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**HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Siding down the bairns,  
Bouncing through the hall,  
Tearing over carpets and stools,  
Jumping when the bell toll:

From the nursery dancing down,  
Little folks so gay,  
Happy New Year! said they cry.  
Hurray for New Year's Day!

Such a fitter as they make,  
Such a summer day,  
Bouncing through the breakfast-room  
Like a swarm of bees!

Lingered here to watch a kiss,  
Happy New Year, every one!  
Or they scamp'd them.

Out they down in they run,  
Old and young, poor and poor,  
With the greeting sweet.

Every face smiles back the wish:  
Every face grows bright,  
Covered with a smile their pain  
In the blessed Easter.

Beaming from the children's eyes;  
And with them they say,  
Happy New Year, every one!

Leaping over hand and hand,  
Blowing the radishes cry,  
As we greet with smiles the New  
And bid the old good-bye!

*Uncle's Companion.*

**A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

New Year's Eve came to the Town of A— in the garb it usually wears in Louisiana—neither warm, nor cold; neither stormy nor clear, but a disagreeable between; made up of mud, sand, and every degree of sloppiness, uncomfortableness. New Year's in the "Creole State" is the first transition between the mild, delicious fall and the rains and mitigated colds of winter. So, on this debatable land, as on any other debatable land, a conflict wages between the two conflicting powers.

But the mud and drizzle were for outside. Inside the house in A—, where we introduce our young readers, all was light, and warmth in a comfortable sitting-room. Such a cosy circle as was assembled there! Mr. Cunningham, the owner of the house, his wife and three children, Edmund, about fourteen, Amy and Herbert; the sister of Mr. Cunningham, Mrs. Stanford, who was spending the Christmas holidays with her brother, with her three children, Ralph, Guy and Emma, about the same age as the Cunninghams.

It was a merry crowd, but the noise and fun reached its acme when midnight struck, and each of the young folks rushed to the hall door, to be the first to open it and let the New Year in.

Amy, light and fleet-footed, was the first, and, calling out, "Hurrah! the good luck of the New Year is mine!" she threw open the door, and almost fell into the arms of a gentleman who stood just outside.

He walked rapidly into the midst of the excited crowd, evidently a traveler, with a shaggy great coat up to his ears and waist in his hands.

There was a pause, and then a joyful cry, as the light fell on his face.

"Uncle Guy," said Uncle Guy was almost smothered by the embrace of the little ones.

"Oh, uncle, we thought you were in Japan!" cried Edmund.

"So I was, until I started for home, my boy. You didn't want me to stay there forever, eh?"

There was a universal chorus, "No, no! we always want you at home, uncle."

"I found him," cried Amy, "and it's my right to lead him into the parlor and astonish them there! So the cavalcade took up its march again, Amy and Uncle Guy at the head. With a flourish, Amy threw open the door, crying out:

"See what the New Year has brought us!"

There was a cry of delight and surprise, and as much excitement in the parlor over the arrival as the children could have desired. Mr. Cunningham, as he shook his brother's hand, said,

"Surely, now, Guy, you're going to settle down among us for a while."

"Oh, I'm a vagabond by nature, William!" he laughed. "But I'll soon be too old to wonder, you know. When that comes about, I'll find my home near you, rest assured."

As Guy Cunningham had said, a passion for travel in remote and unknown countries had possessed him from early youth. Rich enough to indulge it, free from any nearer ties than his brother and sister, the great portion of his life had been spent in foreign countries. Genial and generous, with a mind of thorough culture, and governed by strong underlying principles, he was beloved as much as he was admired.

But with Guy Cunningham's aspect to the world, at large we have nothing to do. To the children he was simply the dearest and most delightful of men. Such an intoxicating atmosphere of adventure, and wonderful escapes, and incredible heroism, always seemed to hang around him. He was their hero none the less because he often seemed to read their thoughts, and reproved their faults in a strange, quaint manner, peculiar to himself.

No matter where he went, he never forgot his six nephews and nieces at home. The children knew well, when a large trunk was brought into the hall, a few minutes after their uncle's arrival, that it contained presents for all of them.

Not were they mistaken. I will not enumerate all the strange and beautiful things which were distributed that night.

"You're a wizard, Uncle Guy, or you've got one of those magic mirrors you saw among the Indian jugglers," cried Emma, hugging and kissing him. "How did you know I wanted a hand-

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SATURDAY, DEC. 28, 1878.

A Merry Christmas to our readers.

