tell you, no, no!" man, with a big voice and a very emphatic way of using it, and it away from the awful sounds of the speech, explanatory of the various good qualities of Carl Fairlie, and could no more have spoken it, in the echoing reverberations of those awful monosyllables, than she could have recited the Greek alphabet. So she turned red and white and fled away from her garden. father's wrath, into the more sympathetic atmosphere of her mother's room.

"Dear me," said' Mrs. Benner, looking over the top of her gold spectacles, "what is the matter?" "Oh mother," sobbed Maggie, "I am very miserable, and Carl will feel so bad! Oh, why is father so

prejudiced?" Mrs. Benner took Maggie's little golden head into her metherly lap. "My dear," said Mrs. Benner.

"your father's a man." Volumes could not have expressed more subtle philosophy than this one curt speech.

come right in time.'

said Maggie. "If you could only have heard him!" Benner, "we must just take the matter in our own hands."

"Mamma, you wouldn't-" "Yes, I would," said Mrs. Benner, stoutly. "I'd slip away to Aunt Frazee's some night, and get married quietly."

in Mrs. Benner's sunshiny heart. Carl Fairlie.

Then Maggie took heart of hope, and told her mother how Carl had very same thing; and they discussed plans, preliminaries and possicreatures.

Mrs. Benner was the first to recover her presence of mind. She rose and went to the door. A tall female, dressed in black and closely veiled, was there.

"Is Squire Benner at home?" "Well, yes; I believe he's in the

Mrs. Benner was nearly distracted with the utter uselessness of her efforts to peep round the cortall figure. "Who shall I say wants to see phically into his office.

Baffled once more, Mrs. Benner from his mind and went calmly to sleep behind the newspaper. slowly led the client to her hus- sleep behind the newspaper. she closed the door, in hopes that only a wilderness of stars that one of the stiff office chairs, opposite the stout squire, in total down to the lilac hedge where to Maggie.

"It's very strange," she said, "I wonder who she can possibly be?" incognita depart.

the expiration of two mortal hours, Squire Benner came out of his rolled, the wheels muffled in the controversy as to the proper before some one of them. It will "Why, what has become of that woman?" asked his wife in surprise.

"She has gone." "I did not see her go."

garden gate."

"Who was she; and what did she want?"

business," said the squire dryly. the seat, shyer than ever. Mrs. Benner colored and bit her lips—this atmosphere of mystery scarcely vanished down the turndid not please her! "I am glad Carl Fairlie is not a carriage drove slowly and softly in-

yer for a husband!"

husband's mysterious client that night; and mixing her oddly up with the contemplated elepement, fancied she rushed in just in time to see the fat squire standing before the alter rails with the tall, veiled woman. She woke with a scream, and found herself clutching her husband's arm with both hands.

"Well, of all restless creatures, I do think you're the most restless There, there, don't pinch so !" said the squire, soothingly. "I knew you'd have the nightmare if you ate that lobster for supper."

Mrs. Benner groaned slightly; it wasn't the lobster, it was the other side. tall woman with the black veil.

"Mother, what's that on the

rected in a woman's handwriting," his companion. said Mrs. Benner, compressing her lips firmly.

pondents, mether."

matters seem to be different now, I malicious enchanter's wand.

But Maggie felt herself under no

"Who is it from, father?"

drawer, before he answered; "From a client."

And Maggie departed, pouting. "It's from that woman with the There's some mistake!" Now Squire Benner was a big veil you may depend, my dear," said Mrs. Benner.

was no wonder that Maggie, his larger than a midge's wing," says every bone in your body." little blue-eyed daughter, shrunk the old proverb, and so it proved in The driver, wiser in his gener-Mrs. Benner's case. She had been ation than Mr. Fairlie obeyed the negative. She had conned a small married 25 years and never knew bigger voice of the two, and made a domestic grief heavier than straight for the dilapidated old burned puddings. Now the veiled country place Squire Benner had an expression of her own unalter- woman had expanded into a vast mentioned able devotion to him; but she cloud which shut out all the sunshine of her life.

hands and downcast eyes, thinking, appear like a misunderstanding all when her mother came in from the | round."

look! What is the matter?" "Matter! He's down there at

"Who, mother? Carl?" "Carl! No; your father!" Maggie stood abashed.

time to hear him say, "I will be they would be down on him like a "He's a man," said the plump I't must be soon, and it had better the appointment for to-night and I rich; and he has forgotten that like a ghost, and I had to run, for, you?"

when he married me we had \$45 as ill luck would have it, your between us! Just wait; it will all father stumbled right into the very path where I was hiding. Now, "Oh, no, mother, it never will," what do you think of your father's

In vain Maggie endeavored to teeth, and wondering how soothe her mother; Mrs. Benner retired to her apartment in such There was a vein of romance still low spirits, that she had not even courage to tell her that she and and she sympathized in the unto- Carl had settled on the very next ward loves of her daughter and evening for their elopement, and that Carl was to have a carriage in the lane at the foot of the garden at 9 o'clock precisely! Poor had the audacity to propose the Maggie! it was hard not to have one single confidante!

