THE MARRIAGE OF JOHN SMITH

(A PARODY.)

Not a sigh was heard nor a funeral note,

As the man to his bridal was hurried;

Not a woman discharged her farewell groan

We married him just about eight at night,

By the struggling moonbeam's misty light,

No useless watch-chain covered his vest,

With a few of his friends around him.

Few and short were the things that we said

But we steadily gazed on the man that was we And we bitterly thought on the morrow.

We thought as we silently stood about,

How the merest stranger had cut us out

And oft for the past upbraid him

The girls were suddenly firing.

Slowely and sadly we turned to go,— We had struggled and were human:

Christmas bells !

known chant that swells:

Christmas once again

all the music round.

Christmas home.—Eliza Cook.

form a selection of music relative to the

kindliness of heart, and thus there

The Eve or vigil of Christmas was formerly

distinguished by various sports and observ-

ances, which commenced about 8 o'clock in

the evening when hot cakes and ale were dis-

tributed, and carrols were chanted. The

singing was continued during the greater part

wishing in an audible voice: "A merry

palace dome.

We shed not a tear and we spoke not our

But we left him alone with his woman

CHRISTMAS IN OLDEN TIMES.

Lightly we talked of the fellow that's gone

But little he'll reck, if we let him live on

In the house where his wife conveyed him

our heavy task at length was done,

When the clock struck the hour for retir

and we heard the spiteful squibs and puns

With spite and anger dying,

With only half our trying.

And we spoke not one word of sorrow,

And the gas lamp's steady burning.

Nor overdressed we found him ;

Our faces paler turning.

On the spot where the fellow was married

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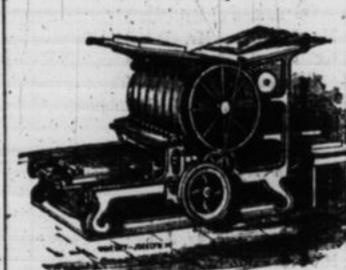
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Ottawa, Dec. 20, 1865. Water and Division Streets, which many a young gallant saluted the threshed sheaf of corn to a pole in their gar

SLOSSON. - - - - PROPRIETOR. 3-y cluded persons whose only duty was to arrange | versary all creatures should have the means

calier days by Wiliam Rufus, Henry II, and John, and at a latter period the Queen ElixaLeth: The 26th of December in England still retains the old appelation of "Boxing-Day," from the practice of giving money to domestics and the servants of different tradesmen. The origin of these Christmas boxes is rather obscure; but it has been accounted for in the following manner, which explanation is per-haps as satisfactory as any that can be ob-But he looked like a gentlemen wearing his best tained: "The Romish priests had mass said for almost anything. If a ship went out to the Indies, the priests had a box in her under the protection of some saint; and for masses to be said for them to that saint, &c., the

> get box money, that they too might be enabled to pay the priest for his masses, knowing well the trick of the proverb, "No penny, no paternosters." Old writers seem never to have tired o praising hospitality. One who wrote more than two centuries ago, shows how much power of happiness lays in the hands of a generous householder: "Suppose Christmas now approaching, the evergreen ivie trim raing and adorning the portals and portcloses of so frequented a building; the usual carolls to observe antiquitie, cheerfully sounding, and that which is the completement of his inferior comfort-his neighbors whom he tenders as members of his own family jovne with

All hail! with happy gladness to the well- Old George Wither sings with gladsome We list the pealing anthem thord, we hear The midnight strain, "Now all our neighbor's chimnies smoke, And Christmas blocks are burning. Their ovens they with bak'd ment choke,

