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corner Main and Center Streets. Northville, Mich.

28 For the want of space we are neces sited to omit a discription of the Christmas Tree, and also the Last of Names of the persons contributing for a Press for this Office. The whole will appear in our next,

DRUGS & MEDICINES .- Mr. E. S. Hortondealer in the above, has his advertisement in this leave. Of late he has been closing un the vacant door-wave in the back part of the store, petting shelves across, and filling in with goods till now it looks decidedly improved. Glance at his advertisement and see if the "P. M," has not " just the thing you want,

NEW ADVERTIGEMENT,-As can be seen this issue, Messrs Scott & Jackson, have presented a new card to the public. Since coming into possession of the store they have added a greater stock and variety, with the determination of keeping pace with the improvements of the times and as a lair dealing, and enterprising firm are receiving, as they deserve, a good patronage.

INSTALLATION .- In our last we mentioned the election of officers in both Union Chapter, No. 55 R. A. M. and Lodge, No. 186 of F. & A. M. the number of gentlemen were rustalled on the evening of the 23. The exercises were successfully conducted in the presence of a number of invited guests, and was said by them to have been the most grand and imposing ceremony they had ever witnessed. Refreshments, Presentation speeches, responses and a pleasant time generally closed the entertainment.

KALAMAZOO COLLEGE .- We have had the recent pleasure of meeting with the Rev. L. B, Trowbridge-the very gentlemanly Financial agent of Kalamazoo College

He presented the cause of Christian education before the Baptist church and congregation, and gave a very gratifying statement as to the present condition of things appertaining to the Institution, he represents.

ty of Christians, relative to Christian education ; arguing to the effect, "that the cause of education rested as imperitively on the Christian Church as any other justitution of our religious system In fact, Institutions of Religious Learning should be regardedas they really are-the proper and substantial source of supply to the church." And feeling thus, the Rev. gentleman autimated that his present calling, i. c. his present work of soliciting material aid for the noble Institution which he had the honor to represent, was eminently Christian : and, that he should make no cringing apology to the churches before which he presented hunselt: nor promise either, that, on condition of their doing well in the present instance, they should "see his face no more." On the contrary, he hoped to meet them again in due time,"

This, in our opinion is the way agents for public Institutions should feel: and this too, the way in which they should speak.

The College in Kalamazoo, is by no means inferior to FIRST CLASS Institutions : and situated as it is in one of the most formers prominent among which was the MERCHANT TAILOR, Dealer in Cloths and Ready Made Clothing. Custom work done with neatness and dispatch. Shop and Sales Room, over Post Office, Center St, Northville, Mich.

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and situated as it is in one of the most healthy and beautiful localities of our State, The enterprise ought not to be wanting on the part of the inhabitants of the State to make it what it should be—Independent make it what it should be-Independent and PERMANENT.

Catalogues, or any information relative to terms will be gladly supplied by the agent, Rev. L. H. Trowbridge. Rev. Kendatl Brooks. D. D. or any member of the Faculty.

### COLDEN WEDDING.

LARGE GATHERING-A SOCIAL TIME -A SKETCH OF PIONEER LIFE.

Capt. Wm. Dunlap and lady, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage, at their residence, in this place, on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday Dec. 29th. Nearly fifty representatives made their appearance, besides a large number of invited guests. Of a family of nine children, three sons and five daughters, favored the occasion, and the affair would have been all that was desired, but for the absence of one member-a son, Emmet, residing in Chillicothe, Missouri, who could not possibly be here; the unfortunate circumstance was immented by all as the only blight to the successful termination of this family gathering. Fifteen grand children and one great grand child were present-absent four grand children and two great grand children. The presents and testmonials to the old couple, from children, relatives and friends, com-

in the exercises. At a sensonable hour the guests took their departure wishing the worthy couple many more years of happiness and joy.

Mr. Dunlap, is now 74 years of age and his wife 69. Their marriage took place in Ovld, N. Y., Rev. Abrain Brokey, uniting the twata; one witness to the ceremony being present at this anniversary, Mrs. Ann Donaldson, a sister of Mrs. Dunlap They were armng the first settlers here, coming in

about the year 1831 when all about here was a Thee forest, with an occasional clearing. The tamily occupied a small log house standing on the present site of the "Northville Mills" and soon after built the wing of the "Yerkes house" where they lived some time bek-10 erecting the main part. The old structure was some years afterwards moved away and now stands just north of J. G. Lap ham's residence, Mr. Dunlap, first interested himsell in a small Grist Mill, which he bought out and enlarged. In 1847 the whole atricture was torn down and the present large Mill put up. He sold out to Mr. John Smith, of Oakland Co., in1863 and with his family moved to Walled Lake, where they resided for four years, flually returning here in 1867. With the exception of the few years there, they have never made a home

elsewhere. It is somewhat singular and yet a fact that the house they now occupy, was the first two story building ever built in Northville, nearly 40 years ago. So it will be seen that the objects of the above entertainment, are in every way entitled to the respect and attention of us all, and it is to be hoped that their luture years may be as happy and plegeant, as their first days ploneering were difficult and arduous.

#### A MARRIAGE IN CHURCH.

RECEPTION-A PLEASANT AFFAIR.

On mouday evening, Dec. 27th., Prof. Geof S. White, of Jackson, formerly of the Northville Union School, was married to Mrs Azuba B. Brooks, of this village. In his appeal to the congregation between the

was large and select. Music for the occasion, with an appropriate selection of words, was given by the choir, under the leadership of Dr. J. M. Switt.

The marriage ceremony by the Pastor, Rev. A. J. Buel, was exceedingly terse und

recherche. At the close of the exercises at the church, the estimable lady of Dr. Switt, opened her spacious parlors, to which the bridal pair repared where they received a large number of their friends comprising ladies and gentleman from Detroit, Pontlac, Ann Arbor and Jackson, together with a multitude from this village and vicinity. The bride was made the recipient of many tes timentals of the high regard and esteem in which she is held by the large circle of friends; consisting of many a souvenir, in handy work, pictures and valuable presents of silver and gold. The refreshments were bountiful and sumptuous. The congratulations were abundant and heartfelt. The evening was enlivened with excellent music, vocal and instrumental, by a number of per-Invocate La Pettite Miss Lizzie.

Altogether the occusion was a "feast of reason and flow of soul" such, we opine, as will not soon be forgotten. The guests took their departure during the small hours of the night, feeling deep regret that this circumstance is to remove the bride from our midst, (where she has so long been an esteemed and worthy citizen,) to her new home in the city of Jackson; but with the sincere expression of :

"Here's a health to the bride, Ot her circle, the pride,
May virtue its happiness lend her; May joys golden rays Be the crown of her days And the blessings of Heaven attend her.

Here's a health to the groom, May his brow never gloom

May the order gloom
sadness succeed to his mirth;
May the rich and the poor
Hail with gladness his door,
And plenty crown richly his hearth."

STATE CHRISTIAN CONVENTION .- The comnittee appointed last year for that purpose, do hereby call a Christian State Convention, to assemble in Adrian, January 18th, at 10 o'clock A. M. The convention will continue in session for two days, (Tuesday and Wednesday,) and the following will be the order of exercises, subject to a vote of the convention.

