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From the New York Mercury. TO THE DEPARTED YEAR. BY HARRY HARTLAND.

Farewell, thou poor, departed year!
To the grave thou art gone, Thy stern and cold December drear Has sung his last wind-song. Swiftly thy light-winged months have flown, Brightly thy sun hath o'er me shone; Farewell, farewell, departed year, Thy race is run, I still am here.

Swept from the world, another year! Gone as the life of man, Like it, my wild, varied career Is measured by a span.

Soon I'll be borne from earth away,

Borne from the world, this house of clay,

From all its joy, from all its care, Borne from this life, whither? where? Farewell, old year, thy life is o'er, Ere it seemed scarce begun; Thy days and months we'll know no more,

Forever, thy task's done. Yes, thou hast past from time away, But whither gone, oh! who can say? Though thou art gone, yet I remain, A traveller o'er this wide domain. January 1, 1859.

Selected Miscellany.

From the Unpublished Chronicle of a Traveller.

your last night's entertainment. Why such "And you expect to continue a repetition systematic boldness of robbery is allowed— of the same for the rest of your life?" rarely any interference of the Government hope to be always prepared." or State authorities—is one of those mystical matters which, among many others, so "And your fellow travellers," said I, "Nay," she replied, putting the weapon behind her; "you will be too hasty. Let Now was the all-important moment—the ers, but that such is the disagreeable truth "Once, Senor, an American and an we yield-let them open the door." to the capital of Mexico and thence through "And did the robbers fire back?" the interior of the country to the northward, "Yes, but fled immediately, and fortu- view. I met with several thrilling adventures, nately, injured none of our party." which I have recorded for the benefit of "As I should have expected," returned I cried, grasping her arm. whomsoever may take an interest therein, I, "You were not robbed on that occasion, "Hold!" she exclaimed, instantly pre- wrenched them from her.

etly, and suffer myself to be genteelly plun- "Holy saints defend us!" she exclaimed, have to spare." dered than to run the risk of having my "you are not in earnest, Senor?" throat cut for resistance, as I had somewhat "Seriously so, I assure you." boldly proclaimed it was my intention of doing. I thanked them for their advice, on us both." and replied that I would take the matter into serious consideration.

my companions from Vera Cruz took leave and you yourself have acknowledged that that they might know exactly in what man-discharged weapon. As it was I escaped, Will you ever learn, my dear, the of me, this being the end of their journey in firm resistance put them to flight for once." ner to conduct themselves and make their and entered the town of Puebla in triumph difference between real and exchangeable that direction; but there was one new pas"But there were numbers opposed to them, work sure without risk. By a simple strawhere, it is almost needless to add, a narvalue?"

Senorita Paula, as I subsequently ascerto some ten or a dozen shots, and my friends by accident, was the sign to show them that trappings for enough to indemnify me for what I had disposed of in the way of prestit." in works of fiction—tall, graceful, with a "Ah! Santa Maria! you will think bet- ing outwitted!" said I, bowing to la Senorita. passenger of the same diligencia, en route melting dark eyes—features as perfect as terrifies me!" ever came from the hands of the sculptor, "But not the idea of robbery?"

the road, instead of boldly asserting your ed to defend yourself if assailed?"

their just deserts. should before setting out, count the cost of to defend yourself?" I inquired. his journey; and as, of course, it is natural "If I had the means, Senor." in jeopardy. For instance in travelling from fire it?" contingency you speak of, he will then have a dozen times?" if he will look at the whole as the sum total charges out of six will explode, Senorita." | "Thank you, Senor! you are very kind?" | Christian.

lieve is, the Mexican mode of doing business, like this?" but does not tally with the preconceived I produced it. ideas of we foreigners."

every traveller through that wretched coun- Englishman, who were in the same diligentry can bear ample testimony. Some years cia with me, fired upon the robbers, killing one and wounding two."

ses of our journey—for your knights of the tion of things inside, and be able to signal- less have followed me in hot pursuit but for At Perote, I repeat, all who had been road understand retreat as well as advance— ize her associates as she passed along, so the wholesome dread they had of my still un-

and with an animation the most fascinating, "Because I have never met with violence."

