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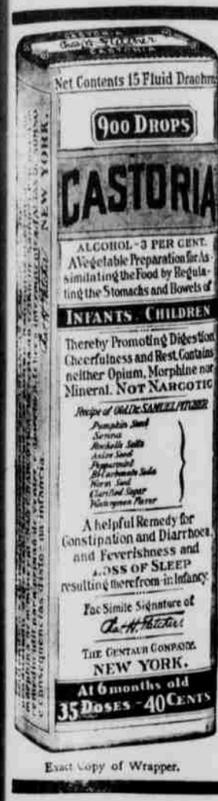
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## "Lighting a New One"



### The Little New Year

LEANOR RICHARDSON looked across the festively decorated restaurant table at her husband, who was leaning indifferently his frozen, un-sprinkled dessert.

He certainly was not growing any younger, while she—well, only Eleanor herself knew the exact number of gray hairs in her carefully arranged coiffure and realized the cold cream of her unsmiling and the insidious crow's wrinkles at the corners of her dark-fringed eyes.

"Do you know, Fred, this doesn't interest me a bit," she said, with a casual glance at the gay scene about her. "Other years I have enjoyed it well enough, but tonight, somehow, it seems—stale."

"I suppose," returned her husband, thoughtfully, "that the people who get the most fun out of this sort of thing, after all, are those who come here from the backwoods where they doze the kerosene lamp at 8 p. m. and light it again when the roosters crow. The rest of us are used to it."

By making reservations long in advance the Richardsons had been able to secure a place in the most desirable location in the dining room—not too near the palm-embowered orchestra loudly dispensing jazz, not too far from the tinsel-draped stage, where at the moment were twisting and gesticulating Hawaiian beauties in very tropical costumes, which seemed absurdly inappropriate considering that it was New Year's eve.

Eleanor cupped her chin in white, expectantly fingering hands. "Perhaps it is the reaction from the season or perhaps I'm merely bored, but I feel out of sorts. As I look back on our ten years of married life they seem happy enough, and yet to look forward in the future to the same sort of ten years doesn't seem worth while."

Fred Richardson looked at her in surprise. Retrospection had never been one of Eleanor's habits. "What's the matter, old girl?" he asked with unusual solicitude. "Shall we leave this joint and go the rounds? There won't be much in the way of excitement anywhere until midnight."

"But I tell you, Fred, I'm not looking for excitement tonight," exclaimed Eleanor impatiently. "Strange as it may seem, for one thing, I'm worried as to whether I've done the right thing by Beth. You know that Jim Goddard has been wild about her for some time, and wants to marry her offhand on his ridiculously small salary. Of course Beth, after living with me all these years, asked my advice, and I emphatically advised against it. Told her to wait until they had laid by enough to put them beyond the chance of worry."

"Well, that was sensible enough advice nowadays, I guess," acquiesced her husband, good-naturedly, flicking the ashes from his cigar.

Eleanor looked at him keenly. "Time was when he would have spurned such counsel as advising of too worldly a wisdom. Ten years of money-making in the big city had wrought their changes in him, too. She sighed.

Then: "Oh, well," she exclaimed, shrugging her shoulders. "I should worry about that now. Jim was to get his answer this evening, and I imagine by now Beth has turned him down quite definitely."

At that moment a shower of confetti and colored streamers shot from the balconies and mezzanine, turning the interior of the restaurant into a

bank, now almost sufficient for the purchase of a very late very completely equipped, high-powered model. Resolving also to acquire a chauffeur, he opened the door for his wife who, skirts held high to avoid the trampled slush, stepped in. At the same instant, "Fred," she cried in alarm, "Fred, what in heaven's name is this?"

Fred, equally startled by his wife's tense tones, peered uneasily into the dark depths of the car then unhooked the electric torch from its socket, and flashed it on.

There, on the luxurious cushioned seat, lay a small, shawl-wrapped bundle, oddly soft to Eleanor's inquiring touch. As she parted the insufficient, ragged covering the bright light disclosed a very plump and quite new baby, with open eyes under as yet unshined lids and very intriguing dimples in his fat cheeks.

Fred gasped to his wife: "What shall we do with it?"

"Why, I suppose drive to the police station. There is evidently not a clew as to its parents."

While Fred drove with unusual care through the traffic which here and there practically blocked the slippery street, his wife sat holding the unsought package in a lap quite unused to such an occupation.

She was thinking that possibly life would not have become so drably monotonous and the bond between herself and Fred so frayed at times if children had come to their home. At first she had been thankful, seeing no opportunity in their meager budget for bills for nurses and doctors and certified milk. Later, the advent of a child into her well-ordered days

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## New Year's Day in Many Lands

NEW YEAR'S DAY is a time for thanksgiving and mirth and happiness, and in some countries, for the interchange of gifts. It is also a day which, because it is the birthday of another year in one's life has associated with it a certain solemnity, which often takes the form of resolutions to do more and better things than one has ever done before.

It is appropriate that the series of 12 months should open on the first day of January, because this is the period of the winter solstice, the turning point of the year, the time when earth begins to be revivified in anticipation of the coming of spring. The ancients understood this significance and, although several changes in their calendar took place before the present date was made permanent, January 1st has been, we are told, the generally accepted date since the reign of the Roman king Numa Pompilius, 672 B. C.

