

EAGER PROMISES

Is There an Easy Resolution?

New Year resolutions have long been a common practice of humanity—and the brunt of a million jokes.

Neither fact is too surprising. Man always has been eager enough to make promises to himself and to others, just as he has been quick to criticize his own weakness when he fails to follow through.

Yet there are always reasons why resolutions fail. True, they might have been made with all seriousness, but still be lacking in strength or perseverance. The fallen resolutions are always those that

were impracticable, and not easily adapted to the general pattern of living.

There is a parable: "No man putteth new wine into old wine skins."

A fermenting wine would easily burst the seams of an old wine skin, just as a non-practicable resolution falls along the wayside of daily living. If one is to make new and strong resolutions, there must be a new and stronger person to uphold them.

The easiest resolution of all to make and follow is one to work for a world of peace and harmony.

ment when empty. It is made of rubber or any desired synthetic elastomer.

A new light-weight drum for shipping and handling corrosive liquids collapses for return ship-

United States Top Buyer and Supplier In Tree Industry

The United States is the world's leading source of supply as well as the top buyer in the Christmas tree industry—a better than \$20,000,000 business.

The majority of our Christmas trees come from New England, New York and Pennsylvania, the north Midwest, and the Northwest Pacific regions. In recent years, New Jersey has annually marketed around 100,000 trees for local use.

Most of the trees for Christmas sales are cut early in the fall and the trees are kept green with plenty of water until shipped to distribution centers.

Some mass producers, however, cut trees early in the new year, and treat them with preservatives and coloring solutions for storage in chilled warehouses.

'Snapdragon' Popular

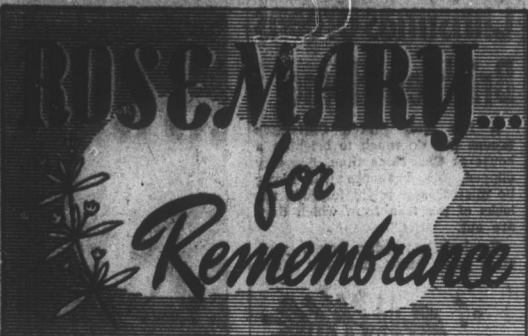
A game called "snapdragon" was very popular at Christmas time in England more than 300 years ago. To a limited extent it is still played in some parts of England, as well as in America.

The original game called for a quantity of raisins to be deposited in a large bowl or dish. Brandy or some other spirit was then poured over the fruit and ignited. At a given signal, the participants attempt to snatch a raisin from the blazing bowl.



SECRETS . . . This little girl wants something for Christmas, but she's not telling anyone except Santa Claus, who looks like he understands the problem.

The acreage planted to cotton in 1952 will be considered as a part of the base acreage in establishing future cotton acreage allotments.



The rosemary shrub, symbol of fidelity and constancy, was once supposed to possess many occult virtues. Hamlet's Ophelia said, "There's rosemary, that's for remembrance." The fact that Rosemary blooms at Christmas has introduced it into celebration of this feast.

Rosemary, according to one legend, opened to hide the Virgin Mary and her child from the soldiers of Herod, a legend shared with the juniper and other trees.

Another legend says that, during the flight to Egypt, Mary threw her blue cloak over a bush of rosemary when she lay down to rest. Ever since, in her honor, the flowers have been the heavenly blue of the mantle.

HAS ODD COLLECTION

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—B. F. Kerr collects railroad switch keys. He has over 400 keys, no two alike.

Two coats of lacquer applied hot to automobile bodies by a new method equal three applied cold in the ordinary way, giving a substantial saving in time needed for finishing.

Basilica of the Nativity One of Oldest Churches

The Basilica of the Nativity at Bethlehem is one of the oldest churches in Christendom, having been built 1,620 years ago.

As it stands today it represents the original building as erected by the Emperor Constantine and restorations and additions made under Justinian.

It is surrounded by three convents of separate faiths, Greek, Latin and Armenian. All three have the privilege of worshiping in the Grotto of the Nativity, and, surprisingly enough, all three celebrate Christmas on separate occasions.

THEY GROW OLD IN WEST BUT THEY STAY TOUGH

BROADUS, Mont. (AP)—They're still wild and woolly in Montana, at any age.

A writer tried to interview 92-year-old Charles Thex while the oldster was working in a nearby field. He was brushed off with:

"I'm too busy to talk. I have to get this hay done."

Thex first came to Montana with a Texas trail herd in 1877.



THERE ARE almost as many Christmas legends and superstitions as there have been Christmases. Countless customs from the Old World have been absorbed through the centuries into the celebrations that we participate in today. A few, however, have been passed down from one generation to another, remaining always the same.

The Indians of Canada, for example, believe that the deer kneel in prayer each Christmas Eve. An early missionary probably is responsible for the idea, but it still lingers and wily Indians have always attempted to catch the deer in the act.

In England, it is believed that the bees express veneration for the

nativity by singing in their hives at midnight. The bee hives are always adorned with holly sprigs for the Yuletide season.

In Europe it was custom for a young girl to creep to the family woodpile on Christmas Eve and pull out the first stick that her hand touched. If the stick was a straight one, with no knots, tradition said that she would have a good husband.

Farmers in Europe also gave torches to their children and sent them singing into the apple orchards and the fields. The mice, caterpillars and moths were said to flee before the approaching songsters.

In early Germany it was a belief that water turned into wine during the hour before midnight on Christmas Eve.

PANHANDLER WOULD SETTLE FOR DOLLAR HAIRCUT

WATERTOWN, Wis. (AP)—A panhandler stopped a business man on Main Street and tried to beg a cup of coffee.

nothing smaller than a dollar. "Then he wabout staking me to a haircut?" the moocher asked.

Massachusetts forbids cooling feet by hanging them out of the window.

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GREETINGS

With uncompromising faith and confidence in Him, let us carry onward in the future as we have in the past. Through His guidance and blessings in our actions and thoughts, let us strive to assure—"Peace On Earth—Good Will Toward Men."

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