And all their spits are turning

Without the door let sorrow live-

And evermore be merry." Let kindly voices sing beneath low roof For these alone are carol chimes that bless a Amidst the disturbances of these agitated Howick to Berwick, to be shipped for Lontimes, which have more or less afflicted every | don, for Sir Hen. Geay, Bart., a pic, the conlink in the chain of society, Christmas- tents whereof are as follows:- namely, Stationery; also School Books, merry Christmas-offers a delightful relief, bushels of flour, 20 lbs. of butter, 4 geese, With this high festival are associated joy, snipes, 4 patridges, 2 neates' tongues, 2 cur peace and happiness. Those who have per- lew, 7 blackbirds, and 6 pigeons; it is sup haps been separated during the rest of the posed a very great curiosity; was made by year, meet then around the household altar, Mrs. Dorothy Patterson, housekeeper at How and thus a species of home religion is establick. It was near nine feet in circumference lished which has a more beneficial effect than, at the bottom, weighs about twelve stone, will most people imagine. This social gathering take two men to present it to table. It is

creates and keeps alive bright sympathies in nearly fitted with a case, and four small wheels to facilitate its use to every guest that 'As mid the waste an isle of fount and palm inclines to partake of its contents at table." But times have changed. There is but lit tle noisy jollity in Christmas as at present From time immemorial, Christmas has celebrated; people go no longer to see the been the most prominent testival in the calen-Glastonbury thorn blown on the 25th of Dec. lairs at midnight of Christmas Eve to see the oxen fall on their knees, as they are said have done at the time of the Nativity in the stable at Bethlehein-a superstition which On the first three Thursdays of December, one would hardly expect to find reproduced oung people went around to the differen in Canada, where an Indian was detected 3. Houses, singing in honor of the approaching anniversary, and wishing the inhabitants. stealing out " to see the deer kneel;" for, as he replied to his questioner, "It was Christ-"A merry Christmas and happy New Year, mas night, when all the deer fall upon their upon which they were presented with fru knees to the Great Spirit, and look up." and money. In many country places in Eng Neither do they consider that the multiplied land there yet exists a custom for the village agredients of mince pies are symbolical of choir to visit the principal residents, and per the various offerings brought by the wise men; or that it is necessary to make them of a long son, when their vocal and instrumental pow and narrow shape to represent a manger; or ers are in full force; and although the sounds that eating them is a proof of orthodoxy; may not be quite in unison with a delicate ear or that for each variety of pie so eaten so yet they are expressive of good feeling and

year; nor drink spiced ale, or eat roasted apples before breakfast; nor wassail the trees, that they may bear. "Full many a plum, and many a pear." Christmas is observed at present in Norway of the night, whilst the Yule log and Christ, and Sweden much as it used to be in England. mas candles shed their cheerful glow in the In the former country on the morning of the lordly mansion and lowly pot. Although festal day the roads are thronged with sledges most of these antique customs have departed, conveying visitors to their destinations; and burning the Yule log is still continued in Eng. | the bells which decorate the necks of the land, more particularly in the north. Carol hardy little horses make a merry tingling in the singing is of very aucient origin and yet pre- clear frosty air. The day begins with divine vails on the Continent. In England, the service. The architectural ornament which fashion is nearly discarded; where it is re-trined it has lost much of the original char-for all absence of art, the simplicity of the Lu-'A large assortment of Lamps and Chimneys acter, and it is now confined to the humbler therian form of worship. The congregations constantly on hand, and for sale at Low Prices, classes. Leland remarks: I'In the meddel are large, and evince the greatest devotion in Goods Delivered Free to all parts of the of the hall eat the deane and those of the their demeanor. The service being over, re king's chapell, which incontynently after the lations, and neighbors assemble at different king's furst course singe a carralt." Instead houses according to invitation, where refresh of the psalms for Christmas day being read. It ments are partaken of before dinner. This 1-t was customary, particularly during the even- luncheon consists of a variety of viands and

tive of the twelve months in the following

parishoners. The earliest known collection of meet at the table supplied with -All estable cookable things In the days of our forefathers Christmas sembled, but the baronial hall was filled with retainers of every degree, "keeping their Christmas holiday;" all partook of the bounty of their lord, which was bestowed with no sparing hand. Besides the ponderous baron of beef, roasted kid, venison, pasties, and innumerable other good things, the festive board was graced by a peacock, which, according to a manuscript in the possession of the Royal Society, was roa-ted, after which the feathers were replaced by a skillful artiste. The manuscript says: "Let hym (the peacock) goole awhile, and take and sowe hym in his skin and glyde hys combe, and BOOK-BINDER so serve hym for the last course." The was-

ng service, for these festal hymns to be liquors : for those ladies who prefer them,

chanted when the voices of the whole congre- sweet cordials and confectionary are pro-

evergreens which decorated the grained roof of the "bannered hall".

