A CHRISTMAS CAROL O, dark was the night, and cold was

But Joseph and Mary no shelter could In all the fair city of liethlehem, In collage or inn was no room t But in a poor stable their couch was In a manger, the Rale was

BIG~CLOCK 1

Merry Christmas to You All!

Down from their home on high,

Down from the wintry sky.

Hanwilakes ure fulling.

Hurk, how the ley breeze.

Let the guy laughter heal

O'er the broad river!

Tompest and slarry finke.

Pralaing the Olver.

Hall to December, hall,

Merrimont voicingt

Day of rejoicing!

And our glad hearts reveal,

While rings the skater's stock

Winter's kind kitta we take:

fee-bound and shining lake.

What can the storm avail.

Hall to the Northern blast!

Christman in here at last.

Now on the frosty pune

Children all shout amain,

Over the sperkling know

liang up the mistletoe-

Bluging and prancing.

Hamaward the skaters go.

liright eyes are dancing!

How the red firelight glows

On the dear forms of those

Hafe from all danger!

Blowing Jils boly birth:

t's the unites and

's the thinking of

ween like new.

hat somehow makes this old

It's the hymn of praise.

That makes us love such Christman

But the wish for a Merry Christman

are to some and memories clustering

the merriment of former years poss-

of Bothlehem, redocated at Calvary

never hide all the glory of

our right to a glad Christman.

hearted hosts.

a-sweetly ringing

the kindness.

maybe, too,

Christ, in the manger!

Guthered here warm and close,

Hwest are the joy and mirth

Pouce, pouce to all the partle,

Holly wreaths white again;

Bunchine to combus fast;

Raging o'er bill und dalo?

Boaring through forest trees.

Like the wild, tombug bous

Wavering, drifting by.

Loudly is calling!

O, fair was the Child! the mother was But only the oxen shool waiting there. But out on the bills was a wondrous aight. And heavenly music entranced the And the bounds of the field were rousest in their lair By the sound of voices and harper in

And shepherds u-watching their nocks Espled in the heavens a wondrous Of angels and spirits a might throng. For Joy and great gladness they have their song.

the uir.

O come all ye faithful, ye men of good Let joy and thanksgiving every hear Tell out the glad tidings that Jeaus han come To open the way to the heavenly home

FINISHING ALUMINUM

The rapidly increasing use of alum hum among practical workers had brought out the many dimentiles in cident to the treatment of that metal to produce a pleasing finish. While i thes not readily uxidize in the air nevertheless it cannot be surfaced through the usual methods.

In order to produce on perfectly bimoth burface roudy for polishing, th alight trregularities may be removed with emery cloth well Subricated with kerosene oil. The final rubbing to accomplished with the finest emery powder (flour) and plenty of oil on a soft cloth. The surface is then rinsed with gasoline to remove oil and smery. after which the metal is washed with a mixture of thirty parts of horax to 1,000 parts of water and a few drops of ammonia. This produces fine examples of the characteristic whiteness of this

beautiful metal. A mat or satin finish is given to alumninum by plunging it into a hot bath of ten per cent, caustle sods solution to which has been seided as much common sait as the solution will dissolve. After leaving it in this bath for twenty seconds, it is washed and brushed; then replaced for a like period and washed ugain, being finally dried

in mawdant. Aluminum is given an abony obser by first polishing, then flowing with a thin layer of olive oil and finally heating over a flame, care being taken that the Bout shall be well distributed over the surface. A second and even a third application of oil and heat is sumetimes necessary to convert the color from a brown to a deep blank After the desired color is reached the metal 's given a final polish with

language.

often use one or more fingers to In-A short vertical line marked on a sheet of paper stands for "one." By it's just as happy now. It ought to be it a digit, which means a finger. The parlicut method of recording a and there's real loy about the old

gers. Even nowadays you yourself

Hence, the adoption of symbols-I I, 4, and so an-to represent quantities It's the joy in every heart that's all up to 9. This idea is credited to the

uncient Arabians, who were famous mathematicians. Later on, for bigger numbers, letters were used as symbols-X for ten, C (centum) for 100. M (mille) for 1,000, and so on, The ancient Egyptians had hieroglyphics for big numbers. A frog stood for 100,000. For 1,000,000 their symbol was a mun with arms extended us if in admiration.

