

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



A New Year's Homily.

New Year's Day is in some way recognized by every people having a formal calendar, yet the hours of the last day of the old year generally pass with little variation from ordinary routine. Nevertheless, it is the completed book whose story impresses the reader for good or bad, not the cover or the frontispiece of the new one.

Woman's Health

Queen Has Auto Craze. Queen Helena of Italy has taken the keenest interest in motoring ever since its earliest days.

Does Not Wear Agrets. Queen Alexandra has issued a public statement to the effect that she does not wear agrets, and this, of course, is intended as a rebuke to a cruel and horrible practice.

Inspiring and Otherwise. "Isn't it an inspiring book?" exclaimed the enthusiastic woman. "Oh, yes," admitted the other, wearily.

When Talleyrand Scored. When Mme. de Staël published her celebrated novel, "Delphine," she was supposed to have painted herself in the person of the heroine, and M. Talleyrand in that of an elderly lady, who is one of the principal characters.

With and Without Curves. "What's the use," exclaimed the tall, handsome woman, mournfully, "of having a fine figure like mine?"

Our Cut-out Recipe. Doughnuts.—To four cups pastry flour (sifted) add one and one-half teaspoons salt, one and three-fourths teaspoons cream of tartar, and one-half teaspoon grated nutmeg.

Now, there's Mrs. Blank, for instance. She is so thin and lank that all comparisons fail. Of course she looks perfectly stunning in the new hipless gowns, while I—well, it's simply impossible for me to be compared with her.

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 curios, it is so finished an accomplishment that the vendor of the antique coveted is completely outdone in his own line of diplomacy.

Backbone Superfluous. "The worst thing about having no backbone," said the woman who had been born without that supposedly indispensable member, "is trying to get on. It is a perfectly useless agony, too, because if nature hasn't given you a backbone, you can't get it by any other means.

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Garbage Pail in Good Condition. Have pail 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.

To Mend an Agate Kettle. When an aggravating hole suddenly appears in an agate or porcelain kettle, do not throw it away as worthless. Take one of those round headed paper fasteners, such as lawyers use in keeping sheets of manuscript together, 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.

Bureau and Commode Scarfs. Take some curtain muslin with a pretty design and make strips large enough to cover bureau and commode. Now take one of the small ruffles around, one on the edge and the other just inside and line with a color that suits the taste.

Cleanse Lace Curtains. Come across the way to clean lace curtains by dry process the other day and will pass it along, as there may be ladies who shrink from the task of laundering curtains as much as I do.

Rule For Doing Big Washing Easily. Soak clothes over night, using tablespoon of washing powder to each pail of lukewarm water.

Mock Mince Pie.—Twelve crackers rolled fine, one cup hot water, one-half cup vinegar, one cup molasses, one cup sugar, one cup currants, one cup raisins, spice to taste, one cup butter. Measure with a teaspoon. Some use bread crumbs instead of crackers.

Cafe Parfait.—One cup sugar, one-half cup water, one-fourth black coffee, six egg yolks, one pint heavy cream. Cook sugar and water five minutes and add coffee. Pour slowly on the beaten egg yolks, add whip from cream, turn into mould and pack in ice and salt. Let stand four hours.

Orange Dainty.—Peel four oranges cut them into small pieces, 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, one-half 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 soda and a pinch of salt. Before stirring flour sprinkle in one cup blueberries. Mix to medium batter, and bake in sheet; serve hot with butter.

English Drawn Butter.—Rub together a tablespoonful of butter and one cup of flour, add slowly one-half pint of boiling water, beating all the time. Boil a few minutes, take from the fire and add one-half teaspoon salt, a little pepper and another tablespoon butter. Serve with summer squash or any green vegetable. This may be used for boiled haddock, halibut or cod if the juice of one lemon is added.

RELIGIOUS READING FOR THE QUIET HOUR.

A PRAYER. God, I pray to Thee for patience when the world seems all unfair, When life seems one long injustice, and the end seems all despair.

Give me strength to keep on working, cheerfully to do my task, Give me courage, hope, submission; perfect joy I cannot ask.

"Other Worldliness." The gift of George Eliot about "other worldliness," while never generally true, is to-day less so than ever.

Trust in Being Thankful. A great truth is never effective in individual life unless that truth is translated into life through the medium of experience.

Second-Mile Christians. Love does not think of counting miles. It never says, "Can I stop here?" "Have I not done my share?"

Perfect Rest in Perfect Work. What is true rest? Not idleness, but peace of mind that is expected, from sorrow, from fear, from doubt, from care—this is true rest.

Good Testimony. I owe my health and vigor through a long and busy life to the quiet hour's day with its blessed success of—William E. Gladstone.

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

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

A Monday Morning Thought. How large the clothing industry really is may be gathered from the fact that no less than 1,250,000 five gross boxes are manufactured every year in the United States.

YES, INDEED. "One swallow does not make a summer," quoted the speaker. "No," rejoined the hearer, "but one grasshopper makes a summer spring."—Charles Noyes.

WHAT SHALL I DO WITH MY LIFE? A NEW YEAR'S EVE REVERIE.

SAT before the blazing hearth; the genial warmth of an open fire charmed me into a beautiful dreamland. Memory drew upon her abyssal resources as I sat there, coaxed into an abstraction of exquisite pleasure.

Two Girls, Still in Their Teens, passed through the room in which I sat. Full of animal life and youthful gaiety they chatted and joked and laughed; they were in a whirl of pleasure.

For a Thousand Years the endless procession continued to advance until the last man and woman 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.

Three Faces Instantly Appeared. First that of an ox, then that of a lion, last an eagle. The ox made answer: "Eat, drink and be merry," but the young man shuddered at the thought of making a god of his appetite.

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 deity. Prepare!"

After-Effects of the Gulp. Dr. Clouston, of Edinburgh, said it seemed as if no disease of whose effects there was any correct record had such far-reaching evil effects as this one, and among its sequelae he enumerated a depressing influence on the whole nervous energy, melancholia, neurotic conditions, premature senility, various forms of paralysis, neuritic affections, and a general incapacity for work.

Sleepless Creatures. There are several species of fish, reptiles and insects which never sleep during the whole of their existence. Among fish it is possible to know that the salmon and goldfish do not sleep; also that there are other members of the fish family that sleep only a few minutes during the course of a month.

Psychology in Clothes. Dr. Thomas Clay Shaw, of London, speaking on the subject of the special psychology of women, says that there is a psychology in clothes. It is useless to say that they dress as they do to please other women or please men. They dress simply because they have to in their own way and to their own satisfaction.

A Crowded Universe. In New Haven the committee of a graduating class once went to a local jeweler with a commission for a class badge. They had in view a design representing a youthful graduate surveying the universe.

PASSING OF THE OLD YEAR

Brevell, old year, I've journeyed on together many days, And now behold the parting of our ways, With thoughts of mingled gladness and of dread, I see the winding way that I must tread To the future lands, The silent land of years that lie ahead.

With folded hands, Farewell, old year, A few more steps and we forever part— A few more words that wake the throbbing heart.

To hope and tears, Farewell, while a lingering clasp of hand, For thou shalt live in the shadowed land, All silently, The while I try to win the shadowed land, Old year, of thine memories sweet, Old year, of thine.

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