The squire slept like a top that night-if tops do sleep soundly, bilities in a low murmur of voices, night—if tops do sleep soundly, woman would not let me go until until a sharp knock at the door which is the general fallacy—and my father came for me, and—" made them both start like guilty Mrs. Benner lay awake and listened to his stertorous breathing.

Maggie was unusually nervous the next day; she turned pale if one did but look at her, and there were unshed tears perpetually making her blue eyes more luminous, as she moved softly about her household duties. Mrs. Benner sat little office. Do you want to see in a corner, with her lips screwed together, as she grimly stitchedthe button-holes in her husband's new shirts. The squire thought his womankind unusually "queer," but after one or two efforts at sociabiliner of the veil or to identify the ty had been repelled, he took the newspaper and retreated philoso-

"Tantrums" said the squire "No name. I will go directly to laconically to himself. They'll his office, if you will show me the come round when they get ready."

band's office, lingering a little ere | There was no moon that night some name would be spoken. But glowed like dots of gold in the the mysterious female sat down on purple sky, when Maggie Benner silence; and Mrs. Benner returned the little gate admitted you into the lane outside.

Was Carl as punctual as she?

Yes, the carriage was there, And she moved her chair up by darkly outlined against the side of the window, that she might see the | the hedge, the driver half asleep on his box, and the horses impatiently Once again, however, she was pawing up the green turf. Silently beginning of the year could not by the depravity of your fellow doomed to be disappointed. At the door swung oben-silently be written without some reference men, resolve to stop thinking about

velvet softness of the turf. seat with beating heart, and eyes belong to the nineteenth century eyes. that could see nothing in the thick or to the twentieth? A little darkness of the close carriage, thought it very strange that Carl "She went out of the back did not recieve her with something like a lover's welcome.

"I suppose he dares not until we are safe out of call and hearing," "She came on strictly private she thought, and nestled back on

The wheels of this equipage had pike road, when another closed lawyer," she thought, mentally re- to the lane, close under the boughs. joicing that she, too, had her little of the nodding lilac hedge, and Mr bit of secrecy, that the squire Fairlie sprang out and noiselessly would have been raving only opened the wicket gate. In the to suspect! "Anything but a law- gloom of the shruberies he could just discern a figure wrapped in a Mrs. Benner dreamed of her black cloak waiting close by the

"Come, then, there is not an in-

step made asthe mantled figure en- living to-day. His suggestion was tered it! Truly, vaniety might be light, thought the astounded Carl, but love was not!

"Drive on," said he, in a low voice, and once more the soft grass buried all obnoxious sound, as the coachman whipped out of the lane into the high road; then Mr. Carl, abandoning the solitude of the back seat, promptly changed to the

To his surprise he found considerable difficulty, as his companion should agree on one date for it. handfuls of beans are thrown about mantel?" said Maggie the next occupied fully two-thirds of the forenoon. "A letter. Is it for seat, and showed no intention of making way. He gently put out "It's for your father, and it's di- his hand and secured the palm of

By all the probabilities! If that "But father has no lady corres- fearfully of late. He dropped it was Maggie's hand it had swelled again with a bewildered feeling, as

ed the letter up in his private distinctness on Carl's mind; he had contains 384 days. In both it is this paste.—Exchange.

pulled the strap vehemently. "Driver!" he cried, "stop!"

"So you thought I was Maggie. eh?" said the squire; "and Maggie was sitting in the twi- thought you were Betsey Higgins' light, that evening, with clasped old housekeeper. Well, it would

Carl did not answer; his vex-"Why, mother, how flushed you ation and mortification were too acute too admit of any escapevalve through speech. To be

drove on in silence.

