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January, when the parcels post becomes operative.

## BELLAIRES

Mr. J. B. Martin of near Bellaire, butchered two hogs, one which weighed 405 lbs. and one 315 lbs. dressed.

Mr. J. H. Doutrich and J. B. Martin of near Bellaire, killed 83 rabbits and 66 gray squirrels.

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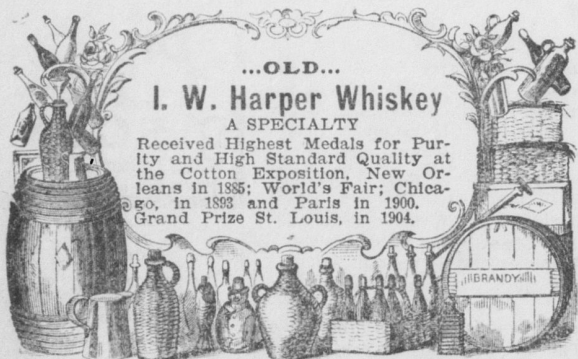
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MOUNT JOY, PENNA.

## The Dutch Patrol

By EDMUND CLARENCE STEDMAN

WHEN Christmas eve is ended, Just at the noon of night, Rare things are seen by mortal eyes. That have the second sight. In St. Mark's churchyard then They see the shapes arise Of him who ruled Nieuw Amsterdam And here in slumber lies.

His face beneath the close black cap Has a martial look and grim. On either side his looks fall wide To the broad collar's rim. His sleeves are slashed; the velvet coat Is fashioned Hollander Above his fustian breeches, trimmed With scarf knots at the knees.

His leg of flesh is holed in silk; His wooden leg is bound. As well befits a conqueror's, With silver bands around. He reads the lines that mark His tablet on the wall. Where boldly "Petrus Stuyvesant" Stands out beyond them all.



THEN INTO HANKS THEY FALL.

"'Tis well!" he says and sternly smiles. "They hold our memory dear. Nor rust nor moss hath crept across. 'Twill last this many a year." Then down the path he strides And through the iron gate. Where the sage nine men, his counselors, Their governor await.

Here are Van der Donck and Van Courtlandt, A triplet more of Vans, And Hendrick Kip of the haughty lip And Gov't Loeckermans, Jan Jansen Dam and Jansen, Of whom our annals tell— All risen this night their lord to greet At sound of the Christmas bell.

Nine lusty forms in linsey coats Puffed sleeves and ample hose! Each burgher smokes a Flemish pipe To warm his ancient nose. The smoke wreaths rise like mist, The smokers all are mute, Yet all with pipes three waving slow Brave Stuyvesant salute.

Then into ranks they fall And step out three by three, And he of the wooden leg and staff In front walks solemnly. Along their wonted course The phantom troop patrol To see how fares Nieuw Amsterdam And what the years unroll.

Street after street and mile on mile, From river bound to bound, From old St. Mark's to Whitehall Point, They foot the limits round, From Maiden Lane to Corlear's Hook The Dutchmen's pypen glow, But never a word from their lips is heard, And none their peering know.

Ere the first streak of dawn St. Mark's again they near, And by a vault the nine men halt Their governor's voice to hear. "Mynheeren," he says, "ye see Each year our borders spread, Lo, one by one the landmarks gone, And marvels come instead!"

"Not even a windmill left Nor a garden plot we knew, And but a piling marks the spot Where erst my pear tree grew. Our walks are waste and bare, Perchance and it were best, So little of worth is left on earth, To break no more our rest."

Thus speaks old Petrus doubtfully And shakes his valiant head, When on the roofs a sound of hoofs, A rattling, pattering tread, The bells of reindeer tinkle— The Dutchmen plainly spy St. Nicholas, who drives his team Across the roof tops nigh.

"Beshrew me for a craven!" Cries Petrus. "All goes well! Our patron saint still makes his round At sound of the Christmas bell. So long as stanch St. Nicholas Shall guard these houses tall There shall come no harm from hostile arm, No evil chance befall!"

"The youngsters and the metizes Shall have their hosen filled; The butcher and the baker And every honest guild Shall merrily thrive and flourish. Good night, and be of cheer! We may safely lay us down again To sleep another year!"

Once more the pipes are waved, Stout Petrus gives the sign, The misty smoke enfolds him round, Him and his burghers nine. All when the cloud has lifted Have vanished quite away, And the crowing cock at the steeple clock Proclaim 'tis Christmas day.

A Country Named For Christmas. South Africa was discovered by the Portuguese, who were searching for an ocean road to India. Bartholomew Diaz was the commander of the two little ships that formed the expedition in 1488. Eleven years later Da Gama took another Portuguese fleet south. He discovered Natal on Christmas day and thus named it in consequence.

License for Mt. Gretna. The proprietors of the Hotel Conewago, built at a cost of \$100,000, have applied to the Lebanon county court for a liquor license. There are three small hotels in and around Mt. Gretna park, but none of them have licenses.

For Sale—An ice manufacturing plant, cold storage, slaughter house, meat market and cattle pens, to be sold by B. B. Hill.

## Why Christmas Should Be Spent at Home

IT is the fashion nowadays, alas, to cry down Christmas, and it is fast becoming a "can't be bothered with it" sort of day. It is looked upon as a nuisance because Christmas brings with it a necessary increase of expenditure in the form of tips and presents.

