NEW YEAR THOUGHTS.

What the Day Has Been and is Now.

New Year's day, though not January 1, always has been celebrated religiously or socially from time immemorial. The ancient Romans consecrated it to Janus. whe, it was thought, controlled all beginnings and made sacrifices to him. They exchanged gracious greetings and wishes and gave presents to friend and kindred. the church condemned its social observa-1 us and turned it into a religious festival. The Hebrews, the Chinese and other people, pagans and non-pagans, regard it country would be when fair wages could superstiticusly, attaching the utmost importance to its celebration.

We Canadians in the last quarter of the mineteenth century are supposed to be wholly free from superstition. But are we? Not a few of us still imagine that there is something suspicious in New Year's day; that as we begin the year we may so close it. We are solicitious, there. fore, to resolve to relinquish bad habits But inasmuch as all working-men are not then, under the impression that we shall ill every year, this average does not fairly relinquish them altogether. In other words, we determine on that day to turn over a new leaf, as we have probably de- dividually for ten days to six months there can be no mistake. If you are ailtermined for many previous years, and there our determination and reformation end. This is exactly the way the old Romans acted more than 20 centuries since which proves that we have not advanced Mr. George Lagdon says, "I had to give Cure and your pains and aches will be much in reasonableness, despite our assumptions to the con rary. It is a problem whether men who continue in mature life to vield to their weakness or fail to rectify their faults are capable of correct- and was always strong and well up to certain of a cure if you take the remedy ing themselves. Whether capable or incapable, they rarely do so. Their good He felt tired, not as from work, but as fessor Munyon, 11 and 13 Albert St., Torresolutions seldom bear fruit. They ter- from power gone out of him through onto, will be answered, with free medical Ininate, for the most part, in words, in some bodily failure. He sat down advice for any disease. promises to themselves, in mockeries of performance. What a man is at 40 he is There was a nasty copper-like taste in his apt to remain. No amount of New Year's | mouth, his teeth and tongue were covered

virtuous endeavor. Jan. 1 dawns bright-

ly to the mind, but the succeeding days

Nevertheless its recurrence must ever be

pleasant. If it does not bring accomplish-

ment, it at least brings hope and hope

our duties. Then welcome New Year's.

We dearly love to think that the cares

and troubles of the old year, which so

largely spring from our temperament, will

not invade the new one.

Originally New Year's was intended not for a universal, miscellaneous calling day, without motive or propriety, into which it ultimately degenerated. It was intended for a day when men who had been prevented during the year by business or any condition of circumstances from keeping up their friendship or acquaintance with women they liked or esteemed should traveller returns. make social atonement for apparent neglect and renew their pleasant relations. of hope. At this time my sister-in-law The idea was excellent and commendable, got from Mr. Linsells (Stebbing) a medigrew to be such a Baby on the calls were agreeable, of en delightful, to makers and receivers But the city became too hig. and the community that assumed to represent society in some manner, more or less remote, became too heterogeneous. The and women thought only of the num er of calls, ignoring quality for quantity, and sometimes the scene indoors and outdoors

the license prevalent, refused to "receive" any longer. The smart set who had long believed calling too "common"-they it is not. We have talked plain English, declared, with their pretense of superiority. that it had grown vulgar-set them selves and their influence firmly against it. They refused to see visitors on that day and soon after shut up their houses and fl d to the country, thus setting the seal of fashion on their last decision, which dawn speedily met with social approval. The fact was that respectable folk had got tired of the extreme to which calling had been carried, and the coarse, objectionable class could not sustain it alone. So the weather. whole thing fell to pieces here, and there is no probability of its reconstruction in the immediate future.

