

A GOOD RESOLVE.

Howard Fielding's Vision of New Year's Repentance.

He Vows Not to Lie to His Wife and Dreams That the Vow Keeps Tally on Him for a Week.

January 1.—I am a good resolution, and this is my diary. Perhaps you sneer at me, reader, because I am out of fashion in these advanced days, when the essence of all adequate reform is supposed to be squirted under a sinner's pelt by means of a hypodermic syringe and a large fee.



WHAT MAUDE FOUND IN THE DESK.

but, by diligent search, he at last discovered a flaw concealed in his moral character. And so, this very afternoon, as he sat idly scribbling on a sheet of that fine, expensive paper which he uses for his writings—in order that the stationer at least may have an interest in them—he put down these words: "I will never lie to my wife again." That is how I came into existence.

Just then his wife approached with the intention of telling him a story about the family in the second flat. Those people are as uninteresting as if Howells and not nature had created them; but the story was to be in three volumes, with an appendix and copious notes, because she thought that he was at work and wished to assist him, as any other woman would. Also, she looked over his shoulder, so that if he happened to be writing anything he would immediately be disgusted with it and not be able to finish it before rent day.

January 2.—I may have a chance for my life. Fielding isn't much of a family liar, as liars go in New York. He is a man who would brush the chalk dust off his clothes very carefully after he had been playing billiards, but unless his wife asked him he would not tell her that business had detained him down town.

But I digress. Fielding did not come home to dinner this evening. When he came in, about ten o'clock, he was chewing a new kind of gum which imparts an unrecognizable flavor to a man's explanations. He said that it was good for the digestion. Well, so it is; it enables a man to digest a wine supper without causing his wife any pain. I do not call that a lie. Maude said it was a pity that a man should spend one dollar for a dinner at a restaurant when there was a good one waiting for him at home.

January 3.—"Howdy, who is that?" Maude is holding up a photograph about the size of four postage stamps. A charming face it is, though nobody would think so who judged by the way it affects you, Maude. She is younger than you; it was by several years when that little camera caught her prettiness. Come, Howdy, talk right up like a man. Who is she? And why have you her picture in your vest pocket, my son?

Lie, if you want to, my son. Say no. I'll let you off on a question like that. The man who can explain such a matter to his wife hasn't been born yet. If you admit that you did care for Myrtle once your wife will be grieved. If you say that you never did you'll feel mean and traitorous to a memory that lies in your heart like a rose that has opened while all the other posies in the bouquet have withered because they were full-blown too soon.

"Care for her?" said he. "Not especially. Come, you're not jealous of a girl who lived so long ago—who trotted down the side of Ararat with Noah and me, after the rain. You know I've half a trunk full of pictures downstairs in the janitor's burglar-proof storage room, where tramps crawl in to sleep on cold nights."

So you have, Howdy? And they can stay there, or the tramps may elope with them for all you care. They're of a later era. This one you abstracted the other day when you were looking for old manuscripts, and it touched the vulcanized rubber pumping apparatus which keeps your blood in circulation and which you call a heart when you converse with your physician.

January 4.—I have found out why Fielding lies—admitting, for the sake of argument, that he does lie—about his cash. Maude chases him awfully close. She does it for his good, just as his grandmother used to spank him with a slipper. But it hurts. No man with a soul above pawnbroking can keep track of his money in New York. It is such an expensive place. One has to drop a nickel in the slot every time he draws his breath. It is evening, and the frugal oil lamp is lighted in the parlor; but the gas meter has not heard about it.

"Howdy," says Maude, "did you get your check from Coldbeck and Cinch-player today for that story?" "Yes, my dear." "Twenty-five dollars?" "Twenty. I owed them five."

"For my I. O. U. That's all I know about it." "Well, say twenty," she continues. "Here's sixteen; and, allowing one for lunch, cigars and car fare, that leaves three. Where is it?" "I have been needing a new necktie for a long time," says Howard, in desperation.

So you have, my boy, but you didn't buy one. "Where is the necktie?" asks the relentless pursuer. "I left it downtown." "Yes, you left it downtown in a store on Broadway."

"Well," says Maude, "be sure to bring it home to-morrow. And you can bring those other things at the same time." She mentions the other things. Howard! I am shocked. So you have been playing this game right along, and your office is stocked with phantom purchases, every one of which accounts for some deficit in your accounts? It's a pretty slick trick; but suppose Maude should go over there the same day?

