NOW AND THEN

THE NEW YEAR

Ring out wild bells to the wild sky,
The flying cloud the frosty night,
The year is dying in the night,
Ring out wild bells and let him die.

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 old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ which is to be.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Every one is saying Happy New Year, and we turn another page. The sheet is spotless, no blots nor tear stains there. How long will it remain that way? One does not wish it to remain only blank and white, but full of records of work accomplished and full of good deeds written across its fair page. Then even though there may be some blots, still these may be forgiven if the rest of the page tells of noble deeds well done. Rhetoric says the most beautiful sentence in the English language is found in Sterne's "Tristam Shandy." It is this: "The accusing spirit, as he flew up to heaven's chancery with the oath, blushed as he gave it in, and the recording angel, as he wrote it down dropped a tear on the word and blotted it out forever." And so may the misdeeds of the days past may be blotted out likewise.

There is a tendency in these latter days of scientific and intensely practical knowledge to look down upon the poets of the 19th century as sentimentalists and inferior to the free verse poets who write reason without rhyme. But the English language is much richer by having such poets as Tennyson, Longfellow and the long array of bards of that century. In "Locksly Hall" Tennyson seems prophetic in his description of the war from the air. Extracts from his poems have become household words.

In reading of the intellectual life of the city of Bogota, which city Humbolt called the Athens of America, Longfellow is grately appreciated and one of their poets has translated "The Psalm of Life" into Spanish and his poems are largely read.

A SAFE PREDICTION

A lady once queried Charles Schwab for advice relative to some mining stock.

Mr. Schwab," she asked, "will XYZ stock go up or down.

Quick as a flash, Mr. Schwab, who was somewhat annoyed by her persistency, answered, "Madam, I am sure it will—it can't go sideways."

WHY SHE DID NOT TALK

When Mr. Lloyd George was a young country solicitor in Wales, he was riding home in his dog-cart one day and came upon a little Welsh girl trudging along so wearily that he offered her a ride. She accepted silently, but all the way during the ride, although he tried to engage her in conversation, he could not get her to say anything more than a timid "yes" or "no."

Some days afterward the girl's mother happened to meet Mr. Lloyd George and said to him smilingly, "Do you remember that my little girl rode home with you a short time ago? When she got home she said, 'Mamma, I rode home with Mr. George, the lawyer, and he kept talking to me and I didn't know what to do, for you know, lawyers charge when you talk with them, and I hadn't any money!'"

LONGFELLOW'S HUMOR

Longfellow, the poet, was once introduced to a gentleman named Mr. Longworth. A friend remarked at the similarity of the first syllable of their names. "Yes," sad the poet, "but in this case, I fear Pope's line will apply: 'Worth makes the man, the want of it the fellow.'"

THE "PERFECT LANDLORD"

Philadelphia

A will disclosed the "perfect landlord"—and two families agreed the homes he bequeathed them were "the best Christmas presents ever."

Without explanation, Henry Donahue, retired ice and coal dealer, deeded to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Marley and Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Ramsay the homes they had rented from him for 12 years.

The Marleys, who came from Ireland with six children 15 years ago and rented the seven-room brick house, "can't believe it yet."

"It's the best Christmas present ever," declared Mrs. Marley, whose husband is a janitor.

"There's no reason for Mr. Donahue doing such a fine thing," she said. "Why, I never talked to him more than three or four times in my life, although we lived right next door."

An executor of the will recalled "they (the tenants) had been after us for weeks to find out who their new landlord would be."

MEMORY

By Ellinor Norcross

Last night I climbed—
So wistfully!—
The dusky stair
Of memory.

Old cast-off dreams
Ransacked again,
And found them tied
With threads of pain.

A rose-splashed hour,
Youth's shimmering wings,
A flame of song—
Gray broken things.

Ice-Box Cream-Cheese Salad

The season of the year has little effect on our choice of ice box dishes now days—summer or winter, the occasion arises when such a dish is perfectly in order—this one being in demand as well as in order.

