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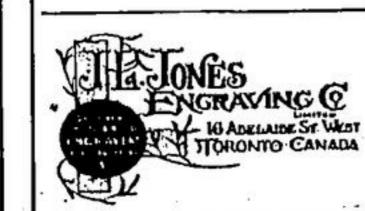
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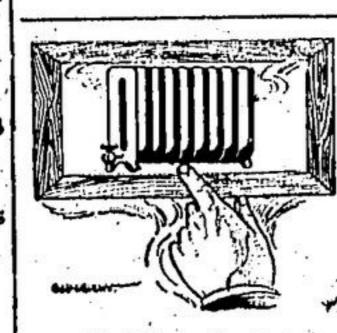
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THE END OF THE OLD YEAR n the slience and the darkness, at the dying of the year. am counting all my Jowels, with

All the foys and corrows that remain unto me here. With the durkness and the silence reaching far away from me, Through the shadows of the future that my vision cannot see. In my hand I hold my Jawele, but know not what they he.

in the darkness snow at midnight al my jewels seem the same. And the diamond is rayless, and the onal bath no flame; can feel wach bidden prium, tut cannot name Ite name. Thus I sit would the darkness, and the

clience of my tears, Hofely stringing in the durkness, all the fewels of the years, Though the supphires seem like ashes, and no opal flame appears. But I know that all are jawels in th letter uift to he. Ho I clasp them in the darkness, and walt till I can bor. Vien the presence of the morning

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shall reveal the gift to us.

A NEW YEAR'S CALL

XXXXXXXX ITTLE Harah Cooper finished be-I morning's work as speedily as possible, and exchanged her clean white apron for one of white lawn. Him took halne to select Her very best one, with the knitted trim ming four inches deep. Pour-luck kultted trimming on one's white sproit was luxury enough for the blg house acrise the street.

"I wonder if Cynthia Broadstreet will put on here to 'receive' in ?" she was a humor-loving little person, and caller came. It was a shrunken, cow- of duty." thought, whimstcally, Barah Cooper enjoyed her own little wittlelems when seing little figure, and it came hurrythere was no one else to enjoy them. The notion of stately Mrs. J. Henry Broadstreet receiving New Year's calls stop to knock. in a white apron, no matter how "deep" its knitted edging, was worth smilling over.

"Still, Cynthia used to be elupleminded enough, even after she married J. Henry Broadstreet -John Henry | charply. he was then, plain John Henry. But I guess it turned both o' their heads getting so well off. I guess it's liable to. Probably it would turn mine and Pilny's. I guess it would Pilny : would not be safe for us to get rich i She looked around the bare little room, involuntarily noting all the Sally." natched places in the carpet and the

crafty makesbifts of poverty. Per hape, after all, it would not be necessary to mention it to Pliny. Then she draw up the corners of her pleasant mouth again, and went back to her appointed task of watching for Cynthia Broadstreet's callere. They by and by there would be a little little together you uster be makin' into was savory with good, warm would be coming along any time now stream of then inflowing and outflow-

"He might call here," laughed the un' fold your hands an' die, an' you obloken's done to a turn. But walt, be showing proper respect to Pliny's money left to bury you with-" wife-and I have my best apron all on !

sin, but he didn't mean it. In Pilny Cooper's eyes Sally had no sing, She had made believe her dolls were alive, and her hits of china gold-rim med cups and plates. She had made believe she had been to college and could speak and read cleven languages. She had made believe Pliny was handsome, and learned and rich. She had always made believe, like a little child, and she enjoyed herealf doing it. The sweetest, the most sagred thing she had ever made believe, was a little

white spread cradle, and a little head denting the pillow. Now she leaned back, and began to rock gently-that was part of it. Her

eyes were clused. "I'm just putting on my best bombazine," she smiled dreamily. "Cynthis's been over-Mrs. J. Henry Broadstreet, I mean, and asked me to come across and receive with her. "I need you," she says, "you're just the one I want." Now I'm receiving ! Now I am shaking hands with the men that blees Pilny. 'A happy New Year, madam I be says, and "The same to you I', I says. There's a lot more com- upologetlastly at her.