Our Washington correspondent, in referring to the work of Congressmen says: "In long sessions, it is a noticeable fact that three-quarters of the time is utterly wasted; and then, at the end, important matters are often greatly hurried, and 'jamped.' So the accomplishment of as much necessary legislation is possible in three months as in six or ten."

Our Washington Letter.

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Washington, Dec. 24.—Congress has little time to waste this session. Hundreds of bills are on its hands and time given to political discussions and party debates is so much taken from the country's business, the settlement of which really needs all the allotted time. But notwithstanding the specifying on Blaine's resolutions, the manner of choosing U. S. Presidents, exchanging silver dollars for trade dollars, etc., Congress has been unusually industrious thus far, the House having passed no less than 4 appropriation bills in five days, with a promise from the Committee of the disposal of two more before the holidays. But should any number of the 69 working days before the Forty-fifth Congress be devoted to recriminations and personal contests the disgraceful result must needs be, as Mary Clemmer says, "Talkie I fightie! fightie! I fightie!" with the legal tender, the Congressional library, the river front, to say nothing of trade, industry, agriculture, and the animals left to their fate in the inglorious year of the patriots who bore their tongues so much more than their country." The investigation recently made by the Senate Committee on Territories have developed some remarkable facts to which Congressional attention will soon be called in connection with the proposed organization of the Indian Territory. It is not generally known, but it is nevertheless true, that there are now more than 9,000 negroes in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations who were formerly slaves and who, since the emancipation, have been invested with more of a citizen's rights and privileges but on the contrary, are debased from voting, holding office or obtaining an education. It is for their advancement and benefit that the influence of Congress will be petitioned.

The President remembered everything in his message, although many complain that he passed over some things with less emphatic mention than they deserved. But the most fault-finding gives him credit, at least, of forgetting nothing, from the appropriation of \$25,000 for Atty Gen. Darrow's use down to the mitigation of cruelty to animals and to the mitigation of Washington's quite unfortunate river-front.

"Was He Murdered?"

That is the question which has long agitated the relatives of the late chief engineer Collins of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad. It will be remembered that he was found dead soon after the Ashtabula horror, and it was claimed that he had committed suicide because of certain criticisms holding him responsible for the disaster. The Adrian Times says: "Some of his relatives doubted this, and the investigation of detectives who have been working up the case go to strengthen the belief that he was murdered. It is probable that the relatives of the dead man will offer a reward of \$10,000 for the apprehension of the murderers."

On Saturday, "I had heard," said a colored preacher, while enforcing the duty of liberality "on his congregation," of many a church what had died before it got away to little for the Lord, but I never heard of any what died before it got away too much. If any of you know of any church or die kind, what died from liberality, tell me where it is, and I will make a pilgrimage to it, and by de soft light of the pale moon I will crawl upon its moss-covered roof, and write upon its topmost shingle: Blessed art thou dead who die in the Lord."

A pair of fun-loving young people of Saugier were married in jest, but it happens that the man who married them was a justice of the peace, who says he was in real earnest—and now the couple are "in a pickle." It is alleged that the girl thinks it is all right but her husband does not.

On the night of Dec. 15th, a woman was stabbed in bed at Fremont, Ste. Genevieve Co. but is thought to be recovering. No cause is known for the deed.

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SARAH H. LITTLE,  
Northville, Mich., Dec. 10, 1878.

Home and Vicinity.

Good sleighing Christmas. A vacation has been given the scholars of the union school this week and next.

The wife of John Sands, has been very sick for two or three weeks with congestion of the lungs.

A glass of milk taken on going to bed at night will assist you in over coming your sleeplessness.

For a week past the weather has been extremely cold, the thermometer reaching 3 degrees below zero.

The employees in the moulding room of the M. S. F. company stopped work Wednesday and Thursday.

Northville hasn't a saloon within her corporate limits. Unhappily Northvilleans!!—Milford Times.

L. Cass Woodman, of Michigan University, is home on a vacation. Chas. Clements of Ann Arbor is also in town.

The temperance orator, John B. Clark, will talk to the people of this place New Year eve, at the Baptist church on "To and fro in London."

G. B. Renslow, the lather, of late working at Bancroft, Shreveport Co. was kicked in the jaw by a horse some three weeks ago at that place and has been laid up since.

Louis Safford of this place brought suit against Theodore Closser, for threats upon his life. Justice Lowden brought Closser in guilty and placed him under \$300 bonds for 3 months.

This is money, and you will save time by using the New American Sewing Machine. It is self-threading and has a self-setting needle. Try it, and you will buy it.

The folks here, or rather those who had a horse and cutter, or either, enjoyed Christmas as well as could be expected. The youth had plenty of and was just pleased enough for sleighing.

