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AN OLD-YEAR SONG.

When o'er thy perch the leaves were spread ;

As through the forest, dis urrayed

By chill November, late I strayed, A lonely ministrel of the wood

Sweet was the song, but sweeter now

ig, little bird! thy note shall cheer

When violets pranked the turf with blue

And morning filled their cups with dew, Thy slender voice with ripping trill

The budding April bowers would fill;

for pass its joyous to les away When April .ounded into May;

And I remember-well-a-day!

Thy life shall hall no second dawn.

Sing, little bird! the Spring is gone.

Thy full-blown Summer roundelay,

As when behind a broidered screen

And every tree-top found a tongue.

Sing, little bird! the woods are bare.

But now the Summer's chant is done

The birds have left the shivering pines

And mute the choral antiphon ;

To flit among the treilised vines,

Or fan the air with scented piumes

Amid the love-sick orange blooms, And thou art here alone-alone-

Sing, little bird! the rest have flown. The snow has capped yon distant hill,

At morn the running brook was still, From driven herds the clouds that rise

The plowshare changed to stubborn rock, The brawling streams shall soon be dumb,-

Fast, fast, the lengthening shadows creep,

The pulse that warms thy breast grow cold,

The Bridal Wine Cup

Ere long the frozen sod shall mock

Sing, little bird! the frosts have come.

The songless fowls are half asleep,

The air grows chill; the setting sun

May leave thee ere thy song is done,

Thy secret die with thee untold ;

The ingering subset still is bright-

Sing, little bird! 'twiil soon be night

to a woman's opinien so soon.

Are like the smoke of sacrine

With answering notes the woodland rung,

How deep the shade! the grove how fair!

Some holy maiden sung unseen ;

Was singing to the solitude : Loved thy music, thus I said,

Thy carol on the leafless bough

The sadness of the dying year.

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Baker House, mer of SECOND and EAST Streets. clutches at the form of his compan-A Cracked Satellite. him call piteously his father's name! tegrated moon which is made public See him twine his fingers together as through the well-known observatory with the addition of grammar. for him in a distant native land! will arouse a good deal of discussion United States.

ing grasp, and the judge fell over- student at the Observatory of Mar- States, physiology. powered upon his seat-"See! his seilles. This young man was so de- Eighth .- Reading, algebra or ge- With this end in view a full list of to deistical elevation. arms are lifted to heaven; be prays, voted to his idea that he heaped his ometry, grammar, Constitution of the all the children who would leave du- Judging the past from the present, how wildly, for merey! Hot fever little fortune upon it, and with a United States, natural philosophy or ring the year was prepared, printed therefore, it is seemingly evident that rushes through his veins. The friend telescope and other instruments, set the elements of the natural sciences and largely circulated. The follow- the inventor of this ingenious arrangebeside him is weeping; awestricken, sail alone for the solitudes of south- generally. the dark men move silently away, ern seas. Before embarking, he hand- Vocal music, declamation, compo- list, will fully explain this action: man aforesaid, and was moreover, in and leave the living and dying to- ed to his old instructor a roll of man- sition and instruction in morals and Dep'tm't Soldiers' Orphan Schools, all probability, an ambitious office uscript, upon which was inscribed manners are continued throughout gether."

There was a hush in that princely the idea which the youth purused, the whole course. parlor, broken only by what seemed and his reasons for entertaining it at The studies of the course are frea smothered sob from some manly the expense of his time and fortune. quently reviewed as the pupils probosom. The bride stood yet upright He believed, speaking unscientific- ceed. Bible classes and Sunday during the current year. The list is it is not best to accept this statement with quivering lip and tears stealing ally, that the moon was altogether schools have been organized in all arranged by counties, and there have as conclusive. Certain it is that the to the outward edge of her lashes, more cracked than modern astronom- the schools, but sectarian instruction been added the date of the birth of intelligence of this presentation dis-Her beautiful arm had lost its ten-sion and the glass, with its troubled south seas alone; that being there in children are all of one denomination. red waves, came slowly towards the that region where passed the shadow In the form of object lessons a large G. A. R. in the State and to numer- Juno, and several other oracular aurange of her vision. She spoke he might see the sunlight peeping amount of general information is im- ous soldiers and citizens. The ob- toerats who moved in the same circle again; every lip was mute. Her through the cracked moon at the parted and valuable instruction given jeet had in view is to interest as ina- of society as old Sol, and who, at voice was low and faint, yet awfully time of the next eclipse. He went in the elements of the different sciences distinct; she still fixed her sorrowful away to the South, even to Pitcairn's that can be illustrated with objects. glance upon the wine-cup.

