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THE NEW YEAR COMES!

There are bells to ring, There are songs to sing, There is good cheer everywhere; There are kin to meet, There are friends to greet, And the world is bright and fair, There are vows well meant, There is good intent, There are pledges brave and gay, There are eyes alight, There are faces bright— For it's New Year's day today.

There are griefs put by, There's a cloudless sky, That smiles o'er a waiting world, There are rosy dreams, On a hundred themes, And a flag of joy unfurled, There's a courage new, There's a purpose true, There are shadows passed away, There's a faith in prayers, And a soul that dares— For it's New Year's day today. —L. M. Thornton in the Mother Magazine.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY. To be perfectly just is an attribute of the divine nature; to be so to the utmost of our abilities is the glory of man.—Addison.

Evidently the Quincy girls, judging from the numerous engagements, had the little matter attended to this year so as to avoid suspicion in leap year, says the Quincy Journal.

France proposed to purchase fifty ships for its merchant fleet, but abandoned the plan as too costly and ineffective, yet there are some alleged statesmen in the United States who propose government purchase of ships.

In the center of Kildine, an island in the German ocean, is a curious lake. The surface of its waters is quite fresh and supports fresh water creatures, but deep down it is as salt as the greatest depths of the sea and salt water fish live in it.

The oil fields of Louisiana are proving unexpectedly rich. Near Vivian, which is near Shreveport, the Standard Oil prospectors struck a "gusher" of almost the first magnitude, and the gas pressure is so great that no way has yet been found of controlling it.

A feature of present-day London weddings where the bridegroom happens to be a fighter, is cake decoration symbolic of his branch of the service. Toy cannons done in sugar, aeroplanes or battleships of minute proportions are used, as the case may be.

Since the first of the present year the population of Bridgeport, Conn., has grown from 115,000 to 150,000, due to the war boom. Bridgeport is giving credit to Europe and not to the democratic administration for this prosperity. Prior to the outbreak of the war, it was suffering with all the rest of the country.

An increased demand for subsidiary coins, now manifesting itself, is attributed by Director of the Mint Woolley to greater prosperity among workmen. Silver for this work is bought at a price several cents an ounce below last year's and the mint has taken nearly 4,500,000 ounces of the white metal since August 1.

The owner of a granite cutting establishment in Los Angeles has successfully used the compressed air starter on his automobile for driving the pneumatic tools used in lettering on monuments. Air was conducted through hose from the air reservoir on the auto to the pneumatic tool and the plan worked admirably, saving considerable time and expense in the work of lettering on a monument standing in a cemetery far away from the shop.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon was conversing with a fellow member of the House one day during the opening week of congress, when the latter turned to the Illinois statesman and said: "Uncle Joe, I suppose you have seen your old friend 'Cy' Sulloway from New Hampshire, haven't you?" "Seen him," replied "Uncle Joe," "how in thunder could I help seeing him if he was anywhere here in the district." When it is recalled that the Hon. Cyrus Adams Sulloway looms up six feet and seven inches in his stocking feet and is the skyscraper of either branch of congress, then the aptness of former Speaker Cannon's remark becomes even more pertinent.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston says that "despite the greatly disturbed condition of the world for the last fifteen months, due to the war, agriculture in the United States prospered." To be correct, he should have said that by the aid of the war agriculture in the United States has prospered. Since the war began there has been an increase of 32 percent in the value of farm products, and this 32 percent is net profit to the farmer, assuming that he had previously been making any profit at all.

SAFETY FOR CHILDREN.

"Safety First for Children," is the title of a little book just issued by the Safety First Federation of America. It is a neat little thing in itself, but has behind it a most ambitious purpose, the conservation of human life. Very large effort has been expended in its preparation and it seems destined to have widespread influence throughout the United States.

The story tells of George Benton's visit to his cousin, Arthur, who lives in the city. George is a country boy, unfamiliar with the ways of the city. Through nine chapters one follows his experiences and observations in avoiding the things which beset the paths of dwellers in the city and he is so profoundly impressed with what he goes through and what he sees that he is impelled to do something to help other children out of similar difficulties. He conceives an idea, which is shown to be developing through the progress of the entire story and as it develops Arthur's curiosity continues to increase.

The great idea is finally disclosed in the last chapter, where George confides to Arthur his plan of compiling a set of safety first rules for children, and together they enter into the work. Their first draft is submitted to Arthur's father, who heartily commends the idea and makes suggestions and additions which the boys had overlooked. The list is finally revised and adopted by the boys is given at the end of the book.

Supplementing this general story and set of rules is a chapter on fire prevention by Robert Adamson, fire commissioner of the city of New York. In which is included a series of photographs showing a number of the principal causes of fires in the home.

