## A New Year at Cote Blanche

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VERY one who is familiar with the customs of the creoles and Acadians of Louisiana knows that New Year's is the most eagerly anticipated and the most important of their festivals.

A religious significance is attached also to the New Year's anniversary. They believe that from day dawn to dark an angel. "l'ange de paix," broods over each household, striving to destroy hatred, malice and all uncharitableness in the heart and to substitute love and forgiveness. If his promptings are obeyed, enemies forgiven and the hand opened wide in charity, that man's sins are wiped off the record. and he starts on a new year with a clean conscience.

For a week before New Year's day the preparations of the "babitans" be-The house undergoes a thorough scrubbing and cleaning from garret to basement and is whitewashed inside and out. I have an idea the Acadian housekeeper fancies that "l'ange de paix" is going to make a close scrutiny into all her dust corners and hidden receptacles and would be disgusted with a rusty pot or dirty pan.

The hunters go out on a grand "battue" to provide game. If a new dress is possible during the year, it is certain to be made up and worn then.

But in two houses in Cote Blanche these cheerful notes of preparation were unheard. To look at them you would not be likely to perceive a connection between the largest and most comfortable farmhouse in Cote Blanche, the property of rich old Jacques Lefebvre, and the miserable and daubed cabin which stood at the edge of Laverne woods-a cabin with dirt floor and unglazed windows, a home of poverty and illness, where the father and breadwinner, a helpless inchildren with despairing eyes.

For the first four years all went well with the young couple. Wood had plenty of work, and their home was full of comfort, besides a snug little sum laid up, the nucleus of the fortune he fully expected to accumulate. Then he fell from a scaffold, injured his spine and became what this New Year's eve found him-a helpless invalid.

Their money had all been spent, and at last the day arrived when they had to give up their comfortable home and move to a cabin at the edge of the woods.

Laure eked out a precarious subsistence by spinning and weaving cottonade and raising poultry for the New Orleans market, but this had been a bad year. She had been too sick to work much, and the poultry had the cholera among them. She had not seen her father or mother since her marriage.

She knew her mother too well not to understand that it was the imperious will of the old man which kept her away. He had never mentioned his daughter's name since the night she left his roof, and woe be to the one who inadvertently did so.

The only sign he gave of his remembrance of her was to keep the anniversary of her flight as a solemn fast. There were no fine dinners at the Lefebvre farm New Year's day, no visits to and from old friends, but from morning till night the old man sat moodily within, his only companion the faithful wife.

The two sons, Henri and Claude, took themselves off to pleasanter interiors, and decidedly "l'ange de paix" must have had a weary time wrestling with the evil spirit of that household.

"What a New Year's eve!" sighed poor Laure as she sat by the fire with her youngest child in her arms. She walld, watched his pale wife and three had put the other two early to bed, for her husband had fallen asleep at

lived from youth to old age among his people at Cote Blanche. "Happy New Year!" he called out heerily. "Aha, in the sulks still, mon ami! Six years in the sulks! Too long, too long, for a man over sixty, who hasn't many more New Years to be sorry or glad in. I'm afraid Tange de paix' is tired of standing on your threshold. Happy New Year!" "I hear you, and nobody knows New Year better than I do. Who are these children, Pere Joseph?"

"Two I picked up out of a wretched hovel, where there was nothing to eat, and brought them to see how gay and happy a rich man can be on New Year's day. You know, poor people always think where there is money there is happiness. Go to monsieur, my children, and kiss him and wish him a happy New Year."

take her back, she and her children

though they are his. Let him go to hospital and stay there till he dies."

"Leave my husband!" Laure said.

with an incredulous look. "Oh, no! H.

cannot think I could do that! I will

kneel at his feet and ask his pardon,

Now that I am a mother I know how

I have sinned against him. But desert

my husband-mamma, he cannot mean

"Yes; he means it, my poor child!

And you, my Laure, you who were so

pretty and bright, you are an old wom-

an, and you are weak and sick, and

soon you cannot help him, and then

you will both die. Come back to us

without you!"

thin cheeks.

