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NEW YEAR'S CUSTOMS

FEATURE OF THE DAY.

The Old Bourbon Kings Expected to Thus Replenish Their Treasuries. this occasion follows: The Wassail Bowl In England-Old

N EW YEAR'S DAY, the day when the sun's light began to increase again and so promise the return of plenty, has always been a day of joy and present giving. Among all peoples the priests of old got the lion's share. The old Teutons gave the spoils of war and of the chase. Roman knights yielded their most beautiful slaves. The Christlan era somewhat modified the custom, but still it was a day of robbery by priests and monarchs, and New Year's day rather than Christmas was the day for the exchange of gifts. The old Bourbon kings looked to it to have their treasuries replenished then, and wee to the baron who did not give generously.



Nut Anthracite

Nut Anthracite give to king, church and friends. In fact, no country in the times past made more merry on New Year's day than merry old England. It was the time of the wassail bowl, the old Saxon "wes hall" (do well) being the drinking pledge. There were much eating, deep Your orders solicited. Will save you drinking and pranks and games pecullar to the day. Many of these were not overnice. "Lamb's wool" was the drink of the day, and it was made of ale, nutmeg, powdered bay leaves, roasted crabs and toast, and a queer mixture it would seem. No one slept on New Year's eve. It was a time of "most ungodly wantonness." so the later Puritans said. But at the time he who did not get very drunk for four days together was deemed "a most ungleesome churl." It was the custom to form processions and bear the wassail bowl about as long as any one was so-G. A. Coggeshall, M. D., bowl about as long as any one was sober enough to carry it, compelling all to drink. Pretty maidens might escape by paying the forfeit of a kiss. Who would not have preached abstinence to the fair in those merry days? 'Twas Bacchus or Venus for days. Here's how a contemporary bard sings the

No sounds but sounds of joy salute the year, The blushing maids are binding up their hair After the romp, the laugh, the hearty kiss adorn Their lips, and the wassail bowl is borne In village, grange and town to make

The good man feel the New Year well awake. At the midnight stroke of the bell all the maidens were kissed 12 times, all the mugs were filled, and those who could stand (so states a precise writer) drank a good health and a happy New Year to each other. They joined hands and danced around the wassail bowl and sang the songs of the times. Here is a specimen:

Wassail, wassail, over the town; Our toast is white, our ale is brown, Our board is made of the maplin tree. Bacchus! Bacchus! We drink to thee.

CHORUS. Love and joy come to you, And to our merry wassail, too, And may one pretty maid be true

Through all the coming year. The modern loving cup is said to be a reflex of the New Year wassail bowl. All the poetry of the so called good old time was not as bad as the above, however. Sweet Robert Herrick lived in that boisterous time, and no bard quite equals him in catching the true pastoral spirit of those reckless days, neither has any poet portrayed the images and conceits of merry England as she was two centuries ago with so sweet a truth. Though he did sing wantonly of the wassail kiss, he was

musical withal. Herrick has sung many of the customs of the time. One little stanza we find among his melodious numbers fitly concludes our sketch, and who is there that cannot say "amen" to it on New Year's day:

O sweet Christ child who from thy stall Bring'st in thy blood a balm that shall Be the best New Year's gift to all.

Hard on the Old Man. There are divers manners of forming resolutions for the new year that are always put into practice, and all have their devotees, even if the turning over of a brand new leaf only lasts a week. There is one system of starting the new year, however, that has lost at least one devotee for all time in New Orleans. About 2 o'clock last New Year's morning, after the usual ushering in of the new year and as the family was about to retire, the head of the house told of an old custom that was in vogue when he was a boy. He explained that in his boyhood everybody would ofen the Bible at random on the first of the year and the first text his eye should rest on would be a guide for his conduct during the coming year. The custom found ready acceptance. and one young hopeful produced a Bible, and, letting it fall open, his finger fell on the following text from Zechariah, chapter i. 2: "The Lord hath been sore displeased with your fathers." It is needless to say that no other member of the family was coaxed to try the old custom.-New Orleans

Times-Democrat. This signature is on every box of the genuine

A Scottish New Year Custom. In the more primitive Scotch towns GIFT MAKING HAS ALWAYS BEEN A poor children go around fantastically dressed, stopping at the different houses to call for a share of the good things made for the coming day. A rious old rhyme which they sing or

> Get up, good wife, And shake your feathers, And dinna think that We are beggars, For we are bairns Come out to play; Get up and gie's our Hogmanay.

