THE INFLUENZA.

THE LATEST REPORTS FROM AFFEC-TED LOCALITIES.

FATALITY.

READING, Pa., Dec. 30,-Old inhabitants say that the meteorological has been a common eight to railway a rule, kept open house, and there travellers through the Schuylkill, Leb- were many New Year callers. anon and Cumberland valleys to see farmers busy plowing in the fields, which they usually do in spring, with the thermometer at 65°. Daisies, pansies and violets in full bloom have been ered dandelion the same as in June. Lilacs have been found in bloom, while some of the trees have commenced to bud. To-day the thermometer was at 62 degrees, at its highest, and in four hours later had dropped to 40 degrees, with every indication that these evidences of spring will soon disappear. Physicians here believe that the coming cold will be death to the grip. that there are now 400 to 500 cases in

larger to-day than on any one day during the small-pox epidemic of 1882. The drugs mostly prescribed are quinine and antipyrine. The physicians report having attended since Saturday on an average of 37 cases, which would make the total number of people suffering from the influenza about 300. In the general offices of the Lehigh Valley Railroad here, a dozen clerks are off

CARLISLE, Pa., Dec. 30 .- The Russian influenza, or "grlp," has made its appearance in the Cumberland Valley. Fully 500 cases are reported. In this city the physicians say there 125 cases, but few of serious nature, one doctor having as high as 25 cases. The patients have all the symptoms as described by the medical fraternity. No deaths have occurred as yet.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 30.—Mrs. David Tucker, of Mahanoy City, who has been suffering from a severe attack of influenza for the past week, has become hopelessly blind. All medical aid has been tried, but her sight has Sir Julian Pauncefort was another Sir Julian Pauncefort was another come hopelessly blind. not yet been restored. There are 50 cases of "la grippe" in Pottsville.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 30.-A special from Johnstown, Pa,, says; The physicians to-night report 20 cases of la grippe in this place. The majority of cases were developed to-day.

to the official records nearly 300 policemen are laid up with the grippe. This number includes Inspector Steers. A number of sergeants and detectives are parker presented the other quest as also laid up, while several captains are they filed through the room. mentioned on the sick list. The fear is that the epidemic has seized upon the force. The death of Patrolman Timothy J. Golden to-day is said to have been the first fatal case of la grippe on the police force here. He was taken

ill on Saturday. PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 30,-The epidemic of influenza prevails here in a mild form. It is estimated that onefourth of the population is afflicted, and there are indications that the disease has not reached its height.

Oswego, N. Y., Dec. 30.-The epidemic, "la grippe," has struck this locality, and scores of cases are reported. It is indiscriminate in its attack, and merchants, mechanics, physicians and laborers are wrestling with it. Today 12 crews on the Western Division of the Rome, Watertown and Ogdens burg Railroad were laid off with the

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Influenza is very prevalent here. Many cases are reported in all parts of the city. All ages and both sexes suffer. Dr. R. D. Bloss, a prominent physician, says there is scarcely a family in Troy exempt from the disease.

MONTREAL, Que,, Dec. 30.—Inquiries made by officials of the Board of Health on Saturday failed to discover a single case of influenza in Montreal. To-day nearly every medical practition. er in the city reports having some cases

under treatment.

Leading doctors agree that the disease is the form of influenza which has been epidemic in Russia and the rest of Europe. The disease as it has appeared here is extremely painful, the symptoms being severe headaches and pains about the loins and back, accompanied by chills and high fever. The disease appears to have paid a sudden visit to the city Saturday night, and the doctors and druggists have been busy ever since.

NEW YEAR'S DAY-

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 .- New Year's Day was ushered in with the usual noisy outbreak by the juvenile population, with the chiming of church bells and the dim of hundreds of steamboat and the dim of hundreds of steamboat whistles. Early in the morning a drizzling rain fell, but did not seem to keep people at home, as very many were upon the streets up-town. The theatres and other places of amusement were well patronized, and the day was fully enjoyed. The old Knickerbocker custom of New Year's calls was, however, honored more in the breach than the observance.

