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SWEET CHARITY.

Some days ago The News announced that it would receive subscriptions for the purpose of carrying Santa Claus to needy homes.

For a number of days past letters to Santa Claus from the children have appeared and so pathetic were the appeals of some of the little fellows that the hearts of many good people have been touched.

Up to this morning a nice sum had been received and this afternoon presents purchased are being delivered in all parts of the city.

Numerous checks have been sent in and usually the request is made that the name of the donor be kept secret.

Charity—a kindred feeling of sympathy for those in distress—is its own reward!

The world is full of good men and women—and at this season of the year this kindness takes expression, in many ways. The letters sent in to The News' Santa Claus fund are inspiring. They stir a new faith in mankind.

The "milk of human kindness"—charity—one of the sweetest graces and it, "Blesseth him that gives and him that receives."

We thank those who have aided in carrying a little happiness to lonely homes.

EFFECTS OF PROHIBITION.

Since the closing of saloons in Atlanta figures recently made public show a shrinkage in the number of arrests from 5,783 to 2,211.

Anti-prohibitionists harp on the failure of prohibition in the state of Maine, but per capita deposits in savings banks in that commonwealth are larger than in any license state in the Union, and the law is well enforced save in a few of the larger cities.

Kansas is another state liquor men have delighted to point at with pride as illustrative of the failure of prohibition.

In his Thanksgiving day address Governor Hock, said:

"The beneficent effect of our wise public policies is attested by the logic of results. One-third of our counties are without prisoners in the jails or paupers in their poor houses; one-half of our counties contributed no convicts to our population the last year, and one half of our prison inmates never lived in Kansas long enough to gain a residence here. Our educational institutions were never so flourishing, our churches never so strong, nor the spiritual outlook more hopeful. The saloon has been practically banished from our state and its baneful influence almost entirely eliminated. All these things should touch the chords of our better natures and make them vibrate with the reverent sentiment, 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow.'"

The same story can be told in counties of this state that have eliminated the saloon menace, and even a better report will be made at the end of 1909 when the state has experienced a year of total prohibition.

NO PAPER TOMORROW.

According to custom The News will not publish tomorrow. This one holiday of the year is given the employees of this paper. We believe no one will begrudge the day to us.

Every other work day of the year the forces of The News are kept busy in the endeavor to give its many readers all important happenings.

The close of the year finds The News in better shape than ever before. Its subscription list contains

more names, and its future is brighter than at the close of any previous year. These facts make it possible to celebrate Christmas with unusual pleasure.

And on the eve of the happiest season of the year we desire to extend hearty Christmas greetings to every one of our readers, and to express the hope that each one will have a joyous, happy Christmas.

"Chairman Adams would accept judgeship if it comes to him unsought." This is the flaming headline in the esteemed Industrial News. Undoubtedly important if true, and equally remarkable.

KATY'S DREAM.

I dreamed, on the night before Christmas, That something was walking all over My pillow—most on to my head.

An' then something stepped on my shoulders, An' tangled its feet in my hair; But before I could catch it, somebody Seemed to be coming in from the stair.

I dreamed that it must be old Santa Whose picture I'd seen in the books So often that I could remember How jolly and kindly he looks.

I dreamed I peeped over the covers And there at the foot of the bed He stood looking down at us children, And these are the things that he said:

"I think I'll not leave any presents For children so naughty as these, Until they become kind and pleasant And learn not to quarrel and tease."

I see some one's left them a dolly, A small woolly dog, and a ball, Some books, and some books, and some candy, Enough for two children so small.

And now I'll just watch till next Christmas, And see whether Katy is kind And lets Lucy play with her dolly, And when mamma speaks, tries to mind.

I'll see whether Lucy is careful And learns not to break all her toys; For why should I waste pretty play-things On careless and cross girls or boys?"

I thought that he pointed his finger Right at me, and said, "Don't forget, You'll have to be kind to your sister Or none of my toys will you get."

So now Lucy plays with my dolly, And lets me have fun with her ball; And while we both try to be pleasant We don't want to quarrel at all.

And mamma says, "Sometimes a bad dream Turns out quite a good one, I find, Since it teaches my two little girls To always be careful and kind."

M. M. C.

THE "MOTOR MIND"

It Divests its Possessor of a Number of Desirable Human Qualities.

We have long heard of "sea legs," of "write's cramp," of "housemaid's knee," of the bicyclist's "hump"—kyphosis bicyclistarum, we ourselves called it—and various other physical idiosyncrasies resulting from certain habits of life, labors or practices. To the catalogue it seems probable that we shall now have to add another item to wit, the "motor mind." By that, says The New York Tribune, we mean the more or less habitual condition of mind into which certain automobilists get, apparently because of and through their indulgence in the fascinating practice of operating motor-cars. There might at first sight be room for questioning which was the cause and which the effect; whether the "motor mind" was the result of running automobiles or whether the peculiar state of running automobiles was the result of the prepossession of the "motor mind." But reflection upon the character of that mind and a decent regard for the repute of humanity must incline us toward the former theory.

The "motor mind," then, however acquired divests its possessor of several of the most admirable and desirable attributes of cultivated humanity. One of these is prudence. The unhappy victim of this mental peculiarity becomes reckless in the extreme. Over roads which the normal man would traverse with caution in broad daylight he hesitates not to rush at frantic speed in the darkest midnight. At a speed which others would regard as perilous, and to be made only for urgent need on wheels of steel running on fixed tracks of steel, from which all other traffic is rigidly excluded, he travels for no need save that of idle caprice on vulnerable tires of rubber, along roads without fixed tracks, and traversed by other vehicles. It is to be doubted if the records if the records of human recklessness contain account of any lack of caution or of common care for safety comparable with that of the possessor of the "motor mind."

