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A bit of lunch.
Are any mice about?

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At last is here;
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The space above the line is reserved for the date, which may be added last, just before the slips are mounted into a block and cemented at both sides, so that the owner may not anticipate the contents of the various leaves.

The leaves are sent about to the various friends of the one for whom the calendar is intended, and each is invited to inscribe a leaf with an appropriate sentiment, either original or quoted, but in the person's own handwriting. As may be seen, there are daily surprises all during the year for the recipient.—Pittsburg Press.

Kiteflying on New Year's Day.

In Japan the chief New Year's pastime for boys and men is kiteflying. The kites of America may be scientific, but the kites of Japan are gorgeous, and they sing.

Little contrivances fastened to the strings cause strange, whirring sounds, which remind one of the aeolian harp. Some of them are of an enormous size, as big as two doors, and require a group of men to raise them.

In ancient Japan, it is alleged, large kites played the part of the modern balloon in estimating the forces of the enemy during wartime, and a law was enacted in Tokyo to restrict the size of these aerolytes so that the shogun's camp could not be inspected from the city.

The kites come in a variety of shapes—birds with expanded pinions, ogres, flowers, butterflies. A favorite style is a simple square pointer with the face of a national hero. The lads glue bits of glass to their strings and wage aerial wars, with the slogan that the spoils belong to the victor.

They are experts in piloting their kites and can raise them as far as their cords will reach without shifting their position more than a yard or two.—Chicago Tribune.

The Greeks' Belated New Year's Day.

Like all eastern Christians, the Greeks adhere to the old, or Gregorian, calendar, and their year begins twelve days later than ours. Jan. 1 is dedicated to St. Basil, who appears to have been a native of Caesarea, in Cappadocia. In Asia Minor and also in Epirus children go from house to house singing odes in honor of the saint, which, however, are generally extended to cover some finely turned compliments to the occupants, wishing them "a good year" and requesting largesse. St. Basil is always represented in these songs as a schoolboy, whose touch quickens inanimate objects with new life.

The Antiquity of New Year's Day.

New Year's day goes back into the realm of antiquity, far back of Christmas, as all peoples, however they may have differed as to the year's length or the date upon which the new year should begin, have united in this, that it should be properly celebrated.

The Old Year's Death.

Yes, the year is growing old,
And his eye is pale and bleared.
Death with frosty hand and cold
Plucks the old man by the beard,
Sorely, sorely.

Through woods and mountain passes
The winds like anthems roll.
They are chanting solemn masses,
Singing, "Pray for this poor soul,
Pray, pray."

—From "Midnight Mass For the Dying Year," Longfellow.

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THE WASSAIL BOWL.

The New Year's Potion of the Sturdy Saxons of Old England.

Our immediate forbears were modest minded, hopeful folk who believed that what was good enough for the Romans, the Saxon settlers in England and the royal Tudors was good enough for them, and New Year's eve found everybody, without regard to age, color or previous condition, drinking what in England of the earliest period was called "wassail," in Scotland and Ireland at a later day "hot pint" or "lamb's wool" and, with a slight change in recipe, came to the United States in the form of eggnog.

In old England wassail was mixed in a vast bowl from which every one had as large or small a size as his throat could stand, and it was passed from hand to hand with the word wassail, meaning "to your health." The day before New Year's it was as well the custom for groups of pretty girls to carry a big punch bowl, bound with ribbons, through the streets, singing as they begged for the ingredients for the popular fiery punch.

Wassail, wassail, over the town;
Our toast is white, our ale is brown;
Our bowl is made of the maplin tree;
We be good folks all and drink to thee.

Generous and virtuous parishioners considered it their duty to provide the wherewith for a foaming bowl of wassail to be set before the abbot in the monasteries of every shire. This plump and solemn prelate sat beside the bowl at the head of the refectory table and with a sense of humor dished out to the appreciative monks big flagons of what he called, in blessing it, "poculum caritatis," "the cup of grace."—Boston Globe.

