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## A NEW YEAR'S SONG.

When the year is new, my dear, When the year is new, Let us make a promise here, Little I and you. Not to fall a-quarreling Over every tiny thing, But sing and smile, and smile and sing, All the glad year through.

As the year goes by, my dear, As the year goes by, Let us keep our sky swept clear, Little you and I. Sweep up every cloudy scowl, Every little thunder growl, And live and laugh, laugh and live,

'Neath a cloudless sky. When the year is old, my dear, When the year is old, Let us never doubt or fear, Though the days grow cold. Loving thoughts are always warm: Merry hearts know ne'er a storm; Come ice and snow, so love's dear glow Turn all our gray to gold! -Laura E. Richards.

THE LOST BOY.

BY HENRY VAN DYKE

[Concluded from last week.]

This day he would not spend in playing and wandering. He would go straight to the Temple, to find some of the learned teachers who gave instructions there, and learn from them the wisdom that he needed in order to do his work for his Father.

As he went he thought about the things that had befallen him yesterday. Why had the man dressed in white despised him? Why had the city children mocked him and chased him away with stones? Why was the strange woman who had been so kind to him afterward so unhappy and so hopeless?

There must be something in the world that he did not understand, something evil and hateful and miserable that he had never felt in himself. But he felt it in the others, and it made him so sorry, so distressed for them, that it seemed like a heavy weight, a burden on his own heart. It was like the work of lived inside of them, like worms eating away a fruit. Only these people of whom he was thinking did not seem to have a demon that took hold of them and drove them mad, and made them foam at the mouth and cut themselves with stones, like a man he once saw in Galilee. This was something larger and more mysterious-like the hot wind that sometimes angry-like the rank weeds that grew in should ask the master. certain fields, and if the sheep fed there

they dropped and died The Boy felt that he hated this unin his heart saying to him, "This is what you must do, you must fight against this evil, you must drive out the darkness, people-this is your Father's work for

was what he wanted to find out. And must be two, and that the first would die he went into the temple hoping that the teachers there would tell him.

He found the vast Court of the Gen-

tiles, as it had been on his first visit, swarming with people. Jews and Syrians and foreigners of many nations were streaming into it through the eight open gates, meeting and mingling and eddying round in confused currents, bargaining and haggling with the merchants and money-changers, crowding together around some group where argument had risen to a violent dispute, drifting away again in search of some new excitement.

The morning sacrifice was ended, but the sound of music floated out from the gathered. The Roman soldiers of the guard paced up and down, or leaned indifference or amused contempt upon the turbulent scenes of the holy place the coming of Messiah." where they were set to keep the peace and prevent the worshipers from attack-

ing one another.

The Boy turned into the long, cool cloisters, with their lofty marble columns and carved roofs of wood, which ran around the teachers who were instructing them. From one to another of these open schools he wandered, listening eagerly to the different rabbis and doctors of the law.

Here one was reading from the Torah and explaining the laws about the food which a Jew must not eat, and the things which he must not do on the Sabbath Here another was expounding the doctrine of the Pharisees about the purifying of the sacred vessels in the Temples; while another, a Sadducee, was disputing with him scornfully and claiming that the purification of the priests was the only important thing. "You would wash that which needs no washing," he cried, "the Golden Candlestick, one day in every week! Next you will want to wash the sun for fear an unclean ray of light may fall on the altar!"

Other teachers were reciting from the six books of the Talmud which the Pharisees were making to expound the law. Others repeated the histories of Israel, recounted the brave deeds of the Maccabees, or read from the prophecies of Enoch and Daniel. Others still were engaged in political debate; the Zealots ten and as the elders have taught it to talking fiercely of the misdeeds of the us. There is no other way."

ber soles give the opportunity for greater to talking fiercely of the misdeeds of the us. house of Herod and the outrages com-mitted by the Romans; the Sadducees the revolutionists and showing that the dream of freedom for Judea was foolish. "Freedom," they said, "belongs to those who are well protected. We have the Temple and priesthood because Rome takes care of us." To this the Zealots answered, angrily, "Yes, the priesthood belongs to you unbeieving Sadducees, that is why you are content with it. Look, now, at the place where you let Herod hang an accursed eagle of gold on the front of Jehovah's House.

pletely absorbed by what he heard, yet put her arm around the Boy. not satisfied. Late in the afternoon he "My boy," she cried, "why hast thou

Porch, where two large companies were hast made me and thy father, looking seated around their respective teachers, separated from each other by a distance of four or five columns.

