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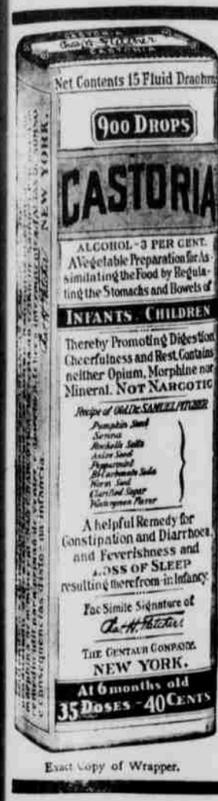
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"Lighting a New One"



**The Little
New Year**

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

He certainly was not grow-
ing any younger, while she—well, only
Eleanor herself knew the exact num-
ber of gray hairs in her carefully ar-
ranged coiffure and realized the un-
equal battle being waged between the
cold cream of her unsmuggled and the
insidious crow's wrinkles at the cor-
ners 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, some-
how, it seems—stale."

"I suppose," returned her hus-
band, 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
douse 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 ad-
vance the Richardsons had been able
to secure a place in the most desir-
able 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 con-
sidering that it was New Year's eve.

Eleanor cupped her chin in white,
expressively fingered 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 for-
ward 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 rounds? There
won't be much in the way of excite-
ment anywhere until midnight."

"But I tell you, Fred, I'm not look-
ing for excitement tonight," Eleanor
impetuously exclaimed. "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 em-
phatically 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 ad-
vice nowadays, I guess," acquiesced
her husband, good-naturedly, flicking
his ashes from his cigar.

Eleanor looked at him keenly. Time
was when he would have spurned such
counsel as savoring 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 con-
fetti and colored streamers shot from
the balconies and mezzanine, turning
the interior of the restaurant into a
veritable rainbow-tinted blizzard, de-
scending in confusion on the bril-
liantly dressed women and their com-
panions seated below.

Eleanor rose, drawing on her long
white gloves. "Let's go home, Fred,"
she said. Moved by one of the many
old impulses which had been stir-
ring within her, she tucked under her
large muff the evening favor—a frail
paper mache representation of old
father Time bearing in his arms a
very pink very undressed baby, pre-
sumably significant of the old year
stealing in the new.

As Eleanor and her husband ap-
proached their car, a moderately
elderly man waiting on a quiet
street. Fred thought with retri-
bution of the seat little seat in retri-

bank, now almost sufficient for the
purchase of a very late very com-
pletely equipped, high-powered model.
Resolving also to acquire a chauff-
eur, 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
tone, peered uneasily into the
dark depths of the car then un-
hooked the electric torch from its
socket, and flashed it on.

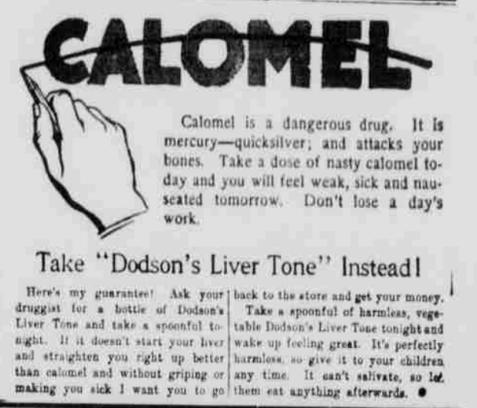
There, on the luxurious cushioned
seat, lay a small, shawl-wrapped
sunder, oddly soft to Eleanor's in-
quiring touch. As she parted the in-
sufficient, ragged covering the bright
light disclosed a very plump and
quite new baby, with open eyes
under as yet unshined lids and very
intriguing dimples in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

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

"Why, I suppose drive to the police
station. There is evidently not a
clue 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 un-
sought package in a lap quiet unused
to such an occupation.