"It is evening now; the great gained an old sailor to assist him and SCHOOLS .- It was observed that quite ren and information concerning their Various Teutonic worthies, in the "It is evening now; the great gained an old sailor to assist him and white moon is coming up, and her they two, with eyes front and instrubeams play gently on his forehead. ments pointed, awaited the shadow. the schools at sixteen years of age, from the principals of the several He moves not; his eyes are set in It came. Straight through the rug- showed quite a talent for teaching, schools, whose addresses are given at tions, and for many centuries reaped their sockets; dim are their piercing ged rocks the ragged sunlight shone and some of them, without special the end of the lists. -Oticer Wendell Holmes, glances; in vain his friend whispers as one sees a gleam through a crack preparation, as soon as the opportuthe name of father and sister-death in a door.

"Pledge with wine-pledge with no gentle voice to bless and soothe the telescope. The sailor turned erously appropriated \$2000 to assist by the officers and members of the deities to enjoy a sole monopoly of wine," cried the young and thought- him. His head sinks back! one con- photographer, caught three negatives such as would be most likely to profit Grand Army of the Republic, who the principle, the people soon egand tess Harvey Wood; "pledge with vulsive shudder! he is dead!" wine," ran through the bridal party. A groan ran through the assembly. youth with his idea possessed now Normal School. To this sum the Le- aid given to many a helpless orphan thus presuming to testify the esteem The beautiful bride grew pale- So vivid was her description, so un- proof, to him sufficient, that his be- gislature of 1873 added \$1000. With I feel it due to this organization to felt for those to whom the presents the decisive hour had come. She earthly her look, so inspired her man- lief was not a vision but a scientific the money thus appropriated, forty add that committees representing it were given. According to the pagan

pressed her white hands together, ner, that what she described seemed reality and he writes to his old in- two orphans attended the Normal attended the annual examinations at plan, tacse gifts were exchanged : t and the leaves of the bridal wreath actually to have taken place then structor in France, with all the en schools curing the past year, and nearly all the schools and sometimes torney at Law and Insurance Agent, trembled on her brow; her breath and there. They noticed also that thusiasm of a boy who has stormed about the same number are now in took part in them. General Robert times Christmas was blended. came quicker and her heart best the bridegroom hid his face in his a snow fort, and with all the excla- attendance, supported by the \$5000 B. Beath, the Grand Commander, was hands and was weeping.

wilder. "Yes, Marion, lay aside your seru- "Dead!" she repeated again, her The young man saw enough during present year. In the main their con- examinations, and frequently spoke shiping system and the old gods were ples for this once," said the Judge lips quivering faster and faster and his lonely vigil on Pitcairn's Island duct and progress have been entirely words of cheer and good will to the thrown out of employment; but the in a low tone to his daughter, "the her voice more and more broken, to make him declare "that our lovely satisfactory. Most of those in school children. company expect it. Do not so seri- "And there they secop him a grave; statellite is not only a shell that is last year are now teaching and as far The Legislature was asked last tached to many of the old pagan cusously infringe upon the rules of etti- and there, without a shroud, they lay crushed in upon some portions of its as heard from are meeting with good winter to make a special appropria- toms and superstitions that the chrisquette; in your own home do as him down in that damp, reeking periphery, and a shell that is now success. If those who are now teach- tion to establish, in connection with tian authorities found it impossible you please, but in mine, for this once, earth. The only son of a proud fath- crumbling to run with a constant, a ing return to the Normal school sthey the orphan school system, several to obliterate them. Accordingly all er, the idolized brother of a fond sis- savage and frightful velocity." will be required to pay at least a part industrial schools, in which the childplease me." Every eye was turned towards the ter. And he sleeps to-day in that The old professor at Marseilles, of their own expenses. No task of ren might be aided in learning trades, attention paid to the convenience and comfort of guests, of stabling attaches, and bridal pair. Maricn's principles were well known. Henry had been a con-mark the spot. There he lies-my vations and records which accompan-undersigned than that of preparing money could not be used more wisely of gifts at New Years, were not inwell known. Henry had been a con- mark the spot. There he lies-my vations and records which accompan- undersigned than that of preparing money could not be used more wisely of gifts at New Years, were not invivialist, but of late his friends no- father's son, my own twin brother! ied this letter, says he has "pushed these children for usefulness and as- or for a better purpose. The success

