

WHAT SHALL I DO WITH DMY LIFER A NEW YEAR'S EVE REVERIE-WRITTEN BY REV. W. H. WEEKS CHAPLAIN CITY HOSPITAL, NEW YORK SAT before the blazing | good, every lofty ideal were drawn

Suddenly the Scene Changed.

For a Thousand Years

The judgment was set amid a blaze

hearth: the genial with perfect accuracy. Failures and warmth of an open fire successes, defeats and victories passed charmed me into a beau-tiful dreamland. Mem- such noble ambitions, such possibiliory drew upon her ties and such fatal aimlessness abyssmal resources as 1 crowded into so small a compass. The sat there, coaxed into an sight alarmed me and I cried, "Is ft abstraction of exquisite | too late?" pleasure. Volces! I hear volces, strange

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voices! They speak to of majesty and power and glory, be-00000000 me: The first said, "A yond my most fertile imagination. year ago you promised, if your life Every human being stood before it, was spared to you, that you would consecrate it to God." The second life now closed. Notably, asked, "Has God, to whom you made

the promise, dealt with you as you have dealt with Him?" The third said, "Remove it." But the fourth saked "that it might be spared for a while longer." I cried in agony, "Spare me, good Lord."

Two Girls, Still in Their 'Teens, ungodliness. He was followed by a passed through the room in which I woman, distressingly poor while on earth, but filled with the Holy Spirit. sat. Full of animal life and youthful they chatted and joked and She with her children, whom she had laughed; they were in a whirl of pleasure. Suddenly one of them oried, "O! O, my!" "Agnes," said her companion, "what troubles you?" but Ellen could only repeat, "O, my!" things which eye hath not seen nor At length she said, "I promised to ear heard?" spend one hour with God; I must go

to my room instantly. Good night. Agnes. I'll see you to-morrow." The explanation of Ellen's conduct was, her mother had been speaking to her about the beauty of a life of holiness, an had rendered an accounting of the and she had promised her mother to spend an hour in prayer and reading the ninety-first Psalm before she retired. The chatting had almost driv- Rejected, Because It Was Christless. en it out of her mind.

Then appeared upon the scene a youth of twenty summers, of noble mien; his eye glistened with noble-ness; his demeanor was pleasing; he was a picture of genuiness; his car-riage was that of a Webster or Clay or Lincoln. How is a picture of genuiness in the car-webster or Clay or Lincoln. How is a picture of genuiness in the car-webster or Clay or Lincoln. How is a picture of genuiness in the car-inge was that of a the car-webster or Clay or Lincoln. How is a picture of genuiness in the car-man in t youth of twenty summers, of noble fell on my knees, consecrated my life

the completed book whose story im-presses the reader for good or bad, not the cover or the frontispiece of the new one. Nearly all the words of our language applying to a course not absolutely marked out describe the path that is left behind and not that path that is left behind and not that which is before. There is no counter-part to the ship's "wake" for the course which the prow is about to break, ner of the "track of the cy-clone," nor of the spoor of the tiger, nor of "the trail" of number es ani-It may be noted incidentally that laws or ordinances require auto-mobiles to carry a number, in large figures, hanging from the back. Nobody who sees an automobile coming cares what its number is. Only when it happens to leave some record behind in its track is the knowledge of its number important. It is doubtless because the future is swarming with possibilities, whereas the past constitutes a record which cannot be changed, that most of our festivities centre about the anticipation of the new year rather than in a retrospective affection for the old. In the elder days of the world prophecy held a place of prominence among all peo-ples, but of history in the scientific sense there was none. This has been reversed by the severely practical modern world. History is at a premium, prophecy at a discount. Yet the almost disregarded last day of Decomber stands for the completed record, as New Year's does for the prophecy of what is to come.

New Year's Resolutions. If everybody on this earth Made resolutions New Year's Day And kept them fast, a share of mirth From life would straight be swept away.

The fool would cease the pranks which The wise man jeer with cynic chaff. The wise man jeer with cynic chaff. The wise man with some sad mistake Would never move the fool to laugh.

A New Year's Homily.

So let us strive as best we may And, if perfection be not won, We'll let the failure go its way To swell the scoffer's store of fun.