As he stood on the edge of the first bearded, stern little man, the Boy was spoken to by a stranger at his side, who asked him what he sought in the Temple. "Wisdom," answered the Boy. "I am looking for some one to give a light to

my path. That is what I am seeking, too," said the stranger, smiling. "I am a Greek, and I desire wisdom. Let us see if we can get it from this teacher. Listen.' He made his way to the center of the circle and stood before the stern little

"Master," said the Greek, "I am willing to become thy disciple if thou wilt teach me the whole law while I stand the National Educational Conference at

before thee thus-on one foot." lifting up his stick, smote him sharply school curriculum of moral training based across the leg. "That is the whole law on religious principles.

for mockers," he cried. The stranger "Biblical and religious instruction," he limped away amid the laughter of the

"But the little man was too angry; he did not see that I was in earnest," said school work in this direction among such he as he came back to the Boy. "Now populations as fill England and America. he as he came back to the Boy. let us go to the next school, and see if

the master is any better." So they went to the second company, which was seated around a very old man, with long, snowy beard and a gentle face. standing on one foot, and made the same do this work. Not one out of a thousand fore one o'clock in the morning; the cer- that they would like to invite them for any to export as the other countries request. The rabbi's eyes twinkled and his lips were smiling as he answered

promptly: "Do nothing to thy neighbor that thou

"Well," said the stranger, returning, what think you of this teacher and his

wisdom? Is it better?"

"It is far better," replied the Boy, eagerly; "it is the best of all I have heard today. I am coming back to hear him tomorrow. Do you know his name?"
"I think it is Hillel," answered the Greek, "and he is a learned man, the better master of the Sanhedrim. You will do pupils. well, young Jew, to listen to such a man. Socrates could not have answered me Christmas by Greeks Observed Wednesbetter. But now the sun is near setting. We must go our ways. Farewell.

In the tent of his friends the Boy found welcome and a supper, but no news of his parents. He told his experiences in those demons, of whom his mother had the Temple, and the friends heard him, told him, who entered into people and wondering at his discernment. They were in doubt whether to let him go again the next day; but he begged so earnestly, arguing that they could tell his parents where he was if they should come to the camp seeking him, that

finally he won consent. He was in Solomon's Porch long before the schools had begun to assemble. He paced up and down under the triple blew from the south and made people colonnade thinking what questions he

The company that gathered around Hillel that day was smaller, but there were more scribes and doctors of the law known, wicked, unhappy thing more than anything else in the world. He would like to save neonly from it. He would like to save people from it. He that lay nearest to the Boy's heart. He wanted to fight against it, to drive it took his place in the midst of them. and away. It seemed as if there were a spirit they made room for him, for they liked friends. young disciples and encouraged them to

ask after knowledge. It was the prophecy of Daniel that they you must be a light, you must save the were discussing, and the question was w hether these things were written of the First Messiah, or of the Second Messiah; But how? He did not know. That for many of the doctors held that there

in battle, but the second would put down all his enemies and rule over the world. "Rabbi," asked the Boy, "if the first was really the Messiah, could not God raise him up again and send him back to rule?"

