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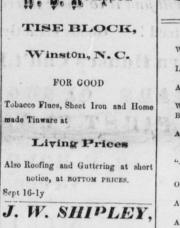
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THE WINTER SOLSTICE. What is the time of the year ? What is the hour of the day? Later at morn and sooner at eve The pale stars shine alway; And the low sun drifts to the south So wan that at height of noon We hardly know if the dunligh

Be the pasting glow of the sunlight Or the glean of the risen moon; And ever through shade and flee We hear the bleak winds rune: "Alas, alas for the summer fied, And sky and earth so gray !"

Oh, for the odor of violets That sprang with the April rain, And the breath of the rose and the hilly That long in their graves have lain! And oh, for the orchards wealth of bloom And the wheat field's waving gold!--My heart is faint for the splendor Of harvest moons and the tender Tale that the zephyrs told ! How shall we live now earth is bare,

And the sun himself is cold, And the only wind is the bitter north, Bemoaning wood and plain ?

Wait! there's a thrill in the air! See! in the south forlorn The great sunstays his wandering be

And a new year finds its morn! The stars are a-watch, and the moon; The walling wind drops low . There's a murmer of daffodil meadow And of songs in the silver shadows, And banks where the violets blow! Let fires be lit, let shrines be decked And joy be lord of woe !--

The sun in glory mounts the sky. And God for earth is born! -Edna Dean Proctor, in the Cook.

CHRISTMAS AT BETHLEHEM. Bethlehem of Judea, although under urkish dominion, is almost wholly a Christian town of about five thousand chiefly to the Roman Catholic, Greek also about two hundred Protestaut converts. It is not one day that is commas. memorated in Bethlehem ; for the Protestants and Catholics observe it on the twelve days after, and the Amenians celebrate theirs two weeks still later. Thus Bethlehem is crowded with spectators and worshippers for about four bath schools, where the birth of Christ is weeks, as Bethlehem is now, even as it was then, the resort of thousands of pilgrims and strangers from every quarter God toan all the outward pomp and cles to go to, or communicate with a of the globe. These visitors, differing parade with which the event is commemfrom one another in ideas, manners, language and costume, have yet a cer- York Observer.

tain unity in the purpose for which they have assembled. It is customary for numbers of the residents of Jerusalem HOW KNIFE BLADES ARE MADE to spend Christmas eve at Betblehem, especially as the Roman Catholics celebrate it there with great pomp and cer-

emony. Those belonging to that Church those for first-class pocket cutlery are go as worshippers, and hundreds belong- haud forged, a good workman being able ing to other creeds go as spectators. to form twenty-five or thirty large There are no vehicles of any k nd in blades per hour, and about forty pen this country, so people come on horses, blades per hour. There is a pattern mules, donkeys, or camels. Numbers and guage furnished the forger for each

and was again restored by the Emperior ESTHER ROCKWELL'S RO-Justinian in A. D. 630. It is a beau-MANCE. tiful building of magnificent architec

Mrs. Esther Niles Rockwell, widow of The service here begins at midnight. Harry Rockwell, died at Haddam Neck, The church is brilliantly lighted with Conn., a few days ago. A most romanthousands of wax tapers. Flowers and tie event in her life gave her something evergreens adorn the pillars, altars and more than more local repute. She marhuge chandeliers. The crowd is so in- ried in 1847 Harry Rockwell who lived tense as hardly to give one breathing- further up the Connecticut river, and room, for the pushing, jamming and el- who was a man of somewhat roving bowing is perilous to life and limb, es- disposition, with a strong liking for the pecially as most of the people are hold- sea. Two years after marriage Rocking lighted wax tapers. It is a marvel well accepted an offer for winter emthat they do not set fire to cach other. ployment in Savannah, but when he During this grand corvice, which is con- returned in the spring came only to New ducted by the der_liem. Patriarch, York. There he was tempted to ship some mouks appear dressed in sheep skins, representing the shepherds. Here his wife. He was afterward captured a sound of melody suddenly bursts from while on an English vessel by a Spanish the hundreds of assembled priests, sing- ship, and spent two or three years in a ing the "Gloria in Excelsis." It is Spanish prison. Then, without return-

