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Dusty the way has been, and long and dark; Even now I scarce dare hope, for hope be-O faithless heart, to him who cares for thee, Give now thy thanks and praise! thy thanks

and praise! Surely the sun will shine throughout the land: Surely her miracles will work the spring; Life stands revealed where all seemed drear

O heart! my heart! thou mayst give thanks Sing and rejoice! Ever give thanks and sing! Life rules! Death is not, though it seen

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W D Kearney conveying Geo whitfield to jail

W Y Cash keeping rafts from Chavis' bridge one quarter

"Here's your newspaper, Uncle Nat," said Gladys Fane. "I've aired it myself, to make sure that there isn't the least particle of damp about it. And your slippers-oh, here they are! Is the screen just in the right place? And now I'll go and see about the coffee-I have such a nice French recipe for making it that Louis Alden sent me from Paris.'

All this time Esther Ellis stood quietly by the window, looking out at the snow which was falling-falling, a cloud of blinding, eddying white, blotting out the tall fir trees, thatching the gateposts with eider down and covering the carriage drive with a mantle of velvet softness.

Esther was tall and slight, with dreamy blue eyes, brown hair brushed back from her temples, and a delicate, nervous mouth. She had none of her cousin Gladys' dimpled beauty nor tropical richness of complexion, and she felt the contrast painfully in her heart. "Pull the shade down a little, Esther,"

said Mr. Fane sharply. "Don't von see how the light is blinding my eyes? But you never notice things as Gladys does. Esther obeyed hastily.

"You needn't jerk it so," said Uncle Fane. "Now shut the closet door-it has been squeaking these five minutes on its hinges in a way to set a man's teeth on edge."

"I didn't observe it, uncle." "That's exactly what I'm saying-you don't notice my comfort or discomfort as Gladys does, Gladys, now, is really fond of me. Look at these slippers; she has crocheted them for me while you were sitting dreaming over your novels."

Esther opened her lips as if to speak; then she closed them again. The slippers had assuredly been Gladys' gift to Uncle Fane; but was it

possible Gladys had concealed the fact that she (Esther) had done all the work at Gladys' coaxing request? She was too honorable to betray the little diplomatist, who just then came in with the tray of coffee and eggs, but all

the same she felt the injustice in her Uncle Fane was rich and childless. He had taken the orphan, Esther Ellis, to bring up-and his brother, a keen Philadelphia lawyer, had sent Gladys to make him a prolonged visit on the chance of

the affections of the rich old man. "Oh, papa," pleaded Gladys, "it will be worse than Egyptian bondage! I hate old people!"

"But you don't hate money-do you, Glad? And there's no reason you shouldn't be this old man's heiress as well as Esther Ellis." "Oh, Esther Ellis! I can cut Esther

Ellis out easily enough," said handsome Gladys, with an exulting laugh. "And she wouldn't know how to spend it if she had it, the poor spirited thing! Well, I suppose it's worth a little hard work to get hold of old Uncle Fane's shekels, and he certainly can't last forever!"

So Gladys had come, smiling and sweet voiced, to the old stone house, and Esther's affectionate little heart was sore with jealous pangs, all the more bitter because they were unuttered.

"Uncle, darling, can't we have a New Year's party at the old house?" Gladys had suddenly burst out one day. "The down stairs rooms could be thrown into one so beautifully, and I could find such lovely spruce and hemlock boughs in the woods to decorate the doors and cornices, and this is just a nice distance by railroad for people to come. Please, uncle, say that I may!" "No, my dear," said Mr. Fane, setting

his lips together in that Napoleonic way he had when he particularly meant things. "I hate parties and confusion, and when my poor wife died from pneumonia, brought on by sitting in a draft at somebody's paltry birthday party, I vowed a vow that no such foolery should among the pages of my astronomical ever go on in this house.' "Yes; but, uncle, we won't"-

"No!" said Uncle Fane. And even Gladys had not the audac-

ity to press matters further. "It's too bad," pouted Gladys to her cousin Esther. "He's a perfect old dog the both. Esther, you said, was too loyal in the manger. Does he suppose no- to the old fogy to hear of such a thing, body ever is to be young any more be- but that you were going to have your

own house, Gladys," remonstrated Es-"You are as bad as he is," said

Gladys. On this particular day, when the breakfast was removed, Esther brought

in the little writing desk, bestrewn running down stairs and flew into Mr. with papers, at which she ordinarily Fane's arms. wrote to her uncle's dictation, but the old man waived her impatiently away. "Call Gladys," said he. "She is a quicker amanuensis than you are, and she writes a round, clerklike hand.

