

FAREWELL, OLD YEAR.

Farewell, old year, we walk no more together...

I knew not then what precious gifts were Under the mist that veiled thy path...

I only saw the dreary clouds unbroken. I only heard the plash of rain...

O dear old year, I wrangled a father's kindness...

Good-bye, kind year, we walk no more together...

A NEW YEAR'S WEDDING.

Old Rafferty Plays an Important Role in a Conspiracy.

Bubble was bounding, and it was Christmas Eve in Bubble...

Under the gaslights flickering glare Down at the foot of the hallway stair...

Whoa-ah, that! Train must due, Tyn? Hope 'tis. O'ive a sort of a nice aboard-me cousin Molkie's child...

Without alighting he stooped over the side of the wagon and extended a big blue-mittened hand...

shoulder and sauntered off. Casting half-curious, half-stolid glances at the newcomer...

"An' how did ye have all the friends in Coolathole, Hanna? Is Father O'Flynn still parish priest? Dead! An' Tom Grady? A noise little boy Tom was...

"Something of shrinking came into Hanna's face, but she turned to him wholly questioning and innocent."

"Hanna didn't. Her full red lips were set in a stubborn line, but her eyes, genuine blue-gray Irish eyes they were, blazed with indignation."

church, the square solem school house, a couple of little box-like houses, then they were out of the town proper and driving directly northward...

"So this is Hanna!" She went up to her and kissed her. "How do you do, my dear? I'm tickled to see you. You are tired out, I expect. Is she like your cousin, Pat?"

"You remember William, don't you, Hanna? Mrs. Rafferty said, as from an adjoining room came a spruce, trim, dandified young man. He was dressed for the dance..."

"You're Hanna?" A girl stepped out and down on the platform. "Hi, there!" called old Rafferty. She turned at the sound of his voice and went toward him.

see Sarah Sheehy's daughter much when he was home? "His father told him if he spoke to one of our old boys in the farm, who was homesteaded before the Indians were out of Nebraska, to some one else."

"Should she tell? How he had spoken of her! Why not? "He wasn't ever away from young Sarah Sheehy while he was in Coolathole," she answered, deliberately.

"Hand it here!" roared old Rafferty. He was fairly furious, stamping, foaming. "A fit descendant she of Tim Sheehy—trying to investigate my son in my wife's face. Hand it here!"

"No, dear pa," the young girl replied. "She drew back from her lover's side, 'I'm only watching.' [This made 'em grin] 'The old year out and the new year in.'"

na! Be married on Twelfth Day. You an' Will can drive up to Father Kishalender at Hebron an' be back by supper. Not a word, Hanna; we'll show the Sheehys!"

The day after Christmas old Rafferty told his son he must marry Hanna. In vain the young fellow protested, entreated, refused. But his opposition added to his father's anger. If he wouldn't be sure he was disinherited—and the farm was worth \$5,000.

"Now, William, now! We'll let the Sheehys see—now! Thinkin' they could trap my son. I'm proud of ye, William! Shake hands! Good girl, Hanna! Ouch, but the Sheehys can't come any of their tricks over old Rafferty. He's too smart for them. The fight is still on. When ye say 'Oh, Hanna this is a happy day! You ain't changed yer name though you air married.'"

Will's voice had a peculiar ring. A silence fell on the gay crowd. Blandly old Rafferty regarded his son and heir. Was that the dandied and frowning young fellow who had driven off this morning that erect, laughing, glowing-checked young man? And was that forlorn and frightened and protesting Hanna? That lovely, smiling, crying, blushing, altogether happy and winsome little creature.

"What-a-d do ye mean, William?" "Oh, just that she did change her name—that's all! She was Sarah Sheehy, now she's Sarah Rafferty!"

course we did. That was the plan Father!" he held out his hand. The old man, with a will-eyed, dismayed look, at it in hesitation.

"But-but," he faltered, "she is Tim Sheehy's child, an' Tim he went an' married Sarah Comoly."

"Well," sharply cried Mrs. Rafferty, senior, so sharply old Rafferty jumped, "what difference did that make to you—oh?"

"O, none—none at all, Ellen Jane!"

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FIVE O'CLOCK TEA.

The fashionable chirography of the period is vertical. Souvenir caps and saucers have crowded out the spoons.

The stock collar has come to stay. The variety of them is infinite. Some of the winter hats must cause the dream-a-kind of enervated.

Women have adopted the shepherd's crook handle for their attenuated umbrellas. Women with hour-glass figures often suffer as much as did the early Christians.

The first building and loan association in the country was organized near Philadelphia in 1831. The first glass windows in Western Europe were made by a Greek in 518 for a church built by the Frank King Childebert.

The largest search-light in the world is now on Echo mountain, near Los Angeles, Cal. It is of 3,000,000 candle-power and can be seen for 200 miles. There are more than twenty counties in Ohio each with its county town in the center of the county, and as many more with county towns only a few miles from the center.

The population of the world, by the latest calculation, is estimated to be nearly 1,500,000,000, the greater half of which is contributed by our Asiatic brethren, who number about 800,000,000. The shipments of gold coin between the various states, territories and mints of the United States, etc., from March 1 to October 1 of last year amounted to \$147,907,500; the cost of transportation was \$93,451.

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AROUND THE MAHOGANY.

Epitaphs, like poets and artists, are born, not manufactured. To the average Bridget "a pinch of salt" means a whole bucketful.

It is Southern tradition that colored cooks are best to prepare oysters. Gastronomic scholars hold the wing to be the best part of the turkey.

Since colonial days the chafing dish has never been so popular as now. Closed baked, home made bread, in the English way, finds favor here.

It would be a good law allowing only hermits and sailors to eat onions. Genuine manufacture of codfish balls is one of the lost culinary arts.

In the matter of cornbeef and cabbage, enough is equivalent to a feast. Cabbage and cauliflower should not be cooked when company is expected.

Few can recite "The Raven" backward; fewer can properly make Walsay rarebit. In Our Great Grandfather's Time, big bulky pills were in general use. Like the "blunderbuss" of that decade they were big and clumsy, but inefficient.

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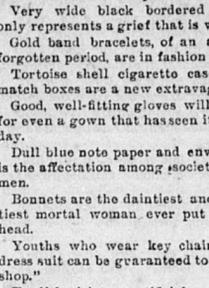
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Reading the Brief but Loving Epistle.

Fiercely he grasped his son's hand, fervently he shook it. "I-I hardly knew Sarah Comoly—just by sight, Ellen Jane—O, no, that made no difference at all."

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