Mayor Chapin, of Brooklyn, held a

Mayor Chapin, of Brooklyn, held a public reception at the City Hall to-day. Some of Heary Ward Beecher's friends paid their respects to his widow

The day demonstrated that even in Brooklyn the old custom of calling was fast falling into disus

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 1 .- Governor Hill held a public reception in the Ex-ecutive Chamber this morning between the Lours of 11 and 12 o'clock. A large number of ladies and gentlemen availed themselves of the opportunity to pre-sent the compliments of the season to

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 1.- New general suspension of business. The First Brigade, National Guards, probably the largest colored military organization in the United States paraded to a crowd at the scene of the fight and through the principal streets and, after being dismissed, assembled at Hamsted Hall, where an address was delivered by Rev. J. S. Lee, (colored.)

THILADELPHIA, Jan. 1 .- Business was generally suspended yesterday and conditions within the past few days the streets in many places were filled have been unprecedented within their recollection. Within the past week it raders. Political and social clubs, as

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.-Instead of the brilliant sunshine of the last few days New Year dawned upon the National Capital cloudy and drizzly, and by 10 o'clock a steady rain set in, found in the flower gardens, while dandelion flowers were plentiful in the fields, and many families gathprevented those citizens who could not go in carriages from paying their respects to the Chief Executive. At 10,45 carriages began to arrive, and a throng of handsomely dressed men and still more handsomely dressed and attractive women entered the great doors.
The decorations of the East Room were particularly effective. The mantels were banked with tulips, hyacinths and ferns; the windows hidden by Many new cases have developed to-day, some physicians getting as high as a dozen additional cases. It is believed let blossoms gleaming amid the let blossoms gleaming amid the greenery. The corridor leading from the East Room to the conservathe East Room to the conserva-tory was turned into an avenue of Langdon & Co., proprietors of the palms. The mantels and windows of Pink Ash vein at the Neilson Shaft, BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 30.—The physicians of Bethlehem announced the appearance of "la grippe" to-day, and druggists say their business was and potted plants, and the air was on the morning of the 2d at a reducers and potted plants, and the air was fragrant with the odor of hyacinths and roses. The glass doors leading from the vestibule to the corridor were on strike. The threatened strike of the opened, and the music of the Marine Band penetrated every part of the house. At 11 o'clock the Marine Band, under the leadership of Professor Sousa, struck up "Hail to the Chief." and President Harrison, with Mrs. McKee on his arm, followed by the Delaware, Lackawanna and West the Vice President and Mrs. Morton, ern Railroad caved in at Plymouth. the Cabinet officers and their wives

took their places in the Biue Room. Secretary Blaine made the introductions of the Diplomatic Corps, which was headed by Buron Fara, the Italian Minister, as Dean of the corps. The minis ers of the different countries, all of them attended by the attaches, were dressed in their court uniforms, which are gorgeous with gold embroidery and lace. A striking figure among the diplomats in Count d'Arno Valleg, of Germany, who towers a full head noticeable figure. The Chinese Minister and several secretaries followed next and their brilliant silken garments rustled as they made their bows. The Korean Minister and secretary, accomrippe in this place. The majority of sees were developed to-day.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—According the official records party 300 police. ly. The Turkisk Minister and suite

THE JUDICIARY, THE ARMY AND

NAVY. After the Diplomatic Corps came the Chief Justices of the Supreme Court, many of them accompanied by their wives and daughters. The handsome uniforms of the Army and Navy next attracted the attention of the company, for the brass buttons and diferent colors of the three branches of the service are effective.

Senators and Representatives, ex-Congressmen, Regents of the Smithsonian and other Government institutions, in their citizens' dress of sober black, followed in rapid succession and, at 12.30, those private citizen who were brave enough to stand the drenching rain passed through.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

-An express train on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad struck and killed William and John Angel, German laborers, on a trestle near Shouse town, Pa., on the afternoon of the 31st ult. Four boys, aged from 6 to 8 years, were smothered to death at Jackson, Tennessee, on the 30th ult., by the caving-in of a sand bank under which they were playing. George Starr, President of the Coldwater National Bank, in Coldwater. Michigan, had a fall at the Battle Creek, Sanitariam, on the 30th ult., which caused

-The electrical machines intended to be used in the execution of murder-ers in the penitentiary at Auburn, New York, were tested, on the 31st ult., by a commission of scientific gentlemen and found to work efficiently. An old horse and a four-weeks' old calf were the subjects, and both "were put to death with a middle of the subjects, and both "were put to death with a middle of the subjects."

