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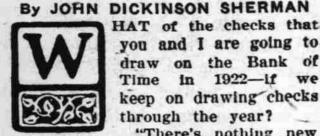
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Let us hope that the "reasonable | A good American can help just now

inued unto thee by eternal God.-REV JOHN SHERMAN (1613-1685).

was given for and is yet graciously con-



you and I are going to draw on the Bank of Time in 1922-if we keep on drawing checks through the year? "There's nothing new under the sun," according to a very

old saying. It's true, too, in a sense. But in another sense it most certainly. isn't true. For there is something new every time New Year's day comes around.

There are several things that are new at New Year's beside the New Year. There's a new chance. There's a new responsibility. There's a new balance in the Bank of Time. There's a new bank book. So, what will the check stubs show at the end of the year?

Rev. John Sherman had a right to make his "reasonable request," if practicing what one preaches gives that right. His "three score and ten" were busy years. He was born at Dedham, Essex, England, and before he was twenty-one he was an A. B. and A. M. of Trinity college, Cambridge, a minister of the Church of England and a Puritan on his way across the Atlantic to the Massachusetts Bay colony. There was no church for him, since the only three in existence-Boston, Salem and Watertown-had efficient ministers. So he was one of the "original planters" of Wethersfield, Conn., and a "watcher," 1634-40. Then he was one of the founders of Milford, New Haven plantation. Next he was a magistrate representing Milford in the New Haven colony and also charged with the duty of dividing land. Meanwhile he preached wherever opportunity offered.

In 1647 he became the minister of the Watertown church. There he preached till his death in 1685. Church and state were pretty much the same thing in those days, so the village affairs kept him a busy man. He found New Year" of our greetings. time, however, to publish for many years an almanac, for which he made all the astronomical calculations and wrote the text. He was also the first fellow and overseer of Harvard university. Incidentally he also found time to marry twice. Cotton Mather in his "Magnalia Christi Americana," says he had 26 children; this is a misstatement, but he did have 16. His epitaph in Latin on the tombstone in East Waltham, Mass., thus sums up his

laration of Independence; General W.

T. Sherman; Secretary of State John Sherman; Vice President James S. Sherman.

Certainly his request is one that is always reasonable. And it is one that was never more reasonable than now. The year 1922 is a year when every good American should endeavor "duly to prize and diligently to improve time." It is a year with a challenge. It is a year with a promise.

- Though in folly and in blindness And in sorrow still we grope,
- Yet in man's increasing kindness Lies the world's stupendous hope.

And it is a reasonable request to every red-blooded, thinking, patriotic American. Such a man knows that nobody can stand still; that he has either to progress or fall back. The progressive man accepts responsibilities as the measure of his capabilities. He never shirks them, for he recognizes in them the price he must pay for advancement.

Competition is going to be keen this year. The dollar is going to be hard to get. Men who have been getting twice what they were before and have had lots of money to spend are going to feel the pinch. It looks as if ererybody who works for a living will have to work a little harder. It may be that life will seem hard. But what of it? Life has always been hardperhaps it was meant to be. Anyway, it is something that has got to be lived and mastered. It's the business of men "to greet the unseen with a cheer" and "to advance on chaos-and the dark." Of course all of us cannot have a hand in the big things that must be done in meeting the challenge of 1922. But if all of us do the little things we may, 1922 will indeed be the "Happy

To save a little money. To praise a little more:

To smile when days are sunny And when the tempests pour; To pay less heed to sinning. And more to kindly thought: To see beyond the winning Just how the fight was fought; To be a little kinder. A little braver, too, To be a little blinder To trivial things men de To give my hand to labor, Nor whimper that I must;