I'll have Gladys do the copying for me henceforward."

cle," went away to cry in her own For, shy and reticent as she was in

ner manner, she really did love Uncle "He's failing-I'm sure he's failing!" said Gladys to Esther. "He went to

sleep twice while I was writing that tedions nonsense about stars and parallaxes and asteroids to his dictation and slept a good long time, and he's actually going up to Philadelphia to read that mass of four syllabled dullness to some scientific convention or other. When I heard that I made up my mind and wrote off a lot of letters while he was napping to some nice young people I know.

"Letters, Gladys! What for?" "To invite them to a merry gathering here to the Old Year out and the New Year in," laughed Gladys. "I told Susie Lapham to order the supper from Datori's, and I authorized Jim Le Convray to engage a pianist and two violinists. Now don't look so horrified. Uncle Nat will be none the wiser, and he'll be enjoying himself at his scientific convention, so why shouldn't we go in for a bit of fun too? And if you know what color is most becoming to you, Essie, you'll order a heliotrope dress for the occasion. You are quite decent looking in heliotrope,"

"I shall certainly countenance no such affair, Gladys!" said Esther decidedly. "Nothing is further from my thoughts than openly to disobey Uncle Nat." "But you won't betray me, Esther?

You wouldn't be so dishonorable?" "It would be still more dishonorable to deceive Uncle Nat!" protested Esther. "Promise me, Gladys, to abandon the whole affair!"

And to her great relief Gladys promised, pouting and ready to cry, however. Going to Philadelphia was a great event in Mr. Fane's life. Twice-three times Gladys had to copy the somewhat prolix paper which he proposed to read before the members of his scientific club, and at the very last it was taken out of her hands and sent to a typewriting

young damsel in the neighborhood. His portmanteau was carefully packed and repacked; a score of directions was reiterated to every one in the house, and at last he went away, tucked carefully up in the sleigh, with fur gloves, silk

"What a dreadful oldemolly could be is, to be sure!" said irreverent Gladys. And when the cutter came jingling back from the station she beckoned to little Cæsar to stop. "I'm going to the station myself," said

"Oh, Gladys, what for?", "To send half a dozen telegrams or so," said the city young lady composedly, "to hurry up matters about my New

"Your New Year's party! I thought you had given it up, Gladys." "Not L If you don't want to come to

it, Miss Stiff-and-prim, you needn't. But I mean to have it, all the same!" and Gladys danced merrily off to the sleigh, and whirled away like a laughing sprite into the brilliant winter sunshine.

New Year's eve came, and for a wonder it neither rained, sleeted nor snowed. The roads were like firm, beautiful alabaster; the sky all studded with glittering stars; the air just cold enough to be bracing and invigorating. The Fane house was illuminated from garret to cellar, the band was clashing out gay music, and the train from Philadelphia had brought a goodly number of young her being able to ingratiate herself into people in gala array, who were to be reenforced by the neighbors, all of whom were bound over to secrecy.

Gladys, in a blue silk dress, draped with clouds of azure tulle, which had been charged to Uncle Fane's account. was receiving them most graciously, and the tide of gayety was at its highest when the head waiter came to ask her if it was her pleasure that the supper should be served.

"Let's go down and look at the table, Jim," she said to young Mr. Le Couvray, who seemed to act as her regent in chief, "to make sure that it's all right before we invite our friends to eat, drink and be merry."

"Who's that old cove just coming in at the opposite door-the caterer himself," said facetious Le Couvray, "or some tramp who has smelled the frying oysters and chicken croquettes under the kitchen windows?" Gladys dropped her escort's arm and

grew pale as ashes? "Uncle Nat!" she gasped.

"A happy New Year, my dear," said Uncle Nat, chuckling. "You hardly expected to see me here, did you? A fine supper this you have prepared. Ill just drink a cup of coffee and eat a little of this very excellent chicken salad before I go up to my room. You see, the old man isn't quite so ignorant of what is going on as you supposed he was."

"Esther has turned spy and informer!" cried Gladys, "I never, never will "Not at all, my dear; not at all," said

Uncle Fane. "But I chanced to find

manuscript a half finished letter from yourself to some city friend, in which you described in a very spirited way me and my household, and your intention of outwitting both me and Esther Ellis by giving a New Year's party in defiance of wn way in spite of her. Very well, my "He has a right to his own way in his dear; you've had it. But there's another With all thy golden glories faded, sere. thing you haven't got, and won't have. and that is one solitary, single cent of the old fogy's money! Hush! What's that? Ah, the bells in the village steeple ringing in the New Year!"

At the same moment little Essie, dressed in a gray flannel wrapper, came

"Uncle Nat! Oh, Uncle Nat!" she

"Here's one who is glad to see me, at all events," said Mr. Fane, a slight quiver in his voice. "A glad New Year to you, Essie! And we'll keep it together, you and I, all the rest of the years that God gives me! And of all the presents that Gladys flashed a triumphant glance I could have your love and constancy across the table at her cousin, and Esare the best and sweetes: I'—Saturday

NEW YEAR CUSTOMS.

CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THEIR OBSERVANCE.

The Old Time Round of Calling and Drinking No Longer Fashionable in New York-Country Frolics Are Now Popular-A Sad Story.

There was a time, and that was not too many years ago to count upon the fingers, when New Year's day was the "maddest, merriest day of all the glad New Year," for every man put on his holiday manner and his very best clothes, and called on all the women he knew. In towns and cities where this custom prevailed each house wore a festal air. and each housekeeper spread her table with such attractive viands as could be partaken without ceremony, for there was no time for sitting down to eating and drinking with a list such as many men had of several hundred calls to be rushed through in that one day.

In New York the custom became at last a tax. There was no real sociability made evident in a hurried handshake and greeting, followed immediately by an equally hurried farewell; and yet there was time for nothing more, and even with all this haste few men could finish the calls written upon their lists, and omissions were apt to give offense.

Pushing young men took advantage of the hurry and flurry of the day to call at houses where entry under other circumstances would not have been possible. Even if they could only bow to the engrossed hostess they could pass on to some of the young women receiving with her, who would naturally suppose them friends of the house. Their wards would be left and possibly included among the guests to be invited on other occasions. which was the end they hoped to gain by their assurance.

Another evil which right thinking people took a grave view of was the promotion of social drinking which the custom fostered. Men who could not stop for a bite did manage to pause for a glass of wine or cordial, or even a stiff dose of brandy and water, "just to keep the cold out, you know." The result of so many tastes was apt to become disasrous before the day was out, and there were incidents and scenes which were sad to witness.

Worse than all was the fall of some who yielded against their better judgment to the pleading of Circe as she sparkled and beamed and threatened to frown on the young man who refused the glass she held to him in her white gloved hand.

I know a white haired mother whose sad lips refuse to smile because her only daughter is hopelessly insane. The girl was engaged to a man to whom liquor was a terrible temptation, a hereditary craving against which he had silently fought a good fight and triumphed. One New Year's day, the first of their engagement, his fiancee made a point of his taking a glass of wine with her. He refused, she insisted-not knowing his weakness-and at last declared that if he would not yield to her pleasure in such a small matter his affection could not be what he pretended. He could not resist beyond that, but that one glass opened the gate to his enemy, and the passion for drink conquered him and was never overcome. Grief and remorse deprived the gay, thoughtless girl of reason. That is only one story. There are thousands as pitiful, and, feeling the danger which attended the pretty custom of New Year's calls, one can hardly regret its disuse.

In New York and Philadelphia, and to a limited degree in some other places, it is fashionable to make up country parties, leaving town on one of the last days of the year and spending a week in such amusements as the hostess can invent. If she owns a country house she will open it for her guests, or lacking a house she will hire of some farmer all the rooms he can spare, and turn her entertainments into an institution of some of the primitive frolics in which our ancestors were supposed to delight.

Barn dances for the evenings and

straw rides for the daylight are among the amusements offered on these occasions, and for variety the Halloween tests or ceremonics are introduced, and the gay visitors toss apple skins, float apples, name chestnuts and eat hard boiled eggs with salt, filling the cavity made by taking out the yolk, agreeably to the old tradition that a dream would follow in which the thirsty one's lover would bring a drink. For those who stay at home the fes-

tivities which belong to the day are not overwhelming, being generally confined to a family dinner, and possibly the theater or a reception in the evening. is not a day for family gatherings, like Christmas or Thanksgiving, and, as the usual avocations are relinquished, timseems unoccupied and the day is not altogether enjoyable. But the New Year deserves a form of

celebration as well as the other anniversaries, and those who mold and lead society should inaugurate some especial entertainment or custom by which we may enliven the day .- New York Recorder.

New Year's Song. . Come yow year, And strew pale roses for thy sister's bier!

Loves are turned cold that at her birth leaped When thou art old, thou, too, forgot, shalt lie,

Sleep, dead year! For dear delights are flown, and days are drear, For on, for oh. bleak he the helds and bare; Toe is me-woo-winter is everywhere: With eyes that see not, ears that never hear,

Come, hew year! But silential Let tail no foolish tear For eankering care, or grief, or joy gone by, Since all must yield to ago and change, and ufa. With past joys cherished, perished, days once

Sleep, dead year!

Sleep, dend year! Soon on spring's breast your violets shall peer.
Burst from earth's casket for thy pleasuring.
Purple and gold, her tender treasuring.
Hark! the first robin, singing loud and clear Come, new year!

—Asue. Gerard in Docton Transcript.

ther, meekly replying, "Very well, un- Night.