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A NEW YEAR'S CHIME.

Come, rouse ye up ! ye heard the chimes, Crouch not over the dwindling fire, Murmuring of those by-gone times, When did Youth aspire!

Know ye not a babe is born By a parted monarch's bier : Lay him to his grandsires worn, Pale Old Year !

Turn and see! A glorious star O'er the infants' cradle beams , Peace from mad and wasting war For Ambition's schemes.

Hark! a rebeck kind and jolly! Warm good-will with pleasant cheer, Shouting, "Justice for the lowly,

Good New Year !" What! so mute? If hope is heard, Memory, too, will claim her part. Joy is never nobly stirred But a tear will start!

'Mid the mates we still retain Thoughts of parted ones, more dear, Deepen thy funercal strain, Dark Old Year !

Pledge the valliant, who have passed Through the fire, the wind, the wave ; Lost to life now standing fast Where the tempests rave. Here's to heads that slumber low, Hearts that knew nor fraud nor fear ; Ah! thy path was traced in woe

Blitbe New Year!

Piedge the patient, who are left For the s ruggle 'mid the crowd ; Spite of hearts with auguish cleft ; Spite of sinews howed. Nere's to scrip ! -and here's to staff ! Hopeful 'prentice-palmer sere! Cheer their labors with thy laugh -Blithe New Year !

Once again-the stroom runs slack-Here's our task anew begun! He'er may honest hearts shrink back Weary of the sun. Give us, as our days grow few; Courage bolder-truth more clear ; Skill to plan, and strength to do : Brave Ne . Year!

A NEW YEAR'S CALL.

"But we must have new dresses for New Year's Day!" said Audrey Velveton, as she sat on the hearth-rug in front f the fire, her shapely arms folded behind her head, her eyes fixed meditatively on the gleam and dance of the shining coals.

"Or course we must," said Muriel g'ancing sleepily up from the pages of the book she was reading.

Mrs. Velveton, a tall, handsome matron, who was arranging Japanese fans on the wall, looked perturbed, as the words reached her ears.

"Girls," said she, "don't talk nonsense. Where are we to get the money for new dresses, I'd like to know? Besides, there are the lemou-colored silks that you only wore twice."

"Lemon is hideous anywhere except at a ball," said Muriel, critically.

"Then there are your white gros grains," said Mrs. Velveton. "I don't dare to think what the dressmaker's bill will be for the making over of those two

"Mamma, if you want us to go into a convent, say so," mildly yawned Audrey, a tall, blonde beauty, with fluffy yellow hair, liquid blue eyes, and a complexion artfully heightened by cosmetics. "But don't humiliate us by expecting us to wear made over dresses on New Year's Day, when all the world comes out in their brightest and best garb !"

"I'm sure I don't know what to do," soid Mrs. Velveton, bursting into tears.

"Why, order two pale-blue damasses." said Muriel, serenely; "and let Madame Elisette make them, and supply the trimmings. Then you will be sure to have everything comme il faut.

cover the bill !" shricked Mrs. Velveton,

"People who move in society must keep up with the times," remarked Au-

Do you think I have a gold mine at my command !" shrieked Mrs. Velveton, driven nearly to desperation by the placid insistance of her two doll-like daugh-

said Mrs. Velveton, hysterically. "In providentially. And then, when New the last letter, I told her I had opened a Year's Day is over, I can go to Williamsbearding house, and she sent me two burger Hoboken, or wherever it is, and as a dressing.

or the boarders. And how can I have the face to apply to her again?"

"Make up some plausible new story," murmured Muriel. "What's the use of having an old aunt made of money, if you can't squeeze a little out of her now and then? Tell her somebody's dead and there's got to be a funeral. Or say you've broken your arm, and must pay an accumulation of doctor's bills."

"That's nonsense," said Mrs. Velveton, gloomily. "Aunt Tabby isn't the fool you take her for!"

"Well, by some book or crook, new dresses me must have," announced Audrey. "And Soprini must set the table: he does get up things so stylishly!"

"Couldn't we manage the refreshments ourselves?" said Mrs. Velveton, wistfuly. "Soprini is so dreadfully extravagant in his charges. And when I was a girlwe used to make the chicken-salads, and pickled oysters, and cake, ourselves, and-"

"Oh, when you were a girl!" repeated Muriel, with calm innocence. "That was in the dark ages of the world, mamma. Surely you can't expect us to go back into those times?"

