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ce An extra supply of the Bantholdi nomani of the Juders now on hand. Call at the counting-room or send ten cents to this office.
To the man who wants office-Many happy returns.
The worst thing in the little boy's stocking -The hole in the toe.
The Mormon with thirteen wives must have a new wig-he needs it.
It is feared that the president will find a good deal of rheumatism in his.

Pity at this season the man with a cork leg. He can legitimately hang up only one.
For O'Donovan Rossa-The freedom of London in a Christmas package of dynamite
After all, there can be nothing in the young lady's stocking more inviting than the material that generally occupies it.

Dan's Christmas present-A litte book from Mrs. Lamont giving instructions with regard to the high art of shopping.
Priesents for Blaine, Edmunds and Conk-ling-Essays on the beauty of forgetfulness and the profit that follows forgiveness.

It is melancholy to reflect, now that everybody is making presents, that the ssalskin sacque has gone totally out of fashion.

The stocking of David B. Hill must be a bag, and the bag must be large enough to hold about 140 pounds of loveliness. Understand ?

To make the spinster happy-Give her an engagement ring. It needn't be costly-any kind of a sure-enough engagement circlet will do.

Carter Harmison needs extensive information as to the best method of becoming an egotist. Santa Claus will please bear this in mind.

Give every prouibitionist a bottle of wine

It will enable him to say something worth hearing, and it may even make him temporarily happy.
The mugwump expects the earth, with the privilege of managing the heavenly bodies. Give him anything less and he will perish of disappointment. $\qquad$
If Santa Claus goes down the chimneys of the best society of England he will see things that will send him up the flue again with extraordinary haste.

The Judar bears testimony to the worth as an artist of J. A. Wales, who served the paper faithfully for a long time; and adds its regret that death has taken him in the prime of life and when his great talent should have contributed most to the amusement of the thousands who knew and admired him. His death will tinge with sadness the Christmas color that lights up the homes to which the Judar goes; and there are none who will fail to cast a sprig of Christmas green into his open grave.

## happy all the year round.

The words " Merry Christmas," however vigorously they may be uttered, embody merely a wish. Indeed they are frequently an application for Christmas favors. The JUDGE is not thus commercially inclined, but presents the favors with the wish, as its ample pages give abundant evidence. A merry Christmas to all, and many returns of the same, and lots of Judars always and everywhere; and the better to ensure the latter blessing there are these special terms for all-
four dollars a year in advance or ten cents a number. Here's your Christmas, ladies and gentlemen; and when the usual Christmas question is put, "What'll you take?" reply promptly, "The JUDGe, if you please," and so be happy not only on Christmas day but all the year round.

## tie grant monument-tie dudge's plan.

The Judae's scheme in behalf of the Grant monument fund, elsewhere advertised, will commend itself to all, especially at this season, so largely devoted to remembrance. In th's way the Grant monument fund may be easily raised, at the same time that the generously inclined contribute to their own amusement, and some of them to their own posses. sions. The scheme, with the incidental charity devoted to other purposes, has been fully tried in England, and its success has been very great. The plan has the cordial indorsement of the Grant monument fund committee, as the following letter shows:

Office of the GRuit Monumest Association,

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Sin-The Executive Committee of the Grant Monument Association have received your communication notifying the Committee that you propose to aid in the collection of contributions to the Grant Monument Fund, and I am ure that the preas of New Yoris is willing to give this fund its valuable aid, and they desire me to say that anything which may be contributed to it through the efforts of the Judar will be most gratefully acknowledged.

Very truly yours,
Richard T. Gryaren, Becretary.

FORBEARANCE CEASES TO BE A VIRTUE.


This is outrageous, Stockings get longer every Christmas. I'll just lighten things up a bit for Santa Claus."


## JOURNALISTIC FESTIVITIES.

At a Christmas dinner surreptitiously given a little in advance Mr. Dana, as the nearest approach to Santa Claus in looks, presided. His eyes twinkled merrily and his little round abdomen shook as he occasionally laughed; and once he felt so young that he absently tried to brush the frost out of his whiskers, and turned his gaze upward as if questioning the grayness and spareness of his hair. "Boys," he said, "it is good to be here. We shouid have these reunions oftener." His gaze wandered down the table, and suddenly stopped at the chair occupied by Joseph Pulitzer. "Really," he remarked, while his face rapidly assumed a look of stern severity, " there is apparently a blunder. If I mistake not the individual yonder should stand at the rear of the chairs intended for guests. That's where he belongs. But never mind. Gentlemen, I wish you a merry Christmas."
Mr. Pulitzer remarked, rising, and not without embarrassment, that he cordially indorsed the earlier portion of the speech of the presiding officer, but in his opinion the remainder of it was seriously marred by unwarranted reflections. He should not be surprised $f$ the person opposite him, whose name he believed was Dorsheimer, should be guilty of such bad manners, it being beyond his brief intelligence to distinguish between gentlemen and loafers; but that the presiding officer should be thus offensive was matter for surprise. However, you could hardly expect anything worthy from the man who was driven out of Chicago, and who published the Pall Mall Gazette scandal with all of its disgusting details (applause by Mr. George Jones), and he should treat the insult visited upon him with the contempt it deserved. "Gentlemen," he concluded, "a merry Christmas."
"I observe," said Mr. Reid, rising hastily
and inadvertently trying to wipe his lips with a glass, "that an individual best known as Fagin has had the bad taste to applaud an objectionable sentiment presented by the gentleman last up, I would like to suggest to the offending person that he will find it more profitable to make up the money missing from the Grant fund than to waste his time on such occasions as this, which are really intended
solely for gentlemen. And now, gentlemen," concluded Mr. Reid, amid uproarious applause chiefly from Mr. Dana, "let us celebrate the affection which ought to be a marked feature of this occasion. May we have a peaceful and a merry Christmas."

