A Christmas Talk.

If I were to ask you to shut your eyes and try to fancy that Christmas stood before you, what would you see? Ah! not one, but many. Some of you would see, in your mind's eye, an old man with long, white, frosty beard and kindly face, his brave form draped in a sparkling robe of anow decked with sides—old Father Christmas from top to toe. Some would see another sort of agure,—a round, roly-poly, jolly personage, dressed in furs from crown to sole, laughing in every teature of his plump, ruddy face, all aglow after driving his Dunder and Blixen, and half hidden by his great sleigh-load of toys. Some of you, again, would see nothing but the toys, and your only thought, I shudder to say, would be, "Which of them are for me?" Some of you would see no fancied personage at all; but glorious winter without, and within doors a bright home, a glowing hearth, and all the family eager to welcome you from school for the happy holiday week. And a great many of you would scarcely close your eyes before the beautiful Christ-child would come and fill your soul with love and joy and gratitude; and your one next thought would be to give happiness to many, to make other hearts as glad as your own on the Perfect Day.—St. Nicholas.

Everybody familiar with Ayer's Alma-

Everybody familiar with Ayer's Almanac knows that it is much more than a mere vehicle for advertising the medicinal preparations of Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., of Lowell, Mass. It is really one of the most welcome and valued of annuals. And now we have to acknowledge the receipt of a neatly-bound preedge the receipt of a neatly-bound pre-sentation volume of the Almanac for 1889, containing copies in English and nine other languages, also specimen pages of pamphlets in eleven additional tongues—in all twenty-one languages. From the preface to this interesting book, we learn that between thirteen and fourteen million almanacs are issued and fourteen million almanace are issued by this company annually, consuming about twenty-five miles of paper a day. Surely, with all this and other advertising it should be inexcusable in any one not to know the superior merits of Ayer's Sarsaparilla and other standard remedies. Ayer's Almanac for 1889, in its usual attractive form, is now ready at the drug stores.

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Utilizing Sawdust.
According to the Canadian Manufac-According to the Canadian Manufac-turer, a new scheme of utilizing the sawdust of the Ottawa river for the pur-pose of fuel is proposed. It is claimed that by a system of grinding the refuse into a uniform fineness, mixing it with the refuse gas tar from the gas-house, and compressing the substance into cakes, a fuel can be made in every way superior to soft coal for open fires. Sawsuperior to soft coal for open fires. Saw-dust rolls were common forty years ago in England and Scotland, and were considered far ahead of peat and grate fires. The cost of manufacturing this kind of fuel is merely nominal, and it is expected that it can be sold at a very much lower price than soft coal. The formation of a company to give the scheme practical effect is mooted.

Have You Catarrh?-There is one remedy you can try without danger of humbug. Send to H. G. Coleman, Chemist, Kalamazoe, Mich., for trial package of his catarrh curs. His only mode of advertising is by giving it away. Postage 2c. Judge for yourself. Mention this paper.

Harrisburg, Pa., is to be furnished with

#### natural gas. The Common Lot.

There is a place no love can reach, There is a time no voice can teach,

There is a chain no power can break, There is a sleep no sound can wake. Sooner or later that time will arrive, that place will wait for your coming that chain must bind you in helpless death, that sleep must fall on your senses. But thousands every year go untimely to their fate, and thousands more lengthen out their days by heedful, timely care. For the failing atrenth, the weakening organs, the wasting blood, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a wonderful restorative and a pro-longer of strength and life. It purifies the blood and invigorates the system, thereby fortifying it against disease. Of druggists.

A patent has been obtained in Italy to make building blocks out of corn cribs.

### Pamous Women.

It is a significant fact that most of the women who have achieved fame in art, literature, or "affairs," have enjoyed vigorous health. This shows that the mind is never capable of the severe and continued never capable of the severe and continued application necessary to creative work, unless the body is at its best. The woman who aspires to fill an exalted place among her associates, must be free from nervous debility and female weaknesses. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will banish these, and it is warranted to restore those functional harmonies which are indispensable to health. As a specific for all those chronic weaknesses and ailments peculiar to women, it is unequale! to women, it is unequale I.

Printing in raised or embossed letters was begun at Paris by Hauy in 1786.

## Great Little Mon.

Some of the greatest men that ever lived were of small stature and insignificant appearance. The reader will readily recall many instances. Very small are Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets, but they are far more effective then the huge, old-fashioned pills which are so difficult to swallow and so harsh in their action. The "Pellets" are gentle and never cause constipation. For liver, stomach and bowel serangements they have no equal. derangements they have no equal.

The Prussian blue dye was discovered by Diesbach at Berlin, in 1710.

A COUGH. COLD, OR SORE THROAT should not be neglected. BROWN'S BRONCHAL TROCKES are a simple remedy, and give prompt relief. 25 cts. a box.

Chinese boys are studying law at San

Decreasing the Death Bate The mortality among consumptives has been materially decreases of late years by the use of Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda. Phthisis, Bronchitis, Abscess of the Lungs, Passimonia and Throat Affections are completely subjugated by a timely use of this excellent pulmonic. Palatable as milk. Sold by all druggists.

