

The Old Year.

OLD year, you are 'nough, And you slip from us now, While we look to the new That is making its bow...

Old year, in your days We have laughed with delight And have danced in the haze Of your glorious light...

Old year, in your days There was happiness too. On our varying ways Blossomed roses and rue...

A mixture of sweet And of bitterness, too; Some tasted defeat; Successes some knew...

THE CHINESE NEW YEAR

CREDITORS in China and like-wise those of Chinese in America are happy with the approach of New Year...

The Chinaman's first business on New Year's day is to offer a sacrifice to his gods. In homes a table is spread with offerings of food and drink...

When Chinamen who are friends meet on the streets for the first time on New Year's they bow very politely and shake hands saying...

"May the spirit of your ancestors abide ever with you and the noble home that is honored by your presence shelter your descendants for 10,000 years."

To which the host will say, making a low bow: "I call down upon thee the peaceful blessings of a prosperous existence..."

The New Year's festivities in China are prolonged for two weeks, and sometimes a month. The time is spent in making visits, exchanging gifts and feasting...



THE CHINESE NEW YEAR SACRIFICE TO THE GODS.

Many people, however, send New Year cards to their friends, wishing them health, happiness and prosperity, and young men, especially those who have been the recipients of hospitality...

fifth the cow's day, the sixth the horse's day and the seventh man's day. During the first six days of the year the flesh of animals is forbidden as food.

The Chinese calendar is a complicated affair. Only those skilled in mathematics are able to comprehend the Chinese method of computing time. Here are the instructions for determining the beginning of the New Year...

WHY "HOGMANAY?"

Various Explanations Given of Scotch Name For New Year's Eve.

It is natural with New Year's even more than with other holidays that a large part of the observance should fall upon the eve rather than upon the day. In no other festival or fast is any single moment so important as the moment of midnight that marks the change from the 31st of December to the 1st of January...

Nobody knows why the 31st of December should be called Hogmanay in Scotland. In the north of England this word is Hagemna, and in two or three other countries there are names for the day that sound a little like these...

Going about in large parties to visit neighbors with one sort of ceremony or another formed a part of the observance of many an old custom in England and Scotland, but the present time seems to have been one of the most favored of all in this respect.

NOTE ALL YOUR OLD ERRORS. Some Suggestions For Starting Another Lap on Life's Journey.

Although with most of us the custom of making an elaborate set of resolutions—all of them to be broken perhaps in a week—belongs to the past, it is by no means a bad idea to sit down and quietly think over their significance in calm retrospect.

If the past year has contained more tears than smiles tear off the old page, with its blots and mistakes, and throw it away. A clean new sheet, pure and white, lies before you. Forget to pity yourself so much and contemplate the condition of those more unfortunate.

It is a good thing at the beginning of a fresh year, with the slate clean, to make an effort to rid yourself of that characteristic human mistake of putting too great a value on the opinions of others. Much of the misery or imagined misery of human beings has its origin in the most trifling circumstances.

Cordial Old New Year Practice Has Almost Entirely Died Out.

New Year's day itself is celebrated quietly nowadays. The old custom of receiving calls that used to be in vogue when our mothers were young has never been revived, and the size of our cities and the enormous proportions to which even a quiet woman's visiting list will grow with even the slightest encouragement make it seem unlikely that this cordial old practice will ever again be in vogue.

Many people, however, send New Year cards to their friends, wishing them health, happiness and prosperity, and young men, especially those who have been the recipients of hospitality, send their women friends a bunch of roses, a box of candy or a new book, with the best New Year wishes. This plan is often adopted by men who wish to pay small courtesies to their friends. Instead of sending Christmas presents for New Year gifts do not carry with them any obligation of a return favor, as Christmas remembrances are sometimes supposed to do.

A New Year Apostrophe.

A BABY smiles in its mother's face, There at her breast in a soft embrace—

A life beginning and all to learn, Oh, mother heart that shall leap and yearn,

Teaching the dimpled feet to walk, Teaching the honeyed mouth to talk! Oh, time, make haste for the baby dear And spread the coming of each New Year!

