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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1867.

"A RIGHT MERRIE CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPIE NEW YEAR!" There will be issued from the office of THE EVENING TELEGRAPH no paper tomorrow, in accordance with our usual cus-

Our Christmas Season and its Celebra-

THE ceaseless revolution of time has brought o us again our Christmas season, with all its gayeties, its pleasant reunions, hallowed associations, and family gatherings. It may be that the celebration of the day is not as boisterous as it was in the olden times, but on that account the gratification is no less sincere. We see no cause to lament that the wild bacchanal and wassail which marked the season years ago have given place to the civilized enjoyments of the present. It is curious, however, to notice the change. It is probably to Germany that we are indebted for the greater proportion of our modes of celebration. The people of the fatherland made it a study to so acquire the secret of pleasure as to make the Christmas time the only bright period of the year. The Christmas-tree, an ecstatic source of joy to the little ones, is an invention of that country. The liberal distribution of presents, far more general than we have it here, was also respected by them. In some parts of Germany the custom still continues of giving all the presents to a carrier called the knecht ru pert, who carries them from house to house great formality. It is to England, we believe, that we are indebted for the custom of decorating churches and stores, it being the ancient habit to freely dress the places of worship with rosemary, bays, laurel, and mistletoe. One enterprising writer traces the origin of the custom to the Druids, who, considering they did not recognize or know of the Christian religion, were exceedingly penetrating in observing the Christmas festival. In these times the wildest revel marked the scene. The "Lord of Misrule" and the "Abbot of Wisdom" were institutions, and beneath them the scene of turmoil was perfected. In our time the occasion is celebrated by gifts, congratulations, and family gatherings. It is the season when the seattered households meet together and exchange tokens of remembrance and affection. Gayety rules in place of excessive mirth, and great pleasure is given the children through our

gifts, sweetmeats, and sight-seeings. The custom of celebrating Christmas eve by parading the streets dressed as fantastic characters, and making night hideous with horns, is peculiarly Philadelphian, and we do not regret its general observance. As long as no crime or debauchery is caused thereby, it is a pleasant recreation. We do not sympathize with the old women who object to this hilarity. It does no harm, and affords a rare opportunity ENAPP. to strangers to see a sight which is exceptional to all. We hope that the authorities will not interfere to prevent, but only to restrain, the harmless frolic which marks the

eve of Christmas. The present year, which is now drawing to its close, presents much cause for thanks and little to dampen the happiness of the day. We have been blessed with national peace and prosperity. We have escaped violent business convulsions, and the dawn of the future is cheering. While other years have seen war and tumult, and failures of crops and commerce, 1867 has been marked by none, so far as the United States are concerned. The joy, therefore, will not be restrained by the remembrance of the dark clouds of adversity. We expect, then, to see the celebration as universal as any of its most joyous predecessors. Al. ready the streets are thronged with purchasers, fathers laden down with presents for their children, mothers bearing in their arms the delicious sweets which are to fill the stockings of the little ones; brothers and sisters carefully concealing from their relatives the surprise which they are expected to feel. Every one we meet, every person who growds our thoroughfares, is a living witness of the occasion, and a proof of the gene rality of its celebration. The streets of our city are thronged, and business is brisk, as usual at this time of the year. Everything bedecks itself in holiday attire. Joy beaming through all the crowd, congratulations of friends resound on every hand, and as the kindly words echo from every side, we can but join in the usual courtesy, and extend to our readers our sincere wishes that they may all have a "Happy Christmas."

IRISH ENLISTMENTS. - Reports from the several Irish recruiting districts show that the recent increase of pay, and other advantages secured to the soldier, have had the effect of making the service again popular in Ireland. It is said also that those most recently enlisted are generally young men of a better class than formerly.

SINGULAR ROBBERY .- A singular robbery has been committed at the Greek Treasury. The treasure-chest requires three different keys to open it, but it was opened, and forty-five thousand drachmas were abstracted. Suspicion has fallen on a well-known housebreaker in the higher class of society, who has escaped from Greece.

