NEW CENTURY BORN.

Noisy Multitudes Welcome the Stranger.

SONG AND SHOUT AND BLARE OF HORNS

Impressive Services Held In Many Churches While the Old Year and Century Are Rung Out and the New Are Rung In.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.-Countless thousands of this great city's inhabitants welcomed the birth of the tweatieth century The brightly lighted streets were crowded with a mighty throng stretching out from Harlem to Trinity church, and horns added their blatant notes to the rumble of the city's life.

New York celebrated as never before. Even the city itself held out its hands, se to speak, blessing the old and welcoming the new year. The city hall was ablaze with light. Electric bulbs, 4,500 of them, all blazing with light, were stretched about the City Hall park and in the build-ing itself, while a huge electric legend said to the coming stranger, "Welcome, Twentieth Century." Music from a monster hand started the

celebration there at 10 o'clock, and soon a chorus of 1,000 voices from the People's union, under the leadership of Frank Damrosch, with the United Ger man Singing societies, awakened the

night with a mighty volume of harmony. The great throng of singers rendered the "Hallelujah Chorus," the choral from the "Meistersinger," "Ring Out, Wild Bell," "America," "The Star Spanghed Banner." "Sea, Mountain and Prairie" and "Hynn of Thanks."

In addition to the music of the band and the songs of the choruses the programme included an address by Randolph Guggenheimer, which few were able to bear, and a brilliant pyrotechnic display.

From many a church spire the wild notes of the chimes floated out over the city, telling of the century's passing. Crowds denser than ever before moved in about the massive pile of old Trinity. where the chiming of the bells have sounded a requiem to many a dying year and pealed out greeting to the newborn infant of time.

QUAKER CITY CELEBRATES.

New Century Fittingly Welcomed In Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.-The passing of the nineteenth century was fittingly observed in this city by a spectacular municipal celebration, which included a military parade and pyrotechnic and electrical displays. The great city hall and historic statehouse were the centers of the celebration, and great crowds gathered in the vicinity of each of these buildings. The observance officially be-gan at 8:30 o'clock in the evening with a general Illumination of the city. The city hall itself presented a magnificent spectacle. Pine trees, on which were hung many varicolored lights, were grouped at each entrance and in the courtyard of the building. From the sidewalk to the top of the statue of William Penn which surmounts the third tallest work of man was one blaze of light, Twenty thousand incandescent lights were used on the exterior of the structure alone, while each of the more than 600 rooms of the municipal palace was brilliantly lighted. In the statehouse 20 tallow candles were placed on each windowsill, which added to the quaintness of the old hall.

The observance at Independence hall was simple, with a tinge of solemnity The First regiment fired a about it. salute, then the deep toned bell pealed ont 20 strokes, one for each century; then 125 strokes, symbolic of the years of independence of the country; then 19 strokes, a pause and a single stroke for

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CONDENSED DISPATCHES Notable Events of the Week Briefly and Tersely Told.

Northern 'Colorado coal miners struck. The czar reviewed troops back from China. The Rhode Island general assembly

convened. Diamonds have been discovered near

Capitan, N. M. The new comet was observed at the Lick observatory,

A lace smuggling scheme was discovered at Del Rio, Tex.

The murderer of Baron von Ketteler was executed at Peking.

The battleship Wisconsin has been turned over to the government. The Wells-Fargo company opened ref-

erence libraries for its employees. Forty-six tons of gold and silver were

received at the Scattle assay office in 1900. Tuesday, Jan. 1.

Fire destroyed 25 naphtha springs at Baku.

The Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar is very low.

Disastrous storms prevailed throughout England.

A new outbreak is reported imminent in Venezuela.

Indians raided ranches in Chihuahua and Sonora, Mexico. One hundred miners are snow bound on

Mount Blane in Colorado. A Harvard student has invented a new

instrument to measure bones. The Philippine commission has com-

pleted a municipal government bill. Inquiry into the charges against Gener-

al Colvile disclosed a forged telegram, Drain of Mexican money to China and India has caused a crisis in Philippine

monetary affairs. Not an application for admission into the Pringle Memorial home at Pough-

keepsie hus been received.

Monday, Dec. 31.

Lord Roberts sailed from Gibraltar for England. A Japanese training ship was lost with

121 persons. A bill providing for a national naval reserve has been prepared.

Edgar C. Burnz, who killed the postmaster of Scarsdale, N. Y., was found

guilty of murder in the second degree. The London and Globe Finance cor-

pration, limited, failed, dragging down 13 lesser firms on the London Stock Exchange.

Samuel MacDonald, who murdered Auditor Morris of the war department, died in a Washington hospital from self inflicted wounds.

The new Cornell Medical college building was formally opened, and addresses were made by President Schurman, Governor Roosevelt and others.