mol of the intellectual possessor. A glance strain for some time longer-my fair com- the language of your country, all I have is never forgotten; and during the remainder. Christmas.-Hon. Edward Everett's seat her bewitching dark eyes showed me that panion gradually changing the subject, and yours." she was one who was naturally of social dis- seeming much interested in myself. I learn- The leader of the party bowed politely in ever had the honor of being my business Ledger is about Christmas. We give the position; and as we rattled away from the ed that her family name was Valerde, that return, and said with a grim smile: Terms of Subscription.—For one year, if paid gloomy town, I took the liberty of opening she was unmarried, that her father and broin advance or within six months, \$1.50; if not paid gloomy town, I took the liberty of opening she was unmarried, that her father and brother were officers in the army and so forth receive anything which so distinguished a "They tell me," said I, "that the route and so on; and in return I gave her my own traveller may have to bestow."

a square. If the number of insertions be not "There is a little to fear," she replied more communicative than I would advise me in possession of the whole state of affairs. marked on the advertisement, it will be published with a sweet smile, and in a melodious tone, any friend to be with any stranger of either. The diligencia had been stopped in a wild, from its columns: deduction made to those who advertise their busi- "except from the professional robbers, and sex in a strange country, ness by the year. The privilege of annual adverthey seldom harm any one who makes no As we continued our journey, the converted with the star

"It seems strange to me," I rejoined, another, Senorita Paula suddenly brought it accomplice of the robbers, or he might not; one. Communications, the effect of which is to pro- that you Mexicans should take such things back to the point where it first opened. but in either case, there was little hope of That the fact of certain birds making their from tongue to tongue, till it has compassed mote private or individual interests, are matters as a matter of course, and deem resistance from him—for any attempt of the nests in low grounds foretell a drought in the land and the sea, and returned to melt of charge, and are to be paid for at the rate of very impolite way of treating the knight of of the road," she said; "are you still resolv- kind would certainly bring upon him a se- the coming summer.

that so much is the fare by the diligencia, one of my revolvers, I explained to her the least favorable opportunity for sumption that they will be remembered, critical the birth of our Lord was repeated by and that so much will be required for enter- manner in which it was to be used. tainment on the way, and so much for the "And this, you say, will shoot some half "Will you accept this purse?" said I pro- That talking of the people, the dear peo- globe."

"Oh, no; it will then be too late."

gloomy town of Perote, without meeting I replied, looking forth from the vehicle. one of her most bewitching smiles, still however; another minute they might rally mong the justly distinguished historical ed the Captain in a style peculiar to offendwith any unusual incident, though being "Each stands on the spot where some one keeping one of my own weapons turned a- and turn upon me; and springing forward, characters of our country, and I have a still ed dignity when "a little in for it." "Are continually warned to be on my guard a- has met a violent death," she replied; "and gainst myself, and significantly pointing the I grasped the reins of a freed mustang, and greater aversion and disgust at the very idea you a responsible man?" "Generally acgainst the dangers of the road. At Perote, as we go along, I will call your attention to other to the door. "You will oblige us by vaulted into the saddle. One more glance of being reckoned among that numerous, counted so, I believe." "Are you a man where we halted for a relay and refreshthose which mark the places where the fostepping forth and giving yourself into the around me showed me the Senorita Paula vain class, that figure only in biographies.

of pistols?" "No, sir," said the Captain, care of these good gentlemen, who will see upon the body of the chief, her laughter I fear the public would hardly ascribe "I don't play that game." "Well," replied

beautiful Senorita Paula Valerde was a spy The next moment I was dashing away of history. It is time enough when a man remember his "affair of honor." "You would only bring certain death up- and accomplice of the ladrones. She had down the road, the half-rallied robbers pour- is dead, to write his history. Such are my entered the diligencia at Perote for no other ing after me a volley, but fortunately not feelings on the subject. "Say rather, I should lighten the expen- purpose than to ascertain the exact condi- touching their mark. They would doubt- I am, very respectfully, yours, &c., found to be a beautiful young lady, some twenty years of age.

