

The fivportr:
Killhina, Friday, Jan. 22
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IITTER FROM NEW JERSEY. Another day's existence terminates
the past year, and, I have no oubt,
with the advent of the new year, countless resolutions will be formed
for the better, by as many weak and for the better, by as many weak and
vascilating individuals, only to be abandoned again when the first fieree
tide of temiptation assails them.
When we aliow our imngination foe scope for :a short time only, and di-
rect it backward. over the devious rect it anckward. over the devious
ways and time-marked paths of the
departed year, how many vain attempts can we not truly suppose to
have been made in endeavors to keen have been made in endeavors to keen
a straight path through the course
of human life, and yet, how many, Of, how many have gowe many,
Ond hay,
and waider recklessly amid dangers and waider recklessly amid dang
innumerable, and all through a w of confitience and will-iower. Every new enterprise or undertaking, either
physically, morally or mentally, ne
cessarily calls for a great amount cessarily calls for a great amount of
confidence, and, even whien that is
insured, power of will is absolutely insured, power of will is absolutely
neceessiry to sustain the flagging
eniergies, for it is in these monients wings uver the faltering spirit. I persons would calculate or anticipat
the many obstacles they will liave to contend witti int the attempt to carry
out any resolution, they would the out any resolution, they would the
be led to luskand their strength fo all such moments of trial. The man
who looks ahead, and hopes to ar rive at the goal of his ambition only through an almost endless array of
difficulties, is the one who generally difificulties, is the one who generally
succeeds
unerpected opposinvition that always "breaks the back" of a good resolu-
tion. In nine a asses out of ten per-
sons take up a new resolve on the
impulse of a moment, thinking, that
after their resolve is taken, the work after their resoive is taken, the work
is done, and, with a great deal of
satisfaction, they make it known to satisfaction, they make it known $t$
every one with whom they meet; as
for instance: "Hullo ! Bill. How do for instance: "Hullo! Bill. How do
you do. Why, I haven't seen you
for a month of Sundays. Take drink." "No, thank you, I've giv-
en it up. Ain't. going to drink any
more for a year." So it is is every
other case. People think when they other case. People think when they
"give it up" the thing is accom-
plished. But the work only begins plished. But the work only begins
then. Let all those who are fond of
makking resolutions bear these facts

## $\stackrel{*}{\text { NEW YEAR'S MORN }} \stackrel{*}{*}$ - ${ }^{*}$ Christmas,

NEW YERR'SMORN:-Christmas,
which is past and gone-numbered
with the things that were, together with its recollections and fond mem-
ories, as well as its actions, impulses and deeds, either good or bad-was
celebrated in the usual style, as we
find it throughout the continent. There were happy meet
iugs and iugs and glad rejoicings, the usual
amount of presents were given and receivel, and, apparently,
"There is no cloud so dark buthas
its silver lining,","or something to that effect, is very true, and I suppose
these occasions must he a part of the silver lining of our lives. Yet,
cannot help thinking that, though the silver may be burnished to the
nitmost brightness, there may be found even though they are seen by fevr. The refuigence of its bright
surface will bilind the vision to a close inspection, and its defects are
unnoticed. Even so it is with our festal occasions. The happiness of
these moments is apt to make us forgetful of the fact that the number
who are miserable amidst such joy will bear comparison with those who participate in the exhilarating recre ation. How many ragged urchins slow windows, crowded with toys
and objects of every description envying the rieh, who comie and go,
making their purchases without making their purchases without even
a thought that might prompt them to toss a pany to the poor boy,
wherewith to buy a stick of candy. "There is no silver lining so rich in mar its perfectness of beauty." The new year enters in its place
with the utmost of gravity, nonchahad been accustomed to the place then his duties, and called to order I see no difference between the old year and the new one. The records
of the past slow it to have been full
the aptness of the present gives evi- bridge and passed the devil where he
dence that this action will be con- sat in the middle.


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 lay, have you? Never mind,build you a bridge, and you shall go
fetch her.,"
"Thankee kindly, Sir; I'li be
much obliged to you if you will," much obliged to you if you will,
and she curtsied low and with gre humility.
$\qquad$ dog quiet, can't you?"-for the of woman had a cur dog that kept on
growling and grumbling. "Harkee, old lady - if I build you crossesitge, I Is it a bave thain ?"
Shie was sorely troubled. went over for the cow, shie knew that she had sold herself to the devil; and
if the cow came to her, she lost her
cow.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { cow. } \\
& \text { "Bridge or no bridge "" said the } \\
& \text { devil. } \\
& \text { "Build the bridge, sir, if you }
\end{aligned}
$$ please." ay," said the devil, "it's

very easy to say buillthentridge, but
do you artee to the toll ?",
"Yes se sut



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