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The New Year Vigil

BY BENJAMIN R. BULKELEY

HOW many confess to a feeling of marked, though somewhat indefinable impressiveness in the passing from the old to the new year? Arbitrary, in a sense, though the time is, we all know that the change of date from one year to the next gives us a jog for a few days, if only to show us how easy it is to open a letter with last year's date. It may be there is a short-lived resolution not to make such a mistake—and then there goes the slip!

But how many treasure the midnight hour, when the year is passing and would not for any demand that is ever made by sleep or anything else, let that point of time pass unconsciously on their part. No one can furnish us statistics, let us assume; and yet who would care? So much is it an individual matter, this sitting out of the old year, that one might well say that there are two classes of people, as in so many other regards:

Those who care and those who don't. In fact, those who don't may wonder what good there can be in staying out of bed so late, unless other matters besides arbitrary time have our interest—just to say good-by to the old year and some kind of welcome to the new. To such it makes no difference that poets have marked the time in well remembered verse. Such, of course, when perchance they may be awake at the special pointed moment which separates the years, do not eagerly turn to the familiar verse:

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

This we say because there are two types of people both having virtues of their kind—and one needs not to judge the other—and to one there is no special appeal in what moves the other in the spell of the passing year. People of the other class welcome the words which emphasize the moments grouped about the nick of time which points the passing year, and recall again and again with each recurring opportunity, some impressive word picture, as

'Tis midnight's holy hour and silence now
Is brooding like a gentle spirit o'er
The still and pulseless world.

Stirred by these words written the better part of a century ago, one sees the white landscape held in the vigorous embrace of winter and is not slow to find a "holy hour" in the vigil of the new year.

The Nineteenth century was not complete of course, until it had its full 1,900 years. The first of January, 1900, was the beginning of the last year of the old century.

But such a time is, of course, so exceptional that one cannot infer any widespread interest in the passing year, saving to allow that a goodly number in churches share annually in such services. How far individuals treasure the privilege of the New Year vigil one could not well make confident assertion.

It came to notice recently that Hawthorne, as recorded in the "Memories" by his daughter, Rose Hawthorne Lathrop, was impressed by the choice moments of the passing year—and, poet-soul that he had, though not given to making verse, yielded a very sensitive response to the midnight appeal. For she says: "My father used to treat the Old and the New Year with the deepest respect. I never knew the moments to be so immense as when, with pitying gentleness, we silently attended the old year across the ghostly threshold of midnight, and my father at last rose reverently from his chair to open the window, through which, at that breath, the first peals would float with new promise and remembering toll."

Apart from the more somber and sentimental individual considerations, we know that in the newspaper treatment of the time, the past year will be summed up in various ways, in general or in detail, the indications for the year to come will be set forth with such wisdom as the writer may command and each one in his way come into some touch with a wiser regard for the past and the future. Yea, from myriads will come response to Tennyson's words of long ago:

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

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New Year Prayer

OH, Young New Year, take not these things from me—
The olden faiths; the shining loyalty
Of friends the long and searching years have proved—
The glowing hearthfires, and the books I loved;
All wonted kindness and welcoming,
All safe, hard-trodden paths to which I cling,
Oh, Glad New Year, blithe with the thrill of spring—
Leave me the ways that were my comforting!

—Boston Transcript.

His Happy New Year

By Ethel Cook Eliot

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A MAN was walking in swift, angry strides down the snowy street. He was thinking about a big business deal that had just fallen through, and blaming his partner for it. Indeed, he had only a minute ago parted from his partner with scornful words. And the partner, who was a younger man, had said nothing. He, too, had felt that the blame was all his, and he was ashamed and grieved. But harder than having lost the business for the firm, that young man found it to have lost the good will and respect of his senior partner, whom he admired, even revered.

The angry man was suddenly called from his unpleasant thoughts by a little newsboy thrusting a paper under his nose. "All about the murder, the big Riverside murder!" he intoned through his little nose. "Paper, sir?"

"The angry man shoved the boy away. "Get out of my path," he growled, absent-mindedly.

But the newsboy was not taken aback. He grinned up into the clouded face and drawled: "Aw, sir, let yourself have a Happy New Year."

The man walked another block before the words reached his consciousness, so absorbed had he been in his anger. But then they came clear and calm—"Let yourself have a Happy New Year."

How foolish would be the man who wouldn't let himself have a Happy New Year! Bad business that of turning happiness away from you. Nobody, nothing could give you a Happy New Year, of course, unless you let yourself have it. Funny thought. But stop. Wasn't that exactly what he was doing now, not letting himself have a Happy New Year? Bad business that; worse than that bad business his young partner had just fallen into.

Suddenly he stopped, whirled about and retraced his steps. "I'm not going to cut myself out of a Happy New Year just to indulge myself in a little poisonous anger," he cried to himself. "I'll just hurry back to the office and invite that young man to lunch with me. We've always been good pals till now."

And he did hurry to catch his partner before he, too, left the office. But he did not hurry so much that he could not stop at the corner and buy the few remaining papers from the insolent little newsboy there, though it goes without saying he hadn't time to stop for the change.

A Rolling Stone

By C. G. Hazard

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YOUNG SKIPJACK makes me think of the water beetles that we used to watch as they skated aimlessly about on the waters of the pond, leaving no track behind them. He has been in business all over the place, but has prospered in nothing. He takes advice, but he never uses it. Else I would give him some New Year recipes for prosperity. I would tell him that one thing well stuck to is worth a dozen experimented with; that the scale of our present life will matter little a few years hence, but that the character of it will matter much; that the neglectful steward will find that he was in business for himself; that to be good for nothing is to be bad for a great deal.

AT THE EBB

"Hope the New Year finds you high in spirits!"
"Old man, there ain't but two fingers of the stuff left in the house."

ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER

"I hate, you know, to have you go,
You've been a blamed good year to me.
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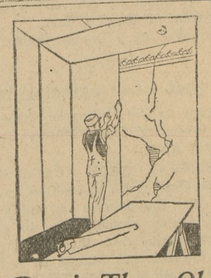

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