Arthur M. Van Rensselaer of New York, who was maimed while serving on the Mexican border, has devised a car for legless men. The machine is operathand controls and has a speed of from three to 15 miles an hour.

An "old fashioned spanking week, with careful, prayerful spanking" was recor mended as an aid in rearing future citizens in an address by Mrs. Smith Alford at the annual meeting of the Big Brothers and Sisters in New York.

A truck driver in Redding, Cal., re-ceived word from England telling of the death of his mother and advising him that he had inherited her estate. Later received a letter telling of the death The estates are said to be valued at \$100,000.

A vessel will sail from Sweden shortly carrying expert salesmen armed with literature on up-to-date railway gines. South American republics will be visited. Swedish locomotive builders have just delivered the 200th locomotive to the Russian soviet. They seek new

Russian industries are to be represented at the next Lyons, France, fair as a result of Mayor Herriot's visit to Russia. His lecture and articles pleading for a restoration of confidence in men now guiding Russia have convinced French firms that prospects of Russian trade are now safe.

Fifty thousand presents from all parts of China were showered on Hsuan Tung, China's democratic ex-emperor, and his bride, the princess Kuo Chin-Si, whose wedding in the early morning hours of Monday brought forth a pageant of color and light that revived memories of the olden, gorgeous Manchu regime.

The appointment of Mrs. Annie Swynnerton as an associate in the Royal academy, London, bids fair to be as fleeting as that of Mrs. Felton to the United States Senate. Now that she has been elected, it is discovered that one of the cast-iron rules of the academy is that asociate members must resign at 75. Mrs. Swynnerton is 77.

The Petit Parisien, commenting on the depopulation of France, demands that state functionaries be forced to marry. The suggestion also is made that marriage be obligatory for citizens of 30 years. "The church imposes cellbacy on its priests," the article states. "Why cannot the republic impose marriage on its citizens?" says a special dispatch to the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Cleaning the attic of her grandfather's home a few days ago, Miss Dorothy Addington, of St. Paul, Minn., ranacross a crumpled bit of paper on which was drawn a map of a farm of her grandfather's 10 miles away, a cross within a circle being one feature of the diagram. She went to the farm, dug down two feet at the witching point, and brought up an iron box containing \$750 in gold.

The famous smithy at Gretna Green, famous for its past connection with runaway marriages, is threatened with demolition. The building is considered a dangerous obstruction to increasing motor traffic in Dumfriesshire.

The song, "Silver Threads Among the Gold," is still piling up royalties, although it was written 48 years ago, and the composer died 19 years ago. comes to light in a lawsuit in Brooklyn by the widow, seeking to col-

Red doz is the latest addition to the alcoholic beverages at Kingston, N. C. It induces a sleeping sickness, one negro dving after lingering in a state of coma for a week. Another was dazed for a long time and did not recognize his

Every person in the United States will be wearing eyeglasses within 100 years, according to an authority reporting at the meeting of the national committee report called for greater safeguarding of eyes.

James Houser, 70, who three years ago arranged and attended his own "funeral" at Hillsboro, Ind., is dead. De siring to know what his friends thought of him, he had the funeral and disguised, occupied a front seat in the country church.

Chicago citizens are 100 per cent. efficient in shirking jury duty, according to a federal judge. He summoned 30 city men for service and 20 farmers. Nineteen of the latter appeared, and none of the 30. He sent the farmers back to work, and ordered the city men rounded up.

A Christmas tree decorated with gifts for animals will be held by the New York humane society. There will be carrots. apples, sugar, blankets, palls, leashes and collars, and owners of horses, dogs and cats will be invited to visit the tree and obtain gifts for their

In 1892 a Chicago man sued another for \$500. During the next 30 years, the litigants spent more than \$10,000 in appealing to higher courts. The judge now dismisses the suit, unsettled. Both litigants are dead, so is one of the original lawyers. No one is now certain what the suit was about. Some think it was

The little English town of Suningdale is thoroughly up-to-date, for it now has a woman as sole minister of its Congregational church. She is Miss Norah Thompson, who has made a name for herself as an excellent preacher. She has officiated at marriages, baptisms and funerals, and is fully qualified for