caught up by the worshippers, and for ing home, he enlisted in the United a moment the spectator is almost spell- States navy, and for some years after bound. This service continues till three was on a merchant ship. He sailed o'clock A. M. when it is ended by a around the world several times. Mrs. procession, in which the Patriarch car- Rockwell, not having heard anything ries a waxen image, in a golden crib, from him for seven or eight years, berepresenting the child Christ. It is lieved he was dead, and in 1825 she taken down into the grotto, i. e. the married George Evans, who died in manager or place where it is supposed 1831. Rockwell in that year was in Christ was born. Gold and silver lamps New York, and intended to return home are hanging all over the place, and the but hearing that his wife was married are hanging all over the place, and the but hearing that his wife was married roof and walls are draped with crimson figured satin; the curtains are left open here and there, so as to give the specta-Evans the wife had three children, two tor an opportunity to see the natural of whom are now living. One of these rock. A marble slab covers the floor Zelinda, when a little gui, in 1835 told of an arched recess, in the middle of her mother that she had a queer dream, which is set a large jasper, surrounded and that she saw her other papa as by a large silver star, having this in- Rockwell was called, coming home in scription in Latin on its broad border : sailor clothes and a colored vest. A "Here Jesus Christ was born of the week later, on the afternoon of July 4, Virgin Mary." The Patriarch lays the and during a heavy thunder storm, waxen image in the supposed manger. Rockwell knocked at the door of his When he has finished, another hymn of wife's house and asked for shelter. He praise is sung, and the bells ring out was invited to take dinner, though no their chimes. The Patriarch turns to one recognized him. The little girl, the priest next to him, and, embracing however, spoke of her dream at once him, says, "Peace, peace." The priests when she saw him, saying that the man inhabitants, these Christians belonging and monks and all the worshipers do the was dressed just as her other papa had same, and amed the chime of bells, the been. Then the wife said, greatly agiand Armenian Churches. There are peal of the organ, the peaple disperse, tated : "You remind me of the man wishing each other a blessed Christ- who was once my husband." "Don't you know me Esther 2" was his answer These are the grand ceremonials which Five days after they were remarried, attend the observance of Christmas night and lived happily together for forty-six 25th of December, the Greek Church at Bethlehem, but there is little of a years, when Rockwell died. Three children were born to them, one of

We doubt not that the simple servin- whom, Edward Rockwell, lives now in es in our Protestant churches and Sab- the old homestead .- Ex.

The early part of this year we advised remembered with thankful hearts and our readers whenever requiring speciasongs of praise, is more acceptable to reliable dealer-no quack or peddlerorated in ether parts of the world .- New and have your vision tested before procuring glasses. If you get glasses which perfectly meet the deficiency in your vision, you will be able to see well, and your eyes will not continue to lose their power, as they do when glasses, The blades of very cheap pocket knives are too weak or too strong. Do not are punched in die from sheet steel, but take glasses with which you can see the best, they are almost sure to be too to form twenty-five or thirty large allude to the subject again on reading strong for your eyes. We are lead to the following statement in an exchange:

"It is claimed that the increase in the number of persons using glassess is fully

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Amos

WHY SOME FARMERS DO NOT NOTES ON NEW IRON FURNAC-SUCCEED. ES IN THE SOUTH. They are not active nod industrious.

They are slothful in everything. They do not keep up with improveents.

They are wedded to old methods. They give no attention to details. They think small things not impor-

They take no pleasure in their work. They regard labor, as a misfortune. They weigh and measure stingily. They are wasteful and improvident. They let their gates sag and fall

They will not make compost. They sell hay, grain and straw off the farm instead of turning them into meat, cheese and butter, and increasing their supply of manure.

They let their fowls roost on trees. They have no shelter for stock. They do not curry their horses. They leave their plows in the field. They hang the harness in the dust. They put off greasing the wagon. They starve the calf and milk the

They don't know the best is the chea-

They breed to and from scrubs. They have no method or system. They don't seek the experience of

thers. They don't read or get the ideas of thers

They put no fair estimate on brain Dower

They read politics instead of agricul-

They have no ears for home ente:

They see no good in a new thing. They neve- use paint on the farm. They prop the barn-door with

well.

newspapers.

ake care of.

profit or loss may be in each case.

