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THE CHRISTMAS TIDE.

It seemed but a few months past since we chronicled the fact that the Christmas of 1911 would soon be here, and begged the leisure of a few days rest for the mechanical force of the Leader in a Christmas holiday, and yet Christmas is most here again. Before an other issue of the Leader the Christmas of 1912 will have come, and gone.

Christmas is a season of good cheer, it is a time when we pronounce with emphasis that old moral, phylactery, peace on earth, and good will to men. How genuine this may be expressed depends upon the individual. To many it only applies to a select few who move in the immediate circle of special friends, and then there are others whose big throbbing hearts takes in all humanity. We do not know how to better illustrate this class than by calling attention to the great Salvation Army, who seem sincerely to strive for humanities uplift, and relief. To day all over this broad land, in every big city, on the corners of the streets, a tingling bell directs your attention to the fact that there are hungry mouths they want to feed on Christmas day, and are earnestly and sincerely appealing for help that they may be able to do so. This is the broadest charity known the world over. But because you do not belong to the Salvation Army, or are situated so you could materially assist them, is no reason why you can not make some heart happy, and exemplify the spirit of that meek and lowly one who came to this world surrounded by the humblest and most abject conditions on Christmas day. Perhaps, and we trust, God has blessed you bountifully for the year just closing, you may have a plenty, and to spare, if so think of those who have labored just as hard perhaps, and yet fortune did not smile upon their efforts and they may be in actual want.

We like to give to those who are able to give back to us, but this is not charity, it is not a christian spirit. It contains no element, of virtue. Help those who may be unable to help them selves.

In conclusion we wish for all a happy, and a merry Christmas, we wish for all a prosperous New Year, and that God may so bless you, so protect you as to keep from your cup the bitterness an misfortune that so often befalls so many others. To all who have in any measure helped to make the Leaders pathway easier, and its success more pronounced, we say we thank you, thank you most sincerely.

SAME FELLOW

The man who becomes offended at being asked for the dollar he owes on his subscription is the same fellow who would go all over the country abusing the editor if he owed him a quarter of a dollar and would not pay it. Editors, you see, are just like most other people in the respect that they want what is due them because they really need it, and not because they are afraid to trust the fellow who gets mad simply because he is asked to pay a just debt.—Henderson Gold Leaf.

Yes sir, and an Editor has an opportunity of learning the character of men perhaps better than any other class. A man will sometimes deliberately lie out of a debt he owes an Editor, when he would not think of treating any one else so dishonest. There is no doubt, but what an Editor learns the common dishonest frauds in a

community, and he also learns who are the upright type of honest men, men that a community may feel proud to own as citizens.

NO PAPER CHRISTMAS WEEK.

Agreeable to our usual custom we will suspend publication of the Leader during Christmas week, so that after this there will not appear an other Leader until January 2, 1913. We do this in order that our printers may take a little rest after a years faithful work. We hope our readers will excuse us without complaint for this brief period.

Lung Fish Arrives in Ball of Mud.

(From The Fishing Gazette.)
The Museum of Natural History has just received from the remote regions of Gambia, West Africa, the second specimen of a living lung fish ever transported to the United States. In a block of earth which inclosed the fish was a small tunnel-like opening. The lung fish, which has both double lungs and gills, is considered an excellent instance of the survival of a race of animals from the early periods of time. Its fins are of primitive type and according to Dr. Bashford Deau, an authority on fish, represent a stage between fins and hands. The lung fish to a certain degree, he says, is a connecting link between the true fish and four footed animals.

Try Scissors Next Time.
"She meant to chop off the chicken's head with a hatchet," says a Missouri editor, "but only succeeded in cutting off her forefinger. The next time she has designs against the life of a chicken we recommend the use of a pair of scissors."—Atlanta Constitution.

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Symptoms of the Disease are Becoming much less severe.

After four and a half months studying pellagra in South Carolina, the Thompson-MacFadden pellagra commission reported that while its data on the epidemiology of the disease was the most complete ever obtained, the mystery enveloping the origin of the ailment has not been dispelled. It will take months to get the details into such shape that anything like a logical conclusion may be drawn and the probability is that the cause cannot be positively determined without further exhaustive investigation.

The commission has expended only half of the fund of \$15,000 donated by Col. Robert M. Thompson and John H. MacFadden of Philadelphia. For this reason a second expedition will be sent to the same locality next spring. These general facts were obtained:

It is certain that exclusive of the cases that have proved fatal there are at present 50,000 persons in the South afflicted with pellagra. The symptoms of the disease are becoming less severe, but the number of cases is not decreasing. The ailment which formerly was almost exclusively confined to the poorer classes, probably on account of their generally unfortunate surroundings, is spreading more and more among those who are prosperous.

Forté.

It was the most exciting moment of one of those midnight rehearsals. Try as he would, Donald Brian, the actor, could not induce the orchestra to play sufficiently loud for a smashing finale. Finally in desperation he called out to the orchestra conductor: "Swell! Vicars, Swell!" Whereat the phlegmatic, unruffled English conductor stopped the band, turned smilingly to Mr. Brian and said: "Thank you, sir."

School of Love in Germany.
In order to counteract the falling off of marriage rate a "school of love" has been started at Strasburg, Germany. The school will also give advice on obscure questions, such as how to encourage budding attentions, how to discourage them, how to converse with serious men without any serious knowledge, and how to be gay and frivolous while suffering from headache, bankruptcy, and other ills.

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