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FRONTIER HOLIDAY

Year's holiday season come with well timed regularity to break the monotony of the cowboy's prosaic life. In the ranging country of the northwest, where the entire possessions of the average ranchman consist of a few hundred cattle, half a dozen ponies and a rude dugout or "shack" furnished with the bare necessities and where there are only a few cowboys to do the whole work of the ranch, the only assured diversion of the year is the June roundup. Unless the cowboy goes into a fron-

tier town to take in a barnstorming

performance or a "show" given by a traveling prestidigitator he has abso-But in the older canching territories of the southwest, where stock raising

has settled down into a safe and remunerative business and the precari-ous livelihood and ploneer simplicity have given way to an assured income with comfort and plenty, the boliday follification has come to be an estab

It is a pleasant break to the winter o "riding lines" over the cour euchre indoors

For a week or two before the holiday feast all hands lend their aid to the capturing of game and the binding and saving of eggs

This is the season for wild turkeys, fat rabbits and ducks. The ordinary mode of getting turkeys is to shoot them, the hunter hiding in the sagebush or chaparral and decoying the birds by imitating their cluck. The great birds, hearing this friendly call, answer and come to it, and a volley of buckshot secures several of the flock. Another and more exciting manner of turkey capture is to rob a roost.

This is done at night by seeking the pecan groves, where the turkeys gen-Some designing and lucky buntsman,

having "spotted" a roost, informs his friends, and they go in a party to the place. Cautiously approaching under cover of night, their horses' feet treading noiselessly over the dead leaves. they patiently await the settling down of the restless and exceedingly wild

and timid turkeys. At last, when the fluttering brown figures form a motionless part of the shadowy silence, the signal is given. and bang go the guns simultane from all directions. There is a heavy fall, and the rest of the turkeys are so dazed and frightened that they sit still, a helpless prey, to be picked off one by one until the whole roost is se-

cured. The cowboys' revel is daucing. They are graceful, natural, muscular and active. Dancing to them is horseback riding in good company, under shelter and to the tune of a fiddle. It gives free play to their untiring, restless bodies and at the same time satisfies and delights their love of women's so-

ciety and good fellowship Not until the dull red glow of sunrise creeps over the dun prairies does

Then after a breakfast of "cold bits" and strong, hot black coffee the girls go to rooms prepared for them at the ranch or, mounted on fleet footed bronchos, go galloping over the prairies, the fresh, wild wind in their faces and the thrilling memory of sweet words or sweeter promises in their wholesome. simple hearts. - Boston Globe.

Br'er Rastue on the Holidays. I'll be mighty gind w'en de holidays is gone, kaze den folks 'Il settle down be reasonable once mo' De Lawd loves a cheerful giver, but not de man what gives en den slams de do' ter ease his mind. De one trouble 'bout Chris'mus is de

fact dat so many oncivilized people

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hot or cold, have been deemed indispensable to the proper send ing off of the old year and the welcome of the new. So long as these are innocuous, well and good, but the wise man drinks "with harness on his throat." This our good old Dutch for bears did not always do. While the famous wassail of song

and story was always served hot, the contents of the punch bowl, holly wreathed, were ice cold. For this famous old drink no recipe

better than the ancient one which is given in the exact words of



THE WASSAIL BOWL WAS ELABORATE OF CONCOCTION AND HIGHLY SPICED.

the original: Simmer a small quan of the following spices in a tea pful of water viz: Cardamous loves, nutneg, andre, ginger, claus the spice to two, four or six bottles of port, sherry or minicipa, with on pound and a tailf of time lonf sugar powdered; to four bottles, and set al on the fire in a clean, bright saucepan Meanwhile have the yolks of twelve and the whites of six eggs well whisked up in it. Then when the spiced and sugared wine is a little warm take out

one teacupful, and so on for three or four cups, after which, when it boils, add the whole of the remainder, pouring it in gradually and stirring it in briskly, so as to froth it. The moment a fine froth is obtained toss in twelve ine soft roasted apples and send it up hot Splees for each bottle of wine: Ten grains of mace, forty-six grains of cloves, thirty-seven of cardamoms. twenty-eight grains of cinnamon, tweive grains of nutmeg, forty-eight grains of ginger, forty-nine grains of coriander seeds.