When Talleyrand Scored, When Mme, de Stael published her celebrated novel, "Delphine," she was walting to render an account of the supposed to have painted herself in the person of the heroine, and M. Talleyrand in that of an elderly lady,

The Poor Led the Way. who is one of the principal characters. A boy from one of the great mer-"They tell me," said he, the first time he met her, "that we are both of us cantile houses preceded several others whom he had influenced for good. Then came a man with a score of his in your novel, in the disguise of fellow workmen, whom he had res- women." cued, by his holy living, from lives of

PASSING OF THE OLD YEAR Enervell, old years many days, behold the parting of dur very Verve jour She with her children, whom she had brought up in the fear of the Lord, together ascended the massive steps which led them through the portals of glory into-who can describe "the for the audity fine realm of shadows

The Silent Land of years that lie asteen with folded hands. the endless procession continued to advance until the last man and wom-an had rendered an accounting of the

an had rendered an accounting of the life entrusted to them. I was greatly distressed at the sight of one whom I had known; he brought his work, a marvel of human goodness, but it was Rejected, Because It Was Christless. The scene closed. Alarmed, I awoke from my reverie. Instantly I fell on my knees, consecrated my life to Him who bought me with life



Queen Has Auto Craze, best or dislike least, as the case may Queen Helena of Italy has taken be. My own inclinations are the most the keenest interest in motoring ever | reliable guides I have ever found, and since its earliest days. She and her I wish that I had earlier learned to husband possess five beautiful cars, rate them at their proper value. The and the Queen not only drives, but powers that presided over my early also has had lessons in the working education contrived to inoculate me of motor machinery, and could, at a with the idea that inclinations exist, as Herbert Spencer says, 'not for our pinch, effect repairs with her own very capable hands. - Indianapolis guidance, but solely to mislead us, News. and it took me a long time to learn that when I went against them I was

Does Not Wear Aigrets, Queen Alexandra has issued a pub-

disastrously and fatally wrong. He statement to the effect that she does not wear aigrets, and this, of shamelessly on any one I have found course, is intended as a rebuke to a capable of supporting my weight. cruel and horrible practice. The offi-That, of course, has to be done with discretion, because it is painful to cial statement means something more lean on the wrong person, but when even than that. It means that no lady can venture into the Queen's you have found a staff that you can rely on it is foolish not to use it. The presence with these feathers upon her head, and it means that the algret is strong like to overcise their strongth, stamped as unfashionable throughout and it must be pleasanter for your every rank in society. Royalty has its undoubted disadvantages, but you come to grief. something may be written also upon the other side of the slate. The power to make cruelty unfashionable is one to be envied, and every country would be the better for an influence that is no less real because it has no coercive laws to back it .- Argonaut. incompetence and lack of courage."-

New York Tribune. Inspiring and Otherwise, "Isn't it an inspiring book?" ex-

Partiality Toward Sons. claimed the enthusiastic woman. "Oh, yes," admitted the other, The partiality which mothers are supposed to show to their sons-and "Many things are inspiring. which some mothers certainly do When I see a good play or read of show-may do little harm in the earheroic characters, or the organist lier years of family life, when the plays something from Beethoven's father perhaps, balances it by a spemass in D, I feel that life is grand. cial fondness for his daughters, and I am filled with zeal and eager for a when the buoyancy of youth carries chance to prove my noble, elevated such injustice lightly. But on daughpoint of view. ters of mature age it often bears very "Then I am called up on the teleheavily. The lot of the unmarried

thone by some stranger who asks me if I will please go up to the top floor and ask Mrs. Blank to come to the telephone-Mrs. Blank being a person I do not know and to whom I am indebted for nothing-and the brotherhood of man suddenly takes on a pale, cold, blue tinge that doesn't interest me in the least. I wonder why it is?"-New York Press.

