

THE GIRLS BENEATH THE MISTLETOE

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I.
If I were kissing I'd not be missing
The Miss who's Number One.
She's so inviting that while I'm
writing
I really want to run
And give her one resounding smack—
And maybe I would not come back.

II.
MISS Number Two is a maiden who is
Delightful as the first,
And where she's standing she seems
demanding
A real diamond burst
Of osculation rich and rare
Upon her lips, her eyes, her hair.

III.
THE girl in the middle is quite a
riddle.
I cannot solve her thought.
To me she seemeth a maid who dreameth
Of kisses, as she ought.
I'd love on that chair arm to sit
And find if she away would flit.

IV.
THERE'S no debating that this one's
waiting
For some one's lips to meet
Her own, though surely she stands demurely.
Now, don't you think her sweet?
You notice she has closed her eyes,
So any one might steal the prize.

V.
A SAUCY maiden, not overlaid
With shyness, Number Five.
She looks so willing I'd bet a shil-
ling
She wouldn't duck nor dive.
They're all beyond my reach, and yet
I'd like to kiss the whole quintet.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

The Honesdale Citizen last week issued a large and very handsome Christmas number, containing in addition to other features, a splendid description of Wayne county, together with many pretty views of Honesdale and some of the 110 lakes, for which Wayne county is noted. One of the big features of the number is a splendid Christmas story by Homer Greene, Esq., Honesdale's famous author, poet, and lawyer. The number as a whole is a credit to the Citizen Publishing company, and especially to those who performed the actual work in connection with the issue.—Reporter-Journal, Towanda, Pa.

CHRISTMAS EDITIONS OF OUR EXCHANGES.

During the past week The Citizen has received a number of excellent Christmas editions of our different enterprises. Several had fine lithographic covers, while others were printed on calendared stock.

The Scranton Tribune-Republican out-did itself on Friday last by printing 54 pages of advertising, interspersed with fine Christmas reading matter. It did credit to a metropolitan journal. The Honesdale department was well patronized.

The East Stroudsburg Press came out in gay colors, the first page representing Santa Claus in a biplane distributing toys to the children. It is replete with news matter, Christmas stories and advertisements and speaks well for the aggressiveness of the management of that paper. The edition is a winner.

The Monroe Record, also of Stroudsburg, found its way to our desk. It, too, teemed with appropriate reading for this season of the year. A large, fine, half-tone engraving of the Madonna graced the cover of the front page, while typographically it was very neat. We always look for the Record.

Among the holiday issues was the Archbald Citizen. The cover is very attractive and represents the arrival of parents and children to spend Christmas with grandpa and grandma. The Citizen secured a good advertising patronage. It featured pictures of Archbald's school directors. Other matter helped make an attractive issue. Success to its editors.

The Peckville Journal also sent out an excellent sheet. Pictures of the different churches, stores, Peckville bank and prominent men were reproduced. The paper is neatly printed and much credit is due its proprietor, H. F. Woodward.

The Nicholson Examiner was well filled with advertising and Christmas stories, which undoubtedly pleased its weary readers.

The Susquehanna Transcript-Ledger issued a pretentious paper Dec. 14. It contained 24 pages of entertaining news matter and represents a volume of work in its execution. The advertising is heavy and well displayed. We are always anxious for the Transcript-Ledger.

The Daily Courier of Bristol, this state, issued an attractive Yuletide edition on Friday last. A liberal amount of advertising was carried and the paper was teeming with news.

Praise For Mayor McCarty.

Democrats and good citizens generally will rejoice in the appointment of Attorney Charles McCarty as burgess of Honesdale to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Burgess Kubbach. Mr. McCarty is known to hundreds of Scranton people. He has been active in Wayne county and Democratic state politics for years. At state conventions he is a familiar figure, representing his home county at such gatherings. In the mix-up last year between the progressiveness and old guards he stood with the progressives. In the

Allentown convention, a year ago in June, he was for Berry, and, in fact, can be looked for all the time standing on the right side. Charles McCarty is a distinguished lawyer, an honorable citizen, and Judge Searle reflected credit upon himself in naming him burgess. I look for Burgess McCarty making a most creditable record in office, and predict even greater things for him in the future. If it would not be out of place for an outsider to mention it I would suggest Burgess McCarty as one of the Democratic national delegates from the Wayne-Susquehanna-Bradford-Wyoming district next year.—Scranton Times.

Honesdale is Assisting to Stamp Out the White Plague.

The interest in Honesdale this year in the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals is greater than ever before. There are twenty-one business men who have the seals on sale. The total number of seals on sale in these places is 14,000.