"You ask wisely, son," answered Hillel. "and I think the prophets tell us that we must hope for only one Messiah. This book of Daniel is full of heavenly words. but it is not counted among the prophets whose writings are gathered in the Scripture. Which of them have you read, and which do you love most, my son?"
"Isaiah," said the Boy, "because he says God will have mercy with everlast-

inclosed courts in front of the altar, ing kindness. But I love Daniel, too, bewhere the more devout worshipers were cause he says they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever. But I do not understand tranquilly upon their spears, looking with what he says about the times and a halftime and the days and the seasons before

With this there rose a dispute among the doctors about the meaning of those sayings, and some explained them one way and some another, but Hillel sat si-

lent. At last he said: "It is better to hope and to wait patientaround the inside of the walls. Here he ly for Him than to reckon the day of His found many groups of people, walking in coming. For if the reckoning is wrong, the broad aisles between the pillars, or and He does not come, then men despair, seated in the alcoves of Solomon's Porch and no longer make ready for Him." "How does a man make ready for Him,

Rabbi?" asked the Boy.
"By prayer, son, and by study of the law, and by good works, and by sacri-

"But when He comes He will rule over the whole world, and how can all the world come to the Temple to sacrifice?" "A way will be provided," answered the old man, "though I do not know how it will be. And there are offerings of the heart as well as of the altar. It is written,

'I will have mercy and not sacrifice.' "
"Will His kingdom be for the poor as well as for the rich, and for the ignorant "Yes, it will be more for the poor than

know the law can not be pious."
"But, Rabbi," said the Boy, eagerly, "will He not have mercy on them just

pity them as a shepherd pities his sheep when they are silly and go astray?"

"He is not only a Shepherd," answered Hillel, firmly, "but a great King. They must all keep the law, even as it is writ-

The Boy was silent for a time, while the others talked of the law, and of the contemptuously mocking at the hopes of Torah, and of the Talmud in which Hillel in these days was writing down the tradi-

tions of the elders. When there was an opportunity he spoke again. Rabbi, if most of the people should be poor and ignorant when the Messiah comes, so ignorant that they did not even

know Him, wouldn't He save them just because they were poor?"
Hillel looked at the Boy with love, and hesitated before he answered.

At that moment a man and a woman came through the colonnade with hur-So from group to group the Boy passed, listening intently, but hearing little this purpose. All day long he was combut to his purpose. All day long he was combut to his purpose. All day long he was combut the woman came into the center and

came into the quietest part of Solomon's done this to us? See how sorrowful thou everywhere for thee."

'Mother," he answered, "why did you look everywhere for me with sorrow? Did you not know that I would be in my company, whose rabbi was a lean. dark- Father's house? Must I not begin to think of the things my Father wants me to

> Thus the lost Boy was found again, and went home with his parents to Nazareth. The old rabbi blessed him as he left the Temple. But had he really been lost, or was he finding his way?-Harper's Monthly

> > (The End.)

Bryce Pleads for Religion in School. London.-Viscount Bryce, former British Ambassador at Washington opening

the University of London, delivered a The rabbi looked at him angrily, and, strong plea for the inclusion of the declared, "must not be left out of the

schools. I have learned how strongly Americans feel the need of strengthening Parents and Sunday school teachers can not be relied on to do all that is necessary, although it is the first duty of a first two days of the ceremony, for it two of the missionary folks who have only countries that produce enough so as parent to give his child moral and religious instruction.

of them would misuse his opportunity. emony itself did not take place until four dinner, so that we will have all the good were exporting their products into the I have been impressed, both in the United o'clock in the morning. Of course I did "logue" and celebrate one of the Ameri-United States. He also said that food States and England, with the fact that knowledge of the Bible is declining among wouldst not he should do to thee, this is all classes, with an incalculable loss to the

> simplification of spelling was likely to be accomplished before the difficulty in regard to religious teaching in the schools is solved.

Viscount Bryce, in concluding his address, which was entitled "Salient Educational Issues," said he approved of the American contention that women made better teachers than men for the younger

day.

