

### Let's Start With a Clean Slate



### A New Year's Song

ON NEW YEAR'S EVE in England,  
All in the olden days,  
The children were a-carrying,  
All in the olden days,  
And ever as they journey'd on,  
This chorus would you hear:  
"God send you happy, God send you  
happy,  
Pray God send you a happy New Year!"

Across the fields and meadows  
And through the frosty light,  
While starry eyes and starry skies  
Illumed the watery night,  
The children carol'd biblically on,  
In chorus sweet and clear,  
"God send you happy, God send you  
happy,  
Pray God send you a happy New Year!"

Our days are sadly modern,  
Our ways are modern, too,  
But hearts still beat as high with love  
As once they used to do—  
So take the old-time message,  
Good friends, both far and near,  
"God send you happy, God send you  
happy,  
Pray God send you a happy New Year!"  
—Nora Archibald Smith.

### A Rule of Life

THOUGH every day is a new beginning, and so far as our personal experience is concerned a "new year" may start any time, there is something about the ending of December and the first week or so of January that makes even the careless thoughtful. The passing year has brought both joy and sorrow—what may not the next have in store? Where shall we be when the New Year bells fall on our ears again? Who will be with us? Shall we be ill or well? Disquieting questions that disturb our ease and make us inclined to fear.

We have blundered sorely, it may be, in the old year; some of its pages are blurred with regret, or the sombre stains of remorse. And no matter what happiness may have been ours, there is always something we did or left undone which saddens us as we remember. Shall we make the same mistakes once more, leave the same blotted record? Our hearts grow chill, and we turn away, disheartened on the New Year's threshold.

This is quite the wrong spirit in which to face the battle that lies before us. It is right that we should look back to see where we failed, and how. But this once recognized, with our pen for forgiveness—a pen that will never be refused if we are truly sorry—we must lift up our hearts again and set out to slay our enemies. They are within us, not without. Inside our citadel dwells that evil temper, that pride, that indolence, that greed or envy which tempts us to desert our colors—to think that the fight is hopeless. Each of us has his own special temptation, and, once we realize the form ours takes, the way lies straight before us.

It's the fashion to smile at New Year resolutions, so often made only to be broken; but they are a definite help if we make them firmly intending to keep them! They will only weaken us if we throw them to a troublesome conscience merely as a sop—something to keep it quiet for the time, until it goes to sleep again. Providing that they be sufficiently elastic to change their form when there is reasonable cause, rules fence in duties that might

### YOUR "LITTLE NEW YEAR"

By MARTHA S. THOMAS

THE Little New Year is a very eager youngster. He pops into view overnight; in fact, one second's difference is the margin between his being nothing at all and then appearing as something very definite to reckon with. From the minute he claps his eyes on you, he belongs; he is your "Little New Year" and you've got to decide pretty quickly what to do with him. There is no possible way of escaping this parenthood. He's going to stick to you like a burr for 365 days, every minute, every hour. It's really quite alarming.

Are you going to bring up the little fellow on underdone resolutions?

Are you going to make him a present of malnutrition by feeding him on irregular meals of procrastination?

Are you going to ruin his character (and maybe your own) by rows and rows of pleasant fibs to prevent a feeling of discomfort about his growing up into a harm-scarum boy? Like human children, he needs watching and guiding and discipline. You'll never have the opportunity of "raising" this particular lad again. He will slip from your fingers on the night of December 31—your "Little New Year" grown into whatever manhood you've permitted him.

Let's send him out a fine, sturdy fellow!  
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### HOW JAPAN GREET'S NEW YEAR

Custom of Oriental Countries is to Give Special Performances in the Play Houses.

THE Oriental methods of greeting the New Year differ greatly from ours. In Japan, as well as in other Oriental countries, special performances are given in the theaters.

In the temples and shrines priests and attendants entertain the people with special dances. The Kagura, or Sacred Dance With Music, is the favorite, for while it is being given prayers are offered for the continued happiness of the nation during the coming year. This very old dance is performed by young girls, while the priests are the musicians. All are in appropriate costume.

Another ceremonial, which has been handed down for centuries, is the Shushu, or Dance of the Ancestral Sanctuary. This is given within the palace by the imperial family on January 3, and it celebrates the founding of the imperial house, centuries ago.

### A NEW YEAR'S CARD

Now what is here  
A word of cheer  
To herald in another year;  
To herald in another year;  
May all its days be free of blame—  
A little nobler than your aim;  
May all its labors be content,  
A little better than your best,  
And all the joys within its scope  
A little brighter than your hope;  
And may each year be found, when past,  
A little dearer than the last.  
—Arthur Guiterman in Woman's Home Companion.