talled dost, to call on me !" eves flew open and she began to laugh | didn't hear."

softly to herself. "I can't make believe that !" orled. "I guess that's a good place t stop at." And she went back to her watching at the window. Saveral men were going into the great front door of the blg house; probably she had missed some while she day dreamed ! New Year's calls in the kitchen-" und served her right! But she sattled down now to the watching, datermin-Pliny Cooper was poor. There was

that fact. He hadn't "faculty," people said-poor Pliny! But he wasn't in debt. Hometimes ble little wile counther flog-pe, and that always came suppose it hur-" first. He wasn't in daht; be had a "Bally," laughed Uncle Silae, "you | winter has in store warmin-winter home : there was a solemn armest. It ain't alays a pleas the scale of spirite besides.

course, but she didn't do it ; she pulled | Hally, we're looking for poor Maria "Well, they're having a beautiful | her rope, an' has been starvin' herself time over there," she sighed, gently, on nothin' this no body knows how "And you're having a beautiful those long." Pllny's going to be home all the after- | enough now. dinner. Go and basts it, my dear, this a Thacher to go ther, but she'll be

ing up the walk with anxious back the youngerselectman, with important glances over its shoulders. It did not stress on the little word, "We falled

basting, and started at the sight that met her eyes. A drop of melted butter spilled over her hand and burned her. "Maria Thucker !" she ejaculated "Yes, it's me, Bally. Hide me, hide

me quick l"

"They! Who come?" riages-old Dr. Trure, and young Hor-

little woman gently. "It would only would 've only there, wasn't any Pliny, Pliny, we've had a New Year's

Year's caller. shrunken shoulders with her strong gentle hands, and pushed the little . "Pilny, you're a good man," -"you lay down there on that sofy with her small, loving fingers.

"I'm not going to hide you, Maria," n't know I was going to have one !" calmily; "you're going to lay right sight o' good. I tell you I'll see to he klased Sally firet.

everything." She was gone instantly. Half-way across the kitchen floor that, she encountered two men, They stood awkwardly, but in hand, and smiled

"Good-morning, Mrs. Conper. "Good-mornin', Hally," man had trotted her on his kness. "We come right in after we'd knocked That woke the dreamer up. Her a couple o' timer. We calculated you

"Why, Mr. Vesse! Why, Uncle Silast Walk right in!" The little fun weinkles were in Sarah Caoper's eyes. "I wish both of you a lisppy New Year! It was real neighborly in you to call on me, but you made a mistake in the door. I don't receive

"Then don't take me," promptly.

"You place o' mischief! You ain't that was because she lived across the growed up much since I trotted ye or street from Cynthia Broadstreet's blg my kness an' ye tied yer blue ha'r house, and was so far-sighted! She ribbon into my whiskers an' let me go might have pulled down her shades, of to meetin' with it than! But serious, Thacker. Hise's got to the last end of

"Poor Maria!" Hally was sarious

"Yes, poor soul! It'll come hard ! whate, and be thankful for all your look care of an' have a warm room and victuals-something she ain't had It was while she was gone away lately. The town's got to interfere. from the window that her New Year's Pleasant or not pleasant, it's a matter

"Yes, duty, Mrs. Cooper," echoed to find-er-Miss Thucher at her place Sarah Cooper looked up from her and so came over here to inquire for

"Yes, the's here. She's laying on my sofy, and I hope to goodness she's dropped off and can't hear us talking. Her heart is broken, Uncle Bliss, Mr.