request" that this early Puritan put by putting his respect for the law to himself was to him "eternally prof- strongly in evidence. For the law is itable." In any event, he stands forth the law. If it is a poor law, it should as a fine sample of a sturdy American be changed. But until it is changed, pioneer family that has given four it should be obeyed-whether it reimmortals to the nation-Roger Sher- | lates to the shooting of game birds of man, one of the framers of the Dec- to the use of liquor or to the speed of automobiles or to murder or to anarchy. Many people who would hotly resent the charge that they are anarchists take delight in evading the laws and in making sport of the laws. Every thinking man must readize that this Twentieth century civilizaation is too complex to be sane, suce and sober. Medical philosophers any unanimous in declaring that we Americans live too hard and too fast; that our rapid ways are harmful both to the individual and to the rame; that we should slow up. We are, to use the homely old phrase, burning the candle at both ends. Men try to succeed in business, to rule in politics, to be social leaders-all at the same time. To crowd dissimilar things together has become a national characteristic. Our avocations are often as wearing as our vocations; we play even hards than we work. Thus to crowd two or more lives inte one is to borrows of nature. She is a hard creditor and she always exacts payment.

One cannot, of course, indict a whole people. There are still inillions of sane, safe and sober people in America. But a society that demands or even countenances such recklessness is in need of reformation. It would be interesting-and startling-to know how many men and women put themselves in an early grave by going the pace that kills.

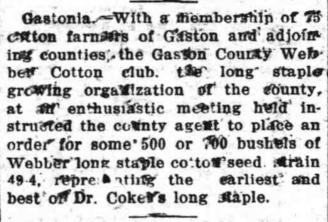
"Of all sounds of all beils, most solemn and touching is the peal which rings out the old year. I never hear it without a gathering up of my mind to a concentration of all the images that have been diffused over the past twelve-month; all I have done or suffered, performed ion neglected, in that regretted time. Il begin: to know its worth as when a person dies. It takes a personal color: nor was it a poetical flight in a contemporary poet when he exclaimed: 'I saw the skints of the departing year."."

"Every first of January that we arrive at, is an imaginary milestone on the turnpike track of human life; at once a resting; place for thought and meditation, and a starting place for fresh exertion, in the parformance of our journey. The man, who does not at least propose to himself to be bet-

tors and executive officers, an execu tive committee was appointed to supervise the work of constructing and equipping the lines. This committee is composed of Messrs. Tolar, Stedman and Couch.

perfected by the election of the direc-

Goldsboro -Burglars entered the store of J. B. H. Smith, at Georgetown, a suburb, carried the safe some distance away, blew it open, got \$350, all that it contained, and made their escape. The safe of W. H. Griffin & Son. coal and wooddealers, in the south end of the city, was also blown open, but-only \$5 in small change was found. Both cases are believed to be the work of professional safe blowers.



Pinchurst .- Marty of the leading surgeons of the comptry, including Dr George W. Crile of Cleveland: Dr. J. M. T. Finney. of Bat imore; Dr. Stuart McQuire, of Richmond. and IN: Charles M. Mavo, of Rochester, Minit., who is generally megarded as the world's greatest surgeon, arrived at Pinchurst to attend the thirty fourth annual session of the Southern Surgical association.

Maxton .- A colored bby, about 16 years of age: came to town with his head and face badly mcerated from contact with a maddog. If seems that the dog got him down and bit him severely. In addition to his other injuries, he was bitten through his gum, and two of his teeth were briten out.

Asheville .- Theodore Tavior: 20 som of a prominent farmer of this section:. was shot from ambush and instantly killed on the edge of the city limits; while returning home from a cliurch service with his cousin and a girlin am automobile:

Morganton .- Herman Wall; Morgamton fireman; was perhans fatally imjured when he was knacked from the truck by a ladier and hit the coment ter this year, than he was last, must street. The company was responding to am alarm. for fire:



## SUIT OF GLOSSY FUR FABRIC

in suits, making skirts as well as shell mourstings, or closed and sus the coats of this fabric, and that step pended by ribbons. These ribbon bag has been taken by the designer of the are usually made at home and are d very handsome model Mustrated here. many degrees of richness, the store The glossy, black for fabric used for providing ribbons and mountings for this chic suit is a close instation of making them in great variety. Amon broadtall and it would be a case of bracetets there are bright-colored flex adorning the rose to put much in the lible movelties of bone and of mothe way of decoration on it. Therefore the of peard' in colors. They are made it designer has allowed only a little elab- | sections: linked together with gol eration in the narrow silk braid that and having gold fioral designs on th is used with small silk buttons for sections. Braided bands of silver of making the coat fastenings. The skirt strands of pearls with rhineston ir plain and narrow, and the story of clasps are among the new bracelets. the coat is equally brief. It is an in- Bandeaux for the hair are made

