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## A Toast For The New Year

Henry M. Hyde

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A Happy New Year and Many of 'Em!

TO THE Gentleman Adventurers—to the men who tempt the vengeance of the upper air, dare the sunless dangers of deep seas, track to their secret lairs the wild beasts of disease and pestilence—risking their own lives that the life of Man may be made safe—  
A Happy New Year and Many of 'Em!

TO THE Poets and dreamers of the Present—to the men who harness the tides, bridle the west wind, put a yoke around the neck of the glaciers, drive the sun and moon tandem—making the forces of nature toil that Man may enjoy—  
A Happy New Year and Many of 'Em!

TO THE Masters of the Future—to the men who know, to the men in earnest—rejoicing in their knowledge and their strength, looking with clear eyes, unafraid, into the face of fate—crowned with the high happiness of work well done—  
A Happy New Year and Many of 'Em!  
—Technical World.

## New Year Gleanings.

Interesting Bits Appropriate to the Day Gathered from Everywhere.

### New Year's Is a Candy Day in France.

Boxes of Sweets Are Favorite Gifts with all Classes in Paris.

Once used to be very popular to give New Year's presents; but now so much more attention is paid to Christmas, and every one receives so many lovely things then, that our American boys and girls cannot complain if they do not get presents a week later, as did their mothers and fathers.

However, if they lived in France, New Year's day would be a great occasion, especially for girls, for there every man or boy gives some gift, no matter how small, to his friends. No one paying a call would think of going empty-handed, and little French girls at school on the 2d of January count up how many presents they received, just as our girls do after Valentine's day.

A favorite gift is candy. Sometimes this candy is made into temples, churches or playhouses; or all sorts of queer forms like bundles of carpets, boots and shoes, musical instruments, gridrons, saucepans, lobsters, crabs, books and hats are made of colored sugar, hollowed out and filled inside with chocolates, mints and other bonbons that can be eaten.

Don't you think the little French children must feel pretty sick the next day, after so much sweet stuff? For, of course, they would have to sample each kind; that is, if they are like American boys and girls in their fondness for candy.

### The Origin of New Year's Calls.

Like Many Others of Our Customs, They Were Imported from China.

The custom of making New Year's calls, which had a long run in America, and is still extant, came originally from China, where such calls are one of the main features of the brilliant and lengthy New Year's celebration.

Every Chinaman pays a visit to each of his superiors, and receives one from each of his inferiors. Images of gods are carried in procession to the beating of a deafening gong, and mandarins go by hundreds to the emperor and that apparently much-maligned sovereign, the empress dowager, with congratulatory addresses. Their robes are gorgeously embroidered, and are heavy with gold. The younger people call upon the elder.

Children call upon their parents. Pupils pay their respects to their teachers. A light collation is offered every visitor, but it is to be noted, no wine is served. Tea takes the place of any stronger drink. In China gentlemen never call upon the ladies, but upon each other, and the women also make social visits among themselves. Nor is one obliged, happily, to make all his calls in one day, for all calls made before the 15th of the month are considered correct. These calling customs have obtained in China from earliest ages.

### No Changes Needed in the Brown Family.

Proposed Resolutions Brought Emphatic Objections from Both Sides of House.

"This is the new year," said Mrs. Brown, as she and Brown sat down to dinner, "and perhaps we ought to make some little changes for 1907."  
"I am willing," he replied. "Yes, I have been thinking that I would make a few changes."  
"That is nice of you. You know that you swear and that I don't like it at all. It will be so sweet and kind and considerate to give it up for my sake."  
"Give up swearing! Not on your life!"

"What, then, did you mean by change?"  
"Why, I have been allowing you five dollars per week as pin money, and I know that you simply fool most of it away. One of the changes contemplated was to cut the sum in half."  
"Samuel Brown!" exclaimed the wife, as she knocked on her plate with her fork to emphasize her words, "don't make any mistake on your wife, May. You will continue to swear as hard as you wish, and as often as you wish, and my five dollars pin money comes to me every Saturday night, or there won't be any glass left in the front windows to last over Sunday!"