Aimee."

said, with a stifled sob.

them, lost in thought.

much, even now!"

my daughter! Oh, I am so wretched

Laure rose to her feet, her black eyes

sparkling and a bright red spot on her

"Mamma, look there," she said.

There he lies, helpless, who worked

for me and loves me and to whom I

am necessary. I will stay with him

to starve and die perhaps-who knows?

-but happier so than to desert him

and live in comfort in my father's

house. But you have not seen my chil-

dren. Come and look at them. That

"Yes. Are they not handsome? And

so bright! Jacques is beginning to

read, and Pere Joseph teaches him

when his father is too ill, and they say

The grandmother pressed a kiss on

each round cheek and stood looking at

"If he could only see them!" she

"I must go now, Laure," she said at

fore long. I have a thought. I will

talk it over with Pere Joseph tonight

as I go home. Whatever he tells you

The next morning Pere Joseph en-

tered the room where old Lefebvre

was sitting, leading two children. No

one, not even that moody man, thought

of barring out the good cure who had

to do tomorrow, you must obey him."

"but I will come back again be-

murmured. "He loves children so

he is going to be a great scholar."

The two pretty children did it, a little frightened at the stern old face which bent to receive their caresses, but it softened wonderfully as he lifted them to his knee and stroked their soft brown curls.

"And what is your name, my pretty tittle girl?" he said.

"Helene," she lisped.

"And yours?" to the boy. "Jacques Lefebvre Wood," he annamed after my grandpa, and Pere Joseph said I was going to see him today. I want to go to my grandpa," slipping to the floor. "I want to kiss him and love him and wish him a happy New Year."

The old man had turned ghastly pale and trembled in every limb, but there was not the outburst of rage his wife and Pere Joseph had expected. He still held the little girl on his knec, unconsciously, perhaps, and she put up her little soft hand and stroked his

face, which was working convulsively. "Don't ky!" she lisped. "Helene is sally for oo."

He looked from her pretty face to the brave, clear eyes of the little boy, which were fixed wonderingly upon him, and then his white head sank on his breast, and tears rolled down his

cheeks. "'L'ange de paix' has conquered!" reverently murmured the good old priest. "Yes, Jacques, that is right; kiss them, for they are your own flesh and blood. Open the shutters and let in the sun to warm your old heart, and thank God, you old sinner, that you have had time to repent." He marched out, his own heart full of joy. and, baring his head, stood gazing up as if the visible presence of the angel he had invoked was before him.

### The Royal Box.

King Edward VII. of England can trace his ancestry back about 800 years.

Princess Henry of Battenberg has just finished a history of the Isle of Wight, of which she is the captain and governor. The book is to be sold for the benefit of the island.

King Charles of Roumania is one of the kings in the happy family of Balkan states and has been ruler for over forty years. He was placed in his present place in 1866, although he was then given the title of prince. No one expected that he would last so long.

She Knew Them. Miss Dubley - She was braggin' about how successful her dinner party She said it wound up "with great eclaw." What's "eclaw" any-

Miss Mugley-Why, I guess that was the dessert. Didn't you never eat a chocolate eclaw?-Catholic Standard

HUMOR OF THE HOUL

The patient conductor had been waiting for their fares for fully a minute. Each insisted upon paying. "It is my turn," said the one in blue. "and I am going to pay just as soon as I can find that dime."

"No; I insist," spoke up the one to brown. "Here it is, conductor."

penny. Give it back, and"-

the two fares, conductor."

band: up that penny as a bluff! I'll never

And the one in brown said to her better half: "Close! I never saw such a close woman in my life. Why, she actually

Another Sweet Dream Shattered. "I fear there must be a separation, mother. I'm sure George doesn't love me any more, for he has treated me

"What has he done, my dear?" "The other day I remarked that Mrs. Ryvall was prettier than I, and he didn't deny it." - Kansas City

"Don't worry about John, mother." "Well, Eph, I don't suppose I should, but when one letter says his condition is so good and the next says that he'll have to get rid of his condition before the faculty will let him play football I'm awful afraid that he'll make himself sick and weak."-Puck.