The Michigan State Press Association met at Lansing Jan. 7th. After a business session the members will visit the Agricultural College, Reform School and other points of interest, besides looking over the new Capitol. Of course the Ricard will have a representative at the meeting.

Leave your bedroom window open an inch or two summer and winter. It will do you good. If the snow does drive in a little what of it? If a draught is made by doing such a draught of air will infuse vigor into your lungs and you will arise in the morning refreshed and invigorated. Have fresh air by all means.

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A little daughter of Sandusky K. log, died Sunday of diphtheria.

Auctions.—Bills left this office this week for auctions as follows: for John Hazen on "Ever Hazen farm," Friday Jan. 18th, with David Moreland, auctioneer; another for M. R. Holley, on late Stephen Rodgers estate in Farmington, Tuesday, Dec. 31st, 1878, John Collins, auctioneer.

Charged Hand.—The Ambler-Cady-Upton house has again charged hands and as usual will bear a new name. J. T. Ires, of Detroit, formerly proprietor of the Franklin House in that city, and has evidently filled for that line has secured the house. It is his intention to keep a bar, but will do so only as necessity.

DESTITUTE SIDE WALK TAX.—It is understood that the Treasurer of the village is to be ordered by the Board to do his duty, and enforce collection of assessments made for some years past and unpaid side-walks. The liability for the tax are to be sold for that purpose unless payment is made directly. The fact that the assessments regular in the amount of 1 cent less so far as doubtful there was any such liability presents the question of law.

### STATE NEWS.

At the recent Dairy fair in New York for the best cheese, premium was awarded to A. D. Powers, Lewis, John Verner, Farmington, N. Y.

To Teachers.

At the request of a lady subscriber we publish the following:

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### An Extensive Traveller.

Among the readers of the Record are but a few who pride them selves upon their knowledge of the world as acquired from experience and personal observation; having traveled from Maine to California, in "early times," and made the "grueling tour" in company with some notable or other, but perhaps our friend Harry Look, of Novi, is entitled to the distinction of having visited the greatest number of places, seen the greatest variety of people, and compassed the greatest number of miles, of any of them. Indeed, he challenges a record to compare with his. We give a succinct outline of his voyages in his own words, "I am an Englishman, some fifty years of age and emigrated serving her Majesty, in 1855. By enlisting in the Royal Marines, when I embarked on board a Man of War and sailed to Gibraltar, to Malta, and Constantinople. Also to the several ports in the Black Sea, Odessa, Scutaria, Balaklava, Sebastopol &c. At the close of the war I visited the Holy Land of Palestine, then to Malta, and to Cagliari in Sardinia, thence to Melilla, Western Ocean to Minorca, Cape Verde Islands, Rio Janeiro, Brazil to Faulkland, and thence to Valparaiso, Chile, San Francisco to Panama, to the Galapagos Islands, thence to China by way of Sandwich Islands and Hong Kong, Lacron Islands, to Hong Kong, China and East Indies, which voyage occupied about three years, when I sailed from Hong Kong to Mauritius, Isle of France to the Cape of Good Hope, to the Island of St. Helena, thence to Portsmouth, England." My next voyage was to Leith, Scotland, to Christiania, Norway, to the Downs of the Nancy, Dover, England, to Heligoland and near the mouth of the river Elba, to Elsinore, Denmark, and Copenhagen, to Stockholm, Sweden, to Portsmouth, England, thence to the Islands of Barbados, Dominica, Port Royal, Jamaica, Port au Prince, St. Domingo, West Indies, Bermuda, Halifax, Quebec, en route Grand Trunk for Windsor, Canada, thence up the Lakes St. Clair, Huron and Superior. When I sleuth my sword from active duty and would like to see the man who has seen more of this world than I have."

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Read Carefully.

Samuel Osborne, Springfield, says: I was affected with dyspepsia for nearly four years, my lungs becoming affected towards the last. I was induced to try the Stockbridge remedy. After using three or four bottles I feel much better and gained strength rapidly, my health improved steadily and rapidly, my head cleared, and I have been restored to health and strength, and am experiencing better health than for forty years before. I have been under treatment for a number of years, but never received any material until I used your remedy. A McKay, Tracy, N. Y. says: he was very ill with liver complaint, but used the Stockbridge remedy, and in a month was as well as he has ever been in his life. And I am now in better health than for forty years.

A. McLean, Tracy, N. Y. says: he has tried the Remedy for Liver Complaint and by repeated trials with great success. I have also tried it with great success. I have found it to be a great remedy.