It is announced at the state department that negotiations for the purchase of the Danish West Indies are practically concluded and only await the appropriation of the necessary money by congress.

Saturday, Dec. 29. A blizzard raged at Wasenberg, Colo.,

for 36 hours. Rock Island directors have decided to

extend their lines to El Paso, Tex. Colonel Quay opens his campaign for the United States senatorship in Harrisburg.

American Sugar company and the Arbuckles have compromised their differences,

A lone highwayman held up the stage near Hot Springs Junction, A. T., secur-ing about \$50 from the private express box

Select Councilman A. B. Lidstone of Scranton, Pa., dropped dead while delivering an address at the annual banquet of Hiram lodge of Masons.

Friday, Dec. 28,

______ LADY BARBARA OF THE MANTELPIECE

By Albert Lee.

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ATE one afternoon toward the close of September Mr. William Minton Tappan alighted in front of Hadley Hall, the old Virginia mansion which he had leased for a year with the intention of settling down to the life of a country gentleman, if the estate proved to his liking. He was met by Uncle Pete, a friendly old house servant, who conducted him into the house. where Tappan was delighted at the oldfashioned and comfortable appearance of his surroundings. He ate the simple evening meal that had been prepared for him and then returned to the spacious library to smoke and rest after his ten-mile drive from the nearest railroad station.

This library pleased Tappan greatly. The tall bookcases, the broad table, the deep armchairs-everything seemed so complete-and upon the walls still hung the family portraits. One especially attracted Tappan's attention. It stood above the fireplace, in a large frame, and presented a beautiful young woman. As he sat there alone in the perfect stillness of the night he could hardly rouse himself from the fascination which this portrait seemed to cast upon him. He gazed upon it for an hour or more, and the young woman of the canvas appeared to return a look as fixed and as frank as his own. She stood with her hands gracefully clasped in front of her, and a faint smile seemed to play about her lips. The costume was old fashioned, with short

sleeves, and cut low in the neck. The face was that of a girl of 20, with regular features and large, dark eyes that stared straight out from the canvas. The next day he asked Uncle Pete

about the picture, but the only information he got was that it was a portrait of "Lady Earbara," a great-greatnunt of Mrs. Hadley, "who done gone live a hundred years ago." And so, every evening, Tappan sat in the library and communed with this beauty of a bygone century.

As the weeks slipped by Tappan became convinced that he must be the owner of Hadley Hall. He was thoroughly satisfied with the property, and with everything connected with it. He therefore wrote to his agent that he, had concluded to make the purchase. He also wrote to that effect to Mrs. Hadley, and in his letter he stated that he hoped the portrait of "Lady Barbara" might not be included among the heirlooms she would wish to remove, When she replied that she valued that portrait above all her other possessions, Tappan was startled at the pang of regret, almost of resentment, which this statement caused.

The arrangements for the sale were rapidly made by the agent, and it was agreed that Mrs. Hadley should come on from Richmond and remain at Hadley Hall for such time as she should require to pack what she desired to retain. Tappan decided to make a flying trip to New York during that period, and to bring back with him half a dozen friends to help inaugurate his ownership of the Virginia estate.

"No," exclaimed Tappan, "how could And as the girl stood silent, "Come, Barbara, and speak to me!"

"I really beg your pardon, Mr. Tappan," she replied, quite calmly, but with a look of great astonishment upon her face, "but I had no idea you were in the library.

"You know, Barbara, that I have been in the library every evening with you since I first came to Hadley Hall," interrupted Tappan, rapidly.

"Really, you must not call me Barbara.'

"But you are Barbara," insisted Tap-

"Yes; but I think it would be better, under the circumstances, for you to address me as Miss Hadley." Tappan leaned forward on the

table. "Miss Hadley!" he exclaimed. "You appear surprised," she said, "and I don't altogether blame you. Perhaps I woke you by coming in ?" "You did," cried Tappan, "but not

from sleep. You have drawn me from a waking nightmare!" And as he spoke he moved toward the girl. "Now, wait a moment!" she ob-

"If you will sit down again, jected. I will tell you all about it." Tappan dropped obediently into his

chair and the girl took a seat by the table.

"You are not at all the kind of a man I expected to see," she began, calmly resting her face on her hands and looking straight into his eyes. "I did not think you would be so easily frightened, or excited, or alarmed, or whatever you wish to call it."

Tappan opened his mouth to reply. but she raised a pretty little hand and enjoined silence.