Although canned fish from Portuguese waters are reported all over the world by shiploads, the people of Portugal like codfish, and send fishing fleets to After 18 citizens of Cleveland, O., were injured in one night authorities established a rule that automobile drivers un-

der 18 years old be arrested on sight. Skull experts have deserted Wieeling. W. Va., leaving the curious still wondering what the bumps mean. City authorities passed an ordinance prohibiting

phrenologists from practicing. Ripon, England, keeps up a custom 1,000 years old. Every night a "wake" attired in official costume, appears before the mayor's house and blows three solemn notes on the "horn

A bath once a year is quite enough. and the daily plunge endangers civilization, in the opinion of Dr. Ralph Bern-stein, of Hahnemann hospital, Philadelphia. Luxury of the bath was Rome's

ruin, he says.

A Danish colony of 5,000 persons in South America, is being planned.

The jury acting in an Italian law case which lasted three months had to answer 12,000 questions and consult 73,800

Miss Ethel May Bradford is the director of the course in bee husbandry re-cently established by the University of Saskatchewan.

Salesmen and clerical workers are in the majority of the men applying for commissions as second lieutenants

the American army. Christmas savings which will be distributed within the next three weeks by banks throughout the United States amount to \$180,000,000.

## SALARY FIGHT ON AT FREMONT, NEB.

Organized Farmers Make Effort to Secure Reductions in Pay of County Officials.

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 18 (Special) .-Farmers represented by attorneys employed to combat Dodge county officials, will assemble at the court house December 22 to renew the fight for a lower salary schedule for Dodge county officers. The farmers contend that the salaries should be based on the population shown by the census. This is 23,000.

### WHOLE COMMUNITY JOINED . IN PICKING WIDOW'S CORN

Homer, Neb., Dec. 15 (Special.)-Fifty teams and about 75 corn pickers in the neighborhood of Mrs. Barber's home gathered and picked her 70 acres in one day, Over 3,000 bushels of corn was cribbed. Mrs. Barber is the widow of Robert Barber, who was killed in an auto accident several weeks ago. The business men of Homer assisted in picking the corn and furnished the lunch for the crowd.

#### SKULL FRACTURED IN A MOTOR MIXUP

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 15 (Special) .-Herman Taapert, local messenger service owner, is unconscious in a local bospital suffering from fracture of the base of the skull. He speeding on a motorcycle was run down by Elmer Rains, who, the police say, was raving in an automobile.

## WOULD READ HASKELL OUT OF THE PARTY

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 18.-A move to read W. G. Haskell of Cedar Rapids out of the republican party and prevent him from taking part in the republican caucus of the state senate this winter is being made by Senator J. L. Brookhart of Washington, Ia., Haskell announced while at the state house to attend a meeting of the conservation board.

Senator Haskell is one of the republicans who bolted Colonel Brookhart during the campaign and openly admits that he voted for Clyde L. Herring for United States senator.

Senator J. L. Brookhart is a brother of Smith Brookhart, the United Statese senator. Friends of Senator Haskell have

informed him that Brookhart is taking a poll of the state senators on the advisability of barring the Cedar Rapids senator from the republican caucus. Haskell expressed little concern over this attempt to read him out of the party and apparently considers

ovement in the light of a joke. As Senator Haskell denies that he is a democrat, he may have to flock by himself. Should the move to bar Haskell from the republican caucus succeed, there would be in the state senate next winter 46 republicans, three democrats and one man without a party

## FALLS DOWN STAIRS, IS BADLY INJURED

Storm Lake, Iowa, Dec. 18 (Special). -When Russell Point and his playmates followed their curiosity up the tower of the Presbyterian church to get an advance view of the new chimes, they did not know they went up. The workman in charge of the installation saw the boys fingering his tools and called out in no un certain tones, "Get out." The boys did.

In clambering down the narrow stairs, Russell, fell and rolled down several feet, striking his head on the steps. His left ear was torn and cut. The workman discovered him a few minutes later, picked him up and carried him to the hospital, where stitches were taken in the injured member.

