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Special Feature: Larger than that of any Weekly Newspaper in the County.

HOPE, W. M. VAN DYKE, of the March Chalk Bar, has distinguished himself by contributing an article to the December number of *Legal Miscellany*, a novel law magazine published at Philadelphia, entitled, "Are we Drifting Toward Pure Democracy?" As the article covers five pages of the magazine we have not the space to give it full. After analyzing the theory and workings, and drawing distinctions between the Government of Great Britain and the United States, Mr. VAN DYKE says: "It is quite probable that many intelligent people in the United States and elsewhere have not discovered that the Government of Great Britain is very much more democratic in its practical administration, than the Republic of the United States, but it nevertheless is. I shall conclude by calling attention to the principles and objects of the rapidly growing Single Tax Party among thoughtful men all over the world, as one of the strongest and most conspicuous factors in the movement of nations toward pure Democracy. Labor strikes and most other manifestations of social discontent, plainly indicate the pure democratic instinct in the hearts of the people. Whether we like it or not, it seems there is everywhere a marked tendency towards pure democracy in government, and this tendency will probably become stronger as the people become more intelligent and more conscious of their inalienable rights."

### BROADBRIM'S N. Y. LETTER.

It is something in this hard work-a-day world to have at least one day in the year that you can put care and trouble behind you, when you can forget for the time that you are growing old and useless, and that on the Ledger of Life there are not many more Christmas Eves to your credit. What of it? You'll never be missed; the bells will ring out the same joyous jubilee; Santa Claus will make his ghostly rounds as of yore, and the hearts of millions of children will be made glad in the chill gray of the Christmas morning by the treasures that the jolly old saint has left behind him.

After completing the task to which this night is ever sacred, of filling little stockings, I have always dedicated the last hour or two before midnight on Christmas Eve to a lonely, quiet vigil. Yet not so lonely. Oh no; for up out of dreamland come trooping a caravan of sweet faces that I knew and loved in the long ago, and which come back to me every Christmas Eve. Not ghostly phantasms, damp with the cold of the graveyard and the tomb, but bright and beautiful as when in life's springtime I wandered with them through the pleasant fields, plucked the sweet flowers by the wayside, and each moment of life seemed like a glorious summer holiday. Nor was it only in the springtime that this happiness blessed the flying hours. Bleak winter with its hoar frost, its ice and its snow was as welcome as the spring, and the sound of the sleigh-bells was as sweet music as ever greeted human ears. No, I am not nearly so lonely on the other side, for the great majority is on the other side, and in the blessed hope of an everlasting communion with them, in a future not far distant, but illumined with bright light and hope. I rest in measureless content upon Christmas Eve. Come, gather around me friends of my boyhood; it seems but a span back to my childhood's days. The grief, the tears, and the agony of the parting are all forgotten now that you are back with me once again and sitting joyfully about my feet. Why do you look at me so wonderingly? Oh, I am so changed. Perhaps so; but you are still the same to me; not a feature altered, not a hair bleached, the bloom on the cheek and the fire in the eye are still the same as in the long ago. And so in sweet communion with all I loved and knew in the past, who have crossed the silent river, the brief hours slip away, and as the bells ring out the Christmas anthem, with a kindly farewell they vanish into the night, but in their hearts, as if Christ has been, all Hall, Son of God! Saviour of men, all hail!

I look up to the chimney corner; there is only one little stocking hanging there to-night. Last Christmas Eve there were two. Where are you, little boy? where are you? Come back to me, only for a minute; only for a minute, let me once more feel your arms about my neck and your warm cheek pressed close to mine. It was last Christmas Eve before I came down to sleep, that Santa Claus brought with his gifts to me a good as he goes. Come back, little boy! Oh, come back, only a minute; only a minute! His mother sleeps; perhaps she is dreaming of him; perhaps one more she holds him to her breast; I steal softly to the bureau and opening the drawer, see a box tied with crepe. I open it. Yes, there is the ball and the marbles, the knife, the handkerchief, the little shoes, and stockings, and the little watch and chain that made his heart so glad. Yes, they are all here, sacred and holy this Christmas Eve, but the little boy is gone; gone to come back to me no more. Good bye, little boy; goodbye, bye, goodbye; but not forever. Oh, no; the sweet bells that ring out through the shadows of this starless night bring to me bright visions of hope and everlasting promise in the summer land beyond, and so I trust him to the messenger who comes to me to-night on the wings of love, and to Christ's care I commit him, satisfied that all is well with him, for he has said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven," and so, Goodbye, little boy; goodbye, bye, goodbye.