The programme indicates one of the most important gatheringsfor carnest Christlans ever convened in this State. The great orner Main any ville. Mich.

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#### Written for the Recond LIFE'S PICTURE.

BY A. M. RANDOLI II.

Bright was the sunbeam that lighted my pathway, Bright was the morning ushering in life's

glory, Bright, then the day star beckoning on to happiness, Bright were my hopes, led on by this orightness

Bright on the hills beyond, hopes how of

promise,
Bright was the shield of love, widening its glories.
Brighter the moonday, eclipsing the morning, Bright then the buddling, this glad heart

adorning. Sweet were the hours, nursed by such vis-

lous. Sweet to my soul in its freshness that ndssion.

Sweet was the feast of love, oh I sweet the eakinding,
Sweet the greetings of lend hearts commingling.

Swittly tile lite-chartot moveth on the high-

way,
Swiftly the panorama of life, passath by
Swiftly my loved ones, hasteneth on out
of sight, Swifter the morning and evening's twilight.

Dark now the curtalu, that hideth my spirit home, Dark through the cloudy pillar, I wander

Dark, all my earthly hopes, darkness pervades.

Dark oh! the grave where my loved ones

Bardened these eyes, peering away through the mists, Burdened this heart, throbbing on in such

are laid.

haste,
Burdened my soul, in its prison it crieth,
Burdened in dreams, for the phantoms
that flieth.

Moaneth the wind, sweeping, so restless, Moaneth the tide bearing on to the deathless; Panteth the viewless steeds towards the un-

known, Paotld my wears, heart, sighing for

Beyond the cold stream, whose waters are surging: Beyond the pale boatman, with switt oar

plying Beyond, the dark cloud hills, sapphires are gleatning, Beyond the strong tempest, the whirl-

wind is dying. Gone, all those happy days, hopes and joys blending.

Gone is the sunbeam, my pathway reveal-Ing ,
Gone, chidhoods dreams, nevermore untold-

ing; Gone, all my earthly hopes, how sorrow-ful the setting.

Oh I Tell me, ye lost, of the land where you dwell\* Tell me of rest, on the evergreen hills ?

Tell of the city, all mantled in gold?

Tell, if there be there: sweet rest for the soul?

Tell to my heart, so penitent and hopeless, Tell of that union, so pure, and changeless, Tell of skies bright, o'ertopping the cloudland. Tell of the King, ever sheltering the storm-bound.

Tell of His welcome, from this transient

abiding?
Tell of hopes, new born, nevermore lading,

waiting? Hasten one glimmer, from the ever high-

noon; Hastelo'er the desert comes the tearful simoon:

Oh ! Haste towards the refuge : my soul, basten on.

#### OUR STATE.

DETROIT-DISAPPEARED-A girl llyears of age, named Julia. Rabaty, left her home in Ecorse, on Tucsday last, to come to this city, and has not since been seen by her friends.

REFORM SCHOOL CONVICTS-During the past year 20 youths, ranging in age from 11 to 16 years, have been sentenced to the Reform School at Lansing, until 21 years of age. Nearly all of them were sent upon conviction of lar ceny.—Post.

MONROE-Work will probably be commenced on the bridging of the Holly & Monroe Road, between this city and Wayne, early in January, and the gaps in the grading will be closed up early in the spring.—Connectat.

GRAND RAPIDS—Active measures are now progressing for the organization of a company under the general railroad law for the construction ct a railway from that city to Holland, with every prospoet of success. Racing of the success with every particles with a form of the success of the su

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#### TRAINS LEAVE-going east,

Ypsilanti 2:35 A.M. 7:10 8:10 4:25 P.M. 5:15 Wayne — 8:45 4:55 P.M. Dearborn — 9:05 5:16 P.M. Dearborn-

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Oh I Tell is there for me, a mansion now Hasten kind spirit, with thy auswering tone: nos, Empress Cloths, Poplins and Wool Plaids, at NEW YORK COST.

> I mean just what I say without the least equivocation.

L. G. N. Randolph,

NO. 30 GRAND RIVER ST. In GOODMAN HOUSE BLOCK, DETROIT.

THE WESTERN . RURAL .- Some, time ago we called attention to this popular paper, published by H. N. F. Lewis, and issued simultaneously in Detroit and Chicago, This is a weekly, that ought to be in every farmers home in the State. We have made such arrangements with Mr. Lewis, that 'enables

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us to offer the RECORD and Whereak RURAL.

[Constituted from There Page.] It describes this moment, had not his sister young gentleman with a very stiff shirt collar, and a rather bashfule expression of countenance, whom Milly's blushes at once designated as Charley-Collins. Altimost before Charley had been formally introduced, Miss Punifer came upon the scene, dressed in the black satur spencer, and pink muslin skirt, with little blue bows planed on all over her, and leading by the hand a solemn looking individual, by the hand a solemn looking individual. by the hand a solemn looking individual, whom she introduced in a tragedy toneas "My brother." The individual thus alluded to did not trouble himselt to salute the company, but dropped into the first chair in his way, and fixed his eyes with a strong glare upon Mr. Brown. The party arranged themselves round the table, and began to do full justice to the good cheer. For some time there was but little conversation, everybody being and pointing with his fork, and the morsel still on it, at Mr. Brown, said "Halloa!" Mr. Brown looked a little uncomfortable, when Miss Pinnifer hastened to explain,—"You'll excuse my brother, sir, he's of unsound mind" And then leaning over two of the little Todds, and scizing her brother by the collar of his coat, she shook him violently, and said in an impressive voice, "Robert, behave!" "Cruel—kerrewel me Wheredpon Robert became much depressed and "behaved" accordingly. After the excitement caused by this little incident had subsided, the dinner proceeded with great smoothness, and the little parman, as I said before, man, as I said before, and the little parman. with great smoothness, and the little party, which at first had felt some little constraint, was appelly unbending under the genial influence of the Christmas cheer. At last came the crowning glory, in the shape of the pudding. And such a pudding it was the very largest-sized pudding within the memory of the oldest inhabitant: so big, indeed, that Milly couldn't bring it in herselt, but had to ask Charley Collins to help her. And rich I should rather think it was! It was a regular millionaire of a pudding. Miss Pinnifer's brother again created a little confusion by insisting on eating pepper with it, and shedding tears when the cruct was taken away from him; but when at last he was prevailed upon to try it without seasoning, he sent up his plate three times from which I infer that he was by was taken away from him; but when at last he was prevailed upon to try it without seasoning, he sent up his plate three times, from which I infer that he was by no means such an idiot as was generally At last the dinner came to an end-

dinors will, the more's the pity—and the party drew round the fire in a cosy semi-circle, and set to work regularly to enjoy themselves The kettle was put on the fire, the spirits and lemons and sugar were the spirits and lemons and sugar were to speak; but a warm pressure of the hand to brew some punch (which he did as though punch had been his daily drink from his youth up), and then, when every—