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Recipe

Cut-out |

Our Paste

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With and Without Curves.

bringing a gift none too generous, but "What's the use," exclaimed the seeming large because it is received tall, handsome woman, mournfully, all in one sum, and on him the moth-"of having a fine figure like mine! 'er's appreciation and gratitude are

> Doughnuts .- To four cups pastry flour (once sifted) add one and one-half teaspoons salt, one and three-fourths tea-spdons soda, one and three-fourths teaspoons cream of tartar and one-half teaspoon grated nutmeg. Work in one-half tablespoon butter, using the tips of the fingers; then add one cup sugar, one cup sour milk and one egg well beaten. Mix thoroughly, and toss on a board thickly dredged with flour. Knead slightly, and roll to one-fourth inch in thickness. Shape with a doughnut cutter, fry in deep fat until browned on both sides; drain on brown paper; dust with powdered sugar.

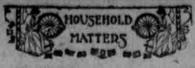
"Now, there's Mrs. Blank, for in- | lavished. When he is gone, his adstance. She is so thin and lank that vice proffered without much knowlall comparisons fall. Of course she edge of real conditions, is quoted and looks perfectly stunning in the new urged with an insistence discouraging hipless gowns, while I-well, it's sim- to the sister, and even the contrast ply impossible for me to be com- between his light hearted merriment pressed within one of them. I look and her seriousness is harped upon. a fright, to say nothing of the pun- | There are sadder cases still where the ishment to my vanity of having to try money earned by a self-sacrificing to hide all my symmetrical curves- daughter is persistently shared with a and then not succeeding. When prin- 'reckless and improvident son, andeess gowns of closest fit were all the bitterest of all-it is to the perpetu- bands on a child's blouse. If the rage, Mrs. Blank had just as many ally returning prodigat hat the warmcurves as I have. Oh, no, my dear I don't know where she got them. like these can hardly be corrected, I am not Mrs. Blank's dressmaker perhaps, in age. But mothers in nor her tailor. I only know she had younger life should be on their u."-New York Press. guard against forming them .-- C-

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FRILLS

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Garbage Pail in Good Condition.

Have pall perfectly clean and dry, line all around and on bottom with newspapers-the paper absorbs the moisture, and where there is no moisture there is little or no odor. When garbage is emptied, if the paper is not taken with it, remove and reline with fresh paper. The pail will be clean. This does away with the unpleasant duty of cleaning the pail .-Boston Post.

To Mend an Agate Kettle. When an aggavating hole suddenly

When an aggavating hole suddenly appears in an agate or porcelain kattle, do not throw it away as worthless. Take one of those round headed paper fasteners, such as lawyers use in keeping sheets of manuscript to gether, push the two level flat clips through the hole from the inside, bend back on the outside, then lay the kettle on a hard substance, hammer the round head down flat on the inside and it will last for a long time.—Boston Post.
Eurean and Commode Scarfs.
Take some curtain muslin with a pretty design and make strips large enough to cover bureau and commode strip certain to be wrong, and sometimes

friends to give you the benefit of enough to cover bureau and comtheir superior wisdom than to see mode. Now take and put two small rulles around, one on the edge and "It is also possible to avoid cirthe other just inside and line with cumstances that call for decision. If a color that suits the taste. I have you can't make up your mind outckie wale blue, which is very pretty. My you don't need to drive a motor car pin cushion is lined and covered with or steer a boat. Leave that to other muslin same as covers and ruffles people, and let who will sneer at your around and baby ribbon rosettes in the corners. I also made broombrush holder to match covers and wall paper. This suggestion is eco-nomical and at the same time very beautiful.-Boston Post.

Cleanse Lace Curtains.

Came across the way to clean lace curtains by dry process the other day and will pass it along, as there may be others who shrink from the task of laundrying curtains as much as I do. Claims they will look like new after this treatment, even if discolored with dust and smoke, and they will cerwoman on whom falls the care, and tainly last longer than if put through even the maintenance of a widowed the wash. Take down the curtains and aging mother is a laborious and and shake them free from dust; spread a sheet on the floor and lay exacting one. Many such women there are, as every one acquainted one curtain smoothly on it; cover thickly with corn meal, lay on anwith our cities knows, working hard other curtain and again cover with himself." all day and struggling to carry home the meal. Continue until all the curevening cheer to one who makes less effort than she might to great them tains are covered with the meal, then brightly. There is a brother who roll up loosely and lay away for a few days. When wanted, unroll, brush comes on a flying visit now and then, off the meal and hang on the line in the wind and sun for half a day. When hung up against the window they will look like new .- Boston Post.

