

The YEAR THAT LIES BEFORE

IT IS TIME TO START AGAIN,
THE TIME TO ALL-TAKE HEART AGAIN,
THE TIME TO DO YOUR PART AGAIN,
THE PART YOU HAVE BEEN SHIRKING.



THE year that lies before is ever the year of opportunity. The year 1914, on whose threshold we now stand, contains greater possibilities of individual growth and national prosperity than any previous year ever promised. Individual effort is encouraged by conditions inspiring confidence in results, and the nation finds incentive in its own achievements and natural blessings to misuse which would constitute a national crime. If the individual and the nation are guided by the experiences of the past as they should be, the new year will be marked by progress and prosperity such as they have never before enjoyed.

At the very outset it should be borne in mind that the individual is the fountain source of national progress and prosperity. The spring feeds the stream, streams unite to form rivers, and mighty rivers replenish the evaporating oceans. Let the spring fail, the stream dries up, the river falls, and the ocean sinks below its natural level. So the individual, even the humblest, must continue his contribution to the rising tide of prosperity, if he would draw from that prosperity for his personal needs, just as the spring draws from the ocean through the condensation of its evaporated waters—the rain that waters the land. The element of personal responsibility cannot be discounted without endangering the welfare of all—neither by the individual himself, nor by society. A proper sense of responsibility compels seizure upon every opportunity within reach.

If there has been one idea more mischievous than another, as regards individual activity, it has been the one embodied in the oft-repeated phrase, "The world owes me a living." It does if one earns it, but the world has nothing to give to the lazy, the indolent, the sluggard. In its compensation the world is reciprocal—it pays back, on the average, just about what the individual contributes, sometimes rewarding meritorious effort generously. Success comes to those only who make good. There is natural law in the business world, and obedience to that law is as essential as observance of civil law if there is to be individual prosperity. Certain it is that for violation of all law there is penalty which is sometimes severe.

Nor is there any excuse for failure to do one's part because of the apparent prosperity of others at his expense. Human experience has shown that a part of society cannot long prosper at the expense of the whole, and that a part cannot long prosper at the expense of another part. This experience has also accorded with natural law which rules on the principle of general averages, in spite of many apparent exceptions. The second great mistake lies in arguing from exceptions, a mistake which is always productive of erroneous conclusions. Exceptions but make good the rule which only can be the basis of reason which in turn, if good, excludes exceptions. Sound reasoning demands legitimate excuse which cannot be found in individual failure.

Therefore, the new year with all its opportunities appeals to you. It places responsibility on you. Its message is "It's up to you." If 1914 shall prove a year of prosperity to you, it is because you will have merited success; if, on the other hand, 1914 shall have proved a year of failure, you will have, in some measure, at least, been responsible. As with the individual, so with the nation.

Let the cynics say what they will, there's logic in the joy the world finds in New Year's. One day may be much like another, but "every day is a fresh beginning." The years come and go, bearing nearly the same freight of sorrow and failure and bitter disappointment, but always hope feels the thrill and uplift of a new chance for humanity, at the turn of the year, and all that makes life worth while is touched by hope's magic.

New Year's comes with the increase of light and the slow retreat of dark-

ness, in the northern half of the earth. It tells of another spring approaching, and who knows but it will prove the most perfect spring the world has ever seen? And there is another summer beyond which may be the ideal season, neither too hot nor chilly, free from drought and excess of rain—just what summer ought to be.

And with nature's new opportunity to fulfill the hopes of men and women comes one more chance for them, one more great division of time, which is the measure of life. They meet and greet it in joy because it is unspoiled, unmarred, altogether clean and open for a fairer and higher record than they have ever lived into any twelvemonth gone by.

What if the hope of such advancement fails of realization, in the larger sense, and with few exceptions grows feebler and dimmer until it dies when the new year has grown old? There are exceptions, and they are beacons lighted for the guidance of humanity on its upward way. In the glow of these triumphs of high endeavor which enable us all to keep our dreams alive, the world discovers foothold for its climbing steps.