"You talk as if you thought it was Lady Barbara of the Mantelpiece' come to life. But I am not. I am just plain Barbara Hadley, my mother's daugher, and I have been here a week helping her to pack. She retired early this ening, and, as I had nothing to do, rummaged in some old trunks and found this gown and promptly put it on. I wore it at the last reception we gave in this house, two years ago; and the gown was made like old Lady Barbara's, because mother thinks I resemble her. Uncle Pete told me of your arrival, but he also said you were in your room. When I came downstairs saw a light burning in the library, and came in to investigate. When I woke you up you seemed startled!" Here Miss Hadley paused and tossed her head back and laughed. "Aren't you ashamed of yourself?" she asked. Tappan, now somewhat recovered, smiled back upon her and replied:

"Not a bit. I have nothing to be ashamed of. If you will ask your mother, she will tell you that I have fallen in love with the portrait of Lady Barbara, and that I made her all sorts of offers to part with it. When I saw Lady Barbara, apparently alive and in the flesh, standing before me this evening, I could not refrain from speaking as I did."

"Very well, I forgive you," Miss Hadley returned. "To fall in love with a portrait and then have a flesh and blood girl appear disguised as one's inamorata must, after all, be a trifle shocking. I suppose I ought to apologize for the disappointment I have caused you."



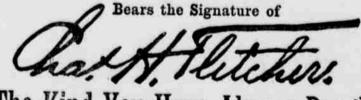
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Chiengo Keeps Awake.

CHICAGO, Jan. L-Thousands of peo ale throughout the city celebrated the dawn of the new century. Watch meetngs were held in the churches, and in the business district crowds of men and boys narched up and down the streets blowing torns and cheering, while every steam whistle in the city was turned loose on the stroke of 12. It was the noisiest creeting ever extended to a new year in Chicago. The great watch meeting of the night was under the auspices of the led Cross society and was held in the Coliseum, which was packed to the doors. William Penn Nixon presided, and an aration on the new century was delivered by General John C. Black. Greetings from he rulers of different countries addressed to the Red Cross society were read by Mr. Nixon and heartily cheered by the mmense audience. At 11:58 the audi-nce rose and began the singing of "Old fundred." and as the song was finished he members of the Illinois maval militia ired a salute of 21 guns to the dawn of the new century.

London's Celebration.

LONDON, Jan. L-The celebrations ttending the death of the did year and the birth of the new followed the usual course in London. There was a great rathering of Scote outside St. Paul's athedral, where they sang "Auld Lang yne" at michaight. Watch night serv-es were held in all the religious edifices. it 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, which as equivalent to midnight in Australia, se lord mayor hoisted the Australian ag over the Mansion House as a sign iat the Australian commonwealth was Telegrams from the various Eupean expitals tell of illuminations, fetes id other celebrations in honor of the ew year.

Boston's Welcome.

BOSTON, Jan. 1.-Twelve ringing arion blasts exactly on the hour of midght blown by four sturdy trumpeters om the front balcony of the statehouse the close of an interesting service as Boston's adden to the nineteenth ad welcome to the twentieth century nd proved a feature of a celebration of uch interest in this city. Watch meet-ings naturally drew many of more regions mind, but the unique service on eacon hill in the glare of the state-ouse lights was the chief attraction. observance was a revival of one eld on practically the some spot exactly so centuries ago.

Shipbuilding at Bath.

BATH, Me., Dec. 29.-The custom ouse at this port has made its annual eport of vessels built in the district turing the present calendar year. It hows that shipbuilding in tonnage sur-passes that of any year save 1882, when 12,000 tons were built. This year the to-tal is 41,532 gross or 35,561 net, distributed among 35 craft,

Rabies is cpidemic in Rochester. Supposed diamonds have been found in New Mexico.

The Southern Educational association met in Richmond.

Great damage was done by a fire at the East India docks in London.

Russia has secured the right of consular representation at Bombay. Turkish soldiers assaulted the British charge d'affaires at Constantinople. Pat Crowe, suspected Cudahy kidnap-

er, was believed to be in Findlay, O. Samuel D. Miller of Indianapolis recovered his child kidnaped by its mother. The chief of police of Barre, Vt., was probably fatally wounded by socialists.

The president ordered the preference in the civil service of veterans of the war with Spain.

Thursday, Dec. 27.

Ex-President Cleveland denied that he voted for President McKinley. No further outbreak followed last night's race riot at Cementville, Ind. University of Chicago professors discovered that sak makes the heart beat. Lord Cromer assured the Dinkas at Khartum of protection against slave raiders.

A company has been formed to operate a pneumatic tube service between Boston and New York.

New York's Finances.

ALBANY, Jan. 1.-In his annual re-part State Comptroller Theodore Gilman shows that there was a balance in the treasury of the state on Oct. 1, 1899, of \$4,304,815, while the receipts for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30 were \$32,006,-883, making a total of \$36,511,698. Dur-SS, making a total of \$30,011,608. Dur-ing the year \$29,221,896 was paid out, leaving a balance of \$7,289,802 in the treasury on Sept. 30, 1900. The balance was distributed as follows: Canal fund, \$1,190,632; school fund, \$440,370; gen-eral fund, \$5,280,134; trust and miscellaneous funds, \$378,665.

