- I am fading from you, But one draweth near. Called the angel guardian
- Of the coming year. If my gifts and graces Coldly you forget, Let the New Year's angel
- Bless and crown them yet.
- For we work together; He and I are one, Let him end and perfect All I leave undone.
- I brought good desires, Though as yet but seeds; Let the New Year make them
- I brought joy to brighten Many happy days: Let the New Year's angel
- Turn it into praise. If I give you sickness, If I brought you care, Let him make one patience
- And the other prayer. Where I brought you sorrow, Through his care at length, It may rise triumphant
- Into future strength. If I brought you plenty, All wealth's bounteous charms
- Shall not the new angel Turn them into alms? I gave health and leisure, Skill to dream and plan :
- Let him make them nobler Work for God and man.
- If I broke your idols, Showed you they were dust, Let him turn the knowledge Into heavenly trust.
- If I brought temptation, Let sin die away. Into boundless pity For all hearts that stray.
- If your list of errors Dark and long appears.
- Let this new born monarch Melt them into tears.
- May you hold this angel Dearer than the last— While he crowns my past.

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### THE SWEEPERS.

A New Year's Story Which Describes How it Will be.

The evening was clear and cold. fondly that when I looked from my window late in the night I longed to go out under them, and let their benign spell charm away the fret and fever of the day. I went out and walked slowly on and on, feeling the restful influence of the silence and the beauty of the night. A crescent moon glittered in the sky, the myriads of stars blazed in unwonted glory, and the earth slept under a white blanket of snow. As I walked farther and farther in the cold, white silence the everyday world, with its slept under a banks, trusted officials going wrong, wrecks, runaways, blow ups, wars, rumors of wars, the overthrow of the Dibard continuous in England errors.

less; the earth itself slept. I only seemed to be awake. But no; another was abroad as well as myself. Not a meditative soul, evidently, for he came toward me whistling and singing cheery songs. He had no vexations to be charmed away in the silence of the night, that was certain. There was a confident ring in his step as he ground his heel into the hard beaten ground his heel into the hard beaten statue in New York harbor; I mausnow of the highway, and there was assertion in the notes he whistled and

As he came in sight I saw that he was an exceedingly spruce youth, with a finely developed figure, and, as near as I could see in the white light forth thistles, mark me, and then I of the stars and snow, a beaming face. He was clad in velvet and fur, dressed with foppish care and nicety, and he carried a brand new to go away forever isn't it?

"Good evening," I said, as we were about to pass each other on the nar-

"Evening?" he said, interrogatively. "I never new any such thing. I belong to the morning."

"Has the boy been drinking?" thought I. A second look convinced me that he had not. He stuck the handle of his broom firmly into the snow as he stopped and spoke. I made up my mind that he was a youth brimming over with life and health and superfluous energy. That he was a conductor of the store of the manufacture of the such as a state of the such as the eastern world is something I as the eastern world is something I as the eastern world is something I am interested in and have encouraged. For aught I know I may come again, with a new name and a new body, and further or finish what I have begun here. It is said that all that is dead shall live, and all tha prolong the conversation, and for want of a better subject. I mentioned want of a better subject is mentioned. The angels in the heavens of gladness reap Fruits of a holy past.

That pleased him. He smiled approvingly, shook the broom triumphantly and said: "Yes, it's a splendid broom, and it's well that it is, for I have a big contract of sweeping on hand and am just on my way to hand, and am just on my way to Who ruled a king may wander earth in rags. For things done and undone.

Was the boy a merry lunatie? Going No pause, no peace, no staying place can be, to do n job of sweeping, clad in velvet Who mounts may fall, who falls may mount to do a job of sweeping, clad in velvet and fur? "Have you ever swept any in your life? I asked. "No; but I have studied sweeping,

studied it in books." "Ah! and what are you going to

sweep, may I ask?" "Why I'm going to sweep the earth," he said confidently, as he die. You may meet me again, but flourished the broom above his head, you will have changed. You will and then scratched around with it a

moment in the snow, merely to show his expertness as a sweeper. "That's a large contract for a theoretical sweeper," I answered: "I am

curious to know something about you." "Don't recognize me, eh? Well, how could you, since I am not yet

born?' And he laughed aloud. By this time I was convinced that I had met a jolly and extremely orig- were almost unendurable and would someinal lunatic. As he seemed harmless times almost throw him into convulsions. as well as mirthful, I didn't mind He tried Electric Bitters and got relief hearing him talk a little. "What from first bottle and after taking six bottles particular stile of dirt do you intend to sweep off the earth?" I asked.

ful," he replied, in a most positive Sold at fifty cents a bottle by Kirby & voice. "All corruption, oppression, dishonesty in high places, and degradation in all places. Yes, and disease; that, too, must go. And poverty also. Everything that is hateful and makes the heart bitter shall be swept away."

