## PITTSBURGH GAZETTE : FRIDAY. DECEMBER 25, 1868.

## he received a second shock in perceiving Che Pittsburgh Gazette. that it did not dissipate into nothingness, as

instant

## ARCTIC CHRISTMAS. I had a zarden down in the south. Snowid with myrtle, roy with vine, If it hat come by prophet's mouth, That hard messayet, with power and sign, Get there hence, and have thy garias! Should hive held rack, crying, "Fradon! "Too much-I cannot. Is it not mine ?"

So. without escape or warning, Caine an ange, with face of wrath, Ind my iden was ein the morning, Shut the farts and led me f rh; St faming swords again t each comer; From my purallee of summer D: ove mu out into the north.

All alone, cut off returning. Winter and wilderness everywhere: Winter and widerness wvertwiere: Locking back with a hopfless y atning. The trees were rocking black and bare: The damp dead leaves were strewing the way The chill rain by sen to pour through the grey And forward I must fare.

And forward I must fare. The outre great cities, perished with hunger, The bare great cities, perished ceased their din, Not a fre glower fr in the windows long or, "Through the empty street; the rain drive thin, The people were in: I met no faces— Walting silent in their vinges. Till the feven should begin.

Northwards still, and the sheet came flying Wib the valisting wind, iso drearily: Beside me long flat sands were lying, thimmering out to far coid sea: Where the flat sky to cover: But the salt sand wastes, and me.

Jarged white specires nodded their heads, Dead-white specires nodded their heads, Dead-white against the smoke-black sky, Where the awful mountain wilderness spreads In a cloudy winter-world point high; Under their glant horror, then, The shaely-daskness of day began In freezlag twilight to die.

Dead 1 is the resident a duminer on earth ? . Wrapped in God's inst meroifni caim, TU: he vision of the days ago But le around me with Eften halm. And I saw her lving, vio hed in white, Lovely as on our marinare night, Closed eyes and folded paim.

O bessed yislon, that held me fast, Mumpis or years in a tart suspense, What was the porished sunshine past, And the dark day's pains, for ihis recon Heart of home in the world-wild waste;--Uns motion forward, and all was past 'In vanishing darkness hence.

I wept such tenis as I had not wept Belore, in a twice-dealt agony; Till lus.rous at last before me stelf and stood on the snow a Child; and He Spake unto me, "Loi I am bord; Wherefore, then, doat thou weep, and mourn The dead wuom I keep for thee !"

All are gone as I wake at home-"The desolate home that once was gay: The bells are ringing, for Christ is come; "Christ is born" in the air they say; Not t - the cardens of earthly delight, Info the winter, into the night, The Lord is born to-day.

Time to rise! The sunshine has porished. The air is ch. if and the skies use gray; The poor to be fed, and the weak to be cherished. And the lost to be rescaed, where are they? "With you always!" though heart be breaking, Let it work and keen down the aching; Christ will take of it some day. —People's Magazine.

[ FOR THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE.]

MYNHEER BLUMENBAUM'S PIPE. Mynheer Blumenbaum sat quietly smok-

ing his Pipe: and he had a perfect right so to do.

For in the first place it was Christmas Eve: and if at any time a man should do any and everything that will conduce to a feeling of internal contentment, and external good-will towards all mankind, it is at the jolly Christmas-tide. In the second place, the Joiny Christmas-ide. In the second place, the Pipe was his own, and so was the snug little room where he sat, and indeed the whole house, and he had no wife to talk to, whole house, and he had no wife to talk to, and no children to play with, and so was to his call. Again he drew, but this time it obliged to make an intimate friend of his was thinner than before. Again, and it was Pipe: and in the third place, he was a the mere shadow of vapor. Once more-

-Mince ples were popular as carly as 1596. all orderly and well-regulated smoke does, but seemed to acquire more solidity every -Sir Isaac Newton was born on Christmas day, 1642. For it slowly shaped itself until its misty the second second second second -What hosts of people will try new outlines became distinct, and he could see in them well-defined forms: mountains with skates to day! We hope they will all find

rocky cliffs thrown into fantastic shapes, them good and enjoy them. spots of vineyard intruding where they could find room, mountain streams finding a way out of their rocky barricades, a little -Two German theatrical representations will be given at Arbeiters Hall in Alle. village at the foot of the mountains, each gheny, this afternoon and evening.

feature seeming more familiar than the last, until he knew his old home, a fac-simile -The boar's head and the peacock were once to Christmas dinner what the spiced complete in every detail. And then, before round of beef and the turkey now are. his astonished vision, the whole picture, without changing in the least, slowly sailed -It is believed that the earliest mention through the air and deliberately placed itself of plum pudding is in a cookery Look called upon the wall over his fire, as it waiting to 'The Whole Body of Cookery Dissected,' be framed. Mechanically, and from force of published in 1675. habit, he had recourse to his old remedy in -In Germany the Christmas tree is uniall cases of perplexity, a puff at the Pipe.