Hooray!" exclaimed Mr. Jones, at this moment rising rapidly, as if he were his own river, and bringing his clenched hand down on the table with considerable violence. "Second the motion. I can lick any and all of my traducers, and I think it would do them good. The impertinence of the presiding officer in his relations with the Grant funeral has shocked the public almost as much as has the senatorial ambition of the individual who belongs in the tottering tower, and both of those men ought to be severely spanked. But we will overlook the painful duty for the present. Let us rather bend to the demands of the season. Let us drink, dear friends, to a merry, merry Christmas, and no heel-taps."

By this time the Christmas feeling had spread itself all along the board. Mr. Dorsheimer arose with such haste that he tipped over several glasses and spilled his plate on the floor, and immediately proceeded to mount the table and swing his handkerchief. "Huoray!" exclaimed that gentleman, "I say so too. I join old Fagin Jones in that sentiment, and feel that there is only one thing necessary to my complete Christmas happiness. I allude, gentlemen, to the gore of Joseph Pulitzer. Let us drink if you please, to gore and to a truly merry Christmas."
"Christmas comes but once a year," cheerily sang the janitor of the place as he opened the door leading to the dining-room, some hours thereafter. He paused, and his face assumed the ashen hue that bespeaks fright. "And a deuced lucky thing it is, too," he added. "If those boys were to have another Christmas together they wouldn't leave the roof on the house and there would have to be a good many premature funerals."

THE FESTIVITIES INTERRUPTED.


Jimmy, the eldest son (coming in unexpectedly), -"Stop der music 'till I run down an' git der hook an' ladder company ter take der t'ings off der top branches!"

## Tudfoer

A RHYME FOR LUCY.


Persons view
Tell-tale blushes deeply glowing ? And alive to
Danger, strive to
Keep the other one from knowing
How essential one is growing?

Gentle Lucy, some may sketch
Cupid as a nimble wretch :
Other men may deftly trace
Portraits of his dimpled face :
With his darts
Smashing hearts,
As 'tis said he did of yore :
While in prosy,
Stilted poesy
Show they legendary lore-
Purchased at a corner store.

And I fear a lithograph
Does not always make him laugh.
Nor may maidens, penning lies,
Open Cupid's drowsy eyes,
With a strong,
Love-sick song
Written 'neath a midnight taper,
On a scented,
Ornamented
Sheet of musty parchment paper-
Quite a boarding-school girl's caper.

And this foolish, stumbling verse Has no complimenting terse.
Bears no promise unto thee
Of undying loyalty :
Leat its neat,
Gay eonceit
And Byronic melancholy,
In the hopeful
Envelope full
Would but start a postman's jolly
Laughter at my stupid folly.
DEWITT STERRY.

STRAUSS HAS CHRISTMAS.
 relitcbus liberty society, dem saidt dot ve peen
slaves to der draditions unt humpugs of der bast. Dot's all right. Dot's der deefrance between a shackass unt a mans. A shackass aind got no draditions unt humpugs. Uf he got
oats unt blenty uf oldt crockery crates unt proons he vas gontented."
No one made answer. Bimby Hofensack sat braced in a corner with his wooden leg unshipped and lying across a chair. Mike Swartz had an empty beer mug on the table before him and was wiping the table with his empty sleeve and occasionally looking up at the clock with an anxious gaze. On the edge of the box of sand where the coalstove stood, glowing like another light-house on a sandy coast, stood Johnny the newsboy, It snowed outside and his papers were wet. He had several left. It was Christmas eve and Johnny looked sad, for trade was very poor. Strauss pulled at his pipe, then resumed :
. Uf you gif up all dem humpugs dot Pob Ingersoll spraken aboud you loose alretty some fine dings. Vot you dink apoud Christmas unt Santa Claus, Chonny ?"
"We used ter go in strong fer that kind of racket, Strauss. It was nice fer the kids before

A POINTER FOR THE PROFESSION.


Tommy (looking in at door)-"Gracious, Fred ! there's Santa Claus. If he sees us we won't get any presents, so let's go to bed quick."

Burclar (diaguised ais St. Nick)-"Well, dis Santa Claus racket is de boeses' one I've struck yet, and all solid silver too."

