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DANGER!

The sense of solidarity which goes with the conviction that one stands on terra firma is materially impaired when the truth is brought home to the stander's mind that the earth beneath his feet is not firm. Everybody has a meanly "creaky" feeling when skating on thin ice or when making his way over the thin crust of a volcano.

Yet the New Yorker of to-day really takes his life in his hands when he walks abroad. All the time explosive gas is churning along through the subways. When the conditions are placed, it breaks loose, and earth, piping, brick and pedestrians are mingled in the air, greatly to the detriment of all.

Nothing but care can help this, and this care is not half what it should be. Anybody with the sense of smell need only pass in the neighborhood of the trenches dug in the most crowded streets to realize what foul gases not only lurk beneath the crust, but are escaping. The stench is insufferable.

Warning is almost wasted in this town. Some awful disaster is the only argument which has any force. Some day when several valuable citizens have been converted into disagreeable remnants by an explosion from the street there will be a howl of indignation that things were not looked to.

Now is the time to look to them.

IF YOU PLEASE.

Will the kind-hearted men, women and children who have lovingly adopted THE EVENING WORLD'S Christmas Trees, and mean to nurture them, clothe them, and make their green boughs froan with presents for the neglected little ones of Poverty, please recall to mind that expedition in sending in their contributions is the order of the day.

Six halls are secured and six trees are to be equipped. The task of distributing the largest of loving hearts and generous hands among the graceful pines of this nursery is one of labor at the best. There are plenty of ready hands and cheerful hearts to do it all uncomplainingly. But why make the work harder than is at all necessary? If the contributions are sent in now the arrangements can be completed much more thoroughly and comfortably.

Do right away, good folk, what you wish to do, and thus be doubly beneficent.

HOOP-LA!

That little damsel with the flying feet, NELLIE BLY, is taking her geography lesson with the breathless interest with which she began it. She has struck Colombo, in the Island of Ceylon, two days ahead of schedule time. The dull drag of the Suez Canal chafed the little woman's soul, and she is fretting a bit, too, over the necessary delay of two days at Hong Kong, where she will have to wait that time for the steamer to Yokohama.

"Then a long, long pull, and a strong, strong pull" over the Pacific's waste of waters, and then—whizz across the breadth of her own dear land and the game young American girl will have finished her "assignment."

No sign of a break in NELLIE BLY. Bravo, NELL.

PROBE THE ABSCESS.

The Dock Board investigation reveals one of those virulent municipal sores which turn a healthy stomach by their feid and purulent accretions. But the fouler the sores, the more imperative the need to drain off all the loathsome pus.

Clear it out to the last drop. Disinfect it. Reduce the proud flesh. Close your nostrils and shut your eyes, but drive in the lancet and let the poison out. Ugh!

IS IT THE WORST?

An additional gloom is diffused over the Minneapolis horror, where seven lives were lost in the Tribune Building, by the discovery that the cashier of the Pioneer Press was an embezzler. It is rumored now that the fire was his work to destroy the books which betrayed his defalcations.

It is a terrible suspicion, and the matter should be thoroughly examined.

MWANDA, the deposed King of Uganda, has made a desperate effort to recover his throne. He was not wholly successful. In his downfall MWANDA has been kindly treated by the missionaries. Now he says if he recovers his throne they shall be welcome as teachers to his people.

It would be a melancholy bathos if EARL BRY, who has figured as an object of such interest for the world, were to be rescued from thrilling peril to perish by an after-dinner fall from a balcony. Let us hope that EARL rallies.

FASHION NOTES.

Miss Rockefeller delights in scarlet from the fire in her dark hair to the toes of her opera slippers. Fossilized gowns were worn by the Misses Ferry, Rogers, Taylor and Goodrich at the opera Wednesday night.

All an old-fashioned metropolitan society through long-handled opera glasses, the rolls of silver or wrought gold measuring nine inches.

Miss La Laney Kane has a coronet of diamonds, which she wears at the opera, containing 200 rare stones of blue and yellow light.

Every Christmas Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt sends 100 dolls to the mission schools patronized by the Church of St. Bartholomew. She has them dressed at her own home by a number of poor needlewomen hired by the day.

# WILSON THERE YET.

## The Second Battery Captain First in "The Evening World" Contest.

### Major Kipp Keeps Steadily On in Second Place.

#### Col. Ruppert and Lieut.-Col. Moran Struggling Over Third Position.

The leader in THE EVENING WORLD'S National Guard Election is still Capt. Wilson, of the Second Battery, whose vote to-day registers 3,223 ahead of Major Kipp.

Col. Ruppert jumps on to third place with 2,172 votes, a firm grip on fourth position and puts him unpleasantly near his predecessor. Over in Jersey Capt. Kipp's friends are bounding him energetically. Even the local papers are exhorting their readers to vote for the popular Captain of Co. B, Seventh Regiment.

The stand which the successful candidate will receive is to be a most magnificent one. In the first place, it is to be made upon an extremely fine design, richly ornamented, out of the best material to be obtained.

The stand will be of the most imposing style, the handle and upright will be of iron of special design, polished and hand-chased, and will also be the mounting upon the pedestal, which will be of steel and highly polished, the upright will be either of mahogany or of eucalyptus wood, striped and lacquered, the design depending on the rank of the officer receiving it.

The shape of the stand will also depend upon the rank of the officer, or he is in the office it will be straight, and if a staff officer it will be a staff and curved in form.

A pedestal mounting of burnished and hand-chased metal on the upper part of the stand will be inscribed with the name of the winner, with his rank and regiment.

