, yeh jes' hol' still, yeh no 'count he said. "I want yeh to know



DARIUS FLOPPED ONE BAR KNOW-INGLY.

dis am New Yeah's day an' fum dis on I ain't a goin' teh hab no nonsense. Yeh undahstand? No fool kickin' aftah dis, Darius!"

Darius flopped one ear knowingly. "No, sah!" said Caesar, "dis am de day W. ben we got teh make good resolutions, an' me an' you am a goin' teh do dat

The Lucie glanced at Uncle Caesar with a pe usive look, and the old negro walked as ound in front of Darius and, lifting his long black foreinger in the sir, addres sed him thus:

you an' me hab been hig Dey ain't no doubt bout hab kick yeh way mee' clean l, an' I been stealin' pulieta oul'e moe' loct, but l'ac a mek a compact wif yeh, dis yere New Yeah I'll agree fiscate no chickens of you'll ch trow up dom debbil hoole \m dat a go, Darius?" oked into the old man's soleyes, and-nedded! It was

ky "kerridge," and flapped Darius' tough back, and gged out of the yard and

crisp, cool morning and felt very happy. He had o right, and the wicked way in the present case of

miles down the road ton Uncle Caesar suddenly to a walk. Then he pulled ly. Darius looked around out Uncle Caesar was lost four fat hens and a roostching by the road. At arky shook his head.

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ow ober s But he did mot drive on. In a minute more he had slowly desended from lais "kerridge." A straw lay in the ros 1 and grasping this he tilously tick let Darius on his left fank. For a m enent the air was full

of breis. Then I Incle Caesar shook his head sadly.
"Darius," he sid, "I'm s'prised at aid, "I'm s'prined at reh! Yeh done break our compact, yeh no 'count m o state of what Uncle Caesara menu Year's day? PLIZE PARKER BUTLER

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NEW YEAR'S IN RUSSIA

and servants of the palese tesse in reg-sits order to present their bessegue and good wishes to the emperer, who kines all the members of his family, and all the high officials three times, according to the Russian fashion.

The festivities commence on the first of December, and are

of December, and are ended on the 6th of January. During these two weeks the young people gather together to play games and to dance. On New Year's day, at breakfast, dinner and supper, the guests, standing around the table, touch glames, drink the health of the emperor, and offer good wishes to each other.

Masters give presents to their serv-ants, but don't give presents to each other, as they do on Christmas. On Christmas day, in all the families, the table is set with profusion, and hos-pitality is offered to everybody. In high society they drink champagne,

while the common people drink brandy. At this time, also, they devote themselves to augural practices. They throw melted lead into water, and from the figures formed by the suddenly cooled metal they endeavor to make horoscopes. The young girls try to learn whether they will be married. and to know something of the face, the qualities and the fortune of their future husbands. At midnight they sit down between two mirrors by the side of which two candles are placed. They look into one mirror and into the other until they can see 12 lights. In this way some of the girls fancy they see in the mirror the image of their flance, and that gives them hope.

No Effort Lest. Every effort toward reforming
Helps man on to higher things;
Bravely, sin's intranchments storming.
Every fight new ceurage brings.
Even careless New Year's swearing
Leaves an impress on his life,
Though no character repairing.
Yet it helps him fool his wife.

A New Departure. "Julia and I hit it off beautifully bout the New Year."

"What did you do?" "She framed all the resolutions che thought I ought to make, and, I did the some thing for her." - Detroit Free

ORRHAN MILITARY COMMENT.



Sergeant (to cadaverous-looking recruit)-You look exactly like a pad calendar on the 31st of December .-Pliegende Blaetter.

A New Year's Toust. More's to the world, the funny old world.

And the days that are happy or blue,
And here's to the future, be what it may,
And here's to the best—that's you.

—N. Y. Herald.

A Good Start "I've made one New Year's resolution that I'm going to see carried out."

"What is it?" "The world has got to treat me better than it did last year."-Chicago

Monotony. Soon comes that New Year's exercise, And, what seems sadly queer, The faults from which he will swear off Are the same he named last year, —Washington Star.

His Folly. Jenkine-I hear that Bark worn off smoking. Hogg-Poor devil! He's always keeps his word .- N

YO EXCEPTION THIS YEAR.



polleges. His argument was almost unnecessary. Chantellor Snow, of the Kansse university, has looked into this subject somewhat. He has found that of seven Kansas boys and girls who go to college, only one seeks an eastern in-stitution. Kaness has about 7,000 of her youth engaged this year in the pursuit of higher education. Fewer considerably than 1,000 are in eastern colleges. The chancellor's investigations bear upon the signs of the times. Kansas has 15 denominational colleges, and the number of students attending them this year averages about 200. The Kansas university opens with an attendance 100 in advance of last year, good evidence of the improved times. The enrollment is 1,000, and will reach 1,200 probably. In the agricultural and

tions of the state at the present time, the chancellor believes, fully 6,000 students. His examination has failed to show more than 300 attending the principal colleges of the cast. Making allowance for all other scattering Kansas students, and for the girls who have been sent to eastern colleges especially par. devoted to their sex, the chancellor is satisfied that the number of Kansos students in colleges outside of the state

will not exceed 1,000.