We are accustomed to count by tens because our remote ancestors did their It's the welcome, and the door a-swingcounting on their fingers. Even at the present time, people, especially women and children, often count in that way. This mathod of counting was anciently lt's the greetings, and the meetings. developed into a system by which, with certain postures of the fingers, bent or It's the glowing fires, and holly outstrotched, any number below 10,000 could be indicated.

Pon arithmetical purposes the most mportant achievement was the invention of the zero, which is said to have originated in India, being communicated to Europe through Arabia. The zero is nothing, but what should

THE LORD MAYOR'S KITCHEN One of the features of the Lord lible. When we remember, however, all

Mayor's show day, which has recently that Christmas means, the promises which was held at the Guildhall after The famous turtle soup of always Christmus star. No combination of served at this hanquet, and the tables

are laden with huge barons of beef, boar's heads and other delicucies. The kitchen, in which all these good

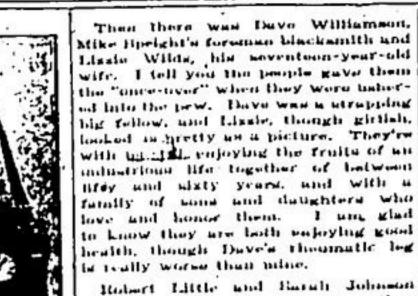
ox. The vegetables are cooked, not in saucepans, but in mighty tanks, and or fires. The spits for rousting turkeys Over the fireplace in this super: kitchen there is un old und ourlous in scription, says "Debrett's City of London Book:"

tremely uncomfortable business!

WHY A SPINNING YOP KEEPS UPRIGHT

Everyone who has ever whirled a have noticed the strong "pull" as the people there to know it. The first stone tried to get away. Every part of these happy newly-murried couples of a apinning top is trying to fly away that I can remember were James from the centre of the top in exactly Brown and Buth, Ann Hall, James the same way. This pull is called was always a little shy; Ruth Ann "centrifugal force"-the tendency to never was, but I tell you they were a fly from the centre.

happy pair, and when they walked down the list together that first Bunequal pull, mone of them can upset the day evening as man and wife, about balance of any of the others, and so sixty years ugo, I tell you they com- said of over-education? Well, here it bacco persocution." me set u balanced force. : manded attention. There were figure in: "A great danger impends because fig. long as this force is strong Brown and Squire Hall, their respect the accumulation of knowledge and enough—that is, so long as the spin live fathers, sitting together with the power is unlimited, while the human lasts-it counteracts the ordinary pow- other official; brothron on the front intellect does not expand, There is or of gravity, which has to confine sent, and they both looked quite satis- reason to fear that the human brain itself to the per of the top, the only fled that our James und our Ruth may collapse under its own burdent When the top slows down, the cen- Brown died, quite a few years ago, its very progress spells its ultimate lawyer/to defend you? trifugal force relaxes, gravity comes shortly after James went to California decadence. It will be like an eqution



Midmet Little und Barult Johnson placticed the custom, too, when they were married, and attended the old Metherial Church on a Bunday evening, shortly after their marriage. You know, Mr. Little was principal of the believed here he theme days, and Harale was one of his pupils. They weren't Methody folks, but Burnh used to go to the Methodist Hunday School once in a while when she was a girl. Robert was a real old-fashioned Presbyterian. and for years was Superintendent of Knox Church Hunday Behool; but he beersend to have some regard for the Methodist people too. I and from the old record book that he aubac, ibed \$100.00 toward the erection of the new church, and he paid his subscription but the year the church was igened. Mr. Little was a great tout in this community, and many there are, particularly among lile pupils, who levere his memory. He died in 1883. when he was only fifty yours of age, when he was inspector of Halton schools, and an author of school books of hole. Mrs. Little, who has had thirty-nine Yours of loneliness, still survives, in California.

