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NEW YEAR'S AT BLUE RIDGE

"SPEAKING OF New Year's" said the Nevidian, "I always call to mind this time of year the blowoff we boys give a young doctor chap who came up to Blue Ridge just at the time that camp was the liveliest, to which I might add that though the days of the Ridge was few in the land, as the book says, while it did last there was no camp on the Pacific slope from Puget sound to the Rio Grande that could furnish as much fun in a week as transpired in Blue Ridge every twenty-four hours.



FLANNING A SURPRISE FOR THE DOCTOR. Peculiar to remark, seeing as how we had the most likely looking grave-yard, considering the population, as you would find in all the Sierras. But the boys as populated the graveyard was mostly a lively and healthy lot up to and inclusive of the moment of their demise.

"That's what the boys was speaking of when the doctor came into camp. "Long Bill remarked to me that the boys who was hurt ought to make an effort to last until the doctor could arrive, which would give him a legal claim on any dust they might leave. He was just the kind of a chap for the camp if so it had been that there was any trade for him, for he was quiet, nery, had more book learning than the editor and was cheerful and obliging, especially obliging, for he preached a beautiful sermon over the late dealer at the faro bank, though the said dealer had died of his wounds before Doc arrived.

"Same said as how we ought to send down in the valley where they were all shaking eternally with malaria and impart a bunch of the shakers for Doc to practice on and pay him so much for the cleanup. He laughed when we proposed this and said it would be unprofessional, because he knew the party as had the practice in the valley.

"Then we proposed that thereafter, any party dying of his wounds before the Doc could arrive, the said party's effects should be levied upon for a fee to be paid to Doc. "All the boys agreed to that, and we got so worked up over the prospect that a disagreement resulted that very night, in which a Wells-Fargo shotgun messenger blew all the Latin parts out of a friend with a ten gauge duck gun, which the same, for purposes of stage robbers, was of a sawed off character. The party as was shot was mostly missing between his hips and his chest, the remains being only two-thirds, but we joyfully sent for Doc just the same. "Well, he came, and when he saw the state of the case he said as he wasn't an undertaker he couldn't be of any service.

"It was a few days before New Year's that the editor showed us a piece in a San Francisco paper, which was a kind of local notice, stating that our Doc was going to be married to a lady in that city. That sets us thinking, and we thought harder than ever when the Doc tells us that he was going to leave us on New Year's day to take up his practice in San Francisco. We held a meeting and discussed the state of affairs, having a pretty good idea of how the land lay financially with Doc, because his money was on deposit with the express agent and he was chairman of our meeting.

NEW YEAR'S IN RUSSIA. In the smaller cities of Russia New Year's day is in the Twelve Days' festival. The Russians in many parts have held to the old ways from time immemorial. The preparations for the season begin early in November. The host of some great house begins to lay in stores of salted beef and sausages, liqueurs, etc. The hostess calls on all her friends and invites young and old. Next day she is succeeded by the nurse, who makes the same rounds of visits. Her duty is to invite especially the young ladies. She is hailed with joy, and the lady of the house hastens to mix for her the cup of wine. She delivers her errand and is pilled with questions as to the invited and rejected. But the most important question is, "Who are the elected?" These are the young men invited by the hostess for the girls, or "fair maidens," as they are called. The duty of the young man thus designated is to look after the amusement and pleasure of his "fair maiden" during the "twelve days." The responsibility of the choice lying with the hostess, she has to be careful in her selection.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS. Old Fashioned Greens Were Rosemary, Ivy and Bay. The old fashioned holiday greens were rosemary, ivy and bay, but in the 2,000 tons of wreathing and decorating material which it is estimated that we now use every year there is a much greater variety. Best loved of all is the glossy red berried holly. "Helm" was the old English name for it, and it is thought to be identical with the "greenwood tree" of British ballads and of Robin Hood fame. On our side of the Atlantic the American holly, Ilex opaca, is found from Maine, where it grows as a shrub, to North and South Carolina, where it lifts a symmetrical cone of dark, shining leaves set with scarlet berry clusters along a beautiful trunk of gray and silver to the height of seventy or eighty feet. Delaware and Maryland are usually credited with furnishing the best grades of holly to the holiday market, but their "Three X" brand, as soon after shipment to northern cities, is not so finely berried as the Carolina holly, plentiful in the regions around Asheville.—Country Life in America.