Rule For Doing Big Washing Easily.

Soak clothes over night, using tablespoon of washing powder to each pail of lukewarm water. In the morning lift clothes with a stick into the boiler, cover well with cold water, using powder in proportion to the amount of water. Let it come to boil and boil twenty minutes; stir the clothes with stick occasionally; take clothes from boiler, drain off the water, fill in tub with cold water; wring the clothes from this water into another tub of cold water; souse well with the hands or stick; drain off water; fill again and repeat. Have blueing water ready and wring clothes out in the clear water, then put each piece separately in blueing water; wring out and put in basket. In this way there is no scrubbing, washing is very large, it had better be done in two parts. There will be no tired back, and a nice white wash on the line. Be sure and open kitchen windows at the top while bolling to allow steam to escape .--- Boston Post.

RELIGIOUS **R**EADING FOR THE QUIET HOUR.

A PRAYER.

God, I pray to Thee for patience when the world seems all unfair. When the seems one long injustice, and the end alone despair: When I m weary, oh, so weary, and my tears bring no rehef. When I question why Thou sendest to hu-manity such grief. When I ask the use of sorrow, misery and grinding pair. What the end is, what the object; what the meaning; what the object; what the meaning; what the object; what the meaning; what the gain. Grant me faith as well as patience, and longive me when I pay. For some knowledge of the reasons why we auffer day by day.

"Other Worldliness,"

The gibe of George Ellot about "other worldliness," while never gen-erally true, is to-day less so than ever. The grantest enemy of the Church dare not say, with any pros-pect of being believed, that Heaven looms more largely than earth in the thought of modern Christianity. The exact contrary is the case. The social idens of the time absorb many, to the almost entire exclusion of heavenly visions. What the Church needs is really a reminder of her heavenly cit-

izenship, a fact likely to be forgotten amid the fever of temporal activity. In a sermon before Rev. J. H. Jo-wett's congregation at Birmingham, Rev. J. G. Stevenson, of Brighton, made a strong plea for the recovery of spiritual and heavenly conceptions, as being absolutely necessary for the maintenance of practical work; and he quoted the case of one who, com-mencing social service for love of Christ, gradually dropped all the dis-tinctively Christian side of his work. abandoned public worship, and be-came absorbed in social endeavor. But the time came when the latter in turn was dropped, on the ground that "he had worked long enough for others-it was time to work for

It would be easy to multiply cases of this kind. It is a law not suffi-ciently understood that work in the world can only be successfully carried on as personal spirituality is maintained. It is the true heavenly citizen who makes the best earthly one .-- London Christian.

Trust by Being Thankful.

A great truth is never effective in individual life unless that truth is translated into life through the medium of experience. One of the card-inal truths for us who belong to Christ is that "all things work togeth-

er for good." Has the truth been so verified in your experience that you can say with Orville Dewey, "Notwithstanding all that I have suffered, notwithstanding all the pain and weariness and anxiety and sorrow that necessarily enter into life, and the inward errings that are worse than all, I would end my record with a devout thanksgiving to the great Author of my being. For more and more am I unwilling to make my gratitude to Him what is commonly called 'a thanksgiving for mercles,' for any benefits or bleasings that are peculiar to myself, or my friends, or indeed to any man. Instead of this, I would have it be grat-itude for all that belongs to my life and being-for joy and sorrow, for health and sickness, for success and disappointment, for virtue and for temptation, for life and death: be-cause I believe that all is meant for good."-Dr. George R. Lunn, in Christian Intelligencer.

As he stood in the midst of the room he addressed an invisible being: 'What shall I do with my life?" Standing on its threshold, viewing the wrecks of wasted lives as they fionted by out into the ocean of eternity, he repeated the question with great solemnity: "What shall I do with my life?"

Three Faces Instantly Appeared.

First that of an ox, then that of a lion, last an eagle. The ox made an-swer: "Eat, drink and be merry," but the young man shuddered at the thought of making a god of his appetite. Live an animal life? Nay! was created for something nobler than a glutton; I have a soul to save. The lion proposed to make a god of genius. She offers a pedestal of eternal fame; your name shall be assoclated with scientists, philosophers and philanthropists.

