

THE NIGHT BEFORE NEW YEAR.

Every earth with steel is white,
The lights of the gloom, night;
The clouds o'erspread the sky,
And out all the stars on high.

PERSONAL.

They Hall and wife left on the
rain this morning for the east.
Russell a capitalist from Mem-
phis, Tennessee, is stopping at Ginn-
Mr. Russell is prospecting.

A New Year's Gift.

Mr. G. Hottinger presented her
and with a beautiful little girl
who, John says, is the greatest
year's gift he ever received in his
Mother and babe doing well
the happy father is as proud as a
Success to the little new year

Trying to Beat Two-Forty.

Many people in all branches
business are trying to beat 2:40 with
the minute business. The man who
small business that is paying
and goes into debt and tries to
himself over too many eggs, is
to beat 2:40 with a three min-
ute horse. The young man who gets a
salary, and spends more money
cream and perfume and neck
than he earns, is trying to beat
with a three minute horse. The
who was educated by nature to
be wife of a mechanic, and gets
her business and looks with
upon a man who earns his living
hard work, will look at an old
in the glass a few years from
and realize that she has been try-
ing to beat 2:40 with a three min-
ute horse. The ordinary, every day sort
man, who is elected to a small
by a majority on account of
voting for him for charity, and
thereupon aspires to a big office
which he is unfitted, will be non-
ed for the big office some day and
eaten higher than a kite, and he
then feel of his aching head, ex-
amine his empty pocket book, look
at the debts he has contracted,
and the enemies he has made, and it
suddenly come to him that he has
been trying to beat two-forty with a
minute horse. The man or wo-
man who leaves a profession or em-
ployment to which they are fitted,
in which they can be prosperous
happy and have friends, and goes
to the stage to compete with men
women who have been brought up
and who have made success by a
time of hard work, will soon find
it is no easy feat to beat two-
fourty with a three minute horse. The young
man who has been left a for-
tune by a dead father, who has
lived a life-time to accumu-
late riches, and who changes from
that was good enough for him
to champagne, and plenty of it,
who can't find places enough to
ad money without sitting up all
night, and who finds old sledge and
a buckle too tame, and adopts draw-
ing and furo, and who forgets that
sisters are splendid company, and
acquainted with quick women, and
them diamonds as big as pieces
of gum, will in a few years be walk-
ing in his uppers, and having for col-
lars lined on to linen ulsters for win-
ter, and he will wake up some morning
with the slightest headache on
his forehead and come to the conclusion that
trying to beat two-forty with a three-
minute horse is what ails him. The
mer resort hotel proprietor who
up an old rookery and fills it with
strangers, who are seeking comfort, and
regards them Fifth avenue prices for
very accommodations, will look at
empty house next year and say
season is backwards, and when
guests do not come with the dog
s, he will suddenly scratch his
head and say he made a fool of him-
self last year in trying to beat two-
fourty with a three minute horse. The
sole soul, good fellow, everybody's
and gets to drinking too hard, and
he is healthy, he gets an idea he
beat whiskey, a can of rat so many
times tried and failed, etc. keep it up
all his nose gets red, his eyes be-
come a voice shaly, and
has a whisky cough, and
friends try to reason with him and
him to let up, but he laughs at
with his good natured laugh,
and tells them that he has got a con-
dition like a horse, and that nothing
can hurt him, and he asks them to
take a drink. Some day he gets the
chills, and all his friends say, "I
of you so," and they sit up nights
with him and drive away snakes, and

Just before he dies it suddenly occurs
to him that he has been trying to beat
two-forty with a three-minute horse.
A man who is poor and wants to live
on the fat of the land, marries a
pretty, little, rich woman, and begins
to squander her money, and when she
tries to persuade him to stop it, he
sets to treating her like a
dog, gets worse and strikes her,
and after awhile she gets enough
of it and obtains a divorce, and marries
a man who loves her and doesn't want
her money, and she is happy, and her
former husband becomes a dead
beat and a drunkard and would faint
for the refuse that drops from the
table of his former wife, and when he
buttons his summer coat around him
on a winter's night and walks around
a block for a wind pudding, and looks
into the windows and sees the light of
the fire from the grate of his former
wife's sitting-room, it occurs to him
that if he had not attempted to beat
two-forty with a three-minute horse,
he could have been in there toasting
his slippers and drinking cider, and
looking into a pair of eyes that would
have always looked their love for him.
If he had been contented with a
three-minute gait, but which eyes will
never look upon him again except in
pity. O, there are thousands of people
who make a mistake in trying to beat
two-forty with a three-minute horse.

It is related of a Poughkeepsie, New
York, congregation that they have
just dismissed their minister because
he rebuked two christians who were
smoking in a horse car, wore a flannel
shirt at a watering place and performed
the dangerous undertaking of putting
food in his mouth with a knife instead
of a fork. That preacher may pass for
a reformer yet, but he must stop eat-
ing with a knife. That is positively
wicked.

It is strange to observe that when
Mr. Hendricks recovered the use of
his great toe, the McDonald movement
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