Arrangements for the sale were made by Samuel Spry, representative of the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. The proceeds of the sale will go for the prevention of consumption. Every seal sold means a step forward in the fight against the disease. In the last twenty years the death-rate from tuberculosis has been reduced by one-half. However, 10,000 people are still dying every year in Pennsylvania from the disease. The various institutions interested in the war against the White Plague hope that within another twenty years the disease will have been altogether done away with.

The following business places in Honesdale have placed the seals on sale:

C. Roeschlau, Erk Bros., Independent, O. T. Chambers, C. C. Jadin, A. M. Leine, Ph. G. Percy, L. Cole, J. T. Brady, Ferber Bros., Murray Co., C. Petersen, C. W. Smith & Co., Grand Union Tea Co., C. M. Betz, G. W. Pell, W. J. Reif, F. G. Terwilliger, Menner & Co., Irving & Brown, J. B. Nielsen.

Body of Man Distributed From Harriman to Narrowsburg on Erie.

A ghastly discovery was made by Erie Track Foreman G. Metchel near Tusten early Thursday morning. While walking along the tracks he found the arm and leg of a man and later the remainder of the body mangled, was discovered near Narrowsburg, three miles west of the place where the arm and leg were picked up.

It is believed by the Erie officials, says the Port Jervis Gazette, that sometime during the night the man had attempted to board a freight train and that he slipped and his leg and arm went across the rail and were cut off and the body was dragged to Narrowsburg by the train. From papers found in the man's clothes it is believed his name is C. E. DeKamp, of Tuscarora, near Rochester, N. Y. The body was taken in charge by the officials at Narrowsburg.

At ten o'clock the Erie station agent at Harriman found one leg of a man lying on the eastbound track, directly in front of the station. It had been torn from the body at the hip. The switching crew searched the track both ways a distance of several miles and failed to find the body. The supposition at Harriman is that a train from the west had struck the man and torn the leg off and carried it to that point.

The leg found at Harriman no doubt belonged to the man found mangled at Narrowsburg.

WHY NOT TRY IT HERE?

Harrisburg Saving Club Sends Out 3,500 Checks.

(Special to The Citizen). Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 17.—Decorated with holly and mistletoe in colors and bold prominent figures representing money, more than 3500 checks will go out to-day from the Union Trust Company to members of the Christmas Savings Club, whose time to "cut a melon" has

come. Included in the club membership are 100 members of a downtown church, who will give all their savings to help clear the church debt. Old folks and youngsters, rich folks and poor ones make up the membership which started last April to permit persons to make savings in small amount.

There are three classes of membership, the weekly deposits of which range the first week from 1 to 5 cents and increase subsequent.

How It Works.

A new club will be organized December 26. The classes follow:

Class 1.—By paying 1 cent the first week, 2 cents the second week, 3 cents the third week, 4 cents the fourth week, and so on for fifty weeks, two weeks before Christmas a check will be mailed the depositor for \$12.75, with or without interest as you elect.

Class 2.—By paying 2 cents the first week, 4 cents the second week, 6 cents the third week, 8 cents the fourth week, and so on for fifty weeks, two weeks before Christmas a check will be mailed the depositor for \$25.50, with or without interest as you elect.

Class 3.—By paying 5 cents the first week, 10 cents the second week, 15 cents the third week, 20 cents the fourth week, and so on for fifty weeks, two weeks before Christmas a check will be mailed the depositor for \$63.75, with or without interest as you elect.

The order of payments may be reversed, if desired. For instance, in Class 5, going up, payments start with 5 cents and end with \$2.50. If it is desired they may start with \$2.50 the first week and pay 5 cents less every week until last week's payment will be 5 cents, and the same may be done in the other classes.

PEOPLE'S FORUM.

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"We Are Tired."

This is in no way meant to keep before the public-eye the question of a petty quarrel over the small matter of a school contest. But it might be well for the parties that have done the kicking and are doing the kicking to know what one outsider thinks, and perhaps what some other think. This is written as a criticism against no one person and is not meant to stir up illfeeling, but is a frank and outspoken statement about the unfairness of the preliminary contest in the southern district of our county. Aside from that this did not originate in the mind of the writer alone but was prompted by the expression of the opinion of several people.

In the first place after continually hearing of this matter at institute and later in the paper, it sounds more like children quarrelling over a stick of candy than grown-up men. The matter is a trifling one. Just as the writer in last week's Citizen expressed himself: "This feeling of dissatisfaction ought not to get out among the schools of the county because it would be a severe criticism upon the schools of Wayne county." I think the people can have no real cause for criticizing the schools of Wayne county on this score, but it might disgust anyone to see such an illustration of poor spirit.