It has been a week of toilsome pleasure and sacrifice. Two knotty questions have had to be solved by hundreds of thousands of people—What to get? and how to get it? Ah, the bitter struggle and sacrifice that, how to get it? Tempting as the luscious fruit that beguiled our first mother, are the glittering gewgaws that seduce the wondering windows. What genius what patient endeavor by which these miracles of art were wrought! Here is a little album stand; its component parts are nothing—a bit of pasteboard, a strip of satin and a few pigments spread deftly on by a master-hand. Yet what a vision of loveliness it is! One looks at it and is nothing like it. It is darning and the home of angels. The cunning of the artist has

made a few crude materials, almost worthless in themselves, worth a hundred dollars; and all along the line the artist is tempted to financial ruin by the alluring gifts that lie on either hand. The extent of the Christmas tree blooms alike in the homes of Divas and Lazarus. The week has been notable by a great number of important social events, but there was one I passed over last week which is worthy of more than passing mention. I allude to the Patriarch's Ball. It was made remarkable by the return of our fashionable social life on Ward No. 11, Allister, the king of the Four Hundred Elite, and exclusive association which is supposed to contain all there is of real blood and genuine respectability in the aristocracy of New York. Mr. McAllister was supposed to have received his education at our last Centennial, when he was deposed from his position of supreme dictator and a man of straw put in his place. But the men who sought to take his place dug their own social crosses and were quietly sleeping there to-day. No hope for them at any social gathering of the Four Hundred till the next Centennial; they are all dead socially as Julius Caesar, or heretics which are red. A hundred gentlemen chipped in two hundred dollars each, which entitled them to twelve invitations for their friends, but to Mr. McAllister alone was entrusted the important duty of inviting those outside of the charmed circle. Now, when you are aware that to be seen at the Patriarch's Ball is considered the highest social endorsement, you may judge how the invitations were coveted. We have our own social traditions, and we don't care whether outsiders like them or not. They are ours and that is enough. A lady or gentleman who has been honored by an invitation to Mrs. Astor's table has a carte blanche to everything good for the season, for whoever has passed her inspection is supposed to be all right up to that time, and no one calls that person's social standing in question.

In the management of these distinguished affairs Mr. McAllister's voice has been heard for years. His outlays have never been questioned. This time twenty thousand dollars in cash was put in his hands to let the Four Hundred and their friends have a good time, and they had it. If he should make it forty thousand, not a living soul of his set would question him; he would simply draw his check on the committee, and that would end it. It would be considered a piece of inexcusable impudence to say, "Mac, what have you done with so much money? This was what the Centennial committee authorized you to do, but Mr. McAllister did not propose to do the tips of his six and three-quarter kids with a set of paltry shopkeepers, pedlars, mechanics and such like persons. No, sir; he was not that kind of mahogan. So he shook the dust of the Centennial from his No. 7 patent leathers and left the plebeian crowd to financial ruin and social obscurity. But he came to the top last week and enjoyed a great revenge. He left the opening cotillion with Mrs. Astor, and she was in diamonds like a Veritable Mountain of Light. In the same set were Mrs. Bradley Martin whose Effel Tower of costly jewels might have drained the mines of Ormus and Golconda, and have exhausted the glittering treasures of the Persian Gulf. One enterprising young female feuilletonist whose literary pen feathers have just begun to sprout, informs us "that the superb Mrs. Elliott rose and was garmented in an investiture of rare and costly satin." Ow, ow; but that's fine. She wasn't dressed, she wasn't attired. She was "garmented" and "clothed"; that goes into my scrapbook for future use.