She was thinking that possibly life
would not have become so drably mo-
notonous and the bond between her-
self 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



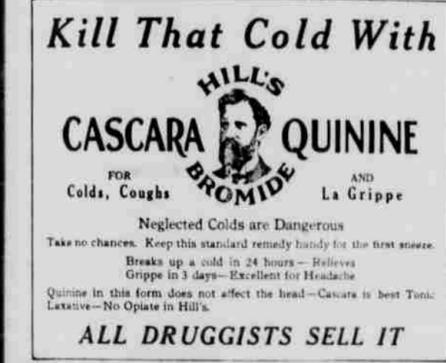
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**New Year's Day
in
Many Lands**

NEW YEAR'S DAY is a time for
thanksgiving and mirth and
happiness, and in some coun-
tries, for the interchange of gifts. It
is also a day, because it is the
beginning of another year in one's life
has associated with it a certain so-
lemnity, 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, al-
though several changes in their calen-
dar took place before the present date
was made permanent, January 1st has
been, we are told, the generally ac-
cepted date since the reign of the Ro-
man 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 sacri-
fices upon twelve different altars.
Among the offerings was a cake of
stuffed meal with incense and wine.
The people took every precaution to
conduct themselves so perfectly that
nothing but good might be prosaged
for the coming year. Latin writers of
the time say that all cities and dif-
ferences ceased 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 espe-
cially 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 van-
tage 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 por-
tion 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 al-
lowed to French children, is generously
given out. January 1st is also the
day for family reunions. And in the
early morning hours relatives of any-
one who has died during the year as-
semble 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 win-
dow of every occupied house is rased.
Each person lifts high a glass and
with one voice the whole city cries
out, "Prodit Neujahr." By the time
the twelfth stroke is reached the win-
dows are closed and quiet reigns as
the old year draws its last breath.

In rural parts of Russia the chil-
dren, 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

are asleep the children pelt with peas
those whom they dislike, and then
sprinkle wheat over their friends.

High mass is celebrated on New
Year's at Madrid. Many presents are
given between friend and friend, and
by the rich to the poor.

A Chinese New Year custom is for
the people to buy or bake small cakes
made of rice, flour and sugar, which,
with fruit and dates, they put on
plates and place before the image of
Buddha. This is the one time of the
year when everybody is religious. New
door goals are pasted upon the doors,
consisting of colored prints of the re-
puted likenesses of two great warriors
of ancient times, who were supposed
to be defenders not only of the coun-
try but of the home. On the morning
of the last day of the year they wor-
ship their ancestors and the Buddha,
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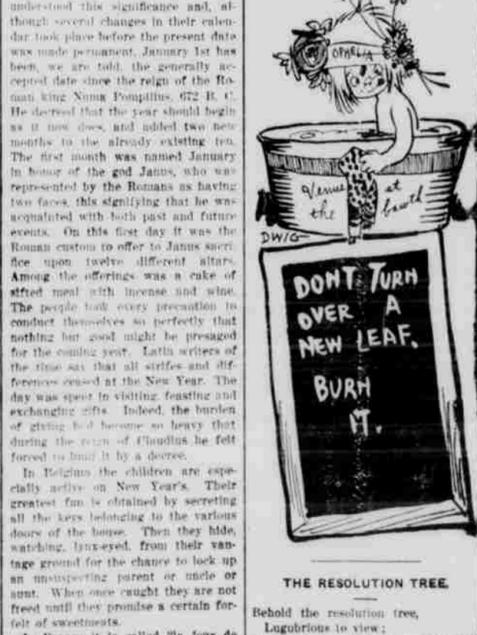
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Festoon it round about,
With things to do without.
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Carrying Something in His Arms.

would have seemed a catastrophe he
would not have known how to meet.

As the car stopped in front of the
station, the baby stirred. Fred, get-
ting 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 compre-
hension, 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 al-
lowed 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 con-
versation, a well-set-up young man and
a slim, piquantly pretty girl were gas-
ing at each other with miserably de-
ant 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 ste-
ner, however good that sister had been
to her?

As Jim opened the door, the eleva-
tor stopped across the hall. Out
stepped Beth's brother-in-law, carrying
something in his arms. Behind fol-
lowed a strangely alive-looking woman,
whose first words struck most incom-
prehensibly 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
isn'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, fatuously.
"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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