To quote again from the last Citizen: "It is proper that the other High schools of the county should know that the representatives from the southern district were not fairly chosen." The other High schools, at least one of them, don't care to know that. They are perfectly satisfied with the part of the contest in which they were interested and are content to know that there was evidently poor business management in the preliminary contest mentioned. The chairman and members of the committee of arrangement, whoever

they are, come in for a great share of severe criticism. It seems that some business foresight in the selection of impartial judges might have helped materially. That would readily have done away with "one town's judges knocking out the other town's judges." That is the one blot on this year's contest and tends to lower the standard and spirit of the contest to a level that was not intended for it. This spirit one could scarcely believe existed in any school or township in the county.

But, finally, if one loses on any count (whether in mismanagement of arrangements, which ought to be corrected beforehand), why complain? Why not be sure that such a thing should not happen again and take what comes and what is past like men? Don't we try to instill a good losing spirit into our pupils at school? If we don't, we should, shouldn't we?

HARRY H. PETHICK.

MARY IN WONDERLAND.

Willie did you ever wonder
How that Santa always knows,
Where to look for all our stockings,
Hung so careless in a row.

And besides, a greater wonder
How he always seems to find
Every stocking, in the darkness,
Bringing presents of all kind.

Why, Mary, Santa is the slyest
Fellow that has ever been,
With his cheeks so plump and rosy,
Sparkling eyes and diadem.

With his bells, and dashing rein-
deers,
In the night, over frost and snow!
Peeping down into the chimneys,
Fills our stockings, up he goes.

Where does Santa stay in summer,
For he does not come this way,
Till the cold and frosty winter
Bring him back on Christmas day,
And so old—the dear old fellow—
With his whiskers, flowing white,
He the dearest, dearest fellow
Christmas eve, but not in sight.

From the wonderland, dear Mary,
Santa Claus so long has come,
Where he sends his time in Summer,
But his home is yet unknown.
But to many little children
In the heated land away
Does not come, our dear old Santa,
To their home on Christmas Day.

Willie, do you know the story
Mamma told me of that night,
How the Savior came from Heaven,
Bringing joy, and peace, and light,
Precious gift, from God his Son,
None so precious, no not one.
Let us give with hearts so light
On this happy Christmas night.

—Mrs. E. Teeple, Lookout, Pa.

Destroy Remnants of Garden Plants Now.

Prof. H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, Harrisburg, calls attention to the importance of promptly destroying the remnants of garden plants and truck crops at this time of year, rather than leaving them in the gardens or fields until spring. If destroyed now, many of their pests are destroyed with them; if allowed to remain until spring, many of these pests have opportunity to escape.

The vines of potatoes, cucumbers, squash, melons, etc., should be raked together and thrown on dry straw or brush and burned. This gets rid of both the insects and fungous diseases lurking therein. The old asparagus plants should be cut off and burned, and straw spread over the asparagus bed and burned thereon at once to get rid of the asparagus beetles, and then the soil containing the asparagus roots can be well mulched with a cover or litter of any kind to protect them during the winter.

It is especially important that the stalks of cabbage plants and the imperfect heads should be removed and fed to swine or cattle, or kept in storage in a cold place to feed to poultry during the winter. Even the old stalks from which heads have been cut should be removed from the soil and treated as directed above, or burned. Several kinds of pests are liable to be found upon these old stubs or the leaves clinging thereto. The best way to destroy them is to feed them to livestock or burn them.

GOVERNMENT WILL ALTER STAMPS

Ben Franklin's Face Will Disappear After Jan. 1

NEW COLORS ADOPTED—NEW REGISTRY STAMP WILL BE ISSUED—NEW POSTAL CARD ALSO OUT.

Early in 1912 the postoffice department will issue some new stamps, according to an order which has been issued from Washington. Among the changes announced is that the head of Benjamin Franklin will be removed from the one cent stamp to be replaced with the likeness of George Washington. The portrait of President Washington will appear on the one cent, two cent, three cent, four cent, five cent and six cent stamps. Hereafter the eight cent, 10 cent, 15 cent, 50 cent and \$1 stamps, which now bear the portrait of Washington, will display that of Franklin.

The government issues a \$2 stamp, dark blue in color, with the portrait of James Madison, and a \$5 stamp, dark green, with the portrait of John Marshall. These two stamps are to be discontinued and the new issue will contain no denomination higher than a dollar.