A youth with the fire and blood of spring And hope that rises on eager wing Thrills at the sight of a maiden's blush, Stirring his heart with the first hot flush

Of love requited, that finds its mate And yet but a little while must wait, Watches and listens thy step to hear, Oh, speed thy coming, thou sweet New Year!

In manhood's prime there is standing one, And all but his greatest task is done, Beyond his reach, but before his eyes, Greatest of all is the final prize.

Yet but a little he'll hold it fast; A year and a day 'twill be his at last, Conquering spirit that knows not fear, Bidding thee hasten, oh, brave New Year!

Gray is the crown of a wholesome life And peace the benison sweet of strife. An aged man with his strength nigh spent, With nerves a-tremble, his slight form bent,

Erect in spirit and white of soul, With steps that falter, is near the goal, With eyes bedimmed, but a faith that's clear, He craves but thy rest, oh, blest New Year!

—New York World.

AN ACTRESS' NEW YEAR'S DAY

"NEW YEAR'S day," said the late Fanny Davenport, the famous actress, "brings each year to me a very pleasant recollection of what happened some years ago while playing 'Gismonda' in Los Angeles, Cal.

"It was after my New Year's performance, and as I was about to take my carriage a young lady stepped up and handed me a little box, which I opened when I arrived at the hotel and found it contained a jewel serpent bracelet. There was a card inside with the following inscription: 'No day better than this can we express our thanks to our noble benefactor,' and the name signed.

"There is quite a story connected with this girl. Years ago, when my father, the late E. L. Davenport, made his southern tours, at Savannah, Ga., there was a family who thought all the world of him. On one of these tours I accompanied my father, and child as I was at that time I remembered our more than hospitable treatment by them.

"The war came, and like many other southerners, they lost their all and emigrated to southern California. When I first visited Los Angeles with 'Fedora' I was taking a walk on the street, and happening to look up I noticed a name which was very familiar to me. It immediately entered my mind that they were our southern friends. To make sure I went upstairs and found that they were conducting in a very small way a millinery and dressmaking establishment.

"I thought immediately a little money might be of great service to them



"YOU DROPPED THIS," SAID THE YOUNG GIRL.

in increasing their business. On leaving the place I purposely, but accidentally to them, dropped a sum I know they would not accept had I tendered it to them. I immediately returned to the hotel and did not think they recognized me, but almost as soon as I reached my room a young girl, hatless and breathless, rushed in and said, 'Oh, Miss Davenport, you dropped this going out of our place today.'

"I told the young girl to take it back home to her father; that it was not a gift, but only a loan, and they could return it to me at some future time. Years passed by, and with the boom in real estate in southern California my southern friends again regained their wealth and returned me the money I had loaned them.

"The New Year's day I speak of above was the first time they had the opportunity of thanking me, and it is

not the gift I prize as much as to know how highly they held me in their esteem for the slight favor I had done for them."

NEW YEAR'S WEATHER.

It Was Not Always Thought Well to Have Sunshine at Year's Beginning.

While we are naturally glad to have pleasant weather at any and all times, it would appear from many old proverbs that it is not a blessing in mid winter, and the "wisdom of ages" admonishes us thus:

January warm, the Lord have mercy! If you see grass in January Lock your grain in your granary. January blossoms fit no man's cellar. January wet, No wine you'll get. Green New Year, full graveyard

Weather indications have always been watched on New Year's eve and the signs believed and acted upon in good faith. Centuries ago our druid ancestors observed New Year's day by wonderful religious and mystical ceremonies, and the Saxons made of it a grand festival, with feasting and merry-making and exchange of gifts.

In England the day has always been one of gift making; tenants make presents to their landlords, loyal subjects to their sovereigns and friends exchange souvenirs, as we do at Christmas. The custom was brought to this country when young men and maidens got up early on the first day of the year and went out, bearing lively greetings to the neighboring households.

CRUEL NEW YEAR'S "SPORT."

Times Have Changed Since Dutch Tortured Geese in Old New York.

