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SQUARE.

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THE RED-LETTER DAY AT HAND.

That boy who was marking off on his

calendar the days before Christmas

crosses of the last figures today. By

to-morrow he will have forgotten his

calendar. That one day will be sufficient.

His absorption in the joys of the then

present will be shared by a great host of

children, but among them all none will

be happier than the thousands who will

receive the glorious fruit of THE EVENING

WORLD Christmas Trees. Think of that,

that all you who have helped to load those

trees or who may yet lend your aid

within the brief hours left you for the

service. The thought must brighten

your own holiday and add to the cheer of

your Christmas festival board.

The campaign for the Tree Fund has

been a successful one. Near friends of

children and of THE EVENING WORLD have

responded nobly to the calls upon them.

Their responses, indeed, have not ceased

yet.

To all these friends may each twelve-

month for long years to come bring as

merely a Christmas as they will to-morrow

have brought to the little ones of this

great city's poor.

SUBJECT AT A GUN'S MUZZLE.

A singularly impressive story is re-

vailed in the course of the suit brought

by two Williamsburg physicians against

the husband of a woman patient. They

relate that while they were performing

an operation on the wife the husband sat

in a stumbring frame of mind, which

was little less than madness, holding a

loaded shotgun and threatening to take

the life of both doctors should they fail

to save the life of the sufferer. Only be-

cause the man grew weary and fell asleep

at his post did the physicians finally

escape from the house.

Such circumstances do not appear con-

ducive to deliberate and successful oper-

ations in surgery. The fact that all went

well in the case is something of a tribute

to the nerve and skill of the practi-

tioners. They were held in very thrilling

fashion to the strict responsibilities of

the occasion. It is not likely that they

would care to earn fees continuously un-

der such espionage.

As for the husband, the community,

while appreciating his solitude for his

wife's welfare, will be apt to decide that

he carried his zeal several points too far.

As a master of fact his act was more full

of menace to the sick woman than was

the doctors' instruments. He added a

remarkable page to the history of medical

practice, but at the risk of an unfortunate

ending to the operation in hand.

Know all absent-minded men by the

Christmas present which it has taken

Judge F. HENRY DUNO five days to re-

ceive, that the inside seat of a city cab is

always the most convenient safety

deposit place for a diamond necklace.

The Judge's wife, for whom the gift was

purchase, is to be congratulated that it

turned up in time for to-morrow.

A Baltimore man married a girl under

pistol persuasion, an angry father hold-

ing the weapon. A Niagara County girl

married a young man because he dared

her to do it. It is naturally the result

that both cases have come into the divorce

courts.

Dr. PETERS, of African adventure, is

boasting of his exploits in the line of

shooting natives. His record for one

day was 120 victims. He said 3

o'clock. Darker Africa is white beside

the soul of a man of such accomplishments.

Big Commissioner BRENNAN will get

nearly \$2,000,000 to keep clean the streets

belonging to a little less than two million

people for the coming year. So much

money and so much Commissioner ought

to be equal to the job.

The warmest Dec. 23d on record and

the grip doing its best to fulfil the terms

of the old legend about a green Christ-

mas and a fat graveyard. But life is

worth a Christmas living, despite all.

Some of the Chicagoans who sub-

scribed in haste for the World's Fair are

repenting at leisure as the subscriptions

become due. But the Fair must and will

be a 'go'.

MICHAEL DAVITT has met his Waterloo

at Waterloo. The unfortunate fact is

that the discussions in the Irish party

will not now be ended.

A jury has decided that EDWARD M.

FIELD is insane. His is the most method-

ical madness exhibited in New York in

many a day.

The grip, setting all the city a sneezing,

is yet an affliction not to be sneezed at.

Look out for your ounce of prevention.

YOUR LAST CHANCE

Subscribe To-Day to the Children's Christmas-Tree Fund.

Every Dime Brings Pleasure to Some Poor Child.

Happiness to Be Brought to Thousands of Poor Homes.

Nell Nelson Tells of Homes Where Holiday Joy Is Needed.

It wants just twelve hours of Christmas-

dear, delightful Christmas!

Are you ready for the merry day?

Are you a quiet ready?

Have you a green wreath to hang in the

window, a bough of mistletoe to tie on the

chandelier and a sprig of holly to stab the

pudding in the breast?

Is there a bunch of thyme to season the

goose, cranberries to garnish the turkeys and

a lemon to go in the juicy little roast pig's

mouth? You haven't forgotten the pint of

rum and pound of prunes for the snapple, have

you?

And you have a present for little sister, one

for brother, another for grandma, one for

father and at least two for loving, lovable

mother? And you remembered the hired

girl and the poor washerwoman, didn't you?

That's good!