## STAGGERED.



Boodle alderman-"Oh Lord! how that frightened me."
the old man skipped and mother got the cough. The kids used ter hang up their stockings. It was jolly, but I'll bet yer they kin empty 'em without a derrick dis year," and Johnny looked sadly at his papers and coughed hoarsely. Johnny was in a sad state for winter. His toes were visible through a large pair of wornout boots. His trousers were drawn up so strenuously by one prominent suspender that he looked as though he were in process of splitting by a buzz saw. He had that precocious look of anxiety found on juvenile faces only in the metropolis, and which are the logical explanation of the low life rates of the great insurance companies.
"Proberly, Chonny, you vas a ognastic apoud Santa Claus," and Strauss looked sheepishly at the ceiling
'I never seed him, and I don't care wot you er anyone else thinks. Dat's fer little kids. I notice if they is any Santa Claus he has his beat like a perleece, fer he ain't been my way fer two years," and Johnny smiled scornfully.
'Santa Claus vas goin' to holdt a reception unt a select barty under der auspices off Loweesa Strauss unt der shildren after I close der saloon. Swartz unt Hofensack unt Chonny Connolly vas invited," and Strauss commenced to let down the curtains and lock up. The two veterans smiled like the liege subjects they were, and Johnny laid his papers on the bar and waited further developments. The rotund form of the immortal German bard disappeared through the green baize door into the inner sanctuary of the dwelling. In about ten minutes the door was thrown open and the trio of candidates for further light in the mysteries of Christmas were ushered into a real blaze of glory. A Christmas tree of green spruce touched the ceiling and was all aflame with tiny wax candles, which brought into prominence a score of glittering and gorgeous gifts. Loweesa and the three smiling children sat in a row. The invited guests found seats around the room, and were scarcely seated when Santa Claus entered by the way of the back door. A shout of joy went up from the children. Johnuy noted the fact that the patron saint of

Christmas was short and fat, and wore a long white cotton beard and a wig of white excel sior surmounted by a fur cap. His garb was a large ulster of buffalo skin, and on his feet he wore rubber boots. Santa Claus spoke as follows:
"Mine frients, I velcome you to dese breparations for der due obserfance off a habby day."

Santa Claus is Dutcher nor noodle soup, that's what," said Johnny to himself.
"I shall recite you
a leedle broverb song vas called
a laugh vos bedder as a groan.
Ven on der sdreet I valks at night,
I nodis on each house I pass
Der curtained vindows safes der light
Fon shining outside mit der glass.
But fon some vindows light vas shined Along der grooked pavement stones
Dot seems to said to all mankind,
Von laugh is vort a hundert groans."

Unt so some fellows $\operatorname{dot}$ I meet,
Dem alvays got der curtain down;
Dey sheds no lamplight on der sdreet,
But meets der public mit a frown.
Dot's alvays shady vere dey valk,

Dot makes nooralgy in der bones, Unt py mineself I shtop unt talk, A laugh is vort a hundert groans."

You got hot boxes on der cars
Pecause dot oil vas gettin low,
Unt cruel vorts vus makin' scars
Vile shmiles vould made their faces glow,
Dey saidt der shtars got alvays vhirled
By dose addractions dot dey owns,
In any market in der vorldt
"A laugh vas vort a hundert groans."
Uf I goes oudside on der sdreet
Unt groans yoost like a shackass bray,
Den effery fellow dot I meet
Shtop oop his ears unt runs avay.
But uf I got some leedle choke
Dem fellows laughs unt shakes deir bones, Py chiminy, you hear me shpoke !

- A laugh vas vort a hundert groans."

Der piggest fool vas efer porn
He got a shance to make folks cry,
He needn't vent to school to learn Nor vait oxperiments to try.
For drouble dot vas alvays roundt
Unt nefer sdrikes in all dese years,
Unt dis, mine frient, you alvays found "A shmile vas vort a hundert tears."

A tousand years ago some mans
He somedings done dot makes men veep,
Unt efer since folks got a shance
Dey curse der blace dot fellow shleep.
Anunder fellow somedings said,
So funny dot der whule vorldt gain
A tousand years since he goes tead
Dot choke vas in der bapers peen.

SARCASM.


Ktheran-"I wan him to Brogan's roffle, Katy."
Mrs. Killehnn - "Is thot so? Phere's the cage?"
Killefan-" Phwhat kege?"
Mrs. Killehan-"Sure Oi t'ought it wuz a canary burrod yez had."

SHE DIDN'T MEAN QUITE THAT.


Embarrassed young lady (hesitatingly)-"Oh, dear me, Mr. Wellington! I-I can't express my gratitude for this delightful present. I-I don't know what to say ; really (energetically)-Oh! how much did it cost you?"

Loud and continued applause.
"For Chonny Connolly der shen tlemanly agent for der noosepapers, dis new suit of clothes."
A strange silence.
"For der leedle kids dot lif mit Chonny Connolly, der manager of der daily press, dis pasket of cakes and candies unt dings too numerous to mention."

