Thursday, December 18th, 1913.

AN OLD TIME CHRISTMAS. The hall was dressed with holly

Forth to the wood did marry men

gather in the mistletoe. an opened wide the baron's hall vassal, tenant, serf and all. er laid his rod of rule aside, ceremony doffed his pride. heir, with roses in his shoes, t night might village partner chuse; ord underogating share vulgar game of post and pair. bailed with uncontrolled delight general voice the happy night to the cottage as the crown ught tidings of salvation down. fire with well dried logs supplied roaring up the chimney wide. huge hall table's oaken face, ubbed till it shone, the day to grace re then upon its massive board mark to part the squire and lord. en was brought in the lusty brawn old blue coated serving man; en the grim boar's head frowned on

high. ested with bay and rosemary. ell can the green garbed ranger tell w, when and where the monster fell; hat dogs before his death he tore d all the baiting of the boar. wassall round in good brown bowls, nished with ribbons, blithely trowls. ere the huge sirloin reeked; hard by um porridge stood and Christmas ple. or failed old Scotland to produce such high tide her savory goose. n came the merry maskers in ad carols roared with blithesome din. unmelodious was the song was a hearty note and strong. ho lists may in their mumming see aces of ancient mystery. Thite shirts supplied the masquerade, and smutted cheeks the visors made. oh, what maskers richly dight n boast of bosoms half so light? ngland was merry England when d Christmas brought his sports again was Christmas broached the mightiest

vas Christmas told the merriest tale. Christmas gambol oft would cheer he poor man's heart through half the

-Sir Walter Scott.

AN UNORTHODOX CHRISTMAS. WENT to spend the day with Rose,

and then A Christmas greeting passed between us two.

ut 'twas not "Peace on earth, good will to men.

We only said: "Good morning!" "How d'ye do?

A ND then to her I offered smilingly The present she expected me to bring here were no hanging hose, no Christmas tree.

The box was tied in paper with a string. WE didn't sit beside the Yule log's blaze.

We just turned on the radiator's steam. of the fifteenth century. He was the And dinner, unlike those of storied days,

Gave no plum pudding, but some bisque

WE didn't hear the church bells' solemn And when we had our Christmas even-

ing lunch We didn't have a steaming wassail bowl, But just a jug of simple claret punch.

WE trampled on traditions, I suppose, Yet one rite we observed with care-but, no; Although I well remember kissing Rose, It wasn't under the mistletoe.

-Life

A WONDERFUL TREE. HERE'S a wonderful tree, a won-

Insects That Walk on Water. The Finding of Omar.

Insects that walk on the water by It was the late Mr. Bernard Quameans of pneumatic floats are the faritch's father who published FitzGermiliar water and the pond skater spiald's "Omar," and, finding that the der. Not many people know why they thing didn't sell, he relegated it to the can walk on the water. The pond penny box. Its subsequent success skater really walks on pneumatic was due to a fortunate accident. Two floats. There are tiny hairs on the friends of Rossetti came across the feet of this insect, so fine that they poem and thought it worth reading. cannot be seen, that are arranged to Rossetti read it and recommended it collect air. The amount collected in to Swinburne. What followed Swinburne has himself told. "Having read and about these hairs is sufficient to allow the insect to float or walk upon It," he writes, "Rossetti and I invested the surface of the water. As each foot upward of sixpence apiece-or possiis put down it forms a cuplike depresbly threepence; I would not wish to exsion or tiny pit in the water. The foot aggerate our extravagance-in copies does not sink because the air bubble at that not exorbitant price. Next that has been formed is too light to let day we thought we might get some it. A fine covering of hair protects the more for presents among our friends, but the man at the stall asked twowater spider, too, and even if it is submerged in the water it is never really pence! Rossetti expostulated with him wet. The hair keeps a layer of air bein terms of such humorously indignant tween its body and the water. It looks remonstrance as none but he could ever have commanded. We took a few like a white pearl when below the surand left him. In a week or two, if I face. The scientific name of this curious insect is the Vella currens .- Chiam not much mistaken, the remaining copies were sold at a guinea. I have cago Tribune. since * * * seen copies offered for still

Most Civilized Nation.

more absurd prices. I kept my pennyworth (the tidiest of the lot) and have The question "Which is the most dvilized nation on earth?" is difficult to answer. Civilization is a very elastic term and is understood differently in different times and places. In sci-In the twelfth century football in England was a game for the streets. entific attainment, education, wealth and all the things that go along with The chronicler of that period tells how wealth the United States, Great Britafter dinner the city youths "addressed themselves to football," and how ain and Germany would appear to lead the procession, with some other nathe scholars of each school and the tions following closely; but, taking all apprentices of particular trades would things into consideration, eliminating each have their peculiar ball. There the sole matter of wealth, the most were spectators, too, in those daysenthusiastic spectators. Fathers would civilized country on earth is probably Norway. In that far northern land the come to watch their sons and "become ideal civilization-that is, the civilizaas youthful as the youngest, their nattion that rests on common sense and ural heat seeming to be revived at the instice-seems to have matured to a greater extent than it has anywhere In later years one recalls a famous else.-New York American. ball game played in Hyde park. In