Yesterday morning broke gray and dismal, with a heavy gale from the death with a suddenness that was used. Attempts to resuscitate the animals by artificial respiration were

-An epidemic of typhoid fever, attended with many deaths, has raged in the northern portion of Berks county, Penna., for several weeks. On the 1st citizens from that section sent a complaint to Reading, saying that "many cattle have died from the prevalling contagious cattle disease, and that some of the dead carcasses were thrown into Maiden creek and are now floating down stream." The complainants add that the water "is perfectly sickening." This is the stream along which Reading has erected a pumping station and arranged to get its supply of water for household purposes in a few weeks.

-On the afternoon of the 1st, a broken telephone wire fell upon the horses drawing a street car in Alletheny City, Penna. One of the ani-nals was killed, the other fatally inured. The driver and passengers re-

-Two passenger trains on the Central Bailroad collided near Savannah, Georgia, on the morning of the 2d. Six passengers were slightly injured.

-In Mitchell county, North Caro-Year's Day was observed here by a lina, on Christmas day, three men fired into into it, killing three men and wounding twelve.

-At noon on the 1st, the ground under the Lehigh Valley Railroad locomotive shops, in Wilkesbarre, Pa., which are directly over a coal mine, caved in. The foundation walls of the building cracked and some of the machinery was badly damaged. There was considerable excitement among one was injured.

-The boiler of a saw mill at Eim. Illinois, exploded on the 1st, wrecking the building, and killing the engineer, foreman and sawyer. A wreck occurred on the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas Railway, near Pine Bluff, Arkan-Engineer Apperson was killed and four men were badly hurt. The number of explosion of natural gas at Economy, George Hirschbaum, aged 40 years, saying a word he quietly set to work, was killed, and John Becker seriously and in a few moments had correctly injured. They were looking, with a lantern, for the cause of a short supply of gas.

employes of the various electric light companies in Pittsburg did not take place on the 2d, and it is now doubted whether any general strike will take

-About 200 feet of the tracks of the Delaware, Lackawanna and West-Penna., on the afternoon of the 2d. came down the broad staircase and The cave-in has extended to the Methodist Episcopal Church, but the building has not yet been damaged. Men

> o'clock on the morning of the 2d by some one working at the lock of the door to his room. Thinking it was a burglar, he fired through the panel and mortally wounded W. H. Phillips, aged 73 years, who occupied an adjo room and had gone to Sherman's door by mistake.

THE WEATHER.

NORTHWEST.

seem to indicate that the great slow tramp sat thus, playing nothing but the storm of Saturday night raged over a choicest classical music, with a touch and also sure to critically taste the in the newspaper offices that many wires west of here were down and travel much delayed. The centre of tramp, rising from the piano, took his at Huron, S. D., where the wind to the door, disappeared down the mudveered to the north and the atorm in- dy road.—N. Y. Sun. creased until it became a veritable blizzard, blowing 50 miles an hour. The memerable experiences of two years ago prevented people from unduly exposing themselves on the prairies and no bad results are anticipated.

The storm has been marked in places by singular phenomena. At Winona, Minn., rain descended in great sheets and the whole city was flooded. When the rain stopped the mercury fell 30 degrees in three hours, People can skate to business this morn-ing. At other points electrical dis-turbances preceded the fall of snow. Duluth was visited with a severe blizzard, ushering in the heaviest snow fall six feet deep in many places.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30,-Chicago is experiencing its first touch of winter so far this year. On Saturday the weather was very mild, the thermometer indi-cating about 66°. On Saturday night a very peculiar meteorological condi-tion obtained. While the temperature continued mild the city was lashed by business trip from the Rocky Mountains to the valley of the St. Lawrence, House-shaking gusts of winds, rainladen, went rattling by, making every-thing quiver and drenching the belated pedestrian. Five minutes later it would be as calm as a day in Jure and the

death with a suddenness that was highly gratifying to the commission." began to snuggle down toward the builb. At 7 o'clock in the morning the emperature was at 60 degrees, 12 hours violent wind storm prevated in Kan-sas and Missouri yesterday, accompa-nied by a flurry of snow early in the day and a decided drop in tempera-ture. The thermometer fell to near zero point, but about noon the weather cleared, and only the high wind con-tinued. But little damage was caused

At Macon, Mo., fences were levelled to the ground. Several outhouses at Abilence, Kansas, were blown down, and a barn at Wichita was demolished. Beyond these slight losses the wind did but little damage.