A sob was heard over in Johnny's corner. Then a rattle was fished out of the pocket of the fur coat for the baby, and a knife for the next oldest boy, and a silver thim ble for Loweess. Then a packige for Johnny the newsboy, said to contain choice gifts of groceries for Johnny's sick mother. When the tree was empty and Santa Claus

Der volldt vas shmile in May unt June, She laughs out louder in July;
september makes her shange her tune, Unt in November she vill cry.
But Christmas comes, unt Christmas cheer Mit choy dot for der bast atones,
Unt mit dis broverb bounds der year,
" Von laugh is vort a hundert groans."
The round of applause which followed the poem was accented in an alarming manner by the thumps of Hofensack's wooden leg. After the manner of public speakers at "Shickering hall," Santa Claus warned the audience to confine their approbation to clapping of hands, and said:
"I shall now broceed to execute der broceedings uf der brogramme. I hafe here a shplendid new silk dress unt a red barasol for Mrs. Loweesa Strauss."
A delighted cry went up and the smiling St. Nicholas went on:

For Bimby Hofensack, a feteran of der late war unt a sound bolitician, I hafe a Cherman silfer-blated cup described mit all der pattles of der war."
When the clumping of the wooden leg had ceased, he said:
"For Chonny Connolly, a journalist dot has peen alvays on handt mit der noosepapers, unt vas villing to read der bapers to his frients, I got a new pair of poots."

Applause from all hands.
' For Mike Swartz, dot plows his arm off mit a shell at der sharge on der Vilderness, I got dis elegant shmoke-pipe unt a halluf a pound tobacco."
Excited applause followed by the one-sided approach of Mr. Swartz.
" For Wilhelm Strauss, chunior, who likes his pooks unt meppe vill make boetry like his fader, but he might do verse, I got dis shlate unt book."

No applause.
"Unt dis new shled dot turns oop bote vays unt peats der vorldt for pelly-gutters."
was about to dismiss his happy audience, Loweesa said, with a wink to MikeSwartz:
"Vy you didn't pring somedings for Wilhelm Strauss, senior ?"
" I pring to der oidt man more as I pring to anyone else here, unt dot vas der happiest heart on der Bowery street," and Santa Claus ran out of the room.
In a few minutes Strauss came in with much ado at the front door of the saloon, and was duly astonished at the jocund appearance of the house. When he saw Johnny's load of baskets and bundles, he said:
"Vot you dink now, Chonny, apoud dem oldt humpugs unt draditions?"

- Dey would be more of the folks over on Baxter street believe in 'em' Strauss, if they was more bighearted Dutchman to act 'em out," and Johnny wiped away a grateful tear.
'Tears vas all blay ed oud on such an occasion, Chonny; you must be happy uf you preaks your heart," and Strauss patted him on the back.

Then up rose the silent Swartz and said, close, 0.00 a hat hill

Strause, bedder you write anunder broverl song dot vill read, 'Bedder is von tear like dot dan a hundert laughs."

THE OLD PROFESSOR

## PHOTOGRAPH.



SCAR was a suitor persistent, and full of conceit He was asked by a belle for his carte de visite, He joyfully sent it. She quick rang the bell For her servant; and placing the carte in her hand,
Said, "I wish you to study this photograph well. I am never 'at home' when he calls-understand !"
©. B.

## WOULD STRING HIM UP.

Indiana man-" Wasn't it a terrible night last night ? I ne ver saw the wind so high. New York man-"Yes, I guess old Boreas must have been out."
Indiana man - " Well, I'll bet ten cents he gets lynched if the boys get l:old of him to-day."

## mOTHING SENTIMENTAL ABOUT HER.

"I wish I was as big as you, Cora," said litthe Lil to her sister.
"What, my dear?" was the teasing reply; "are you anxious to have a beau ?"
" No, indeed," responded the tiny miss; "but if I were as big as you, just think how much my stocking would hold."


Nearsighted Farmer Ryefield-" This is what it is to stop at a firstass, $\$ 2.00$ a day hotel. All brands of lickers right in your room, be gosh!"

THE XMAS WISH.


Are echoes of the by gone times
When folks were honest, and their methods slow:
When church-spires rose from roofs with moss o'ergrown,
When steadfast people held their books and sang,
And at the door, within the poor-box thrown,
The well-worn silver with good blessings rang :
When Xmas days were times of joy and rest,
With expectation feeding hope alway ;
When, slow of step, but cla 1 in home-spun best,
The gray-haired sexton $u$ hered in the day,
And rang his welcome in the belfry old,
And sent that anthem on she frosty air,
As, year by year, the Xmas tales were told-
Till that old sexton passed from earth and care.

Old Santa Claus-how good he used to be :
What handy things, all wished for, he would bring !
When times were honest, and one used to see
The old folks anxious, and each child a king !
The needs of life were quickly named and number'd,
And Xmas times came 'round without regret;
Neath Xmas stars the waiting household slumber'd,
Aid at the table all the household met.
Call back old times-roll back the screen of years, And give us Xmas in the good old style-
Light the wax candles, as the Past appears, And let us note the contrast for awhile.