Lightship Risks. It would seem that the perils of a lightship crew in a gale exceed even those of a lighthouse keeper. Mr. Talbot, in his "Lightships and Lighthouses," gives an example of the havoc played by one Atlantic wave in the case of the lightship that guards the terrible rocky fangs known as the "Seven Stones," which lie between Land's End and the Scilly isles:

"Once a wave tumbled aboard, crashed a man against the pump, knocked him half senseless; picked up the lifeboat and threw it against the deckhouse, and in so doing caught another member of the crew, mauling his thigh badly in passing. Two out of the seven men forming the crew were thus put hors de combat by a single wave.'

The lightship is a British idea, and the first ever used was placed in the mouth of the Thames in 1713.

A Custom Well Forgotten.

Children used to be reminded in an uncomfortable manner that Dec. 28 was innocents' day, for it was considered wholesome on that morning to give them a good cuffing or other form of punishment, presumably to remind them of the sins which were not committed by the innocents whom Herod ordered slain on that day. Fortunately every vestige of this fashion is now blotted out.

Inherited Traits,

Knicker-Jones is very keen of hearing. Bocker-No wonder! His father was a pastor who always heard calls. and his mother always heard burglars -Judge's Library.

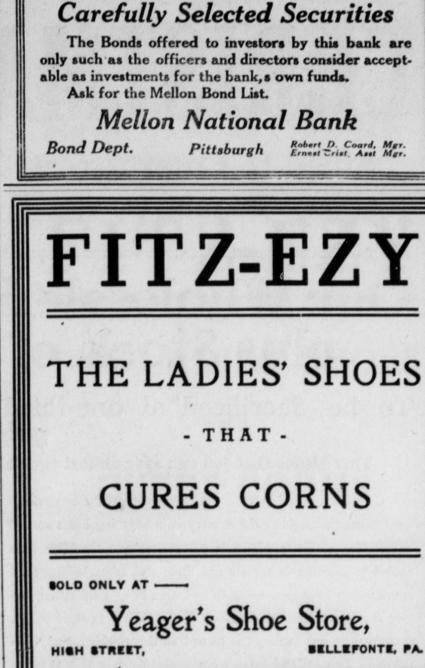
Laughing cheerfulness throws sun light on all the paths of life .- Richter

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Can be lighted without removing chimney or shade. Easy to clean and rewick. Simple, durable, economical. For sale at all dealers.

The Atlantic Refining Company Pittsburgh Philadelphia





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THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT, BELLEFONTE, PA.

The happy children rejoice to see, Spreading its branches year by year. It comes from the forest to flourish here.

Oh, this wonderful tree, with its branches wide, Is always, is always blooming at Christ-

mastide

But not for us children did this tree grow. With its strange, sweet fruit on each laden bough.

those we love we have made with For care

Each pretty thing you see hanging there. May this wonderful tree, with its branches wide,

Bring joy to our friends at Christmas tide!

a voice is telling its boughs among Of the shepherds' watch and the angels'

Of a holy babe in the manger low-

The beautiful story of long ago, When a radiant star threw its beams so

To herald the blessed first Christmastide.

Then spread thy branches, wonderful tree, And bring the pleasant thought to me Of him who came from his home above, The richest gift of his Father's love. He came to show us how to spread far and wide

The joys of the holy, sweet Christmas-

-"Songs and Games For Little Ones."

A GIFT.

HAT shall I send you for Christmas, dear? What can a penniless rimester

But the wish that when skies are filled with gloom

For you blithe April buds may bloom And that every throb of the heart of you May whisper of days when the skies were blue?

What shall I send you for Christmas. sweet?

What can a friendless minstrel send But the prayer that when days drag drear

and long Your heart will sing snatches of sweetest

And that every flake of the Yuletide's

May speak of the dreams of the long ago? What shall I send you for Christmas, my

own! What can a lonely bardling send But the wish that when life grows dark

and chill The roses of summer may bloom for you

And in moods when the fond old dreams

still cling to you That the birds may return, my sweet, and

sing to you? -Irving Dillon in Life.

Advance Information.

"Was it a case of love at first sight?" "They call it that, although before they met she had heard that he was wealthy, and he had been told she was an heiress."-Detroit Free Press.

