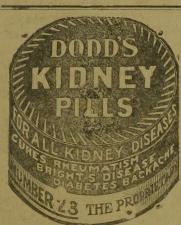
OLD TIME NEW YEAR CALLS NOT MUCH IN VOGUE NOW

Young Men Used to Call on Lady Acquaintances the First Day of the Year and Drink Their Health---Extracts From the Diary of Eli Perkins a Noted Humorist Tells How Game was Played---Young glass. Ladies Dressed up for the Occasion.

Time, the relentless, has seen the record time, and "got there." almost entire disappearance of the The way Eli tells in a kind of diary quaintances the first day of the year ward into the recent past. to drink her health and "bring good

This custom was prevalent in the days when men who are now middleaged were boys-the time when, instead of saying "Go to it," they said "Get there Eli!" They said "Get there Eli" because Eli Perkins was then a well known humorous lecturer and writer and to keep a lecture engagement he made a difficult journey in



custom of New Year's calls. It was of his calls one New Year's day will mother, who had some real old Virnot so very many years ago that every not be exactly in accord with sentilive young man looked forward to the ments of the present day, but can at pleasure of calling on his lady acleast be relished as a little look back-

> 5th Heavenue Hotel, N. Y., 1 a.m., Jan. 2.

I don't feel like writing today; my

head aches. I made New Year's calls yesterday-made 125 calls. I finished I had my call list written off and

ally taking a mental nap all the time.

My tongue talked right ahead all the time from force of habit.

Talking to make the total trouble."

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came as easy as ordinary respiration. and the same words tumbled out:

"Hap-new year, Mis-Smite!" "Ah! Mr. Perkins, I'm delighted-"May you have man'hap'returns-

"But aren't you going to drink to-"Thank-spleasur'-(drank); may you live (hic) thousand years!"

"By-by" (sliding into the hall and and ate lobster salad. lown the front steps).

I started at noon. Made first call on young lady. She said: "You have many calls to make. Won't you fortify yourself with a little sherry?"

I said (hic) would, and drank small

Called on married lady on Fifth Avenue, you know "William was off making calls too." We drank old port to Absent William.

On 9th street met a sainted Virginia

WITH HER HEART Would Wake Up Smothering.

The terrible smothering and choking up sensations and sinking spells, the feelings of dizziness and faintness that come over those whose heart and I had my call list written off and commenced at Sixteenth street and came down. My idea was to make 125 calls of five minutes each. This would make 625 minutes, or ten hours. I make 625 minutes, or ten hours. I think I did it. I worked hard. I was an intermittent perpetual motion. I did all anybody could do. If any fellow says he made 126 calls he—well, he's guilty of a libel. I tried it. I made my 125th call with my eyes closed and at my 126th I swooned on the hall stairs. Nature was exhausted. Oh, but wasn't it fun! It is nothing to make calls after you have been at it. make calls after you have been at it have taken only two boxes of them a spell. The last twenty calls were and I feel a new woman. I will recommade with one eye closed. I was actu-

ginia egg-nogg. Very nice egg-nogg. All I had to do was to open my mouth Abused the Yankees and drank two glasses with Virginia mother.

On 46th street met a lady who had some nice California wine. Tried it. Then went across the street with Democrat friend to say New Year's and get some of old Skinner's 1836 brandy. Got it. Mrs. Skinner wanted us to drink to skinner. Drank to Skinner

Met a friend who said: "Let's run in and see (hic) Coe, the temperance

Coe said, "Temperance is wise these times.'

"Fac'," sez I. "Les drink to him.

Drank twice to temp'ance. Drank to Mrs. Temp'ance; drank to children. Drove round to Miss Thompson's-Thompson's famous for rum punch. Tried two glasses with Miss Thomp-

son. Very happy-house looked lovely-ate brandied peaches-good many ights-pretty girls-drank th'r health -drank claret, then Roman punch. Went out leaving a Dunlap hat for

Knox and a \$12 umbrella in the rack. Happy thought! Took Charley Brown in carriage with driver and got on outside with self.

Charley said, "Let's drop in on the Madison Heavenue Masons."

"All right." Dropped in. Miss Mason says: "Have some nice old Ma-

"Yes, Miss Mason-will have some my dearie."

Drank to Mrs. Mason and ate boned turkey to young ladies. Young ladies dressed beautifully-wore court train and shoes a la Pompadour. Left overcoat and umbrella and changed high hat for fur cap-saw span of horses in a carriage drawn by Charley King -charley tightually slight-said he'd been in to Lee's, eating boned sherry and drinking pale turkey.

Now all called on Lamb's on 34th Avenue. Old Lamb was round-drank pony brandy. Young ladies beaufulgreat many of 'em-nice Roman punch ith monogram on it-presented exchanged hat for card basket and Fredericton Poultry slid down front banisters.

poured rest on skirt of Miss Smith's champagne in corner—slumped plate had old Burgundy—Ferguson's a brick gaslight green silk down on to nice - took sherry-beau-ful young lady ice cream-dresses wore white tarla- dressed in blue Roman punch-opened tan young ladies cut swallow-tail—sat bottle of white gros grain trimmed

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Roman punch had been drinkin' Fred | enue Hotel and told the driver to driver into the fellows and ride around to and wrote this room for the Com(hic) chain on bell knob.

Called on the Fergusons-all up-

he invited eight other horses to get roun' to carriage—came up to letter Stewart's. Stewart tight and house veriset-pulled coat off with bootjack closed up-left pocketbook in card- and stood self up by the register to basket outside and hung watch and dry-then wrote (hic)-wrote more

"Drunk again John!" "So am I.



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