Put some fair maid in grandma's ancient gown : Dust off the spinning-wheel, and set it near ;
From cob-webbed garrets bring the treasures down,
And brighten up the andirons for the year.
Put buckled shoes, knee-breeches, on that lad;
Show him how honest grandsire used his cane ;
Tell him that threadbare custom wasn't bad,
And give him pattern from old days again !
Credit the Present with its hopes and wishesPut grandsire's chair close to the table's head; Give us our walnuts from old grandame's dishes, From her decanters pour new hopes instead! c. CHAMBERLAIN, JR.

## GENTEEL ANO SURE.

"I've more money than I know what to do with," said an old bachelor, " and I often wish I knew of some genteel way of spending it."
"If that's the case," replied his friend, "why don't you run for congress ?"

## I GIVE AND BEQUEATH.

Christmas being the season when the heart openeth wide in an extravagance of bounty, I have determined to give from my stock and store:
Unto the tramp a square meal and a bed of eider-down.
Unto the humorous writer the subject for a new joke.
Unto Grover Cleveland a manual on the care of infants, for future reference.

Unto James G. Blaine a set of photographs of the hite whouse interior.

Unto William M. Evarts the latest publication on stenography.
Unto Neal Dow a receipt for making rum punch.
Unto James Gorlon Bennett an illuminated copy of "America, My Own, My Native Land."
Unto the poier-player a straight flush, with fous nces to relieve the monotony.
Un'o Cyrus W. Field a subscription to the Mail and Express.
Unto the paragrapher on salary a copy of Chopin's "Funeral March."
Unto the female theatre-goer a maid to stand in the lobby and hold the Gainsborough until the curtain descends.
Unto the newspaper reporter a glimpse at my check book.
Unto the interviewer a pair of ears of double extra auricular power.
Unto the bachelor a wife, and unto the married man a divorce.
Unto myself unlimited favor and fortune. nathan m. levy.

The bad boy, like little Jack Horner, stands in the corner, but he doesn't get any Christmas pie.

## THREE CHRISTMAS EPOCHS.



ICHARD, our laddie, at ten year's old,
Is delighted with his tops:
He loves to gorge on Christmas day
Himself with lolly-pops.
At twenty years of age he takes
His girl out with a nag ;
At night he paints the town all red
'Long with his Christmas jag.
At forty years of age he sits
Disconsolate in chills,
And shudders while he figures up
His wife's big Christmas bills.
H. S. KELLER,

## COU. DNTT IF HE WOULD.

"Why don't you become a prohibitionist ?" said an exhorter to a hod-carrier.
"Faith, Oi can't afford it," was the bluff reply.
"Can't afford it!" echoed the other. "Why, what do you mean ?"
"Shure," said Pat, "don't these tim'prance dhrinks of yours cost a man tin cints!"

## EXCEPTION TO THE RULE.

"Is it necessary to have a medical certificate before you will accept a patient $\%$ " asked a lady of the keeper of an insane asylum.
"Yes, ma'am," was the reply, "unless he is an ex-alderman or a superannuated actor."

When you get a chance to kiss a girl, don't stop to see whether you are under the mistletoe.

## ONE MORE CONVERT.



Presbyterian minister (with warmth)-" Ah, my pious friend, this is indeed a rare treat. I would to heaven more young men joined my church of their own free will. But you shall be rewarded" -

Plous young lawyer (who has just opened an office)-"That's it! The reward's what T'm stter. The Methodist minister said there was no scandal in his church, and I didn't stand a ghost of a show of getting a law practice there, so I thought I'd come and see what arrangersent I could make with your church. If you will guarantee me fifteen hundred the first year I'll join at once. What do you say?"

## ANACREONTIC.



Fill high the bowl ! Farewell to sorrow : Farewell to every carking care ! The heart that dreads the coming morrow Hath made its sorrows double here!

## Let every cup be overladen

With rosy grapes' most fragrant dew; We'll pledge a toast to every maiden, To every maiden, false or true.

Aye, pledge the maids who loved us kindly, Nor scorn the nymphs who spurned our flame,
Nor chide ourselves for loving blindly, Since constancy is but a name.

So we will drink and sing in chorus To those who never gave us painThose kindred souls who went before usAnd, drinking, have them back again!

Then, whilst their spirits hover round us, We'll live our happier moments o'er, And bless the vines that now surround us With all those joys that are no more ! JAMES JAY O'CONNELL

## VEfY PLAUSIBLE

"Does Santa Claus have to throw away all the dolls that get covered with soot as he comes down the chimney?" asked a little girl of her older brother.
"Why, no, you stupid little thing !" was the reply. "Don't you know those are for the colored children?"

## a left-handed reeusal <br> "What is the matter, old chappie?" said De Smythe. "You look

 pretty blue around the gills."
"No wonder," replied De Jones rather grumly. "I called on Constance last night, and when she learned who was there she sent the girl in to remove the mistletoe before she presented herself."

