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The New Year of the Hoboes.

In the Grotto of Modern Miracles.

NOWHERE in New York city at midnight on New Year's eve is there a busier throng of hurrying humanity than at the junction of Park row and the Bowery. Intermingled with the throng are merry panhandlers, as happy as the richest, for New Year's eve is their harvest time.

Few of the panhandlers who frequent the downtown districts are plying their vocation as old Trinity tells out the midnight hour in the rhymes. The belated ones are hurrying to a dive at Chatham square, there to meet brother mendicants and joyfully celebrate with the money begged from New Year shoppers.

Here one may witness nightly transformations more wonderful than in the famous "Court of Miracles" in old Paris which Victor Hugo describes in "Notre Dame." The blind see, the dumb talk, the hunchback loses all traces of his deformity, the deaf hear, mising limbs are grown in a twinkling, and the lame discard their crutches and dance in glee.

Of all the nights in the year the gladdest in this dive in the Bowery is New Year's eve. Not until long after the late dawn does the drunken rev-

the shoulders to the middle of the back.

Bill awakes with a yawn and slowly adjusts his stock in trade to his proper resting place between his shoulders while giving his order to the waiter.

As the waiter sets out the drinks the hoboos pass around the bill. The blind examine it closely, the lame dance with it in their hands, and the merriest feel of the paper with the air of one who is used to it. The bill is passed around the merry crowd and greeted with enthusiasm until taken by Green Goods Ike.

"It's a fake," he cries, "a bad imitation!" And the drinks are on Pedestrian Patrick and Silent James, for it is a counterfeit.—New York World.

How Time Travels.

When St. Paul's strikes noon on Jan. 1, 1909, the new year will come into being somewhere in the Pacific ocean, on a line following longitude 180 east, which is exactly opposite Greenwich meridian on the other side of the globe. Geographers draw the line to avoid passing through any of the Pacific islands, for if it did the times and days of the inhabitants would be hopelessly muddled. Vanua, one of the Fiji islands, for instance, would be otherwise divided by the line where the days and years begin and end, so that while it would be Jan. 1 on the western side it would be Dec. 31 a few paces away on the east of the line. One could thus walk into yesterday and a moment later return tomorrow!

How the new year travels is curiously illustrated by its passage across Great Britain. It reaches Greenwich, as the time center, at midnight, exactly twelve hours after it started. Sev-



"GREAT GRAF!" HE CRIES.

dry cease, and then only when the merrymakers have spent all of their ill gotten gains and are unconscious to their surroundings.

The grotto of modern miracles is in the rear of a saloon, a room 40 by 25 feet. Around are scattered tables and chairs of the cheapest kind. Thick fumes of smoke from bad pipe tobacco, the cheapest cigars made and nauseating cigarettes permeate the atmosphere.

The stranger can hardly breathe. Through the sickening atmosphere can be detected the odor of vile beer and still worse whisky that here is sold for 5 cents a goblet.

From behind the partition a bartender, with half a nose and but a small portion of his right ear to tell the tale of his batties, dispenses liquor through an opening to a hurrying waiter.

At the tables sit the motley group of hoboos, panhandlers and jailbirds. Fortunate beggars who have had a prosperous day are spending money freely, small change for the most part. Whisky and beer flow as they have never flowed before in the year.

Nearly all the mendicants have arrived. The last two, known as "Pedestrian Patrick" and "Silent James," are greeted with an uproar.

Hanging from the neck of Silent James is the sign that reads:

DEAF AND DUMB.

The sign he casts aside, and, with a yell, he dances and laughs and calls upon all present to drink at his expense. Above his head he waves a five dollar bill.

"Great graf!" he cries. "I touch a bloke for de long green dead easy!" Pedestrian Patrick discards a pair of well worn crutches and stands up straight on what before appeared to be helpless limbs. "I told his nobbs dat we'd pray for 'im!" he yells.

At this point Blind Phil throws down his sign and yells intently at the five dollar bill to make sure it is genuine.

"I didn't see that much all day," he says ruefully.

Asleep now with his head bowed on the table, Bill, the hunchback, No one ever had a more pronounced deformity of the spine.

enteen minutes later it gets to Glasgow, and another six minutes pass before the new year has captured Penzance. These are the true times for these places, though Greenwich time is the one accepted. But Ireland is proud in possession of her own chronology, and it will be 12:25 at night in London before 1909 reaches Dublin.—London Chronicle.

New Year Superstitions.

It is considered a sure sign of death to see one's own shadow in the moonlight on New Year's eve.

You court misfortune by leaving the house on New Year before some one has entered it. You must hope for the luck, moreover, of having the first to enter a dark haired man.

Seeking to know what good or evil the New Year would bring, superstitious people in the long ago girt themselves with swords and sat on the roof of their houses on New Year's eve. They also knelt at the crossroads (on a cowhide) for the same purpose. The first thing brought, one might think, would be pneumonia.

It is bad luck to carry anything out of the house on the New Year before something has been brought in.

But the best luck of all, which even those most scornful of portents may not despise, is to begin the New Year owing no man a cent.—Philadelphia Press.

A NEW LEAF.

He came to my desk with a quivering lip—

"The lesson was done. 'Dear teacher, I want a new leaf,' he said. 'I have spoiled this one.'"

In place of the leaf so stained and blotched I gave him a new one all spotted and dotted. And his eyes shined.

"Do you know my name?" I went to the throne with a quivering soul. The old year was done.

"Dear Father, how thou a new leaf for me?" I have spoiled this one.

He took the old leaf, stained and blotched. And gave me a new one all impotted. And his old heart smiled. "Do better now, my child." —Forward.

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