Though acknowledging the jurisdiction Julian and Gregorian calendars accounts for the difference in the time of Christmas celebration.

enian customs, is Holy eve. After put-ting hay in every room of his house as a reminder that Christ was born in a sta-12 meals. After prayers by the father, the family goes to church for service, which begins at midnight, and continues

the evening, singers serenade their

avenue, Seventh and Parish streets and Clifton Heights. All are under the jurisdiction of Bishop Ortinsky, who will conct mass at Franklin and Brown streets

Besides the Greek Catholics, the communicants of the Orthodox Greek church also observe the day.

Ostrich Plumes Are Not Pulled.

From countries other than South Africa some reports that the opinion is widespread that the production of ostrich feathers entails a considerable amount of cruelty to the birds, says Our Dumb Animals. Attempts were even made to get ostrich feathers included in the bill for the prohibition of importation of the plumage of wild birds into the United

States. Contrary to this belief, there is no cruelty attached to the production of ostrich feathers. The birds are driven into a small enclosure and are caught one at a time. A sort of a stocking is dropped over the ostriche's head, when the creature at once becomes docile.

The plumes both of the tail and wings are nipped off with special clippers, the stumps of the quills being left in the sockets. These after a time shrivel nat-urally and so all sensibility is lost; some drop out and the rest are removed with--as much so as cutting one's finger nails in the usual manner.

No ostrich farmer would not be stupid enough to pull out the plumes, for the reason that in so doing the cells within the socket, which build the substance of the feet of my bed. It is a curious cold; just penthe feather, are more or less seriously damaged, causing the next and all succeeding crops of feathers to be inferior. Every farmer knows that the value of each ostrich is in proportion to the excellence of the feathers.

Tango Aids Rubber Trade.

supernal, but alternately placed under a every duty put upon her unless closely ban, praised, defended, decried, then refor the rich. But it will not be for the ignorant, my son. For he who does not know the law can not be pious."

for the rich. But it will not be for the ignorand and enthusiastically adopted by society, has suddenly appeared in the role of benefactor to trade. It has started a stream of gold into the coffers of manufacturers and tradesmen; and all because they are ignorant? Will He not the odium has disappeared from the once outcast child of Terpsichore

There is something perilous in the long slide of the tango step and business has come to the aid of the devotees of the dance. It has been discovered that rubfor footwear thus fitted to guard against

The head of the repair department of one of the large shoe departments in

Philadelphia had this to say: "This tango craze has brought us an girls in the city have taken to the tango. The rubber insures greater safety in the movements of this dance, while the thin sole does not deface the shoe. But it is the first time I ever heard of anybody dancing in gum shoes."

FROM INDIA.

By One on Medical Duty in that Far Eastern Country. Rain in November, Hindu Marriage Native Music. Etc.

stand. Last Thursday some dark clouds of holes, plugged with wood, ready for ers. came up and it threatened to rain all day, the wedding jewelry. I know I shall not | The first on the program was a selecbut as no rain is really due until Christ- heed their entreaties, and they may kiss tion by a choir of selected voices, with mas time, everybody looked and wonder- my feet (a mark of extreme gratitude) Mrs. L. Story Spangler presiding at the ed what was coming. Friday a nice rain but that kiddie will stay until she is well. organ, started and it lasted for twenty-four One finds all kinds of lung cases these Invocation by Rev. J. C. Chambers of hours; of course it was cold and dismal days and from the way they dress the the M. E. church. but one could even enjoy being dismal to wonder is that there are not more and Ad lress of welcome was made by Rev. have some rain. I caught all the jugs, worse ones. Of course to me, the L. Story Spangler of the Lutheran church, basins, and even my bath tub full of the weather is just perfect, but these who in his usual manner greeted the delightful stuff, for I know the worth of folks are still dressed in their "make-be- farmers and their families and their rain water as never before and gloat over lieve" clothes (really they are only dra friends, with the speakers of the institute, it as a miser over his gold.