"See here, young man," said the squire, rousing up as they approached the dimly lighted window "Yes, it's the squire, and talking of "The Oaks," "I am going to to heart, "The one serviceable, to that—that creature in the black | confide in you. My errand here is | safe, remunerative quality in every dress and veil, for all the world one of the strictest secrecy. Did like a galvanized nun. I heard the nephews and neices of old their voices, and stole along under | Martin knew that he intended, on the hedges, but I was only just in his dying bed, to alter his will, ready to go with you at any time brood of harpies. His housekeepyou come for me." And said she. er has been twice to see me about

"You can," said Carl, sullenly. to the disappointed lover who had do it." been cheated out of Maggie?

On the doorstep of "The Oaks," could ever have Squire Benner for Maggie. Suddenly a shadow obscured the

doorway. A light hand fell on his stances.

"Oh. Carl! Carl!" "Maggie, how came you here?" "I got into the wrong carriage, Carl—one sent by Mr. Martin for my father-and I never discovered | fashioned woman who knit wristmy mistake until I was almost at lets for presents? the door; and—and the horrid old | The husband has one consolation

carriage; we'll be married yet." He half led, half lifted her into the cent.

equippage in front of "The Oaks." | the year. far from midnight, he found Mrs. ed by a relapse, it is better than a land shipped yesterday to Neguac It is to be used chain of habit with unbroken links. well known shop at Chatham on Tuesday afternoon and shipped yesterday to Neguac It is to be used in a goose-shooter's camp at Tabusintac and for that purpose as well as for heating and cooking in short of the whole story, including a not very complimentary description of the old housekeeper, could console her wounded feelings.

young once ourselves."

"Mag is all I've got." York News.

Proper Beginning and End of a Cen-

tury. The Christian Era.

Of course an article about the But Maggie sitting on a front other words, will the year 1900 though will give a clear answer to that question. The first year of the Christian era is known in history as the year 1 and not as the year 0. Therefore the first century began with the year I and ended with the year 100. The second century began with the year 101 and ended with the year 200. The nineteenth century began with the year 1801 and will end on Dec. 31, 1900. And therefore the twentieth century will begin on Jan. 1, 1901. This is said by somebody at the beginning of every year, but there a need of saying it.

Speaking of the Christian era, it than good resolves always. may be well to say that it was not in use for a long time after the birth of Christ. It was suggested "Are you ready?" he whispered. in the sixth century by a monk named Denys, surnamed the Little, who lived in Rome and who, it may be observed, would go by the What a cracking the carriage name of Dennis Little if he were not adopted until the year 800 and then by order of Charlemagne after his coronation. But in the calculations of Denys adopted at this time there was an error of four probably the year 1900. It is World. manifestly impossible to correct

the error now, and besides it is not a matter of any real importance when our era began, the main thing being that every one Besides the civil year and the the rooms and over the threshold solar year there are the lunar year to exorcise evil spirits who may be and the ecclesiastical year.

taken in the wrong passenger! He sometimes made a day more and sometimes a day less in order that certain festivals may fall on proper days of the week. The Moham-"Driver!" roared Squire Benner, medan era is dated from the flight "go straight on to 'The Oaks,' on (hegira) of Mohammed from Mecca "The mother of mischief is no the Hartford road, or I'll break to Medina, which was in the night of Thursday, July 15, A. D. 622.-

Sentiments of Famous Men.

New York Tribune.

Here are a few wise sayings: When Peter Cooper was asked at an advanced age how he had accomplished so much and had preserved his strength of body and mind so well, he said, "I always find something to keep me busy." A. Bronson Alcott crystallized a

mount to heaven mostly on the the foot of the garden now-that's thwarted, and now! So they ruins of our cherished schemes, ment that every young man who desires success will do well to lay

> John Wesley showed how foolish it is for men who hope to win to spened their time in fretting when he said, "I dare no more fret than I dare curse and swear."

matron, "and Carl Fairlie is poor, and somebody else we know of is seen.' And then she stalked away or even who she was. Can I trust how he managed to achieve so many and such diverse things in the County of Gloucester aforesaid, of the first part or even who she was. Can I trust such brief times as he required Northumberland aforesaid merchant of the second part, recorded the fourth day of September A. D for accomplishment, said, "When

> acter is sure to win success was squire's running off with another woman at his mature age was altogether too much for her equational gether too much for her equation and down in front of the gether too much for her equatio he his environment in these words, late Fabien Poulin bearing date in about the fifteenth mistaken "Though charactor is formed by quantity of land that may be found by actual circumstances, our own desires can do much to shape these circum-

> > New Year's Gifts.