He seemed so serious and earnest situated in Fork township six miles from about it that I pitied him for his de- Goldsboro, buildings all new, mill doing lusion. "How long will it take you to good business, 50 acres newly cleared finish the contract?" I asked, feeling land, and in all about a 4 horse farm, will a great compassion for his disordered include farming implements mules &c.,

THE NEW SWEEPER. "Oh, I shall make great changes in a twelvemonth," he said confidently. "The old earth will be another place altogether before long. It needs nothing but a good sweeping. I and my broom will do the work and do it well. ately. Look out for universal hon- boro, N. C. esty, good times, safe banks, good | dec2-tf

wages, clean minded statesmen-but really, I must hurry on, I have an appointment, I begin my sweeping in

a few minutes." "But you haven't told me your name?" I called out as he started on, with his broom on his shoulder. He looked back, a broad grin on his handsome young face, and answered.

'Eighteen Eighty-Seven.' Before I recovered from my astonishment he added, "Oh, I can sweep; I'll show you," and he went on in his vanity and ignorance. Poor, foolish, inexperienced happy New Year.
Turning about, I started toward

home, and in a moment more I heard the village bells "ring out the old," and ring in the new.'

I had not gone far when I met another trayeler, a very different figure from the velvet-clad youth with the confident air who had just left me. He was walking with a tired step, and was bent, as under a burden. As he approached I saw that he was elderly somewhat broken down, careworn as to countenance, threadbare as to garments, and under one arm he carried

a tremendous seroll, and in the other hand the worst wreck of a broom l had ever laid eyes on. "I was impressed," as the clairvoyants say, with the belief that he was Eighteen Eighty Six, and by that name I accosted him Nov. 4, 1886.-tf as courteously as I could, and offered

him my sympathy.
"Sympathy?" said the old man, laughing till he shook. "Sympathy? Well that is really laughable. Thanks, my good friend, but I don't need it. Your congratulations would be better. If you have any sympathy to throw around recklessly give it to my successor. I know the size of the load he has to pick up. That is a fine broom he carries, too. Mine was as good a year ago. Look at it now! Hardly a spear of it remains, and with all its hard usage, I fear I haven't left the earth much cleaner. I found the contract too much for me, though I started in as chipper as he does. I you see how my efforts to clear up the earth have aged me have scuffed my clothes, as well as my soul. But I'm through with it now, and am going to disembody myself, and look on at the other fellow the stars smiled down upon the earth so awhile." His eyes had a humorous parkle, and he certainly wore a look

> so bulky?" I asked, pointing to his "Bulky!" said the old man, with a sarcastic grin. "If you want to know the heft as well as the bulk of it you the heft as well as the h

of happy relief.

murders, burglaries, thefts, and nearly every unpleasant thing you could think of. Think of the heartaches represented in this record. The thought of them oppresses me."
"But you have done some things to

ing pleased. "I set up the Liberty statue in New York harbor; I maugurated a new political party—I think I have—and I brought a big thought wave, which is making people hunt up their souls and take some care of sowed some seed that will not bring forth thistles, mark me, and then I Out of the Ashes!

"It is a little melancholy, though, to go away forever, isn't it?" "Forever!" he repeated, musingly, looking down at the white snow a moment. "Forever! I am not sure that I do. This talk about the con-"Evening?" he said, interrogatively. tinued re-embodiment of souls that is

his speech and manner. I wanted to prolong the conversation, and for worse-better-last for first and first for Bull Ball be, and is I make a specialty

Deeds that were wicked in an age gone by Nothing endures; fair virtues waste with

"You?" I look at him incredulously. Only while turns this wheel invisible.

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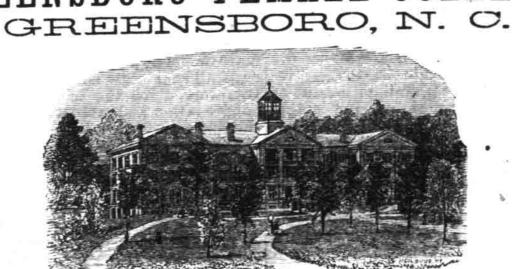
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