The greatest damage was done to The greatest damage was done to the crops. The winter wheat had been forced by the recent mild weather to an advanced state of development, and, with nothing to protect it, the severe cold, it is feared, will kill the roots, thus causing considerable damage.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 30.—A blizzard from the west struck Ottawa during the night, prostrating several buildings, destroying awaings, etc.

TALENTED TRAMPS.

Two Incidents Which Furnish Con-siderable Food for Thought.

A few days ago a party of some five or six school-boys, on their way home, stopped in front of the home of one of their number. The conversation went from one study to another until it reached the subject of algebra; here it stopped; one of the boys declared himself unable to perform a difficult problem in quadratics which had been assigned to him. His companions tried the 400 workmen in the shops, but no to help him, but after all hands had failed it was given up as a bad job.

An old and besotted-looking individnal who was shoveling coal a few doors away, had been watching the boys for some time with a look of amusement on his grimy face. After each one had sae, on the evening of the 1st. A pas- tried and failed, he slowly laid down senger train was thrown from the track. his shovel, picked up a piece of coal, and, walking quietly up to the boys, passengers hurt is not known. By an requested permission to look at the problem. After a good deal of laugh-Penna., on the morning of the 2d, ing it was shown to him, and without and in a few moments had correctly completed the example, writing it out on the pavement with the bit of coal. -William L. Scott's Penntylvania The boys looked on in wonderment, Colliery at Mount Carmel, Pa., suspended operations on the 2d, throwing were not slow to take advantage of the

transferred to paper. The coal heaver in the meantime had resumed his work, which was soon completed, and the last seen of him he was disappearing in the side door of a saloon.

On another occasion a party of four men and one woman were seated in the parlor of a hotel not far from this city. Adjoining the parlor was a bar room, Leaning against the bar, leisurely drinking, were several countrymen. At one of the tables sata tramp half asleep. His arm was curled up, forming a support for his shaggy head, which was are at work shoring up the interior of covered with a tattered slouch hat of the mine, and all the miners have quit succent manufacture. Suddenly through the half open door, there came the sound of music; the loungers stopped -Edward Sherman, a machinist, sound of music; the loungers stopped was awakened, in Cincinnati, at two drinking for a moment, but almost immediately resumed their occupation. Nobody noticed the tramp. At the first sound he had raised his head from the table, and his eyes seemed glued to the door through which the music same. As it proceeded he arose and tottered toward it, but just ashe entered the room the music stopped. All eyes turned on the tramp, who was making straight for the piano, which he reached ST. PAUL, Dec. 30.—Advices here March." For nearly half an hour the The listeners sat astonished and in silence that was not broken until the the disturbance appears to have been hat, and, going through the bar-room

The Man in No. 7.

One night when three or tour of us. boys boarded a sleeper on the L. and N. road going south from Cincinnatti, a passenger in lower 7 began to snore as soon as we were in bed. He had a terrible snore for a human being, and after several of us had called to him and failed to stop it one of our crowd slid out of bed, reached into No. 7, and with great deftness affixed a spring clothespin to the sleeper's nose. It was of course, expected that he would wake up in a few seconds, but, of tue season. Much damage has been done in the city and street-cars are to our surprise, he did not, while at blocked. Trains are delayed by drifts the same time he suddenly ceased to

By and by all of us dropped off to sleep, and every one in the car was up before No. 7. In fact he slept so late that the porter parted the curtains to arouse him. After one look he jumped back with a yell, and when we harried up, we found the man cold and dead, the whip ends of a cyclone on a flying He was lying on his back, hands locked under his neck and the clothespin had nched his nose all out of shape. The body was taken to Cincinnatti, and most of us had to attend the inquest. It was there testified to by the doctors that the man had died of heart disease, heavens would be brilliant with stars, but I tell you we didn't hanker to do any more joking for a full year. - New York Sun.

Why Boys Leave the Farm.

A great many people wonder why farms are deserted by the sons of the fathers who obtained competence and happiness later it was at 28, and this morning it was at 18, showing a perpendicular plunge of over 40 degrees in 24 hours.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 30.—A violent wind storm prevailed in Kanof the sons are not willing to be as come." economical, and to work as did their ten their cattle, they prefer to ride down to the village in a top carriage after a might as well have kept my morn fancy team and order Western corn of dress on. Is that a ring? Listen?" the dealer, and get it charged, too. Instead of husbanding their resources and endeavoring to increase their stock ofnanures, they order commercial fertil zers, of double value, by the ton, and too often run in debt for them. But a pay day surely comes. Instead of raising lustry steers and good honest road or work horses which will sell for \$125 when four years old, they delude themselves into the belief that their colt is threatened with speed, and waste twice his value in time and money in training him, and then, nine times out of ten, he proves a failure as a fast horse and is spoiled for anything else. And the worst of it is, his owner is generally spoiled also.