Mrs. Velveton sighed. She had lived play. She had brought up her two handsome daughters to care only for society-to aim only for the goal of rich husbands. But here they were in the third season, and the Misses Velveton were the Misses Velveton still. Mrs. Velveton had far outrun her slender income; she was hopelessly in debt, and haunted constantly by the horrible visions of duns, bills and sheriff's sales; and now Audrey and Muriel declared that they must have new dresses for the coming "New Year's Day."

"You must do with the lemon-colored glaces, or the white gros grains," said she. "As for anything new, it's entirely out of the question !"

that we're not at home. I won't appear at all if I can't appear like a lady !"

Mrs. Velveton looked dismayed. New Year's Day was notoriously a "Great Exhibition" day, so far as the gentlemen were cancerned. That was always a possibility that Muriel and Audrey might make an impression upon some gilded youth" on New Year's day, which might happily terminate in matrimony. Secluding themselves would be social suicide, and Mrs. Velveton was just opening her mouth to remonstrate, when Sniffen, the tall, servant-man, whom they kept because he was "so much more genteel than a maid," brought in a let-

"It's from Aunt Tabby," cried Mrs. Velveton, as she made haste to open it-Out fell a check for five hundred dollars, made payable to the order of Venetia Velveton, and signed, "Tabitha Clark." Audrey picked it up with a shrick of delight and surprise.

"The old darling !" she cried. "It's a

"MY DEAR NIECE VELVETON: This is to inform you that I have received tidings that your cousin, Mabel Wilton, has been left an orphan at No. - Morton street, Williamsburg, and that she is in great want. I inclose a check for five hundred dollars, in order that you may find her out and purchase for ber a respectable wearing outfit and a sewing machine. The residue of the money, af ter the above investments have been made, is to pay her expenses at your boarding house for such time as it may suffice. Pray let me know when the money is spent. By this plan, I flatter myself that I can be serviceable to both "But five hundred dollars wouldn't from Your Aunt, Tabitha Clark."

"Cantberry College, Casford, Conn, December 18-. "Flinty-hearted old miser !" cried Au-

"Our boarding house, indeed! said Muriel, looking around at the elegant drawing room, where Sniffen was just

lighting the chandelier's wax candles.

"Mabel Wilton!" thoughtfully repeated Mrs. Velveton. "I don't know nor "Write to Aunt Tabby," suggested care anything about her. A factory Muriel, complacently viewing the tip of girl I suppose or something of that her satin-slippered foot as it buried it- sort. I'll tell you what girls I've an self in the fleecy pile of the white Ango- idea. Twe a good mind to take the money,and buy your dresses for New Year's. "I've written until I am ashamed," It really seems to have come to us quite

hundred dollars to help buy furniture take your cousin a few dollars and give her a little good advice, and perhaps ent a sewing machine for her for a month or two. The notion of bringing her here you see is simply preposter-

> "Of course!" said Audrey. "To-be-sure !" chimed in Muriel.

The new dresses were purchased, and Madame Elisette herself composed them to the satisfaction of even the Misses Velveton. And Soprini received carte blanche to set the table, and Vaudoir had the flower order, and Mrs. Velveton congratulated herself that nothing was

New Year's Day came cold and clear and glittering, with sparkling snow below and a heaven of glorious blue

Ting-a-ling went the bell before Suiffen had buttoned on his new livery-coat. "Our first call," said Audrey, giving her pale-blue train a shake out. "What antediluvian can it possibly be, to come

at this time?" "I'm sure I can't imagine," said Muriel, posing her face into the regulation delighted smile.

And in walked a little old woman in a snuff-colored suit and round spectacles a life of show, excitement, hollow dis- | followed by a tall, pale girl, in shabby

"Aunt Tabitina !" cried Mrs. Velveton, who, in a decollete dress of black satin and a ruby necklace, had just swept in-

"Yes," said the old woman, looking keerly around her-"yes you are right, Venetia-Aunt Tabitha and Mabel Wil ton! How cane I here? Why, Mabel in her loneliness and trouble came out to Cranberry farm and appoaled to me To my amazement she had never eyen heard of her cousins, the Velvetons. The check was duly cashed, as my banker notified me. But I said to myself, "Poor Venetia! Boarding house keeping is a grinding business. I'll go myself and "Then," said Audrey, quietly, "we'll see what the trouble is." Upon my close the house, and direct Sniffen to say | word, you live in royal style here. With a man-servant and moquette carpets, and frocks I should say cost as much as fifty dollars apiece! How many boarders do you keep? And how much do you pay

Mrs. Velveton bursted into tears. The bitter sarsasm of Aunt Tabby's voice, the mocking light of her eyes, were absolutely unendurable, especially as the elaborately-costumed guests were beginning to arrive, and stared in amazement at the little, old, snuff-colored woman and her tall, pale companion, whose dresses were such a contrast to the dam asse and court trains of the Misses Vel-

"I see," said the old dame crisply 'No. Venetia, don't begin to make excuses. You have told me lies enough already. I don't want to be deceived any more. You have deliberately robbed the orphan and the fatherless to add to your vulgar ostentation. You are such a fine lady," with a low courtesy, "that you are no longer in need of your present for us, of course a New Year's old aunt's hard-varned savings, so I shall adopt Mabel Wilton in your stead, young ladies. And I wish you a happy New Year, and many of 'em, for you will never see me again !"