New Year's Calls. New Year's calling in New York was purely the outgrowth of an early Dutch custom, yet strangely enough many of the descendants of the early Dutch settlers fought against the continuance of a practice which they declared had long since passed beyond the bounds to which the fathers limited it and had been made the excuse for great excesses on a day which ought to be given over to the forming of good resolutions.

THE OLD and THE NEW. The New Year came to the Old Year's door. When the sands were wasting thin, And the frost lay white on the Old Year's hat, And his hand grew chill as he slipped the latch To let the New Year in.

A Time of Peril. Clarissa—I'm always glad when New Year's day is safely over. Fidelia—Yes; it is a saddening anniversary. Clarissa—Oh, I don't mean that Clarence and I always have a horrid quarrel suggesting improvements in each other's conduct.

Stock on Hand. Bradds—Going to make any new resolutions this year, Spikes? Spikes—New ones? I should say not. I've got a lot of old ones I've never used, by Jove!

Wreckage. Break, break, break—No, not the waves of the sea—Only the resolutions That the foolish made, ah, me! —S. E. Kiser.

As Good as New. "How about those good resolutions you made the first of the year?" "Oh, they are still good."—Smart Set

Self Approval. "Have you kept your New Year's resolutions?" "Yes, I have faithfully kept a New Year's resolution that I made three or four years ago." "What was it?" "Never to make any more resolutions."—Washington Star.

An Arrested Intelligence. "Charlie Binks isn't as slow as he seems." "How is that?" "He woke up yesterday and asked what year it is."

His Happy Calls. Wilkins—How many calls did you make yesterday? Dilkins—Three, and, say, it was the best game of poker I ever sat in!

Deseronto Personals. Deseronto, Dec. 27.—Miss Maud Allen has returned home after a few months' visit with her sister in Belknap, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Geddes of Kingston, are spending their Christmas holidays in Deseronto. P. Mahoney of Ottawa, has returned home for his holidays. Rev. Mrs. Melton and son of Belwood, are visiting her parents in Deseronto. Miss Beistel of Toronto, is visiting her brother Charles. Miss Lena Richardson and Miss Edna McDiarmid, of Whitby College, have returned home for Christmas holidays. George McGahey, of Oranmore Hall, spent Christmas at home. D. MacDonnell, of Peterboro, spent Christmas at home. Mrs. W. J. Malley has come to Orangeville to spend the holidays with her mother. She was accompanied by her sons Clarence and Arthur. Mr. and Mrs. McMillan are spending a few days in Mattland. Mrs. W. H. Oliver and Miss Lucy Oliver of Goodship, Que., are visiting friends in town.

Bishop of Durham Old Giving. How is it with you means? Surely on plain Scripture principles, you ought to devote at least a tenth to His distinctive work. But you must not stop! You are to recognize, whether you have a thousand a year or ten thousand, or whether you could only earn a little weekly, that it all belongs to Him, on the principle of His bond service. Your accounts must be kept for His inspection. Your annual spending must be done as in His presence. You are to be at once thrifty and generous, because you are His trustee and His agent. In your own person you are to do your utmost to negate the reproach against the Church of Christ that a man may be converted and yet keep an unconverted purse.



Eleven Villages in Ruins. St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—Advices from Akhabad, Russian Turkestan, say that in the country around Akhabad eleven villages are in ruins as a result of the recent earthquake, and thatfully 6,000 houses have been destroyed in these scattered settlements. The weather is warmer, and the work of rescue and succor is proceeding with better results. No one is permitted to enter Akhabad without a police pass.

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The winners will be announced on or before March 14th. CANADIAN CIGAR SYNDICATE, 821 Craig Street, Montreal.

ROOSEVELT'S NOTE. Think it Better That Tribunals Shall Decide. Rome, Dec. 27.—Ambassador Mercier, presented to the foreign office, President Roosevelt's note on the subject of the Venezuelan arbitration. The president says, although he is very gratified at the coincidence the powers have shown in him as arbitrator, which position he would have accepted if there were no other means of solving the question, yet he thinks it better to submit the case to The Hague tribunal, and especially as all concerned are willing. The president adds that as there is no question of national honor or question of territory involved, and in accord with all the powers concerned, who have shown an honorable spirit of mutual consideration and moderation, he is glad to be informed that they all have agreed to submit the question to The Hague tribunal.

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