrow !"

soup has been skimmed. will repay a good scrubbing with sand James Cobbin, Rev. G. B. Cooke, "Why, mother, dear, what is the matter? for now sobs were shaking in preference to scap.

-me," she said brokenly, "but-I love | between the teath. twenty five years her ambitions awoke hungry-like. That's all. You've been in constant use otherwise some are Mr. John Miller went home to Orildutifu) and-beautiful, child !-but we

as inustard and will not blister. They and Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Hall, of Pen should be made in the same way. When hanging out clothes hang skirts by the bands, night-dresses by in ten minutes? Why, ten years ago | the shoulders and stockings by the

Baked potatoes are much nicer if they are first boiled for ten minutes. Drain thoroughly and then put in the

SARBATH OBSERVANCE

When we consider that this command to rest one day in seven is based upon man's own needs, are we not do | Mr. Thos. Kenney, to Miss Maggie E. ing a foolish thing to discuss the Sabbath question? There are none of us who in our secular life rebel against any law that will make life easier for under its glow lay a nage with the us ; why do we against this? There is underscored words: "Honor thy father no being living who is not strengthenand thy mother that thy days may be long in the ladd which the Lord thy ed by physical and mental rest, who is not made better by religious activities When the day before New Year's and service, and who is not a completer, fuller and happier being, because came, it seemed to the daughter that comes then-and we'll go off to the ber parents were grayer and feebler be spends a portion of his time in worship, either in his house or church, or | Farmer. both. From a selfish motive, if from no other, we should seek to preserve Old Year with us, child?" they saked the Sabbath. Let us at least be con sistent in our reconing, and if we com- | Mr. Thos. C. Moore, Acton, to Miss plain of the fourth commandment. let Agric, daughter of Mr. Geo. Yans. In the city till the Nad. Yes, we will baye an old-time watch-night. We us also enter a protest against the | Krin township. will have nuts and apples and stories sixth and eighth, which protect our

before the fire. Then father will pray, persons and property.

and then, while the New Year is prese-MAKE SUCCESS YOUR SPUR ing his rosy face against the panes, we will sing the old hymn/ "Come let ,us Whatever you have done make your anew our journey pursue." We have spur. Let it incite you to do better done it ever since I can remember -- wo things. "It is a sad occasion when one | beaven. reaches the limit of his capacity, when three!" Loretta spoke gally, but her be does the thing he can never surpass. People with the right sort of ambition do not come to this point till It was a boautiful winter night, that the powers of mind and body begin to. last night of the Old Year. They give way. Write it on your beart that if you have done well to-day you can do better to-morrow. Make your success your spur.

WILL AND DETERMINATION THE MOTIVE POWER

Without steam the finest engine ever constructed is only fit for the junk shop. And without will-power the most marvellous mental undowment is no better than the brain of an ox. There must be something to ber." Ab, the slient hunger of love praise for the future; and, above all— machine is without value. Will, de First Stranger—"
that feels on the tears and smiles! "Keep the steps of dur phild, crown termination, and the resolution which umbrella you have !" . They had some long, quiet evenings her life with thy loving kindness ! persists in the face of difficulties, are bid people listened with wide byth hind - their the prown of the old hite. Now, imabilitary,

That these can be found

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Hev. Mr. Chalton has been engaged as pastor of the Disciples' congregation, and will live herr. Mr. Francie little son Edwin fell on the lee on the pond the other day and

cut his lip lip clear through with his

front tooth. It was a painful acci-

Thursday, Dec. Bist, 1800

Mr. Allan Mann lost a considerable sum of money, last week, but fortunately it fell into bonest hands, and it

