WATCHING THE OLD YEAR OUT.

The Custom Once Common In New England Has Nearly Passed Away.

An old fashioned "watch night" in New England or the middle states was until recently one of the institutions of this country. The keen, frosty air of the early evening bore upon its crystalline and twinkling depths the sound of numerous strings of sleighbells converging at the church. The well loaded cutters and the crowded sleighs hissed through the creaking snow, that stamped off with loud emphasis at the porch door, announced the arrival of each load. The interior of the church, heated to almost a point of discomfort by big stoves, still retains the decorations put up when the Christmas tree did service before its removal. The usual chatter and gossip soon subside. A solemn hush falls over the assembly, and when the first hymn is given out it is sung with more hearty uplift of tone than usual. The prayer is more fervent than usual, and the anthem that follows it is more like a dirge. The young elder, who is present, preaches an address, the tones of which fall on all hearts with a sadness that begets repentance. No such theme as this finds expression at any other portion of the year, "We all do fade as a leaf," and then he closes with Longfellow's mournful words:

Howl, howl, and from the forest
Strip the red leaves away.
Would the sins that thou abhorest,
O soul, could thus decay
And be swept away!
Kyrie eleison! Christie eleison!

More singing, more prayers, all instinct with earnestness, and then a shrill voiced girl recites Prentice's "Dying Year,"

'Tis midnight's holy hour, etc.

Another Tennyson's "Old Year," then comes a breathless waiting, and the bell strikes, when a joyous "Amen!" is followed by a burst of song that every one joins in.—Chicago Tribune.

New Year Fairies In Wales.

Among the Welsh people fairies are known by the name of "y tylwyth teg," which means the fair folk or family, and are believed to have remarkable privileges on New Year's eve, at which time they are said to be rampant and to possess unusual power. They are thought to have a great fondness for children, and woe betide the fond mother who has in any way offended the tylwyth teg during the now dying year. Let such a mother watch carefully and unceasingly at the cradle where her darling lies sleeping on New Year's eve, for if she fails to do so the malicious fairies will come in her absence and steal away the child and susbstitute for it a "plentyn neuid," or changling, who, though it may at first be the exact counterpart of the stolen little one, will soon alter into a frightful looking, shrunken, puling brat, not unfrequently becoming idiotic.—New York World.

Debts Settled on New Year's.

On New Year's eve in Japan handfuls of beans are thrown about the rooms and over the threshold to exorcise evil spirits who may be about.

Before the new year the merchants endeavor to get in all the money that is owed to them and to pay or settle their own debts. As a consequence many things can be bought very cheaply at the end of the year, for ready money is the great desideratum. Men carrying trays of something looking like white worms go through the streets crying, "Soba, soba!" the Japanese form of macaroni, which, eaten with soy sauce, is a favorite delicacy with the coolies and jinriksha men. For their little customers these men make all sorts of figures of devils, gods and animals from this paste.—Exchange.

French Canadian Jour de L'an.

A child prostrate before its father asking for his blessing on a New Year's morning. This is a typical custom among the French Canadians of the province of Quebec, and undoubtedly retained by French Canadians now resident in New England and other parts of this republic. The head of the family rises early New Year's morning, renews the fire on the hearth and in the stoves, and, seating himself in an armchair within the shadows of the Yule log, watches the embers and awaits the first of his offspring to ask for the paternal blessing on the glorious "jour de l'an."—Boston Globe.

Read the Bible New Year's Morning.

In many a Welsh household the first thing that is done by each member of the family on rising on New Year's morning is to consult the family Bible with a view to learning from it what the coming year has in store for the person seeking the information. This is done by reading the first verse upon which the eye falls, and the verse in question is believed to foretell in some way the good or ill fortune, the happiness or unhappiness, during the just begun new year of the person making the trial.—Exchange.

New Year Bells.

Of all sounds, of all bells 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 twelvemonth. I begin to know the worth of that regretted time, as when a person dies.—Charles Lamb.

The Magic Bell.

The old year is dead, and hoary haired time
High in the belfry is tolling his knell
From the phantom rim of a magic bell,
And the world is swayed by its mystic chime.

For earth is the ponderous tongue that swings
In the tower of time. The cathedral dim
Is the universe, and the bell's huge rim
Is the ether blue as it rings and rings.

The chimes are the passions that sway men's souls—
That tempt and inspire them. The thought, the deed,
On this New Year's eve from the earth dross freed,
In one mighty vibration upward rolls,
And hushed are the voices around the throne,
As the Great Creator receives his own.
—Detroit Free Press.

SIAMESE NEW YEAR.

Evil Spirits Supposed to Infest the Departing Year—A Night of Terror.