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NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN.

### Chased by Wolf-Dogs.

We debated over black coffee until the last number of the concert in the plaza had ended in a flourish of trumpets, and then without further hesitation we entered streets and awoke world wide across the Campagna at midnight, through fever and damp, spits of the brigands and the sheep-dogs and the black holes that line the solitary road to home. It was twelve midnight when I mounted. The bell of some convent in the hills was calling the monks from sleep to prayer; the places was deserted; a few friends who had supped with us stood by us to the last, and we turned from them as they stood in the warm light of the cafe—the only light visible at that hour—and departed under a thick shower of benedictions. The long road wound down the hill between high walls and terraced gardens. From time to time we passed the wayside shrines so common in Catholic countries; broad bars of light fell across our path, for there was ever a lamp lit by some faithful hand and burning brightly at the feet of the Madonna. The way grew lonely. We set forth with songs, but our voices were lost in the immensity, the eternal silence of the vast and vacant land.

It came at last—a low growl, away off in the blackness of darkness; a long, hoarse growl that ended in a sharp and vicious yelp which was followed by a chorus of howls and barks that chilled the very marrow in our bones. "Aranti!" cried our guide, as he plunged the spurs into his horse's flanks and dashed forward into the night. We followed as best we could, followed madly, knowing not whether we went, but seeking to keep within sound of the hoofs that now thundered upon the road like hail. The wolf-dogs were upon us—monsters that guard the flocks in the Campagna and are the terror of all pedestrians, for in their case escape is impossible, and more than one mangy corpse has been found by the roadside in the morning, the partially devoured remains of some belated pilgrims whose only memorial is one of the small black crosses that are so frequent in some parts of Italy and mark the spot where blood has been accidentally or unlawfully shed. The air was filled with hideous yelps of the infested pack, and the whole Campagna seemed alive with monsters clamoring for blood. We plunged into the darkness, relying upon the instinct of our horses to keep the road. Once off it we must have fallen into one of the ditches that follow it at intervals, or have driven full speed against the low walls that border some of the manor-lands, and in either case our destruction was inevitable. I was following the party, bringing up the rear of the procession—Indian file—when suddenly everything went from under me, and in the next moment I was groveling among loose stones, with my horse vainly striving to regain his feet, at my side. The whole earth sank at that moment, and out of the chaos that followed came fearful voices, asking if I was hurt. I thought not, but before I could render this verdict a two-edged agony with cork-screw-fangs, through my arm—from the shoulder to the wrist, and then returned to the elbow, where it threw off its thousand red-hot tendrils and struck root forever and ever.

Meanwhile a pack of dogs, awakened by the clamor, bore down upon our quarter, and we were in danger of being intercepted, but with desperate haste we passed them just as they leaped the wayside wall and struck into the road, gnashing their teeth with rage, at the very feet of our horses. It was a narrow escape; one poor devil was struck by the flying heels of my horse and knocked endwise, and then we saw dimly the gray, shadowy forms slackening their pace. Gradually the whole tribe retreated, the noise subsided, and then came the grateful season of silence that ever crept into my life—Charles Warren Stoddard, in *Letter to San Francisco Chronicle*.

### How Balzac Worked.

The energy of will and patience expended upon twenty years of incessant composition, exhausted a naturally robust constitution. At various periods of his life he detained both food and sleep, with a persistence which could not fail to tell fatally upon the strongest physical powers; and, however ferile the brain which could produce, during the years 1827 and 1848, ninety-seven novels, and this without the assistance of a secretary or any help in the correction of proofs, it is a fact, although apparently a contradiction, that the work of composition was with De Balzac extremely difficult and laborious. It was not possible to him to unite literary industry with a normal and necessary amount of rest. For whole months together he would deprive himself of fresh air, writing steadily for sixteen or seventeen hours out of the twenty-four, his door closed to his most intimate friends, and every letter set aside unopened until such time as the work upon which he was engaged should be completed. His manner of composition was somewhat peculiar. Before writing a single line in his book he had arranged everything in his head—subject, plot, incidents, episode. He had fixed upon the spot where the scene was to be laid, and minutely settled how it was to be described. He had fixed everything in his mind with a tact peculiar to himself. It was his creation, solely his, and he would embellish it with exclusively jealous care. He had already drawn the likenesses of all the personages who lived in his imagination, and had endowed them with characteristic traits. He placed, dressed, adorned them—making them sit according to the role which he had assigned to each. All this before he had taken up a pen. Doubtless the work was uniform, but it existed. The pen with him was only a tool, a mere agent employed for masters of detail. At last he wrote; his