### A June New Year's on the Nile Banks.

The Ancient Egyptians Started the Year with the Raise of the River.

In all ages and all lands much importance has been attached to New Year's day. In Egypt the new year fell between the 17th and the 20th of June, and was called the "night of the drop." The sacred Nile was thought to flow down from heaven, and at its lowest ebb—about the middle of June—a tear from Isis fell into the stream and caused it to rise.

Consequently at this season the priests and people kept a sleepless vigil at the river's shore, watching for the miraculous rise which should bring such riches to the whole land. When the "night of the drop" came, the priests cleared the altars of old ashes and lighted the sacred fires for the new year.

Every one of the faithful carried a coal from the altar to light the fire at his own hearth, and from end to end the land was ablaze with light. The people put off their old garments and arrayed themselves in white, anointing their heads with sacred oil, crowning themselves with flowers and bearing palms in their hands, while chants and songs and fasting and processions filled the homes.

### Passing Humor of the New Year.

Would You Blame Him?  
Mina—Did your husband, at New Year's, swear off?  
Lena—Yes, off and on—whenever a bill came in.—Town Topics.



Appropriate.  
Coal Dealer—We will start 1907 with a clean slate.  
Consumer—I think you might leave a little coal in it!—Town Topics.

## MENTALLY DERANGED IMPROVE WATER ROUTES

### Former Wife of Congressman Buckman Committed to Insane Asylum

St. Cloud Times: It would seem as though the old adage that troubles never come singly is illustrated most impressively in the case of Mrs. John Brown of Sauk Rapids, formerly Mrs. C. B. Buckman. All know of the ordeal which the lady has been subjected to and she has a large number of friends who have sympathized with her, but this latest calamity is the worst of all. She was examined on Thursday evening at Sauk Rapids by Judge of Probate McCurdy, of Foley, as to her sanity and was ordered committed to the asylum at Fergus Falls, being taken there at once. Children of Sauk Rapids and Dumas of Foley constituted the examining board.

Mrs. Brown is a complete nervous wreck brought on, it is thought, by the trouble in family affairs which are well known to the general public. One of the sad features of the case is the fact that she was but recently married to Mr. Brown. While her case is very critical there is some hope that she may recover. The chances are against her, however. The announcement of the turn in affairs was received with general regret by the many friends of the lady in Sauk Rapids.

### Remedy for Congestion of Traffic in the West

Congestion of traffic does not alone characterize the sections from which the great agricultural crops have to be moved. It is a feature of the whole transportation business in America today. It is stated by mariners in Louisville that it takes as long to get a shipment from Richmond, Va., to Louisville, Ky., today as it did in the days of the canal and rivers. It is further said that a freight car travels only a few hours a day, and is idle, therefore, a greater part of the time.

Just where the fault lies is not yet clear. Just what remedies are to be adopted has not been decided upon by the transportation managers.

But there is one great far-reaching remedy to which the people are now turning their attention: that is to the reconstruction of the water routes through the central part of America. During the past fifty years there has been a comparative decline in the river traffic. Money has been spent, not wisely and rarely consecutively, upon our rivers and harbors. The demand now is for a systematic improvement of western rivers, so that capital will be justified in reconstructing the barges and the togs and steamboats with a purpose of moving great quantities of freight expediently and satisfactorily. It is manifest that the railroads cannot accommodate the traffic of the country, and the traffic seems to be increasing more rapidly than the railroads.

The experience of the lake cities should arouse the river cities to the importance not merely of annual appropriations for rivers and harbors but to the importance of a systematic plan approved by engineers for securing a uniform state of water beginning with our great rivers and extending them to their tributaries.

Something, but not much, has been done in the improvement of steamboats, tug boats and barges. A great deal would be done in this way if there were any assurance of open navigation for even the greater part of the year. Improvement of water navigation will be the greatest regulator of railroad rates, and work in this direction should begin at once.—Louisville Post.