The stand will be manufactured by R. M. Whitlock, of 99 Fourth avenue, the well-known maker of military equipment, and this announcement of itself guarantees the best of material and workmanship.

Owing to the urgent request of members of different companies from the west and north of this State and New Jersey, it has been decided to continue the contest beyond Dec. 10, the time of the closing. Line notices will be given of the date when the contest ends.

The extension of time will give parties at a distance plenty of time to get their ballots, which they could not otherwise do on account of unavoidable delay in getting copies of the paper if they have not already done so. It will also send the following blank, properly filled, to THE EVENING WORLD:

NAME OF OFFICER.....

COMPANY.....

MY CHOICE IS.....

RANK AND POST.....

SIGNATURE OF VOTER.....

RESIDENCE.....

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# A BAG OF COPPERS.

## Kenneth Mead and His Schoolmates Help to Adorn the Christmas Trees.

### "The Evening World" Christmas Parties Will Be Great Successes.

#### Contributions to Increase the Happiness of Two Cities' Poor Children.

Preparations for THE EVENING WORLD'S Christmas parties are going actively on. In Brooklyn the Palace Hotel, on Belmont avenue, will be beautifully adorned, and the poor children of the City of Churches will be invited to our most delightful Christmas celebration.

In this city First Hall, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street and Third avenue, will be the center of attraction for Harlem's boys and girls. Contributions intended for the Harlem party may be sent to Mrs. John Allen, Hotel Hamilton, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Eighth avenue, Salvation Army Hall, 431 Seventh avenue, has been placed at THE EVENING WORLD'S disposal, and will be gratefully received. Others will be gratefully received at THE EVENING WORLD'S office.

Contributions of all articles that are applicable in charity of this kind will be gratefully received by THE EVENING WORLD. Ever thing in the line of apparel, or that would adorn or amuse or comfort children will be gratefully received. Show your goods could be put to no better use. If you wish to send to the office of attention to give an Evening World Christmas Tree Fund is reported as follows:

THE EVENING WORLD CHRISTMAS TREE FUND IS REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED..... \$804.40

TO THE EDITOR.....

J. Carey..... 1.00

P. Kelly..... 1.00

D. Egan..... 1.00

M. Finn..... 1.00

# Coughing

IS Nature's effort to expel foreign substances from the bronchial passages. Frequently, this causes inflammation and the need of an anodyne. No other expectorant or anodyne is equal to Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. It assists Nature in ejecting the mucus, allays irritation, induces repose, and is the most popular of all cough cures.

Of the many preparations before the public for the cure of colds, coughs, bronchitis, and kindred diseases, there is none, within the range of my experience, so reliable as Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. For years I was subject to colds, followed by terrible coughs. About four years ago, when so afflicted, I was advised to try Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and to lay all other remedies aside. I did so, and within a week was well of my cold and cough. Since then I have always kept this preparation in the house, and fear comparatively little. —Mrs. L. L. Brown, Danvers, Mass.

"A few years ago I took a severe cold which affected my lungs. I had a terrible cough, and passed night after night without sleep. The doctor gave me opium. I tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, which relieved my lungs, induced sleep, and afforded the rest necessary for the recovery of my strength. By the continued use of the Pectoral, a permanent cure was effected."—Horace Fairbrother, Rockingham, Vt.

## Ayer's Cherry Pectoral,

PREPARED BY Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all Druggists. Price 25¢; six bottles, \$2.

ing this modest boy brings from his school mates.

Hope with me, dear children, that the joys of the 20,000 little ones who dance about THE EVENING WORLD'S Christmas morning will find an echo in the heart of this sympathetic boy, and that the knowledge of their happiness may sweeten and brighten his own. Hope that ministering angels will have the little hand, broken and scattered by misfortune, in holy, happy keeping, and that the favoring gods may bestow the sweetest gifts allotted to mortals. Hope that the dear ones may be reunited, and that in the tide of coming years each Christmas may be merrier than the last.

I found, on interrogating him, that Kenneth has a boy's idea of what a Christmas tree should contain to be a success. His suggested books—a book for every boy—and wished he might select them and have a week to do it in so as to read them all. His choice is books on travel; after that history.

In toys, he thought every young gentleman should have an air-gun and about a target. Girls he didn't pretend to understand, but thought that girls and dolls should go together. His idea about "something to wear" will stand reproduction.

"It's no use telling children to be nice if they haven't anything to be nice with. Give a boy good clothes, shoes that fit and a collar and tie that will stay buttoned, and he will study better, learn more and get better than he will with a hundred lectures a day."

I wish this bit of wisdom might be taken under consideration by some of our readers. The boys are beginning to pour into the City and find the love coins and luck pennies are rapidly filling silver stockings and copper bags; but no one yet has contributed "something to wear."

We want hamper of clothes, frunks of small garments and trousseaus for toddlers, runabouts and young children.

Let us hear from you, dear little boys. As Kenneth says: "A penny sent much to give," but the pennies make the dollars, and the dollars will make merry for the 20,000 small creatures in New York and Brooklyn who are invited to the Christmas parties. NELL NELSON.

Having the advantage of ample capital and special trade facilities for purchasing watches in large quantities we can afford to offer at the above prices terms not elsewhere obtainable. Our assortment of watches includes the latest styles in pocket watches, wrist watches, and watches for the young.

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United States Savings Bank, 211 East 20th St., near 11th Ave., New York, Dec. 9, 1899.

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500 Elegant Cases and Mahogany Finish Top Parlor and Bed Room Sets, etc. For Sale at a Great Bargain. The sets are made of the finest materials and are the most beautiful ever made. They are sold at a great discount and are a real bargain. They are sold at a great discount and are a real bargain.

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