It is becoming more and more the fashion—fashion to be bothered—to take less notice of Christmas and spend it away from home where there will be "plenty of fun." In the good old days spending Christmas anywhere but at home was never for one moment dreamed of. Preparations were made months beforehand. Geese and turkeys were fattened, plum puddings were made, prospective guests were borne in mind, and the girls of the home fell to thinking of new schemes for decorations. Now, could anything be more delightful than making Christmas plans at least two months beforehand so as to keep the festive season right royally? All this sort of thing kept the family together, for when the winter evenings brought them nearer and nearer to Christmas day it made them see how necessary each one was to the other in the way of helping and suggesting as regards presents for so-and-so, holly for this room and mistletoe for that. Gradually it dawned on every one how dear the home was to all and how still more precious were the parents and children to one another.

When Christmas day did come it was a time of perfect happiness, harmony and satisfaction to every guest and every member of the family. If Christmas is not spent at home what becomes of the family gathering, the delight of decorating, the care and thought the happy mother has expended on the cooking of the dinner and, to crown all, the praise of the Christmas pudding, which by the consent of one and all invariably is "the finest pudding I have ever eaten?" No praise of a Christmas pudding ever comes amiss to a housewife's heart, and if Christmas is not spent at home the dinner will fall flat. There is no family gathering, no noisy, good humored chaff, and there is not that subtle, indefinable something at work which binds the family closer together, heals up old sores, opens up new friendships and wipes away all bitterness, that is so marked a feature in a good, homely Christmas gathering.

There have been more reconciliations, more "divided houses" brought together again, more eyes made dim through a mist of happy tears at some difference or misunderstanding made clear by a Christmas gathering at home than at any other season or place.

Charles Dickens, the novelist of Christmas, who did more for Christmas than any one can ever guess, had a slight difference with Thackeray. He met him on the steps of his club on Christmas morning, hesitated, then held out his hand, which Thackeray grasped with all the warmth of his great heart. Both men returned to their family gathering at home, feeling better and happier men.

Without a doubt a family gathering at this festive and joyful season knits the bond of love and good fellowship closer than at any other time. Old slights and hurts are forgotten; hard men of business relax and soften at the sight of the children who many a time have drawn out all that is best in them after it has lain dormant for years until they have forgotten they had a tender side to their nature at all. Yes, without a doubt home is the place for Christmas. "Oh, it will be so dull and uninteresting at home!" is often the cry. It will only be dull to those who make it so.

And if there is a vacant chair or two which, alas, can never be refilled dash away the silent tear and be thankful that you are spared to taste the joys of still another homely Christmas. Your example of spending the festive season will most assuredly instill the love of the yearly family gathering into the younger generation, who will emulate your ideas in future years. Posterity will be indebted to you for showing how to keep up a good old Christmas which was suffering from a slump in the twentieth century.

By all means, then, spend Christmas at home, decorate your house, remember the postman, the butcher, the servants and even your wife's or husband's relatives. However poor you are you can be rich in mind, thoughts and cheery words. When you sit down to the table—I don't care whether it groans with turkey and plum pudding laid for twenty or thirty or whether it merely trembles under the weight of much scantier fare and places laid for only three or four—if your heart is in the right place you will say: "Here's to a happy Christmas! Thank God we are at home!"—Pictorial Magazine.

An After Dirge. Broke, broke, broke, Of my hard earned "bones," oh, gee! But it brings some relief to utter The thoughts that occur to me.

Oh, well for the beautiful gifts As they rest in a fair array! Oh, well for the haunting thought That intrudes, Does the whole thing pay? And the giving still goes on As it has in the years gone by, But the last of the merry holidays Brings again the same old cry:

Broke, broke, broke! Not a single cent, oh, gee! And the thought that I spent for the Christmas gifts Will never come back to me. —Judge.

Cattle Bring Big Money. H. B. Gingrich & Bro., the well-known Lawn cattle dealers, held another square deal public sale of cows and other live stock at Frederick Hill's Union Square Hotel, on Thursday. Fifty-five head were sold in just one hour and twenty minutes. The stock was principally from \$60 to \$100.

## Weekly Christmas

Amount to be Paid Weekly or Monthly in Class 5 for 50 Weeks Starting at Small Amount

		WEEKLY	MONTHLY	
Dec.	26	.05		Dec.
	30	.10		
		Total	.15	
Jan.	6	.15		Jan.
	13	.20		
	20	.25		
	27	.30		
		Total	.90	
Feb.	3	.35		Feb.
	10	.40		
	17	.45		
	24	.50		
		Total	1.70	
March	3	.55		March
	10	.60		
	17	.65		
	24	.70		
	31	.75		
		Total	3.25	
April	7	.80		April
	14	.85		
	21	.90		
	28	.95		
		Total	3.50	
May	5	1.00		May
	12	1.05		
	19	1.10		
	26	1.15		
		Total	4.30	
June	2	1.20		June
	9	1.25		
	16	1.30		
	23	1.35		
	30	1.40		
		Total	6.50	
July	7	1.45		July
	14	1.50		
	21	1.55		
	28	1.60		
		Total	6.10	
August	4	1.65		August
	11	1.70		
	18	1.75		
	25	1.80		
		Total	6.90	
Sept.	1	1.85		Sept.
	8	1.90		
	15	1.95		
	22	2.00		
	29	2.05		
		Total	9.75	
Oct.	6	2.10		Oct.
	13	2.15		
	20	2.20		
	27	2.25		
		Total	8.70	
Nov.	3	2.30		Nov.
	10	2.35		
	17	2.40		
	24	2.45		
		Total	9.50	
Dec.	1	2.50		Dec.
		Total	2.50	
Total payments for 50 weeks			\$63.75	

You may reverse the order of payments, starting with the large amount and ending with payment of 5 cents.

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