In old time New York, in the Dutch days, there was observed a cruel "sport" for New Year's day—a sport frowned on by Stuyvesant. It was called "riding for the goose." Blacksmith Joris set up in front of his shop two stout poles ten feet apart connected with a strong crossbar twenty feet from the ground. From this bar hung a living goose tied firmly by the legs, just over the head of a mounted rider. The sport consisted in riding at full speed between the poles and snatching at the head of the goose to bear away the head from the body or to tear the whole bird away. As the goose had been thoroughly greased and fluttered wildly at this exhibition of man's inhumanity when being amused this proved no easy task.

And see! Here is a Dutch tar—a pirate, perhaps, blustering with schnapps from Cruger's tavern—bawling out that he can catch aloft better than any landlubber. And with his flapping trousers, crimson sash, cutlass, earrings and pigtails he mounts a shaggy Dutch pony and rides clattering at the poles and the fluttering goose. But the ill broken cart horse promptly throws him to the frozen ground as he rises swaying in his stirrups to catch the slippery goose, and shouts of laughter greet him as he rises scowling and threatening.

And by this time and at this clamor Stuyvesant would come stamping along on his silver banded wooden leg and try to force an unwilling rattle watch to spoil the sport by arresting the noisiest and drunkenest men and "prevent more sins, debaucheries and calamities." Here is a part of one of his proclamations: "Whereas, experience has taught us that on New Year's day and May day from the firing of guns, the planting of maypoles and drunken drinkers there have resulted unnecessary waste of powder and much intoxication, with the bad practices and bad accidents; therefore, we expressly forbid any firing of guns and beating of drums," etc., to try to kill out the celebration of New Year's.

We can well understand the prudent governor's irritation and intolerance, for three weeks of every midwinter at these holiday times were so given over to holiday observance that the courts did not sit, public offices were closed and no important business could be transacted.

The exchange of gifts was universal in New York on New Year's day for centuries: gifts of gloves, cake, fruit, "kiskatomas nuts" and New Year's visiting also.

Notes About Birds.

A peculiar characteristic about birds is that the young of those that build nests in trees are blind when hatched, are naked, unable to walk and are fed by the parent bird. Among the wading birds the young can walk, swim and pick up food immediately upon leaving the egg. With birds, as with higher animals, the females seem to fancy bright colors and music; hence Mother Nature usually ornaments the head, neck and tails of the males that they may find mates more readily. The male birds usually excel in music also.—Exchange.

A Pleasant Way to Help.

"Mamma," lisped the cherub, while a smile of seraphic sweetness illuminated his baby face, "do you know that sometimes I help Catherine's mamma."

"That's nice," prompted the proud parent. "And what do you do to help her, dear?"

"Oh," replied the cherub, "when Catherine's naughty I punish her!"—Youth's Companion.

Very Engaging.

Aunt Anna—Your wife is a perfect dear, William; she has such engaging ways. Mr. Stubbs—Right you are, aunt; she has engaged fully two dozen different cooks in the last six months to my certain knowledge.—Florida Times-Union.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS

DR. P. A. SNYDER DENTIST Suite 1 Elliott Bldg. Office Hours 8:30 to 12-1 to 6

W. M. McCOY PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON Columbia Valley Bank Building Wenatchee, Wash. Phones: Office, 1665; Residence, 1662.

DR. G. W. KOKSEY PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON Leavenworth, Wash.

DR. J. STILLSON JUDAH Physician and Surgeon Office in Leavenworth Hospital Phones—Office, 442; Residence, 111 Office Hours—10 to 12 a.m. 2-4, 7-8 p.m. Sundays by appointment

DR. A. G. McKEOWN OLD RELIABLE DENTIST Office Hours 9 to 12 and 1:30 to 5 Opposite Post Office Phone 182

DR. C. E. BRIGGS Dentist Offices over King's Drug Store My work will please you

ABSTRACTS OF TITLE IS OUR BUSINESS We were here when Chelan County was organized, our records are complete and kept up daily; accurate and quick service is our motto. Mail us your order. Chelan County Abstract Co. (Incorporated) J. A. GELLATLY W. W. GRAY President Secy. WENATCHEE, WASH.