## COULDN'T GET OVER THAT

How do you know that this new friend of yours is such an exemplary young man?" asked an anxious father of his only son.
"Because he is courting Miss Prude, the minister's daughter, who has the reputation of being the best girl in town."
"And how does that make him out to be trustworthy?" dubiously asked the father.
"Why," replied the son, "didn't you say you could always tell a man by the company he keeps?"

## OROPPING A HiNT.

"Are you going to have the chimney cleaned $?^{\prime \prime}$ asked a little tot of her mother.

- Why, no, my dear: whatever put such a thought as that in your head ?"
"Nothing, ma," was the reply; "only I thought that Santa Claus might dirty my new doll when he brought it in to-night."


## THE REASON WHY.

"I have often wondered," casually remarked Mrs. Pentweasel, " what it can be that makes the children always dream of Santa Claus about this time of the year. Do you know, love?"

- Yes," snapped out old Pentweasel, as he thought of all the stockings he had to fill; " it's them mince pies."

WOULDNT HOLD MUCH.
"What are you going to give papa ?" asked Mrs. Brown.

## enfant terrible.

"Can you tellme, Mr. Merritt," asked Cora, "what makes all the gentlemen seem se happy about this season of the year?"
"Because," interjected little Johnny, to the utter consternation of the lovers, "it is the only time a girl will let any one see what she has in her stocking."

## MRS. PUGWASH ON CHRISTMAS.

There is no sawdust in the Christmas stocking.
Santa Claus never comes near the child who tries to pike him off.

There is no trouble in getting your boy out of bed on Christmas morning.
There is no foot in the miser's stocking.
Santa Claus makes no mistakes in his distribution of presents.
These are the days that try men's gout.

The greedy boy often finds very little in his stocking.
You will never see Santa Claus by looking up the chimney.
Christmas is a great day for eating; New Year's for drinking.
The homely girls keep near the mistletoe.
The dude's stocking doesn't hold much.
Much of the romance is taken out of life the moment we learn to doubt the existence of Santa Claus.
Christmas eve is the proverbial rainy day for those who have been saving up.
There is considerable personal magnetism in the mistletoe.
A Christmas tree is like a woman; it costs a good deal to fix it up.
This is the time that the tangle-headed poet looks up in the sky and discovers the star of Bethlehem.
"Nothing," said little Johnny, laconically.
"What a mean boy you are; for shame," chided his mother.
" No, I ain't, ma," pleaded the enfant terrible. "Pa doesn't expect anything."
"Why, of course he does," ejaculated Mrs. Brown. "What put such an idea in your head ?"
"Why," returned little Johnny, "I heard him tell Mr. Merritt he was just going to hang up his watch."

The miser gets fewpresents.

## A SOCIETY DRAMA IN 'TWO ACTS.



Act 1-[He]-"Ah, thete!"


Act 2-[She]-"Stay there!"

Instead of being thankful, many of us are glad the old year is drawing to a close.
Christmas is for the young. The man who tries to hang up his stocking will get very little.
Santa Claus is good; but he won't put a new head in the destructive boy's drum.
"Man wants but little here below." It is different with the small boy.
Theox, which preserved Christ's life, is now roasted and served up in honor of the occasion.

## Sudures

## ART VERSUS HEART.



She was a maid divinely fair, And fairly divine was she; Orsc at least I was wont to swear By the shades of my ancestree.

She studied art-could paint by ear 'Most anything you'd mention
On milking stools or plaques-'twas here She gave her chief attention.

But when one day--cold day for me, I offered her my heart ;
She said, "Ah, thanks, but don't you see I'm wedded to my art."

And when I knelt-my usual styleAnd begged for hope, and swore
I could not live without her smile She answered as before.

And so I left, convinced at last My ravings wouldn't work,
And she, before a month had passed, Wedded a grocery clerk.

THE CHRISTMAS HORN.


It would seem a physical impossibility for this boy to blow the horn but he can, and blow it like thunder, too.

## HITTING HIM HARD.

' Do you consider that the poetic instinct is fostered by allowing the hair to grow long?" asked a young lady of her poetical admirer.
"I really couldn't say," was the reply. "I guess it must be just a habit, for I don't know why I do it."
"I know," interrupted the enfant terrible.
"Well, tell us then," said the poet, patting the youngster on the head.
"It's because you haven't the money to get it cut," proudly roared the little man.

COULDNT HELP BEING RICH.
"Is it true that her father is so very wealthy ?" said De Jones, referring to the daughter of a Wall street magnate.
"I'm not sure, but I guess he must be," repiied De Smithe, " for he has already failed three times."

THE PROFESSOR AT OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY.

"Ladies uut shentlemen, I vill now proceed to oxecute der most difficult t'ing efer attempted by a magician."
" You see, ladies unt shentlemen, I haf not only shwallowed der umbrella, but I haf opened it on my insides !"