There are also some jingles of the "Mother Goose" order and a few verses or adages or memory gems with the safety first flavor. All these being for the purpose of adding interest, variety and attractiveness to the general subject.

The book is attractively printed in four colors and with an illustration on very nearly every page. It is bound in boards, with paper cover of a serviceable color, intended primarily for school use.

HOSIERY INDUSTRY.

In a study of the hosiery industry of the United States, just completed by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, department of commerce, it is pointed out that since the war started there has been a great increase in the production of hosiery in this country, and that even before the war began there had been a steady increase of about 15 per cent annually for a number of years. One of the most noticeable results of the increased home production before the war started, was the rapid decrease in imports. From 1909 to 1915 imports of cotton hosiery fell off from \$8,400,000 to \$3,000,000, or over 50 per cent.

This report by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce is entitled "The Hosiery Industry," and is the second of a series of studies of the clothing industry, the first of which dealt with muslin underwear. The reports are prepared by the cost of production division of the bureau and are intended primarily for the assistance of congress when tariff legislation is being considered, the work of the bureau in this respect corresponding to that of a tariff board. The original intention in preparing the report on hosiery was to make a corresponding study of conditions in Europe, but the war rendered such an undertaking out of the question.

The report as it stands, however, serves the very useful purpose of demonstrating that the hosiery industry in this country is in a pretty sound and healthy condition. One of the most important reasons assigned for this satisfactory state of affairs is the excellence of American seamless hosiery. This style of footwear is distinctly American. The knitting machines used in its manufacture have been brought to their present state of efficiency by American inventors, and their use is confined largely to this country. No less than ninety per cent of the hosiery manufactured here is seamless. Low cost of manufacture is the main reason for its position in the market.

The more expensive hosiery is full-fashioned. That is, it is made of shaped or fashioned pieces which are closed by seaming and loping. It has a seam "up the back." While higher priced, it is more likely to fit perfectly. There was a time when all such hosiery came from abroad, and today practically all imported hose is full-fashioned. It is the product of the which European knitters concentrated while Americans were perfecting the seamless article. Of late years, however, the American mills have pushed forward even in this line. Between 1909 and 1914 the imports in hosiery fell off heavily, partly on account of the growing popularity of the cheaper seamless product, but partly also because of the fact that the American full-fashioned stocking was brought quite up to the level of its foreign

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Hundreds of Farms Dying.

[By United Press.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Rural planning which will do for the great stretches of the open country what city planning has done to preserve and extend the beauties and comforts of urban communities, was advocated before the American Civic society today by Prof. Frank A. Wright of the Massachusetts Agricultural college.

Country people in every state, he declared, are living in uncomfortable and inconvenient homes, using unsightly and inefficient roads and schools and dying of tuberculosis because there has not been adequate planning of country resources. "Why should anyone care for hydrangea paniculata grandiflora in the front farm yard," he asked, "while the side yard, where the family ought to live, is strewn with rotting farm machinery, the back yard reeks and the pestiferous well gives up water succulent with the drainage from the kitchen sink?"

California Snow is Melting. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 31.—Southern California's staple diet of sunshine was back on the job today following yesterday's touch of snow. Except where wagon-carted snow was melting in front of the theatres and cafes and snow-balls sold for ten cents each, the flakes had melted. Even traffic policemen bought snowballs and every purchaser hurled them at something.

The citrus crops were saved from frost. The nearest approach to a serious accident during the storm occurred when two Santa Fe trains crashed in the San Bernardino mountains during the blizzard which marked the storm's retreat into the hills.

The services were attended by a large number of relatives and friends, the church being crowded to its utmost, many persons being turned away as there was no room in the church. The floral offerings were many and beautiful, which went to show the esteem and respect held for the deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowenberg have returned to their home in Pulaski, after a pleasant visit with home folks. L. E. Barnes was a business visitor in Farmington Thursday.

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The funeral services of the late Dr. Geo. W. Steneker were held from the G. E. church Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 1 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Wm. Kreis, and the remains laid to rest in the G. E. cemetery north of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickson of Farmington were guests of Mrs. A. Shaw on Wednesday.

C. O. Starr is in town working for The Gate City. He greets his old friends with a smile and tells the good qualities of the best paper in the state. A happy reunion of the Johnson family was held at the old family home. C. E. Johnson and wife certainly served a fine Christmas dinner. His sister and all the brothers except Albert were present for the first time in twenty-three years.

William Shepherd lost a very valuable cow from acute indigestion, caused from eating frozen clover. Lester Saltzaver is home from Eldon for a visit. Bert Johnson is home from Des Moines. Mrs. Belle Lerena is home from Wyoming.

Floyd Yeoman was called to Fremont to assist in the revival meetings. Floesia Wells of Farmington high school, is home during vacation. Charles Keck who had his arm broken, is getting along nicely.

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