woman whose niece was to be married gown" plus a thin veil. ed in red. I saw the groom and I must dinner. the whole law; all the rest follows from the should do to thee, this is the whole law; all the rest follows from the should do to thee, this is the should do to t Greeks in Philadelphia celebrated that what he gives to her all runs down things do at home. her home for that of her husband, she so goes soaring among the stars.

was there was so bad that it nearly drove me frantic. There were three drums and two pipes, making one continuous din for the entire hour I was at work, and just outside the doorway, in the court yard, were at least two dozen women, paid to help in the festivities, chattering but really waiting to sing after we would leave, and the "nautche" or dancing girls were there too. This racket went on all night. Is it any wonder my patient did not get better. That was my first Hindustani wedding and I suppose it is as near as I shall get to one while here, for they are very jealous about one seeing any of the me in their beauty.

intimate ceremonies. To go back to the weather. Of course we are all sleeping outside and I laughed last night when I got into bed. I had two gray blankets and a cotton comfort over me and felt like an esquimo; and over my flannel night-dress a jacket of outing-flannel. What do you think of that in the "hottest place in India," exout the rupture of a single blood vessel. cept one. Today I am all in wool and The whole process is absolutely painless am very comfortable. It seems so strange to me to be dressed heavier here than at home, and you know it can't be

etrates everything you can put on. One of the nurses is writing you a note which I will enclose for your perusal. She says she is working here as a nurse and her name is Sundra. She is a pretty, vivacious youngster, more inclined to like athletics than to care for nursing, The tango, now classified as the dance and absolutely lazy, or at least will shirk watched, yet is a lovable personality and one cannot understand just why she has so many good qualities and so many more very bad ones. I thought she was writing to you in English but find she wishes me to tell you that "I am very good to her and that she would like to see you." Not a very brilliant note.

Another day and this began at the early hour of four c'clock and although I well as forbid the sale of their books. abandon to the dancer, and there has been a rush at the shoe dealers' stores "groggy." But when Hindu mothers and "groggy." But when Hindu mothers and fathers will marry their children at three and four years of age and girls become mothers at twelve and fourteen years, what will one do but work hard and furious to keep their scant hold on life unexpected flow of business. For a small sum we place a thin rubber sole from entirely slipping away. Of course over the regular sole and our repairsmen | these are the lower caste. I am told that are working night and day to keep pace in one case, which I happen to know with the demand. Apparently all the fairly well the baby girl of one and one fairly well, the baby girl of one and onehalf years of age, is engaged to a boy child of three, and the various to bein-law relatives come to see the small lady as though she were grown up. They will be married when she is four and he mes and he will begin to be sassy.seven. It seems strange to us, does it Atchison Globe.

as this morning, in order to save life one has to use fairly drastic measures. That

and fortunately for me I was there the Thursday is Thanksgiving day and as Canada, Australia and Argentina are the takes three days to marry a Hindu maid- been very kind to the girls, are to be sent to be able to export any food stuffs, and en, and none of the events come off be- to another station very soon, they think it was a question if the United States had o'clock in the morning. Of course I did "logue" and celebrate one of the Ameri- United States. He also said that food not see it but had it described to me. can holidays, although of the twelve stuffs were higher in Pittsburg than any The contracting parties were both dress- there will be but four Americans at the other part of the world and the farmers

Wednesday as their Christmas day. her drapery. Neither has seen the other, although all the members of their increase. Truly I think the going up culture could be taught.. He stated it which has nearly 10,000 members in that families have inspected both. One of the idea has taken firm hold upon this old up, greatly to the teacher, how agriculture city, still uses the old Julian calendar and curious customs is that she wears a world and India seems to be as badly could be successfully taught in our schools. the difference of two weeks between the bracelet on her left arm; it is made of touched with the disease as America. This topic was responded to by Prof. some kind of string, strung with shells This morning our cook informed us that Menges, who spoke on the proper educaand other "good luck" things. This our charcoal bill would be double the tion of our children. Equally as important to the Greek string is tied into very hard knots, and price it was this month, and milk will be Next was a selection by the choir. The catholic, who has imported many Rutherman Rutherma er to open; he must undo these with one ten at any price. Seems to me the in- M. Barnitz who spoke on "The chick hand. Then, although they wear very ventors of the areoplanes should be from shell to maturity." He gave the ble, the devout Greek Catholic prepares ordinary clothes all during the festivities, caught and locked up for every least different breeds and to what purpose on the third day, when she is to leave thing has a desire to be in fashion and they are best suited. Institute adjourned