He decreed that the year should begin as it now does, and added two new months to the already existing ten. The first month was named January in honor of the god Janus, who was represented by the Romans as having two faces, this signifying that he was acquainted with both past and future events. On this first day it was the Roman custom to offer to Janus sacrifices upon twelve different altars. Among the offerings was a cake of sifted meal with incense and wine. The people took every precaution to conduct themselves as perfectly that nothing but good might be presaged for the coming year. Latin writers of the time say that all cities and provinces opened at the New Year. The day was spent in visiting, feasting and exchanging gifts. Indeed, the burden of giving had become so heavy that during the reign of Claudius he felt forced to limit it by a decree.

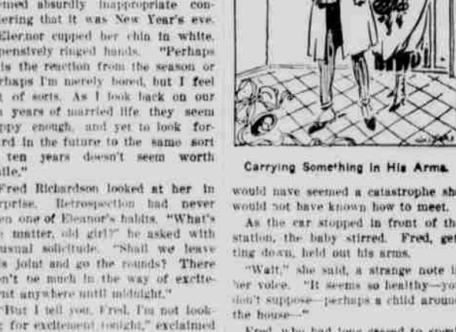
In Belgium the children are especially active on New Year's. Their greatest fun is obtained by secreting all the keys belonging to the various doors of the house. Then they hide, watching, lynx-eyed, from their vantage ground for the chance to look up an unsuspecting parent or uncle or aunt. When once caught they are not freed until they promise a certain forfeit of sweetmeats.

In France it is called "le jour de l'an"—the day of the year. Merry-making, calls and gifts reign supreme. Dancing, singing and who also have prominence. Candy not usually allowed to French children, is generously given out. January 1st is also the day for family reunions. And in the early morning hours relatives of anyone who has died during the year assemble at the grave for a brief service.

One of the prettiest customs in the world is that observed at Frankfurt on the Main. Many are the gay parties which gather on New Year's eve, and when the great cathedral clock begins to chime the midnight hour every window of every occupied house is roused. Each person lifts high a glass and with one voice the whole city cries out, "Frodit Neujahr." By the time the twelfth stroke is reached the windows are closed and quiet reigns as the old year draws its last breath.

In rural parts of Russia the children, who have arisen especially early on this holiday, start out on a house-to-house pilgrimage, with pockets brimful of dried peas and wheat. Doors are never locked in Russia, so it is an easy matter to enter. If the occupants of the house thus visited

## Carrying Something in His Arms.



would have seemed a catastrophe she would not have known how to meet. As the car stopped in front of the station, the baby stirred. Fred, getting down, held out his arms.

"Wait," she said, a strange note in her voice. "It seems so healthy—you don't suppose—perhaps a child around the house—"

Fred, who had long ceased to speak his regret that he had no children, looked at her at first without comprehension, then with a great light in his tired eyes. But it died out as suddenly as it had come. "Nell, you must be crazy. Why, we're lucky if we're allowed to have a tan dog in our fat, much less a baby. Hand it over!"

"But, Fred," Eleanor went on, strangely relieved of the boredom she had complained of, "there's that money in the bank—this car is good enough for anybody—how much would a little place of our own cost—not too far out, but with grass around it—and a porch—"

"Nell," he said huskily, "you're—you're wonderful. It would be like getting another chance at life. Let's go home."

A few minutes later than this conversation, a well-set-up young man and a slim, piquantly pretty girl were gazing at each other with miserably dejected eyes.

"No—no—no, Jim," cried Beth. "I do want to. But Eleanor says I'd be crazy. She tried it and she knows."

"Then it's good-by for keeps, Beth," returned the other, grimly. "Heaven knows I want you badly enough, but not at the expense of waiting for years and wasting our young lives, all for the whim of a third party who doesn't count."

Jim turned to go, and Beth stood twisting and untwisting a damp little ball of handkerchief. Why didn't she dare follow the dictates of her own heart, not the bidding of a cynical sister, however good that sister had been to her?

As Jim opened the door, the elevator stopped across the hall. Out stepped Beth's brother-in-law, carrying something in his arms. Behind followed a strangely alive-looking woman, whose first words struck most incomprehensibly on the younger girl's ear.

"Beth, dear, please telephone at once to the nurse's bureau and ask them to send up the best graduate nurse they can get hold of, with the formula for feeding a very young baby, and—how do you do, Jim? I hope Beth's been nice to you! Forget what I said about not getting married. It doesn't pay to wait too long!" She hurried after her husband who had gone into an inner room.

Jim held out his arms once more, and Beth went into them. When she raised her head to meet his lips the bells of the city were breaking forth in joyous peal:

"Hug out the old, ring in the new!"

"For us," murmured Jim, passionately.

"For us," murmured Eleanor and Fred, their eyes meeting across the wide expanse of white lace spread where Fred had laid the baby.

"The old year has gone," said Eleanor; then added whimsically, "but we brought the new one home with us!"

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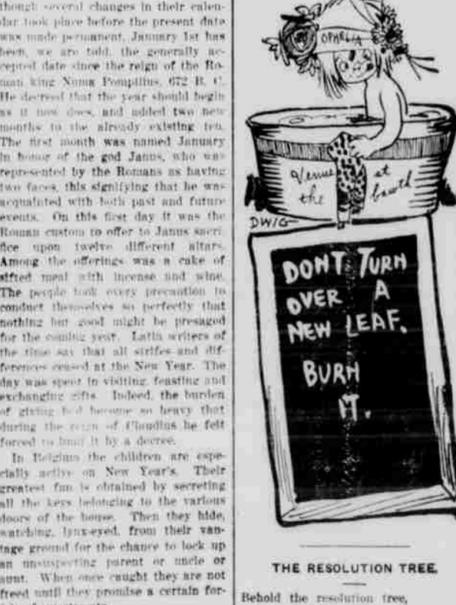
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