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### YEAR'S IN OTHER LANDS

sally celebrated of holidays. Christmas is practically confined to Christian countries and in some of these has only a religious observance. The same is true of Easter. Other holldays are for the most part national in character and are confined to their own countries. But New Year's in some form is celebrated in all lands and in not a few is the chief flavor, Green and Black at 39c per holiday of the year. It is not observed always on Jan. 1, the Chinese and Jewish New Year's being notable exceptions and the Russian festival being held on what to us is Jan. 12, owing

to a difference in the calender. Especially is the beginning of the vim and vitality. Premature decay and all sexual year a time of festival in the orient. weakness averted at once. Phosphonol will make you a new man. Price \$3 a box, or two for The Scobell Drug is, but it probably antedates history. In most Asiatic countries New Year's eve is a time for settling debts, wiping the slate clean for the succeeding twelvemonth. Tea drinking is naturally one of the chief forms of observ-



ance in China and Japan. There it is an art, and the ceremonial on New Year's is intended to outrank anything else in the pink tea line. The Japanese tea room is hidden away in some secluded part of the garden, and only a few of the elect are admitted. This, of course, refers to the private tea rooms, the public ones being frequented by Mr. Common People and all his wife's

The Japs eat from a large variety of dishes on this day, plously offering samples of the foods to their gods. The day in Nippon is celebrated on Jan. 1, as with us.

New Year's is celebrated for thirteen days in Persia and is the most important festival of the year. It furnishes a precious opportunity for the beggars who camp on a man's doorstep and blow horns until he gives a present. The festival is called "No Rooz" and combines our Christmas and Easter. Sweets are prepared long in advance, and eggs are boiled and March 25, and for thirteen days thereafter business is suspended. Presents are given, among them being a coat of honor for important persons, for which a price is often exacted, much in excess of the value of the garment. Another "No Rooz" custom is for delegations of Persians to visit the tombs of the departed and send up wails

both loud and long. New Year's is a great day for the children in the country towns of Russia. The boys carry peas and wheat. showering those they like with wheat and those they dislike with peas. Various domestic animals are gayly decorated and led about the streets. There ip for a while, the digestive organs is also a ceremony of changing water into wine, which is harmless enough, since it does not increase the wine

> The great feature of the German New Year's is "Sylvester Abend," corresponding in some measure to our watch parties, except that more liquid refreshment is absorbed. The punch bowl is the center of attraction, but the punch is usually made of a mild Rhine wine and does little if any barm. Ill fares it with the man wearing a high hat on this night, for it is smashed with great enthusiasm. In Frankfort on the Main a pretty custom is observed. Promptly on the first stroke of 12 every shutter in town flies open and a head appears with the shout, "Prosit Neujahr!" It is as quickly withdrawn, and the shutters are reclosed before the clocks have finished

> booming the hour. The French give Christmas a relirious observance, so that New Year's is the great popular holiday. Gifts are exchanged and calls are made on Jan. and all through the month.

The English observance of New Year's is not largely different from ours, except that the old year is swept out by men and boys dressed as chimnev sweeps and is rung out with muf-

Rev. John Cain, pastor of the Shedden Baptist church? died at St. Thom-Two lives were lost by a fire in a aged fifty,

#### BRIGHTENS MAN'S HABIT.

Tailor Anticipates Pendulous Swing To Brilliant Hues. A movement has been imitiated

which has for its object the brightening of the clothes which men wear. From the tailors' point of view this is a dull age. Men wear only sombre colors, a reflection of the gray things of life, with none of its beauties. The women, say the tailors, tread the right path. Their dress to-day is as beautiful as ever it was, and just

as expensive. But the men, say the tailors, are depressing, and in no way worthy their title of the "lords of creation." So a revolution is coming. In the van of this movement is Mr. H. Dennis Bradley, of the West-end tailoring house of Pope and Bradley. He has every hope of seeing a Merry, England in which men will not be ashamed to wear colors, and when the black or dark coat will be neglected to strictly gloomy functions. "The only way for us to begin," said

Mr. Bradley, "is by encouraging a taste for brighter colors. It is no good talking of changing the form until brighter ideas are accepted; once men are accustomed to seeing colors on their fellows they will be prepared to see radical changes of form, and such changes would certainly follow in time on the adoption of more cheerful coiors. If men once accept pink as a color, for instance, they will in time see that trousers are not a suitable garment for the employment of pink, and will therefore adopt some other

form of nether covering. "I think that there is no doubt that within the next few years our dress will undergo considerable changes in style, color, and material. The manuand already produce materials in beautiful colors whose only fault is the courage of men. What we want is because it is green. Pioneers are alare coming. There has been an enormous change towards brightness in the last ten or fifteen years if you only think of it. Take such things as socks and underclothing, the garments that are hidden. Ten years ago they were all of the "all-wool" variety, without color of any kind. look at socks and undergarmentsthey are produced in the most beau tiful colors. Go into the chambers any well-to-do bachelor, and you will find that his bath gowns and dressing gowns are of the most delightful color schemes. Men are fond of color just as much as women, but they do not

like to show if to the world.

"And, above all," concluded Mr.
Bradley, "let it be understood that this is not a plea for what we used to call the 'masher' and what is now called the 'nut.' We want color and brightness, but we want it all in harmony and taste.

So now for the pioneers of the ne

More Schoolboy "Howlers."