## ILLINOIS CENTRAL TO DEPOSIT CASH AT WATERLOO

Waterloo, Ia., Dec. 18.-Through recent action by the management of the Illinois Central, this city will become the depository of the road's fifth banking zone. It is estimated the deposits will run as high as \$40,000,000 annually. The zone will comprise the district west of Dubuque including branch lines.

## INSTALLS RADIO OUTFIT DESPITE HIS 80 YEARS

Storm Lake, Ia., Dec. 18 (Special.) -Speaking of the spirit of youth, Col. George Currier, 80 years old last June, has recently installed a radio in his home. He is a bit deaf himself but his wife has fun enough for two in "Listening in." The set was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Currier by their son. E. C. Currier of Sioux City.

WOMAN PUTS NEGRO

BANDITS TO ROUT Mason City, Ia., Dec. 18 (Special). -Two buriy colored men were put to rout yesterday morning by Mrs. Israel Crystal when they entered her store, leveled pistols on her and commanded her to open the store's safe. "You don't dare shoot," she yelled as she rushed at them. She was right. They rar, and police found no trace

of them. Both were masked. STORM LAKE BOY IS

Storm Lake, Ia., Dec. 18 (Special). Karl W. Bowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bowers of this city, made a score of 99.9 per cent in a recent rifle match in Chicago. He went to Chicago a year ago, where he entered the central engineering office of the Western company. For recreation he took up rifle practice and made the Illinois rifle team last summer. This team won the trophy at the match at Camp Perry, Mr. Bowers has just won the gold medal at the Chicago rifle meet, and will continue his practice that he may go to Camp Perry again this year.

# THE SPEAKERSHIP FIGHT NARROWER

Grant Mears, Wayne County, Said to Be in Running for Legislative Post of Honor.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 16 (Special) .-Members elect of the Nebraska legislature in Lincoln say they believe the contest for speaker of the House, with nearly a score of avowed and tentative candidates, has narrowed down to four men-Daniel Garber of Webster county, a new member: Grant Mears of Wayne, a veteran of many terms and author of the state capitol bill; Scott Reynolds of Lincoln and George T. Staats of Dodge. The democrats will have a candidate, but as the minority party no one is seeking the place. Members who are here say there is little doubt but that a bill will be introduced lowering salaries of state officers. Constitutional state officials cannot have their stipends reduced during their terms, but appointive officers are not thus protected.

## COUNTY CLERK FACES EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 16 .- A. S. Allen, of North Platte, county clerk of Lincoln county, is out on bond on a charge of embezzlement while Carl Goucher of Omaha, a traveling salesman for the Omaha Printing company is also at liberty under bond in connection with the case, according to

advices received from North Platte. The charge resulted from the alleged issuance of three Lincoln county warrants to the Omaha Printing Company according to a statement by the company. The statement said:

"In checking over the accounts of this company with Lincoln county a representative of this company went to North Platte Wednesday night and while there, after an examination of the records of the county, discovered that three warrants, totaling \$2,323.97 had been, by mistake or some other irregularity, issued to the Omaha Printing company. Upon discovering this irregularity, this company sent its check for the total amount of thest warrants back to the

"Mr. C. R. Goucher is an old and trusted employe of this company and the company has yet to be shown that there was any criminal intent growing out of this transaction, on his part."

## WIFE OF MISSIONARY AMONG INDIANS DEAD

Kearney, Neb., Dec. 16 .- Mrs. Louise Collins, 93, wife of the Rev. Asbury Collins a missionary among Sioux and Pawnee Indians, beore the time of white settlements in Nebraska, died here Friday. She was one of the first, if not the first white women to settle permanently in Ne-

## ARMED BANDITS PULL STUNT IN SOUTH OMAHA

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 16.—Two armed bandits entered a South Omaha pool hall Thursday night, locked the proprietor in a closet, lined up six patrons against the wall, and taking \$200 from the cash register, fled after an exchange of shots with the proprietor, who had freed himself.

## GOVERNOR-ELECT BRYAN RESIGNS CITY OFFICE

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 16 .- Charies W. Bryan, governor elect, Friday turned in his resignation as city commissioner to take effect December 17.