Then as far as you can remember, you say

you are quite ready?

Ah! but memory is so treacherous. You

can't depend upon it. Two things it will not

let you forget—your grief and your neighbor's

indebtedness. Have you made arrange-

ments to manifest your Christmas dinner

and send copies of it to that patient, old

couple in the garret and the struggling,

starting family of young children in the basement

of the house—round the corner?

Forgot all about them, eh? That's too

bad.

Misery is doubly hard to bear at this

season of the year. It is awful to be sick, to

be destitute, to be out of employment, out of

food and fuel, to see all the rest of the

world in giving and getting ready for

changes. It is agonizing to look out the win-

dow and see crowds of happy people hur-

Co. will call for large packages in the

THE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes The Evening World, American Meter Co., etc.

Collected in a Restaurant.

A collection of The Evening World's Christmas-Tree Fund, taken up in Dennett's restaurant, 25 Park Row, resulted as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Louis Kohlen's Collection, Friends of the Children, etc.

Packages Received.

Packages have been received from 'The Cheerful Workers', 'The Little Ones', etc.

Abbe Hummel's Gift.

Merry Xmas for the 'Little ones' and their

guardian angel, THE EVENING WORLD.

All Received.

J. B. Your contributions were acknowl-

ed in THE EVENING WORLD and Morning World

of Dec. 10.

Drums and Fifes at the Harlem Tree.

The Judson Kirkpatrick Drum and Fife

Corps will attend the distribution of gifts at

the Harlem Tree. They will be in full

uniform and will entertain the guests with

musical selections.

ONE WAY OF SERVING.

How Boarders Were Fed in the

Early Days of Butte.

John H. Curik, of Butte, Mont., tells

this story of the early days in that city.

'The first meal I ate in the place was

at a restaurant where they charged \$16 a

week for board. The water was a half-

barrel Mexican. He came into the room

with a big revolver and a bowie-knife

backed around him.

In one hand he carried a coffee-pot and

in the other a teapot. When he reached

the door he shouted: 'Come up!' mean-

ing, 'Who wanted tea or coffee should

come up.' He then underclothing was of

the finest quality and was of a soft, black

material, lined and soft, with a fur-

are drawing on me financially. THE EVENING

KNOWER DEAD FACE. The Woman Drowned in East River Is Identified.

She Was Isabella A. Ward, and Came from St. Louis.

Mystery of Her Death Is Not Yet Cleared Up.

The identity of the beautiful woman who

was drowned last night in sight of the pas-

sengers on the ferry-boat Flushing at the

slip in Long Island City was disclosed to-day

as Conway Morgan.

At 12:30 this afternoon a middle-aged man

and woman called at the Morgue and asked

permission to see the body of the dead

woman.

They gave their names as Mr. and Mrs.

Ferguson, of 307 West Forty-third street,

this city. They went into the room where

the body lay together and remained there

about twenty minutes.

When they came out the woman was weep-

ing. She said that she had recognized the

body as that of Miss Isabella A. Ward, whom

she had known for several years past.

Miss Ward was thirty years old, and came

originally from St. Louis. She had no regular

occupation and had lived during the three

years since she had been in New York in

various hotels and under various names.

She last stopped at the Grand Union Hotel

under the name of Mrs. M. Hayward, of

Buffalo.

Miss Ward, it was intimated by her friend,

had been leading a rather wild life in this

city, and of late had been very despondent

and dejected.

What the cause of her melancholy was Mrs.

Ferguson could not tell, but she thought she

had not with some great disappointment or

had lost a friend.

When she last saw her, which was only a

day or two ago, she spoke of being tired of

life and wished she could do some good way

to put an end to her trouble and worry.

Mrs. Ferguson believes that she deliberately

committed suicide. She either threw her-

self from one of the ferry-boats or jumped

off one of the docks above the Long Island

city landing.

It is said that she had a male friend named

Haywood, who at one time provided hand-

some for her support, but who recently gave

her up and disappeared.

This desertion is believed to have been the

secret of the woman's despondency, and to

have led her to take her life as she did.

The body will be taken care of by friends

of the dead woman in this city, who are

of the opinion that her death is a thrilling one

and does not clear away all doubt of suicide

STOCK REPORTS.

The Market Continues Strong on Enormous Business.

A Feature To-Day the Big Demand for New York Central.

WALL STREET, THURSDAY, Dec. 24.—

Brokers at the Stock and Consolidated Ex-

changes were busy to-day to both with the

usual Christmas to-do, and at midday,

when the ceremonies usually begin, the

rooms presented their every-day appearance.

The strength of the stock market continues

and business was on an enormous scale.

Among the specialties Oregon Short Line

was the favorite to-day. New York

Central, Lake Shore, Omaha, Louisville &