> And so the old lady went away, with Mabel Wilton in her train.

Muriel and Audrey smiled and simpered through all that weary day; and the next day the doors of Velveton mansion were closed.

The family had left town. Left their debts-left their creditors-left all the hollow, false, unreal castle of social position which they had reared so patiently around them, all these struggling ambitions, unprincipled years. With Aunt Tabby's financial supplies entirely withdrawn, they knew too well that further struggle was unavailing.

And Mable Wilton became the old lady's heiress, after all !-Helen Forrest

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He lives long, that lives well, and time misspent is not lived but lost.

Prejudice and self-sufficiency naturaly proceed from inexperience and igno Character is higher than intellect. A

great soul will be strong to live as well as strong to think. The ignorant peasant without fault is

creater than the philosopher with many. Oliver Goldsmith. Some boys inherit good fortunse, but no boy ever inherited a scholarship, a

good character or a useful life. There is no trait more valuable, than determination to persevere when the

right thing is to be accomplished. Life does not count by years. Some suffer a lifetime in a day, so grow old between the rising and setting of the

It is impossible that an ill-natured man can have a public spirit; for how should he love ten thousand men who never loved one.

Fortune turns faster than a mill-wheel and those who were yesterday at the top may find themselves at the bottom to-day.-Don Quixotte.

Contentment is a pearl of great price,

and whoever produces it at the expense of ten thousand desires makes a wise and happy purchase. Every human being has a work to

carry on within, duties to perform abroad, influences to exert, which are peculiarly his, and which no conscience but his own can teach. Lying is like flying to hide in fog. If

you move about you are in danger of bumping your head against the truth; as soon as the fog blows up you are gone anyhow. It doesn't follow that you must do a

mean thing to a man who has done a nean thing to you. The proverb runs: Because the cur has bitten me, shall I bite the cur." The clearness and purity of ones mind

is never better proved than in discovering its own faults at first view; as when a stream shows the dirt at its bottom, it shows also the transparency of the wa-

God's livery is a very plain one; but its wearers have good reason to be content. If it have not so much gold lace about it as Satan's, it keeps out foul weather better, and is besides a great deal cheaper.

There are moments when the pale and modest star kindled by God in simple hearts, which men call conscience, illumines our path with truer light than the flaming comet of genius on its magnificent course.

Bowed knees and beautiful words cannot make prayer; but earnest desires from a heart bowed by love, inspired by God's Holy Spirit, and thirsting for God, the living God, will do it, anywhere, or in any place at any time.

Why Georgians Won't Steal.

years and have never had but one visit from a beggar. I have never locked my door at night. My family sometimes go from home on a visit to a neighbor and stay all day and leave the house unlocked, and nothing has ever been stolen that we know of. My stable and corncrib are never locked. No honester people ever lived than live around us, My opinion is that our people are most too lazy to steal and wouldn't go after corn unless it was shucked and shelled and sacked. I believe that if I was to put a bag full of nice corn out at my front gate some fellow would take it and carry it off, but they won't go to go to the crib after it. It is too much trouble. Bayard Taylor tells of a canton in Switzerland where a merchant marks the price of his goods and goes off to his little farm and leaves the store open, and when a man wants anything he goes into the store and measures or weighs it and puts the money in the drawer, This is a good way and saves clerk hire, but I would't advise our merchants to make the experiment for fear of accidents. The books might not exactly balance when he took account of stock.-BILL ABP.

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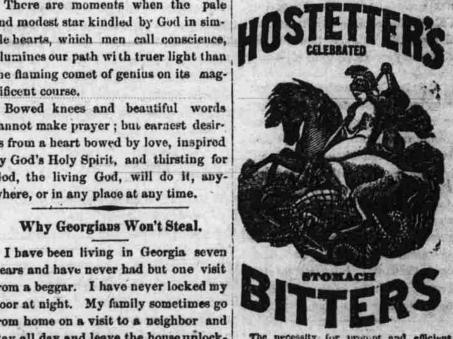
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