AN UNLUCKY TOSS.

STORY OF A NEW YEAR'S GIFT THAT WAS NEVER ENJOYED.

The Old Adage, "There's Many a Slip Betwixt the Cup and the Lip," Illustrated in the Case of a Beggar and His Coin.

He was a tramp. A miserable, ragged, rum sodden apology for a man, without one redeeming feature. He had not worked for ten years. His was a hang-dog appearance, and now and then he furtively glanced around as if expecting a policeman to arrest him for living.

He stood in the postoffice corridor and gazed out of a window through the darkness at Newspaper row opposite, and pondered. It was the last day of the year. He hadn't a friend, but then he did not want one. All he knew was that he was hungry, and his chronic thirst consumed him still.

He thought of the morrow. The new year caused him no remorse for his wasted life. He never was of high estate, so that his fall had not been mighty. He wondered if he should go through the day, as he had at Christmas, without a dinner. The postoffice clock pointed to 11. He leaned on the broad window sill and dozed.

Through the corridor from the Broadway side came brisk footsteps timed to a cheery whistle. Our tramp roused himself from his lethargic gloom and looked around. It was a young man, bright and breezy. Joy shone in his eyes. He may have just received a letter from Miranda; maybe he had collected a bad debt. More probably he had just made a lucky strike on the races. At all events he was happy. His audience did not appreciate this, however. He only saw in the well dressed chap a possible victim. So mechanically he stepped forward, held out a dirty paw and mumbled the well worn refrain in which the words "hunger—sick wife—five children" could be distinguished.

Imagine his astonishment when the young man paused, after a cursory glance, pulled out a coin, handed it to the beggar, and was off still whistling. The recipient hurried to the light to inspect his treasure; he fairly gasped—it was a dollar. He did not pursue the philanthropist to put the traditional query, "Did you mean to give me this, sir?" Not he! Out of the postoffice he ambled toward the Bowery, that Mecca of all such as he, at a faster gait than he had known for many a month.

A short distance beyond the bridge a thought occurred to him. What should he do with his money? The sudden gleam of paradise had scattered his wits. Undecided, wavering, he sat down on the walk under a street lamp with his feet in the gutter and mused. He thought of turkey, but the word was a mockery—he had not tasted any for years. He now sketched rapidly an ideal bill of fare; bean soup, pork and beans, and—ye gods! —plum pudding to top off! He figured the cost. Why, he would have enough left to take him to a theatre, and even to sit down stairs, for once, like a lord. But now a disturbing thought crept in. He had forgotten something—rum. His programme was accordingly amended by the substitution of rum for theatre.

But another question now arose to perplex him. Should he eat first or drink first? He drew out the precious money. Now the old sporting instinct asserted itself. He would let chance decide, as any gentleman should. The coin was to pay the bills, and it should guide his choice. If head came uppermost, the rum first; if tail, the meal.

Up he tossed it, high and straight; down it came in the same path, but missing the outstretched palm it struck the sidewalk on its milled edge. Impish, glittering, exultant, it rolled off the sidewalk into the gutter, jumped two or three little furrows of dirt, dodged an old cigar stump and disappeared into the sewer at the corner.

"Come, move on out o' that," said a policeman as he whacked his club close to the man on the curb.—New York Sun.

Resolutions.

I will wear easier shoes than I did last year.

If I find that I have to wear spectacles I will.

I will not read one-half of the advertisements in the Sunday papers.

I will think less about money and reach out after more of it.—Burdette.

A New Year's Reverie.

'Twas a New Year's eve, quite long ago,
And blustry was the weather,
When Jess and I sat all alone
Before the fire together.
The wooden clock ticked slowly on
In measured tones and broken,
And all the while we two sat there
Not one of us had spoken.

And as the firelight softly streamed
Upon her form so slender,
And played about her slippered feet,
Which rested on the fender,
I could not help but think and dream
Of how I loved her dearly,
But lacked the vim to tell her so,
For I was bashful merely.

Just then a noise came to our ears
That sounded grim and ghostly,
And she was timid, women are
(Or I will venture mostly).
She hastened quickly to my side
And cried, "Oh, do not leave me,
For left alone in this old place
I fear 't will sadly grieve me."

My courage soon returned at last,
I suddenly grew bolder,
And in a choked and falt'ring voice
I spoke up then and told her:
My place was always by her side,
That I'd forsake her never,
But link my troubled heart with hers
And shield her now forever.

I took her gently in my arms
And kissed her drooping lashes,
Which hid those eyes that shone as bright
As lightning's deepest flashes.
A crimson blush o'erspread her face
And dyed her pretty dimple,
Which made her seem a school girl then,
So sweet she looked and simple.

And many times when I'm alone
And smoking in the gloaming
I see the past within the clouds
Which set my thoughts to roaming,
The night I won dear Jessie's heart,
With deep and tender feeling,
And all the noise that frightened her
Was rats between the ceiling.

—F. Parker, Jr

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Children's Faults.

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There are times when it is wiser for the parent to ignore some mood on the child's part. The part of the parent should be in ever seeking the wise opportunity to impress the child with the virtue that is the reverse of some fault it falls into. Children pass through various phases, and some dragon of a fault that one has been worrying over and planning against suddenly vanishes into thin air, and is no more. Sometimes one fixes a fault by noticing it too much. The child repeats the fault through an ability to pass over it. It becomes like a hard word in the spelling-book that he has met before. He recognizes the word without knowing its name, and at the same moment remembers his struggles with it, and the painful impression fills him with nervousness; his mind becomes confused, and he cannot control his thought. It is wise with a fault, as with the hard word, to let it go to escape it. Omit the hard word; avoid anything to excite the habitual fault. Presently the child forgets the fault. It may be said that injudicious parents often create their children's faults.—*Harper's Bazar.*

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