## BREAKING JAIL IS COSTLY PROPOSITION

Waterloo, Ia., Dec. 15 (Special.)-Plummer Copeland, who escaped from the Black Hawk county jail, where he was being held awaiting orders from Wisconsin officials, has discovered that breaking jail is a rather disastrous experience. Copeland escaped with two other prisoners. He was recaptured a few days later.

He was taken to Wisconsin, where he was acquitted of charges preferred against hi mand released. He returned to his home in Independence. Sherfff H. T. Wagner learned that he was in Iowa and ordered him taken into custody to answer an indictment of breaking jail in this county. He was removed to the Black Hawk county jail and will be given a trial at the January term of the district gourt.

## HAS BEEN AN ODD **FELLOW ALMOST 66 YEARS**

Cherokee, Ia., Dec. 15 (Special.) --William C. Adsit, father of County Treasurer Ray Adsit, was 90 years old, Tuesday, December 12. The event was celebrated by the Cherokes Lodge of Odd Fellows with a homecoming and meeting for congratulations. Mr. Adsit was made an Odd Fellow at Decorah, Ia., January 5, 1857 and therefore, has been a member of the order for almost 66 years. Fifteen years ago he was presented with the 55-year medal by the grand lodge of lowa. He was born in Duchess county, New York and came west in 1854. He has resided in Cherokee

EPWORTH LEAGUE OF

Allen, Neb., Dec. 16 (Special) .- A Dixon County Epworth League association was formed at a meeting in Allen recently, when about 75 young people representing the Methodist young people of Ponca, Rose Hill, Dixon and Allen were guests of the Allen organization. Special talks were given by Rev. Sideel of Laurel and Prof. Marksbury of the Ponca public schools The officers of the new organization are George Heaton of Allen, president, and Ben. W. Minter of Martinburg, secretary. The next county meeting will be held in Ponca, February 1.

# FARM INTERESTS TO GET TOGETHER

## Will Hold Organization Meeting Early Next Month to Formulate Legislative Program.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 12 (Special.)-Leaders of the organized farmers of the state propose to hold a conference of representatives of the farmers' union, farm bureau and possibly the non-partisan league, during the first week of January to adopt a legisla-

tive program. This is the beginning of the proposed farm bloc in the legislature. After the program has been agreed upon members of the legislature will be asked to back it and to organize for that purpose. They will also be informed as to what bills the organized farmers are opposing. Heretofcre each organization has had a legislative committee.

### RAIL BOARD POWERLESS WITH LIGHT COMPANIES

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 12 (Special.)-The state railway commission has no power to regulate the rates which the transmission line companies may charge cities and towns for current, it is obliged to write back to all inquirers in recent weeks. The last letter was from A. J. Barak, mayor of Petersburg, which has a contract with the Nebraska Gas and Electric company to supply electricity.

When the rates were first put in the company charged a service fee of \$1 a month, and then rates ranging from 9 cents to 141/2 cents a kilowatt hour. Since then Barak says the company put on a 20 per cent surcharge and then added 25 per cent until rates are now oppressive.

The legislature has steadfastly refused to confer on the state railway commission any power of regulation on the theory that lighting plants fall properly within the jurisdiction of cities and towns, and that home regulation is better.

## ENGLISH-SPEAKING ONES ASSERT THEIR RIGHT

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 12 (Special.)-English-speaking members of the German Lutheran Evangelical church at Emerald, a small town west of Lincoln, have brought suit in district court to restrain the six deacons, who were recently fined for discriminating against the use of English in the church services, from using any part of the church funds to finance their appeal to the supreme court. They also ask an order restraining them from barring the doors against English services. The first case is a test of the new Reed-Morvay law.

## HOG CHOLERA PLAYS HAVOC NEAR WAKEFIELD

Wakefield, Neb., Dec. 12 (Special.) -Numerous cases of hog cholera have been reported here. Several farmers have lost almost their entire herds. As yet the disease is confined to a small locality. A great many herds have been having what veterinarians pronounced influenza, but from which most most of the infected animals recovered.

### CREIGHTON PROFESSOR DIES IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 12.-Rev. Thomas E. McNeive, instructor of Latin and English at Creighton University 1904 and 1905 and pastor of St. John's Church here, 1917, and 1918, was killed Sunday near Topeka, Kan., in an automobile accident.

