Poetry.

THE CHRISTMAS BELLS. Ring, Christmas bells, ring loud and clear, Proclaim the joyful news to men, That Jesus Christ, the Saviour dear

"Is born this day in Bethlehem." Ring, Christmas bells, softly, and low, Nor let your sweetest music cease, Till everywhere the people know

This new-born babe's the Prince of peace. Ring, Christmas bells, in tender tones Proclaim again God's wondrous love ; The tidings bear to distant zones, "Good will to man!" from Heaven above.

Ring, Christmas bells, your cheerful notes Again awake our songs of praise; While o'er the earth your music floats, Our hearts in thankfulness we'll raise.

Ring fast, ring slow, ring loud, Ring, Christmas bells, ring everywhere, Calling all to the house of God, To bow their hearts in humble prayer

And there in reverence gladly give Thanks to the Lord, his praises sing. Twas he who died that we may live, Then let us Crown him Saviour-King.

THE MAIDEN AND THE YEAR. A funny little maiden, who had heard her mother he said to himself, "I can bear it, it does not real-

That in the night, at twelve o'clock, the Old Year went away. Concluded not to go to sleep, and she perhaps might The very first in all the world the baby year to see! had formerly been.

She laid a plan out in her mind, what would be best to do, And thought she'd try and count the stars that lined the whole sky through,

skipping some, And then, when she had finished quite, the little year might come.

She watched them twinkling as they shone, through window near her bed, And wondered how God's arms could reach to light | sleds. them all o'erhead,

And if the moon their mother was, and, when she went away, If some of them (the tiniest) were not afraid to

It tired her head to count and count and see se many there, The while she listened breathlessly for voices in the

But not a sound disturbed the night, no pinions And yet (how strange it was so still !) the glad New Year was night.

"Good-night, dear year," the darling said, "() and met the three little brothers sliding, three happy year, good-night! I think I'll close my eyes just once, to rest them for | - Charlie on his sled "Rover," and Johnny on his the light.' And then, -if some one breathed a sigh, so softly they passed. But where was Jimmy, the gold-dol-

sleeping here, lar boy? He was on behind Johnny, holding tight Perhaps it was the little maid, perhaps it was the upon his coat, just able to keep his scat. He, too, Year! tiest face and the pleasantest smile of the whole.

-By Cara, in December Wide Awake.

The fireside.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Day was breaking, and the bells were ringing most merrily when Arthur opened his eyes. "New Year's Day, I do believe! It is jolly

here goes to be first !" That was what he thought; and he sprang out of bed, and only staying partially to dress himself, he ran across the passage and knocked at his mother's door.

"Mamma, mamma, I wish you a happy New Year. And, papa, the same to you. A happy New Year and many of them." Then he listened for the answer, and it came through the door.

"Thank you, Art.; I hope it will be very happy to you also," said his father.

But his mother said something that brought the color to the boy's face. "Thank you, Arthur, dear, for your kind

wishes. My New Year will be very much what my boy makes it for me."

Now perhaps no one would quite like to be told such a thing as that. It is putting too great a responsibility upon him for his comfort; and yet it is quite true. The years are to our friends and parents very much what we make them; and if we choose to be careless, selfish, and forgetful, they will be sad; while, on the other hand if we are loving, kind, and thoughtful, they will be much more happy than they would be otherwise. With Arthur,

however, this was especially the case, and he knew

His mother loved him most fondly, and had shown her love in all possible ways since he was a little baby, and she carried him in her arms about the house. He could remember it still, for he used to like it very much. It was so splendid to sit on her shoulder and ride there as if he was a king, and know, if he thought of it at all, that she would not let him fall for all the world. Those days had your good things with the poor. That will please passed now, and he was a big boy, too big by half | Christ more than trimming churches, burning canto ride on his mother's shoulder, or be carried in dles, or ringing bells. He was once a poor child her arms. But she loved him just the same as ever, on earth. He pities poor children now that and if there was one thing which more certainly He is in heaven, and will bless all who for His sake than another could make his mother sad it was for remember and try to comfort them. him to do wrong and show himself other than kind and good. And unfortunately this happened rather often: He was not, as he felt this morning more | John came home very angry. "Bome one left strongly than ever, all that he ought to be, nor all the bars down," he said, "and the cows are gone. that he meant to be.