City Dray Line License No. 2 All kinds of hauling promptly and carefully done BAGGAGE TRANSFERRING Distributor of Rainier Beer Lee J. Howerton

F. & A. M.—Zarthan Lodge No. 148 meets every first and third Monday of each month in Masonic Temple. A. G. McCoy, W. M.; Wm. O. Atwood, Secretary.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS Meet the second and fourth Friday in the month in Firemen's Hall. W. V. Davis, C. C.; A. R. Brown, K. of E. and S. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

Butter Wrappers Printed or Unprinted Echo Office

State, National and County Officials President..... WOODROW WILSON Vice President..... THOS. R. MARSHAL Cabinet Officers Secretary of State..... Wm. J. Bryan Secretary of Treasury..... Wm. G. McAdoo Secretary of War..... L. M. Garrison Attorney General..... James Reynolds Postmaster General..... Albert B. Wilson Secretary of Navy..... Josephus Daniels Secretary of Interior..... Franklin K. Lane Sec. of Agriculture..... David F. Houston Sec. Com. and Labor..... Wm. C. Redfield Secretary of Labor..... Wm. B. Wilson

U. S. Senators W. L. Jones and M. E. Fuldexter Congressman 8rd Dist..... W. L. LaFollette State Officers Governor..... Ernest Lister Lieutenant Governor..... Louis F. Hart Secretary of State..... I. M. Howell State Treasurer..... Edward Meath State Auditor..... C. W. Clausen Attorney General..... W. V. Tanner Land Commissioner..... C. V. Saydidge School Supt..... Josephine Preston Insurance Commissioner..... H. O. Fishback

Supreme Judges George E. Morris R. O. Dunbar Frank H. Rudkin H. D. Crowe A. D. Gose S. J. Chadwick Wallace Mount Emmit Parker

Columbia Land District Register U. S. L. O. W. F. Hayes Receiver U. S. L. O. Dr. J. E. Shore

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Fred Kemp E. L. Baker KEMP & BAKER Lawyers Wenatchee, Wash.

N. A. PEARSON Attorney and Counselor-at-Law Notary Public Suite 2, Elliott Bldg. Telephone 64 Leavenworth, Wash.

Wm. A. Reneau G. G. Hannan Ira Thomas Thomas & Hannan Lawyers Suite 2, Rarey Bldg Wenatchee

Reeves, Crollard & Crollard Lawyers Office, Second Floor Reeves Building Farmers' Phone 222 Wenatchee - - Washington

B. J. Williams A. N. Corbin WILLIAMS & CORBIN Attorneys at Law Wenatchee - - Washington

LEWIS J. NELSON ATTORNEY and COUNSELOR AT LAW Notary Public Suite 2 Elliott Block Office Telephone 14 Residence Telephone 15 LEAVENWORTH, WASH.

J. B. ADAMS Attorney and Counselor at Law Notary Public Drawing deeds, contracts and mortgages, and examining abstracts a specialty

E. H. FOX Lawyer-Notary Public Office, Eight St. adjoining Weeler's Art Shop Leavenworth, Washington

JOHN E. PORTER Attorney at Law Notary Public 210 Columbia Valley Bank Bldg Office phone 1635 Res. phone 1074 Wenatchee Wash

When you go to Wenatchee take the bus for Hotel Wenatchee Most convenient to all important business points, and Where you are most likely to meet other Leavenworth visitors to The Metropolis of the Valley.

Wenatchee Abstract Company Incorporated R. W. VERMILYA, Mgr. Abstracts of Title to all lands in Chelan county Prompt Attention Given Mail Orders Columbia Valley Bank Bldg. Wenatchee, Washington

Manifold Typewriter Paper For sale at The Echo Office

Hotel Barclay A. C. Barclay, Prop., 33 Daylight Rooms New and Modern Sample Rooms We Meet all Trains Phone 656 P. O. Box 672 Auto for Hire

100 Envelopes with your name and address 75c At The Echo Office