The Methodist Sunday School anni-

contributors and in the intermission the missionary boxes were opened and found to contain the respectable aggre gate of \$31, more than double that of last year. There were eighteen recitations, "Hanta Claus' Dream," Willie her cradle, and remembered how she it ! Mother ! Don't cry ! O, father, did Mouse," Ada Francis; "The Fisher Tom." Jimmy Brown; "Her Plan, players offering her the good picture. But, more memory-awaking gone out to give a New Year's "extra" Nicklin; "The Dressed Turkey," Rollie wishes of the season as she parted than all slee were the unchanged to his faithful gray, Lora's mother Perryman; "Company's Coming," with them for the holidays. She scenes from the low windows with opened the little parlor door and look- Willie Rutledge; "Dreadful Thing knew what it meant—the hope of her their shining, time-scratched little ed in. Then she called her daughter Polly Did," Lottle Ebbage; If I were bit. Kva McKeown : "Our Country's "Loretty! Do tell me! Am I crasy Plag." Eddle Moore; "Happy Birtha new and strange departure for the old | wood her so and moved her to tears? -with joy! The old house looks all day," Edna Miller: "A Little Boy's

duett, "Gifts for a Prince." Eva Wil-Court Olive Branch, I. O. P. Off-

cere: Thos. C. Moore, C. D. H., C. R., G. H. Brown, C. R: A. Wenham, V. When cutting bread and butter very | C. R.; Nell McGill, P. C. R.; M. Cobthin dip the knife occasionally in very ban, M. H.; C. C. Speight, F. H., Trees. ; Jas. Sharp, Chap. ; Jas. McIn- off to school with his books in one An old fowl should be skinned be toob, H. W. ; M. Sutton, J. W. ; P. L. fore cooking, either for boiling or Massles, S. B.; R. J. Edmiston, J. B.; But he returned home with his face W. H. Lowry, Physician.

Beardmore, John Kenney, A. K. Nick-An onlon for soup should be stuck lin, John Williams. The two latter father. But I will write just as often with six cloves and added after the have since declined. For School Trustees, James Matthews, Geo. Wooden spoons and pastry boards Hynds, Issao Francis, W. H. Storey,

Robt. Holmes. Mesers. Storey and Combs should not be washed. Clean Cobban have since declined. A very She shook her head. "Don't mind them by passing a piece of soft rag interesting public meeting was held. Miss Jessie McNabb is visiting at vious reply.

lia for Christman Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hall, of Berlin etang, visited bere in the holidays.

Mr. S. H. Moore, of Toronto, who assisted the groom at the Moore-Lane wedding, is spending a few days here. The pleasant countenance and courtoous manner of Miss Annie Williams deputy to postmaster Matthews the past three years, will not hereafter grace the Post Office, the young lady selling chesh and I don't lose nod-

baving resigned. MARKIKO KENNEY-JOHNSTON -- In Acton, on December 25th, by Rev. R. Fowlie,

Johnson, both of Acton. WENHAM GOODALL - At Bothwell, on December 23rd, by Rev. Mr. Hynd, Albert T. Wenham, of Acton, to Ellen Louisa, daughter of James Goodball,

Bothwell.

McDonald-Farmer-At the home of the bride's father, township of Dawn on December 16th, by Rev. John. Reynolds, Daniel McDonald, Oakdale, to Lizzie, aldest daughter of Mr. John MOORE LINE-At the bome of the the O for many years. bride's father, by Rev. Joseph Edge,

TEMPERANCE BELECTIONS

When the saloou dies the devil will

Acton, Mr. N. F. Moore, only son of

put on deep mourning. It is hard to find a man engaged in selling whiskey who has any hope of The devil has both arms around the man who feels confident that moder-

ate drinking won't hurt bim. Which of us fellows do you intend Shall stand in the footprints of rulped A writer, speaking of this point; remen? Must we wreck all the good in selves, do you think? in the cruel waves of a sea of drink. If ever the devil feels proud of his work it must be when he has made man mean enough to starve his wife

and children to death while belping to keep the saloon-keeper. You may think your heads are level, But I care not what you think; You are voting for the devil. If you vote to license drink.