A womam aged 103 years died at Need-ford, N. J., last week.

Profileted with flore Kyes, use Dr. Ionas Thompsen's Kye Water. Druggists sell it. Se.

A statue of Shakespeare has been us velled in Paris.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Casteria When the was a Calld, she cried for Castoria When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria

#### TOILET INFORMATION.

Care of the Skin-The Simple Method

of Improving the Complexion. Perfect cleanliness of the skin of the entire body promotes excellent circulation and much improves the complexion. All applications of greasy substances, powders, etc., to the face to prevent wrinkles and soften the skin will only prove injurious and stop up the pores. Keep the face clean by using castile soap and tepid water before retiring, and by washing when-ever soiled in the daytime. Water in which oatmeal or bran has stood is good to use for a rough skin, but do not tamper with this delicate texture and get the pores distended by filling them with foreign matter.

Men dislike cosmetics and all of them discountenance the use of anything that whitens or colors the face. For a greasy skin rub it with a soft flannel, and for a skin that perspires, rub the face gently with fine linen.

A polished complexion is beautiful; one made up of powder and rouge is quite the reverse. After exposure to the sun or wind, if the face is tanned or burned, the application of buttermilk or sour cream will whiten it, but it will require execute. it will require careful protection after-ward, for it will tan very readily again.

The general health of a person has all to do with a handsome skin. Those who eat improperly and irregularly, who neglect the daily bath, and who keep late hours and sleep in ill-ventilated apartments on an inadequately aired bed, need never hope for a fine complexion. The clean growing skin that bespeaks daily grooming and right living is worth more to one's general appearance than costly clothes. Women from the outset seem determined to spoil the complexion of their offspring. The infant, after bathing, has its pores tilled with violet powder, which settles like paste in the tender crevices of the skin, interfering with

its activity.

The toilet table is stocked with pow der boxes and puffs, and the young are taught to rub off the "shine" on their nose with powder and a chamois. Banish powders and cold creams, lip salves, and greasy unguents that run the skin pores and destroy the freshness of the complexion. Pure water and gentle friction when the condi tions of the body are right are all that are necessary to make the skin hand-

Let every one understand his own peculiar style. Those who are florid and ruddy should make the most of that attractive complexion. Those who are pale have always a delicacy and beauty. To tone down color with chalks, and to produce it with rouge or by any artificial means, is a mistake. Faces may be fresh when old if the skin has not been contaminated.

### The Terrible Tank Drama.

The dangers of the tank species of play were illustrated in the case of Duncan B. Harrison. He is one of the most popular and daring of tank actors. In every city which his play visits, a huge iron tank or cistern about 16 feet long, 3 feet wide and 8 feet deep is constructed and sunk into the stage. It is filled with water, and relieves a horse from the severe strain represents a river. In the course of that accompanies the starting of a heavy the play the heroine tumbles or is load. In cities especially such contriv-thrown into the tank, and then Mr. ances are needed, and most of all by the Harrison makes a thrilling dive from a dangerous elevation into the water and rescues her. Both of them get soaked to the skin every night of course, and they are duly rubbed down in alcohol to prevent taking cold when they leave the theater. Mr. Harrison's first experience was unfortunate, for in diving, he twisted his neck in such a fashion that he was ill for many weeks, and finally rose to find that his head was twisted immovably toward his right shoulder, and that he was threatened with paralysis of the right side. He has recently had a portion of the spinal bone removed in the neck, and this has restored flexibility to his neck. The operation was both dangerous and painful, but the results are happy, and Mr. Harrison will continue to dive into his tank amid thunders of applause, and with a total disregard for such puny and insignificant things as backbones and twisted necks. - New York Sun.

In a Boston Railway Depot. It may surprise some Western railroad men to know that the Boston & Maine Railroad runs 209 passenger trains out of Boston every day on its three divisions. As many again return, making a total of 418. This road runs 129 passenger trains a day out on its eastern and western divisions alone, without the Lowell. This number is nine more trains than are run each day out of the Grand Central Station at New York, where the New York Central, the New York, New Haven & Hartford and the New York & Harlem combined run but 120 passenger trans a day out. They are all considered passenger carrying roads. When the new union passenger station now plan-ned, is finished, it will include the Fitchburg and no less than 500 passenger trains a day will then depart from and arrive in it. What other railway station in America can show anything like the figures?-Ratiway Review.