I well remember the Hunday hight whout fifty-three or four yours ago When Joseph Luttrell, of Montreal, came to the old church with Lizzle Cameron, ble bride. Their marriage was quite a romance and was characterized by a real love experience. Lizzle had been for years a member of the choir, and a favorite with everybody. They went to live in Montreal and had a successful cureer. Idenie lived until the eve of their golden worlding and hanned away rather auddealy, leaving her beloved pertner in

great leneliness and serrow. It was shortly before or after Lizzle Cumeron's marriage that there Jane Hall and Roy. Christopher Cookman wore married. Rev. Mr. Cookman was a young minister on the circuit, and learned to between Harals June very highly when he prouched and ministerad to the congregation-her included Haralt Jane was one of the first Actor girls to marry a minister and the futher and mother were very proud of the union. They spent muny years of useful service together. I believe Mr. Cookman died on Christman Day eleven yours ugo, at Weston. Mrs. Cookman bos-decoused him by a num-

and call them blossed. Just across the road from Equire svil not very far short of perishing by the mull. Hall's homestead was the farm of him .- Young. Abrain Matthews. Abram had a He who, when called upon to speak like Robert Little, he fell in love with then he who hibbles in a low voice, one of his scholars and Maria was the and hever couses hibbling .- Yavater. days. Why, when I was a lad, and book ordained and was stationed as ruin, thee. Herbert. December we'd bogin to talk about it, his parsonage. I remember how happy oblige a great many that are not so. - manont and temporary, favorable and and apeculate as to what our Christmas they looked that Bunday night when Honeca. . box would be. Why, in those days, they attended the old church for the The way to avoid the imputation of

But we were just as satisfied, more where both had worshipped as montno, I believe, than the kiddles are now, bers. Kate Kennedy were apliced. Charlie despotic state there is little complaint and the statesman. Presentation generally upenking, with their loads of Christmus presents. Oh, well, was a Methodist and a member of but much spifering.-Carnot. Christmas was a happy time then, and the choir; Kate was a Presbyteriah, origin, it represents a finger. We call more bo. It is the time of all the year and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. which brings us together, as families, Malcolm Kennedy, staunch old Bootch folk of the real old kirk. But Charlie numeralywas to do it with a series of fireside. The red firelight glows on and Katle saw enough of each other such vertical marks. But that was the dear forms of those gathered there, to fall in love with each other, fast obviously inconvenient for reckoning warm and close, safe from all danger, and true. Charile, who was a harnesspurposes if the number was a large Sweet are the joy and birth, blessing maker, like W. H. Storey in their early His holy birth; Christ in the manger! days, became a traveller for the glove girls of the neighborhood are chosen by to several senses. Presentation is a more. Charlle was quite a singer. Some of us remember his solos, "Cap-Mine," yet. Hay, the night they part's the eager self-forgetting, the up-

> they are both happy and industrious Now, let's see. Yes, there was Tom Elliott-not Uncle Tom, for he never married-but young Tom. I think i must be about fifty-two years ago next summer that Tom and his new wife, Funny McKoown, of Crowsons Corners, marched down the church to the family cannot always be fully realized. There pow. Tom and Fanny looked well. Tum was proud of her then and he's about the day; unxious apprehensions proud of her still. I believe they coleas to the New Year on phead, to make brated their golden wedding a couple of yours ago. You, I read about it in THE PRES PRESE Tom and his bride went to Uncle Tom's house on the second line when they were married, then we know that parth's clouds can and they still reside there. They have gulte a houseful when all the children

> circumstances can take from us wholly every one of them is welcome. From Tom und Fanny within a fortnight. dominate the day, and solfishness will they look as if they may be spared to be put forcibly into the background. celebrate their diamond wedding. Tom Hincerity should inspire every gift, and onlove "a crack," you know, for he's overy greeting, and proteuse be banish- quite a talker and a widely-read man. ed entirely. Let us every one, old and I've wondered semetimes why he never young, with true aim and sincere on- uspired to become a member of purdeavor strive to make our Christman Hament; but no, he has just stayed of 1932, next Hunday and Monday, one at home and "sawed wood," when of the happlest ever spent in the home | say at home I mean on the farm or up otrole-that of our own, if at home, town. Tom dearly loves the old town or that of our friends, if we are for- und may be found here at some time tunate to be the guests of those who of the day, nearly, if not quite, every osteem us sufficiently to be our kind- day of the year.