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a bill will be introduced in the present session of the Legislature to amend the charter of the town of Boone so as to extend the boundaries of the said town.  
E. N. Hahn,  
Mayor  
This Jan. 1 1923

### FORECLOSURE SALE

Property of Boone Fork Manufacturing Company in Cherokee, Watauga and Avery Counties, North Carolina.  
By John A. Hambleton,  
Duff Merrick  
Receivers  
By virtue of an order and decree of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina, dated November 7th, 1922, entered in the

case of Summers Hardware Company, Lockett Bros. Co. and H. T. Hackney Co. vs. Boone Fork Manufacturing Co. on a bill of foreclosure filed by Commerce Trust Company, Trustee, the undersigned, John A. Hambleton and Duff Merrick, Receivers appointed by the Court for the properties of Boone Fork Manufacturing Company (hereinafter called the Company), situated in the State of North Carolina and conveyed in said Company's Indenture of Mortgage (hereinafter called the Indenture) to said Trustee, dated August 1, 1921, and registered as hereinafter noted, will offer all right, title and interest of the Company in and to all of said properties (now remaining), for sale, at public auction, at the time and places and upon the terms hereinafter set forth, to-wit:

### FIRST GROUP OR PARCEL

Watauga and Avery Counties  
All of the property situated in Watauga and Avery Counties in said State will be so offered for sale, as a whole, at the Court House door in the town of Boone, Watauga County, on January 5, 1923, at 12 o'clock noon, said properties being more fully described as follows:  
A. The saw mill and lumber manufacturing plant of the Company, situated at or near the Post Office of Shulls Mills in Watauga County, consisting of one single band saw mill, with re-saw and all machinery, log pond, one planing mill, one dimension and lath mill, battery of three steam boilers, one electric generator, one stationary engine, one charging station, four locomotives, forty log cars, one motor driven inspection car, one crank driven utility car, three electric cranes, two steam log loaders, and three steam log skidders, with all fixtures, appliances, machinery, tools, supplies and equipment to any and every of said properties belonging or appertaining;

Together with all other mills, factories, houses, buildings, structures, engines, machinery, tools, apparatus, supplies, equipment and improvements of every kind and nature, situated or contained upon the land, upon which said saw mill and lumber manufacturing plant is situated, or in anywise belonging or appertaining thereto, and for a more particular description of said saw mill and lumber manufacturing plant reference is made to the Inventory filed with the Court by the above receivers on November 2, 1922;

And including also all right, title and interest of the Company in and to the hydro-electric plant on Boone Fork, Watauga County, from which electrical current is generated and supplied for the operation of said saw mill and lumber manufacturing plant, as such right, title and interest in and to said hydro-electric plant appears by contract between the Boone and Blowing Rock Light & Power Company and W. S. Whitting and wife, and the Company and its receivers, dated September 25, 1922, and filed in the Register's office for Watauga County, to which contract as so of record reference is hereby made for more particular description and terms.

B. The leasehold interest of the Company in and to the lands upon which the saw mill and lumber manufacturing plant is situated, containing in all approximately twenty-six and three-fourths (26 3/4) acres as derived under the two following leases:

(a) Lease from G. W. Robins and wife Luna to Boone Fork Lumber Company, February 9, 1916, registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Watauga County, in Book No. 19 of Deeds, page 330, all right, title and interest of said lessee having heretofore been duly assigned and conveyed to the Company;

(b) Lease from S. E. Gragg and wife to Boone Fork Manufacturing Company, November 6, 1922, filed for Registration in said Register's office for Watauga County, and for a statement of the terms of said leases and description of the lands, reference is made to same as of record as aforesaid;

The saw mill and lumber manufacturing plant, with the lands upon which same is situated including the "First Boundary" of "Parcel Number Four" as conveyed in the Indenture, which is registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Watauga County, in Book No.

1 of Mortgages, at pages 87 to 163, and in the office of the Register of Deeds for Avery County, in Book No. 11 at pages 1 to 163, and reference is made to the Indenture for more particular description.

(c) A tract of land in fee containing five and a fraction acres, situated near above saw mill and lumber manufacturing plant in Watauga County, known as the "Bungalow Lot", and being the "Second Boundary" of "Parcel Number Four" as described in the Indenture;

Together with all tenements, houses and other improvements and privileges situated on or appurtenant to said land.

(d) The merchantable timber, wood and bark situated, standing, growing, lying and being upon the following boundaries of land in Watauga and Avery Counties, together with all rights of way and other rights to enter upon the lands, to-wit:

(a) The "Hindman lands", containing approximately five thousand (5000) acres, and being the tracts described as "First Boundary" to "Twelfth Boundary", inclusive of "Parcel Number Five" of the Indenture, and including also what is known as the Ritts timber and certain lands contiguous to said Hindman lands in fee, hereinafter listed by reference to the deeds therefor.

The time to remove the timber on the "Hindman lands" expires on February 26, 1932, excepting as to

certain interior tracts on which there is a shorter time limit, more fully set forth in said Indenture, to which reference is made for more complete description of the said boundaries and for a statement of the times in which the timber may be removed.

(b) The Little, Linney and Patterson timber, being boundaries "Thirteenth" and "Fourteenth" of "Parcel Number Five" of the Indenture, containing approximately 2895 acres, the time to cut the timber on which expires six years from April 6, 1918, as to the Patterson timber, and eight years from March 8, 1918, as to the Little and Linney timber, as more fully appears in said Indenture;

(c) The standing timber on approximately five hundred eighty-four (584) acres known as the Lenoir Lumber Company and Watauga Lumber Company lands, being the "Fifteenth" to "Eighteenth" Boundaries of "Parcel Number Five" of the Indenture, the time to cut and remove the timber on which is limited to February 23, 1925;

(d) The Linville Improvement Co. timber approximately seven hundred acres, conveyed as the "Nineteenth Boundary", of "Parcel Number Five" in the Indenture, being the timber originally conveyed to the Boone Fork Lumber Company by the Linville Improvement Company and Donald McRae and Hugh McRae (Continued on page seven)