All this reasonableness of New Year's hopes and joys, this consciousness which is felt rather than reasoned, of the infinite possibilities of life, is especially easy and natural in America. Here the balance between good fortune and ill inclines most often to the side of joy. Here the opportunities which minister to hope are easiest to find and seize.

Always and everywhere, if mankind is not to slip back into the mire of utter ignorance and bestiality from which the race emerged before history began, there must be visions of better things in the future than the past has given. Such pictures call to the savage in his hut and the barbarian in his tent. Without hope the inner life of the world would faint and die. "Where there is no vision the people perish."

But in America these stirrings of the vital force which urges man upward and onward, despite unnumbered failures and losses, leap in the heart with new strength. The hope in the soul is in harmony with the environment of the race. Optimism is native to the soil. The continent spreads wide the fields of opportunity.

Never was the uplift and joy of the new year's coming more reasonable than it is today. Never was the outlook fairer for the progress of the nation and the world, in thought, character and deed. The old earth begins its wisest year, its richest, its best.

The close of the year brings with it a mingled feeling of gladness and melancholy—of gladness in the anticipation of brighter days to come with the advent of the new year and of melancholy in reflections on the fleeting nature of time, and the gradual approach of the inevitable goal in the race of life.

Ring out the old, ring in the new. Ring, happy bells, across the snow; The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true. That so interesting an occasion as

the departing of the old and the ushering in of a new year should be distinguished by some observance or ceremony appears but natural, and we accordingly find various customs prevail in different parts of the country and of the world. Some are of a sportive character, others serious, and in others both mirthful and pensive moods are intermingled.

One of the best-known is that of remaining up till 12 o'clock on the night of December 31, either in the home, where a little family party may be gathered; in the church, where religious "watch-night" service is held; or on the street, where promenaders make merry.

In no place in the world is the celebration of New Year's eve made so much account as in Philadelphia. In a great measure this is due to the fact that it is the "Cradle of Liberty" of the country, and the bell on Independence hall is used to announce the age of the republic with the dawning of the new year. Thousands of people congregate about Independence hall, and when the clock points to midnight and the bell begins to toll of the years, pandemonium is let loose with the firing of small arms, the tooting of horns and noises of all characters. The celebration is carried along all the thoroughfares in the heart of the city, and especially around the large public buildings, which are elaborately illuminated.

New Year's eve is a favorite occasion for social gatherings in Scotland and the north of England, and when the eventful hour has struck the guests all proceed to the house door and unbar it with great formality to "let out the old and let in the new year."

The making of good resolutions with the dawning of the new year is a very old custom, and one which has no doubt been followed with much profit. It affords a splendid opportunity to lay aside futile reflections on past imprudence and mismanagement, and to resolve for the future to do our utmost in fulfilling our duty to God and our fellow-men.

Ring out false pride in place and blood, The civic slander and the spite; Ring in the love of truth and right, Ring in the common love of good.

Millions of Mohammedans. Only 13 centuries have passed since the death of Mohammed and today there are 225,000,000 Mohammedans, one-seventh of the population of the globe. There are 50,000,000 in Africa, 62,000,000 in India, 30,000,000 in China, 29,000,000 in the Malay Archipelago and 250,000 in the Philippines, not to speak of the lands that are almost wholly Mohammedan in western Asia. A recent writer said: "What fires of faith and devotion must have burned in the hearts of the early champions of Islam to make them gird on the sword and fight and die for the new religion. It swept across Syria and all north Africa like the desert simoon—swift, fierce, impetuous, irresistible, destructive—only to be curbed and cooled by the waves of the Atlantic."

AS IT SEEMED TO THE BOY

Youngster's Criticism Not Unnatural When One Considers the Present Fashionable Designs.

