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MYSTERY AND PATIENCE, A NEW YEAR'S MEDITATION. How little we know of God and His ways. How little we know of our fellow men. It were comparatively easy to love God if God obviously acted toward us as a father to his child. It were not hard to love our fellow man if he always treated us fairly and bore himself as a son of God. But the ways of God are dark, and the character of our fellow man is contradictory. Glibly we say that God is in His heaven; all's well with the world. But what we really see is neither God above nor a world all well, but two powers which we can hardly estimate, contending with one another—one of Good and one of Evil. But who is He that is at the heart of it? What is He? Why is He doing those things? It is a great mystery. But it is no greater mystery than the inner consciousness of the man sitting beside us whom we have known for twenty years. Look at him; there in front of the fire this New Year's Eve. He is silent. What is he thinking about? You don't know. His body is there, but what drifts in his soul pursuing? What is he going to be? You don't know. You say you know him well, but twenty years has revealed almost nothing. Our brother man is a mystery, like God. We seem to be going about in a mist; we hear the voice of the person next us; we feel and fumble for him; sometimes we find him; sometimes we miss him. God forgives us, sometimes we strike him, not knowing what we are doing. Mystery. All mystery. "We see through a glass darkly."

BIT'S OF BY-PLAY By LUKE McLUKE Copyright, 1920, by The Cincinnati Enquirer.
Police! Otto's one of these speed creatures. And he's in almost every race. He thinks he has handsome features. He auto have a mobile face.
Settling the Bet. "Will you settle a bet for me?" asked Jinks. "Sure," replied Binks. "What's the bet?" "I made a bet with Winks and lost \$50," replied Jinks. "Mail him a check for the amount, will you?"
Wasi! "I'll tell you one thing, Mr. Gamp," remarked old Mr. Tooty; "You have to lick a postage stamp. Or it won't do its duty."
The Wise Fool. "Every man has his troubles," observed the Egg. "Yes," agreed the Fool. "And most of them wear skirts."
"Geo-Bip!" With hard-up men folks won't consort. They're hated by the throng; And when it knows a fellow's short The world will say: "So long!"
Bang! "Business is pretty dull, isn't it?" asked the Lounger in the Bowling Alley. "Yes," replied the Bowling Alley Proprietor. "Things are so quiet in here that you could hear a pin drop."
Quick, Dec, the Palmester! Love keeps a fellow in a whirl. And he does things in haste; But when a fellow hugs a girl, His efforts go to waste.
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There's a way to defy. True lovers will find. The neighbors who spy— Just pull down the blind. —Canton (Ohio) News.
The Wisdom of the Law. The Supreme Court of Washington has decided that the testimony of a man who is riding along the street and prospective husband, on her second wedding, is good because said woman was driving other traffic carelessly nothing happened to husband.
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proprietor's reputation by calling him a "Blockhead."
Any Other Nominations? I. E. Allgood, of Paradise, Texas, has been nominated for Chaplain of the Names is Names Club.
Gosh! We hate to keep any one out of the Club. But what the heck are we gonna do with William Cabagastak, of 1521 Taylor street, Columbia, S.C.
Ho, Hoo! Hi, doodle, doodle, a dame and a poodle With booze as high as the moon; The cellar folks laugh to see such sport, And the whole world seems out of tune. —Tucker E.
Our Daily Special. A Man Has To Have More Than Dough To Be Well Bred.
Luke McLuke Says A woman can bear up wonderfully under her sorrows when she knows that crying gives her a Red Nose. Some Efficiency Experts waste \$1,000 worth of a concern's time while they fuss about a Penny. More than \$20,000,000 worth of Perfumes was sold in this country in December. We hope Soap hasn't gone out of style.
It might be possible for a woman to obtain everything she desires if she would just quit wanting so much.
When there is an Amateur Singer in the neighborhood the Neighbors are always unanimous in the opinion that she has so much Talent that she should be sent away to have her voice cultivated.
When a childless woman starts raising a Pet she takes a deep interest in reading up on Extensive Agriculture.
A youth will put in four years at College and then have to hustle so hard to earn a living that he forgets all he has learned.
A married man may not know much. But he knows who is Boss in his house, all right, all right.
Any time a man wants to sell his auto real cheap he better get it either he or the auto is busted.
After a woman takes on the Middle-Aged Spread the Society Columna refer to her as a Matron.

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER
THE OLD YEAR. I view the old year with regret, my record sadly reading; for I went deeply into debt for things I wasn't needing. Whenever I had earned a plunk I seemed to fret and worry, unless I blew it in for junk, and blew it in a hurry. And now collectors dog my path, they chase me through the alleys, they catch me when I'm in the bath, and bore me with their sallies. Around my humble home they perch, they're rooting on the fences, they follow when I go to church, they jar my seven senses. And lawyers tag me on the street, and bailiffs show their mettle, and every guy I chance to meet requests that I will settle. Oh, life is but a doleful thing, when debts are fierce and many, and bum collectors form a ring and take your final penny. And shame and trouble with you lodge, and hug you ever closer, if you're the gent who has to dodge the butcher and the grocer. Collectors chased me all the year, and made things very trying, and after this my course is clear—I'll pay for all I'm buying. And when this sad old year expires, at debt you'll see me balking; if I can't pay for rubber tires, I'll put in twelve months walking. —WALT MASON.

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