### The Rise and Fall of the Storm.

"Faix," said a brawny, broad-shouldered, brass-buttoned stick wielder this morning, "th' sirly mornin' was at oa'am as a slapin' baby whin th' blaggard iv a sthorm kem sailin' over Staton Island like a big balloon full iv wather. Musha, but it squenched th' stars, so it dbl, bad luck to it, an' a weeny bit o' rain began fallin'. There wasn't that much wather as 'ud wet a dank'. wasn't that much wather as 'ud wet a duck's back. But shure the sthorm had no show, for the sun kem up just thin and began makin' a red, white an' blue rainbow, so he did, an' dryin' up th' wet; an' afore ye'd be lightlin' your poips th' athorm was gone an' a brosse as soft as a child's kiss was blowin' thru' me —."—Nee Fork

I heard a story the other day about a prominent church member who had been called on to lead a prayer meeting. He selected the subject of some prelim-He selected the subject of some preliminary remarks, read an appropriate chapter from the Bible, and started upon his course. For five minutes he spoke smoothly, fluently, and aptly, and then, all of a sudden, by some queer caper of the mind, he forgot not only the thread of his discorse, but the subject itself. He paused to collect his thoughts, but they would not be collected. Then he beckened to a worthy brother in the front pew. When the brother came the speaker whispered this inquiry in his speaker.

"Do you remember what I have been

talking about?"
"Hay!" exclaimed the worthy broth-"Tay!" exclaimed the worthy brother. He evidently thought the speaker was accusing him of a lack of attention. "Do you know the subject I was speaking on?"

"No, I do not," said the worthy brother, acratching his head in a perplexed way.

brother, scratching his head in a per-plaxed way.

Here was a pickle, sure enough.

Then the leader of the meeting called another member up and made the same inquiries. But this member was as ig-norant of the matter as the first one, and the speaker, in desperation, re-newed his remarks, touching on an en-tirely different line of thought, as he afterwards remembered. His audience never knew the difference, as he took pains to inquire.—Atlanta Constitution.

#### He Changed It.

"When I got to the depot in Chicago to take the train for home," said a Detroiter the other day, "I had four \$5 bills in my vest. I was going to the ticket window, when a little woman stopped me and said:

"Beg pardon, but they can't change this bill at the office. Perhaps you will be kind enough."

"Oh, certainly."
"I shall be so glad."
"I took her twenty and gave her my fives and walked up to the window and called for a ticket to Detroit. The ticket seller threw the twenty back with the statement: "That bill was offered here five min-

utes ago. It's no good"
"It was a counterfeit and I was clean busted. I looked around for the wo-man, but of course she had skipped. I had to telegraph home for money and that is why I was a day late. Talk about bunko men and pickpockets, but

## the women are twice as dangerous. Detroit Free Press.

Two Lucky Men.

Vancouver (Wash, Ter.) Independent, Nov. 7.
On the 17th of October this paper announced that lightning had struck in Vancouver, or the same thing, a streak of luck that made some excitement. In September M. C. Harell, a laborer on J. C. Proebstel's farm, bought one-twen-tieth of ticket No. 46,755 in the Louisiana State Lottery, and that number drew the big \$300,000 prize on October 9th. J. C. Proebstel owns half of this Harell ticket, which entitles the holders to \$15,000. The ticket was deposited for collection with Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express Company, at Portland, Oregon. The collection was promptly honored by the Louisiana State Lottery at New Orleans, and the money cold sain is now in and the money, gold coin, is now in Portland ready to be paid over upon proper receipt for it. Both the lucky men are honest grangers, and, as their heads are level, will know just where to put their unexpected wealth to do them

#### Horses Need Strain No More A simple and efficient device has been

in use for several years in France which usually overdriven street-car horse. The device consists in a spiral spring of power in proportion to the average load carried, and which is attached to the end of the trace. The horses at the Eastern Railway Depot in Paris, where the springs have been used for six years in springs have been used for six years in shifting cars, show an improvement since that time in general soundness of condi-tion, while the number of sore and strained necks have greatly diminished. There has also been a large saving in the way of broken harness. The same idea has been applied to plowing harness.

A Radical Cure for Epileptic Fits. To the Editor—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease which I warrant to cure the worst cases. Be strong is my faith in the virtues of this medicine that I will send free a sample bottle and valuable treatise to any sufferer who will give me his P. O. and Express address. My remedy has cared thousands of hopeless cases.

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The rumor of disaster at sea is a salt

### Attention, Judge Lynch!

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A man living near Santa Cruz has been catching quall in a peculiar way. For three weeks he has been spreading grain in the road near his place, where quail abound. On the day the law was out he put wheat in the place as usual, but had previously soaked the wheat in whisky. Watching the place, he saw the quail come out, eat, get drunk and in a short time lie down stupefied. He then went to them and gathered about one hundred into a sack that he carried with him. A few that were not fully drunk were caught by his dog. He has practiced the same method since quite successfully.—Charleston (S. C.) World.

The Troy N. Y. collar and colle mills

The Troy, N. Y., collar and cuffs mills employ 15,000 persons.

The strike of the Chicago city railway men has ended in a compromise. Tacoma, W. T., has the only 5-masted schooner affoat.

The way a beaver stope a river's flow is

The Sultan of Turkey will sign the Suez

Canal treaty. During the present year 19,458 r rsons have been naturalized in New York city. A paper leather to imitate call skin is made in France.

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