They sneer at agricultural book: pleted in about eighteen months, four and papers and at farmers' clubs and furnaces with a capacity of 180 tons per institutes.

from the soil, and put back-nothing, built at one time, and by one company.

sted in whisky and tobacco than in subscription for a good weekly breeding and agricultural paper.

They think the buyer of a successful neighbor's stock at good prices is a tool and the seller "lucky."-Prince E ward Island Agriculturalist.

PICKINGS.

From Iron, Philadelphia. The Pratt Coml & Iron Company, of Birmingham, Ala., will erect four new furnaces, 1,000 coke ovens, a basic steel plant, etc.

> Messrs. Noble Brothers & Co., are putting up two new furnaces, one puddling and one beating-furnace, and one new helve hammer, at Anniston, Ala.

> The Chattanooga Tradesman states that all stock has been subscribed, the land purchased, and all arrangements made for the erection of a 125-ton coko furnace at Chattanooga, Teuness, but the names of the projectors have not been announced.

> It is reported that a number of Philadelphia and Harrisburg capitalists, ineluding Messrs. Henry McCormick and A. J. Dull, of the latter place, contemplate the erection of a blast furnace, steel works, and nail factory at Pulaski City, Virginia, on the line of the Norfolk and Western Railroad. It is also stated that Crozer Steel and Iron Company, of Roanoke, Virginia, is negotiating with the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works Company, of Richmond, to furnish Bessemer pig iron for the steel works of the latter company. The pig iron will be made from Virginia ores with an admixture of Cranberry ore.

J. P. Witherow, of Pittsburg, has closed a contract with Shook & Ensley, of Birmingham, Ala., for the erection of a blast furnace at Sheffield, Ala., to be completed next Fall. It is to be 80 feet high, with an 18-feet bosh, and will be equipped with all modern appliances, including three Whitwell hot-blast stoves and 750 horse power of the new Heine wate-tube boilers. The capacity will be 125 tons a day and the cost about They milk the cows late in the day. \$220,000. This will be the seventh They have no time to do things new furnace in the Alabama iron district in course of construction or under con-

The four furnaces being built by the Alabama divison of the Tennessee Coal, Iron, and Railroad Company, about seven miles from Birmingham, says the Nashville American, and right at the They jog along without any definite the largest work ever undertaken by coal and iron ore of the company, are They jog along what cap most profita-ideas as to what crops are most profita-ble upon each particular field, what the States, and, perhaps, has not been surpassed in its magnitude in the world. The company is building, all to be comday. There are as large furnaces in the They take everything they can get United States, but not four which were They engage in farming without pre- The furnaces will be 20 feet bosh and vious training and rely on their wits to carry them safely through. If the unnaces will be 20 feet bosh and 80 feet high. The Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, in all of its Iron and Railroad Company, in all of its They think two dollars is better in- divisions, when the four furnaces just mentioned and one more at South Pittsburgh, which is contemplated, are built, will give employment to 10,000 men.

BRIEFS ADRIFT.

The fifth and last bridge between Shelby and Rutherfordton, on the Carolina Central road, has been completed. and on the 15th instant, trains were run.

From the Wilmington Star.

They do not read the best books and tract this year. They buy more land than they can