Farewell to the Old Year.

Old Year, thy life is well-nigh spent,
Thy feet are tottering and slow,
Thy hoary head with age is bent,
The time is here for thee to go:
Already in the frozen snow
A lonely grave is made for thee:
The winds are chanting dirges low,
Upon the land and on the sea.

Old Year, thou wert a friend to some—
To some thou wert of worth untold.
Thy days were blessings, every one.
More precious far than shining gold:
But unto others, thou a foe
Didst prove thyself—an enemy.
Reientless as the chains of wee—
As ruthless as a maddened sea.

Some will rejoice to know thee dead,
Others will mourn thee as a friend;
Some will look back on thee with dread,
Others their praises to thee lend:
I neither offer praise nor blame,
Old Year, for what you brought to me,
For unto me both joy and pain.
Your active hands gave lavishly.

Thy solemn death-hour draws a sigh— And hark: I hear tay funeral knell Slow pealing through the darkened sky— Farewell, Old Year—farewell, farewell1

A FOOLISH JOKE.

A NEW YEARS INCIDENT.

MRS. A. M. PAYNE.

The last touches had been given to the luxuriously furnished parlors and the lunch laid upon the table in the library, was tempting in the extreme. Rosy apples and golden oranges were almost hidden in trailing smilax, and the more solid dishes, chicken salad, sliced ham, and rolled sandwiches, looked tempting, arranged apparantly for a number of expected callers.

The two young ladies of the family, also were in readiness. Miss Alice in a gown of creamy white trimmed in swan's down moved backward and forwa d through the long parlors looking at her sweeping train as reflected in the mirrors. Laura the older sister who was sitting at a dainty trifle of furniture which was an apology for a dest, but in reality not much more than a small cabinet, was looking over a long

list of expected callers. For it was New Year's Day, an old fashioned New Year's Day in New York, when ladies remained in doors and gentlemen called to offer the greeting's of the season. Laura and Alice Gifton had always received callers on this day. They had a number of friends, and were among the most hospitable people of those who belonged to their circle. The two girls were charming in themselves, and there was always a dainty lunch to be found on their tables, so year by year the number of callers increased. Laura who, being the elder of the two, acted as AN EXTENDED SNOW STORM IN THE a moment later. Lightly running his hostess, and who felt as if all the repdirty fingers over the keys, suddenly he utation of the family was in her hands, was thinking of some of her father's very extended area. Rumors were rife and execution that was itself a marvel. | chicken salad, and of others who would notice the new china with the monogram in gilt, and the plates which she had painted herself. The blinds were drawn, and the gas lighted, and the rooms, decked as they were, with hoting in the extreme.

An open fire burned in the grate, and Alice stood before it, idly looking down upon the coals, when the tiny clock upon the mantle struck ten.

"Laura," she said, with a surprised glauce at the clock. "I did not think it was ten. Mr. Girton, always called about this time, if not earlier, and Frank Adams told me he intended to call here very early."

"There is plenty of time Alice," was the reply, "the coffee is not quite ready," and Laura continued to survey the list of callers whom she expected.

Half an hour passed, and the carriages were heard rolling swiftly through the street, and many of them stopped in the neighborhood, but there was no ring at the bell.

The maid who sat in the hall waiting, came timidly and looked in at the drawing room door. Alice still stood by the grate, and Laura had chosen a book from the table, and was reading. She shook her head, and went back to her post noiselessly.

Eleven o'clock by the chiming bells of the time piece, and still silence reigned. Laura looked at the lunch able, examined the coffee urn, and returned to her chair. Alice sat down with a slight sigh, and a disengaged look toward the clock.

Twelve! "Laura! what can it mean," exclaimed Alice starting up from her chair, " not one caller yet."