a step in advance to use imitation fur, mamerable ribbon bags on metal of



Church of Watertown in New Eng- land; an overseer and fellow of Har- vard college. After a life of faith- ful service to Christ in the church for upwards of 45 years in the full- ness of times he passed away and received from Christ the palm of vic- tory, in the seventy-second year of his	And worthier of a trust. To play the man, whatever The prize at stake; God grant that I shall never These New Year pledges break. Anyone looking for something to do in the way of helping along can help bolster up the morals of his communi- ty. The war has done what all wars do. And the leeches on society are al- ways active at such times. Just now we are facing all sorts of loose liv- ing and the public at large apparently feels little concern. Any man or wom- an can at least help by setting a good	ment. But, in fact, to propose to one- self to do wall is in some sort to do well, positively; for there is no such thing as a stationary point in human endnavors he who is not worse today than he was yestenday, is better; and he who is not better, is worse."	Radi Springs. Atlantic Coast Line passenger train No. 64; in charge of Conductor Campbell and Engineer Rutledge, struck an antomobile driven by Almo Gitchrist. of Wargram, at the Red Springs oil mill crossing. The en- gine tender, express car and coaches ran into the siding 50 yards beyond 'he crossing and were derailed, the engine being buried in over two feet of mud. The driver of the car was instantly killed. He was buried under the en- gine and badly mangled.	some pretty, genious, short affair, rather snug, about the hips but loose about the shoulders, and it fastens, in a diag- oual line from throat to, hem. It is: lapped over to the left at the bot- ton, fastening with a group of small buttons and silk cord and has a sim- itar fastening at the top. The three- quarter-length sleeves are finished with bands of fox for and a choker and mulf to match equal the suth in rickness. Altogether this ensemble deserves to be called superb and the cost and furs may further their use- fainess by being worn with other	nibbon, tinsel cord, tiny flowers nhinestone bands, and there are combs set with white or coloredi- tals. But the newest things in e- are those that are covered with s brilliant feathers, like that show the picture. For corsage ormu- large artificial flowers are used grapes in gold or silver, and there metallic and composition girdle endless variety for wear with stra- line frocks. The most captivating of co- flowers are those that conceal a
<b>INEW IEAR GITS</b> As to the New Year's gift custom, it is supposed to have been derived from the Romans, but is probably much older. Suetonius and Tacitus men- tion it. Claudius issued a decree for- bidding the demanding of presents ex- cept on New Year's day. The Roman colonists in Britain found that the Saxons kept New Year's in the same fashion. Starting as a pleasant,	feudal nobility of the Middle Ages practically levied on their dependents for gifts. The presents varied accord, ing to sex and rank. FEAST DAY FOR RUSSIAN CHILDREN	wheat upon their friends. A curious custom also is festooning the hand- somest horse and leading him to the house of a nohleman. The pea and wheat shooters follow in droves. Both guests and horse are admitted to the parlor of the lord and the guests re- ceive presents. Berlin is to erect Europe's first sky- scraper along American lines a build.	Walstonburg murder conspirations to go on trial, will spend the remainder of his life in prison for his part in the conspiracy to kill William Whitley, prominent farmer, last August. Whit- ley was shot to death on his farm. Hayes' consel entered a submission of guilt in superior court at Snow Hill. Hayes charged with being accessory before and after the fact, was immedi- ately sentenced to life imprisonment. It will be recalled that Mrs. Wait ley was sentenced to life	frocks. The holidays bring out number- less pretty furbelows—some of them- presenting claims to usefulness, many of them frankly frivolous and merely ornamental, but all of them enchant- ing. These accessories are beloved of the eternal feminine, for they add the telling touch of elegance, or per- haps a hint of spiendor, to apparel that might be uninteresting without them.	their stamens or petals. Julia Bottomly COPYRIGHT BY VISTERN NEVSPACE UN To Clean Doorstep. To make a stone doorstep or l porch bright and clean, dissolve tablespoon of washing soda in a of boiling water and scrub with a