With like results as to the expected rersal. Pennsylvania was the first State to flavor of Canaster, for again it was the adopt it generally in this country, while in mouth on the Pipe, and not his own, which emitted the blue cloud. Once more he England it is still a rarity. watched, but this time with expectant inter--The Christmas of 1860 is believed to

est. Gradually the smoke expanded, save a little ring in the centre, which waited have been the coldest ever felt in Great Britain. In some places the mercury, was until the rest had flattened down to a smooth 8º below zero, Fahrenheit. surface, and then moulded itself till he saw it become a ship in mid-ocean; and on it he -The German singing society, Harmonie, gives a grand ball in Layfayette Hall this could see men and women. And as he ooked at them, he knew that amid a crowd evening. The managers say it is to be the of sturdy Teuton forms-but it took a secmost brilliant of the season.

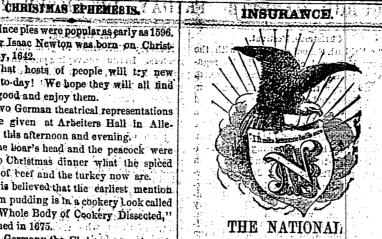
ond close look to convince him, he saw his and took its place beside the first. Then Mynheer B, held up his Pipe and -The ceremony of the burning of the Yule ldg on Christmas Eye is derived from the Scandinavians, who at their festival at looked at it. It was the same old meerthe Winter Solstice, burned huge bon-fires schaum as ever, but there was an expres-sion in the eyes, an additional curve to the in honor of their god Thor. mustache, and a little wrinkle about the cor-

-Kriss Kringle has come by this time, and has not missed many homes in this city. Some persons who are very stupid, say, we ought to say Krist Kinkle, and some who could get there, as an experiment he tried another puff. It acted as before. This are very wise, say, we should say Christkindle, but we are used to plain, merry old

time he saw the room where he was then sitting, himself, his Pipe, everything that was then about him, down to his own wide Kriss Kringle, and shan't give him up. open eyes and amazed countenance, and the smoke pictures hanging on the wall. With -Besides being Christmas day, three saints, in some calenders, claim the 25th a determination not to be surprised, he of December. St. Eugenia, a virgin marwatched the vision on its course to the wall, tyr of A. D. 257. St. Anastasia, & martyr as it it was something he had been accustomed to all his life. Waiting until it was steadily fixed in its ot A. D. 304, and another St. Anastasia of whom nothing seems to be remembered. place, he made a fourth attempt to see if the -Christmas trees are not nearly so expenimp of the Pipe was going to let him have his smoke out, or intended to usurp that sive in Germany as in America. In the pleasing occupation for its own use and benefit. A fourth time he felt cheated, former country, colored papers' and gilt or silvered apples and nuts are considered though he also felt that he would have been quite sufficient decoration for one; always more dissappointed if he had been allowed excepting the angel or Christkind at the top. to break the charm and disenchant the magc smoke by contact with his merely mun--We have the authority of a tract pubdane lips. And the picture was strangely lished early in the 18th century and entitled like the last, but to the eyes of the batchelor "Round About Our Coal Fire, or Christmas strangely and wonderfully different. It Entertainments," for stating that in those was his own room that he saw, but there days the most populor amusements of the were things in it which he knew he had never brought there. A little shoe, andry knick knacks on his dressing bureau, garmerry season were dancing, blindman's buff, puss in the corner, questions and com-

ments of drapery more ample and flowing than any his tailor had ever furnished mands, cards and dice. him, divers little adoraments about the roum -The custom of decorating churches and giving it an air of comfort it never had bedwellings with evergreens is derived from fore, another chair beside his own, and in the ancient Romans, who during, the Saturit, combining in her person the drapery and nalia ornamented in that way their temples ornaments, and in her face the comfort and and homes, but the Jews thus decorated home fulness which had so altered the astheir temple in the Feast of the Tabernacles, pect of the little chamber, Trüdchen herself. and the Druids used evergreens, mistletoe and holly for the same purpose.

-Frumante, frumenty or furmety was in olden tume an indispensable Christmas dish. The most ancient recipie known for it reads thus: "Take clean wheat and bray it in i



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So he sat and puffed, lazily looking into the fire, and now and then letting his eyes drop lovingly on the great meerschaum. It | handed down to us from. time immemerial; was well worth looking at, even for one who had not the reason for loving it that | English readers this amnsement is perfectly Mynheer B. had. For it was not a modern meerschaum, bought in these degenerate times when science can play Nature and assume to manufacture genuine articles out of spurious materials, but real sea-foam -dug in the heart of Thuringia, carved by it is, the better) and brandy or some other a peasant artist, and handed down as an heirloom by Mynheer's great grand-father. Nor | The bystanders now endeavor by turns to had it been shaped by any work-producing grasp a raisin, by plunging their hands labor-saving machine, which could turn out | through the flames; and as this is somewhat of a hundred fac similes while an old-time an arduous feat, requiring both courage and worker was slowly bringing one to individual perfection. It was a head, and the face was such as the carver, must have pictured to himself while with implicit faith he listened to the old legends of the spirits of the