Still more noteworthy, and still more regrettable is the abatement of pity, mercy and all humane sentiments which follows in the train of this disorder. The normal impulse of a man is not only to avoid injuring another, but also, in case of the infliction of injury solicitously as to its extent and to endeavor to give all possible aid and comfort immediately upon the development of "motor mind."

To part the hair in the middle is just now the fancy of the Parisian women, the waves being brought well down over the face, while the hair is turned abruptly back at the crown over two cunningly inserted side pads.

WHERE BULLETS FLEW

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done is worth more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well. 50c at Woodall & Sheppard's drug store."

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SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY

Special Correspondence The News. New York, Dec. 12.—Winter has come in earnest and with it increased interest in furs. All the large and fashionable shops display quantities of furs of every kind, in sets or individual pieces and their fur departments are working over time to satisfy the crowds of women, anxious to make their selections before the best bargains have been snapped up. Never were furs more fashionable, than at the present time and never did the shops display a greater variety of handsome and attractively made-up furs. When one considers how greatly a handsome fur set enhances the pleasing effect of a simple serge, cheviot or English mohair tailor made suit or to what extent it emphasizes the splendor of a satin-finished cloth, ottoman or velvet costume, the prevailing craze for furs is by no means surprising.

Comparatively few years ago furs were black, white, gray or brown and there were not more than probably half a dozen kinds of furs to choose from. Today it is different. Not only do the furriers offer the choice between more than a score of genuine kinds of ours, but with great ingenuity they have produced the most deceiving imitations and artificial varieties, as novel as they are attractive. It is really surprising what effects the furriers have been able to produce by skillful manipulation of low grade and cheap furs. One of the latest achievements is the imitation of pointed fox by sticking white tips to the long hair of a common fox fur.

The wide-spread craze for long lines in feminine garb was promptly noted by the makers of furs and they were not slow in adapting their creations to the prevailing style. One of the most fashionable furriers in the United States had the happy inspiration to return to the early Victorian style and reproduce the graceful, long-lined Victorine, which is quite simple and yet fulfills every requirement of line and adaptability of the present fashion. The Victorine has been eagerly adopted by the stout woman, because it conceals her too ample curves, and by the slender woman, because it helps her to emphasize the long drawn-out slenderness of her figure. It is the aim of every fashionable woman at the present time.

Pony coats are no longer regarded as correct for street use by the ultra-fashionable set, but they are almost universally worn at the week-end country house parties and country clubs as a wrap to be slipped over the white linen morning frock which the modish woman affects for winter garb. They are dyed black or in the natural brown tints, and lined with white satin or brocaded silk.

Three-piece fur sets are more than ever in evidence this winter, the hat having attained unusual importance amongst furriers, many of whom employ expert milliners for constructive attractive fur headgear, because of the softness about the face, three is no type of winter hat to rival that of fur, and among these none are more universally popular than the Cleo and treader turbans, which require scarcely any trimming beyond a cluster of upstanding wired brushes with head bases, a feather aigrette or a bunch of flowers. In some of the fashionable shops five-piece sets are exhibited. They include fur wristlets, which are affected by a few of the ultra-fashionable women.

Fringe is used more extensively than ever for decorative purposes this season. Pearl fringe, composed of tiny beads, finished at the end of each strand with one large pearl, borders the tunic of the evening gown. Soft silk fringe outlines the kimono draperies of the afternoon gown, and heavy braid fringe is introduced in the trimming of the Director coat. The overskirt of one gown is cut in points, bordered with fringe, while the girdle, which comes high under the bust, has the ends knotted in front, weighted with fringe. Another gown in thick, motor crepe de chine has a scarf of chiffon, bordered with beaded fringe. This scarf is draped over the shoulders and corsage, and is held in place by a knot of soft satin.

Beige and mauve are the colors used for the fringe on a smart costume in beige serge, checked in mauve. The skirt and coat are cut of crossway material, except in the front and back, and the collar of violet velvet, is of the inextensible type. The hat to be worn with this gown is in Ottoman, trimmed with violet silk and lined with beige.

Sunday School Teacher—"Now, who can tell me what a miracle is?" Polly—"Please, teacher, mother, says it will be a miracle if you don't marry the curate."—Roseleaf.

Christmas Gifts

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Tell her so!

When days are dark and deeply blue, She has her trouble, same as you; Show her that your love is true,

Tell her so!

There was a time you thought it bliss To get the favor of one kiss; A dozen now won't come amiss—

Tell her so!

Your love for her is no mistake— You feel it, dreaming or awake— Don't conceal it! For her sake,

Tell her so!

Don't act, if she has passed her prime, As tho' to please her with a crime; If e'er you loved her, now's the time—

Tell her so!

She'll return, for each caress, An hundredfold of tenderness! Hearts like hers were made to bless!

Tell her so!

You are hers and hers alone; Well you know she's all your own; Don't wait to carve it on a stone—

Tell her so!

Never let her heart grow cold— Richer beauties will unfold— She is worth her weight in gold!

Tell her so!

—Author Unknown.

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