TIME.

Time is like a fashionable host That slightly shakes his parting guest by the hand And with his arms outstretched, as he would fly, Grasps in the newcomer, Wel-

come ever smiles,
And farewell goes out sighing.
—Shakespeare.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLVE.

Oh, the first of the year's too cold. For the cause of a true reform. Twere better to wait for a later When things are a bit more

The trouble that lies in the way of the wise
Who'd leave bad habits behind.
'heir virtuous sniff is frozen stiff
By the chill of the winter's wind.

The good intent of the rightsous

la nipped by the frosty air, And the news turned leaf soon comes to grief And withers beyond repair. Old Janus bold, with his blasts

Bites deep on the virtuous nose; Reform is lost in the awful frost That comes with the month of 'Twere better by much to await

Of a genial May day sun For putting on ice your favorite wice, With which you at last are done

For the tenderest flower in Na-tuge's bower That time can never evolve is a sturdy oak, and that's no

Compared to a good resolve. And that is why, with the new year by.
To my vicious ways I oling.
And centra bonos mores go
Till the warmer days of spring.

John Kendrick Bangs In Har-

per's Weekly.

HAPPIEST NEW YEAR

COUSIN JOSEPH'S

before ringing the doorbell and looked about him. To bluself looking for familiar objects.

"Is Mr. Shaw at home?" be inquired of the young girl who answered his "No; he was called away early this morning to see his sick brother," said the girl. She looked like a rosy coun-

try maiden, though her face was delicate and her form slight. "I think he will be back this afternoon," she added. "I wanted to see him on business, said Mr. Newton, "and I think I will wait for him. I understood that the Newton family had some sort of reunion today, and I expected him to be

"Yes: they always have a family gathering on New Year's day," explained the girl, "but I persuaded nuntie that Bob and I could manage for one day. Bob's only thirteen, but he's good help for a boy. I am Mrs. Shaw's



n week. Please take a chair in the "Let me help you," said Mr. Newton, following her to the kitchen, where Bob was washing sweet potatoes,

"He many do you expect?" asked . ladling gravy over the fowls that were turning a lovely brown in the big oven:

their brother Joseph, who lives in the city, and he never honors the gatherings with his presence," said Tory. "Why doesn't be come, or is he the black sheep of the family who isn't

invited?" asked Mr. Newton. "You wouldn't think he was the black sheep if you could bear the family talk about him," said the girl scornfully. "It's all Brother Joseph' and 'Cousin Joseph' till I'm sick of the very name. They think because he went to the city and got rich that be's the most wonderful person that ever

the little country girl exceedingly. "Maybe he is wonderful. Did you ever see him?"

Tory, providing her guest with a sharp knife and a pan of potatoes as soon as he rose from his knees by the oven. "He must be a regular skinffint or be wouldn't act the way he does. Why. they say be has more money than he knows what to do with, and his brother's little girl is suffering for the right kind of medical treatment. The doctor says that if her limb could have proper care she might have the use of it again, but her parents won't accept charity

"That does seem mean," agreed Mr. Newton, "but perhaps he doesn't know about these things." "There they come!" cried Bob, drop-

ping his sweet potatoes and rushing out to help Cousin Charity out of the old surrey driven by her brother. "I'd rather put away horses any day than putter around in the kitchen" "This is a gentleman who came to

see uncle," sald Tory when Cousin Charity had limped into the sitting room and was established by the fire "He's been helping Bob and me in the kitchen Now you just sit still, for your rheumatism will be worse if you try to walk around We'll get along "I must have forgotten to tell you

my name," said Mr Newton. "If your uncle shouldn't get back this afternoon you may tell him James Bradford wanted to see him." "Very well. Mr. Bradford; you may look after the turkers once more, and

then we will set the tables ' "If Brother Joseph could just be here roday the family gathering would be complete," said Mrs. Randall as she helped with the table setting. "He is so busy and has so much on his mind

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

that it's unreasonable to expect such

GOOD REASON.

"Why do you call the popular game poker?"