Vose." r "Poor little soul !" "And she'd have taken her time for dying out o' the Lord's hands if there'd twen any money left to be buried with. Wicked? Yes, but we don't any of us and come on the town. Maybe we'd all be wicked. Now, what I want to "The selectmen. They're coming to say is Maria Thacher sin's coming on carry me to the poorhouse. They've the town while I've a spare room and

ing. And some would come in car believe you was me, and they was apron with edging four inches deep

"Maria Thacher!" He sat down or

"Yee, and I've given her the spare

wildered by the suddenness of it all "Maria Thacher," -- she caught the Barah Cooper sat down, too-on-the same obair. figure before her into the other room | said, softly, touching his rough cheek and rest you! Don't think about right here as long as you're mind to, selectmen and poorhouses again, and and get used to it. I want you to go don't you worry. I'll see to every- into the sitting-room and look at Maria Thacher's face. I've told her "But they'll find me here! I wisht Pliny. This morning I made believe you'd bide me, Bally." shrilled the I received New Year's calls. Cynthia

Broadstreet received with me. I did It did not take Pliny Cooper long to there in plain sight. I guess you've become used to anything Sally progot as good a right to stay out in the posed. He rose presently and tipped open as anybody. Now you drop off clumsily into the quier room. He was -a little mite of sleep will do you a gone some time. When he came back

"She's smilln' in her cleap," he while before the excited voice could wall pered. "She looks all wore out, but sgain. And she had closed the door as if she'd got a resting place at last, I never waw a mascafuller smile than

Then Pliny Cooper, rough, plain and lucking "faculty." made as beautifu a speech as was over made. "Hally," he said, "the Lord 'recely eth' with you,"-Woman's Journal.

MAKE FARM LIFE PLEASANT

Give the young folks on the farm good time once in awhile and take time to enjoy yourself. What's the use of living, unyway, if your life is to he all drudgery. The young people can't be blamed for leaving the farms and going to the olties where they have some brightness and amusement If the farm life is all work and as dul as life on a good many of the farms is Get a good music box. Let the boye and girls have the musical instruments

they like best and learn to play them. "An -er-explanation is needful. We Have good interesting books and a good farm paper and a daily. Have good bright lights in the house and "Oh does it hurt?" smiled the little when the long evenings come have hastess wickedly. "I never made a crowde of neighbors in to spend the ed up the "proy" in favor of Pliny on New Year's call myself, but I didn't timb once in a while. This is no extravegause and you will find the time

TWENTY YEARS AGO Notes from the Free Press of Thursday, January 4th, 1804

The year came in with beautiful weather. Mr. R. G. Brown had a comewhat erious runnaway on Bunday while going to Mrs. McLanghlin's funeral, caused by the breaking of the horse's

Mrs. P. Hamilton, of the Station Hotel, had a serious scoldent on Thursday evening. By some means she fell over the railing of the second floor verandals to the sidewalk. fracturing the left leg above the ankle.

Special services at the Brick Church held by Rev. A. Scratch, pastor, for about four weeks have been closed. and results have been very encourage ing. The shede broken down by the recent atorm are to be rebuilt.

On Christmas day a letter was received here addressed to John Speight, Acton. It is twelve years since Mr. Speight's death. Twenty-three years ago Mr. Spoight wrote to Emanuel Chapman, Chilliwack Valley, B. C. who had been in business in Acton some twelve years previously regard ing the purchase of his plot in the old

comstery. Knox Church Sunday School entertuinment on New Year's night had a very large gathering and excellent programme. Special numbers were "Doll Drill" and "Father Time and ble Children." The good ship "John Knox" was laden with presents for the children and teachers. The report the documents in a ple dish, and showed surollment, 180; average attendance, 107; collections, \$113.50. This is mostly for missions. Mr. Geo. Horner, and he told him to carry it by Hynds will be superintendent for the coming year, and Mr. Wm. McPhail

ausistant. It appears that there is living near Oakville a sisturof the great Thomas Carlyle, the last of the family, a sweet

old lady of eighty. Colwell Cook, son of Mr. Christopher Cook, of Ballinafad, was Instantly killed while coupling care on the C. P. R. at Moadowvale on Baturday. The Provincial Pieblecite on Prohibition on January let will result in a majority approaching 100,000 for the principle. Acton's majority was 100, and Halton County about 1,200. Rave-J. W. Ras and Joseph Edge were the first to deposit their ballots. Dubli gave 57 and Knatbhbull 101 niatority.