Senor and you are only one.

But, fortunately, I have a couple of repoint where she knew the attack would be lion for the time.

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Had been lucky enough to be tied tical economist in petticoats. tagem she had obtained my arms, just at the rative of my exploit made me a hero and a This question was put to a husband who dat way."

ther were officers in the army, and so forth, receive anything which so distinguished a

vere punishment, sooner or later. I glanc- That the flesh of hogs killed during the By the feeble remnants of the ancient Syrian rights, and abating the evil by a manly spi- "With your permission, Senorita." ed up and down the road, where it wound "new moon" will swell in the pot, and if and Armenian churches, creeping to their rit of resistance. For myself, I must con- "I don't think it advisable," she replied, between dark, overshadowing trees, but dis- killed in the "old moon" will shrink. furtive matins amidst the unbelieving hosts sider it the most cowardly of proceedings "but still, if such is your intention, I think covered nothing to give me any hope. The That when the husks of Indian corn are of Islam, in the mountains of Kurdistan and for any respectable party to set out prepar- it no more than right that you should give robbers, some eight or ten in number, and thick and strong, the following winter will be Erzeroum; within the venerable cloisters ed to quietly gratify the cupidity of the me a chance to take a part in my defence, all well armed, were collected around me, a hard one. ing on their feet, holding their mustanges of an approaching epidemic. end peaks of Mount Sinai; in the gorgeous "Every traveller, Senor," she replied, "And have you really the nerve, after all, by the bridle. Looking upon my case as a That a low stage of water in springs and cathedrals of Moscow and Vienna, of Madrid

desperate one, so far as being plundered was streams late in autumn indicates a mild win- and Paris, and still imperial Rome; at the concerned, I still retained my presence of ter, and their fullness a severe one. he should value his life highly, it seems to "I have two pistols," said I; "if you will mind, and did not wholly despair. True, I That the extreme whiteness of the breast- western Europe and America; in the remote, of yielding tamely to this outrage was re- both of the bone and snow is white. defence and retaliation to the strongest test. adhered to if they are.

moved it from the bosom of my shirt, and when she thinks it time to set them adrift. Jesus Christ commenced his ministry, by "What a beautiful invention!" she observ- handed it to the gentleman on his left, who That the Atlantic Cable is the immediate Publius Lutulus, the Governor of Judah, to "But every one," replied the fair speak- ed, reaching over and taking it from my received it in the same polite manner.— precursor of the Millenium, any more than the Senate of Rome, Cæsar Emperor. It er, "should conform to the customs of the hand. Then extending her hands, one of "The diamond ring I trust you will retain as it is of a deluge. the revolvers in each, she continued: "Arm- a keepsake!"—I continued, drawing the That frost always appears in six weeks nor to write home any event of importance "And do you, then, go prepared for this ed like this, one might almost count himself jewel from my finger, and presenting it to from the first singing of the Katydids. | which transpired while he held office:

"Quick, Senorita," said I, extending my sent was about to touch her fingers, it slipped family of the owner.

them suppose we yield—let them suppose moment of life and death! All were in a A SENSIBLE LETTER ON BIOGRAPHIES.— him weep. A man for his surpassing beaumeasure off their guard; and one quick, fur- Some time since a biographer, desirous of ty, excelling the children of men." tive glance showed me that the girl still held laying before the American public an au-As I spoke, the door was suddenly thrown my weapons carelessly in one hand, with thentic biography of the Hon. John J. Crit- An Offended Gentleman.—As the evenopen, and three and four swarthy, heavily the other remaining extended for the prize. tenden, wrote to him asking his permission ing train of cars were on their way from Balbearded men presented themselves to my I lifted the box carefully: but as I raised to prepare and publish such a work. Mr. timore a few nights since, Conductor Showmyself I gave a wild starting yell; and as Crittenden declined the request in a letter, acre found an inebriated gentleman standing "Quick, Senorita, for the love of God!" the Senorita started back, I, with the quick- which we give with the exception of such on the platform of one of the cars, and swayness of lightning, seized both weapons, and parts as were of a purely personal character: ing to and fro after a dangerous fashion; and

