

The Fireside.

THE OLD YEAR'S BLESSING.

I am fading from you. But one draweth near. Called the angel guardian. Of the coming year.

THE SWEEPERS.

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

The evening was clear and cold. The stars smiled down upon the earth so fondly that when I looked from my window late in the night I longed to go out under them.

The people of the village slept. Their houses were locked and lightless; the earth itself slept. I only seemed to be awake.

As he came in sight I saw that he was an exceedingly spruce youth, with a finely developed figure.

"Good evening," I said, as we were about to pass each other on the narrow road.

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

"Has the boy been drinking?" thought I. A second look convinced me that he had not.

"You?" I look at him incredulously. Was he a merry lunatic? Going to do a job of sweeping, clad in velvet and fur?

"No; but I have studied sweeping, studied it in books."

"Why I'm going to sweep the earth," he said confidently, as he flourished the broom above his head.

"Don't recognize me, eh? Well, how could you, since I am not yet born?"

"By this time I was convinced that I had met a jolly and extremely original lunatic."

"That's a large contract for a theoretical sweeper," I answered. "I am curious to know something about you."

"Everything offensive and harmful," he replied, in a most positive voice. "All corruption, oppression, dishonesty in high places, and degradation in all places."

"Oh, I shall make great changes in a twelvemonth," he said confidently. "The old things will be swept away altogether before long."

"The new sweeper." "Oh, I shall make great changes in a twelvemonth," he said confidently.

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.

"Sympathy!" said the old man, laughing till he shook. "Sympathy? Well that is really laughable."

"Bulky!" said the old man, with a sarcastic grin. "If you want to know the heft as well as the bulk of it you should glance over it."

"Yes, I think I have," he said, looking pleased. "I set up the Liberty statue in New York harbor; I inaugurated a new political party."

"It is a little melancholy, though, to go away, never, is it not?" "Forever!" he repeated, musingly.

"What had been brimmed what shall be, and is?" "Worse—better—last for first and first for the angels in the heavens of gladness reap the fruits of a holy past."

"The devils in the underworld wear out. Devils, I mean, wicked in an age, some by nothing odious; fair virtues waste with time."

"Who told a slave may come anew a prince? For gentle worthiness and merit won; Who ruled a king may wander earth in rags."

"Only while turns this wheel invisible, No pause, no peace, no staying place! For he Who mounts may fall, who falls may mount Go round unceasingly."

"He finished, and taking a fresh grip on his ponderous scroll, and using the handle of his worn out broom for a staff made ready to move on."

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