ICEBOX—CREAM CHEESE SALAD

½ pound cream cheese
1 cup mayonnaise
½ cucumber
1 green pepper
1 teaspoon onion juice
1 pimento
Salt and pepper
Tabasco sauce
Russian dressing

Chop together the green pepper cucumber and pimento and add them to the cheese, which has been beaten until soft. Add mayonnaise and onion juice and season very highly with salt, freshly ground black pepper and tabasco sauce. Put in the very coldest part of the icebox that yet does not freeze. Let stand five or six hours and serve on lettuce leaves with Russian dressing.

Add bits of quince jelly or preserves to the apple mixture for pie. Bake the pie as usual, with a top crust. Serve this slightly warm with soft cheese grated over the top crust.

EIGHT SAFE DRIVING RULES ARE OFFERED

Safety Council Com. Issue Them After 3,00 Tests

The National Safety Council's Committee on Winter Driving Hazards came forward today with eight suggestions for safe motoring during the winter months.

And as it did so, it asked the motorist to consider these two facts:

That air raids on Great Britain in September killed 6,945 civilians and injured 10,615, while in the same month, in the United States, nearly half as many persons were killed and ten times as many injured in traffic accidents.

That 19 months of the last World War claimed the lives of 50,510 American soldiers, while during the past 19 months, 52,010 persons were killed in automobile accidents in the United States.

Professor Ralph A. Moyer, of Iowa State College, chairman of the committee, conducted some 3,000 tests on frozen Lake Cadillac in northern Michigan and on snow-packed roads near the Iowa State Experiment States.

The committee, which consists of 32 authorities in all branches of research and automotive transportation, made these safety suggestions:

"1. Skids on snow or ice are frequently started by unequalized brakes. Have your brakes checked and equalized. The practice of letting air out of tires for snow and ice conditions has been proven a fallacy, since it gives very little added traction and increases instability and tendency to skid on curves. It also damages tires, making them more susceptible to later blowouts.

"2. Without chains even good tire treads slip and slide on snow or ice. Chains bite into hard-packed snow or icy road surface. Check your tire chains. Put them on when needed for more positive stop-and-go tranction.

"3. Windshield wipers and defrosters that don't operate lead to winter accidents. Make sure wipers and defrosters are in good working order. You must see a hazard to avoid it.

"4. Faulty headlights are prime causes of winter accidnets. 1940-41 cars with sealed-beam headlights add to safety. But use traffic beam in city or when passing other cars in country. Replace dead light bulbs immediately. Have headlights checked for focus and direction.

"5. High speeds on snow or ice are doubly dangerous. Adjust your speed to conditions. Even when protected with chains, speeds should be reduced from those considered reasonable on dry pavements. Keep an eye out for children on sleds. Approach icy curves slowly even with sand on ice or chains on tires. If neither are present—crawl. Avoid the necessity for sudden stops on snow or ice if you have neglected to put on chains.

"6. 'Crowding' other vehicles ahead of you or at your side is criminal carelessness on snow-covered pavement. Maintain plenty of stopping space between your car and the car in front of you. Allow all the 'skid space' possible between your fenders and the cars on each side. Don't try to pass cars on hills or curves. This is risky on dry pavements. It is foolhardy on snow and ice.

"7. Sudden slowdowns and stops are a primary cause of sliding, skidding and spinning. Slow down gradually in gear and pump brakes on-off-and-on to keep wheels from locking—particularly if you're not safeguarded by chains. On snow or ice tire chains cut stopping distances 40 to 50 per cent. and add appreciably to control of car.

"8. Cold weather encourages closed car windows and increases danger from carbon monoxide. Don't stay in closed garage or in car with tightly closed windows when warming up engine. Keep cowl ventilator open a bit while driving to force out carbon monoxide, at least in old cars which may have leaky mufflers and exhaust pipes."