## Judoen

## THE CONSPIRATORS.



Tomazo Taberleno (a villain)-"Hist! I have discovered where the Christmas turkey is kept. Remember, to-night at twelve !-the kitchen window! Hark! some one approaches; let us dissemble." (Exit over back fence.)

HO, DAR! C'RISMUS COMIN'.


We er got de chine ob a pig in brine ; Ho, dar ! Crismus comin'!
Dar's de 'possum's track, an' we'll git a snack : Ho, dar ! Crismus comin'!
We dun scar' de crow wid a few old clo'; Ho, dar ! C'rismus comin'!
An' wid empty craw an' a "Caw-caw-caw !" He dun lef dat cawnfiel' hummin'!

O smell de hoe-cake! Let yo' toe shake! Kub vo' stummick! Smack yo' lips!
O Sis Mariah, stuh dat fiah Twell de 'possum gravy drips !

We can't snoop an' scratch roun' de mellen patch Ho, dar ! C'rismus comin' !
Fo' mellen an' weed hab done gone toe seed; Ho, dar ! C'rismus comin' !
But 'possum an' 'coon am sho'ly a boon ; Ho, dar! C'rismus comin' ! An' yo' teef ull 'shine w'en yo' git toe dine An' de banjo am a trummin'!
O smell de hoe-cake! Let yo' toe shake ! Rub yo' stummick! Smack yo' lips!
O Sis' Mariah, stuh dat fiah
Twell de 'possum gravy drips !
J. A. Waldron.

## OLD CHOCOLATE'S CHRISTMAS EVE.

"We mus' all hab ouah ups an' downs, ez de man 'maaked 'tween de bounces w'en 'is nabahs war tossin' um in a blanket fo' borrerin' chickens; but he am mighty souah-tempah'd er in haad luck dat can't fin' a little spo ${ }^{\circ} t$ on C'rismus."

Thus spoke Old Chocolate, who sat in O'Rafferty's grocery Christmas eve, assisting in the secretion of a pitcher of cider which the groceryman had drawn as a sort of annual and ante-holiday bonus. The grocery stove blossomed like a rose, and around it were gathered thirteen ebon citizens, who did not seem to care whether the mercury dropped out of the thermometor or not. Sufficient to the evening was the cider thereof.
"I doan' s'pose dar er a gem'n heah w'at ull fail toe hang up is stockin' dis ebenin' er put suffin' in one a'ready hung up," continued Old Chocolate, as he took another sip of cider and unwound from his neek a red bandanna on one corner of which was a print of Moses in the bulrushes. "W'at yo' been buyin' fo' de ole woman, Pennyroy'l ?"

He addressed Pennyroyal Jones, an aged African, so-called because he gathered " yarbs" for a living, who replied:
"W'y, sah, I dun pu'chase a po'us plastah fo' de ole woman."
"W'at yo' ùun git de pickaninny, Double ?" queried Old Chocolate, turning to a russet-brown individual designated as "Double" because he always insisted that another, who looked "jis' laik" him, was the offender when charged with a misdemeanor. Double pleaded guilty to a jewsharp.
"An' yo' '" The inquisitor's finger now pointed at a negro whose countenance was not improved by a glaring green shade over one eye, and who disclosed a bag of peanuts. A fourth confessed to a remnant of brilliant-colored calico for Dinah; another to a yard of yellow ribbon for a daughter; the sixth man sheepishly pulled out a pair of roller skates; and so on around the circle, until Sleepwell Smith was reached.
"'Yo' gwine toe hang up yo' stockin' dis ebenin', Mistah Smif $\%$ " asked Old Chocolate.
Sleepwell slyly complicated the knot in a piece of twine which held a dilapidated overshoe on his right foot, and blurted out:
"Nussah. I'se gwine toe be mighty lucky ef I kin hang up de groc'ry fo' a slice ob codfish fo' brekfus'."

The jocundity which up to this moment had prevailed went out of the grocery atmosphere. "Mistah Smif," said Old Chocointe, addressing the assemblage as though Sleepwell were physically foreign to it, " 'minds me dat a lazy man allus hath 'is own rewaad. Mr. Smif looks toe offen on de numbahs in de policy shop w'en da doan' mobe da'sefs aright, an' sel'om dallies wid de w'itewash brush w'en unslacked lime am at de bottom ob de maakit. People laik Mistah
they had seen better days.


First alleged citizen-"I innew we'd come out all right fer ther dinner, Bill. How'll yer have yer wine? Frapped 'r nat'ral heat ?'

Second alleged ctizen-"I guess I'll go it frapped, bein' it's sech a hot day. Will you her yer chicken well done 's rare?'

Smif might jis' ez laikly try fo' toe shoo a lebben months ole chicken back intoe de shell ez toe 'pen' on loafin' all summah an' fall an' den libbin' on de fat ob de lan' at dis unclement time ob y'ar. Gem'n, de dog wid no bone musn' try fo' toe scratch up 'quaintance wid de dog w'at's gnawin' one. Yo heah me ?"