drink it now?"

metic, geography, object lessons. ions, imploring to be saved. O hear The story of a cracked and disin- Fourth -Same as for third grade. citizens and soldiers to give them em- heathen persuasion, reputed to pos-Fifth .- Same as for fourth grade, ployment and a fair start in life. The sess supernatural powers and who, he shricks for his sister-his only at Marseilles, has points which, if Sixth .- Same as for fifth grade, versal. They are recognized truly as good graces to all worthy applicants sister, the twin of his soul-weeping fully assured as to their authenticity, with the addition of History of the the wards of the Commonwealth. therefor, had to be first solicited by

SI.75 A YEAR partment, the schools, their friends, it known, was an ancient dignitary of sympathy felt for the children is uni- before he would deign to grant his

During the past year such large divers small gifts, such as money, "See!" she exclaimed, while the among astronomers. The story is of Seventh .- Spelling, reading, book- numbers of children were leaving provisions, clothing, etc .- articles bridal party shrunk back, the un- Luigui Cacciatore, a young man with keeping, elementary algebra, geogra- school that it was thought important which in those days were essentially tasted wine trembling in their falter- an idea, and a fortune of \$6.000, a phy, grammar, History of the United that some special effort should be necessary to win the good will and made to look after the "sixteeners." respect of any gentleman laying claim

ing note, which was appended to the ment was a relative of the old gentle-

HARRISEURG, PA., February 11

all the soldiers' orphans now in schools as we do not make any pretensions under the care of the State who will Island, erected his rude observatory, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS AT NORMAL obtain the home addresses of the child- out debate.

J. P. WICKERSHAM, Supt.

is there! Death-and no soft hand, A cry of joy came from beneath siness. The Legislature of 1872 gen- partment was responded to gallantly stead of allowing the degenerate old of the penetrating sunbeam. The by the privilege in attending a State deserve great credit for the generous to make presents to each other and mation points of a successful lover. appropriated for this purpose for the present in person at a number of the tian era effected a change in the wor-

seeker, engineering for a fat position The following is a complete list of under his (Mr. Sol's) control. But

a respectable competence therefrom. During the interval the custom was nity offered itself engaged in that bu- This effort on the part of the De- somewhrt improved upon, and in-New Year's, with which in those

At length the advent of the chrismasses had become so universally atthe teachings of the church, and terfered with. and time-honored feature of the holidays has come down to us consecrated EMPLOYMENT AFTER LEAVING I will only say that, as a whole, they by ages. In Germany, where the Christmas festival is always celebrat-Christmas tree first came into use. blazing with innumerable candles and hung with thousands of presents, was stripped of its heavy burden. Everybody, high and low, rich and poor, Here, too in the little hamlets of the "Fatherland," the "Knecht Ratime, first saw the light of day. A jolly old fellow in high buskins, Knecht Rupert, who came round to the houses in the village with a big

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difference is his habits, and to-night ther," she exclaimed, turning sud- of demonstration," and then the old their career. A further appropria- orphans to the Normal schools is a was invented, and so this attractive they watched him to see, as they dealy, while the tears ran down her gentleman takes a hand in running tion for this purpose will be asked sufficient proof of it. sneeringly said, if he was tied down beautiful cheeks, "Father, shall I things with a cracked moon, as fol- from the Legislature.