Rosend parties are quite the go. What are they? Well, they are for the special entertainment of young girls on or about the eve of presentation to society. "Mrs. Pendleton Simpkins requests the pleasure of your company to a Rosend Tea, given in honor of her daughter Mabel, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 19th, four o'clock, 5840 Madison ave." Rosend of various kinds constitute the sole adornment, and at a special each visitor is presented with a small bouquet of roses. The sudden popularity of these entertainments has driven Knickerbocker, our principal fashionable florist, almost crazy—a single party using over fifteen hundred dollars worth of these beautiful flowers. It's a nice conceit, and I wish I were a Rosend.

We are frequently exercised here because of the bitter prejudice and social ostracism of our colored brother in the South. It would not be much to our disadvantage if we occasionally took a look at home. Last week three thousand Dock laborers signified their intention to strike because negroes were employed in unloading steamships, and they demand of the steamship companies that all negroes shall be discharged, and that none but white men who are members of their union shall be employed. Nine tenths of the strikers are Irishmen. The negroes to whom work was born on the soil; Americans by their birthright, whom these foreigners propose to drive out to starve. The South has done nothing of the kind as yet, and let us hope that New York will not be used by preventing a native citizen from earning his bread at the behest of any foreigner, no matter what land he hails from or what his political pull.

We have had rather a peculiar experience with our Faith-Christians. Jensen, of whom I spoke last week, was fined five hundred dollars for denying his children who had scarlet fever medical attendance, and he is in a penal crime under the statute. There was a thousand dollars in the Faith Cure Treasury, and after the sentence of Jensen the members met in their church and began to pray and sing. Suddenly the treasurer arose and said he had a vision. He was commanded by the Lord to go to a far off land and he saw a mighty ship at ready to beat him away, the mandate of the Almighty was imperative, and he must go at once. They then prayed a little more, sung a hymn or two, and the whole congregation started down to the ferry; to see him go. Fortunately enough he had prepared his gipsack previous to the vision and was ready for a start. They parted at the ferry; the treasurer making for an outgoing steamship, and the congregation returning to pray. Suddenly it occurred to some of those whose faith was weak that the treasurer had the money bag with him. It may require some faith to get back. Meanwhile poor Jensen lies in the penitentiary working out his five hundred dollar fine at a dollar a day.

The weather, though unseasonable, has been like a benediction; the early part of the week more resembling May than December. The consequence has been that the streets and stores have not been so full for years. Everybody seemed to have a little money, and they appeared as eager to spend it as the merchants were to let it. Frank and for one thing, said that is that Christmas is always a season

of blessing to the poor. I wonder if the same sentiment, or Confessions of Doubtful Faith, is the cause for charity as does the name of Christ. Do the poor of other faiths and other lands rejoice upon their natal days and bless the Almighty for their coming. Let us hope so; but we know that wherever the cross points skyward as the sacred symbol of Christian faith, the hearts of the poor will be made glad in the revelation that Christ has come and is here to-day. We need not to see him in the flesh, as when he walked on the stormy sea of Galilee or rose transfused from the Mount. The eye of faith sees in the work he has accomplished as tangible evidence of his being, as Moses had amid the thunders of Sinai, or as Elijah had as he sped heavenward in his chariot of fire. And so remembering the poor with an extra and generous bounty, let our hearts rejoice with thankfulness and praise. Perhaps before another Christmas shall roll around some of us may realize some where away beyond the stars, the dreams of crowns of light, and harps of gold and streets of Orient pearl. Perhaps not, but if all shall end in unbroken and everlasting silence we shall be no worse off for the belief and the hope which was our sheet-anchor, and our consolation here, and which, when the eye grew dim and the heart beat faint, enabled us to walk unflinchingly and bravely up to the grim portals that divide sternly from life, chanting in a cheerful voice the benediction of the psalmist: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Yours truly,  
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