Hay, bloss me, if I haven't rambled on about these newly-married folks of nriy or sixty years ago. I quite for-And now I come ugain to pen a few "Swear not, I'de not. Neither report reverles concerning the old Methodist got myself. It's taken me back to the old grievances. Whosoever eats or Church on Church Street. One thing old days when Mary and I got hitched drinks in this hall with his hat on shall I remember very distinctly of the old up. I tell you, I'm glad she's stayed forfeit sixpence or ride the wooden days, is the fact that all the newly- by me all through the years. Mary's married couples who were related in great, she is, and we walked together "Hiding the wooden herse" mount any way to the congregation, or who down the lale of the old Methodist that the offender ant astrice a long had friends who counted this their Church, as well us the rest of the pole, which was carried round the home church, made it a point that married folks. If I get over this room by the other servants-un exr their first public appearance after the Christmas time, and the roust goose wedding was to attend a Bunday even- und plum pudding all right, l'il tell ing service in this church. The honey- you about some more of the newlymoon trip may have been dispensed married couples of half a century ago with, but not the attendance at the who "showed off" the first Sunday old white church of Mr. Groom and after their wedding in the old Methohis bride. He was proud of the wife dist Church. he had married, and he wanted the

Ann were hildhed up for life, Mrs. that there may come a mamont when

statements."-Los Angelos Times.



There's a fire in the grate and a light in the hall, For it's Christmus time again. And the sleigh bells ring and the children call, For it's Christmas time uguin. It's time for a Christian land to raise Her loudest pacans of love and praise For the Holy Babe of the Bethlehem days. - For it's Christmus time again.

There's a wreath of green at the windowpane, For it's Christmus time uguin; And the church bells echo the glad refrain, For it's Christmas time again. O, it's time to turn with the golden smile To the friend we doubted and scorned a while, To rid our hearts of their greed and guile! For it's Christmus time againt.

-Lulin Mitchell

1922



He that lives in perpetual auspicion

aprightly daughter. Maria. When disagreeable truth, tells it belitly und James Broley taught school in Acton, has done, is both nobler and hilder

count before there was any written bless you, we were satisfied with one first time as Nev. and Mrs. Broley, and imprudence is, not to be ashamed of pught to be ushamed of .- Cleare. In a free country there is much clamour with little duffering; in a

GAMBLING IN CHURCH

would hardly expect to find in a church, but it is carried on every year sentation. It speaks with many signs: in the church of St. Ives in Munting- Its crackle, its fact, its strongth, its donables. Every year six boys and appearance, finish and color, all talk make them well. They were both lively provided out of the interest from a carries your word, your signature and young folks and always found in the sum, of money left for the purpose gur bond,-The Crest. social gatherings of fifty years ugo or nearly three hundred years ago. The originator of this strange custom was a certain Dr. Robert Wilde, who died tain Jinks," and "Down in a Coal in 1678 and bequeathed £50 to be invested in a plece of ground, which is still known as Hible Orchard. The conting of paint makes in the appearon the right side, the first Bunday after | rent obtained for the plot is employed anno of buildings. In some districts in purchasing Bibles, which must not the majority of the barns and out-They really looked like a king and cost more than 7s. 6d. cach. Original- buildings have at some time been queen, and I think they both felt like ly dice were thrown on the communion painted, but in other sections there is tuble in accordance with the terms of not a sign that paint has even been gether for years, but Charlie sickened the will, but the practice was discon- applied to the barns, and even the und died. Let me see, it must be over the three on a table erected at Paint not only improved appearances and happy and spending her days with the chancel stops. The legacy also but

WITHOUT A LUXURY TAX

If we had to pay a hixnry tax on every kind or courteous thing we said, the ladder. how carefully we would calculate to see how many such speeches we could afford in a day. What a thrill it would give us to realize that by conomizing on car fares, or doing without los ream soda, we could afford an extra one every now and then. And how we should envy the people who were pleased, without regard to the expense. There is no luxury tax on politoness, ing. Do not undervalue courtesy just

DOOR WINDS THE CLOCK

automatically. This invention stands to the credit of a firm in Humburg. The clock is placed above a door, und the winding apparatus is connected with the door by means of a Howden wire cable. Every time the door is receive enough winding to prevent it ment it is quite possible, barring sooldents, for a clock to go for conturies without being touched.