He had made good resolutions, like many other "O, dear!" cried Jenny; "when I went across · boys. This morning when his mother spoke he fields I forgot to put them up after me; ! didn't especially remembered one. She had taken him to mean to.' the service in the cathedral, and there something | So her father had a long hunt, and came home that the minister said made him think over his own | very tired. Next day Jenny was late at school, conduct. Perhaps it was the music and the sing- and had a black mark. "Why were you not in ing that touched him, but whatever it was the boy | time?" asked the teacher. could not keep the tears out of his eyes, nor pre- "I stopped a minute to play with Katie Brown, vent his heart from beating quickly. His emotion, and I did not think it was so long. I didn't mean however, took a practical form.

"I will be a better boy to my mother," he said, That same week she was playing with the kitten and at the time I am sure that he meant it. one day, when the baby was sitting on the floor. But the resolution had been broken. Arthur Jenny did not look where she went, and ran against knew that if it had not been, his mother would not him, so that he fell over and hurt his head very have said as she did. "My New Year will be very | badly. He cried so loud that his mamma came. much what my boy makes it for me." That re- "How did he get this great bruise?" mark assured him that ever since the time he had "I hurt him," said Jenny; "I did not mean to

meant to be better he had often grieved his mother. do it." What was to be done now! As he went back to Then her mother told her that this didn't mean his room, rather more slowly and thoughtfully than | to, if she let it live, would grow into a great, ugly he had left it, he wondered if it would always be giant habit, and make a slave of her. that his mother should suffer through him. Some | So Jenny said she would try very hard to kill it mothers he knew, were made unhappy by their while it was little; and she has grown so careful boys all their lives long. He remembered hearing since then that you might play with her for a year one lady say that she had shed bottles of tears over | and not find out that she was the very little girl I her boy; and another that her hair had been turn- have told you about. ed grey because her son was not a good man; and Arthur thought he never could forgive himself if it were to be so in his case.

What could he do ? He knew that the first thing of all was to kneel down and ask God's help and once a baby. blessing on his endeavours. He was not afraid to A cross word is a little thing, but it is what stirs do this, for he know that his Father in Heaven up the elephant. loved him, and wished to see all his little boys The tongue is a little thing, but fills the universe

And then he thought of the things in himself | An orange peel on the sidewalk is a little thing, that ought to be mended. These were not difficult but it has upset many a giant. to find. The worst thing about him he knew was A word is a little thing, but one word has been his temper; and the next was his selfishness. He many men's destiny, for good or for evil. had a bad temper, and was very easily offended. A spark is but a little thing, but it can light a He often felt ashamed of himself, but he generally poor man's pipe, or set the world burning.

The acorn is a little thing, but the black bear and he could not help it. This morning he saw it in his family live in the oak that springs from it.

another light, however. "I must help it," he said. A minute is a little thing, but it is long enough "Pam determined that I will not spoil this year | to pull a dozen aching teeth, or to get married and for my mother, but will make her happy, and so I have your own mother-in-law.

must conquer my faults." When his mother appeared at breakfast time but a little thing; one breath less, then comes the Arthur went toward her for his morning kiss. "Mother, I do mean to be better this year," he

what I like."

a better feeling came into his heart.

mind so much about things."

"I want a sled."

and gave it heartily.

"I would like a sled."

THE GOLD DOLLAR.

A secretary of the American Board was visiting

The gentleman looked at him, but didn't say any-

'Yes," was the answer. "My boys are fond of

pened his hand, and there was a gold dollar in it.

"I was going to buy me a sled with this dollar;

but I will give it to you to help those schools out in

Africa." He did his best. He gave all he had,

Before Mr. W --- left the city, he walked out

boys and two sleds. They darted down by him,

turned his face with a smile; and his was the hear-

by the good deed .- Twelve Years with the Chrildren.

NO STOCKING.

vill make him a clerk, yet.'

for a giant, before next winter !

and showing a bare, blue ankle!

them warm the next day.

I cannot find them.'

low tone.

can of oysters, one of the children said to him.

"But I haven't any stockings, miss."

haven't any larger ones," said the kind child.

he ran about with his fish and his oysters!

In your happiness look about you, and share

DIDN'T MEAN TO.