What has become of the old-

woman would not let me go until as he pays his bills-the wind has been tempered to the shorn. "Maggie," said Carl, "its's not If you would have your sweettoo late, even now. Jump into the heart remember you forever, send her a present that costs only a

carriage, whispered a few directions | New Year's would be more to the bewiidered driver, and the thoroughly enjoyed if it didn't next moment there was only one always come at the busiest time of

When the squire came home not Even if "swearing off" is follow- the first sample of which was put together at his well known shop at Chatham on Tuesday afternoon

And then the squire told her of cause of discomfort during the form adopted in the bottom, it will burn eithe the contretemps that had occurred coming year, make a resolution not It may also be fitted to burn coal There is a draft to Maggie and Carl, with many a burst of laughter.

"But they proved too much for made a hot day cooler or a cold to made a hot day cooler or a cold to made a hot day cooler or a cold to made a hot day cooler or a cold to made a hot day cooler or a cold to made a hot day cooler or a cold to made a hot day cooler or a cold to made a hot day cooler or a cold to made a hot day cooler or a cold to made a hot day cooler or a cold to made a hot day cooler or a cold to make the formulation in the may also be litted to burn coal There is a draft for forcing the fire and a damper for lessening the heat at will The top has two pot-holes and these may, by the removal of the dividing centre-piece, which is of the usual form, be converted into an oblight of the dividing centre-piece, which is of the usual form, be converted into an oblight of the dividing centre-piece, which is of the usual form, be converted into an oblight of the dividing centre-piece, which is of the usual form, be converted into an oblight of the dividing centre-piece, which is of the usual form, be converted into an oblight of the dividing centre-piece, which is of the usual form, be converted into an oblight of the dividing centre-piece, which is of the usual form, be converted into an oblight of the dividing centre-piece, which is of the usual form, be converted into an oblight of the dividing centre-piece, which is of the usual form, be converted into an oblight of the dividing centre-piece, which is of the usual form. me after all," he concluded, "for dry warmer; but on the other requirement that is more than local, and the cost,

"And you won't be hard upon them, father," said Mrs. Benner, band good natured, resolve to help him to have his own way invari
during the coming winter, as well as sportsmen and gunners who want to be comfortable and, at the same time, have a stove on which they can do quite a range of cooking to place their orders with him, as early as possible. ably. He probably will anyhow, "No, I'll not be hard on them," and the adoption and carrying out said the squire, good-humoredly. of this resolution will save a whole lot of trouble.

And Maggie never had any cause If your wife has got in the habit to regret her elopment.-New of asking you for money every day, resolve to make her a regular allowance and then keep your resolution. You'll be as much surprised by the result as she will be by the resolu-

ginning and end of a century. In amaze you to see how quickly the world at large will improve in your

If the new year finds you clean discouraged because of a lack of progress in 1895, review the 12 months carefully and see if wasted time has not been at the bottom of your failures. If it has, resolve to make the minutes count in 1896. A year is made up of minutes, and you cannot well fail to advance between New Year's days if you make every minute count.

If you have had hard work keeping your New Year's resolutions in the past, resolve this year to make none and to conduct yourself in seems always to be just as urgent such a way that none will be necessary. Good practice is better

Queer Welsh Beliefs. In many parts of Wales to see one's shadow in the moonlight upon New Year's eve is believed to be an infallible sign that the person seeing it will die before the expiration of the coming New Year, and there is also a popular superstition that if an unmarried woman should see her face reflected in water on New Year's eve it is an infallible sign that she years, which is perpetuated in our destined to live and die in a state present date, the year 1896 being of single blessedness.—New York

Japanese New Year's Customs.

On New Year's eve in Japan

The lunar year consists of 12 Before the new year the merlunar months, or 354 days, and is chants endeavor to get in all the in use among the Jews and Mo- money that is owed to them and hammedans. The ecclesiastical to pay or settle their own debts. calendar is luni-solar, being regu- As a consequence many things can "He never has had any, but if he were under the spell of some by the lunar year. The Hebrew of the year, for ready money is the shall ask no more questions," said "Maggie," he said, in a low, which is considered to have taken trays of something looking like tremulous voice. "Moggie my love!" place 3,760 years and 3 months white worms go through the streets Dunlap, McKim & Downs, "What the mischief are you talk- before the Christian era. The crying, "Soba, soba!" the Japanese such restraint, and so, when she carried the epistle to her father in the voice of Squire Benner's self.

Sign off the control of the control "There's no Maggie here! Who each of which has 29 or 30 days. icacy with the coolies and jinriksha are you and what do you mean by The first year is called ordinary men. For their little customers The squire broke the seal, making such a fool of yourself?"

glanced over the contents and lockThe truth flashed in unwelcome other year is called embolismic and of devils, gods and animals from

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