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There are many files to think about, and the specific transfer to specific transfer to the specific transfer to the specific transfer to specific transfer transfer to specific transfer t though punch had been his daily drink, from his youth up), and then, when everybody was served, the pipes and tobacco were brought out, and hir. Brown called upon John Todd for a song. And John sung a song, and another, and another after that, to the most tremendous applause, even the blackbird dropping his critical airs for once and applauding as loudly as anybody. And then Mr. Brown capt a song after which Charley Collins sing a song with a remarkable chorus, which was sung by the whole strength of the company with such good-will that the people next door out of the smallest idea of wavering, but at the wall with a poker as a gentle hint appear to deprive her father and brothers at the will with a poker as a gentle hint for posee and quietness. And M.lly her of a host of blessings, all of which it was soil sang a song, and then Miss Pinnifer's in her power to bestow. But could only brother murmured something which was sob out—
understood to mean that he also would

"It's very cruel," and brothers into tears favor the company; but being asked the name of the song, he replied, after much consideration, "More pudding." So to make up for his shortcomings Miss Puni for volunteered, and after repeating five times that she had a cold (which wasn't true) and that she hadn't a note in her voice (which was), she began, with intense expression, "Will you love me then as now?" The direction of her glances made it quite a personal matter between herself and Mr. Brown, who should by every rule of propriety have sung in reply, "Dearest, then I'll love the more." But he didn't. Probably he didn't know the song, or, still more probably, he wouldn't

song, or, still more probably, he wouldn't land the kindness at your hands, no, not it years a slight protection against the too oppressive glances of Miss Pinnifer, Mr Brown; entered into conversation with Charley Collins, who had by this time got rid of his basifulness, and appeared, as he really was, a light-hearted, manly young fellow. Charley had Mr, Brown," interposed Charley Collins on the property of a great liking to Mr. Brown," interposed Charley Collins of Mr. Brown, "It said the same thanks at your hands, not in the standings at your hands, not in the same thanks at your hands at your hands. conceived a great liking to Mr. Brown, and was very confidential with him; so that Mr. Brown was speedly made aware that his young friend was a clerk at the modorate salary of eighteen shillings a wock; that he had had an offer of a situa-tion where he could earn two pounds; but it his teccurity to the amount of three hun-dred pounds was required which put it font of the question. Charley, Collins could not help a half-sigh as he stated what might be, and yet could not be, and Mr. Hrown could easily understand that the satistions of tempingly offered, only to be perforce refused, was just enough to give rock: that he had had an offer of a situaperforce refused, was just enough to give Milly and her lover the start in life for which they were waiting.

The meriment by no means flagged as ital offening force on. Mr. Brown was the file and soul of the harty, cracked jokes, asked riddles, told stories, kissed in Milly and Miss Pinnifer under the Instleto, and generally proved himself the prince of good fellows "Forfeits were played and blind man's buff, at which later and blind man's purpose to grave. suspicions as to her fair play by persign with the properties of t suspicions as to her fair play by persisticatly refusing to catch anybody but Mr. Brown, and holding him an unnecessarily long time when caught. After blind man's but a dance was proposed, and carried out with great success, John Todd perisolated by the second of the

dapcing to this moment, had not his sister service. As for my qharacter, I'm a mean, shirt by certain whispered blandishments, in cowardly, cruel—a regular tragedy unde, in fact."

of the party gathered around the fire, and chatted quietly. Mr. Brown seemed to have suddenly grown silent since the children's departure. At last, after a pause in the conversation, he said suddenly the company, but dropped into the first chair in his way, and fixed his eyes with a strong glare upon Mr. Brown. The party arranged themselves round the table, and began to do full justice to the good cheer. For some time there was but little conversation, everybody being too busily employed to talk, when suddenly Miss Pinnifer's brother paused in the very act of convoying a large piece of turkey to his mouth, and pointing with his fork, and the morsel still on it, at Mr. Brown, said

At this startling announcement Milly turned red and pale by turns, Charley Collius elenched his fists, and looked un-utterable things; and Miss Pinnifer became perfectly rigid, with only energy enough to turn up her eyes to the ceiling, and to murmur in heartbroken accents,

"Cruel—kerrewel man!"

John Todd attempted to speak, but Mr.

"Heat me out, please; and then give what answer you like I'm not a young man, as I said before, but I'm casy-going,

"Iknow, I know," said Mr. Brown, sadly "But it's weary waiting, Milly, all through the long years, and a boy-and-girl fancy soon dies away."

"Ours isn't a boy-and-girl fancy, then, Mr. Brown, for I'm quite sure it'll never die away Never, never, never! Will it, Charley?" Charley did not trust himself

Mr Brown had artially contrived that by being faithful to her true love, she should appear to deprive her father and brothers

"It's very cruel," and burst into tears
John Todd had made repeated efforts to speak, but now he broke out in a tone that bore down all interruption—

"Mr Brown, for the kindness we've re ceived from you, I'm obliged; and I don't go from it But I'm not obliged, sir, by your coming into my house, and trying to steal away my daughter's affections from a young man as truly loves her. It ain't fair, it ain't manly, it ain't honorable A young man as truly loves not. It will the four, it sun't manly, it ain't honorable And when you go and try to work upon her feelings along of her old father, that she'd give her right hand for, it's mean and cruel and cowardly, that is what it is
And I tell you what, sir—I wouldn't take
another kindness at your hands, no, not if
I was starving. I'm a creaky old man, sir,
I know I was and you sir, it is followed.

Mr. Brown," interposed Charley Collins

"It ain't much, it's only a matter of opin-

ion and it'll reheve my mind. It's my opinion, sir, that you're a' canting, two-facel, hypocritical old humbug!"
"I'll trouble you to say that oper again presently, young man," said Mr. Brown, presently, young man," said Mr. Bloom, who seemed to recover his cheerfulness under abuse. "It might be useful, if I won know. Well, who seemed to recover his cheerfulness under abuse. "It might be useful, if I wanted a character, you know. Well, Mr. Todd, then that's your answer, is it?" "It is so, sir!" said John Todd, with

great decision. And yours, Miss Milly ?"

Milly's reply was of a rather remarkable description. She quietly turned round to Charley Collins, and put her arms around his deck.

"And yours, Miss Pinnifer. I beg

pardon, I quite forgot I hadn't asked you a question.

he had. "The said Mr. Brown; fatter all, nethings it's just as well as it is; and I've had the satisfaction of making my own acquaintance from a totally new point of view. I remy had no idea I was such a very unpleasant person. Let me seemow.

"My dear uncle," said Milly, " of course we didn't know. And you were only in joke, after all."
"Well, my dear, I'm not so sure of that;

but a man mayn't marry his grandmother, you know and I rather think there's a similar foolish prejudice as regards nieces So, on the whole, perhaps it's just as well you didn't say yes."

"I'm sure I-heartily beg your pardon, brother-in-law," said Mr. Todd. "You won't bear malice for words said under a mistake I'm sure?"

mistake, I'm sure."
"Well, I'm not quite certain whether will or I won't," said Mr. Hawkins.

will or 1 won't," said Mr. Hawkins. "I should like to punch that young rascal's head for calling me an old humbug, but I'm afraid I should get the worst of it."