There were many other picturesque since died out.

> What shall the New Year bear to me? The shadow or the sun. A hope, a beam, A sunshine gleam, Love's long, interrupted dream, Or dark for daylight done? What does the New Year hide for you?

The Bells.

From joy bird's throat. Or stillness lying long? What may the New Year hold for us? All light and shade are there. Both silence chill

Old love that ever bath its will

Will give each heart its share!
-Post Will elet

And singing, still

A silence or a song, A sigh, a note

But he that stealeth shall be found soon. What child that day born may be

**NEW YEAR'S** FOLKLORE. CUSTOMS PREVALENT IN OTHER DAYS.

KOMOMOMOMOMOMOMOMOMOMOMOMOMOMOMOMO EARTY expressions of good wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year are the greeting for this season. But, if we may credit our English forbears, we may for ourselves forecast the general aspect of the next 12 months, says the Detroit News-Tribune. It is pleasant customs in Scotland which have long to be foolish sometimes, and a few minutes with the folklore and ancient customs of our ancestors cannot be time ill spent.

From a valuable manuscript in the library of Trinity college, Cambridge, we learn that if the New Year commences on a Sunday

The winter shall be good, I say, But great winds aloft shall be: The summer shall be fine and dry; By kind skill and without loss Through all lands there shall be peace;

A great lord be shall live to be And again, with regard to the weather, note carefully the atmospheric conditions of the first 12 days of the year. They will give you an unfailing

JAPANESE MOCHI MAN.

He Is the Santa Claus of Japan and Appears on New Year's. The great event of the New Year is the arrival of the mooni man, who is a tolerably fair substitute for Namia Claus. His coming is quite as any te-

rious also, as no child knows whence he comes or where he goes. However, at some hour of the day or night before the 1st of January he arrives, not with the jingle of sleighbells or the clatter of noisy hours upon the roof, for a Japanese house is chimneyless. Therefore

at "Wideawakeville," is the signal for a midnight frolic. The celebrated at the same time with the throwing of rice and beans at this hour | weddings, and in the most literal manand upon this occasion has been con- ner the funeral baked meats do coldly

NEW YEAR DIVINING.

CURIOUS CUSTOMS CONCERNING MATRIMONY.

Tests of the Young Folks In Various Countries to Determine How Soon They Would Wed-The Suspended Ring-The Tea Test.

N THE principle of beginning the year well it has been customary in many countries to select New Year's day as most auspicious for matrimony, and indeed the mocki man is obliged to enter a remnant of this custom is found through the shoji (paper windows), among ourselves, for no day is more which he does so openly and so vaunt- highly favored in this regard than the ingly as to do away with all that fas- 1st of January, says the St. Louis chatling marcaling that in its investi- Globe-Democrat. In some countries ture of our king of the holiday revels the weddings of the year are all aris so precious to the little ones. Never- ranged with a view to their celebration theless the children go to bed at the on Jan. 1, and by a curious contradicappointed hour New Year's eve, and thou in Siam and some mountain disthe little bias eyes try to go to sleep, tricts in India, the year's funerals are but instead of reaching the "Land of also celebrated on the first day of the Nod" the small people usually arrive succeeding year. Temporary interments take place a day or two after death. At last the mochi man announces his but on the first day of the following presence by dashing a heaping handful. January the remains of those who died of rice and beans into the face of the during the year are borne to their last supposed to be sleeping child, and this resting place, the funeral feasts are

furnish forth the marriage tables.