royal hand flew over the paper, and all in a breath he arrived at the end of his work. It was not yet the work itself, but it was a highly finished sketch. Upon this sketch he then began the toll of corrections and alterations, more labors than it is possible to conceive. Not only erasures in words and sentences, but whole chapters changed, suppressed or interwoven, for other chapters or new ones supplied which he might judge necessary to lead up to a change of incident, or to explain a passage which might otherwise be obscure. In this toil without end the pages would become a sort of shambles at cards which may be systematically arranged by a skillful hand while apparently mixing them together. A chapter prepared originally for the middle of the end of the work would be transferred to the beginning, while various others would undergo a contrary arrangement. New passages would have to be written in order to adjust these alterations in the *chasse* course of material. Fragments of incontestable value would be put in the background to make room for others which had been primarily dismissed. Such and such a description or scene, traced with excessive labor and care, would be cut to pieces of pared away like bits of marble—banished, recalled, then definitely abandoned—dry rot.

### How Gen. Gordon Convinced Himself He Was Alive.

At length a fifth ball struck Gordon full in the face, sed, entering his cheek, knocked him senseless. He fell, and for some time his prostrate body was wrapped in the smoke of battle. We hear from Gen. Gordon's own lips a story that is a metaphysical point, is exceedingly interesting. He says that when he fell he was utterly incapable of moving. He gradually began to think of his condition, and this is the hell dream, and half soliloquy that he carried on. "I have been struck in the head with a six-pound solid shot. It has carried away my heel. On the left side there is a little piece of skull left. But the brain is gone entirely. Therefore, I am dead. And yet I am thinking. How can a mad think with his head shot off? And if I am thinking, I cannot be dead. And yet no man can live after his head is shot off. I may have my consciousness while dead, but not motion. If I can lift my legs then I am alive. I will try that. Can I? Yes, there it is; lifted up! I'm all right!" The General says that every stage of this soliloquy is indubitably stamped on his mind, and that in his exhausted state the reasoning was carried on as logically as ever man reasoned at his desk. Doubt succeeded argument and argument dispelled doubt just as logically as could be. He says he will never forget with what anxiety he made the test of lifting his leg—with what agony he waited to see whether or not it would move in response to his effort, and how he hesitated before trying it for fear that it might fail and his death be thereby demonstrated.—*Illinoian (Oa.) Constitution*.

### Purifying Water.

Different waters, like different diseases, require different treatment to purify them; and all waters, no matter how impure they may be, can be made quite pure for drinking or other domestic purposes without distillation, providing the proper materials be used and sufficient time allowed the re-agents to act; but in many samples of water I have found distillation as the cheapest and quickest mode of purifying them. All filters in use that I am aware of only purify the water from solid impurities mechanically suspended in the water. The following is a description of a filter that I have often used, which purifies foul water from organic impurities held in solution as well as from suspended solids. Take any suitable vessel with a perforated false bottom and cover it with a layer of animal charcoal; on the top of that spread a layer of iron filings, boring or turning; the finer the better, mixed with charcoal dust; on the top of the filings place a layer of fine clean silexous sand, and you will have a perfect filter. Allow the foul water to filter slowly through the above filter, and you will produce a remarkably pure drinking water. Before placing the iron filings in the filter they must be well washed in a hot solution of soda or potash to remove oil or other impurities; then rinse them with clear water, the filings should be mixed with an equal measure of fine charcoal. If the water is very foul it must be allowed to filter very slowly. The deeper the bed of iron filings is, the quicker they will act.

The above is a simple, cheap and very efficient filter, superior to any other that I know of, and it has the advantage of being free to every one who chooses to make it. I have not taken out a patent for it, and I am not aware of any other person having done so; I think I am the only person who has ever used it.

The foulest ditch water, treated as above, is rendered pure and fit for drinking. I may mention that I have made it a practice during the last twenty-seven years to boil all my drinking water. It is the safest plan for a man moving from place to place. You can not always carry a filter and chemicals about you, but you can always manage to get boiled water. People talk about it being rapid and tasteless, but I am used to it and like it.—English Mechanic.

Mr. Lewis Swift, the Rochester astronomer, after a careful examination, has decided that during the recent eclipse four intra-mercurial planets were discovered; and that the two found by Prof. Watson are distinct from those discovered by himself. The fact, if it be so, cannot be verified during the lifetime of the discoverer, but he is willing that his belief shall be made a matter of record.

ECONOMY is wealth. Even the stove-pipes coming out with its last winter's soot.—Boston Transcript.

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