Here the homily was interrupted by many an approving "Sho'ly," and the apple juice again swung around the circle. By accident or design the pitcher was emptied before Sleepwell could look into it With a snort he loudly remarked that he "wudn' 'soshate no mo' wid niggahs dat added insult toe inj'y," and slunk out swiftly. The more haste in this instance proved the greater speed, for the single word "niggahs" roused ire and razors.
"Nebbah min', gem'n," suggested Old Chocolate in a tone of peace. "Let de inkewbus remobe hisse'f widout molest. 'Case Mistah Smif am brim-full ob gall a'n't no 'scuse fo' us gittin' souah. Less suckemnavegate roun' once mo' toe de queschun ob C'rismus. Human nacha am haadah toe beat dan a straight flush. C'rismus ull bring out yo' strong an' weak p'ints ez distinkly ez a bile on de neck. Now yo', Pennyr'yal, o'ny had toe pu'chase dat po'us plastah toe probe dat you am ez smaat ez a pol'tishen. Yo' ole woman, ten chances toe one 'specks a paa ob prunelle ga'tahs, red gloves, er a bonnet dat ud out shine de rainbow fo' a present. Yo' hab in min' huh stich in de side make a virtue ob nesess'ty, an' cash de stitch an' bring down C'rismus at one fell swoop. Double, dar, had bo't 'is kid a jewshaap, w'en I'll gam'le dat de boy a'nt got a stockin' toe 'is foot an' ull laikly hang up a salt bag ez a receptickle on de chimbly. Ez fo' Seventhday Jenkins, dar" (pointing at the negro with the green shade, who was called "Seventhday " because he always postponed his woodchopping until Sunday) " he laikly got dem peanuts 'case he o'ny had ten cents an' wanted toe make ez big a show wid de chillen ez de fund ud 'low. An' dis gem'n wid de rollah skates took 'vantage ob de weakness ob de maakit widout castin' up de doctah's bill dat ull stare 'im in de face fo' honahs aftah his little girl gits de w'eels on her huffs. Nebbahdeless, zem'n "-and the oracle beamed on his hearers like a dollar-store window-" nebbabdeless, yo' gif's ull draw ez much happiness toe de surface toe de squah inch ez dough yo' war wuff milyons an' had toe hiah a truck toe tote um in."
J. A. Waldron.

## A NATURAL MISTAKE.

A little tot who saw a man with a big bag on his back leaving something at every house went up to him and said :
"Are you Santa Claus ?"
"No," was the reply; "Im the postman."

## A BIG IMPROVEMENT

"I thank God," said Mrs. Malaprop, "that my daughter isn't like most of the rude girls of this age, who are so immodest that they let the gentlemen kiss them in an open parlor just because there's a bit of evengreen hanging over them."
"What!" said Mrs. Merritt, "didn't she use any mistletoe ?"
"Yes," was the reply; "but she hung it up behind the door."
THE COUNTRYMAN AND THE CITY NUISANCE.

"Come on. Cynthia we'll show these air city people how to git over a 'croes-bar' fence."

## A YOUNG LADY'S TOILET.



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When in full dress she's attired You will find her clothing less, For, whatever is required,
It is never height of dress.
It is odd she calls this dressing; Let us hope it all is o'er, For 'twill really be distressing If she dresses any more. ELLHOTT FLOWER.

## IN ANOTHER LIGHT.

"My dear," said a pious mother to her young hopeful, "I trust you have taken to heart the great moral lesson this day teaches. Have you done your best to fulfil the duties required of you?"
"Yes, ma," was the reply; "I've just finished the mince pie."

## guarding aganst contingencies.

"I've hung up my two stockings," said a little girl as she kissed her mother good night.
'Are you afraid that one wouldn't hold the doll that Santa Claus is going to bring you ?" asked her mother in a sly way.
"It isn't that, ma," slowly said the little reasoner; " but I thought perhaps I may have twins this year."

## SHE MAD HER DOUBLE.

"I must save a piece of this wedding cake to put under my pillow to-night," said Cora in a confidential tone. "I want to see if I'm really going to marry Mr. Merritt."
"And do you honestly believe that will make you dream of your future husband $?^{\prime \prime}$ asked the more skeptical Mamie.
"Why, of course I do," was the reply. "However, perhaps I had better take just another piece of that mince pie."



ONE YEAR AGO.
 the skies ; met.

I see a pair of down-
cast eyes
Blue as the azure of
A mass of dark brown waving hair,
A skin so matchless, white and fair,
With a most sweet and lovely face,
A sylph-like form endowed with grace. Such was the maid, I'li ne'er forget,
A year ago to-day I
But far away from here she's gone; And first when I was left alone I vowed that none were half so sweet, More perfect beauty none could meet: But then, ah me, before I knew A love for some one else there grew And took my heart-I can't tell howBut someone better love I now. FLAVEL 8. mines.

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"Yes," confessed little Johnny, looking across the table at Merritt; "I heard Cora say that Mr. Merritt didn't know beans, so I put a few in the coffee-pot just to test him."

## A PROSPECTIVE MATCH

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