His Failing Sight. "Waiter, I asked you for green tea." "That is green tea, sir."

blind. I thought it was blond."-Chirago Record-Herald.

'Twill have its little day. The ladies, though, should first make

Groundwork.

in college? Marjorie-I guess it's to teach the

Madge-What is the object of hazing

#### CHOICE MISCELLANY

Where Children Are Scarce. The 3,640 persons entered on St. Louis' social register have but 277 children, the term "children" including boys under twenty and girls under seventeen years of age. This is the showing of the 1909 register, just out. It is about one child to every thirteen adults. The record further shows that the average society family which has children at all-and on page after page of the book not thild's name appears-has two children. Those with three are compara tively few, and only half a dozen The one in blue paid. When she families have more than three. Dividing two-fifths, the ratio at large, by one-fourteenth, the society ratio, it "The stingy thing! She just picked appears that children are more than five times as scarce in the social register set as in the city at large.-St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Italian Royal Superstition.

It is believed in Italy that dire misfortune will befall the present monarch if the chamber of the dead king be interfered with till at least two generations have passed. Therefore the room of the late King Humbert at the Quirinal is shut, no one except members of the royal family being permitted to enter it. Thus it will remain, silent and unused, like the apartment of King Victor Emmanuel, King Humbert's father, which is just as it was at the time of his death, some thirty years ago.

Benefits of the Gyroscope.

Further details regarding the electrical driven gyroscope used on the Lochiel in trips along the Scottish coast show that when the apparatus was out of action the vessel rolled to angles of sixteen degrees on each side -that is, the total angle or roll was not less than thirty-two degrees. When the apparatus was put into action the rolling was prevented and decreased to a total angle roll of from two to four degrees, an amount which is barely perceptible to a passenger .-Boston Herald.

Why They Want Old Bibles.

An extraordinary demand has arisen in the eastern counties of England for secondhand Bibles-the older and dirtier the better. Copies which formerly realized fourpence are now readily bought for half a crown. They are being used to manufacture evidence of age in the case of old age pensions. A woman who produced a Bible to prove her age as seventy-six from an entry on the fly leaf had unfortunately omitted to tear out the title page, which showed the Bible was printed in 1895.

#### REPORT OF THE CONDITION

### HONESDALE NATIONAL BANK

HONESDALE, WAYNE COUNTY PA. At the close of business, Nov. 27, 1908, RESOURCES.

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None Total.. ..... \$1,901,418 82 Total. \$1,501.418 & State of Pennsylvania, County of Wayne, ss. I. Edwin F. Torrey. Cashler of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and bellef.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of Dec., 1908.

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ELECTION OF DIRECTORS—In com-in accordance with an Act of Assembly and in accordance with Article 5 of the Constitu-tion of the Wayne County Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co., notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the said company, will be held in the office of the company, in the Post Office building. Honesdale, Pa., on

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1909, at 10 a. m., for the transaction of general business, and that an election will beheld at the same place of meeting, between the hours of 1 and 2 p, m, of said day, for the purpose of electing ten members of said company to serve as direct-ors for the ensuing year. Every person in sured in the company is a member thereof, and entitled to one yote.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF VALUABLE SHERIFF'S SALE OF VALUABLE. BEAL ESTATE.—By virtue of process is-sued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Wayne county, and State of Pennsylvania, and to me directed and delivered. I have lev-led on and will expose to public saic, at the Court House in Honesdale, on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1908, at II a. M. All of defendant's right, title and interest in the following described property, to wit:

All of defendant's right, title and interest in the following described property, to wit:

All those certain pieces, parcels or tracts of land situated in the township of Dannascus, county of Wayne, State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

The First, BeGiNNING at a heapof stones the west corner of a lot in the possession of Raymond Tyler; thence along said Tyler's line south forty-five degrees east forty-eight perches to stake and stones; thence along the line of land belonging to Jephtha Kellam south forty-five degrees west eighty-three and one-half perches to post and stones; thence north forty-five degrees west forty-eight perches to place of beginning. CONTAINING twenty-live acres, more or less.