For radish roses: using radishes which have been washed and trimmed, all but an inch of the stem, cut down with a sharp knife from the top toward the stem five times, so that the red outside covering will fold out like petals. Drop radishes into ice water; after an hour or two, the petals will stand out crisply.

Shape the crust from the slice of bread from which you have cut out a canape into a round, jelly roll affair and toast for breakfast. Pin with toothpick if it will not stay rolled. If you do not want to bother to roll the crust, then toast as it is and use under a creamed meat or vegetable, or under scrambled eggs in the morning.

Alcohol in spilled perfumes, medicines, etc., dissolves varnish. Rut at once with the fingers. Rub with a soft non-linting cloth and lemon oil. Mix lemon oil and rottenstone into a creamy paste, rub in circles, keeping plenty of oil in the mixture. With a soft cloth and oil wipe up the rottenstone. Rub in straight lines, finally, with oil. If the rottenstone has scratched and the gloss is lessened, put on a coat of good varnish and let dry. Rub again with oil and rottenstone, using light strokes in straight lines. Rottenstone used alone scratches.

The proper selection of china and the small detail of having plates hot will do much toward making a meal a success.

Various Salads For Various Occasions

After serving one particular salad a couple of times, we usually come to associate it with one particular meat dish, or fish dish, which is really a very nice thing, because in this way, we come to have variety in our menus. If you are the type who tries many different salads with one meat dish, you'll soon have two or three for each of your favorite meat dishes which is even better than just one.

We all know people who get themselves into ruts with cooking—serving one salad several times a week with all sorts of combinations, but this is so easily avoided with salads so simple and so delightful to make. With all crisp, cold ingredients—try these:

DIXIE SALAD

Tomato
Corn, canned or fresh
Lettuce
Red and green peppers
Cress

On a bed of lettuce, place a small tomato, peeled and scooped out. Fill with golden bantam corn (canned) and diced red and green peppers which have been marinated in French dressing. Serve with either French dressing or Thousand Island dressing. Garnish with cress and green pepper.

FROZEN TUTTI-FRUITTI

Mix equal parts of diced figs, dates raisins, pecans and grated pineapple and squeeze over fruit the juice of a lemon. Mix with a dressing of half and half whipped cream and mayonnaise. Freeze in mold and slice and serve on a bed of lettuce. Decorate with chopped fresh black cherries or with maraschino cherries.

TOMATO-ALLIGATOR PEAR SALAD

On leaves of lettuce place two slices of alligator pear and two slices of peeled chilled tomato. Place these alternately, i. e., a slice of alligator pear and then a slice of tomato. Serve with Thousand Island dressing.

Do not allow coffee to boil, as actual boiling develops bitterness and destroys both flavor and aroma. The volatile oils, which give coffee its delicate fragrance and flavor, escape as coffee boils, and changes take place which bring out a bitter or sour taste. The best temperatures at which ot make coffee are below boiling (185 to 203 degrees F.). Coffee boiled for so short a time as one minute is more bitter than coffee made at a temperature of 203d F., just 9 degrees below boiling.

Cracklings are thin slices of salt pork remaining after the fat has been rendered. In some households, children ate them as children today eat popcorn or candy. Thin slices of salt pork were laid on brown paper in a baking pan which was placed in a slow oven. When they were hot a little salt was sprinkled over them.

To replace a fuse: Do not handle fuses until the main switch is cut off. Know the size or ampere of fuse. Have extra fuse plugs near the switch box. Fuse has 6, 10 or 15 on it. Usual fuse will probably be 15A. Burned out fuse will show black spot. With the main switch cut off, screw out the old fuse and put in new one. Put back switch handle. Correct fuse should bring light. Have a lesson and be independent

In bread stuffing, a pinch of baking powder to every cup of bread crumbs lightens the mixture and gives a pleasant texture.

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