Advantage is taken of the day by the unmarried to ascertain how many years will clause ere the bonds of matrimony are fixed upon them. The French peasant girl borrows her mother's wedding ring and suspends it by a hair from her own head, holding it as near as possible to the inner rim of a teacup. Then she counts, as rapidly as may be, the number of her own years. The tremulousness of her fingers causes the suspended ring to sway to and fro. Another notes while she is counting the number of taps of the ring on the teaand these betoken the years of single blessedness that lie before her, and England there is a ten and coffee test, which has the merit of limiting the years to a number so reasonable that any girl should feel satisfied with the result. As conducted, according to Cunter, this test is as follows: A teaspoon is carefully belanced on the edge of a cup; then another spoon is partly of the balanced spoon, until the bowl outweighs the handle and the spoon falls into the cup. The merit of this divination lies in the fact that one or two good sized drops will destroy the balance and cause the spoon to fall, and, on this account, spoon divination is in high favor among the rural belles. The custom of visiting and of sending presents and eards on New Year's day is so ancient that the historian of social customs does not record a time when in some form it did not exist.



COUNTING THE TAPS. The practice of using visiting cards has been known among the Chinese for thousands of years. The Chinese New Year's card is a curiosity to the occidental, for its mystic characters set forth not only the name, but all the titles, of the owner, and, as every Chinaman who is anybody at all has a dozen or two, the eard assumes the form and something of the dimensions of a wall map. When sent to an acquaintanchowever, this valuable token, made either of fine paper backed with cloth or of sllk, is not retained, but is returned by special messenger, and the day after New Year's the speciacle of erowds of servants, their arms full of rolls of paper or cloth, hurrying to and fro in the streets, is too common to excite remark. They are not on their way to a school of geography. They are only returning New Year's cards. Whole volumes have been filled with the novelties of New Year's customs | falls a victim to their wiles is technic- | Weldon, and the usages which in different parts | ally termed, says the New York Herof the world characterize the day. In ald. On that day all the children of Persia colored eggs are sent as presents, as with us at Easter. Throughform or another, is a feature of the may entangle in the meshes of their day. In old times one cup of gigantic | intrigues. When a man rose and took the huge of the older members of the household Non- and and and and an analysis of the state of the stat side lest he should be traitorously stab. have been secreted by the children, bed in the brenst while drinking. In | who retain them, ready for instant use France the New Year's day corre- whenever the occasion shall occur. something is wrong with that person or aponds prefty closely in its social ob- Then strictest watch is maintained to the shadows have not yet risen high servance to our Christmas. In Russia | the end that some unsuspecting one enough above his path to permit even at every country house there are pro- may be alone in a room. An uncle enconsequence, like the Roman festivals an indistinct glimpse of the goal to- cession and feast in honor of the day, ters a room to search for the paper of later times, circled around from one ward which he is surely moving .- A. horses, cows, sheep and hogs being which he has mislaid. Presto! There shall be taken into the dining room | springs to the door. but when the landlord does not care to have a nice apartment spolled by this

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THE ROSY NEW YEAR. Ho you little fellow

With the sparkle in your eves! Will you wreathe your arms around us, Will you kiss away our sighs. You rosy little fellow

With the sparkle in your eyes? Ho, you little fellow,

Like a sunbeam from the skies! Will you set the bells to ringing.

Will you give us songs for sighs. With the sparkle in your eves!

Ho, you little fellow, Near your dimples sorrow dies: The darkness melts in music, And the glory s in the skies! You rosy little fellow, With the sparkle in your eyes! - Atlanta Constitution

A TWELFTH NIGHT SUPPER.

