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The Coming Year.

What will the New Year bring? Here at the open door, That leads from paths our feet have trod To one that lies before, Vainly we ask and yearn; No answer greets the ear; We cannot lift the veil that shrou Is

What will the New Year bring? Only one thing we know. Shadow and sun must still be met As through the world we go: Joy with its undertone, Its tender, sad refrain. For human gladness is ever joined To the mystery of pain.

In gloom the coming year.

What will the New Year bring? The inward sight alone Can penetrate the secrets hid Within the vague unknown: With God-anointed eyes, And spirit-vision keen, We look far down the year, and gaze Upon the things unseen.

What will the New Year bring? Our hearts make glad reply: "All fullness for life's utmost need When earthly springs are dry; Omniscience to guide, Whatever may befall, And sweet assurance that the love Of God is over all."

What will the New Year bring? In gratitude we raise Our joyful hearts to him, who thus Reveals the coming days; So whether dark or bright Our future skies appear, We know that God will make of this A happy, glad New Year.

For Mother's Sake.

A STORY FROM REAL LIFE FOR THE NEW YEAR.

The last sun of the year set over Stony River's gory field, strewn with the dead and dying. At dusk the smoke of battle cleared away, but all the long dreary night, on the frozen ground, under the silent stars, brave souls were passing home to God.

As if loath to defile the New Year with blood, the contending armies rested quietly, awaiting the rising of another sun to renew hostilities. Bragg still held the field and had telegraphed Richmond that a great victory had been won; but Rosecrans, as the sequel proved, had only fallen back to a more secure position. Among those who came at early dawn in search of wounded friends was Mrs. Batemen. one of the many women whom the war had widowed. Her eldest son, wounded unto death, had been carried back into a rude hut, and only a few feet from him, on the hard floor, lay a palefaced, blue eyed boy, dressed in the nniform of the despised Yankees. As the mother ministered to the wants of his appetite, she watched with a secret throb of joy the hungry eyes of the hated enemy, whose mother, in her far away New England home, could only weep and prayer. Was he not one of on finishing the work in hand, and to his the cruel horde that had pillaged her home and devasted the sunny South? How did she know but that his hands had been imbued with the blood of her boy? No, she could not, even when witnessing his anguish, so far forget all that the war had caused her to suf fer, as to cool his burning brow with

As the day advanced, the fever ran higher and higher, and the friendless stranger in his wild delirium moaned piteously of his precious mother and far-away home. "Poor fellow! He will see his mother no more until he meets her in heaven," said the kind surgeon, as he turned away to hide his

a gentle pressure of her loving hand.

Mrs. Bateman started quickly. A great throb of pain for that Northren mother, who could not even look upon the face of her dying boy, caused her heart to vibrate strangely.

"For her sake, I'll do it," she said, with a firm yoice, as stooping over him she pushed back his tangled hair from his smooth, high forehead.

"Mother, dear! O how glad I am to feel your touch and hear your voice again. Now I can sleep," he mur-

mured, softly. the avenues to Mrs. Bateman's heart, preacher, he can be a godly boy, in a and the white upturned face was bath- boy's way and in a boy's place.

side of her own precious boy, the same He ought to eschew tobacco hand that before had refused even in every form, and have a horror of inparched lips, now ministered alike to peaceable, gentle, merciful, generous. the suffering blue and gray. That sad He ought to take the part of small New Year's over, the battle went on boys against the larger ones. He

languish and die.

the next morning she pressed a fare- or is a Christian. He ought to take no . No. 246.-1. Kingston, 2. Montreal on her mournful journey.

Years passed, the war closed, and Arthur Melrose lived to return to the home of his boyhood, and to engage in the active duties of life, while Mrs. Bateman, with her husband and son sleeping on the hillside, her home desolated, her health shattered, sighed with her people over the destruction wrought by the cruel hand of war.

Eighteen years after peace had been proclaimed, "Arthur Melrose, then an influential lawyer, was called to New Orleans to assist in the defence of an important case. It was among the last days of the year, while waiting for his case to be called, that he became much interested in the trial of a young man, who, in some vague way, reminded him of some one he had met before

The charge preferred was a serious one, and the manner in which the prosecutors attempted to dispose of it convinced Mr. Melrose that something was wrong. However, he had no thought of interfering, until the name of "Russell Bateman" caught his ear. He could trace the likeness now, for the dark, searching eyes of that youth who had died by his side, on that memorable New Year's eighteen years before, had never been forgotten, and during all this changing time, no name had been oftener upon his lips than that of "Captain Russell Bateman's" widow- the noble woman to whom he owed his life. Time and again he had sought to find her that he might ex press again his gratitude, and render her assistance should she stand in need of help. Surely his time had now arrived, for this boy, so like the dead one, must be her son. He looked around to find some one resembling her, but even if the veil had been lift ed from the face of that slight figure crouched in the corner, in the faded, white-headed old woman before him, he would have failed to recognize the fiery, high-spirited matron, who once stood between him and death.

Satisfying himself as to the identity of the prisoner, he proposed to his counsel to assist him in unravelling the his "days shall be long in the land." case, and trying it all over again.

"The boy is poor, Mr. Melrose," replied the attorney, "and things seem to be much against him, and the court will compensate me, but where will your reward come from ?"