The custom extended long ago to other cities, and is still followed. But as the metropolis makes the mode its duration is doubtful. New Year's is vet a holiday -holidays are always wholesome-and business of all kinds is suspended. Sons, husbands, fathers, now stay at home, instead of racing about town, tiring and boring themselves to little purpose, and they are gainers along with their families, by the change New Year's in its old guise I as passed away. But New Year's with its quiet done-stic accompaniments has come to remain. The world moves, And New Year's is still New Year's, with its sense of freshness, repose and recovered

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The best condition of things for any be earned straight along, without loss or deduction for any reason. But in the present aspect of human affairs this is impossible. Whose fault it is we cannot

One source of loss, however, is plain enough, and some remedy for it ought to be found. In England and Wales every working man averages ten days of illness per year, making the total loss of wages from this cause about £16,000,000 a year. We are talking of the average, you see each. No charity, no saving, no income | ing read Munyon's Guide to Health; it of the pain and the misery.

up my work." How this came to pass he gone in a few days. If you have stomach White House Road, Stebbing, near Dun or a cold or a cough, the Cold Cure or mow, August 24, 1892. He had no inherit. the Cough Cure, and so on. No matter ed disease or weakness, so far as he knew, what the disease you can be absolutely April of that year-1888. Then his recommended in the "Guide." Where strength and energy began to leave him. you are in doubt, a personal letter to Proto his meals, but not with AT ALL DRUGGISTS-25c A BOTTLE his old eagerness and relish. resolves will help him who is not full of with slime, and his throat clogged with a kind of thick phlegm, difficult to "hawk up " and eject.

He also speaks of a nagging pain in the conclude dismally as to achievement. stomach, flatulency, and much palpitation of the heart as having been among his symptoms. As the ailment-whatever it was-progressed he began to have a hacking cough which, he says, seemed as if nerves us to bear our burdens, to discharge it must shake him to pieces. He could scarcely sleep on account of it. One (f the most alarming features of his illnes-, however, were the night sweats, for the reason that they showed the existence of a source of weakness which must soon unless arrested, end in total prostration. In fact he was obliged to give up his work altogether. To him-as to any once active man-this was like being buried alive.

One doctor whom Mr. Lagdon consulted, said he was consumptive, and it did indeed look that way. "For twelve weeks," he says, "1 went on like this, getting weaker and weaker, and having reason to believe that it would end in my taking that one journey from which no

"It was now July-summer time, when life to the healthy is so pleasant and full as was the custom and before this city cine that I bad not tried yet. After having used one bottle I felt better, and when had us d the second I was cared, and have not lost an hour's work since."

The reader will notice that between the date of his taking this medicine and the date of his letter there is an interval of four years. We may, therefore infer that his cure was real and permanent. custom was grossly abused. Many men The medicine, by the way, was Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup. It is not likely he will forget its name nor what it did for him. His disease was indigestion and dyspepsia, the deadly enemy of every waxed disreputable from overindulgence. laboring man or woman under the sun, The better sort of people, repelled by no matter what they work at or work with-hands, brains, or both.

> Is it necessary to draw a "moral"schoolbook style-from these facts? No and that is enough.

It Has Been Denied

That the heart is on the left side. That William Tell ever existed. That the darkest hour is just before the

That a man has one rib more in his Diamond Dyes." right side than his left or that he has one less than a woman.

That a dead body being carried across land constitutes a right of way thereafter That things seen through a window

pane are not legal testimony. boy to blow a horn in a tree-top to frighten an audience and make them think refuse all substitutes.

the judgment day had just arrived. That Spurgeon once told his congregation that on his way home that evening he was going to smoke a cigar to the glory of

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of the stories popularly attributed to him.

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Professor-'Say, Anna, couldn't we just as well postpone our silver wedding and celebrate it at the same time as th golden wedding? I don't like to be ir terrupted in my work so often.'

'You say that your boy possesses phenomenal talent for music-what par ticular instrument is he being taught 'Oh, he's far above that; he's taking les sons from Signor Bevivilli in conducting.'

Mrs. W .- 'Jenkinson, here's an item in the paper about some town adopting a curfew ordinance. What does curfew mean?' W .- 'It means that there's got to be fewer curs. It's a sort of dog law.' -Chicago Tribune.

The Groom-'Now, Jennie, dear, which would you prefer, to dine quietly here where it is cheap and have plenty to eat, or go up to the Swelldorf and have a bite and see lots of people? It'll cost just the same.'-Harper's Bazar.

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