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ent of Soldiers' Orphans.

bers, object lessons.

lows:

Pouring a brimming cup, they The form of the old judge was con- "If the crumbling be connected School.-Nearly six hundred child- are doing well. They are not all I held it with tempting smiles towards vulsed with agony. He raised not with and dependent upon any such ren left the schools the past year at would like to see them-not all they ed with the greatest rejoicing, the Marion. She was very pale, though his head, but in a smothered voice he intense internal volcanic action as the age of sixteen years. Some of will be; but their general condition more composed; and her hand shook faltered, "No, no, my child-no!" Luigui seems to suspect, the final them had been in the care of the is such that every Pennsylvanian can Throughout the many little villages not as, smiling back, she gratefully She lifted the glittering goblet and disruption would be so violent as to State ever since the establishment of point to them with pride. Even these in the northern portion of Germany accepted the crystal tempter and letting it suddenly fall to the floor, it project some portions of the moon the system in 1864 and others of words of commendation are altogeth- it was the custom on Christmas Eve raised it to her lips. But scarcely was dashed in a thousand pieces. sheer out of their orbit and down up- course for a shorter length of time. er unnecessary to be spoken to those for all the inhabitants to repair to the had she done so when every hand Many a tearful eye watched her on us with consequences of the most Very nearly all of them were fair, who have visited the schools or to the school or meeting house where a grand

mation of "O, how terrible!" ry wine-glass was transferred to the if it were of sufficient force, might in children of their age. They had re- ed the eight hundred boys who march-"What is it ?" cried one and all, marble table on which it had been turn dislodge the earth from its or- ceived considerable culture in taste ed in line through the streets of Harthronging together, for she had slow- prepared. Then, as she looked at bit, send it gazing on a spiral into -in manners and morals. The moth- risburg on the last inauguration day. ly carried the glass at arm's length, the fragments of crystal she turned the sun, or flung on a hyperbole out ers of these children are all poor, the LIST OF "SIXTEENERS" FOR 1873. and was fixedly regarding it as to the company, saying, "Let no into freezing space. Or the resist- homes from which they came are in __A pretty full list of all the orphans received something, and none were though it were some hideous object. friend hereafter who loves me tempt less force might, in falling, crush in many instances very unfortunate in who have left the schools at the age too undeserving to be forgotten. "Wait," she answered, while a light me to peril my soul for wine. Not the surface of our own planet, break their surroundings, and the class of of sixteen, was published last year; which seemed inspired shone from firmer are the everlasting hills than through its erust and deluge us with persons with whom they are necessa- this year we confine ourselves to givher dark eyes, "wait and I tell you. my resolve, God helping me, never to escaping gasses from our own sub- rily brought in contact when they re- ing the names, addresses and in many pert," the remote ancestor of the "I see," she added slowly, pointing touch or taste the poison cup. And terranean laboratory."

one jeweled finger to the sparkling he to who I have given my hand, Is not that a beautiful paragraph? from being an exemplary character. teeners" for 1873. ruby liquid, "a sight that beggars all who watched over my brother's dy- The reader may think that the moon Under these circumstances it seems CONCLUSION .--- I once more comdescription; and yet listen-I will ing form in that last solemn hour, is not the only cracked thing in ex- oftentimes unwise, not to say danger- mend our orphan schools and orphan white robe and gigantic wig, was the paint it for you if I can. It is a love- and buried the dear wanderer there istance, but restrain the thought, for ous, to send back whence they came school children to the fostering care ly spot; tall mountains crowned with by the river in that land of gold, will, the above occurs just over the signa- children carefully instructed and of the Executive and the Legislature and the SIDE CUTSHINGLE MACHINE to verdure rise in the awful sublimity I trust, sustain me in that resolve. ture of Yvon De Pontecoulant, of trained for years in our schools. No and to the sympathy and support of bag of good things, which were pre-"Pairing Machines and General Custom Work around; a river runs through, and Will you not, my husband?" the observatory of Marseilles.