Revival of an Old Custom-Choosing a King and Queen of Festivities. The old custom of celebrating Twelfth night (Jan. 5) is again being In the country districts of Germany | revived and makes a pleasing novelty in the way of entertainments for the New Year, says the New York Post. As this is the festival of the bean king beans should be largely used in the decorations. In the dining room festoons of them might hang from the chandelier to the table. To use the litfilled with ten or coffee, which, drop the white beans they should first be by drop, is allowed to fall in the bowl | soaked in water overnight, strung while wet, using a fine needle, then put away for a day, when they will again become dry and hard. The supper may be simple or elaborate, as the hostess wishes, but the table should be lighted with candles and the Twelfth cake given the most conspicuous place. To avoid confusion have the cake iced in two colors, white and pink or white and chocolate. the men taking the slices of one color, the ladies of the other. When baking the cake, place a bean in one side and a pea in the other. Stick a straw in

> bean in his piece of cake will be the king, while the queen will be the lady who holds the pen. After supper a mock court is held when the king and queen receive the homage of the company. At one end of the room have a platform on which are two chairs. Here the king and queen must be crowned with appropriate ceremony, placing upon their heads crowns of cardboard covered with gilt paper and having beads and spangles sewed on. Very effective additions are long capes of muslin trimmed with bread borders of ermine (canton flannel marked with black paint). The king should also hold a scepter, which can be a short, round stick or cane cov-

beside each one, tying a colored thread

around one straw so that no mistakes

will be made. The man who finds the

ered with gilt paper. When the coronation is over and the king and queen are scated upon their throne, the court should be presented. Previous to this each guest should be given a card showing who he is to impersonate. Each card, cut and painted to represent a bean, bears the name of a historical or fictitious character or, what is more interesting, that of some celebrity of the present day. The herald, with a great flourish of his trumpet, will call out the name, with a brief introduction. Social impersonations Clarksville, will greatly add to the merriment. The cards designating the places at

the supper table might be painted with a cake, a row of candles or a string of peas and beans.

BELGIAN NEW YEAR'S. How the Children Raise Money For

Celebrating. One amusing custom is found in Belgium. There on St. Sylvester's day, Smithfield the eve of New Year's day, the children strive to secure a "sugar uncle" or "sugar aunt," as the relative who Warrenton. the household enter into a solemn conspiracy for the mutual good at the expense of the unwary adult whom they

They employ every artifice to get on? guests a trusted friend rose with him | the keys of all the doors in the house and with drawn sword stood by his have mysteriously disappeared. They gayly dressed with garlands and led to | comes a pattering rush of feet in the the landlord's house. An essential part | ballway, the door is slammed, the key of the programme is that the animals | rattles in the lock. The alarmed uncle

Woe betide him now if he be in a hurry and if he be ungenerous, for he at all times we keep a superbstock of the human and beastly procession he fits | must yield to the terms of these youthup a large room on the ground floor ful brigands before he can escape. He must solemnly covenant with them that he will pay to them whatsoever in trimmings and designs. We will sell ransom they may demand ere the pris- you a set of harness that can't be beat in on door will swing open. When the either quality, price or style. prisoner has promised all that is asked, the triumphant company restore him to

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Of fame this year or fortune won, Withheld from us waiting the last, Some great task done, last year begun That thou mayst bring less sorrow,

during the coming 12 months. "We air here tonight," said the deacon, "to make good resolutions fer the new year, which has fell foul of us in

start the ball a-rollin. You all know either, for it is said that I've got a high temper, an I've did Pay away money on New Year's day, considerable fightin in the year that's past an gone like a man that owes you \$10. What I want to do is to swear off from fightin in the new year, which, as I have said before, has fell foul of us. But I can't stop till I lick Brother Jones, cos it's in me to lick him, an I wants to ease my conscience. Ef he'll jest step outside with me fer five min- er the midnight hour has pass d. It is utes, I'll lick him an then swear off for | hard to see what Judas Iscarlot has to They retired to the outer darkness,

"I can't swear off this time, brothermust place "first foot" in a house on in," he said. "He licked me!"-Atlanta this momentous morning. The ques-Constitution. tion of complexion, however, is not altogether a settled one. In many places The New Year, A royal welcome, baby year, should place "first foot." The first of the century new, Yet for the old we drop a tear.