tion for Councillors of John Williams. Joseph Anderson, George Havill Harry Jeans. Mr. J. B. Pearson had been elected Reeve by acciamation. Mrs. Alex. Brown, sen., who died at the home of her daughter. Mrs. Thos. Somerville, came to this region with her husband nearly sixty years ago, from the banks of the Chippews where their parents had lived and where at a camp meeting attended by the Ryerson's Ears Adams and other plonser

Acton polling resulted in the elec-

yoke of oxen and a few household rassment. roads and settled near Limehouse, but later on the farm near Acton, now Mr. N. F. Lindsay's. As Methodists in their early days they worshipped in log school house on the second line at the Brick Church corner. They. with such ploneers as Aus Hall, Abrem Matthews, Thos. Moore, sen., Oliver Lasby, sen., and others, secured the erection of the frame church on Church Street. Mr. Brown was the first Sunday School superintendent. He dist about 21 years ago.

Mr. Wm. Overton, of Heltburton, Is visiting friends here. Mrs. Richard Sherlock, of Toronte pent Sunday with Acton friends. Mr. Wm. Forber has gone to Huntsille to a good situation. Mr. John R., Kennedy, of Buffalo

was in town renewing acquaintances

He lives with his brother Angus In Buffalo, and is doing well there. MARRIED Jou-Hyarry-At the residence of Charles Eight patrick, Acton, on Tuesday, January and, by Nev. Joseph Mills. Alexander Jon, of Toronto to Phoebe Elizabeth Dobbie Hyaitt, of Actou. Child We Hwach was he - At the residence of the belone father, on Wednesday, with December, by hier. Jos. Uneworth, anished by his son Hev. J. H. Uneworth, Mr. Emith Gritte, of Erie, to little, youngest daughter of Christophur Swachlinmer, Esqueeing.

Cook-At Meadowvale, on Heturday, with De-Sequestry, upod ki years. December, Jane, wife of Hugh McLaughlin, HULLEN-At the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Adam Cook, Actor, on Friday, December 20th, Margares Hell Held, Widow of the late Thomas Mullin, Glenwilliams, used 18 years.

THE REST WAS EASY "I understand you speak French

like a native."

A HEW YEAR'S CHEETING What shall I say to you, dear, That you have not heard before, In yours that long are past, From those you loved of yore? I can only pray God keep you Throughout the coming year! May his niercy and love ever shield

'Mid sorrow and trials here! You have heard the words before

From other lips than mine, Era I had seen your face, dear, Or clasped your hand in mine. know their sound brings back to you The dead and distant years, With all that was so dear to you-

The uniles the joy, the tears. 'God bless and keep you safe, doar,' Again you bear that prayer : Hat oh, the words call up, dear, Far other days that were!

THE IDLE RICH.

The human scrap pile for which we have to pay is cluttered up, not alone with the paupers and the down and outs, but with the blerich, who sit around luxurious hotels and watering places with nothing to do but overent und sleep. I was ustounded by the waste of human energy at the county institutions, but I am appalled when I think of that far greater wante of energy among those whose wants have been provided for and who have nothing to do but dress for dinner. We have 2,500 persons sitting with folded bands in our county institutions, contout hocame their wants have been provided for. I could not holp thinking of our wealthy outcasts in this connection. They are really beyond the pale of human effort, for they are doing nothing that is of good to anybody, not oven to themselves. The idle wealthy are going on the scrap pile voluntarily. They are not only uncless, but harmful. Somebody ought to wake them up and make them think. And this waste can be found nt most any fashionable resort east and west. If we had a little help from those who can give bein it might solve a lot of problems that put the poor wards of the county where they are .-

President A. A. McCormick of

Board of Charity, Chicago.

