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Her vegetation factory—
For one more spin! But, no for me.
No April New Year's day in mine.
Old January suits me fine.



THE NEW CHAMPION

THE old year was a heavy weight who battled in the ring. Of all the sluggers in the game he proved himself the king. He won a million more or less. And never found a man to stand below his mighty blow.

WHAT WAS JONADAB BY HEARD CLARRISSA MACKIE

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I straggled away from the Webb household that New Year's Eve. Jonadab Hopkins throned in the light, dry snow into the air. The night had turned to a blizzard. The New Year's day would be a promised husband of Miriam Webb. He had proved himself a disappointment.

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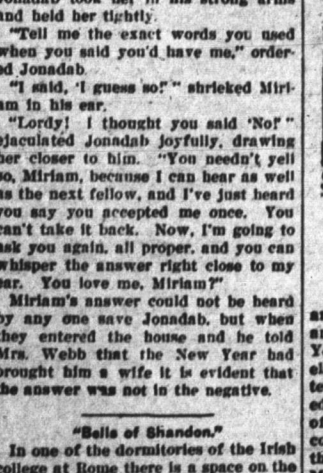
The thought of Miriam Webb turned his mustache in another direction—that of the great intimacy that proved a stumbling block in his progress at every turn. His Uncle Simon had long urged a visit to a noted ear specialist, and now one blaring August day Jonadab suddenly resolved to go.

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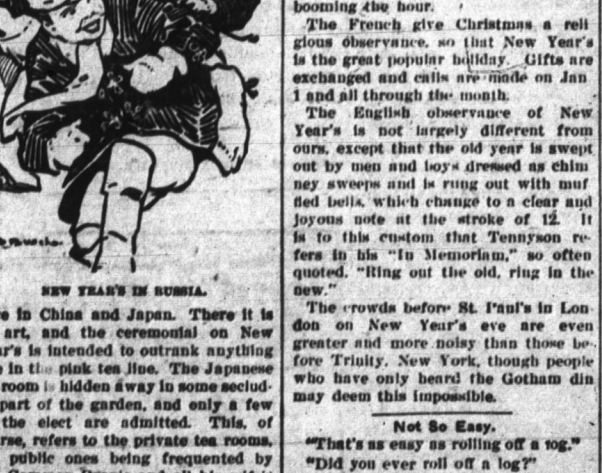
NEW YEAR'S is regarded as the time when a man should take stock of his past and present and make resolutions concerning the future. It is well to make resolutions, and it is better to keep them. They serve a good purpose even if not kept, though they should not be made with the idea of breaking them. One can be conservative in making good resolutions and thereby gain an advantage. Do not resolve to be perfect—merely make a determination to be better. Resolve to improve in everything in which you are defective. Decide to act more kindly, think more charitably, speak more pleasantly, work more diligently, give more cheerfully. Don't try to achieve the perfect, which is impossible. Just try to improve, to be and do better, and you will be better for the trying.

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NEW YEAR'S IN OTHER LANDS

NEW YEAR'S is the most universally celebrated of holidays. Christmas is practically confined to Christian countries and in some of these has only a religious observance. The same is true of Easter. Other holidays are for the most part national in character and are confined to their own countries. But New Year's in some form is celebrated in all lands and in not a few is the chief holiday of the year. It is not observed always on Jan. 1, the Chinese and Jewish New Year's being notable exceptions and the Russian festival being held on what is on Jan. 12, owing to a difference in the calendar.

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