Then turning to the robbers, who had col- for Mexico, where I arrived in safety, with- stance, my dear, I know your deep learn- plan or order, accomplishes, far more, and

of my stay in that country no pretty woman cond Mount Vernon paper in the New York confidante, or of getting possession of my opening passage:

sation gradually changing from one thing to a matter of course. He might also be an denote a wet month, and the contrary a dry that stood above his cradle, from region to

ladrones, and unprepared to treat them to since my risk of danger will be as great as part of them mounted and the others stand- That abundance of dead flies is a sure sign and war for fifteen centuries, on the rever-

me natural that he should pay a certain sum accept of one of them, it is at your service." had been outwitted, and disarmed, and now bone of a goose indicates that the winter will missions of our own continent, of the Pacific for positive safety, rather than put that life 'You are very kind, Senor-but can I stood singly between numbers; but the idea be cold, because, as conjecture, the color islands, and of the farthest East, on Satur-Vera Cruz to Mexico, if he will first reckon "With ease, Senorita," and producing pugnant to my very nature, and I resolved That the passage of resolves is no pre-churches, the song of the angels which haff-

> the myriads of his followers all round the ducing one that held several gold coins, and ple, will make a man a patriot, any more

bed by any one party more than another." replied; "and with such I can almost fancy polite bow, and chinked the money. | made in writing, any longer than a sick cords of Rome, when he deprived that city "That," I replied, "may be, and I be- we are safe. You have another, you say, "This diamond pin may prove acceptable man will recollect his promises after he gets of so many valuable manuscripts. It was to you, friend?" I added, as I quietly re- well, or that a hen remembers her chickens said to have been written at the time when

highway robbery? and have you no fear in safe against a host! You say this is fired a third. "I beg your pardon, Senores," I That if the first N. E. storm in autumn "Conscript Futhers: There appears in

roneous conduct.

of me, very solemnly assuring me that, if "Do you know," said I, "that I am rethat you are treated as a brave man should changed to grief, and some of the scattered much importance to, or take much interest the offended gentleman, "I shall challenge

"Indeed!" responded the lady." lected in a body, in front of the door of the out any further event worthy of note. ing and all your other virtues—that's your does the work with much greater ease to What became of the robbers and their real value. I know, also, that none of my mental and physical powers. Nor, as many warying in expression with every changing We continued to converse in a similar and make you some valuable presents? In the lesson taught me on that journey I have that's your exchangeable value. "Gentlemen, will you permit me to alight beautiful accomplice I never learned; but married friends would swap wives with me— suppose, is sameness and monotony connec-

"We have reached the season of the year when-with a little variation as to the pre-Pithy Sayings and Popular Delusions. | cise day, growing out of the difference be-The Newark Advertiser is pithy and pun- tween the old and new style-Christians of gent in the following articles which we copy day of their common Master. On Christmas day, beginning at Jerusalem in the gleomy place, and the driver was sitting That the horns of the new moon inclining church of the sepulchre of our Lord, the region, from communion to communion, and which have braved the storms of barbarism simpler altars of the Protestant church in day last, for the Catholic and Protestant:

the exact cost between the two points; and "I think it safe to calculate that five handing it to the chief of the ladrones. | than saying Lord, Lord, will make him a Description of our Saviour.—The Boston Journal says that the following epistle of his journey, he will not seem to be rob- "A very formidable weapon, indeed," she he said, as he took it in his hand, with a That a man will remember promises, not was taken by Napoleon from the public rewas the custom in those days for the Gover-

THE BEAUTIFUL DECOY.