Mrs. Beekman Winthrop at a luncheon at the Colony club in New York said of the 1913-1914 fashions: "I admit that some of these fashions are beautiful. The worst, perhaps, that can be uttered against them was the unconscious stricture of a little boy friend of mine. "He was looking at a photograph of a very beautiful lady. This beautiful lady wore a ball gown of diaphanous white stuff like gossamer. Her white arms were bare. Great V's in front and back bared her neck and shoulders. A slash on the left side of the skirt revealed her white silk stocking, her little white shoe, and the shoe's fastenings of narrow ribbon that ran in criss-cross, scandal fashion, up her slim, glistening ankle. The little boy studied this beautiful photograph gravely. Then he said: "She's dressing, ain't she?"

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Activities of Women.

Olga Nethersole, the well known actress, recently received a verdict against her former managers for \$32,000 for breach of contract. Many women in Paris have permits to wear men's clothes because they claim that by doing so they can double their earning capacity. Mme. Poincaré, wife of the president of France, is learning how to dance the tango so that it will be danced at all the official balls in Paris.

He Made the Hundredth.

A man was on trial before a western judge for horse stealing, and when it came time for the lawyers on both sides to tell the judge what instructions they wanted him to give to the jury in addition to the points covered in his own charge, the attorney for the defense said: "I respectfully ask your honor to instruct the jury that it is a fundamental principle of law in this country that it is better for 99 guilty men to escape than for one innocent man to be found guilty." "Yes, that is true," said the judge, "and I so instruct the jury; but I will add that it is the opinion of the court that the 99 guilty men have already escaped."

Taking No Chances.

"I see," said the editor, "that some half-baked scientist schedules the end of the world for next Saturday." "Yes, yes," said the star reporter. "I've got the story all ready. It won't happen."

Now They Don't Speak.

Mrs. Eke—Tom says that in order to be a successful poker player one must be cool, crafty, selfish, deceitful and have a touch of meanness in one's disposition.

Business Blocked.

"I thought you were going away today." "Couldn't buy a ticket." "Nonsense. The ticket office is never closed." "No, but there was a girl at the window ahead of me."

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"He's a wonder." "What makes you think so?" "He can be introduced to a room full of strangers and actually remember some of the names."

The Kind.

"There were straight issues in this campaign, were there not?" "Yes; and one of them was straight whisky."

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It has been calculated that nearly 300,000,000 feet, or more than 55,000 miles, of film are used yearly to satisfy the world's demand for moving pictures.

There are two classes of small boys; the bad ones and the dead ones.

TOO STRONG FOR UTTERANCE

Irascible Old Salt Had Many Things He Would Like to Declare, but Not at That Time.

Mrs. Van Alen Thompson, whose entry into the country gave her much difficulty with the customs officials, was recounting her experiences to a few friends in Boston. She said: "It was very unpleasant, but not the least unpleasant part was the attitude of the customs officials. I hope they don't intend to be as rude as they appear to the returning traveler. "But," continued Mrs. Thompson, philosophically, "I suppose it would be difficult to be as popular as a customs inspector. Every body feels towards them like the old skipper. "The skipper, after undergoing several hours of suspicious cross-questioning from two inspectors regarding his cargo, was at last leaving the wharf when a young official, unaware of his previous grilling, accosted him. "Have you anything to declare," he demanded sharply. "Furious, the old skipper glared at the young man and shouted: "Yes, young man, I've a good deal to declare, but I'd be ashamed to say it before a boy like you. You're too young to hear what I would like to declare!"

How One Pastor Built Church.