"HOGMANAY."

The New Year's Festival of Scotland's Children.

In England and America the happiest revels for children are over before Jan. 1, but in Scotland they are just getting under full headway. This custom doubtless arose from the fact that the old Calvinists held in detestation the "popish" celebration of Christmas, and it became supplanted by "Hogmanay," usually held on New Year's eve. This euphonious name is doubtless derived from the old greeting, "Au gui menez" ("To the mistletoe go"). The festival is distinctively a juvenile function, and the children prepare for it weeks beforehand by memorizing songs and making "guisers" costumes.

Housewives lay in a stock of oaten cakes and bake a store of "bridies," which they hand out to the children when they come to the house door to claim their "hogmanay," crying:

"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."

This custom of the hogmanay is alluded to in that most delightful book, "Sentimental Tommy." Sometimes several guisers go around in a body and give a mild sort of theatrical entertainment before an appreciative audience gathered beneath the smoked rafters of the great farmhouse kitchen.—New York Tribune.

New Year Resolutions.

Don't swear off and don't swear on. If you want to stop, quit. Don't go whining around because you are out of luck. The man who is always looking for luck never finds it. The most successful men on earth spell luck this way—"work." Remember, you have only about forty years to succeed in, so don't waste time in moping and envying the other fellow. When you have crimped and pinched and starved to save the first $1,000 you will see luck fingering the latchstring, trying to decide whether to come in or not. After the first $10,000 you will not care a rap whether luck comes in or not. While you are in poverty luck for the successful fellow is in capitals—LUCK. When you have accomplished, when you are independent, LUCK goes back to lower case—luck—in type too small to be seen. There never lived a successful man who attributed his success to luck, and there never was an unfortunate who didn't.—New York Press.

Sending the Time Signals.

The naval observatory at Washington on every New Year's eve sends out by telegraph a series of time signals to mark the exact instant of the beginning of the new year for each of the four great standard time belts or zones of the United States. These signals are exactly the same as those sent out daily at noon, but begin at 11:55 p. m., mean time of the seventy-fifth meridian west from Greenwich, Dec. 31, and end at midnight, eastern standard time. The same series is sent out again exactly an hour later, ending at midnight, central standard time; again, ending at 2 a. m., for midnight of mountain standard time, and again, ending at 3 a. m., for midnight of Pacific coast standard time.—Philadelphia Press.

New Year's Stockings In France.

In France the children do not hang up their stockings on Christmas, but on New Year's eve. These are not filled by Santa Claus, but by the Christ Child. He comes with a whole convoy of angels to help him carry the gifts which he brings to make the little ones happy. The latter do not enter the parlor, where the stockings are hung, until each one has knelt before the father of the family and received his blessing.

The New Year's Birth.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring happy bells across the snow.
The year is going; let him go.
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the care, the want, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out, my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

—From "In Memoriam," Tennyson.

HOW WE CATCH A COLD.

A cold is sometimes contracted while remaining inactive for a while in an uncomfortable room or a cold draft and by falling to sleep under like conditions. But most colds are caught while sleeping too cold at night. Deep sleep causes sluggish circulation which renders the system susceptable to change of temperature. To prevent colds, sleep under plenty of cover. To cure colds use Rydales Elixir, it lessens the severity and shortens the duration of a cold and prevents pneumonia Bronchitis and Consumption.

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A TARTAR TRICKSTER.

The Way He Tried to Sell a Valise to a Foreigner.

At the annual fair in Nijni Novgorod I stepped with a German-Russian friend into a saddlery, where he wished to purchase a valise. He picked out one for which the Tartar merchant named a price that was evidently much in excess of its real value. My friend was making the usual feint under such circumstances of leaving the store when he noticed that the dealer, with a rapid movement, stuck a paper in the outside pocket of his valise. Not being a greenhorn in Russia, he knew immediately what the Tartar was up to.