January 5.—Nothing very bad to-day. Howdy came home late. Cash didn't tally by nine dollars. He said that he had a very unexpected call for money. So he had. He raised Jim O'Brien five dollars in the last jack pot, and nothing in the world was ever more unexpected than the "call." Howdy stood pat on an ace full and Jim held up a queen and drew as many more of them as are ever found in a gentleman's game. I think I will pass this story to Maude without making a fuss, for it was a very hard case.

January 6.—Maude has been over to the office. She took two grip-sacks to bring home the things which Howdy has been buying—in his mind—during the past month. He was out, but his desk was unlocked. She went through the drawers. She did not find any of the things she was looking for, but she turned up four packs of cards, a hundred celluloid poker chips and a few other things which interested her so much that she was still engaged in examining them when Howard arrived. He told the truth that time, and I think he felt better afterwards. He made his peace by giving Maude a sum of money equal to the value of the alleged articles and sending her out to buy them. When they met again she had nineteen bundles for him to carry, and not one of them contained any of the things he had pretended to buy. She had just got into the stores, and had shopped just as any woman does, with the eye of reason closed, and the voice of memory still. But the things suited her all right, or if they didn't, she kept quiet. It strikes me that they are about square.

PERSONAL MENTION.

ELI GRAY, who died a short time ago, in the almshouse at Delhi, N. Y., was 109 years old. His father lived to be 90, and his mother was 120 when she died.

The oldest living ex-governor in the United States is said to be Nathaniel S. Berry, of Bristol, N. H. He was born in 1795, and was elected governor of New Hampshire in 1861.

July has proven a fatal month to presidents. John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe, Zachary Taylor, M. Van Buren, Andrew Johnson, U. S. Grant all died in July. James A. Garfield received his death wound in July.

MOSES LOEHA, a wealthy Hebrew who died recently in Milan, left a fortune estimated to be worth \$5,000,000 to the city of Milan to found an institution to supply work to worthy persons unable to find employment elsewhere.

CARL WILHELM AMONDERER ran away from his Berlin home twelve years ago and settled in Kansas City, where he peddled pencils and became known as "Pencil" Charley. Now he has been sent for to go home and assume the million-dollar estate of his deceased father.

EVERY president of the United States so far has either been a lawyer, a soldier or both. Washington, William H. Harrison, Taylor and Grant were soldiers; Monroe, Jackson, Pierce, Hayes, Garfield and Benjamin Harrison were lawyers and lawyers, while all the rest were laymen.

MR. GLADSTONE finds in Roger Bacon "perhaps the highest British intellect of the middle ages." The queen of England has raised several brewers to the peerage—Allsop as Baron Hindlip, Bass as Baron Burton and Guinness as Baron Ardilaun.

HERB KRUPP has, according to recent statistics, the highest declared income in Germany. It is six million seven hundred and sixty thousand marks per annum.

M. DEBLER, the retired executioner, who could find no landlord willing to rent him a house in Paris, has at last a settled abode, thanks to the authorities of the city of Paris and the French government.

HENRY W. LEEY attributes the origin of the phrase "the Grand Old Man" to Sir William Harcourt. It will be found in one of his early addresses to his constituents in Derby, and had its birth amid the exultation that followed on Mr. Gladstone's return to power in 1886, on the ruin of Lord Beaconsfield's government.

MRS. CLEVELAND has accepted membership in the National Peace League. "Tim Lucy Webb W. C. T. U. of Minneapolis contemplates building a home for newboys of that city. It is possible that Mrs. Peary will not accompany her husband on his second Arctic exploring expedition.

MRS. STEVENSON, mother of the vice president-elect, is eighty-three years of age and one of the best authorities on the early history of Kentucky. The wife of Gen. Custer, who gave readings in various cities last winter, used the larger portion of the funds realized for the education of a young girl whose father had been killed in the same battle with Gen. Custer.

MRS. J. W. DELANO, of San Francisco, still preserves a piece of the blood-stained white silk dress worn by Laura Keane on the night of President Lincoln's assassination. The actress assisted in caring for the wounded man until help could be summoned.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York Stock Market. NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The stock market to-day was unusually active for Saturday, and showed decided strength from the opening to the close. This strength, however, can only in a small degree be attributed to new buying, especially by outside speculators, as trading remains professional in most all parts of the list.

The activity in the market is still confined principally to industrials, and among them to Sugar and Distillers. Sugar was a strong point in the market to-day, advancing 3/4 per cent., the transactions being extremely large and the advance rapid. Distillers at one time showed a favorable advance, but it was not held. The bank statement was a great factor in the last dealings, supporting the market when a disposition to realize appeared.