HIS UMBRELLA

First Stranger-"I say that's

Second Stranger-"I don't doubt it by the big hearth-fire, and the dear We thank thee for ber love. She has the motive power of the intellectual sig-I don't doubt it! I bought it at a

THE NEW YEAR'S SHOP

Good Resolutions for Sale Here To

This is the sign on the door. The children come flocking in throngs from their play, For they know it is only upon Now Year's day.

store. Old Father Time keeps shop where

And he keeps It in such a queer Not one men you buy, for silver or You can take, though, as many as both

There is only one thing that each buy er must do Before you can enter the store. ou must leave all bad habits, be they many or few,

And all things that binder a life good and true, Outside, as you go is the door. Before you come out all these habits

.and things As by magic have gone from the It so many good sales old Father Time sings, Then the door of the New Year wide

WASTED.

We refuse asmosthy and in will be like today. Life wastes

A NEW YEAR'S CARD

Now what Is here? To herald another year May all its days be free of blame-A little pobler than your aim; May all its labor be confeet A little pobler than your best,

A little dearer than the last.

GOOD FOR EVIL Little Billy had been in the war. His discolored optic supplied striking

to Jacky Jones for this." "No. no." remonstrated his mother. "You must return good for evil. give him this jam tart and say, 'Jacky you blacked my eye yesterday, but mother says I'm to return good for evil so here is nice jam tart for you!" Billy promised to obey the instructions, and on the following day he set hand and the lam tast in the other.

borribly disfigured." "Mamma mamma!" he ejaculated

PLEABANTRIES

A man hurried into a quick lunch restaurant recently and called to the waiter: "Give me a bam sandwich." "You air." said the waiter, reaching for the sandwich; "will you eat it or take it with you."

"Both," was the unexpected but ub-

a time I conclude he is not a gentleman, and then I send his bill."

coats. Dot makes me a rebutatton for

"I suppose Barnum went to beaven when he died ?" "Well, he certainly had, a good

chance. In fact he had the greatest

show on earth."

on record? Because it has followed

If father is always busy reading is

WHAT IS A GENTLEMANY It is said that every man's definition of the term "gentleman" makes it in-

of-war there was once a reception, and it happened that a distinguished statesman forgot, or did not know, the usual formal salute on coming aboard.

his skypiece to 'the skipper?' said "Choke your luff," returned another sailor. 'That's Blank, the famous

"Well," growled the first saller," why ain't he got manners enough to "Manners!" a third sailor chipped

in. "What does be know about manners? I don's suppose he was over but of white of fand in his life."

Or but one need you carry away: *

open be flings, And the children troop gaily away. -Youth's Companion.

timacy with people as if we waited for some better sympathy and intimacy to come. But whence and where? Tomorrow itself while we are preparing to live. - Emerson.

And all the joys within its scope A little brighter than your hope; And may each year be found when

"By Jingo!" be cried, "I'll give it

the thumb, and if it rises quickly it is following were nominated : For Reeve, between his sobs, "Jacky's been and Dr. Lowry. For Councillors, J. H. blacked my other eye, and be says. Washing tube which are not in con- Pearson, Geo. Havill, John Harvey, will you please make it plum pudding

> "How is it you have not called on me for your account ?" "I never ask a gentleman for money." "Then how do you get on if be does not pay ? "After

"Yah, dot vas von I had some. Now I min't got none I sells him for dwendy

"What's the price of sausages?"

"You saked tweaty-five yesterday."

"Dwendy cents a bound."

NUTS TO CRACK

Why is the nose in the middle of the face? Because it is the scenter What motive did the engineer have for stopping the train? Locomotive.

Why is the letter D the oldest sailor

If an upright plane is the most noral instrument is the lyre the most

be a Reading, Par Chicago may be a bit wicked, but you ought to hear Damas-cus.

chaive of himself. Likewise it is true that each man is prone to believe that his manners are the best in the world. lates the following story : On a man-

"Who's that lubber that don't tip

tariff reformer." palute the quarter deck?"