The Second, BEGINNING at stake and stones in line of David S'dimer's land; thence south forty-five degrees cast eighty perches in line of Jephtha Kellam; thence north forty-five degrees cast eighty perches in line of Jephtha Kellam; thence north forty-five degrees west eighty perches to be mock stump in line of David Skinner; thence north forty-five degrees west eighty perches to be mock stump in line of David Skinner; thence north forty-five degrees west eighty perches to be mock stump in line of David Skinner; thence by said line south forty-five degrees west eighty perches to be mock stump in line of David Skinner; thence by said line south forty-five degrees west eighty perches to place of beginning. CONTAINING twenty-five acres, be the same more or less.

The THEO, BEGINNING at stones corner

Skinner; thence by said line south forty-live degrees west fifty perches to place of beginning. CONTAINING twenty-live acres, be the same more or less.

The Third, BEGINNING at stones corner of lot conveyed to Hornbeck & Keator on line of Jephtha Kellam's land; thence along the northeast line of said Hornbeck & Keator's and north forty-six degrees and forty-one perches; thence north forty-seven degrees west nine perches to end of stone fenue; thence along the same north lifty-six degrees west four and two-tenths perches; thence along the same north lifty-six degrees west four and two-tenths perches; to a post; thence north forty-nine degrees west eighteen and two-tenths perches to a post; thence north thirty-seven degrees west fifty-six and two-tenths perches to a post on warrantee line; thence along the same north twenty-eight degrees west inventy-six and three-tenths perches to a post on warrantee line; thence along the same north twenty-eight degrees west inventy-six and three-tenths perches to a post of fallen beech; thence north seventeen degrees west fifty perches; thence north forty-nine and two-tenths perches to stones and roots of fallen beech; thence north seventeen degrees west fifty perches; thence north forty-nine degrees west fifty perches; thence north forty-there degrees east one hundred and sixty-two and two-tenths perches to stones by hemlock on Raymond Tyler's line; thence along the same and line of Jephtha Kellam's south forty-three degrees west eighty-live perches to the place of beginning. CONTAINING one hundred and eight acres and one hundred and elven perches, strict measure, more or less. Being same land which Jackson Chadwick conveyed to Leon Williams by deed dated recorded in Deed Book No. page Excepting and land.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Leon Williams at the suit of Jackson Chadwick No. 92 October Term. 1998. Judg-

Selzed and taken in execution as the property of Leon Williams at the sult of Jackson Chadwick. No. 92 October Term, 1998. Judgment, \$2,800.00; real debt.\$1,400; amount to be collected, \$350, with 5 per cent, collection fee.

Mumford, Attorney.

TERMS OF SALE-CASH. WM. B. ROADKNIGHT, Sheriff.

0 copy it for a girl sixteen years of age requires 5% yards of material 36 inches wide of 41/2 yards 44 inches wide.

"Hush," she whispered, "He has just fallen asleep. Ah!" as the wrappings

of the visitor fell off and she saw her mother. "Mamma, mamma!" And in moment she was in her mother's arms, weeping, sobbing and holding her in a convulsive embrace. "Ah, my own mamma, is it really

afraid the noise of the children would

As she gazed in the fire you saw

that, though only twenty-two years

old, Laure looked thirty, so deep were

the lines that care and grief had traced

on her pale, thin face. She heard a

slight noise at the door and turned to

see a figure muffled in cleak and

shawls entering it. . She thought it

was one of her neighbors and raised

disturb him.

her hand warningly.

you?" she sobbed, holding her off at arms' length with such a pitiful smile on her wan face that the mother wept to see it. "Yes, cheric; I could stand it no

longer. He may curse me if he will, but I cannot help it. To sit there all New Year's day with closed doors and a face as if you were in your graveah, it made me mad! I felt as if you were really dead, and I had to come

and see if you were living." "Mamma, my own dear mamma!" was all the daughter could say in the fullness of her content, kissing the face and hands of the mother.