"I'm very sorry, sir," began Charloy.

"No, your're not, my dear boy; or if you are, you needn't be," said Mr. Hawkins. "It was an old man's joke, and I rather think I saw the fun of it better than you did."

"But I had always heard you were dead, Hawkins," said Mr. Told. "Many a time my poor wife used to talk and cry over her only brother, who was thought to have been drowned at sea"

to have been drowned at sea"
"I ought to have been, by rights," Jid
Uncle Tom. "I've been in three shipwrecks, but I was preserved, probably for
a higher and drier fate. I've been a digger, and a storekeeper, and a good many
other things besides. I'll tell you all my
adventures, one of these days. And flow
I've made as much as I care to make
Yes, that the next thous and prounds as fact Yes, that twenty thous ind pounds is a fact, Miss Milly, and I've come to England to enjoy myself with my nephews neces. So you won't marry me, eh?"
Milly shook her head saucily.

"Well, then, as I've set my heart on a wedding, I suppose you must marry some-body else I think I know somebody body else I think I know somebody who'll find that security, Mr. Charley, though you did call me a cauting old humbug. No thanks!—don't like 'em; always makes me feel as if I was being tickled and wasn't allowed to laugh. Milly, little woman, if you're very good, you and I will take a run out of town the very mist fine day, and see if we can't find that same cottage we were talking about,—small garden in front, and the nune of John Todd on the door, you know."

In spite of Uncle Tom's objection to

in-law's left hand, while Churley Collins violently shook his right, and Milly, with both arms around his neck, kissed him re-peatedly. Miss Pinnifer wept so violent ly that her small pocket handkerchief looked as if it had been recently washed, and not recently dried

The excitement rather increased than diminished in intensity, and Uncle Tom was in a fair way to be literally smothered with caresses, when the door suddenly opened, and Miss Pininfer's brother, in a white and peculiarly airy costume, stalked into the room. The unfortunate man had waked from his first sleep with an uneasy sense that the promised public

hope of which he was rest, had not been duly lun. the had therefore usen at once, without the formality of dressing himself, to claum his due. There was an exclanation of aston-ishment, followed by a shout of inex-tinguishable laughter, and then Miss Pin-mier, with much presence of mind, seized the table-cover, and hurriedly draping it round the intruder, march d him back to

For a little while longer the little party sat around the fire, talking of the hard times past, and the pleasant times to come, and hearing the story of the tempest-tossed life, come to an anchor at last. And then the time for "good by" came, and as with loving kisse and hearty hand-shakes, they said "good night," the as with loving kisse and hearty handshakes, they said "good night," the chimes from a neighboring church tower rang out midnight, and Christmas day was over. And Uncle Tom, reverently doffing his hat, said,—
"Thank God for a merry Christmis"
"Amen!" said John Todd, "with all our hearts, amen!"

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\* \* Thank God for Christmas! So say we all, and God help him who cannot say Amen! For peace and good-will, for the quickened pulse of charity, for quarrels reconciled, and love renewed, the golden gifts of Christmas, God be thanked. Thanked, not alone with our lips, but with our hands and our hearts, by spreadthank, Him too. None is so poor but that, once a year at least, he may be a "rich uncle" to somebody, none so joyless but that he may catch a reflected ray of happiness, by doing semething, be it ever so little, to make merry Christmas in the heart of another.—Holiday No of London Society.

#### The Use of Salt.

The use of salt as a fertilizer is not nearly as much considered us we think its value demands. It might be applied every third or fourth year. It is the usual practice to scatter the salt broadcast, at the rate of four or five bushels to the acre, after the grain has been put in Many farmers who have used it in this Many farmers who have used it in this manner have given their testimony that their crop of wheat has been greatly increased, and the crop of weeds, bugs and worms correspondingly diminished. If this is so it is evident, that salt performs two important offices, while ordinary manure performs but one. I Many of our readers, doubtless, have a small pasture in which thankers a cow and occasionally

#### CURRENT PARAGRAPHS.

Foreign Gossip.

-Theatrical performances\_in Japan last all night.

-There are said to be thirty thousand

shoemakers in Paris. -King Louis II, of Bavaria, is said to have two or three epileptic fits every day. -Prince Napoleon, it is said, has squandered upwards of fitty million francs since the year 1853.

-The heirs of William Penn have from the English pension fund " £4,000 a year

—There are fifty-two streets in London named after the Duke of Wellington, twenty nine after Marlborough, and eleven after Nelson.

—A young girl committed suicide near Liverpool, England, recently, because her sister, with whom she resided, refused to allow her to "butter" a piece of bread.

At Buenos Ayers the first synagogue in the Republic has just been completed. The Jews in the city number eightyeight, but there are several hundred in the Republic.

-Rev. J. A. Bowden, LL D, in his book on the wild animals and buds of prey of Norway, speaks of a lady whose lap-dog was snatched from her sleigh by a wolf while she was driving in the out skirts of the town of Christiana

The High School at Warsaw, in Poland, has been made a Russian University. Everything Polish has been swept away. So far has this process of Russianization been carried, that the students are forbidden to wear beards or moustaches.

-Russian Poland is decreasing in pop--Russian Foland is decreasing in propulation very-rapidly; the city of Warsaw alone has lost forty thousand inhabitants during the last four years. The census recently taken shown a population of 252, 000, while that of 1865 showed 292,000 inhabitants

-The King of Prussia, by a special derodd on the door, you know."

In spite of Uncle Tom's objection to thanks, there was a simultaneous outburst of grateful joy,—the overflow of happy hearts John Todd squeezed his brotherin-law's left hand, while Chaples Gran

They hire out dress coats now in London, to the dayanting of the class who live on the interest of their debts, and yet want occasionally to dime out. Here is an advertisement from an English pa per. Press Coats Lent. B— lends the finest of clothes for operas, balls or wed-dings. New, fashionable and premier quality from the most eminent West. End tailors, &c."

-In Burgundy there prevails a curious custom of surrounding the tops of chimnes, with elaborate iron work, in order to prevent stocks from making their nests in the chimneys. One of the causes of such regard being adopted seems to have been a smaker once wriggled down the minney into the drawing room of a cha teau, and, when the servants went out to see how the unwelcome visitor made its way in, they found a stork looking into the channey curiously, and evidently wondering what had become of his intended dinner.

-There are two shops just opposite one another in the Rue de Rivoh, the most fushionable shopping quarter of Paris, in which the same goods are sold. The one, on its sign, offers "the only genuine product—beware of counterfeits;" and the other declares, "Every article that does not come from our house is a counterfeit." There are two sausage dealers in a differ ent neighborhood of the same city, one of whom has painted on his glass window over a pyramid of susages. "At ten cents a pound, to pay more is to be robbed," while the other puts his sausages into an obelisk, and paints above it.
"At twelve cents a pound, to pay less is to be poisoned."

#### Incidents and Accidents.

from suffication.

-A woman in Pittsburgh the other day attempted to kindle a fire with refined oil, when the inevitable explosion followed, and the foolish woman was so badly burned as to cause her death.