"But, barin," said the latter, calling him back, "come. Look at the leather and the lining, silk all through. Please examine it carefully." He handed the valise again to my friend and turned back to his stock, apparently looking for other satchels to show. With a sly wink my friend extracted a ten ruble note from the outer pocket of the valise and hid it in his hand. Then he said: "Don't trouble yourself any longer. This valise seems to be what you say it is, and I will take it."

The Tartar grinned broadly as he turned around, satisfied that his little trick had succeeded. Then while my friend pretended to count out the purchase price he took hold once more of the valise in order accidentally to discover the bank note in it. I shall never forget his eyes, which bulged out of their sockets, or the petrified smile on his face when he found his money gone. He was so bewildered that he stammered like a drunken man.

"The fellow really ought to get a lesson," my friend said to me in German, while he kept the trickster in suspense for several minutes before handing him back the bank note, together with the valise, which the dealer now offered for less than half of what he had demanded before.—Sigmund Kranz in Booklovers' Magazine.

CONVERSATION "DON'TS."

Don't indulge in personalities. They invariably return worse than they started out.

Don't mention family feuds. It embarrasses the listener, and you are sure to regret it.

Don't talk of the cost of things. It gives the rich a chance for boastfulness and may be embarrassing to the poor.

Don't tell your personal interests, occupations, hopes or aspirations. Nobody wants to hear them, and you give your dignity a mortal stab.

Don't discuss children. If you have any the chances are you are boring those who have not. If you have none, you are sure to be mortally wounding those who have.

Don't discuss dress. The lady whose evening gown you are scoring may have come direct from Paris, wearing the newest thing, and the whole subject is a hopeless one anyway.—Harper's Weekly.

The Korean Language.

Korean is a difficult language to learn. Trifling errors are likely to lead a foreigner into great embarrassment. It was only the smallest mistake that led an impassioned preacher to warn his congregation that unless they repented they would be relegated to "a cellar," the Korean words for cellar and the nether world being almost identical. In like manner the story of Lazarus, who fell sick, was told to a Sunday school class with an unauthorized ending. The native form of expression is "entering a sickness," and by a trifling confusion the teacher was made to declare that Lazarus entered a bottle.

Trouble For Henry.

"I see," said Mrs. Henpeck, "that a Chicago man refused to give his wife up after she had secured a divorce from him."

"Well, well," he answered, for the moment forgetting himself, "I thought a woman couldn't get a divorce from a crazy man."—Exchange.

Not the Same.

"Both of my grandparents on my mother's side were nonagenarians," said Mrs. Oldcastle.

"Is that so?" replied her hostess. "My folks was all Baptists, but Josiah comes from a Methodist family."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Woman and Business.

Cashier—Madam, you can give us your notes for the amount you owe us.

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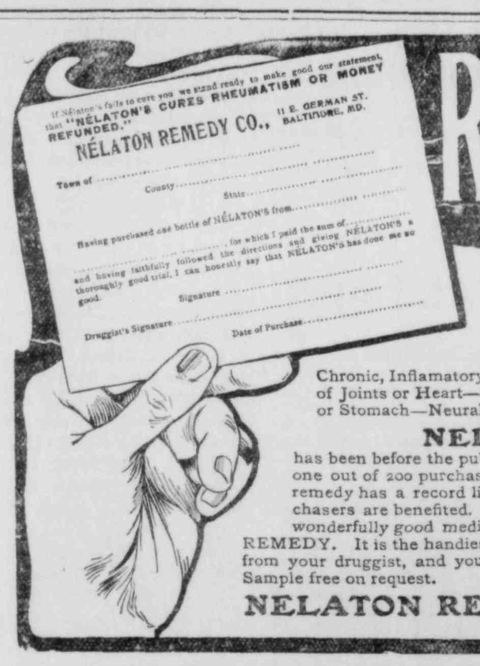

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