Last winter one of the strong churches of Los Angeles extended Rev. W. H. Sheffer of Memphis, Tenn., a call to become their pastor, and after considering all sides of the question he decided to accept the call, relates the Christian Herald. So he convened his official board, placed before them his resignation and asked to be released. His board being made up of tactful business men, and knowing that their pastor had tried for years to build a new church, requested him to hold the resignation in abeyance for a week, which he did. Then the board got busy, bought a new site for a church and paid \$27,000 for it and reported to the church the following Sunday that they would build a new church on it at once if their pastor would consent to remain with them. He wanted another week, and then said to his church: "I will stay with you if you will subscribe \$45,000 for the new church at once." They took him at his word, and at that service subscribed \$54,000 for the new building. It goes without saying that his church is very happy over his decision to stay with them.

Good Layer.

Anthony Comstock at a luncheon in New York said of certain taboos books and plays: "The motive of these works was perhaps all right. But the expression, the form, was bad. And that spoiled the motive completely. "Expression, form, you know, is everything. Consider how the lack of it spoiled the mason's speech. "A man at a memorial service said of a bricklayer who had been accidentally killed: "Yes, gents, I looked out once on the beauties of nature, and all was calm. Our friend deceased here was layin' a brick. I looked out once again, and still all was calm, but our friend deceased here was no more. He was layin' a corpse."

Scenting the Spook.

A woman who attended a spiritualistic seance was invited by the medium to go up to the cabinet and receive a message from "one who has departed to the other side of life." When she came back a friend asked her if she had received a message. "Yes," she replied, "a voice whispered in my ear." "Was it a real spirit message?" her friend persisted. "Well, I don't know," answered the woman, "but if it was the spirit had been eating onions."—Nek York Tribune.

In the Dark.

"Mrs. Blobster's fat is ceramics." "Just so." "You don't seem to be very much interested."

An Air of Depression.

"What does the sculptor call this work?" "The Toller." "Ahem! Judging from the dejected attitude of the figure, a walking delegate must have ordered the toller to strike."

Varying Luck.

Mrs. Eke—V hat sort of luck do you have with cooks? Mrs. Wye—Oh, varying. Some we keep as long as a week and some as long as a meal.

Doesn't Prove Anything.

"Is he swayed by his prejudices?" "I should say so. Anyhow, he's the sort of a man who cheers when the ball hits the umpire on the shins."

Empiricism.

"Really, Tommy, I'm ashamed of you. You must think a bit; whatever is your head for?" "To eat with, mum."

Advantage of Egoism.

He—Bighede is always thinking of himself. She—Yes. In that way he always avoids having much on his mind.

Women on the Ark.

Noah Embarked. "This is the only safe boat for a suffragette," he boasted; "the police can't take her off it when we land."

Before reaching the age of thirty a man wonders how soon he will marry

—after that he wonders how much longer he will be able to dodge the issue.

GIVES AID TO WORTHY CAUSE

American Federation of Labor Urges Members to Be Generous in Buying Red Cross Seals.

Members of the American Federation of Labor are called upon to further in every possible way the sale of Red Cross seals. The federation adopted a resolution on this subject which reads as follows: "Whereas, the American Federation of Labor has in every possible way aided the movement for the study and prevention of tuberculosis throughout the United States and Canada, and "Whereas, the American National Red Cross has been in the past, and is now, making an especial effort through the sale of the Red Cross seals, to secure funds to carry on the war against tuberculosis, and by means of the funds raised in this manner has been able to do much effective work in this direction; therefore be it

Resolved, That the American Federation of Labor give its indorsement to the movement of the American National Red Cross and encourage its members to further in every possible way the sale of these seals in their respective communities."

Gathering the Oak Leaves.

In certain sections of New Jersey the gathering of oak leaves is a late summer and autumn industry. Passing through the section where the industry is carried on, one sees the sides of houses and barns or any other place out of doors where the branches can hang to dry filled with row after row of bunches of oak. After drying for two weeks they are put in bales for shipment. Last year one man gathered more than 300 bunches a day and had more than 12 tons for shipment. The price is about \$50 a ton, and there is a brisk demand in European cities for the oak branches thus prepared. There are 100 limbs in a bundle and 100 bunches in a bale. The leaves are free for the taking, mostly. Still, some owners of woodland are in the money-making game themselves, and charge so much per acre for the privilege. The gatherer does not have to sow or cultivate—it seems as if the crop were a gift of nature.