The feeling over the financial situation that prices advanced without hindrance right up to the close. At the same time there were no wide fluctuations except in Manhattan, which rose 1/2 per cent., and Industrials, together with Colorado stocks, which were so unduly depressed yesterday. Sales, 173,000 shares.

STOCK QUOTATIONS. Bid. Western Union..... 152 Adams Express..... 150 American Express..... 117 1/2 United States Express..... 58 Wells Fargo Express..... 143 C. C. & I..... 59 New York Central..... 108 3/4 New Jersey Central..... 124 Illinois Central..... 99 1/2 Michigan Central..... 100 Ohio Central..... 50 Northern Pacific..... 15 Northern Pacific preferred..... 46 3/4 Central Pacific..... 28 3/4 Union Pacific..... 39 3/4 Missouri Pacific..... 56 1/2 Texas Pacific..... 9 1/2 Manhattan Elevated..... 155 3/4 Alton and Terre Haute..... 33 Alton and Terre Haute preferred..... 150 Canada Southern..... 56 Canada Pacific..... 88 3/4 Chicago and Alton..... 140 Chesapeake and Ohio..... 33 Delaware and Hudson..... 132 Dela., Lack. and Western..... 148 Denver..... 17 1/4 Erie..... 23 3/4 Erie preferred..... 52 Kansas and Texas..... 14 1/4 Lake Shore..... 127 1/4 Lake Erie and Western..... 23 3/4 Lake Erie and Western preferred..... 72 3/4 Louisville and Nashville..... 72 3/4 Northwestern..... 111 1/2 Northwest preferred..... 141 1/2 Ontario and Western..... 18 1/4 Ohio and Mississippi..... 22 3/4 Ohio and Mississippi preferred..... 26 Pacific Mail..... 34 Quicksilver..... 17 Reading..... 51 3/4 Rock Island..... 83 1/2 Omaha..... 47 3/4 Omaha preferred..... 116 3/4 St. Paul..... 77 St. Paul preferred..... 122 Wash. C. and St. L..... 85 Wash..... 105 1/2 Wash preferred..... 23 3/4 Chi., Bur. and I. Q..... 97 3/4 Peoria, D. and E..... 16 3/4

BONDS. Alabama, A..... 102 1/4 Alabama, B..... 101 Alabama, C..... 104 1/4 Louisiana Consols..... 100 Tennessee Olds..... 98 Richmond and West Point..... 62 Richmond and Alleghany..... Norfolk and Western preferred..... East Tennessee..... 3 1/2 East Tennessee preferred..... 23 Cotton Oil..... 43 1/2 Cotton Oil preferred..... 82 Tennessee new settlement, 6's..... 101 Tennessee new settlement, 5's..... 105 Tennessee 3's..... 76 Virginia 6's..... 50 Virginia ex-matured coupons..... 37 Virginia consolidated..... 50 Brunswick county..... 9 Silver certificates..... American Sugar Refinery..... 116 3/4 American Sugar Refinery, pref..... 102 1/4 North Carolina 4's..... 100 North Carolina consol 6's..... 127 North Carolina Browns..... 95 Memphis and Charleston..... 50 Mobile and Ohio..... 35 1/2 Richmond and Terminal..... Tennessee Coal and Iron..... 35 1/2 Tennessee Coal and Iron, pref.....

Chicago Markets. CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Leading futures ranged as follows: WHEAT—January..... 73 72 3/4 May..... 79 78 3/4 July..... 77 3/4 77 1/2 CORN—January..... 41 1/2 41 1/2 February..... 43 1/2 42 3/4 May..... 46 3/4 46 1/2 OATS—January..... 30 3/4 30 3/4 February..... 31 3/4 31 1/4 May..... 34 3/4 34 1/2 PORK—January..... 17 17 1/2 18 30 May..... 18 60 18 70 LARD—January..... 10 85 10 90 May..... 10 65 10 75 RIBS—May..... 9 75 9 70

Cash quotations: Flour strong at late advance, but not much doing. No. 2 spring wheat, 72 3/4. No. 2 red, 72 3/4. No. 2 corn, 41 1/2. No. 2 oats, 30 3/4 @ 30 1/2. No. 2 white, on track, 34 @ 34 1/2. Mess pork, 16.87 1/2 @ 17.00. Lard, 10.90. Short ribs side, 9.55 @ 9.60. Dry salted shoulders, 9.25 @ 9.37 1/2. Short clear sides, 10.10 @ 10.15. Whiskey, 1.30.