THE ORIGINAL JACK HORNER "Little Jack Horner," the familiar nursery rhyme, had its origin in a real tragedy, according to the story

that a London correspondent telly. During the Reformation, the head of Glastonbury Abbay, in the west of England, resolved to make his peace with Henry VIII, and, in token thereof, sent certain title-deeds of abbay property to the king at Whitehall. For securities sake the abbot placed covered them with a crust. The dish he gave to a rustic lout, named Jack the highroad to the king in London.

On the road Jack Horner became nungry, and came to the conclusion that it would be foolish to starve while he had a ple in his hands. So he broke the crust and put in his thumb and pulled out a roll of parchment. The disgusted and disappointed fellow threw both ple and parchment into a

near-by brook. When the deeds did not appear, the king charged the abbot with contumacy, and commanded that the un-

fortunate cleric should be hanged.

WANT A HICKHAME The problem of the moment at Eton is bow to nickname Prince Henry. His brother, Prince Albert, was called the Lobster, at Osborne. As a rule, the nicknamus of British royalties have been anything but deferential. When King George and his brother, the late Duke of Clarence, were middles, they were dubbed Sprat (King George) and Herring, Alterward, when the Duke was in the 10th Hussare, he was nicknamed "Collars and Cuffe." Prince Henry flas already had a satisfactory nickname. His brothers used to call him "Smiler," on account of the sunmy preachers, both were converted to God expression which his features retained and His service. They came with a even under circumstances of embar-

MISUMDERSTOOD "You don't make very good music with that instrument," said a bystander to the man with the base drum, as the hand ceased to play.

"No," admitted the pounder of the

drum, "I know I don't, but I drown a

been of bad music."-Ladies Home During the war in Albania the women fought elde by side with their

busbande.

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ACTON'S HIGH AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The addition to the building is completed and the High School students will occupy the new rooms next Monday. The improved conditions will materially aid the cause of the education of our children in Acton. pare room in it -there was roses in ing duty to take a poor innercent soul

the front yard of it, and always a row to the town house." of plea on the pantry shalf. And that little wife was contented. It was only | "Besides, Uncle files, no knowin' but on New Year's day that she had her Pilny would object !" little wistful longings to be rich, and

over here, Sarah Cooper. You know t noon, and there's roast chicken for

"No, but I'm on the verge-I'm on the toterin' verge!" grouned the New Year's caller. "If you don't let me have a place to hide in before they come I shall topple clear over the edge, know what it's like to be a Thacher

been a-threatenin' and a-threatenin'. ples on my pantry shelf! She's com-Then they came : I saw them through | ing on me. I haven't seen Pliny yet, the front window. I had just time to but I know Pilny. Now I have to run out o' the back door over here. baste my chicken again,". Sally Cooper, you get up off'n your | When Pliny Cooper came home at knees and look at me! When we was noon the whole little house he stepped believe the whole time : now you make | smelle, and a smiling wife in a white comin' to take you to the poorhouse. met him at the door. see Dalrymple and the man that hired Make believe your heart was broke. "Happy New Year, Pliny! Make believe you'd rather lay down came home just on the minute; the

The shrill, excited voice came to a Hi, hum! I wonder how it would feel sudden stop, but the low-celled little to 'receive' a New Year's call? I'm go- kitchen seemed to ring with it still. room and the seat nearest the stove at ing to shut my eyes and make believe." It rang in Sarah Cooper's ears. Blie | the table to set in as long as she lives. Sarah Cooper-when she had been had not closed her eyes, or swayed I've got her knife and fork on. It's little Sally Munn, and from "there on" dreamly in a rocking chair, but she going to be a happy New Year to -had been addicted to making be had made believe it all, There had Maria Thacher, Pilny, lieve. Pliny said it was her besetting been time, standing there facing the little weird, wild figure of her New one of the wooden chairs, a little be-

ing in the door. "The room legetting pratty crowded Why, here comes Pliny in a swallow-

"Er-er-wait, Mrs. Cooper," Internoard the younger man nervously. are out this morning-er, capacitiesto perform a painful duty.'