The Tables Turned.

the twinklin of a eye. Now, I want to

but in less than five minutes the deacon

returned, much the worse for wear.

Our hopes are with thee, young one, Such hopes as have weathered the blast,

Or planned in our dreams of the past. Fair child, there's one at least who prays Bring fewer long and weary days And more like the blessed tomorrow, With longing gaze at sunset rays,

So sweet from the future to borrow.

-Buffalo Expresa.

indication of what weather to expect You are strongly advised never to lend anything on New Year's day, or

And all the year through you'll have money to But by far the most general superstition is that of the "first foot," it being everywhere acknowledged that the fortune of a house entirely depends on the appearance and the sex of the first person crossing the threshold aftdo with Christmas, but tradition asserts that Judas, in addition to his sins, was possessed of a monstrous crop of hair. Therefore no recibended person or even one of fair complexion

it is a fair and not a dark man who This harbinger of fortune must cat and drink when in the house and should, to make the charm most complete, enter by the front door, visit every room, carrying a piece of holly

in his hand, and make his exit by the If the question of complexion is unsettled, that of sex is decidedly not No female under any circumstance must be the first to enter a house on New Year's morning.

Egyptian New Year. The Egyptian year began with the t rising of the star Sirius, and consisted of 365 days. There were 12 mentis of 30 days each, and at the close of the vear five days were intercalated. All reckoning was by this year; the festivals were celebrated by it, and as a season to another on account of the omission from the calendar of the quarter day. Notwithstanding this omission the Egyptians seemed to have known that the addition of a quarter of a day each year was necessary in order to keep a correct measurement of time, which they called their "Sothiac cycle." This cycle was a period of 1.461 vague or 1.460 true years, and was called "Sothiae" because its beg'nning was fixed at a date when the dog star, known by the Egyptians as Sothis, rose with the sun on the 1st Thoth, which was the commencement of their year This rising of S rius and the sun on the 1st of Thoth took

place in the years B. C. 2782 and B. C.

1322 and also in 138 A. D.

ceiver. These wishes are respectively you are sare to be unlucky the whole | that he may have good luck and hapyear through. Don't pay anything, I piness the coming year and that he may be at "outs" with the onl (devil)far from inappropriate symbolisms to be woven into a New Year's greeting. The mochi man always brings wifhim an infectiously cheery confusion of earthen cooking stoves and earthen vessels to bell mochi in. This toothsome edible is unixed, boiled, stirred, cooled and stuffed before the very eyes of the youngsters, and finally it is evolved into a glutinous rice cake. In the beginning of its preparation, which is somewhat complicated, it is worked about in a wooden bowl with a lamboo stick until it looks much like strained honey. All this is aggravatingly sweet to the mostrils of the onlookers ho can scarcely wait matil the mochiman treats them. Meanwhile this patron saint creates much laughter by his funny antics and beguiles the walting time with still funnier stories of New

KING OUT THE OLD

Year's when he was a little lad. NEW YEAR'S MENU. Oysters on Half Shell, Cream of Taploca

Make an Advance. If as the old year ends and the new begins there is one person who feels that no advance has been made, either H. Bradford, D. D.

> Give us, New Year, the grace To bless a world in need, To stand before God's face, Pure with the dream and deed; To scothe the souls that mourn,

Arch thou the rainbow ray!

Blest of each cot and clod; The seed shall floweringly Brighten the descrt sod And the world roll nearer heaven Under the smile of God!

The Greater Gifts. Give us, New Year, the Light Along the lonely way; Some Star to make the night Hold kinship with the day! Over the storms of life

To bind the wounds that bleed! So shall thy coming be