Produce and Merchandise. NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Flour steady; low ex ras, 2.10 @ 2.55; city mills, 3.90 @ 4.00; city mills patents, 4.35 @ 4.55; winter wheat low grades, 2.10 @ 2.55; patents, 3.85 @ 4.25. Southern flour quiet and steady; common to fair extra, 2.10 @ 3.10; good to choice do, 3.15 @ 4.25. Wheat dull, lower with options closing steady; No. 2 red, 79 1/2; store and elevator, 80.00 @ 81.00 @ 82.00; options open and closing steady. May and July near, 80.00 @ 81.00 @ 82.00.

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6 1/4 afloat; options were dull, 4 1/2 @ 5 1/2 lower with West and on realizing, closing steady; January, 50 1/4; March, 51 3/4; May, 52 1/4. Oats spots dull; mixed farmer's options dull, steady; January, 37 1/4; May, 39 1/4; spot prices No. 3, 36 3/4; do white, 41 3/4; No. 2, 37 1/4; do white, 42 3/4. Coffee steady 5 1/2 @ 5 3/4. Sugar raw, dull, firm; fair refining, 3; centrifugals 96 test 3 7/8; refined firm, fair demand.

Molasses, foreign nominal; New Orleans fairly active, steady. Rice steady, fair demand. Petroleum quiet, steady; crude barrels, Parker's, 5.35; do bulk, 2.85; refined New York, 5.40; Philadelphia and Baltimore, 5.35; do bulk, 2.85 @ 2.90. Cottonseed oil firm; crude, 4 1/2; yellow, 48. Rosin dull, steady; strained common to good, 1.32 1/2 @ 1.35. Turpentine quiet, steady. Wool quiet, firm. Pork higher, wanted; old mess, 17 @ 25; new mess, 18 @ 50; extra prime, nominal.

Peanuts steady. Beef dull, steady; beef hams firm, inactive, 15.00; tiered beef quiet, firm; cut meats in demand, strong; pickled bellies, 10 1/4. Lard opened easy, closed steady; Western steam, 11.15; city, 10.50 @ 10.75; January, 11.10; March, 10.85; May, 70.85; refined firm; S. A., 11.65. Freights Liverpool quiet steady; cotton, 5 1/4; grain, 1 3/4 @ 1.50 asked.

AMONG THE LODGES. Pleasants Lodge, No. 63, A. F. and A. M., held a called communication on last Wednesday night and conferred the degree of fellowcraft upon three candidates. There was a full attendance of officers and much interest was manifested in the work. Grand Master W. H. Pleasants presented the lodge with a beautiful Russia leather cushioned-back Bible with the inscription "Pleasant's Lodge, 63, from W. H. Pleasants," handsomely stamped in gold on the front cover. The presentation was made by S. P. Christian, Jr., and accepted by the master. The members all expressed great delight at the beautiful and useful token of friendship and remembrance from the distinguished donor.

Osceola Lodge, No. 47, K. of P., at its regular meeting on Thursday night did not install the officers for the ensuing term as was intended on account of the absence from the city of some of the officers. This duty will be performed on next Thursday night. The rank of page was conferred upon four candidates.

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS. REPUBLICAN CLUB: ALL MEMBERS of Central Republican League are particularly requested to be present at the rooms of the league in Yager's building, 3rd story, on Monday night, January 9. Very important business to be transacted. WM. H. POTTS, recording Secretary.

PLEASANTS LODGE, No. 63, A. F. and A. M. A called communication will be held in Masonic Temple to-morrow (Monday) evening at 7:30 o'clock for work in the third degree. All Master Masons in regular standing fraternally invited. By order of the Worshipful Master. H. C. MACKLIN, Secretary.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual and general meeting of the stockholders of the Roanoke Development Company will be held at the office of the company in the city of Roanoke, Va., Tuesday, January 24th, 1893, at 12 o'clock M. The object of the General Meeting is to consider an amendment to the charter, allowing the Company to accept its common stock in payment of the purchase price of lots; and, second, to revise, amend and correct the by-laws of the Company. By order of the board of directors, LAWRENCE R. SOLLENBERGER, Secretary. 12 23 td

THERE WILL BE AN ANNUAL meeting of the stockholders of Virginia Land Company at the office of W. M. Yager & Co., Tuesday, January 17, 1893. Business of importance will be transacted. All stockholders will please be present either in person or in person. G. O. C. MOOMAW, Secretary. 12 18 10

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