"Yes; I slipped away and made black George bring me in his buggy. But I can stay only a minute. I heard he was ill," with a glance toward the sleeping man, "and there's some wine and other things out there in the buggy for you. But, stay! I have come to say something else. Yesterday for the first time in all these years he men-tioned your name. He said: 'If Laure will leave that vaurien of a husband, who can no longer work for her, I will

The Gentle Sex Again.

"I shall never forgive you. I was

just about to"-"Oh, I made a mistake! That was a

"Gracious! I am so glad.

reached home she said to her hus-

go shopping with her again!"

forced me to pay both fares! Isn't it queer how stingy some people can be?"-Chicago News.

is Jacques, that is Helene, and this little one at the foot of the bed is "You named the two eldest after your father and me?" the grandmother cruelly.

Scared.

"Oh, is it? I must be getting color

The Sheath Gown. Like other fads that don't endure

That they are built that way.

boys brutality for use in the football

# Today's Suggestion by Ellen Stan.

A SERVICEABLE COAT MODEL.

OTHERS who make their daughters frocks often hesitate to attempt outer garments, such as the one illustrated, for the reason that they they are complicated and difficult to handle. The model shown here is so simple that the most inexperienced home sewer may satisfactorily make it if the directions on the pattern are observed. It will require little if any fitting. Black and white shepherd's plaid is one of the

most popular materials for the walking suit, and soutache braid is used as a trimming. This tailor made coat is semifitted in three-quarter

length, and the collar can be either of the material or faced with cloth or velvet of a contrasting color. The buttons used for the trimming and closing can be either of smoked pearl or molds material covered.

An effective garment can be made of cheviot serge in any of the new colors or in dark blue or red. Granite cloth or a camel hair will make up prettily, and either of these materials in the new shades. fashloned with the so called tunic skirt. slashed or plaited to give the popular effect, will be stylish if trimmed with pipings and covered buttons. The pocket laps are large and are decorated with buttons, with similar ones on the back of the coat, which give the desired short waisted effect. The selection of

garments for school is usually a difficult task for mothers, but this season they do not find it so, for the necessary garments are not only smart and practical, but are quite inexpensive.

This double breasted coat is cut in three sizes-for girls fourteen, sixteen and eighteen years of age.

Any reader of this paper who desires to secure this pattern may do so by sending 10 cents to this office. Give the number, 4381, state size desired and write the full address plainly. The pattern will be forwarded promptly by

Laure left her father's house on New Year's eve and became Harry Wood's wife the next day.

"'L'ANGE DE PAIX' HAS CONQUERED!"

He knew that bread was lacking that last after a day of pain, and she was New Year's eve, and there seemed no means short of begging it. Six years before that Harry Wood. a handsome young fellow and a skilled

mechanic, had come to Cote Blanche. He easily found work on the large plantations in the neighborhood and seemed to have a career of prosperity before him when he formed an at tachment for pretty Laure Lefebyre the only daughter of the old farmer.

But when he asked the father's con-

sent a terrific storm was raised in that

household. "Aha!" cried the old man furiously "You t'ink I give my Laure to youyou, a stranger, a 'vaurien American. no farm, no cattle, no money, no not' In'? You want to mak' a Protestant of her, heln? You want her 'dot,' her land, her cattle, and, you get dem, den you run avay and leave her. Maybe you got two wifes where you come from. Nou, monsieur; you touch not

ke money of ole Jacques Lefebvre Laure shall spik to you no more." But Laure, being a willful, spoiled young damsel, did see him and speak to him again and refused positively to

give him up. Had her father been kind in his refusal it is probable the child, for the was only sixteen, would have been But he was harsh and abusive and from having been foolishly indulgent became so stern that her home was not a pleasant one. The poor mother, weary of standing between the two, one day after an out-

burst said to her daughter: "Laure, he is getting worse and worse. I think he is going crazy, and you must either give up Harry or

marry him and go off." Taking that for a word of consent.