Lived In Three Centuries.

UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 31.-Abraham E. Elmer will witness for the second time the birth of a new century and attain the distinction of having lived in three centuries. Mr. Elmer was born in Warren, Herkimer county, Jan. 26, 1782, and on his next birthday he will be 119 years old. He is in good health, his only affliction being blindness. He is still able to walk about his home and has a good appetite.

Lost on Mount Washington.

BERLIN, N. H., Jan. 2.-A searching BERLIN, N. H., Jan. 2.—A searching party has left here for Mount Washington in an endeavor to find William H. Bod-well, correspondent of the New York Herald, who was lost on the mountain Monday while attempting to make the ascent with two other men. Bodwell, with Chester Stiles of Cambridge and Ray Evans of Gorham, went up the mountain on foot for the purpose of tak-ing views. ing views.

He remained a week in the city, but found little charm in its attractions, so constantly did his thoughts wander back to the library in Hadley Hall.

At last his impatience grew to such proportions that he suddenly determined to hasten back to Virginia (although he had not expected to return much before Thanksgiving) to make one last appeal to Mrs. Hadley. The idea had occurred to him that she might permit him to have a copy of the por trait. He was not expected at Hadley Hall for a week, but he announced his return by telegraph.

On reaching his house at about six o'clock in the evening he was met at the door by Uncle Pete, who offered Mrs. Hadley's apologies for not being on hand to receive him, but she had overexerted herself in packing and had retired early with a severe headache. She would see him in the morning.

Tappan repaired to the library at once, but, to his great disappointment, the portrait of Lady Barbara had been removed and a blank wall stared at him from the empty frame. He turned to Uncle Pete, who stood nearby, and said: "You may serve me a light supper in my room," and went up the broad staircase to his apartments.

He scarcely touched what the old servant brought him, so great a depression had fallen upon him. He paced the floor for half an hour, smoking vigorously, and at last determined to return to the library, where he took down a book at random and, settling back in the great chair he had adopted for his own, tried to become interested in his reading.

Tappan never knew exactly how long he had been sitting in the library, when he thought he heard a slight noise as of some one entering the room, and the sound of the rustling of silk skirts. He looked up from his book and glanced mechanically over the back of the chair toward the door. Then he sat bolt upright, elutching the leather arms, and the book he held fell noiselessly to the floor. Not 15 feef away from him, on the other side of the big library table. stood Lady Barbara. Her hands were clasped before her, as in the picture; she wore the same old-fashioned gown; her hair reflected the soft light of the reading-lamp, but her eyes were opened wide with surprise. Tappan rose slowly to his feet, without removing his gaze from the face of the beautiful girl who stood before him, and cried: "Barbara!"

The girl took a step backward and stammered: "I did not know you were here."

"I have not said I was disappointed," said Tappan.

"I trust you will never be so rude as to say so. But, now, good night, and forgive me for my intrusion!"

She arose and held out a soft white hand toward Tappan. He took it and begged her not to leave so soon, but she shook her head, smiling roguishly, turned quickly and ran out of the room.

The next morning Tappan breakfasted with Mrs. Hadley and her daughter, and Barbara told of the previous evening's adventure, and seemed to derive much amusement from chaffing Tappan. But Tappan had never felt so happy in his life, and when he went out for his usual ride that morning he was accompanied by "Lady Barbara of the Mantelpiece," as he now persisted in calling her.

It is perhaps regrettable to have to chronicle that from this time on the young woman was of very little service as an assistant to her mother. She rode with Tappan every day and took him to many nooks and corners of the neighborhood which he had not yet discovered. In the evenings they sat in the library, and Tappan soon grew to feel that he had known Mrs. Hadley and Lady Barbara for years.

One afternoon he drew the good old ady aside and informed her that the following week he expected his guests from New York. He begged her not to think of leaving Hadley Hall, al though he well knew that the heirlooms were all packed and ready for shipment. He entreated her to remain while his guests were there to act as chaperon for the party. And then he told her something else that did not surprise Mrs. Hadley nearly as much

as he had feared it might. And thus it was that when the New Yorkers gathered for their first dinner in Hadley Hall they found that preparations had been made for a very elaborate affair-all of which they did not quite understand until Tappan arose and made a little speech in which he explained that the portrait of the Lady Barbara was to be replaced within the frame upon the mantelpiece in the library, because the living Lady Barbara had decided to remain as mistress of Hadley Hall-and poor Mrs. Hadley had had all the trouble of packing the heirlocms, only to have to unpack them again.

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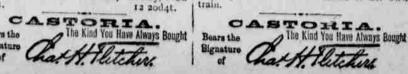
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