## FALLS FROM BICYCLE, DIES FROM INJURIES

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 12 .- Dr. H. E. Eells, 40, Fremont dentist, died here Monday evening as the result of injuries received in a fall from his bicycle to the pavement.

## GOVERNOR-ELECT BRYAN PREPARES FOR BUSINESS

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 11.-Governorelect Bryan has begun to close up his work as a member of the Lincoln city commission preparatory to taking the office of chief executive of the state early in the new year. As a commissioner Mr. Bryan has a number of reports to make and these will be forthcoming. It is reported that Mr. Bryan intends to resign as a commissioner at an early date.

#### THIRTY-MILE GALE CARRIED ZERO WEATHER.

Mitchell, S. D., Dec. 12 (Special) .--Winter, borne on the wings of a 30 mile gale yesterday came with a rush last night and temperatures dropped to 14 below zero last night. This morning, the wind having abated, the mercury had clambered up to nine below by 8 o'clock.

## PUSH ORGANIZATION OF BAND AT ABERDEEN

Aberdeen, S. D., Dec. 12 (Special). - H. C. Bronson, director of the Aberdeen Municipal band, has returned from a winter tour with Sousa's band. He will immediately start work on his new municipal band here and expects to have one at least as large as last summer's.

A Boston horse the task of which is to draw a delivery wagon qualified as a long distance swimmer. The animal fell through a drawbridge and was in the Charles river 36 hours before it was rescued.

Thouands of American tourists going to Egypt after Christmas will have op-portunity to view the tomb of King Tutankhamen, discovered in the Valley of the Kings at Thedes. Treasures brought to light are valued at \$15,000,000. The Albert A. Bie er collection of books and manuscripts on American poetry, said to be the largest on the subject in existence, has been sold to the University of Texas. Many rare speciments are included. There are 7.200 volumes of the 1716 to 1876 period.

## GOING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

Going home for Christmas! It is still as popular as it was when knighthood was in flower and Dickens wrote his Christmas carol. But the methods have changed. In this age of complexes, there is also the Christmas complex, and even getting home is a toilsome journey fraught with many telegrams and taxicabs, not to mention extra sections.

Once upon a time it was different. There was the old stage coach that took all the absent members of the family home for Christmas. It was unnecessary in those days to speak ahead for reservations, to wire on from Chicago to hold a lower on the midnight that stops at the nearest big city to the little New England town you live in. The coachman, unlike the railroad officials of today, did not have to worry about putting on extra trains to get the college girls home for Christmas. Traveling was light, and if it was a bit cold, there were friendly inns where all could stop and warm nose and toes by a blazing fire while drinking down a mug of ale. There were no baggage masters to turn gray with the shower of trunk checks at each station. In the Stage Coach Days.

But let Washington Irving tell it. "The coach was crowded, both inside and out, with passengers who, by their talk, seemed principally bound to the mansions of relations or friends to eat the Christmas dinner. It was loaded also with hampers of game, and baskets and boxes of delicacies; and hares hung dangling their long ears about the coachman's box, presents from distant friends for the impending feast. I had three fine rosy-cheeked boys for my fellow passengers inside. They were returning home for the holidays in high glee and promising themselves a world of enfoyment. It was delightful to hear the gigantic plans of the little rogues, and the impracticable feats they were to perform during their six-weeks' emancipation from the abhorred thraldom of

book, birch and pedagogue. "Perhaps it might be owing to the pleasing serenity that reigned in my mind that I fancied I saw cheerfulness in every countenance throughout the journey. A stage coach, however, carries animation always with it, and puts the world in motion as it whirls along. The horn sounded at the entrance of a village produces a general bustle. Some hasten forth to meet friends; some with bundles and bandboxes to secure places, and in the hurry of the moment can hardly take leave of the

group that accompanies them. "Perhaps the impending holiday might have given a more than usual animation to the country, for it seemed to me as if everybody was in good looks and good spirits. Game, poultry and other luxuries of the table were in brisk circulation in the villages; and the grocers', butchers' and fruiterers' shops were thronged with customers. The housewives were stirring briskly about, putting their dwellings in order; and the glossy branches of holly, with their bright red berries began to appear at the windows."