#### ALASKA.

The Haif Million Drawback. From the Washington Express, Dec. 23.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs is engaged in investigating a matter which olds fair to have an important bearing upon the action of the House in regard to the appropriation to pay for Alaska. Private parties holding a claim against the Russian Government for ordusore stores involved during the Crimean war the contrast price for which was \$500 (2016). war, the contract price for which was \$500,000 bave filed this claim with the Committee named above, and ask that this sum be withheld by our Government from moneys appropriated to settle with Russia for Alaska.
It appears that some time before the Crimean

war closed the Russian Government sent offi war closed the Russian Government sent offi-cers to this country to purchase arms and am-munition. Proposals were solicited from seve-ral firms, and finally, upon propositions in writing from W. B. Perkins, of Massachusetts, Baron Stockl, the Russian Minister in Wash-ington, agreed to take from Mr. Perkins one hundred and fifty tons of American cannon newder. A contract was also made for 35,000 rifles with

Mr. Perkins, through the advice of Baron Stoeckl, but through an ordnance officer of the Russian Government sent out for the purpose. The powder was inspected, and londed on ship-board according to the stipulations, and the rifts were manufactured and held subject to an order from Russia. At this time the war closed, and the Russian autherities refused to receive either the powder or the arms.

The matter was brought to the attention of The matter was brought to the attention of the Sinte Department at an early day, and Mr. Seward submitted the matter, through Minister Cay, to the suthorities at St. Petersburg, urging the justness of the claim, and asking that it might be recognized and settled. The Russian Government, how-ver, refused to take any action in the matter, or even to ack nowledge the deot, shielding itself with the lame excuse that the contracts for these milltary stores on their part were not made in writing. The question is puzzling the commit-tee greatly, and Mr. Seward is severely cen-sured for not insisting upon a clause in the late treaty providing for the settlement of all just claims any of our citizens might have against Russia as be was well aware of their character.

#### SPECIAL NOTICES.

Whatever the action of the committee may be

he matter is certain to lead to a spirited de-bate when the question comes up on the floor

[For additional Special Notices see the Inside Pages.] PENCILLINGS BY THE WAY .- A gentleman who has recently trave'led through all the Northern States, and has amused himself by collecting statistics of the consumption of articles of the very announces that among the appliances of the tollet Phaton's "Night-Blooming Cereu." enjoyaby all odds the greatest popularity.—Fond de Loe Commonwealth.

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UNITED STATES TREASURY, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23, 1877.

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12 24 3t Assistant Treasurer U. S.

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PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 23, 1887.

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Oh! fathers and mothers of the millions of families of America, stand for one hour upon the summit of intelligence, unshackled from the chain of prejudice of the self-styled regular practitioner, and see the destruction of human life, of men and women of robust constitution, of youths with the fires of health shining through their beaming cheeks, and of the little babe laughing and dancing, full of life, upon its mother's knee. They are attacked with the most simple disease, but for fear of some danger lurking within, the doctor is sent for, the dose is given, and in the short space of one week a funeral procession is seen moving from your doors. We ask, is there not something wrong? is there not something wanting? some change in the practice of medicine? There has been a great advancement in all other sciences; why not in medicine? The old stage has been given up for the quick travel of the railway car. The tiresome work of sewing by hand for the rapid sewingmachine. From the slow scythe to cut the grass to the wonderful mowing-machine. From waiting the arrival of the slow mail to the quick lightning speed of the telegraph message. From the small row-beat to the pow erful steamer. From the hand printing-press to the great steam printing-press. But in medicine there has been no advancement for the last two hundred years. But the doctor of that period was a hard-working man; he went out in the forests, and pasture-grounds of nature's garden, once cursed and blighted by sin, to bring forth the destruction of man, but now redeemed and blessed by the Son of God, that every tree and herb and spear of grass and all things that grow out of the ground, from which man was made, should be filled with curative properties for the healing of man. Out of those trees and herbs he prepared his remedies for the cure of diseases. The work was done in his own laboratory, and when the medicine was ready for use, he was

not afraid to taste of it himself, lest he should be poisoned by its destructive properties. It was a cordial to the sick man and a balm to heal his disease. But what is the history of to-day, of the year 1867, in the science of medicine? We say it has retrograded and gone back faster than all other sciences have advanced. The doctor of to-day has turned his back upon the great store of the forest, and said your healing virtue requires too. much labor for me to perform. His prescription is given, and remedies prepared from the destructive magazines of poisons.

Such is the prejudice of a certain fraternity of doctors, that if one of their number was to prepare a great remedy for the cure of a certain disease, and offer it for sale to the needy sufferer, he would be kicked out of their midst, and they would refuse to hold counsel with him. We say shame on such wicked conduct. God will weigh you in the balance, in His great day of reckoning, and reward you according to your evil deeds. We say to the sick, hope in God, that you may be restored to health by the use of Dr. WISHART'S PINE TREE TAR CORDIAL and GREAT AMERICAN DYS-PEPSIA PILLS.

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