EARLY DAYS OF TOBACCO

While tobacco was getting a foothold in England murvelous modicinal properties were pseribed to it, and until Ruleigh blew smoke estentatiously from his nostribe because he liked the addicts of the time usually profound to be smoking for the good of their health. By the your 1814 the number of tobacconists in and about London was ostimated at 7,000. Just Have you ever read what Renan before that time bogun the "great to-

CAUGHT

Judge-Did, you steal these hogs? Rustus-No. suh. I nevuh stole into its own again-and the top falls for his health. There he still resides, that carries its limits within its own money, Jedge, but I kin give him one

Christmas

It's Christmas Cime Again

The Me collections are made-the lives the life of a sentinel never re- sucks are thrown on board and out bor of years. Their children rise up lieved, whose business is to look out into the night, guided through the for and expect an enemy, which is an twinkling red and green lights, good

Another twenty-four hours of conmercial blatory has been filled and th mounty of to-day ure on their way. To-morrow-latters, drafts, chaques and messages, giving and asking credit, makien. After leaving Acton Mr. Pursue not a victory too far. He agreements and requests for re-ad-Broley entered the Methodist ministry. bath conquered well that hath made justments, letters containing offers of Yes, Christmus, is again at hand. He always remembered loyally his enemy fly; thou mayout heat him products and new prices, notes mak-And the time ties to these modern lady love in Actor and when he had to a desperate resistance, which may ing appointments and notes due in thirty days-millions of them in all, that down't some so far back bither, the minister of Erin circuit in 1857, It is another's fault if he be un- to-morrow they are delivered across NUMERALS ANTEDATE WRITING It seemed us if Christmas would never he came back to Acton, married Muris grateful, but it is mine if I do not the desks of millions of recipients. come. Along about the first week in und took her to his new field to grace give. To find one thankful man, I will Then impressions are made, per-

Personalities are not present. Paper and printed characters must do the or two simple gifts-we had to be. made their bow to the congregation what we do, but never to do what we work. Many and various presentations are put to the keepest tost. Presentation-valued so vitally by the actor, the financier, the salesman atmosphere and, by repetition, muking reputations. Hursly a mighty phase of commerce, this solf-same presentation.

It is surprising what a difference s her second husband, Tom Emyth, and provides for the payment of 10c, yearly from the ravaging effects of the eleto the vicur for preacting a sermon ments. With the shortage of help. nany who would like to paint their buildings cannot find the time to do so. It' le surprising, however, -how much spabe a good man can cover in-a day. even, if the paint is all applied from

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Those are: "As, at, all, are, be; but. for, he, it, in, is, if, not, of, on, to, the, we, was, you," which according to the inventor, constituted approximately 31.8 per cent. of the words in every. they true, this montantia he activity had but example being: "New is the time for all good men to come to the ald of the party." in which nine of the sixteen Words may be written on his typewriter, early by a single touch. Mr. Bennington hand a standard keyboard with natra keys for those words arranged on three sides of it.

The muchine itself has several other fautures, which, it is claimed, are im provements, including an tempementlock, which makes it possible to write in any direction.

A CHRISTMAS WISH

That you may have wound health and dreamless sheet; clear spares every day in which to work; kind friends to sympathise and say "Well done!"but falling any one of theer, or all, that you may will be brave and do your work with cheerfulness. That you may know the sweet surprises God has placed for you along life's thorny road-the audden burst of sunshine through the cloud; the little lift of wong that stirs your heart; -the keen delight of tree and thower and mosnitcht on the snow; the mexicated meeting with old friends who've known you long, and love you. That you may have one honest enemy who knows your faults and seed your affectations, and who haver apares, and so shall save you from the smug complacency of those whom all call

That you may be saved from temptation in your weakent hour; the sting of poverty; correcting power of wealth the weary borndom of the idle folk who hinder honest work; and lonely bitter thoughts in cold, black night .-Nellie L. McClung.

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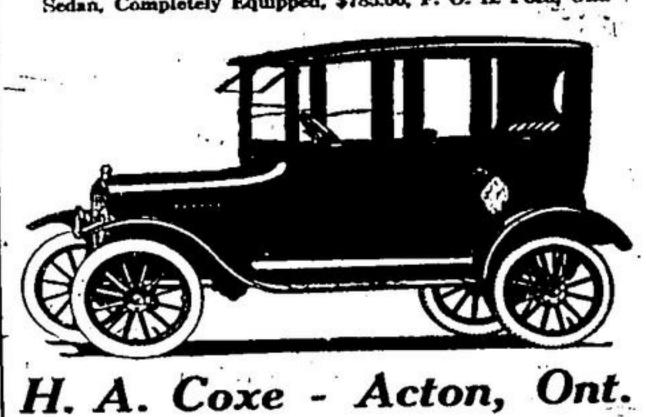
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