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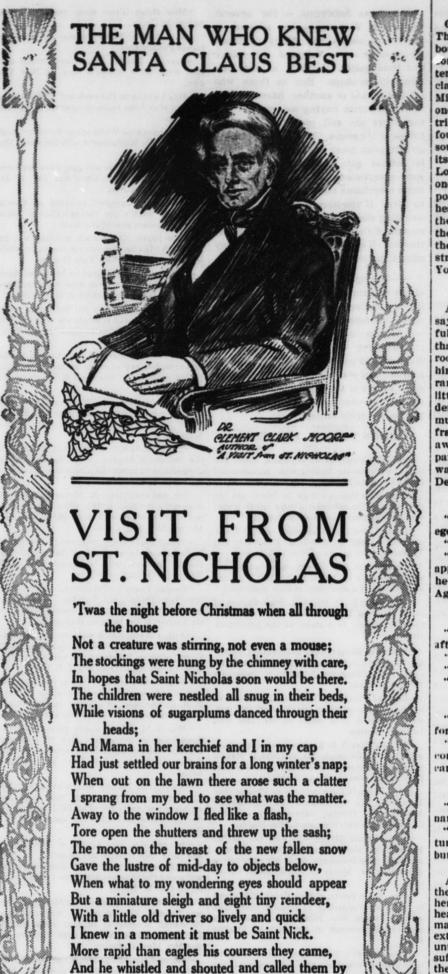
World.

To you who have achieved, many will wish a Happy New Year. For you who are facing success on a secure upward path, you who are warmed by the sunshine of human intercourse and strong with the joy of life, a Happy New Year is all but assured. To you who face a life crisis with the prosperous outlook of suc-cess beyond, to you in whom hope has steeled determination even in the presence of the flercest obstacles, the New Year promises well. To you others whom the angel of grief through the passing years has folded in so close an embrace that your eyes have not caught the gleam of his wings or known that they were blessed, the year will bring a tender ministration that is Time's own privilege. But what horoscope is there for each in that great army of the unknown heroes who face no bracing ordeal nor promise of physical or moral cheer; who with faces set toward tomorrow see no light, no warmth, but the same pitiless world that has been their lot for years! And yet these smile brightly. They are the ones who fill the chinks of life and shut out for us an often chily world; they are the apostles of the little things, the despised things, whose sacrifices we accept with as slight thought as we bestow on the things themselves. Yet are they the links which hold the world together .--- Collier's Weekly.

New Year's Gifts.

The New Year's gift no doubt originated with the Romans, for with them giving and taking was carried to such an extravagant degree during all the 365 days of the year that Emperor Claudius prohibited the demanding of presents except on New Year's day; but the practice continued for many years. In England and Scotland the sixteenth century customs are numerous, and many of them are strangely childish. In Scotland it was perfectly allowable to ask for a New Year's gift, and Henry the Third is said to have extorted presents in plate and other valuables; while Queen Elizabeth's jewelry and wardrobe were almost wholly provided from these gifts. In old times gloves were popular, but in that age very expensive New Year's presents and when money was given instead of a gift it was called "glove money."

A BAD BEGINNING.



Our Longest River. Our longest river is the Mississippi. There is no other stream within our borders that can stand a moment's omparison with the "Father of Waters." 'To be sure, there are some who claim that the really great river is the Missouri, that that stream is the main one, of which the Mississippi is only a tributary. But the claim is without foundation. The Missouri. from its source in the northwestern Rockies to its junction with the Mississippi at St. Louis, is a distinct stream from the one into which it empties near that point. It is quite true that from the headwaters of the Missouri to the gulf the distance is greater than it is from the headwaters of the Mississippi to the gulf. but in the one case it is two streams, in the other only one.-New York American.

The Dream Lion.

A Vienna professor is credited with saying that dreams are usually wish fulfillments. Maybe so. What about that childish dream in which the ferocious lion comes bounding along behind you, and you run as boy never ran before, and the lion closes the gap little by little, and then-all of a sudden-your legs grow limp and your muscles turn to water and your feet fray out. and the lion leaps-and you awake with a yell. if your voice isn't paralyzed, and everybody in the house wakes with you? - Cleveland Plain Dealer.

An Egoist. "Here is another definition of an goist." "Let's have it."

"An egoist is a man who never disappoints himself, no matter how often he disappoints others."-Birmin zham Age-Herald.

Same Answer.