It is well be sent the sent of highway robbery exists in every sent of highway robbery exists in every sent of highway robbery exists in every sent of the sent of t ery section of that miserably governed counties a year, and you certainly The words were scarcely uttered when her beautiful lady. I have here," I went on at tained by superstition, really prognostic or He is a man of stature somewhat tall and try; and that through a want of interference could not expect me to go prepared to resist finger pressed the trigger, and one of the the same time producing the article, "a very productive of pestilence and war, do yet comely, with a very ruddy countenance, such of the authorities this has grown up into an armed band! As to fear, I will not de-barrels was exploded with a sharp report. beautiful gold snuff box—set, as you per- "shake from their horrid hair" either des- as the beholder may both love and fear. such a regular and formidable shape that ny that I have my share of that; but, so A minute after, and while I was gently ceive with diamonds—will your ladyship tructive fire or frost, just as the ignorant His hair is the color of the filbert when fulevery traveller must be prepared to put his far, I have never met with any rough treat-chiding her, we heard a loud, quick tramp honor me by accepting this as a slight to-most dread one or the other.

| It is far, I have never met with any rough treat-chiding her, we heard a loud, quick tramp honor me by accepting this as a slight to-most dread one or the other. life at hazard at every stage or be provided ment, and of course I trust to the saints of horses, and several sharp, rapid exclamation with the saints of horses, and several sharp, rapid exc with a suitable contribution for cabbalerous that my fortune will ever be as propitious." tions. The next moment our conveyance me by your company and conversation?" no work or enterprize should be commenced. about his shoulders; in the middle of the del comino (the knights of the road,) who, "And have you really been robbed on was stopped suddenly, and we saw ourselves "You are a very gallant gentleman, Se- That an equinoctial storm accompanies the forehead is a seam or partition of long hair, in the event of finding you prepared and your journey back and forth?" I enquired. surrounded by some eight or ten mounted nor?" she laughed, taking the two revolvers passage of the sun across the Line in March after the manner of the Nazarites. His willing, will make their levy with a politeness only equaled by the smiling landlord are smiling landlord.

I reached the box towards her—but my and December.

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I reached the box towards her—but my and December. hand trembled a little—and just as the pre- tumn prognosticates the death of one of the ly red; his mouth and nose are exactly formhand; "quick! in Heaven's name! give me and fell between us.

These are all vulgar fallacies; some of thick, not of any great length, but forked. if not with the connivance, at least with "Who knows?" she replied. "At least I one of those weapons, for how is our time for "A thousand pardons, Sonorita, for awk- them only silly, while others are injurious, In reproving he is terrible, in admonishing. ed; his beared is of the color of his hair, and wardness!" I said, as I bent down to pick it because leading to false conclusions and er- courteous; in speaking very modest and wise; in proportion of body, well shaped. None

sential to the interests of the narrations themselves.

"We were not, Senor, but the two formulated and commence ming upon the work of a moment. The first shot, fortunately, stretched out the phy—because I did, before the date of your limited and commence ming upon the work of a moment. The first shot, fortunately, stretched out the phy—because I did, before the date of your limited. Tipsy gentleman said "No," with phy—because I did, before the date of your limited moments. senting one of my own revolvers to my head To wheel and commence firing upon the am to you for your offer, I cannot give you task of attempting to steady him. Capt. S. The first of the series occurred on the resistance; for in journeying back and forth, "Good God!" exclaimed I, perfectly aschief; the second took effect on the one nearletter, promise that permission to another, in by the conductor. After leaving the Reroute between Vera Cruz and the City of both were killed, separate and at different tounded; "our prisoner, did you say? It est to him; and by the time the third had whenever, I could bring myself to consent in by the conductor. After leaving the Re-Mexico. In the regular diligencia running both were killed, separate and at different tounded; "our prisoner, and you say: It est to fine, and by the times, near the same spot. You see those been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there arose one sible that one so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission, there are so fair and lovely as been sent on its mission. beautiful city of Julapa, and entered the here they seem to be much more numerous," 'It is even so, Senor," she replied, with tion. I had no disposition to follow them, inclination to appear to assume a place a-There seemed to be no help for it—the bitterly; "he laughs best who laughs last."

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"Sambo, suppose dar is six chickens in the coop, and the man sells three, how many is there left?"

"What time of the day was it?" "What hab dat to do wid it?" "A good deal; if 'twas after dark, dere would be none left; dat is, if you happened

had been lucky enough to be tied to a poli- "Look here, nigga, stop them personalities or I'll shove a brick at dat coffee-colored

> Systematic Farming.—Systematic labor ted therewith.