A few changes in stamp colors will be made, although not in the issues which are widely used. The two cent will remain green, but there will be a change in design, because of the removal of the Franklin head. The Washington portrait will be displayed in the same manner on the one cent as it is at present on the two cent stamps. On both the one and two cent issues, however, there will be this important change: The denomination of the present stamps is expressed in words. On the new ones numerals will be used in each of the lower corners, except in the highest issues.

The three cent stamp will remain light purple, the four cent, brown; the five cent, dark blue; the six cent, orange, and the eight cent, light green. In the 10 cent, however, which is now a bright yellow, a dark shade of the same color will be employed. The 15-cent stamp which is now a light blue, will be changed to a soft gray. At present there are three blue stamps, the five, the 15 cent and the \$2. Two of them will thus be eliminated. The 50 cent stamp will remain a dark purple and the \$1 stamp a dark brown. The four cent is also a brown stamp, but the difference in shade makes them distinctive.

In the new Franklin stamps the words "U. S. Postage" will be placed in a curved line above the portrait. In the Washington stamps these words will remain a straight line. The new issues are now on the presses at the bureau of engraving and printing.

The postoffice department is preparing to issue a new registry stamp, an idea of Postmaster General Hitchcock. It is the first time in the history of the postal service that such a stamp has been issued. The design is striking and will serve instantly to identify the character of a letter or parcel to which it is attached. It will be of ordinary post-stamp size, the frame being rectangular, with an inner circle which will inclose an eagle with outspread wings perched upon a rock. Above the circle will be the words "U. S. Registry," and below the circle will be the words "10 cents 10."

The government has issued a new postal card, which is now on sale. It is known as the foreign postal card and will sell for two cents. A portrait of General Grant adorns the stamp on this card. It represents Grant at the age of 47, one year after he was elected president. The portrait appears enclosed in a

frame, the inner lines of which form a rectangle with corners that curve inward. Above the portrait and following the curve of the eclipse are the words "U. S. Postal Card," and below the portrait the name "Grant." The denomination of the card is expressed both in words and numerals in the lower corners. The stamp also bears the words "Universal Postal Union, United States of America," in English and French.

BOARD OF TRADE BULLETIN.

Time is getting shorter if you intend to win by Christmas the \$5 gold piece that the Honesdale Board of Trade has offered for a slogan. Send your slogans to the Secretary Greater Honesdale Board of Trade, Honesdale, Pa.

The board reserves the right to accept or reject the slogans. The time for the closing of the contest does not necessarily close with Christmas. It is open for an indefinite period. Send your slogans now.

Here are a few that have been received:

Enterprising and Attractive, Honesdale Seeks Greater Development.

Honesdale—The Busy Hive of Wayne County.

Honesdale—The Banner Town of Wayne County.

Honesdale—Attractive and Progressive, Yet Conservative and Safe.

Honesdale—The Most Fraternal and Progressive County Seat of Pennsylvania.

Honesdale—The Banner City of Love and Progress.

With Forward as a slogan, success will be the end.

If we wish to expand, we must blow our horn.

It's Push or Pull that makes the wheels go round.

Honesdale is enterprising along lines progressive; ambitious along lines propitious.

Honesdale possessing great natural advantages seeks greater industrial development.

Work, Talk, Act—for the expansion of our borough's industries.

If you can hustle, come help us bustle.

If possessive and progressive, then welcome to our city.

Honesdale is ambitious and progressive without being too excessive.

Honesdale, attractive, enterprising, progressive and hospitable, seeks greater industrial development.

Winter Spraying.

Pennsylvania's State Zoologist, H. A. Surface, is responsible for the statement that the spraying for the San Jose scale, Peach-twig borers, Woolly aphis, Apple aphid, Tent caterpillar, Leaf blister-mite and certain other insects and diseases, which is generally done in the early spring, can be done just as well and effectively at any time while the trees are dormant, without any injury to the trees, if the proper material is used. He says that the best material for the destruction of these pests, and also one which is absolutely free from danger of injury to the trees is the concentrated lime-sulfur solution, either home-bolled or commercial. If the latter is used it should be tested with a hydrometer, such as can be had, with full directions, from the Carbondale Instrument company, to the specific gravity test of 1.03.

The home-bolled lime sulfur solution is cheaper, and chemically the same as the commercial. It is made by boiling two pounds of ground sulfur of any kind in powdered form, with two pounds of fresh stone lime, and one gallon of water, for one hour. Use this proportion of material to boil a larger quantity.

Any vessel but copper can be used for the boiling, and requires no expert knowledge nor skill to make it. Screens, \$1.50, at Brown's Furniture store. 10013