will put on all the jewelry she has and Two of the girls are in the adjoining Tuesday morning.—Institute was call-Later on Christmas day, it is the cus- be decorated in beautiful clothes and go room singing hymns, the piano is the ed to order by chairman Wm. H. Fry, tom to visit friends and neighbors. In away with this man whom she has never very worst I ever in my worst nightmare the first speaker of the morning was Mr. seen. They told me that the wedding dreamed of, and I almost always run H, M. Gooderham who spoke on "barn There are four Greek Catholic churches festivities cost \$3,000 (\$1,000.) Of course when they begin; the music don't appeal manures, their waste and treatment." in this vicinity, at Franklin street above the clothing and jewelry would be extra, to them one single bit, a Jangle will do He spoke on how the farmer loses the Brown, Bainbridge street and Passyunk but these Indian people would buy jew- just as well as the most beautiful harmo- best part of his manure, he told how if ny, only so it be set to the proper words. this is prevented he might declare a Dr. MacMillan, who is a very great lover greater dividend larger than any great corfuss made during both the days that I of music, refused absolutely to touch it, poration. The next speaker was Prof. and generally escaped early from the Menges who spoke on "Benefits of corn meetings in order to avoid having her breeding." ear-drums hurt. How I will revel in ope- He spoke of the two purposes of raisra when I get back to America; I will sit ing corn, first of raising corn for silage in the upper gallery and never come for rough feed, second for the most corn down until I am satisfied or "Lub-a-Lub" per acre.

as the natives say. There was a man here with embroidof it would be "white elephants" on your to our climatic conditions. hands, but they are so beautiful and so The question box was opened and

(Continued next week.)

Snapdragon and Halloween. Many of our Halloween customs and a most popular one is called the and the platter containing the snapdragon is brought in. Why it is thus named I know not, but it is made this way: Place large table raisins quite closely and evenly on the platter, sprinkle with salt and cover with good alcohol. Just before bringing in light the alcohol and a most ghastly greenish white light will be the result. Pass it around the table, and each guest is to try to grab a raisin from the flame. Now, don't ask me why and wherefore regarding this strange custom, for I do not know: only, my earliest recol-Louis Globe-Democrat.

Japan Censors Books In Japan the censorship of novels is not exercised by the libraries, but by a government official who is empowered to prosecute offending authors as Not long ago the author of a Japanese novel called "The Great City" was brought before the courts for giving too realistic a description of life in Tokyo. His counsel used the old arguments about the indefensible rights of deal of praise for their successful instiliterature and the ennobling of everything by art. But the case was given against the author. Even some of Moliere's works have been forbidden to circulate in Japan. the ground of offense being the lack of respect shown by wives toward their husbands and by sons toward their fathers.

Joke with a small boy two or three

not? But the horror only comes when, The Farmer's Institute at Pine Grove Mills.

a Curious Custom. Fresh Vegetables on reminds me, I have in another ward a Institute was called to order by chair-Thanksgiving. Prices High There as Here. little girl of ten years with pneumonia, man Wm. H. Fry, Monday evening, Dec. and I am urged to cure her speedily, as 29, 1913, in the I. O. O. F. hall. The inshe is to be married as soon as she is stitute was called for Monday afternoon, JHANSI, NOVEMBER 22nd, 1912. well enough. She is a tiny, frail, pretty but on account of the lateness of the child with the look of one that needs train and sickness the lecturers did not Such a nice surprise in the weather; much fresh air and stimulating food, arrive until late in the afternoon, so the the dust and brownness had become Her nose is already pierced, ready for first session was called at 7.30 P. M., rather more than one's good temper could the marriage ring and her ears are full wien a crowded house greeted the speak-

peries) and this is scarcely suitable tem- responded to by Prof. Franklin Menges Last week I was taking care of a sick perature to go about in one's "birthday who spoke of "where are we going to get enough to eat;" He said the United States. of Pennsylvania are realizing this fact.