"Because it stirs things up." A girl always has a pretty dimple f you'll tell her so.

a thing, but I do wish we could see "Well, if he knew what he misses

I'll venture to say he'd be here, no matter how much business be has on hand," said Tory, surveying the long table with pride. "The idea of miss ing a dinner like this for a few dol-"My brother lives in Chicago, Mr. Bradford," explained Mrs. Randall,

"and he never has been home since he left the farm. He has made a fortune and is one of the prominent busi-ness men of the city, so he has little come back to one's home time for visiting. This is his picture after iffteen years is an experience for any one to think over, and be found away." And Mr. Newton found himself gazing at a boy who seemed all hands and feet, while his head was painfully held in place by a stiff collar and the high back of the chair in which he was scated.

Dinner was served promptly at 12. and during the long meal Joseph Newton had the unusual experience of hearing his praises sung by his relatives. He dished up quarts of gravy. cut piles of bread, supplied bungry boys and girls with turkey and chicken, obeyed Tory's numerous directions as well as he could and in every way made himself useful.

"You don't want any outsiders at the table," he said, following Tory's exam-"I will help Miss Tory so that

you all can be together." "All but Brother Joseph," said several voices at once, and all looked at the place religiously kept vacant at the table for the absent member.

"I'm going to sit right down here in Brother Joseph's place," declared Mr. Newton when at last he and Tory had a chance to sit down for refreshments and rest their tired feet. "I don't care if it is the 'seat perilous.' "
During the dishwashing Mr. New-

ton enjoyed to the utmost the conver sation of the young girl and joyfully dismissed Bob so that be might draw her out without being bothered by the boy's many questions and complaints "Why have I never met such a girl before?" he said over and over, only to remember that the few girls be had met during his money making career were society belies. "I'd like to educate her," he concluded when the dish towels had been hung on the line and the kitchen put in order. "With an education she might develop into a very bright woman."

"Now, you must go into the sitting room," said Tory briskly. "I have some work to do upstairs and must get rid of my pinafore for something more appropriate to this joyful ocension. I promised to play for them after awhile" From the outery five minutes later

in the parlor Tory guessed what was ent down by the window to look neros the wide white fields. Her uncle and next drove into the yard and made their was to the house. Into the midst parlor, for I must burry back to the of her thoughts came her nunt's voice calling "Tory," Tory," and she slowly

"This is Brother Joseph!" cried three voices at on e before Tory reached the sitting room "We forgot all about you in the excitement. Isn't it wor derful we dishit recognize him? He thinks you're about fifteen

"Oh, they all will be here except Tory, and wants to educate you," put in the breezessible Rob, with a broad grin on his freekled face. "He thinks you're awful smart."

From his dusky corner Joseph New ton advanced to meet the young tady In the simple white frock with her dark hair wound round her head in the latest fashion. Her dress was sim plicity itself, but there was the unmitakable stamp of fashion upon it, and from the crown of her head to the tip of her dainty shoes the city man recognized the city uniden.

"You are Miss Victoria Stoddard. and I had the pleasure of taking you out to dinner last Friday evening." be said smilingly. "I think I made remark about the young women of to day in comparison with their grand mothers which you resented, did I not I am ready to apologize humbly and say that all my ideas of life have suffered a revolution during the pass twelve hours. I thank you very much for your suggestions this morning and shall carry them out to the letter as well as some of my own."

"We are all to stay for supper, so that Brother Joseph's place will not be vacant today," said Mrs. Randall "There is plenty of food, and we can manage very well."
"Did you know who he was all the

asked Bob, with wide open eyes. "I guess girls are some account after all."

"Of course I did." said Miss Stoddard.

"Robert, listen to me," said Mr. Newton solemnly. "You have yet many things to learn if you have not discov ered the superiority of the ladles over common, ordinary men. I have finished the first page of the primer of in struction today in that important branch and shall expect my teacher to carry on the good work when we are back in the city once more."

"I don't know who your teacher is but you'd better get Tory to belp you with your lessons. She's a dandy when it comes to hard problems. Why Pory's been to Europe and graduated from I don't know how many schools When she comes out here she says she

"Shake hands on it. Miss Victoria." said Mr. Newton as Victoria frowned in vain at her young relative. "I feel befter now since we are in the same boat. Brother Joseph will have to take a back seat while Cousin Tory is reour song."-Hilda Richmond in Forward.

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