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NEW YEAR'S EVE IN NEW YORK CITY

YOU couldn't drag a New York man out of town on New Year's eve, and the only trips he will plan are auto rides in some sequestered locality late on the afternoon of the 1st, so that he can get fresh air and perfect quiet. As for the New York hostesses, when they are arranging for dinners it is with the understanding that the party shall go later to the theater and still later

ENJOYING THEMSELVES.

join the throng which is bent on turning night not into day, for no day was ever like New Year's eve in Manhattan now, but into a cross between Mardi Gras, a bullfight and a football game, with dashes of a Coney Island festival and a queen's birthday.

There is one time honored custom of New Year's eve which will not be cut out, that of going to old Trinity, where the chimes will be rung, but there will be a change even in this. Albert Meislahn, the bell ringer, who had officiated for thirty years, is dead, and a Columbia undergraduate is in his place.

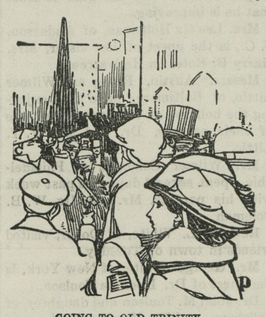
At the big hotels and restaurants it is estimated that between 1,000 and 2,000 people will be accommodated by each. Tables have been engaged for weeks, and the demand is so great that all the rooms usually reserved for drawing rooms are to be furnished with supper tables.

In regard to specific arrangements it is the mode at present to have everything at the hotel table as delicately fine as if one were entertaining at one's own home. If a dish is served that can be carved on the table the hostess wishes to supervise it, and any chafing dish article must have the finishing touches put in by her. Often she will make the salad dressing, all with the notion to give the appearance of the private entertaining with the public environment.

"The old time favorites, canvasback and terrapin, are no longer named by those ordering in advance or by the chef who prepares the regular menu for such occasions," said a hotel manager. "These articles of food are difficult to procure, expensive, and, besides, tastes have changed.

"The favorite supper dish now is some kind of shellfish daintily prepared so that one can hardly recognize its flavor. The approved menu is caviare or oysters on the shell, a consomme or clam broth en tasse, an entree of sweetbreads, frogs' legs, lobster a la Newburg, game and salad and ices with delicious cakes."

Chrysanthemums and American Beauties lead in the matter of floral decorations, with the usual holiday



GOING TO OLD TRINITY.

background of greens, holly and mistletoe berries and red ribbons. Carnations are also favorites. Many of the reserved tables will have special decorations of flowers and souvenirs sent by the entertainers. One hostess has ordered an elaborate centerpiece of orchids, with orchids for the women and gardenias for the men.

Some of the hotels will not make rules in regard to the kind of liquid refreshment served. If one wishes a cup of tea at 2 a. m. at these places he can get it. But at many of the hotels and restaurants nothing but champagne will be served after a stated hour.

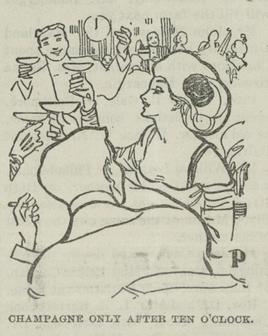
Though the occasion seems to spell license, this is not really the case. The proprieties to a certain point are to be rigidly adhered to. A woman, for example, may drink all the champagne and cocktails she wants, but if she attempts to light a cigarette she will be asked to desist.

Taking care of a big restaurant or hotel crowd, it is learned, is not so difficult as it sounds. When one of a party becomes boisterous the head waiter asks the assistance of his own party in keeping him in order, which is usually given with decision. One of the Broadway restaurants which will display the sign "Champagne Only After 10 o'Clock" also offers the explanation that the reason for this is that a crowd champagne fed is merely hilarious and good natured, but when highballs and mixed drinks are served there is always trouble afoot for the management.

The price for the table d'hote suppers will be about the same in all the first class places. The hotels that do not place an embargo on wine usually go further and serve their patrons a la carte, as much or as little as may be required. The regular sum charged is $5 for the menu prepared without wine. In the grill rooms, wine vaults, extra supper rooms, less desirable in location, some of the hotels will serve a $4 supper and a few offer a very attractive menu for $3.

Besides the hotel and restaurant celebrations most of the clubs will keep open house. The National Arts club will have a special reception for the members, and the members of the Players club, next door on Gramercy park, always foregather, no matter what other attractions there may be, to celebrate founders' night. The loving cup is passed around, a custom inaugurated by Edwin Booth, and after that the doings are wrapped in impenetrable mystery.

The New Year's eve celebration will by no means be limited to the restaurants, hotels and clubs, although they perhaps furnish the most picturesque and interesting elements of the celebration. Broadway will add its decorative features, and hundreds of thousands of people will rush back and forth, if the night be fine, enjoying themselves by watching the fun of other people doing the same thing.



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QUAINT NEW YEAR CUSTOM.

Feast of Asses of the Middle Ages Still Celebrated.

In certain parts of southern France New Year's eve is still celebrated by the famous feast of asses of the middle ages. Before the congregation is admitted to the church a great glowing brazier is placed in the nave, upon the stone floor, and a broad path from the entrance of the church to the altar is roped off.

The ceremony begins with a procession of men made up to represent various Biblical characters. At its head walk two priests singing an old Provencal hymn. When the procession reaches the center of the church six men dressed as Jews of the time of Christ step forward on one side and six gentiles on the other. Two advocates stand between them.

"The Lord is made man," the gentiles exclaim.

To this the Jews reply, with scornful demand for proofs. The advocates then summon the prophets and legislators of the Old Testament. One by one the great personages of the past—Moses, Aaron, Isaiah, Daniel and many more—slowly advance up the aisle and, pausing for a moment in the glare of the brazier, bear witness to the divinity of Jesus and then pass on into the darkness.

But the principal figure of the ceremony is Balaam's ass, from which the feast takes its name. The ass, under whose voluminous trappings a child is concealed, bears Balaam up the aisle and when beaten by his master rebukes him in a piteous voice through the medium of the concealed child, just as the ass did the real Balaam in the Bible story.

The last personage of the procession is usually Judas, who constitutes the tragic feature of the quaint festival.

New Year's In Europe.

In London New Year's day is observed with little formality, but in the capitals of the continent it is a day for official receptions.

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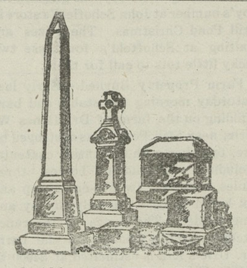

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Road Engineer Gives Notice

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167L. Any person or corporation placing any obstructions of any kind whatsoever upon the public highways or bridges, roads, lanes, streets, avenues or alleys of Kent county, or interfering with or obstructing any of the ditches or drains thereof, or encroaching upon the same with fences or other obstructions, or any person or corporation, its agents or employees, exercising the business of a common carrier, permitting his or its vehicles, steam or other engines or cars, to obstruct any crossing for more than five minutes at any one time, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable to prosecution at the instance of any tax-payer of said county, and upon conviction by any Justice of the Peace exercising criminal jurisdiction in Kent county, shall be fined in an amount not less than one dollar nor more than twenty-five dollars for each offense. Any person arrested under this Section shall have the right to appeal to the Circuit Court for Kent county for trial, and all fines collected under this Section shall be paid to the said County Commissioners and by them applied to the General Road Fund of the county.

ISAAC GIBBS, Jr.,
aug27-tf. Road Engineer for Kent county.

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