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Means a productive capacity in dollars of over \$16 per acre.

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A Christmas Carol. Christian people, come and sing, Hope and joy receiving! Tell of Him who is our King.— Still His Words are living!

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

Time was, with most of us, when Christmas day encircling all our limited world like a magic ring, left nothing out for us to miss or seek; bound together all our home enjoyments, affections, and hopes; grouped everything and every one around the Christmas fire; and made the little picture shining in our bright young eyes, complete.

Time came, perhaps, all so soon! when our thoughts overleaped that narrow boundary; when there was some one (very dear, we thought then, very beautiful, and absolutely perfect) wanting to the fullness of our happiness; when we were wanting too (or we thought so, which did just as well), at the Christmas hearth by which that some one sat; and when we intertwined with every wreath and garland of our life that some one's name.

That was the time for the bright visionary Christmas which have long arisen from us to show faintly, after summer rain, in the palest edges of the rainbow! That was the time for the beatified enjoyment of the things that were to be, and never were, and yet the things that were so real in our resolute hope that it would be hard to say, now, what realities achieved since, have been stronger!

What! Did that Christmas never really come when we and the priceless pearl who was our young choice were received, after the happiest of totally impossible marriages, by the two united families previously at daggers-drawn on our account?



Botticelli's Madonna

Welcome, old aspirations, glittering creatures of an ardent fancy, to your shelter underneath the holly! We know you, and have not outlived you yet.

That Christmas when we had recently achieved so much fame; when we had been carried in triumph somewhere, for doing something great and good; when we had won an honored and ennobled name, and arrived and were received at home in a shower of tears of joy; is it possible that that Christmas has not come yet?

Prophecy of Christmas

SEVEN YEARS AGO. Who Began it? Jonas Hanway, the London philanthropist, is credited with having been the first Englishman to make use of the umbrella. But DeFoe's "Robinson Crusoe" appeared some fifty years before, and it describes Crusoe's efforts to provide himself with an umbrella without giving any of the explanations that must have been needed if the people of England had never seen one in use.

AGONY OF SORE HANDS. Cracked and Peeling—Water and Heat Caused Intense Pain—Could Do No Household—Grateful to Cuticura. "My hands cracked and peeled, and were so sore it was impossible for me to do my housework. If I put them in water I was in agony for hours; and if I tried to cook, the heat caused intense pain. I consulted two doctors, but their prescriptions were utterly useless. And now after using one cake of Cuticura Soap and one box of Cuticura Ointment my hands are entirely well, and I am very grateful. (Signed) Mrs. Minnie Drew, 18 Dana St., Roxbury, Mass."

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

Last Moments of Great Men. Cuvier performed a delicate experiment on the day he died, and his last words (uttered to the nurse who was applying leeches) were: "Nurse, I was I who discovered that leeches have red blood." Wilson, the famous ornithologist, when told that he must give up working as his time was come, replied: "Very well, but be sure you bury me where the birds will sing over my grave."

Queen Elizabeth Fond of Perfumes. In the time of Elizabeth perfumes were very rich and numerous. Civet, a scent taken from the civet cat, and musk are often mentioned in the literature of that time. Perfumed gloves were in vogue then, and the queen had her portrait scented with them. Even her shoes were made of leather steeped in scented oils, which permeated the skin.

Gets His Letters Miled. A recent candidate for parliament in England wrote an address to the electors of the town which he wished to represent and a love letter to his best girl. He put the two effusions into the wrong envelopes. The printer was quite surprised at receiving an order to print 10,000 copies of the love letter in circular form.

Suicide in Europe. It is estimated that 70,000 people take their own lives every year in Europe. During the last ten years the number of self-murders in Germany has been 113,545. This is almost three times as many as there were soldiers killed outright in the Franco-Prussian war in 1870-71.

Fatality Ran in Family. At an inquest at Nelson on James Guest, a chain boy, employed by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, who was killed by a horse, it was stated that his father was killed on the railway two years ago, and that his grandfather was also killed by a horse.

Different Views. "When a contribution comes from your neighbor and you speak of it as a flea bite, it seems very small," remarked the Observer of Events and Things; "but if the contribution comes from the flea itself—well, you don't consider it such an insignificant thing."

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YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO SUFFER From Constipation, Bowel and Stomach Trouble. Q. What is the beginning of sickness? A. Constipation. Q. What is Constipation? A. Failure of the bowels to carry off the waste matter which lies in the alimentary canal where it decays and poisons the entire system. Eventually the results are death under the name of some other disease. Note the deaths from typhoid fever and appendicitis, stomach and bowel trouble at the present time. Q. What causes Constipation? A. Neglect to respond to the call of nature promptly. Lack of exercise. Excessive strain work. Mental emotion and improper diet. Q. What are the results of neglected Constipation? A. Constipation causes more suffering than any other disease. It causes rheumatism, colds, fevers, stomach, bowel, kidney, lung and heart troubles, etc. It is the one disease that starts all other diseases. Indigestion, dyspepsia, diarrhoea, loss of sleep and strength are its symptoms—piles, appendicitis and fistula, are caused by Constipation. Its consequences are known to all physicians, but few sufferers realize their condition until it is too late. Women become confirmed invalids as a result of Constipation. Q. Do physicians recognize this? A. Yes. The first question your doctor asks you is "are you constipated?" That is the secret. Q. Can it be cured? A. Yes, with proper treatment. The common error is to resort to physics, such as pills, salts, mineral water, castor oil, injections, etc., every one which is injurious. They weaken and increase the malady. You know this by your own experience. Q. What then should be done to cure it? A. Get a bottle of Mull's Grape Tonic at once. Mull's Grape Tonic will positively cure Constipation and Stomach Trouble in the shortest space of time. No other remedy has before been known to cure Constipation positively and permanently. Q. What is Mull's Grape Tonic? A. It is a Compound with 40 per cent. of the juice of Concord Grapes. It exerts a peculiar strengthening, healing influence upon the intestines, so that they can do their work unaided. The process is gradual, but sure. It is not a physic, but it cures Constipation, Dysentery, Stomach and Bowel Trouble. Having a rich, fruity grape flavor it is pleasant to take. As a tonic it is unequalled, insuring the system against disease. It strengthens and builds up waste tissue. Q. Where can Mull's Grape Tonic be had? A. Your druggist sells it. The dollar bottle contains nearly three times the 50-cent size. Good for all children and nursing mothers. A free bottle to all who have never used it because we know you will cure you.

FREE BOTTLE. Send this coupon with your name and address, your druggist's name and how to pay postage and we will supply you a free bottle. If you have never used Mull's Grape Tonic, it will also send you a certificate good for \$1.00 toward the purchase of more Tonic from your druggist. MULL'S GRAPE TONIC Co., 148 Third Ave., New York, N. Y.

Is Disease a Crime? Not very long ago, a popular magazine published an editorial article in which the writer asserted, in substance, that all disease should be regarded as criminal. Certain it is, that much of the sickness and suffering of mankind is due to the violation of certain of Nature's laws. But to say that all sickness should be regarded as criminal, must appeal to every reasonable individual as radically wrong.

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