Enough Said.

She-Do you know Mr. Boreleigh. the author? He-No. But I have a nodding acquaintance with his works. -Boston Transcript.

A man of honor never purchases happiness at the expense of another's

vised not to use them for lighting the fire. They would probably buy him a good annuity for the solace of his declining years.

it still."-London Chronicle.

sight of so much ability."

of body" displayed.

literature.

Twelfth Century Football.

1654, then. "there was a hurling of a

great ball by fifty Cornish gentlemen

on one side and fifty on the other. One party played in red caps, the other in

white." And-here the historical value

of the contest-Cromwell was a spectator and applauded the "great agility

Aldine Editions.

The introduction of the sloping Ro-

man letters which are known to every-

body as italics was made by Aldus

Manutius of Venice in the latter part

most famous printer of Italy and per-

haps of the world. The books he printed, known as Aldine editions, are

much sought after by collectors. His

first volume in the new type was a

Vergil published in 1501 at the price of

about 2 shillings of our money. Al-

dus, in fact, was the pioneer of cheap

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about an anchor with the name

"Aldys." If any reader, says Mr. J. A.

Hill in the Imprint, finds a cartload of old books with this mark in his

attic or lumber room, he is duly ad-

How Koreans Advertise.

Although the Korean has stubbornly refused to adopt western ideas, he has always recognized the value of advertisement. When a Korean opens a new shop or has any particular wares he is anxious to dispose of or when a nobleman desires to convey a certain piece of intelligence to the people he seeks the services of the sandwich men. In the Hermit Kingdom, however, these men do not carry boards upon which the desired information is made known to all and sundry, but resort to the medium of picturesque flags, upon which the announcement is inscribed. Anything from one to a dozen flags may be requisitioned, and these are carried through the streets by boys and men, forming a picturesque moving advertisement. - Wide World Magazine.

Not His Fault. One of the women belonging to the

Mothers' club at the settlement house

came to excuse herself from the meet-

ing with her face swollen and highly

discolored. She was hiding it with

a shawl, and she explained earnestly

"He wouldn't have done it for any

Sunstroke.

Atlantic liners are exposed is far high-

er than the heat from the sun in the most tropical countries, yet the men

Woman's Two Ages.

the seven ages of man, but he didn't

say anything about the two ages of

woman. Hoax-And what are the two

ages of woman? Joax-The age she

Husband and Wife.

Husband means house bound; wife

weaving one; son is the cleaner; daugh-

ter is the milker: spinster is the un-

married sister of husband or wife, who

Scotland's Grouse Moors.

There are some 3,000 grouse moors

in Scotland alone that are regularly let

by their owners at an annual rental of

Always to think the worst, I have

ever found to be the mark of a mean

spirit and a base soul.-Bolingbroke.

says she is and the age she really is .-

Philadelphia Record.

is the spinner.

about £1,000.000.

Joax-Shakespeare told us all about

are not affected in the same manner.

anyway."- Everybody's.



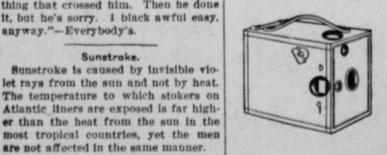
WANT YOUR FURS. FURS! FURS! **HELLO!**

Mr. Zettle :-

Airy Dale, Pa., Dec. 7, 1912. Dear Sir :-- I received your returns for the furs that I shipped to you and thank you very kindly for your honest grading and square deal. As usual, I am more than satisfied with our deal. But it is nothing new to me, for I have dealt with you for five or six years, and your returns have over reached my expectations every time. I know for an honest grading and a square dealer your equal would be hard to find. As long as you are in the business, what toes I can pinch will have to go to you; there is no other way to it. Wishing you great success, I will again thank you for your prompt and square deal, and remain. Your brother trapper, Your brother trapper, FRANKLIN PEIGHT. Airy Dale, Huntingdon county., Pa.

I am anxious to give you the square deal for your goods, if you only give me the opportunity. Get in line and drop me a card asking for prices.

JEREMIAH ZETTLE. Dealer in Raw Furs, Middletown, N. Y.

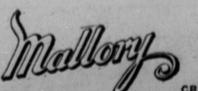


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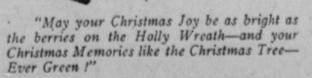
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for your boy at this institution. It will take only \$5.00 to do it

it may be the making of him. When he sees how money depos-



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CRIDER'S EXCHANGE, BELLEFONTE, PA The Photographer in Your Town.

thing, not for a hundred dollars. But he wasn't himself, and I said something that crossed him. Then he done it, but he's sorry. I black awful easy, Sunstroke is caused by invisible violet rays from the sun and not by heat.