full of glittering tinsel; his shawl was of toes, radishes, onions and beets from our Pres. Wm. H. Fry vice president, Dr. R. M. brilliant scarlet. The bride was also gardens and the beans and peas are look- Krebs; secretary, Harry M. Walker. After dressed in a red "sauri" but of very com- ing very smart; the carrots and cabbage the appointment of the officers, the mon, coarse material, and wore no jew- are a bit slow but that is not unusual. choir rendered another selection of music. elry. The Hindu priest reads from the The other things seem to rather like this The next speaker of the evening was Mr. "veda" (Hindu bible) and they, holding cool weather, but as I have said, it ought H. M. Gooderham, of Patton, who spoke a bamboo arrangement shaped like a to be May or June instead of November. on "agriculture and on rural schools." wheel and well decorated, march round I sure am all twisted up; with great He emphasized the fact that agriculture and round and do all sorts of things, one bunches of roses on the table and sweet cannot be taught successfully in our unof which is to feed each other rice; she peas just coming through the ground, graded schools, he showed the necessity puts it into his mouth but she is so shy somehow they don't correspond the way of teaching agriculture in our schools. He pointed out "how our schools could

until Tuesday morning.

Institute adjourned until 1.30 p. m. Tuesday, p. m.-Institute called to orery from Delhi, done on white satin in der by chairman Fry at 1.30. Music by silver, and I declare it is just horrid to the choir. The first speaker of the afterbe poor, I want to ship you people some- noon was Prof. Menges, who continued thing of everything I see. I know much his talk on the best kind of corn suited

unusual I would like you to share with some of the questions were read and answered by the speakers. Music by the

Next Prof. Menges took up his talk on the "Maintenance of soil fertility and come to us from England and Scotland, soil moisture." He spoke on how the soil is made. He also spoke on the de-"snapdragon," which is brought in structive and constructive farming. The when refreshments are served, gen- destructive farmer is the one who takes erally at the last before leaving the more out of his soil than he puts back on table. The lights are all turned out it, and the constructive farmer is one that puts back on his soil as much and more than he takes out. Music by the choir.

> The next speaker of the afternoon was Mr. Barnitz who spoke on the diseases of

poultry. Institute adjourned to meet at 7. 30. Tuesday evening.—Institute was called to order by chairman Fry, when a crowded house greeted the speakers. The first speaker was Mr. Gooderham, who spoke to the boys and girls on politeness and culture, he also spoke to the parents on lections of a Halloween party, and I why the boys and girls leave the farm. regret to say that it is many years Mr. Gooderham is a very fluent speaker ago, we had a snapdragon, and an and is himself a farmer and father and English lady told me how to make it. knows whereof he speaks. Music by Sometimes ghost stories are told while the choir. The next speaker was Prof. the dragon burns on the table.-St. Menges, who spoke on the modern improvements on the farm. Music by the

> The next speaker was Mr. Barnitz who showed "The evolution of the rooster," by a stereopticon view which was

very instructive and entertaining. The institute was a decided success with a good corps of instructors and the music furnished by a choir of voices trained by

Mrs. L. Story Spangler. The local committee deserves a great tute, as each and every person was well

repaid for their attendance. HARRY M WALKER, Secretary.

To the Customs People. "What are an American's first words on returning from Europe?" "Well, I declare!"-Life.

Worse Still. Commute-What's the matter? Has. the cook left? Mrs. C .- No. She refuses to leave.-Judge.