### FARM METHODS IN OHIO.

Wm. Denniston, an Ohio farmer visiting in Wadena, said, as quoted in the Wadena Pioneer-Journal: Speaking of farm lands and their comparative values Mr. Denniston says that he believes that Wadena bounty lands will become very valuable, but not until much work is done on them and different methods are adopted in farming. Land where he lives is worth from \$100 to \$150 per acre, but he calls attention to the fact that the buildings alone are worth from \$5,000 to \$10,000 on each farm. Not only this but an immense amount of work has been done on the farms. The roads are all macadamized, every foot of ground is utilized and there is no waste land. The low lands and meadows are drained and tilled and the farms are in a high state of cultivation. None of the places are run down. Clover is the principal fertilizer, but diversified farming and rotation of crops helps to keep the land in good shape.

### OLD RESIDENT DIES

### Martin Woyak Passes Away From Attack of Heart Failure

Marin Woyak, who formerly made his home with his son, Andrew Woyak, in Berg's addition, but who lately lived in a small house of his own, adjoining his son's domicile, died Saturday at St. Gabriel's hospital at the age of 86 years, death resulting from heart failure and the result of severe burns received in an unknown manner, probably while he was in an unconscious condition sitting by the stove in his home.

The old man had, on account of his very old age, been failing mentally for some time past and was slightly demented. It is thought that becoming unconscious from an attack of heart failure while sitting by his stove he received the severe burns which necessitated his removal to the hospital and probably had much to do with his sudden death. He leaves a wife, two sons and two daughters.

The funeral was held Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock from the Polish Catholic church, interment taking place in the Polish Catholic cemetery.

Mr. Woyak had been a resident of Morrison county during the past 30 years and was well and widely known in certain parts.

### DEATH OF BOB ZAH-WAH-KICK.

White Earth Tomhawk: We have just learned of the death of Wah-but-us, commonly known to old settlers as Bob Zah-wah-kick. Bob recently made a trip with his family and some other Indians to Red Lake, and on their way back they procured some whiskey at Bagley, and got on a spree. About twelve miles from Bagley they stopped and camped, and as they were too drunk to make proper preparations for fuel for the night, they had scarcely any fire. Bob, who was one of the most drunken men in the party, got laid out or dead drunk, and as the night was one of the coldest of the season, he froze to death before it was discovered by the other members of the party. Bob was one of the best fullbloods on the reservation, and before his removal here from Fort Ripley several years ago, he was well thought of by the old settlers of Crow Wing and Morrison counties.

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### SUSTAINS VERDICT

### Judge Baxter Denies Motion for New Trial in Williams Water Power Case

In the case of M. M. Williams vs. the Little Falls Water Power Co., a motion for the re-trial of the case made by the defendants was heard last week before Judge Baxter at Fergus Falls, who denied the motion and sustained the verdict of \$8,000 which was awarded the plaintiff when the case was brought to trial in this city in the 1906 fall term of the district court.

There remains a possibility of the defendants appealing to the state supreme court, the only other recourse being the payment of the judgement.

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### RUSSELL BAKER.

The Morris Tribune has the following about Russell Baker, who leaves there for Brainerd:  
 The news that Mr. Baker is to leave Morris comes as a surprise to his many friends here. During the time he has been in charge of the local station, he has rebuilt the entire system, and has it now in first-class shape, and all this while, he has made many friends by his pleasant and obliging manners. Mr. Baker will receive \$1,400 a year in his new position, and his many friends wish him well in his new field.

### EIGHTY-ONE IN STATE SOLDIERS' HOSPITAL.

A correspondence from the State Soldiers' Home at Minnehaha says in the Litchfield News-Ledger:  
 There are 81 men in the hospital now, some of them in the last stages of unconquerable disease. There are also several that are totally blind, some that are entirely helpless from disability. But their courage is fine, which with Surgeon Davis' skillful aid and constant care will enable the invalids to prolong their days yet a good while.

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