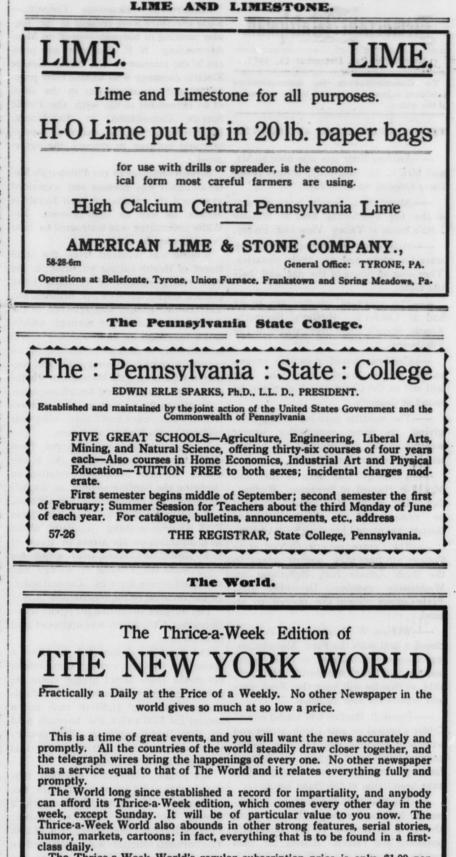
"And so you married a poor man fter all. What are you living in?" "A little flat." "And how do you find married life?" "A little flat." - Pittsburgh Post.

Rapid Passage. "Do any of the good things you hope or come to pass?" "They all come to pass, but they

ome and pass so doggoned swift 1 can't grab 'em." - Houston Post.

Real Fame. "My grandfather flew his own pennant as a commodore in the navy." "Yah! My grandfather helped capture one in a world's series."-Pittsburgh Post.

A woman needs to give double care to the preservation of her health—once for her own happiness and once for the health and happings of the children she may have. How often does she take this extra care of herself? Rarely, indeed, until she has entered upon a course of suffering, and has learned from experieuce the necessity of care. It ought to be a part of a mothers duty to instruct her part of a mothers duty to instruct her daughter in the necessity of preserving her womanly health. The budding girl ought to be taught that the high office of motherhood has its weighty obligation, and responibilities, and that if there is peril in motherhood it is chiefly due to the neglect of the necessary laws of health. The best way for young women to protect and preserve their womanly health is to use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription on the first sympton of irreg-ularity. Irregularity is the beginning, often, of complicated and painful femi-nine disorders. "Favorite Prescription" regulates the periods, cures inflammation, ulceration and female weakness, soothes nter in the lceration and female weakness, soothes and strengthens the nerves and enriches the entire body with vigor and vitality. It contains nelther alcohol, nor narcotic.



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I'm almost sorry I done re-"Gee! olved to play hookey every day this ear."

New Year's in the Far East. In Japan the New Year is welcomed with far more energy than in this country. Let a man's energy be ever to defective, he is expected to rise at i a. m. and don new clothes to meet the auspicious morning. Then, with his gala garments in due order, he worships the gods, performs obeisance to the spirits of his ancestors, and pays homage to all relations older than himself. No ordinary viands are sonsumed at breakfast. The tea must be made from water drawn from the well as the first ray of the New Year's sun strikes it. On every table figures a red lacquer tray, covered with evergreen leaves, and supporting a rice dumpling, a lobster, oranges, persimmons, chestnuts, dried sardines and herring root; all these dishes possessing an allegorical signification. This meal is the start of the festivities, which are continued for 16 days, business being almost entirely suspended for the first week of the year.

Forming Resolutions.

Now Year invokes shades of the good resolutions of the past. Ah! these "what might have beens" are a source of mental annoyance. But, don't let that deter us from again forming our good resolutions. Make them by all means, and having made them, let's stick to them, and when 1914 comes to make its exit our good resolutions will not have evolved themselves into these fatal good intentions.

Mad Audience

Ham-Gee, but our audience was mad last night! Let-Sore, eh? Ham -Naw: we played at the insane asyium .- Stanford Chaparral.

Encouragement.

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Jack-1 am afraid thst if I ask you to be my wife you will treat my proposal as a joke. Molly - Zut all jokes tre not rejected .lack.

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer! and Vixen!

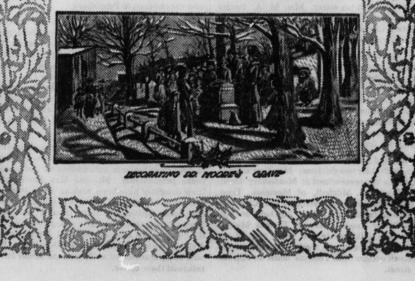
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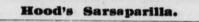
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall! Now dash away! dash away! dash away, all!" As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky, So up to the housetop the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys and Saint Nicholas too. And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof-As I drew in my head and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound. He was dressed all in furs from his head to his foot,

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack; His eyes-how they twinkled! His dimples, how

And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and

merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up in a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow; The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath; He had a broad face, and a little round belly That shock when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly. He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself. A wink of his eye and a twist of his head Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread. He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of his nose And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose. He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle; But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night."





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