-At Attica, Indiana, the other morning, a widow lady named Mrs, Wrickear died from the effects of a splinter run into her hand while kindling a fire a few days before. Inflammation was followed by mortification

-A'Louisville burglar, in order to reach a jeweler's shop, passed through two oc-cupied sleeping rooms, and after packing up \$8,000 worth of valuables went to the kitchen for a basket in which to carry them, and when at last he left he took the pet dog with him.

-A glycerine magazine, containing halfi Titusville, Pa., the other day, killing one of the agents, the only man known to have been near the magazine at the time, and doing considerable damage to buildings in the city,

-Two little dogs got into a fight in Buffalo the other day, but a large Newfoundland happened along, and after watching the combatants a few minutes, suddenly caught up one of them by the neck and trotted off with it, keeping a firm hold tune him until his agery passion.

stantly killed. Ten persons in all lost their lives. The houses tell forty feet, and were broken to fragments,

-While the counsel for the prisoner in — while the counser for the prisoner in a criminal trial in Philadelphia, was making his argument, one of the jurors started up and exclaimed "I say he's not guilty." The Judge rebuked the juror ed up and exclaimed "I say ht s not guilty." The Judge rebuked the juror and fined him \$100, although he said, in justification of himself, that he was hard of hearing, and misunderstood the attorney, and that he was never in a court of ustice before, and at all events did not intend to do any wrong.

-The Albany Times prints the following advertisement. Whereas, my new hat ing advertisement. Whereva, my new hat was taken from a rack in a barber-shop, on Broadway, last evening, and an old one left in its place; now, this is to give notice that if my hat is not returned to me, at the address pasted in it, before sundown to day, with the cost of this publication, I will foward to the wife of the person who took it the letter found concealed in the lining of the old one.

-A few evenings since, at a ball held in —A lew evenings since, as a oar actual Pittsburgh, a prize in the shape of a gold ring was offered to the lady who should outwaltz all competitors. Six couples started for the prize. At the end of the fourth hour four ladies remained on the floor. The musicians grew feeble, but floor. The musicians grew feeble, but still supplied music. At the end of five hours and three minutes, only two ladies kept the thoo. Then came the summing up of damages The participants were taken home and were subsequently in a precarious condition, and under medical treatment. The girls had to have their -A telegram from Rome reports that the Pope has issued a decree providing that, in case of his death, the Ecumenical Council shall be dissolved, and none but shoes cut from their feet, and their limbs cardinals take part in the election of his were swollen to an enormous size. The young men will hardly recover.

—In Central Village, Conn., the other day, a brilliant compiny of wedding guests assembled at the house of an expectant bride. Everyhody was present except the "happy man," who, it was said, had gone for a license. He finally put in an appearance, and placed a note in the hands of the parson, who read it to the giy assemblage. The letter was as follows: "I am sorry to inform you, parson, that my conscientious soul cannot reconcile itself with God to that extent which would justify me in getting married at would justify me in getting married at this juncture." The marriago was put off, but the putter off thereof was treated to a bath in a mill-pond soon after.

-War-fare-Army food

-Mended Ways-Repaired streets.

-The "Last Sensation"-A tight shoe. -Can a little girl weeping be called a

-What fairs should young men shun most? Fair deceivers.

-New York is to have a homopathic instne asylum.

-The Washington Late issues policies on all approved plans. -A farmer out west recently killed

"The destroyer of his pease." It was a Boys will be boys. That is nonsense. Boys will be men-if they live long

the governoss advertising for a situa-tion says that "she is a complete mistress of her own tongue"

Twenty New Orleans bakers were fined \$ 70 each the other day, for selling bread at short weight

-An Irish absentce is said to have sent this comforting message to his steward "Tell the tenents that no threats to shoot you will terrify me," -In the Iowa Asylum for the Blind,

there are, at present, forty two males and females. It is estimated that there are in he State, 600 blind persons. "My'Lord," said the foreman of a

—"My Lord," said the foreman of a Welsh jury when giving in the verdiet, "we find the man who stole the mare not

guilty"

"Young man, do you know what relations you sustain in this world " said a minister to a young man of his church.

"Yes, sir," said the hopeful convert—"two cousins and a grandmother.'

-Tom presented his bill to his neighhor Joe for services rendered. The latter looked it over, and expressed much sur-Incidents and Accidents.

—A Hartford man recently broke his back by sitting down in a chair when there wasn't any chair there.

—The face of a New York drunkard became buried in his hat, the other night, and being unable to remove it, he died

-Some men are nothing if not statistical. One of these computes that the 70 locomotives of the Vermont Central Railroad Company have run during the past year from December 1, 1868, to December 1. 1869. 1.359.178 miles, which is six times the distance from the earth to the moon, and 52 times the distance around our globe.

-It is no small praise to say that the —11 is no small praise to say that the Washington perfectly well represents and justifies a liberal, benevolent, wisely devised and prudently managed system of Life Insurance! Its directors are men not merely of wealth, but of high and stain-less character, Its affairs are, and ever have been, managed with honor; prudence, energy and skill.

nergy and skill.

—The Commissioners of Emigration in —The Commissioners of Emigration in New York report that from January 1 to December 8, 1869, there have arrived in that city 251,162 emigrants, against 208,101 during the same period in 1868—being an increase of 43,061. The receipts at the same time from 'emigrant fees have appointed to \$805,128, and the dispursements to \$517,837, with a balance in the 'reastry of \$295,333. The balance on January 1, 1869, was \$8,641.

#### Selected Miscellany.

#### WHEN YOU WERE SEVENTEEN.

When the hay was mown, Maggle,
In the years long ago
And while the western sky was rich
With sunset story glow.
Then hand in hand close linked we passed
The down ricks between,
And I was one and twenty,
And you were seventeen

Your volce was low and sweet, Maggle; Your wavy hair was brown; Your cheek was like the wild red rose That showerd that putals down, Your cyes were like the blue speedwell With dosy molsture—heet, When I was our an 'twenty, Mag, And you were seventeen.

The spring was in our hearts, Maggie, And all its hopes were outs. And we were children in the filled. Among the opening flowers Aj. Lafe was like a summer day Amid the woodlands green. For I was one-and twency, Mag. And you were seventeen.

The years have come and gone, Maggle, With sun-hine and with shade, And elivered is the silken hair That o'er your shoulder strayed to may a soft and wayward tress—The fairest core seen—When I was one and twenty. Mag And you were seventeen

Taough gently charging time Miggie,
His touched you in his flight
to it voice has still the old sweet tone,
Your eye the old love light,
And you can never, never change
The heart you gave, I ween,
When I was one and twenty Mis
And you were seventeen.

STOCKING SONG.

ON CHRESTMAS EVE.

Welcome, Christmas, heel and toe! Here we wait theeling row Come, good Santa Clars, we beg— Fill us lightly, foot and leg

Fill us quickly ere voa go, Fill us till we overflow That's the way, and leave us more Heaped in piles upon the floor.

Little feet that ran all day Twitch in dreams of marry play; Little feet that jumped at will Lie all pink, and warm, and still,

See us! how we lightly swing Hear us! how we try to sing Welcome Christmas, heel and too! Come and fill us ere you go!