Father's Ultimatum.

The father of a large family of children was trying hard to read the evening paper. "What's that terrible racket in the hall, Martha?" "One of the children just fell downstairs."

Happy Thought.

It had been a rather long-drawn-out engagement and as often happens in those cases his lovmaking was not as arduous as it had been at one time. "Why didn't you write oftener in answer to my letters, Will?" she asked, tearfully. "Because, dearest," he replied, "your letters were so long and interesting that I spent all my time reading them."

Getting Some Business.

"Is your son, the young doctor, getting any business?" "Yes; he did vary nicely during the green apple season, and he says the football season promises well."

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Insisted on Autocracy.

M. Henri Menier, the famous chocolate manufacturer, whose death occurred recently, was better known in England as "the man who would be king." In 1895 he bought the island of Anticosti, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, for \$125,000, and set up what was practically a government of his own there. Under the name of "rules" he made laws to which all who lived on the island had to conform, and he evicted eighteen families of old settlers on the island who refused to recognize his authority. The ownership by a Frenchman of an important British island like Anticosti—it is 130 miles long, with an average width of 27—caused uneasiness in England at the time, which St. Menier's assumption of sovereignty did not tend to allay. He spent about \$1,500,000 in developing the island, but it did not repay his expectations, and he had done little with it in recent years. In France his model city of Nobeil was planned on similar lines to Port Sunlight and Bourville in England.

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ATTACKED IN BED BY RAT

Fierce Fight Before Rodent Could Be Destroyed, and Man Is Severely Bitten.

A monster rat, which had gained entrance into his bedroom through an open window during the day, savagely attacked and bit Russell Kemmerer, of Pensburg, and it took half an hour of furious fighting to dispatch the vicious rodent in bed.

LIVE UP TO THEIR INCOME

Government Report Shows That Professional Men Save Little of the Large Sums Earned.

A recent government report gives the average earnings, expenses and savings of various classes of professional men, and states that 30 out of every 100 of them save nothing. Bankers and brokers head the list, their average income being \$7,726 per annum with \$5,388 expenses. Their

retired for the night when the husband felt a peculiar scratching on his arm as if some one were tugging at him.

A lamp was lighted and the room examined for a possible intruder. The Kemmerers retired again, satisfied that there was no burglar in the room; but a vicious bite on his arm caused the husband to jump out of bed a second time.

Investigation disclosed a rat in the bed while Mrs. Kemmerer, nearly dead from fright, huddled in a corner

average savings a year are \$2,388. Lawyers come next, their average income being \$4,169; expenses, \$2,685, and savings, \$1,474. Physicians come next, their income averaging \$3,907; expenses, \$3,190; savings, \$717.

Semi-professional men come next—railroad officials with an income of \$3,441; expenses, \$2,813, and savings, \$628. Mill and manufacturing superintendents come next with an income of \$3,262; expenses, \$2,553, and savings, \$729. Clergymen come next, their yearly

and screamed, the husband tackled the rat. After a full half-hour's fight he managed to smother the intruder under a sheet.

As a result of Kemmerer's many wounds blood poison is feared.—Pensburg (Pa.) Dispatch to Philadelphia Record.

Men and Women and Secrets. "A man can keep the secret of another better than his own; a woman, on the contrary, keeps her own better than that of another."—La Bruyere

Incomes averaging \$2,150; expenses, \$2,581, and savings, \$269. Professors and tutors come next with an income of \$2,878; expenses, \$2,335, and savings, \$543.

Breaking into Society. "I want you to take some pictures of the wedding," said the prospective groom. "Very good," said the prospective photographer. "And also have a couple of phony cameras along for me to smash."

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