"There is considerable whooping cough prevalent nowadays," remarked an old lady, a resident of West Virginia, to a reporter, "and there are a number of cures, all of them of some value, no doubt. But the simplest remedy that I know of is warm milk just as it comes from the cow. I was raised in the country, where the remedy was casy to get. There are a number of cows kept in the city, and it is not very difficolt to get weem milk, if the proper effort is made. Warm milk is an almost certain cure, and it has the advanlage over most of the other remedies In that it is a food as well. I don't know that any particular quantity is necesvery, my rule being to let the childdrink as much so it desires. The child should get it at least twice a day, morning and evening."

A young man went up recently to his examinations in a great university. Just before he began, says Leelie's Weekly, his companions saw him searching in his pockets wildly. Then he murmured in despair: "What shall I do? It is gone!" "What is gone?" some one asked. "My lucky stone. I shall never pass in the world. Upon inquiry it was found that among the four or five scores of young men present several wore some sort of a charm upon their person in order to secure success in their examinations. Too ion depend on luck to carry them through, when proper exercise of their brains would make an assured success for them.

A Kentucky physician suggests that transfusion of the blood of the colored man may be tried as a remedy against yellow fever. The negro, it is well known, has been rendered immune to this disease by generations of exposure, and it is asserted that this condition is due to the phagocytes and planocites in the African's blood, which, being injected into another's blood, will make him also unassailable by the disease.

A striking illustration of one of the changes that have taken place in this country is the fact that a posse of Cheyenne Indiane has been trailing a band of white train robbers in the west. Probably the red men have overtaken the paleface outlaws by this time and caused them to meditate on the sometimes queer reversal of situations through the advancement of civilization.

Mrs. Hanna Gould's band of 60 women to sail from New York December 1 for Dawson City is composed, according to their chaperon, of "widows and bachelor maidens." It is extremely probable that in a very short time after their arrival on the Klondike such designations will cease to be applicable to any of these female argonaute.

A prominent capitalist who was recently offered for \$75,000 an interest in a Klondike scheme warranted to pay \$100,000 a month from the start responded with this message: "Pay for it out of the first month's earnings. Send the surplus at once." The negotiutions failed to go through.

The child's jest that a mistake is not a beefsteak would hardly be comprehended by the Kentucky young woman who, on being informed that her lover only played for dinners, suppers and small stakes, declared she was rejoiced to hear that he never played except for something to eat.

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The greater number of white people do not seem to know that the black man has now in his hands in this country all the resources of progress and future | iy. We will power, says the Kansas City Star. He send to amyone all the resources of progress and future has land; he has labor; he owne his land and he controls his labor, and the aggregate wealth of the colored population of the United States is yearly increased by millions. He has schools. hundreds and thousands of them, and scores of colleges and institutions of higher learning. If he chooses to remain ignorant he will be cheated and despoiled; if he chooses to be a victous brute, he will be exterminated like other wild beasts; but if he cheeses to walk up the ascending way (and this the great majority do elect), then he sees into the high atmosphere of freedom and enlightenment, and a greater prospect spreads all around him

the rich. That is the gist of the court's

decision.

Big auggets of gold will be much in evidence next year, but the largest that have been found were less valuable than is supposed. California's largest nugget was 15 inches long, 6 wide and 4 thick, weighed 195 pounds and was worth \$43,000. Australia's -largest weighed 284 pounds, and Chili holds the record with one of 400 pounds. The first piece of gold picked up by Marshall when he made his famous discovery in California was a grain worth 50 cents. but the second was a little \$5 nugget. A United States soldier, while drinking at a small stream in California, found the first large nugget in that region. It weighed 25 pounds, and caused a great sensation throughout the coun-

It is reported that the recent shooting of striking miners at Hazleton, Pa., has been made the basis of a claim of indemnity by the Austrian govern- end ment, on the ground that the Hungarians who were killed were Austrian subjects. Secretary Sherman has made inquiries of the state authorities as to the circumstances. The United States has several times recognized its responsibility for injury done to foreign subjects. the most recent instance being the case of several Italians who were lynched in Louisians. But in such cases, hitherto, the victims were killed by mobs; in the Hazleton case they were shot by deputy

We are told that Andree, as he was about to depart on his polar balloon, was asked how soon tidings from him might be expected. His answer was: "At least not before three months; and one year, perhaps two years, may clapse before you hear from us, and you may one day be surprised by news of our arrival somewhere. And if not-if you never hear from us-others will follow in our wake until the unknown regions of the north have been surveyed." If the explorer should return the world will give him a great welcome for his splendid courage.

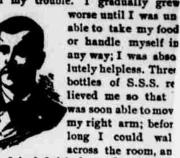
A learned editor, of Philadelphia, who has made a study of the problem of life, has at last decided that a man who has a nice house in the city, a large and pretty country seas and an assured income of \$20,000 a year is just as well off as though he were wealthy. Quite so. But there are many other editors whose ideas of financial comfort are not so expansive. Some there are who would consider an assured income \$19,-000 sufficient to warrant them in counting themselves immensely wealthy.

The fish every of the season in Cali-fornis has been colleged by the tale of a honey cavera in a cuff of Mendocine county. On some tage the bees obscure the cliff from sight and the dried honey in the neighborhood looks like lava from a volcano. A Vesuvius of homey should not be permitted to run to

A Connecticut men who received a bill for a book that he had no recellertion of having ordered sent the following answer: "I never ordered the book If I did, you did not send th. If I got it, I paid for it. MI didn't I wont."

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