LATTLE THINGS. -A serpent's fang is a little thing,

A baby is a wee little thing, but a constable was

but death is its victory.

with toouble.

thing; and he said a little louder,-

said. "Please help me all that you can. Indeed I HEARD two little girls talking under my win-I will not let your New Year be spoiled by me." dow. One of them said, in a voice full of indigna-"I believe you are a boy of your word, Art.," tion :- "If I were in your place, I'd never speak she said. "And I have every confidence in you." to her again. I'd be angry with her as long as I That very morning, however, his good resolu- lived." I listened, feeling anxious about the retions were put to the test. Arthur wanted some ply. My heart beat more lightly when it came. meat-pie for breakfast, and his mother thought it "No, Lou," answered the other, in a sweet and was not good for him. gentle voice; "I wouldn't do so for all the world. "I would rather you had an egg, Arthur," she I'm going to forgive and forget just as soon as I

funeral. - Josh Billings.

The color flushed up into his face, and he almost said a cross word. "I am never allowed to have A Boy's Relicion .- "My son," stid Leigh Richmon 1, "remember, you must die; and you He did not say it, but that was what he was may die soon, very soon. If you are to die a boy, going to say, when he stopped and thought of the we must look for a boy's religion, a boy's knowpromise he had made Then his face cleared and ledge, a boy's faith, a boy's Saviour, a boy's salvation; or else a boy's ignorance, a boy's obstinacy, "It does not matter, 'he thought to himself. a boy's unbelief, a boy's idolatry, a boy's destruc-'It will be all the same in half an hour's time tion. Remember all this, and beware of sin'; dread whether I have an egg or meat pie. I will not the sinfulness of an unchanged heart; pray for a

new one; pray for grace and pardon, and a soul Now Arthur had just touched upon that which conformed to the image of Christ Jesus." was at the bottom of his faults. He minded too much about having all the best things himself; and To Bone A Turkey. - After a fowl is drawn, take about being treated well by other people. From a very sharp knife and carefully separate the flesh that morning whenever he felt hurt or disappointed, from the bones, beginning at the wings, and being very careful not to break the skin; scrape the flesh ly matter;" and he kept quiet until the feeling of clean from the bones, going from the wings to the anger had quite passed away. And his mother breast, then the thighs, then the legs; when all had what she wished; her New Year was thorough- the bones are loosened, take hold of the turkey ly happy; for her boy was really good, since he tightly by the neck and give it a pull, when the learned self-control and became less selfish than he bones will come out, but this requires the greatest patience and care to do nicely, and it is far better

Life is made up of little things. Life itself is

to send it to a professional cook to do it for you. MUFFINS. -Mix with a pint of warm milk two well-beaten eggs, half a teaspoonful of melted buta town in Maine; and as he was sitting by the fire ter, and half a gill of baker's yeast, with a teaspoon And that would keep her broad awake, for fear of one day, a little boy in the family came to him and ful of salt and a bit of saleratus the size of a large Blank Book Manufacturers, pea (dissolved in hot water), stir in enough sifted wheat-flour to make a thick batter, set it in a warm place to rise, for three hours in warm weather, or longer in winter; it may be mixed at night for breakfast next morning-put a griddle over the fire, when it is hot rub it over with some fat, grease the inside of the rings, set them on and half fill them "I would like one very much," said the boy. with the batter, or they may be done without rings. "Johnny has got one, and Charley; but I haven't When one side is done turn the other. Bake to a light color. As they are done, break each one open, The secretary thought the little fellow was trying put a bit of butter in each, and set them in front of to beg a sled out of him, or the money to buy one. the fire until served. Musiins should never be cut THEY HAVE FURNISHED THEIR PRINTING He saw that his little fist was clutched; and he did open. Cold mustins may be toasted and served hot.

not know what he was going to do. By and by he SNORING. -If a "friend who wishes to know if there is any remedy for snoring" will turn to the Popular Science Monthly for October, 1877, he will find an article by John A. Wyeth, M. D., in which the cause of snoring is explained, and a remedy for it is proposed. The cause is sleeping with the nouth open. One can not snore if the mouth be shut. The remedy is in a simple mechanical contrivance for keeping the mouth shut during sleep. It consists of a simple cap fitting the head snugly, a cap of some soft material fitting the chin, and sled "Racer." They smiled at the gentleman as pieces of elastice webbing connecting the two. 'The webbing can be made more or less tense as may be required to effect the closure of the mouth.