sail bowl, whose merits are the theme of

many an old Saxon ballad, was garlanded

with holly and divers-colored ribbons, and

duly honored by the "goodlie companie;" the

"merrie disports" amidst minstrelsy and to their own homes. mirthful sounds. Then followed the dance, in which moved in measured steps the stately | there sociality; and at this celebration every dame and knightly cavalier. In the reign of one unites in promoting the festivities of the Queen Elizabeth "brawls" were much in olden time in England, when mere feasting olden time in England, when mere feasting fashion. There were figure clances, in which was not deemed sufficient, unless accompa-Sir Christopher Hutton greatly excelled; to ned by an interchange of kindly feelings .this circumstance, and to his graceful figure, much of his advancement in life has been attributed. Of this gentleman the poet Gray conclusion the minister reads from a manu speaks in the following line:-

"My grave Lord keeper led the brawls"

logs blazed and crackled in the capacious straw in memory of the birth place of our chimney, and threw a bright glow over the old | Saviour being a stable. Every comfort and walls, wainscotted with black oak, which luxury, as far as means will permit, are prowas almost hidden by the garniture of scarlet | vided; and in the midst of their own rejoicberried holly and pearly mistletce. A large ing, the peasants never forget the inferior or piece of the latter was invariably suspended der of the creation. An almost universal from the centre of the middle beam beneath custom exists among them of tying an unblushing maiden, as she rested a moment dens for the benefit of little birds which always beneath the mischievous branch.

them. The sovereigns of England were wont to celebrate this glorious anniversary with great pomp; the castle of Windsor has not unfrequently been chosen as the scene of princely mirth; more particularly in the

poor people must, put something into the priest's box, which was not opened till the ship's return. The mass at that time was called Christ-mass; the box called Christmas box, or money gathered against that time; and from this the servants had the liberty to

him in this consort of mirth and melody." A loud and laughing welcome to the merry | thenewe may presume he had won their respect and gratuide for at least another year.

> And if for cold it hap to die, We'll bury't in a Christmas pic, What the Christmas pie was, may be un derstood from a description of one published in a Newcastle paper at the beginning of Janu ary, 1770. Monday last, was brought from

many happy days are in store for the enter. Neither do they believe that the weather of small pleasure in listening to the rural musi the twelve days of Christmas is prognostica-

> That e'er tripped upon trotters, or soured upon Between the courses national songs are ung, and toasts given, the burden of them eing prosperity and happiness to all. In the evening five boys, attired in white nantles, enter; the tallest holding a colored antern, shaped like a star, and another bearing an illuminated glass box, containing two wax dolls, one of which represents the Virin, and the other the infant Jesus in a cra-A bit of candle is moved by machinery from side to side over the cradle, signifying the star in the East, which guided the magiians to the feet of the "Young Child." Dur." ng this exhibition a carol is chanted explanatory of the mystery. Another hand of mask ed performers then appear, dressed a la mili-

taire-their uniforms are generally rather tattered from long service, and are profusely covered with tinsel. These maskers perform a pantomime, and various other sports for ways meet with a welcome at every house, "Looked down while pledging draughts were and are hospitably entertained. After numerous divertisements the company are sumand metheglin and hippocras went freely moned to supper; that being over, and sledges round. After the feast, entered morris dan- fly swiftly over the snow, glittering in the cers and the Lord of Misrule, with his attend- bright moonlight, bearing happy guests from ants gorgeously attired, exhibiting their the mansion of their hospitable entertainers The Swedes likewise are remarkable for

> The churches are crowded; the service com mences at six o'clock in the morning; at the script entitled Personalia, the names of those who have recently died in the parish; he makes some comments on their good or bad

In the olden times, the festivities of Christ- weather at this season. These kind hearted mas were such that a nobleman's establish- and hospitable people assign as a reason for ment was considered incomplete unless it in this act of charity, that on this great anni-

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