"From heaven," was the answer. "Take me to your client, and after few minutes' conversation with him I will advise you concerning my decision." Without making himself known Mr. Melrose, by adroit questioning, succeeded in learning the history of the her own dear one, and at great expense case. It was the old story of missing prepared him savory morsels to tempt funds, with the crime fastened on one who would scorn to touch what did not belong to him.

Holding back his business that had called him south, Mr. Melrose insisted intense satisfaction, after two days' hard labor, he listened to the unanimous verdict of the jury-"Not guilty"

It was not until the boy stood before him-free-and the mother over and over again had expressed her gratitude for the timely deliverance wrought, that the strong man made himself known, and insisted that he was only settling off old scores.

"This is a happy New Year to me, Mr. Melrose, and it serves to convince me more and more, that a good action always brings its blessing," said Mrs.

"If you had left me to my fate on that other New Year's Day, I could have rendered you no service to-day,' was the lawyer's reply.

Through the influence of Mr. Mel rose, now Judge Melrose, Russell Bateman now occupies a lucrative position, and his old mother presides over his home within a stone's throw of the residence of the man she saved for his mother's sake. - Christian at Work.

A Boy's Religion.

If a boy is a lover of the Lord Jesus. Christ, though he can't lead a prayer-That magic word, "mother," opened meeting or be a church officer, or a ed in the tears of the enemy-an He need not cease to be a boy because enemy made dear by the blessed bond he is a Christian. He ought to run, jump, climb and yell like a real boy. For this northern soldier, the moth- But in all he ought to be free er prepared a comfortable bed by the from vulgarity and profanity. a drop of cold water to moisten his toxicating drinks. He ought to be waxing hotter and hotter, till the night ought to discourage fighting. He closed in which Bragg was fleeing be- ought to refuse to be a party to misfore the triumphant hosts of the chief, to persecution or deceit. And enemy. The field had again changed shove all things, he ought now and hands and Arthur Melrose would not then to show his colours. He need be carried to a southern prison to not alway be interrupting a game to say he is a Christian, but he ought not On the night of the second of Janu- to be ashamed to say that he refuses ary Mrs. Bateman's boy died, and early to do something because he fears God

well kiss upon the brow of the lad she part in the ridicule of sacred things, had befriended for his mother's sake, but meet the ridicule of others with a and started with her precious charge | bold statement, that for the things of God he feels the deepest reverence.

Queer People.

The Chinese do everything backward. Their compass points to the south instead of the north. The men wear shirts and the women trousers; while the men wear their hair long, the women coil theirs in a knot. The dressmakers are men; the women carry burdens. The spoken language is not written, and the written language is not spoken. Books are read backward, and any notes are inserted at the top. White is used for mourning; and the bridesmaids wear black, and instead of being maidens the functionaries are women. The Chinese surname comes first, and they shake their own hands instead of the hands of one whom they greet. Vessels are launched sideways, and horses are mounted from the off side. They commence their dinner with desert, and end up with soup and | mouth. 5-8, Of the body. fish. In shaving, the barber operates on the head, cutting the hair upward, then downward, and then polishes it off with a small knife, which is passed over the eyebrows and into the nose to remove any superfluous hairs; and the performance is concluded by removing the wax from the ears with a bit of cotton-wool on a wire. - New York

Sure Signs.

When a boy is patient and persever ing and conquers difficulties, it is a sign he will make his mark in the world. If he worries and frets and stews, it is a sign he is likely to die prematurely or live to little purpose. If he is in a hurry to spend each cent as he gets it, he will never be rich. but a spendthrift. If he hoards up his pennies and will not part with one for any good cause, he is likely to be a miser. If he is careful economical and generous, he may or may not be rich, but he will have the blessing of God, and if he is a Christian he will never want. If he is obedient to his his parents, he has the promise that If he is lazy and indifferent and neglects his studies, he will grow up a dunce, and men cannot respect him. If he reads dime novels or low, trashy, vile, five-cent papers, instead of bright. helpful literature, he will likely end his days in a prison or upon the gallows. If he loves his Bible and his Church and his Sabbath school, he will be good and useful and occupy an honourable position among men. Are you patient, persevering, prayerful, contented, careful, generous and good? Are you trying to be?

She liked Him.

It is a little unusual for a preacher to receive a sincere compliment for ability to do what the following incident names. But if such compliments were extended to all who have earned them few preachers would be

It was at the noonday hour on the Sabbath as the inmates of the parsonage were seated about the dinner-table discussing the forenoon service. The six-year-old son looked up at his father very earnestly and eagerly, and said: "Papa, I just like to hear you

"Why, my son?" said the father, feeling good to think that even his little boy could perceive and appreciate his excellence as a preacher.

"Why, papa, it just puts me right o sleep."

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A Hint to Boys.

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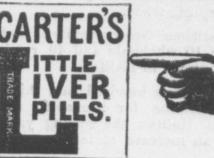
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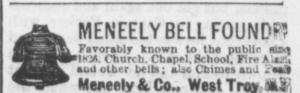
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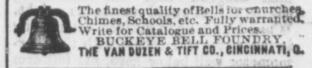
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