They follow in all the old ruts which were "good ebough" for their forefath-

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We solicit cord son freiter Groups, Bewerst Wool, Drieg- son freiter, Giange, Bewerak Wool, Drieg- Son Herberg, Giange, Bewerak Wool, Brieg- Son Herberg, Giange, Bewerak Wool, Brieg- Bewerak Bewerak B	<text></text>	costume. The sun is shiring brightly, and the fields are green, the roadside is lined with pink and white crocuses; the road has a gay sppearance, for the natives are all dressed in their bright holidy costumes. We also notice a long line of horsemen. It is the Catho- he Patriarch from Jerusalem. A squad of gaily attired polleemen, Bedouins on their Arabian steeds, and cavalrymen, head this procession. The Patriarch, in a puple cloak, is mounted on a white horse, and a large company of bishops, priests, deacons, Jews, Turks and infi- dels follow, mounted on any animals they can obtain, Bethlehemites of both sexes, gaily dressed, meet this process- ion half-way, and salute them with songs, fring of guns, beating of drums and tinkling of eyubals. They then head the company, and escort it into the town, and as they pass through the streets they are greeted with cheers and songs. The Catholic, Greek and Armenian monasteries, and the great complex Church of the Nativity, are all under one roof, which covers the supposed stable-cave where Christ was born They all form a great fortress-like cul- fice, in front of which is a large open square that is now growded with people of every description. The Church of the Nativity is gaid to have been built by the Empress Helena in the fourt	from the hand of the smith perfect in form, except the bevel of the back in- tended to guide engaging blades, this bevel being formed by grinding. The steel used in these fine blades is Ward- low's (English), or the best American make. As they come from the forges the blades are "choiled" or filed, to make a nick between the blade and the tang, then the blades are tempered, having received the trademark stamp on the tang under a press. The hardening is done in an ordinary coke fire, the oper- ator heating two at a time and plunging them in cold water. The drawing to temper is also done over a coke fire. If the blades are sprung in hardening they are straightened, after tempering, by repeated strokes of a hammer having a thin face like the pœue end of the ma- chinist's square hammer, the blows be- ing given on the cave side of the blade, as in the pœing of cask iron, and with the same effect, that of stretching the hammered face. The blades are ground on Shefield and Nova Scotia stones: "glased" on emery wheels, honed or "set," and finally are polished on wheels of walrus hide fad with rotten stone Philadelphia Iron. Silve: iweelry is being manufactured is mor elabora.' styles than ever and is not infrequently set with gemsRal- righ News-Observer. This is no nue fashion. We saw dia- monds set in gilver iewelry fitnes; years	with George W. Childs became the purchasers at two-hundred thousand dellars,—the money having been furn- ished by the brothers Frederick and Anthony Drexel. All the prisoners in the Coose county Alabama, jail made their escape Dec., 10th by overpowering the jailer who went in to feed them. They secured his pistol, but when they started out of the building Mrs. Wilson, wife of the sheriff seized the leader of the gang named Bradley and attempted to hold him. He drew his revolver and shot Mrs.	Alabama coal mining has rapidly developed. In five years the output of coal has increased from 322,934 tons to 2,225,000. Washington City is to spend \$26,000 in prizes next year for the national drill and encampuent. It begins 23d May and ends on 30th. The great stove foundry of Perry & Co., Albany, N. Y., is to be removed to South Pitteburg near Chattanooga. It will employ from 500 to 1,500 men. Cogress has gone to work in earnest. Perhaps it will bring up the work this session that ought to have been in the last. It is none too late to mend your licks. Hugh McCulloch, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, a Republican and a man of real ability, warmly indorses Secretary Manning's views on the Tariff. He says they are sound, strong and brave. The recent fall of snow has indeed been peculiar, as was mentioned days ago in our local columns. In Warren county it was 34 inches deep on an average, while less than twenty-five miles distant - at Oxford—it was but S inches In 1857 the average on a dead level was 20 inches. Wilmington escepes all	A report has just been received of nother sale of mineral land on the line of the Norfolk & Western railroad uear Roanoke, amounting to \$200,000. This aggregates sales of over \$1,000,- 000 in the last two months. At a meeting of the stockholders of the Virginia Midland Railway held December 15, Thomas M. Logan was cleeted president in the place of Huide- koper The presentation of reports was postponed until the 22nd instaat. The El Passo section of Brunswick county in this State was swopt by fire and literally burnt up. The loss of the farmers can hardly be estimated, many losing their all. Unless aid be given suffering sill ensue. The recent raina- put out the fires, which is the first raina-
ng pusiness are such as to warrant duk salel ad prempt returns. All orders will have our opt attention. Y4	Munn & Co., publishers of Scientific American, Bil Broadway, New York.		mouds set in gilver jewelry fiftee; years	He drew his revolver and shot Mrs. Wilson twice. Bradley was captured.	20 inches. Wilmington escapes all	put out the fires, which is the first rain, fall since the first of August.

spiritual character about them.

L. M. F.