"I am at a loss to understand it Alice, and such a beautiful day. You look so lovely too. I wish they wou'd

"Dear, your lunch will be spoiled and Dr. Brown likes his coffee fresh. It is was directing our steps as we were very tiresome sitting here in state, I struggling along in the bitter cold in might as well have kept my morning the wild Nelson river country north-

the urn. Silence reigned in the room | before." for almost another hour, and then two tears stole softly down the cheek of Alice. Laura saw them but took no was many winters ago, when I came notice. Her own disappointment was this way with my father." keen, but with true sisterly affection, she thought more of her young sister, whose care-taker she had always been since their mother died, and whose happiness it was her one desire to increase One-two-three o'clock. The sweet onn -slee

girlish face, so fresh and charming, was buried in the depths of the sofa pillow, and Alice was sobbing in good earnest. "How dreadful after all our hopes," she cried, between her sobs. "What have we done to be so neglected, to be so openly insulted by all our friends."

"Never mind Alice. Something must have happened," said Laura, whose own voice was far from steady. "Take some lunch with me, and let us forget

"I never could taste a thing. They are all stale, and look hateful to me' she said wearily.

"Harry will be in after dark any way," sobbed the disappointed girl," "he said he would come in on the five o'clock train. "What will he think when he hears the kind of day we have

spent." Harry was a young cousin, very fond of the girls, and a frank eager young man, one of those who never forgets his boyhood or his playmates. He had been called away from the city by business, and was expected to return at

night. Alice and Laura gave up all hope of callers, drew their chairs up to the fire, and listened in silence for his step. By and by, after the night had fallen, and the steps in the street were few and far between, they heard his cheery whistle, and in another moment he ran up the steps. He stopped there a long time or so it seemed to the girls-and then threw open the door, and came with a hasty step through the hall, and into the drawing roon.

Both girls came forward, and as they cried "Oh Harry!" their overstrung nerves were powerless to help them, and they both burst into tears.

"Hey day, what is all this," cried Harry, "here you are alone in all your splendor," and this I find at the door. He held in his hand a fancy wicker basket, and from it showered down upon the floor a great snow storm of cards. "What did you tie a basket on the door for? he asked. Has the pug died since morning?"

"A basket! We never did," cried both girls at once.

"Then it is a mean joke somebody has played upon you girls" replied Harry, "Look over your cards. It is the only satisfaction you will have. "What a shame, when my darling

consin looks so beautiful." Alice sat down upon the floor forgeting all about her splendid robe, and Harry sat down beside her, and together they examined and counted the great

"One hundred and twenty! think of it Laura," said Alice, and your lunch

wasted." "Only a portion of it said Harry" if nothing since breakfast, and only just caught the 3.30 train, as it was."

But after all he took only s sandwich and a cup of coffee, and saying he would be back presently, went away house plants, were beautiful and invit- suddenly. He looked back a moment into the parlor as he went out, "Stay where you are girls," he said, "I want to see you on my return."

He was absent about half an hour during which time the two disappointed girls found that all the friends they had expected had dropped cards in the basket, and a number of others, some of which they greatly desired to see.

But when Harry returned, he brought a large party with him. How he ever found so many young men in as short a time, nobody can tell but they made a gay party.

They were all sorry for the girl's disappointment, and tried their best to make up for it, and they had a very merry evening after all.

"My dear little cousin," sald Harry, coming up to Alice as she stood by the fire after they had gone, and Laura was superintending the removal of the lunch "if I ever find the author of that cruel joke, I will choke him."
"I don't care now Harry, after the evening and with the basket of cards,

wish you a happy New year."
"If you will make it a really happy

but it was hard. How good you were to bring them all, and I did not even

year for me, I will never forget the day," said Harry softly, as he took her hand. Will you Alice?

With a quick smile and glance, Alice wished him again a happy New Year, and he thanked her with a kiss—and Altogether they never forgot that Ist of January, and Alice keeps the basket

But they never discovered the author of the joke.

An Indian's Memory.

"How long is it," I once saked one of these northern Crees, who as guide No, it was a step outside, but there traveled through this land? You seem was no further sound. Alice wandered to know every portage and crossing, through the room again, examined the and you strike the points you say you flowers, selected one or two nuts from will, although for days I have not seen a dish, and even took up a magazine. the least vestige of a trail or pathway

Laura found that the coffee was or the slightest evidence that human growing cold, and busied herself with | beings have ever penetrated these wilds

Great indeed was my asto as for days I had admired his skill and udgment as with never failing according he had cheerily led us on through tha unmarked wilderness—a trip of over