In Her Native Dignity Sat the Eagle.

She looked at the man, then at the heaven above. Turning to the man she said, "The earth is thy lodging place; the heaven overhead is thy home; the earth's choicest treasure cannot fill thee. Thou art more than animal, more than intellect, thou art qualified for companionship with delty. Prepare!" In a moment of time there passed before ma

A Panorama,

upon which was displayed all the scenes of my life from my earliest recollection. Curious and strange tracings were there. Every struggle with conscience, every striving to be

Ifter-Effects of the Grip.

Dr. Clouston, of Edinburgh, said it Dr. Thomas Claye Shaw, of Lonseemed as if no disease of whose don, speaking on the subject of the city, on the average, two months in effects there was any correct record special psychology of women, says had such far-reaching evil effects as that there is a psychology in clothes. this one, and among its sequelae he It is useless to say that they dress as choifa, neurasthenic conditions, precholia, neurasthenic conditions, pre-mature senility, various forms of paralysis, neuralgic affections and a general incapacity for work.—Dundee Advertiser. Advertiser.

Sloepless Creatures. There are several species of fish, reptiles and insects which never sleep during the whole of their existence.



There are about 6600 New York mons who have not been in the a year in the last decade. Europe, the South, seashore and mountains have them for the other ten months.

The speed of a_tomobile: is con-trolled at crossings in a Chicago sub-arb with considerable success by the creation of a hummock is the road by raising the aidewalk crossing

during the whole of their existence. Among fish it is posificative known that pike, animon and goldfish all no time sleep; also that there are other mean-bars of the fish family that sleep only a few minutes during the course of a month. There are various species of fish are used as a mission for a class badge. They had in view a design "About how large would you like the figure?" the jewclar asked. "Well," said the spokesman, "we thought the graduate suphoses of the badge, and five species of marpents also that "S set sleep.—Philadelphia Record.

Bargaining.

"Bargaining" is a trait strongly developed in the average woman, and in many of the members of the smart sets of the various cities who are interested in collecting curlos, it is so finished an accomplishment that the vender of the antique coveted is completely outdone in his own line of diplomacy. To establish this particular characteristic to the extent noticeable among the amateur "collectoresses," the desire to collect must first be strong, and then grow stronger

until the phase is reached when the the coming ball season. article becomes much dearer (as a desirable possession) as the price is beaten down. Delicacy is also a lost sense, for the envious one will boldly ment on which it is used. approach even some one in her own clique and suggest the transfer of a are exactly like the golf capes of the season, except that they are longer. choice bit at a sum she considers a bargain price, and is no way mortified when rebuffed, nor is she seemingly conscious of having been imperlength, and are finished with hoods. Unent .- New York Tribune.

"Backbone" Superfluous.

They are charmingly made up of rib-"The worst thing about having no backbone," said the woman who had bon of almost any fur-even pointed been born without that supposedly in- fox and black lynx.

While no skirt at the present time dispensable member, "is trying to get one. It is a perfectly useless agony, can be called full, those designed for soft, thin materials are often made to too, because if nature hasn't given you a backbone, you can't get it by fall in voluminous folds, but they any other means. If you once recog- have the top closely laid in tucks that nize this fact and submit to your lim- produce the sheath fit.

itations you'll find that you can get This is a day when bags, little or on fairly well without a backbone, big, ostentatiously plain or elaborate and when you realize how often the ly decorated, are put to a hundred thing that passes for determination is uses, from the shopping and automo a mere disregard for or inability to bile bags down to the delicate little comprehend other people's rights and feelings, you can bear up under the contempt commonly meted out to the clinging lines of the ski The shortened waist and straight

clinging lines of the skirt are features spineless. that strongly influence the winter "A backbone is not nearly so nee modes, characterizing evening gowns, essary as people imagine, and very often one gets on a great deal better without it. If you haven't any backdressy coat suits for afternoon and other affairs of ceremony.

without it. If you haven't any back-bane, you won't be tempted to but, your head against irresistible foress, We are most of us helpless victims in the hands of fate, and ordinarily we might as well let ourselves drift as try to mold circumstances to our will. The drifting may be a mistake, to be sure, but pulling against the current may be a mistake equally, and the trat is casier. "If I can't decide, I do nothing, when that is possible, and tel events ahape themselves as they will, and if I must de manables I do whet i the



rolled fine, one cup hot water, onehalf cup vinegar, one cup molasses, The high collar has come in again ore cup sugar, one cup currants, one on fur coats and jackets, and is often made of a different fur from the garcup raisins, spice to taste, one cup butter. Measure with a tencup. Some use bread crumbs instead of New motoring and steamer capes crackers.