Black Forest. Not a man's face, nor a devil's, but apparently the likeness of one of those fantastic, tricky spirits, which disport themselves wholly st their own will and pleasure, now helping and now harm-ing voor plodding mortals, as their mercurial brains prompt them, but always doing it solely because they wish to. The narrow, retreating forehead, the eyebrows lanting upwards, the deep-set little eyes, the long, pointed nose, the large, thin-fipped mouth, and the sharp chin were all uncanny. But the expression was neither diabolical nor malicious, but simply unhu-man, and must have strongly resembled that

of Mephistophiles when in a good humor. Colored it was to perfection, i. e. to that deep rich brown, melting in places to a lustrous black, and mottled over with spots, yellow and light brown, looking as if they ought to be transparent, but not so, which is the surest mark of the real foam of the

The use of years had worn down the edges and softened and mellowed the whole face, as if' Time had chosen to use his softest emery paper, instead of the sharp chisel with which he so relentlessly gouges the human face divine.

So Mynheer's honest countenance at one end of the long chefry stem, and the gar-goyleish face at the other, both stared pla-cidly at the fire, and whatever the Pipe-head was, thinking, if it ever had anything but smike and ashes in the cavity which existed where its brain ought to be, Mynheer's mind: was not idle. Naturally, he was dreaming over the past, his old home and his dead parents; his boyhood in the Father-land, the old school and his old playmates; old customs disused or but feebly imitated in the land of his adoption; old friends. dead or long unseen; and more than all of his boyish love for the fair haired, blue eyed Trüdchen, whom he had not seen since he first turned his face from old Germany, until with all his contentment he was more than half disposed to sigh. But instead of wasting his breath in so profitless a manner, he took a long puff at the Pipe, and as usual, opened his lips to let the blue wreath goze out. To his surprise and disappointment he exhaled only empty air; then looked to see if the pipe was out, and stared in blank amazement, to see the thin vapor curl from the lips of the face of his pipe, as quietly and naturally as if that was all that was to be expected from it. And while he

"Gott in Himmell," said Mynheer, "if I ever should see Trūdchen again, there are happy days in store for me, but nothing shall ever part us, old friend.

THE GAME OF SNAPDBAGON.

ners of the mouth, which he had never no-

Finding that to be all the satisfaction he

ticed before.

From the Book of Days. 1 One favorite Christmas sport very genererally played on Christmas Eve, has been under the name of 'Snap Dragon.' 'To our familiar, but it is almost unknown in Scotland, and it seems therefore desirable to here give a description of the pastime. A quantity of raisins are deposited in a large dish or a bowl (the broader and shallower spirit is poured over the fruit and ignited. rapidity of action, a considerable amount of laughter and merriment is evoked at the expense of the unsuccessful competitors. As an appropriate accompaniment we intro-

duce here THE SONG OF SNAP DRAGON. THE SONG OF SNAP DRAGON. Here be c mess with finming bowi, Don't he mean to take his toll? Take care you don't take roo much, He not greedy in your clutch, Be not greedy in your clutch, Snipl smapl Dragon! With his blue and lapping tongue, Many of you will be stung, Snipl smapl Dragon! For us snaps at all that course, Snipl Smapl Dragon! But Old Christmas makes him couse, Trough be looss of feel fai lom! Don't 'see far him, be but bold-Uu he g .es, his flames are cold, snipl Snap! Dragon? Whilst the sport of snapdragon is

Whilst the sport of snapdragon is going on, it is usual to extinguish all the lights in the room so that the lurid glare from the flaming spirits may exercise to the full its wierd-like effect. There seems little doubt that in this amusement we retain a trace of the fiery ordeal of the middle ages, and also of the Druidical fire-worship of a still remoter epoch. A curious reference to it oc-curs in the quaint old play of *Lingua*, quoted by Mr.Sandys in his work on Christ-

mas:

"Memory. Oh, I remember this dish well; it was first invented by Pluto to entertain Proservine withal.

Phantastes. I think not so, Memory; for when Hercules had killed the flaming drag-on of Hesperid, with the apple of that orchard he made this flery meat;' in memory whereof he named it snapdragon." Snapdragon, to personify him, has a poor relative or country cousin who bears the name of Flapdragon. This is a favorite amusement among the common people in the western counties of England, and con-sists in placing a lighted candle in a can of ale or cider, and drinking up the contents of the vessel: This act entails, of course, con-siderable risk of having the face singed, and herein lies the essence of the sport, which may be averred to be a somewhat more arous proceeding in these days of mous taches and long whiskers than it was in the time of our close shaved grandfathers.

IT appears that Gustave Dore and Christina Nilsson were not betrothed after all Dore proposed to the Swedish cantatrice and was rejected. He urged his suit, how ever, so persistently, that M'lle Nilsson told him she would think of the proposition for six months and then give him a definite an. swer. When the time expired, she informed him that she could not marry him. Dore, however, is said not to be at all discouraged vacantly kept his eyes on the smoke, walt- but feels couvinced that she will relent in ing for it to disappear the way of all smoke, course of time.

mortar, that the hulls be all gone off, and seethe it till it burst, and take it up and let it cool; and take clean fresh broth, and sweet milk of almonds, or sweet milk of kine, and temper it all; and take the yolks of eggs. Boil it a little and set it down and mess it forth with fat venison or fresh mutton.

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