Hero we hang till some one nimbly Jumps with treasure down the chimney— Blees us.! How he'll tickle us, kunny old St. Nicholas! —Hearth and Home

#### THE QUEER CUSTOMER.

A CIRUST WAS STORY.

In a shabby little shop in a shabby little mreet, a man sat satching away as if for dear life, by the light of a single candle The name of John Todd was over the door, and John Todd himself it was who sat upon the shopboard, keeping time to his numble needle with an occisional snatch of a song. If there had been a snatch of a song. If there had been a song of the trowsers, as well as of the shirt, he might with great propriety have sung that, for it was on a pair of those garments that he was employed. As it interrupted by the arrival of the queer was, however, he did not confine himself—customer himself—He was an elderly genus and the sang a state of the sang as the sang a state of the sang as th to any one particular includy, but saug averse of one and then a verse of another, as the fancy took him. Immediately above him hung a disreputable looking old blackbird in a wicker cage who listened to the performance with an air of grave attention, as one who was qualified to be critical, and occasionally gave an encouraging chirp of applause. The singer was a merry little man, no longer young, but still lithe and active; with twinkling gray eyes and a cheery smile which it was pleasant to look upon.

which it was pleasant to look upon.
On the present occasion he had just got through "Jock o' Hazeldean," and the "Banks of Allen Water" (which the blackbird applauded immensely), and had begun "Mary of Argyle," when the shop door suddenly opened, and pulled him up short in the very middle of a very effective shake The person who entered was a short, stout individual, with his hat very far back on his head, a pen behind his ear.

"Then, why the dooce ain't you fusedly.
"Then, why inquired Mr Sprague, "Don't mention it." ready?" aniably inquired Mr Sprague, lapping the floor victously with his fat cotton umbrella "You're aweer, I suppose, that to morrow's Christmas day; and you're also aweer that to awoid unpleasantness at a gay and festive season, I collects the rents the night before. Then why ain't you ready "
"To tell you the truth, sir," said John

humbly, "I've had a disappointment this morning-a little account I was to re-

"Yah!" said Mr Sprague savage-"Yah!" said Mr Sprague savageiy. "That makes five on 'em, allbeen disappointed of a little account. Gammon! Now look here, Mr.
Todd. This is Toosday. I'm a man of
my word, and if the rent ain't ready Thursday, brokers is the word. I've had trouble
enough with you, and I ain't goin' to, no
longer. So now you've got it."

"I'll do my endeavors, Mr. Sprague,"
said John Todd humbly. "But which
way I am to turn to find the money, the
'Lord only knows!"

hand. "Very indiscreet of me-I beg fear. What's your time? One o'clock-

nand. "Very indiscreet of me—1 beg pardon, I'm sure"
"Don't mention it, ma'am!" replied John gallantly. "It's of no consequence Yes, I am rather busy, Miss Pinnifer They're for a Mr. Brown,—au old gentleman who came in last Thursday. He ordered a suit of black and said he'd fetch lem lumself this evening and I'm a luttle. 'em himself this evening, and I'm a little behind, you see."

"Ye-es!" Miss Pinnifer had a habit of saying "Yes," when spoken to, irrespective of anything in particular. She used the word to indicate various shades of feeling; word to indicate various shades of teering but in a general way it was expressive of a mild surprise and admiration which encouraged the speaker to proceed. Mr. Todd proceeded accordingly.

"I hope he won't come just yet, for I've are night on two hours' work to finish the control of the strength of the second strength."

"Well, that's settled," said the stranger.

"And now I've got some little matters of business to attend to, so I'll wish you a good night. Good evening, madam. Don't distress yourself about the trowsers, Mr. Todd."

With these words the unknown de

job. He's a queer customer, very. Never saw him before in my life, and he comes and sits down in that very chair, and talks and asks questions as if he had known me ever since I was so high? All about the children and Milly and everybody—" "Strange!" said Miss Pinnifer. "Can

it bo? Yes, that must be it!" "Eh?" said Mr. Todd, inquiringly.
"Now, mark me!" said Miss Pinnifer, laying a rather bony finger impressively upon the queer customer's trousers. Mr.

Todd marked her accordingly. "Did he ask anything about me?"
"I don't remember that he did," replied

Mr Todd,
"I dare say not Indeed, that rather confirms my previous dea I know their ways, Mr Todd"

"I bog your pardon, ma'am," said John, in much bewilderment "Whose ways might you be alluding to?"

I haven't the smallest doubt that I am at this moment the object of a private inquiry. You must know, Mr Todd, though I don't often mention' it, that I'm engaged in a Chancery suit, and the defendants are horribly wicked people. They've done it before, I know they have. Not content with keeping my poor brother and myself out of our property they Not content with keeping my poor brother and myself out of our property, they have us watched and annoyed in every possible way. You'd hardly imagine the number of lodgings we've been to, Mr. Todd, and the people were always so polite and friendly at first, and atter a few weeks they quite changed, and were quite rude and unpleasant. They'd been set against us by the detectives, you know. It was allivery'well to say it was the two or three wecks' rent we might be owing, but I knew better than that. And now they've traced me here. Dear, dear, what shall I do?"

a very good-natured expression of counte-nance, and certainly did not look like a detective. As he entered the shop, Miss Pinnifer dropped her veil, and drawing herself up to her full height af four feet

"Well, Mr Todd, and how do you do to night? Am I too early for my little matter of business?"

"Well, sir," said Mr. Todd, "I won't say but what I'd rather you'd have come an hour later. The coat and waistcoat have been done some time, but the trous—

"Well, mr Todd, and how do you do dare say not a mourse of the afternoon, eh, Milly? No, this is quite a stranger; quite the gentleman, too, I can tell you."

"But what makes him want to come an hour later. The coat and waistcoat here, then, father?"

"Well, my dear, that's more than I can toll you. except that he said he was a have been done some time, but the trous—
(Mr. Todd remembered the modest presence of Miss Pinnifer)—the other garments are not quite finished "
Never mind, Mr. Todd, it's of no

to answer, and could only

The stranger, answering rather the spirit than the letter of his words, continued—
"To morrow's Christmas day.

"To morrow's Christmas day. For twenty years past I've been a wanderer on the face of the carth, and this is the first Christmas day, during all that time, I've spent in England. I have no friends, not so much as a dog or a cat, and I don't like the idea of spending Christmas by myself. Will you take compassion on me, Mr. Todd? You've a Christmas face, and I've a notion I could enjoy Christmas very well in your company. Will you take compassion on a lonely old, man, and let him spend to-morrow with you and your family?" your family

John Todd was in much perplexity. His warm heart felt for the lonely stranger, by whose frank address he was much prepossessed. On the other hand, there was Miss Pinnifer's statement, and John could not quite get rid of a vague apprehen-sion that the stranger might, if admitted

very good."
""This light and her brother reside in

the house, sir, and ther orothog, reside in the house, sir, and they were going to club their Christmas dinner with ours, if you have no objection."