The Siamese "Choola Sakarat," or religious New Year, generally falls on the day after the first full moon in the month of March. The Brahmin astrologer, whose sole duty it is to point out the aspect of the sun, moon and stars, heralds the approaching full moon by setting in motion all the multitudinous gongs and temple bells in the city far and near. The people, who are always ready, waiting, for this signal, have generally finished their business for the year. Debts have been paid off, accounts closed, merchandise disposed of and all traffic of buying and selling suspended three days previous to the expected event.

The announcement made by the many tongued instruments is received by the vast population that inhabits the valley watered by the beautiful Menam river with fear and trembling, for they firmly believe that this is the witching hour when the very atmosphere of the world is alive with gods, demons, genii and hobgoblins, and forthwith the anxious, superstitious people hasten to frustrate their evil designs. They bind unspun cotton thread, consecrated by the priest, round their doors and windows, as the sacred thread is supposed to prove an effectual barrier in keeping out the malicious spirits. This done they place by the doors of their houses and huts a platter containing a pig's head and a bottle of arrack, as a conciliatory repast for the wandering ghosts that may desire to regale themselves during the night, after which the whole city, like the snail, draws in its horns and no consideration will tempt a mortal soul to venture out of it until sunrise the next morning.

At sunset every family offers to its own household genii an oblation of candies, perfumed tapers and roasted rice. As for the royal palace, 7,000 balls of unspun cotton, of seven fibers, consecrated by 27 priests, are reeled round and round the walls, and from sunset until dawn a terrific and continuous cannonading is heard from all the forts of the city to rout the evil spirits that infest the departing year.

But once this dreadful night is passed, the terror sticken inhabitants, with a long drawn sigh of relief, prepare to welcome the new year. Dressed in many colored silks, they repair first to the temples to offer praise and thanksgiving for their deliverance and to make handsome gifts to the priests, and not until they have propitiated Buddha and Buddha's earthly representatives do they think of their own merrymaking.—Exchange.

New Year's Wassail Bowl.

No English holiday was of much account that was not observed with flowing bowl. On New Year's eve the wassail bowl was filled with spiced ale and drunk in families, and poorer folk tied a bowl with ribbons and begged for money for ale to fill and refill the bowl, singing:

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

In some parts of England the old year is "swept out" by men and boys with blackened faces, dressed to represent sweeps; in others it is "burned out" with bonfires. Sometimes it is rung out with muffled bells that are unmuffled and rung clear after 12 o'clock.—Independent.

What Happy New Year Means.

A happy New Year! What does it mean? Are not these words often thrown out as a greeting without thought or depth of meaning? Is it a year in which to ourselves come wealth and health, prosperity and friendship; one spent in the pursuit of fleeting pleasure and filled with self centered interest? No! Rather let the wish be to each and all, as the new year dawns with all its opportunities, that the days of 1896 may be well spent—filled with thought and sympathy for those around; that in self forgetting and kindly deeds the happiness of others may be ever sought, and then most truly will each act rebound again in joy and blessing to the heart from which it springs.—Maud Booth.

New Year Means Progress.

A new year, not simply another year. Many people may be said to live the same old year over and over again. Each succeeding year is the same unit added once more to the sum of life. There is the same task performed in the same spirit with the same motive; the same imperfections of character, the same failures of conduct. The times may change and progress hasten, but if we stand still, we live only the old year once again. A new year never comes to the contented ox; he simply grows old. It is not the lapse of time or the progress of civilization, but our progress, which makes possible to us a new year.—Josiah Strong.

For the Ensuing Year.

May the new year, just opening to us, be signaled in public and in private life by the growth of noble ideas—of ideas that shall make men freer, truer, better; that shall more and more reflect the incomparable teachings of the Holy Child whose nativity we have just celebrated, and whose spirit, imitated and obeyed, can redeem the time and crown mankind with blessedness.—Christian Work.

Birth of the Year.

How like a human birth the waking hour
Of the child year! The weak and querulous gale
Mid tears of rain doth lift a kindred wail.
Blankly the sun's eye stares; the air doth lower
Dense as a listless chr. Beneath a shower
Of snow fresh fallen those branches, white and frail
As newborn limbs, lie prone, with only power
Given to endure what wind soe'er prevail.
The baby lips that pout their hungering
Do not more wistfully the nurse invite
Than every spiral leaf bud yearns for spring.
And as the young blue eyes wax deep and bright
While the soul greatens, so the glowing light
Widens by morn and eve its azure ring.
—Philadelphia Times.

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7.15	HEPBRON	11.40
7.28	KENNEDYVILLE	11.27
7.41	BLACK'S	11.14
7.54	LAMBSON'S	11.01
8.08	MASSEYS	10.47
8.22	DELANEY'S	10.32
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