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Get Thee to a Nunnery

(The Khan in Toronto Star.)
One by one the sad days falter,
The lengthening nights prevail,
With pliant knees before the golden altar
The old year takes the veil.
The number of her lovers dwindle, dwindle—
Ah, once they did a lore!
Their torch-tipped tongues with yearning
love shall kindle
Her aching heart no more.
Dear God! how sweet she was, how tender,
tender;
How strong, superb; how frail!
Today, robed in her flowing, faded splendor,
She goes to take the veil.
The song at last is ended, it is ended,
And thus her story runs:
She enters in the convent chill but splendid
To join the other nuns.

And in the gardens—oh such gardens, gar-
dens!
Such chambers wide and deep!
And on the wall an armoured angel warden
The drawbridge and the keep.
They, listening, hear outside the portals,
portals,
That stand with stress and strain.
The wailing voices of poor, pleading mortals:
"Come back to us again."

How vain is all their pleading, is their plead-
ing!
How foolish and how vain!
For this pale nun (oh wearily) receding,
Cannot return again.

But she may send a sister, a sweet sister,
To come on New Year's Day,
And when the Christmas Child hath blessed
and kissed her,
Ah, then together they

Shall lead and we will follow, after, after,
To find the golden shore,
The new sweet year shall know more joy and
laughter
Than all that went before!

THE VERSE YOU WRITE

The verse you write
You say is written,
All rules despite,
But not despiten.
The gas you light
Is never litten.

The things you drink
Were doubtless drunk;
The boy you spank
Is never spunk.
A friend you thank
But never thank.

Suppose you speak
Then you have spoken;
But if you sneek
You have not spoken.
The shoes that squeak
Have never spoken.

A dog will bite,
Likewise has bitten
But not his mitten.
You fly your kite,
But not your kitten.

—Harper's Monthly.

A New Year Beckons

Once again we have come to a turn in the
road, writes Graham Hood, in the New
York 'Globe.' Once again we have entered
upon that season in which our books must
be balanced that we may see whether the
twelve months that have passed have profited
us or brought us loss. Once again we are
called upon to look back over our record for
the year, that we may recall its lessons and
from them gain more strength of purpose to
follow the path down which the new year
beckons. If the old year is a record of vic-
tries, this is the time that we should re-
view them that from them we may gain the
inspiration that we need to help us in the
days of battle that are awaiting us. If, in-
stead, the old year has been filled with
defeats and mistakes—errors that have cost
us dearly, and blunders that have brought
sorry upon us—this is the time when we
should, once and for all, make up our minds
to profit by them.

For many of us the old year has been a
sorry one, but the old year is dying now. At
most before we realize the fact the new year
will be smiling in at the window in the
morning, and it will be up to us to gird up
our loins in preparation for another year's
experiences. Fortunately, however, the de-
feats we may have suffered need not discour-
age us, for, no matter what may have hap-
pened in the past, the new year brings new
opportunities and it depends upon us whether
we take advantage of them or not.

There is infinite encouragement—invaluable
inspiration—in the fact that the new
year is a new year in every sense of the word.
It is true of course, that every day is a new
day—that, in fact, every hour is a new hour—
but at any moment in our lives we have
the power to set our feet down firmly and
say, 'So far have I gone, but I will go no
further on this wrong road down which I
have been travelling.' We have, for some
time, made this decision any day, but, for
some reason or other, we seem to need just
such psychological moments as New Year's Day
to bring us to our senses and make us see what
a series of mistakes we have been making.

Humorists find great delight in this trait
in human nature—the disposition to turn
over a new leaf at the beginning of each new
year. Undoubtedly, in some respects, there
is a grain of humor in the situation, but the
comic side should not make us forget the
serious side of the matter. The habit of
retrospection, when we indulge in it to ex-
cess, is rather injurious than otherwise, but
once in a while retrospection is good for the
soul, just as it is a good idea for a business
man to balance his books. It is the only
way in which we can discover just how we
stand.

At the same time, all the retrospection of
which we are capable would do us no good if
we do not make up our minds to profit by it.
Of what use would a balance be to a business
man if he did not make the information re-
corded to his benefit? If he finds that the
balance is on the wrong side of the ledger,
and yet make no effort to correct the meth-
ods that have resulted so disastrously, the
knowledge of the fact that he was losing in-
stead of making money would do him no
good.

In this respect the individual stands in a
far better position than the business man.
It is not so easy for the business man to

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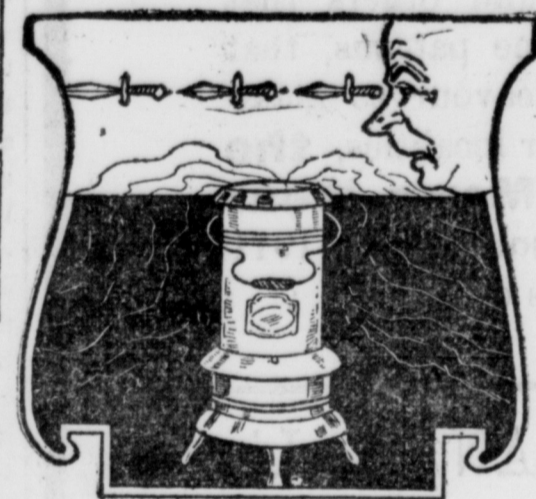
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WHOLESALE BRIBERY.

What looks like a determined effort to put
a stop to bribery in elections is mentioned
in the journal of the German Geographical
Society, by Professor Wilhelm Steyer, that
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The present House of Representatives at
Washington contains 391 members. As the
census has just been taken, a reapportion-
ment will be necessary, and it is expected
this will result in an increase of membership
to 435—one member to every 211,700 of
population. If this programme should be
carried out, the representation of no state
will be reduced. But it is by no means cer-
tain it will be carried out. The democrats,
are coming into power in the Lower House,
and they may prevent any plan of re-appor-
tionment being adopted until the next ses-
sion of Congress.—St John Globe.

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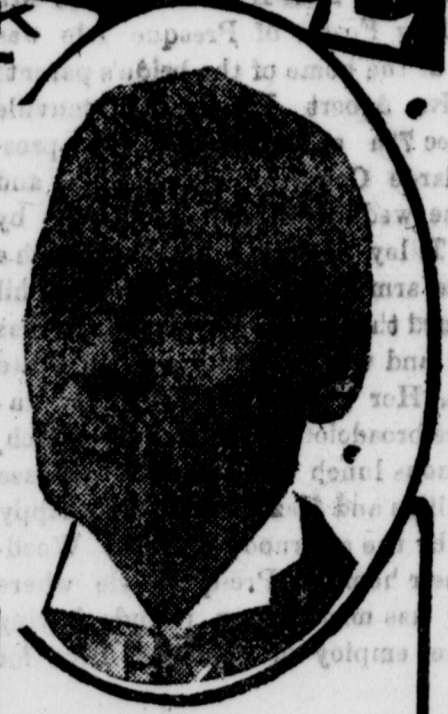
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