"Objection 'I, my dear Todd 'you forget that I'm only a visitor Objection' cutainly not The more the merrier, I say." Madam, your most obedient "

Miss Pinniter relayed so far as to cour tesy with dignity, still, however, keep and her must available for defence, if neces

"Well, that's settled," said the stranger

With these words the unknown de parted, leaving Mr. Todd and Miss Pinni-

Mr Todd wished her good evening, and dived into a small parlor behind the shop, where his daughter, Milly, sat sewing, with three younger brother Todds, making the branch, girl, and rum with one of ginger with three younger brother Todds, making the branch, girl, and rum with one of ginger with the Todds and the branch with Todds and the branch with Todds and the branch one of ginger with the Todds and the branch of the basket, which Todds are the branch of the basket, where the branch of the basket, which Todds are the branch of the basket, which Todds are the basket, which Todds are the basket, which Todds are the basket, which being investigated, proved there was still a layer of some thing solid at the bottom of the basket, where his daughter, Milly, sat sewing, with the basket, where his daughter, Milly, sat sewing, with the pasket, which being investigated, proved to constitute the basket, where his daughter, Milly, sat sewing, with the pasket, which being investigated, proved to constitute the basket, which is the basket that the basket th

ing more or less noise, around her.

Milly fould deserves a paragraph all to hersell, as the pleasantest possible specimen of a good little English girl. She was not a beauty, but better than a beauty was not a beauty, but other than a beauty in the possession of the more lasting comenness which is derived from a bright smile, a sweet temper, and a pair of clear, earnest eyes, made none the less expressive by the near neighborhood of a saucy little retrouse nose. Her wavy brown heir but not a place and here hair had not a ripple out of place, and her plump little figure was encased in a wellfitting dress, which, though it bore the marks of long service, was neatness itself. "But are you quite sure—"
"O dear, yes, certain. It's been going on for a long time. There was a pale church time last Sunday I thought at the time it was only rudeness, but no doubt he had his instructions"

At this moment the conversation was interrupted by the arrival of the queer interrupted by the arrival of the queer in the time it was not at fact, and filly was one of them.

John Todd entered the room in a high fairy tale."

"And We had to long service, was neatness itself. Only and mix of the altogether,—but that is precisely what you would have wished to have done, or, if you did not you must have had very bad taste indeed. There are some women one always wants to kiss the time it was only rudeness, but no doubt he had his instructions."

John Todd entered the room in a high had better shad better shad

"Why, father dear, what ever is the matter

"Matter enough, my dear. Here's a gentleman coming to spend Christmas day with us. Invited himself, and accepted with thanks."

"He won't have much of a dinner, then,

"He won't have much of a dinner, then, six, faced the intruder with excessive dignity. The stranger politely raised his hat to the lady, and then turned to John Todd

"Well, Mr Todd, and how do you do to night? Am I too early for my little matter of business?"

"He won't have much of a dinner, then, father, dear; but he's welcome. Let me guess who it is,—not old Mr. Bellamy?"

"No, my dear, it isn't old Mr. Bellamy, nor young Mr. Collins cither, though I dare say he'll find his way here in the course of the afternoon, eh, Milly? No, which is so nite a stranger; outle the gentle.

tell you, except that he said he was a stranger and had no friends, and that he thought from my face that he could spend

we must make the best of it you got?"

"Well, father, I've a nice bit of beef,

and Miss Pinnifer is going to bring some sausages. I'm going to make a pudding, but it'll be only a kind of a make believe to please the boys. They wouldn't believe to the believe to be the boys. it was Christmas, you know, without the pudding. It isn't much of a dinner to set before a visitor, father."

set before a visitor, father."

"Never mind, my dear," said her father.

"I wish it was more; but we must make it do. Make the pudding as good as you can. Let me see. I know I haven't much in my pocket—only eightpence. Well, my dear, overy little, helps I shan't want my half-pint of beer to-night,", "Dear old father? No, no; you're not going without your supper, sir, I can tell you. for any anount of grand visitors.

you, for any amount of grand visitors. I know what I can do. I ve got half a crown up-stairs that I had put by for

crown up-stairs that I had put by for something else, but it doesn't matter, and that will help us out capitally."

With a bright smile, though with a little choking at the throat (for the half crown had been saved by pennies to buy a necktie for a certain Oharley. Collins, whose lacquaintance we shall make hy and by); Milly rose to seek her hoard; but her father stopped lier.

"No no deer keep votry mount was

ically "I wonder what's in it;" said John Todd, junior. "I hope it's something to eat," said Tommy Todd, an epi cure of nme, Willie Todd, aged six, sucked his thumb and said nothing Prob

ably he thought the more
"Hadn't you better open it, and then you'll know all about it?" fild John

Todd, "Dear old father," said Milly; "he's

always right So we will."

John Todd, junior, produced a knife, and the hamper was speedily opened. The first glance revealed nothing but straw, and the hearts of the youthful Todds sank almost to zero. But the straw was suickly removed and the year. straw was quickly removed, and then was revealed, first a most remarkable turkey, —a turkey, if possible, inconveniently stout, with a red ribbon round its neck and a rosette on its breast. Second, a roasting With these words the uuknown de parted, leaving Mr. Todd and Miss Pinniter dumb with amazement. The latter recovered her speech first, with the observation, "Did you ever" Mr. Todd looked at her for a few moments At last he ejaculated, slowly and distinctly, "No, I never!"

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"Well, "and Mr. Todd.

"There's more in this than meets the eye," said Miss Pinnifer.

"Yoil still think, ma'an—"

"Well, no, not entirely. I must say I expected to see quite a different style of person. But there's no knowing. I shall be on my quard"

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"You don't think, ma'am—"

"Yes, I do; I do, indeed, Mr. Todd I haven't the smallest doubt that I am at this moment the object of a private inquiry. You must know, Mr. Todd wished her good evening and interested in thing solid at the bottom of the hasket."

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"I'll say good night, then," said Miss private inquiry. You must know, Mr. Todd wished her good evening and thing solid at the bottom of the hasket. were there. A noble packet of the was the Milly, conceiving that his counsels would next thing that came to hand, and then a probably be of greater value than her sist of a splendid plum cake, and bottles of brandy, gin, and rum with one of ginger wine. The little Todds executed a pres de all sorts round the hampers in a perfect ecstacy of delight, and Milly and her father, though less demonstrative in their transports, were hardly less excited. Be-fore they had recovered from their fresh surprise a scuffling was heard outside the door, as if something was rubbing against it. Milly opened it, and found outside a boy, whose face was just visible over an enormous bundle of holly and mistletoe.

He struggled into the shop with his bur-den. "Please 'm, Mr. Brown's compli-ments, and thought you might like a little 'olly and miz for the Christmas decoration's, O my! ain't it prickly neither." Whereat Whereat he dropped it in a heap on the floor and disappeared. "Now, father dear," said Milly, "you

had better shut up the shop—I'm sure you won't be able to do any more work to-night. Isn't it wonderful?—just like a

"And Mr. Brown's the good fairy!" said John Todd "Isn't he a noble gentleman? We'd, I think'I'll shut up, cear. He said he wasn't in a hurry for the things, and I don't feel as if I could bring my mind down again to trousers to night." mind down again to trousers to night

"That's a dear old daddy," said Milly. "And now then you shall have your beer and your pipe, and sit in the corner, and see us put up this lovely holly. Isn't it beau-tiful! What a dear old gentleman Mr. Brown must be! I declare I quite love him already!"
"Hallor!" said Mr. Todd, what'll

Charley Collins say to that?"