Speaking at a meeting recently, Dr. T. J. Macnamara, M.P., told some amusing stories of quaint sayings at-tributed to children, which he had collected from school teachers in various parts of the country. Here is

Teacher: "What is a mediator?" Pupil: "Please, sir, a mediator a chap who says, 'Hit me instead.' Teacher (to a London class): "What

"Grass is what you have to Why would David sather be "Because he could walk outsid

"Because in the Bible

"World without end."" When he once asked a London class of girls, added Dr. Macnamara, what they would say if he told them he saw the sun rise in the west, he got the reply that it was impossible. "But," he persevered, "supposing I

"Well," one of the little girls at length replied, "I should think you must have got up rather late."

#### Stripped at the Law.

Dickens, describes in his novel Bleak House' the woes of those who were involved in suits in the chancery court and the delays to which they were subjected before the English udicial procedure was reformed. Tradition says that an artist once represpace. Two suitors in chancery, being reconciled to each other after a very tedious and expensive suit, apmemoration of their return to peace and amity. He gave them entire satisfaction by painting them in the act of shaking hands-one clad in his shirt, the other without even shat.

"Taylor" Day in the Rifles. F Company, 1st King's Royal Rifles. became noted in Pietermaritzburg as the "Taylor" Company, having no fewer than seven Taylors in its ranks -probably a record for any company in the Army. On the outbreak of the Soer War they were ordered to Dundee, Natal, and their firsts conflict with the Dutchmen occured at Glencoe. The casualty list that night read

"Lieutenant Taylor, killed; Colour-Sergeant Taylor, severely wounded; Sergeant Taylor, killed; Bandsman Taylor, severely wounded; Pioneer Paylor severely wounded; Private

Truly a sorry day for the Taylors.

Not of Much Account, The lord chief justice of England hurch. A woman once asked the verger to point out Sir Richard Webster as he then was. The verger replied, "Well ma'am, that's the vicar

#### A NOTABLE COIN,

This Piece of Gold Has An Interesting

Albert Almon, the well-known colector of Louisburg relics and other articles of antiquarian interest, showed The Montreal Gazette a French gold coin of 1730, worth probably between \$10 and \$15 for the gold in it, aside from its historical interest. which formed part of the treasure in a ship which was lost shortly after that date at Point Micheau, Richmond County. The coin is practically as good as new and on one side bears an effigy of the French King, Louis XV. with a small lion rampart below, the inscription, Lud. XV. D. G. Fr. et Nav. Rex." On the reverse there are the fleur de lis and shield, arms of France and Navarre, surmounted by a crown, and surrounded by the inscription, "Chrs. Regn. Vinc. Imper." with the date 1730. The initial "T" below the heraldic device would indicate that the coin was minted at Toulon.

The history of this coin is an interesting one. About the year of the first siege of Louisburg, a French gun boat left France with \$7,500,000 of gold coin to pay the troops and all other expenses which were standing for some time in Louisburg. On nearing the Cape Breton coast a fierce storm arose and drove the little ship off her course towards Point Micheau (which name is a corruption of Point Michael, after this ship, which was named, "St. Michael.") The ship stranded on a reef at Point Micheau known as "Gros Bos" (big rock). Allthe crew were lost. The gold was in oak kegs bound with copper or brass

rers are sympathetic to the idea, treasure ship was true was shown in came ashore. Further proof was given by the finding of many gold coins or aix coins. This created much interest in the Point Micheau gold, so that hundreds went there. The beach was plowed and dragged, but no more gold was got at the time.

The piece owned by Mr. Almon was found last June and owned by Mr. Taylor. It was obtained through Wm M. Murphy of Point Micheau. The coins were all of gold, dated 1725 to 1780. Mr. Almon states that in his French histories mention has been made of ships leaving France with gold for Louisburg, and he thinks that through further study the story of this ship could be secured in full detail in some of the histories or from the French navy records-Glace Bay Gazette.

Postal System Grows.

An excellent barometer of the great strides of progress being made by the Dominion is the report of the Postmaster-General, which was brought down in the Commons recently. It shows almost phenomenal expansion of the postoffice service during the year. No less than 535 new postoffices, 569 poetal note offices, 172 fices were opened during the year. There was an increase of 1,236 miles in the extent of the system over which mails are carried by railway. During the year there were mailed 566,140,000 letters, and of these 141,-291 found their way to the dead letter office. This means that only one letter in every 4,007 posted failed to reach its destination. A somewhat interesting and significant feature of the report is that the Province of Ontario is very far ahead of the other provinces in the matter of postal traf-fic. In this connection the figures re-

lating to the number of letters are Of the 566,140,000 letters mailed the Dominion during the year, no less than 240,232,000 were posted in the Province of Ontario. Quebec is but a poor second, with but 99,630,000. Takaltogether every man, woman and child in the country wrote eleven let-

ters in the year. The estimated increase in the number of letters and postcards for the year is 67,321,000, which is over 12 still declared I had seen the sun rise | per cent. greater than 1911.

> "Stick" 'Em on the Back. Won't you buy some Christmas

stamps?" The speaker was a young lady seatward Hotel, Toronto, with a table before her covered with the cheery little red wafers which, when affixed to holiday mail, carry their messages greeting and reminders of the sick and suffering. Incidentally their sale adds to the fund available for combatting tuberculosis in Ontario. She addressed a kindly-faced old man who

'What are they for?" he asked. "To help in the cure of consump-"Well, well," he broke in. "If had only known about these before my poor cousin died. I might have

saved him. How do you use them?" Here the old man interrupted again. "On the back? How simple!" And he walked off murmuring: "Stick them on the back! Ah, if I had only

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