bright flowers grow to the water's His glistening eyes, his sad, sweet edge. There is a thick warm mist that smile, was her answer. The Judge Annual Report of the Superintend- ficers of it so much solicitude. They who said: "suffer little children to boys being especially favored. the sun seeks vainly to pierce. Trees, left the room; and when, an hour lofty and beautiful, wave to the airy after, he returned and with more It would be well to present the and girls, but especially the latter, for of such is the kingdom of Heamotion of the birds; but there-a subdued manner took part in the en- course of study as now prescribed from school to their homes with an- ven." J. P. WICKERSHAM. and gentlemen who went to Sunday group of Indians gather; they flit to tertainment of the bridal guests, no for the soldiers' orphan schools. The xious hearts. But they seem to have and fro, with something like sorrow one could fail to read that he, too, extent to which the several branches been marvelously protected from the upon their dark brows. And in their had determined to banish the enemy. are to be taught in the different grades snares vice may have laid for them. midst lies a manly form, but his at once and forever from his princely is left to the discretion of the teach- Nearly 2500 orphans have shared the Who or what was the name of the the graceless young scamps who cheek how deathly! His eye wild home.

with the fitful fire of fever. One Those who were present at the more by thoroughness than by amount. and been honorably discharged; we vented Christmas, we know not. In dows, stoned the schoolmaster and friend stands beside him-nay, I wedding can never forget the impres- Course of Study .- First Grade. know where almost all of these are regard to this fact history has pre- went through their mother's sugarshould say kneels, for see, he is pil- sion so solemnly made. Many from -Spelling, reading, writing and draw- and what they are doing, and won- served a dignified silence. Yet it bowls or jam-pots without the least lowing that poor head upon his that hour renounced forever the so- ing on slates, oral exercises in num- derful to relate, as stated in the last must be admitted that she has issued compunction-it was generally surcial glass. breast.

"Genius in ruins! O the high, ho-

mark it, and he so young? Look how not born grown men, with what we arithmetic, four fundamental rules of ful citizens. This result is owing, by existing chronicles that the usage bryo angels. A sea low whi reserve prompt attender ling shricks for life! Mark how he gather.

ticed the change in his manners, the a victim to this deadly poison. Fa- his discovery very near to the point sisting them to make a fair start in of the experiment in sending these The Christ tree, or Christmas tree,

THE SCHOOLS THE PAST YEAR .-

J.S. MANN was arrested by her piercing excla- movement, and, instantaneously eve- serious character. Such an impact, and some of them good scholars for tens of thousands who saw and cheer- old tree, sometimes many feet high, turn from school are quite often far instances the employments of the "six- genial "Santa Claus" of our own

> question connected with the orphan all good men; above all, invoking sented to each and every one of the school system has occasioned the of- for them the protecting arm of Him children, the good little girls and have continually followed both boys come unto me and forbid them not,

Christmas Presents.

ers. Advancement will be measured benefits of our soldiers' orphan schools distinguished individual who first in- swore like troopers, broke the winreport, full ninety-eight per cent of passports of posterity to many names mised that M. Knecht Rupert must Second .- Spelling, reading, writ- the whole number are doing well and far less deserving of such favor. have had some previous consultation

he throws back the damp curls! See consider our wits about us. They written arithmetic, object lessons. first of all, to the uplifting, strength- of gift making doubtless originated It was also said that the presents him clasp his hands! Hear his thril- are blinding things-those wits we Third .-- Spelling, reading, writing, ening power of a good education, and in the offspring of presents on the an- were given him by the parents to be -Mocdonald. drawing, mental and written arith- second, to the effort made by the De- niversary of the birth of Sol. Sol, be

From the judgment he displayed in picking out the model little ladies Superintendent. school regularly, never told lies and were in all respects embryo angels

lacking the wings-in preference to ly-looking brow! why should death IT is indeed a mercy that we are ing and drawing on slates, mental seem likely to become upright and use- However, we are casually informed with the parents of the aforesaid em-

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