Milly rushed at him, and shut his mouth

with a kiss.

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"Be quiet, do, you wicked old man, that's quite a different thing, you know it is." And she forthwith began, with the assistance of her brothers, to decorate the homely room with the Christmas evergreens. It was worth a day's pay to anybody (say the Lord Chancellor, as his wages are tolerably good) to see Milly's lithe little figure stepping from chair to chair, or standing like a lively little statue, on the ricketiest of tables, her arms held high above her head, and her dainty little short in the very middle of a very effective shake The person who entered was a short, stout individual, with his hat very far back on his head, a pen behind his ear, and a parchment covered note book in his hand.

"Well, Mr. Todd," said he, showing the while the end of a stumpy pencil; "ready for me I suppose."

The little tailor's cheerful countenance fell, as he replied—

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gloves to cover their frost-nipped hands, the blazing fire; do honor to the dainty cheer, and pass round the rare old wine.

But little they know of Christmas who' think to win its magic gifts of light and life and joy by such means only. A single spark, lit by your bounty in a poor man's hovel, shall shed a warmth that the roaring fire in your own mansion cannot give—a warmth that goes straight to the heart. The frugal meal, spread by the rich man in the poor man's house, shall be note to the given a cruetar source for bring to the giver a sweeter sense of en-joyment than the most sumptions ban-quet spread for self alone Happy he who

quet spread for self alone Happy he who has found the golden key—who knows, and uses the knowledge, that the treasures of Christmas happiness are reached through Christmas charity.

The whole of the Todd family woke up in a thoroughly Christmas state of mind, and the younger members (as might, perhaps, be expected, considering the nature of their dreams) with a perfectly free-

"No, my dear; no, I think not. In a case of-of this kind, I don't think he would be a judge. I want to know, dear, whether I look best in my black, satin spencer and pink muslin skirt, or in my Stuart tartan. Take time to consider, my dear.'

dear."
"They're both very nice," said Milly.
"The tartan for choice, I think." "Do you, dear? Now I was thinking, do you know, that the tartan was rather—rather old-looking.' One doesn't want

to make one's self quite a middle-aged person, you know, dear."

"Of course not," said Milly; "lut I always thought the tartan so very becoming. What makes you so particular today?"

"Well, dear, I really hardly know how to tall you. But wa only never learn bears.

well, dear, I really narray know now to tell you. But we girls never can keep our little, secrets, can we?"—the dear creature was fifty if she was a day—"the fact is —!!'s—it's on account of Mr. Brown, dear."

Milly looked at her inquiringly, but with

a roguish twinkle in her eyes. The old lady continued,—
"The object of Mr. Brown's coming my dear, is, as you are aware, enveloped in mystery. He must have an object, you know, and I have reason to imagine—strong reason, I may say—that that object is myself."

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"Youdon't say so!" said Milly. "Pray accept my best, congratulations. Has he declared his intentions?"

"Well, he, dear, I can't say he lists expectly declared his say."

actly declared himself, in words at least; but if you had only seen how he looked—you couldn't mistake his expression, my

you couldn't mistake his expression, my dear. He looked at me with a positive smile, quite lover-like, Lassure you. And then he insisted on coming to dinner."

"Well, dear, I'm sure I'm very pleased," said Milly. "We've all been puzzled to account for his wanting to; come, and I dare say that's it. You won't forget old friends when you are a grand lady, will you?"

you?"
"I haven't accepted him yet, my dear," "I haven't accepted him tyet, my dear," said Miss Pinnifer, "and I shan't either, the first time of asking. It doesn't do for a girl to make herself too cheap He'll have to be very attentive, I can tell him, if he expects to have any chance with me. O dear! O dear! he's beginning to burn!" The last words referred to the turkey,

which was under Miss'Pinulfer's especial care, and which she forthwith began to baste violently. "I'vo had a good deal of attention in my time, you see, my dear, so perhaps I think the less of it on that account." It isn't to be expected, you know, with my experience, that I should be dazzled, by a Mr. Brown, Isn't he fat, dear?" [4] he?" said Milly; "I haven't seen him, you know."

him, you knoy.",
"Not seen him!" said Miss Pinnifer.
"What do you, mean?, My, dear, Hawas speaking of the turkey."
"Oh!" said Milly.mas. 1, 735 [1] to

The conversation was interrupted, the return of the party from church. ¡The younger Tolds were found considerably in the way of the cookery, till Milly hit on the happy expedient of sending them to the baker's to fetch the pig. Forthwith they departed, with pig written plainly on their countenances, and raced all the way to countenances, and raced all the way to the shop, upon the understanding that the tail should be the prize of the winner. Johnny, the eldest, as might have been expected, came in foremost, to the great grief and discouragement of his brothers, till he magnanimously promised them that till he magnanimously promised them that had acone with it. Lather impressions the had acone with it. Lather impressions they had set out, the trio returned from the bakers. Johnny and Founty Todd carrying the dish between them. Willy, the youngest, much wanted to carry the covery the covery the covery the covery that the covery the covery the covery that the covery the covery the covery that the covery the covery that the covery that the covery the covery that the covery the covery that t



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#### THE NEW YEAR, 1870.

Another year has opened upon us-Another twelve months has been added to the short space alloted to our lives Time waits for no one. The rich and poor alike come under his finger. Life is but short at best. The Sun that shines upon us to day living and well, may shed his light upon us a corpse, to morrow Many now rejoicing with hearts glad cery the numerous gifts and remembrances from kind Parents and friends, may be launched into eternity ere another holiday

O! how sad indeed to think that perhaps before another year rolls about, some loved one may be taken from us; some hearth left desolate from the abus; some hearth left desolate from the absence of a cheerful voice. "The old must die, and the young may die" is a truth that comes near to us, a reality too solemp, for a mere thought.

How have we improved the past year ? Can we say that our aim has been a good one? That the "golden rule" has been adopted as our motto? That hearts have been gladened by our presence? That the poor, the sick and the needy remembered? Can any speak of the joy, the heartfelt pleasure derived from following the good maxim "better to give than to receive"?

Ah I this is a selfish world in which we live. We are all too anxious for our own good; too avaricious for wealth, power and fame; too desirious for that which "lasteth not". We forget that naked we came into the world, and that in a like manuer we shall take our departure. Or that nothing of all this pomp, show and vanity can go with us; that the space we now fill, will soon be occupied by others and our name be forgotton in the things of the past.

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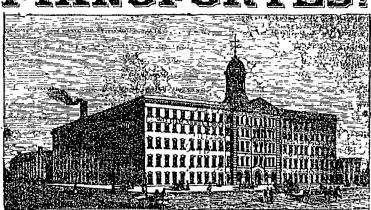
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