Cafe Parfait .--- One cup sugar, one-Some of them are full seven-eighth half cup water, one-fourth black coffee, six egg yolks, one pint heavy cream. Cook sugar and water five minutes and add coffee. Pour slow-Little novelty stocks, often copied from French models, are one of the ly on the beaten egg yolks, add whip most striking features of the season from cream, turn into mould and pack in ice and salt. Let stand four hours.

> Orange Dainty .- Peel four oranges cut them into small pleasa, sprinkle with powdered sugar and put in a glass dish. Whip one-half pint of heavy cream until stiff, add one tablespoon of sugar, one-half teaspoon of vanilla and one-fourth cup each of chopped nut meats and candied cherries. Spread this over the fruit and serve at once.

Blueberry Cake .-- One egg, onehalf cup sugar, one-half cup molasses, one cup milk, nutmeg and one teaspoon cinnamon, one tablespoon shortening. After stirring above thoroughly, add two cups flour which contains one teaspoon sods and a pinch of sait. Before stirring flour sprinkle in one cup blueberries. Mix to medium batter, and bake in sheet; serve hot with butter.

English Drawn Butter .-- Ruh to

English Drawn Butter.--Ruh to-gether a tablespoonful of butter and one cup of flour, add slowly one-half pint of bolling water, beating all the time. Boll a few minutes, take from the fire and add one-half tempoon mit, a little pepper and another table-spoon butter. Serve with summer squash of Key green vegetable. This may be used for bolled haddock, half-but or cod if the index of sec. out or cod if the juice of one lomon

Second-Mile Christians.

Love does not think of counting miles. It never says, "Can 1 stop here?" "Have I not done my share?" It is a characteristic of love to be doing always more than is expected or required. Love goes the second mile and counts it not a weary thing to go 10,000 more. This is what the re-ligion of the second mile does for ligion of the second mile does for men. It brings heart culistment. It causes us to zerve not bocause we must, but because we will—bernuso we love and therefore delight to do the will of the One we love. The second-mile Christian realizes Christ's love for sonis and therefore tries to win men to Him. The second-mile Christian realizes Christ's longing for the extension of His Kingdom, and therefore gladiy gives according to his ability for the spread of the Goz-pel. Christ's interests become his interests. Christ's glory his glory. Christ's cause his cause, under the sweat compelling restrain of love.— Rev. G. B. F. Hallonk, D. D. Rev. G. B. F. Hallouk, D. D.

Perfect Rest in Perfect Work.

What is true rest? Not idlences, but peace of mind. To rest from sin, from sorrow, from fear, from doubt, from care—this is true rest. Above all, to rest from the worst wearingss of all-knowing one's duty and yet not being able to do it. Perfect rest in perfect work: that suraly is the rest of biessed spirits, till the final consummation of all things.—Charles Kingsley.

Good Testimony. I owe my health and vigor through a long and busy life to the Sabbath day with its blessed surcease of lost —William E. Gladstone.

1610 God-Made Men.

"Self-made" men exist only on earth. All who enter Heaven must be God-made-"born of the Spirit."---S. H. Keen.

The True Church. The church of the living God will be the church of the godly life.

A Monday Morning Thought.

How large the clothespin industry really is may be mathered from the fact that no less than 1,250,000 five gross boxes are samufactured every year in the United States.

YES, INDERD.

"One swallow does not make a mamner," quotes the moralizer, "No," rejoined the staticretizer,

A Crowded Universe. In New Haven the committee of a graduating class once went to a local jeweler with a commission for a class

til after burial.

There are no undertakers in Ja-