-Christian Intelligencer. PLASTER OF PARIS. - It is a good plan to keep a box AND ARE PREPARED TO DO ALL KINDS OF of plaster of Paris in the house. Be sure and set Why not? He had planted the smile in his heart it where no water can be spilt upon it. If the burner of a lamp becomes loosened, mix up a little with water and put it around the glass top of the lamp, then put the brass top on. The whole oper-Peter is a pale little fellow with sad blue eyes, ation should be performed as quickly as possible, which look as if full of tears ready to drop at any for the plaster hardens or sets almost instantly. A moment. When a baby he had a fall which hurt | board or some dish you will not need to use again, his spine, and now he is a hunchback. He does will be the best thing to mix the plaster on, as it is errands for the fishman before and after school; his almost impossible to remove it after it sets. Where poor mother works hard to keep him at school. there are cracks or large, unsightly nail-holes in a She says, "He'll never be any good for hard plastered wall, plaster of Paris may be used to fill

work, and I'm just sure that fine hand write o' his them up. Boiled Wheat for Dyspersia. - A correspon-The great trouble at one happy home on Christ- dent says: "There is in this city a gentleman who nas Eve was to find stockings large enough to hang for a number of years past has been in the habit of for Santa Claus; and the sweet mother says she eating wheat (not cracked wheat), but uncracked will get some poor wonan to knit some big enough | wheat, boiled slowly for eight or ten hours, for his breakfast. He was formerly greatly troubled with Last Friday, when poor little Peter brought his dyspepsia, but since adopting the wheat diet for the matutinal meal he has never been in the least BILL BOOKS, "You must tell me where you live, Peter; and troubled with stomach derangements of any kind. be sure to hang up a very big stocking Christmas | He claims that it acts very beneficially on the stomach and bowels, and that unliked cracked Peter dropped his blue eyes, and said, in a very | wheat and oat neal it cannot be bolted even if one is so inclined, but has to be thoroughly chewed before swallowing. As the wheat requires to be boiled a "O, but take both that you are wearing, if you long time, a sufficient amount is usually cooked for four or five days' use, and when wanted is simply "But I haven't any, miss," said the bo;, at the warmed. This wheat cure, if it acts the same as same time raising one leg of his thin, little pants, others, is certainly an inexpensive one to try."

CHEESE PUDDING.-This is a supper dish, and Just think of it, you happy little ones, whose costs twelve cents. Into two quarts of boiling mothers fill stockings and load trees for your plea- water, containing two tablespoonsfuls of salt, stir sure. Poor Peter not only had no hope of presents, one pound of yellow Indian meal (cost, four can's), but he had no stockings to keep his feet warm, as and a quarter of a pound of grated cheese (cost, four cents); boil it for twenty minutes, stirring it occasionally, to prevent burning; then put it in a You may be sure he has good warm ones now, and that he had them both filled; but there are greased baking pan, sprinkle over the top, a quarter hundreds of little boys and girls around us, who of a pound of grated choice (cost, four cents), and brown in a quick oven. Serve hot, If any remains, went to bed cold on Christmas Eve, without any slice it cold and fry brown. stockings, either to hang for presents or to keep

PUZZLE DEPARTMENT.

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of a recent battle. XXXVII, -CHARADE, First is walked on very hard; Second cackles in the yard : Whole was first in Bible time; And is now known in every clime.

John H. XXXVIII. -HIDDEN AUTHORS. H-K-S-E-R-. $\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{I}}^{\mathbf{I}} = \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{S} - \mathbf{N}$. -H-C-E-R-

ALBERT B. XXXIX.—CHARADE. My first is a verb; my second is a girl's nickne; my whole is to proceed, VISITOR.

XL.-METAGRAM. Successively change the head of a ery, And on the sea m; next you'll spy, Change head again, and my answer is nigh.

XLL-STAR DIAMOND. 弘 张 芬 * * * * * 4 4 4

First star is one thousand; first row of three stars is a Scotch idiom; centre row is adjacent the New Brunswick boundary; next row is the opposite of a beginning; last star is in my centre word.

XLII. - Cross-Word Enigma. My firist is in snow, but not in go; My second is in glee, and also in see My whole is a word universally used by editors. E. E. W. (Answers in two weeks.) ANSWERS TO PUZZLES IN DEC. 14. 23.-PRIDE 24. - Fredericton.

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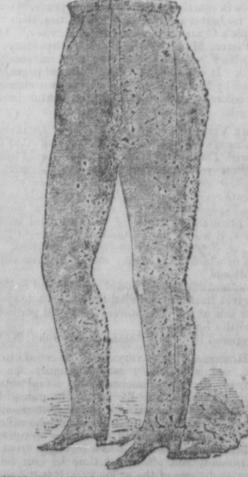
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