## Changing the Technic.

What is it like now. The idea is the same, but how the technic has changed, how much more complicated are the matters for the homing children and for those who help get them home.

In the first place, there are so many more\_away from home. Jack and Jill go away to school and then go away to work and then settle down and marry in some far-away place, so that there are whole families to be transported at Christmastime. And then no one can possibly leave until the last minute. So that congestion is not the word to describe the crowds. Modern efficiency methods had to be invented to take

care of them. There are of course the railroads. Special trains, extra sections, all late -that is Christmas eve on the railread. Stations blocked with baggage, porters handing out bags hopefully in return for generous tips, passengers racing for the first taxicab-Christmas eve in the station when

the home-bound arrive. But there is still good nature on

### O Little Town of Bethlehem. O little town of Bethlehem,

How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by; Yet in the dark streets shineth The Everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; And gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars together Proclaim the holy birth, And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth!

How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven, No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him

The dear Christ enters in.

o holy Christ of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today! We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell-Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel. -Phillips Brooks.

Christmas Song. Why do bells for Christmas ring? Why do little children sing?

Once a lovely, shining star, Seen by shepherds from afar, Gently moved until its light Made a manger-cradle bright.

There a darling baby lay. Pillowed soft upon the hay. And his mother sang and smiled, 'This is Christ, the holy child.'

So the bells for Christmas ring, So the little children sing. -Lydia A. C. Ward. the day before Christmas. Everybody is now, as when Washington Irving wrote, in good looking and good spirits. Shops are crowded, bumpy bundles get in the way, but it doesn't matter. Holly still appears in the windows, and Christmas greens

are everywhere. A Miniature Christmas. There are, however, some drasticchanges. Many are the families that: have moved to an apartment in the city. No entertaining on a large scale is possible there. The diningroom table is only big enough for six, and there are only six of the large dinner plates. It must be a miniature celebration. The apartment house fireplace-if there is one-is-

no place for a yule log.

An old writer's account of Christmas celebrations runs thus: "Nowcapons and hens, besides turkeys, geese and ducks, with beef and mutton must all die, for in 12 days a. multitude of people will not be fed with a little. Now plums and spices, sugar and honey, square it among pies and broth. Now or never must music be in tune, for the youth must dance and sing to get them a heat while the aged sit by the fire. Thecountry maid leaves half her market, and must be sent again, if she forgets a pack of card on Christmas eve. Great is the contention of holly and ivy, whether master or dame wears the breeches. Dice and cards benefit the butler; and if the cook do not lack it, he will sweetly lick his fingers."

Now one turkey will do very nicely and the butler is turned chauf-Christmas dinner. The youth may feur and goes home to his own dance, but not at home, except it beone couple to the tune of the Vic-

trola. It is as if one big Christmas of the olden time had been divided upand scattered around to make 10 or a dozen modern Christmases. Or if you look at Christmas through field glasses, look through the small end and you will see the old-time Christmas; look through the large ends and you will see the modern Christmas.—Springfield Republican.

#### Christmas Bells. I heard the bells on Christmas day Their old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet

The words repeat Of peace on earth, good will to men\_ Then from each black accursed mouth The cannon thundered in the south, And with the sound

The carols drowned Of peace on earth, good will to men. And in despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong

And mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men!"-Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:

The wrong shall fail, And right prevail, With peace on earth, good will to-

"God is not dead, nor does He sleep!

men!" -Henry W. Longfellow. A Walk on Christmas Morning. Before high sun-peer let us go Across the unflawed sweep of snow! The distant line of firs well seem Like Druid warders in a dream Guarding some white domain wherein There is no memory of sin. With us, in silvern fall and swell, The soul of music from a bell will float, ethereal and pure. The crystal sky will lift and lure Our spirits upward ceaselessly.

A delicate low harmony

The hidden rill will breathe, and while No bird note will our ears beguile, A murmurous, bough-whispering Will sound a prestige of the spring. A drifted dip, a turn, and lo, Upon a virgin slope of snow A holly tree, full foliaged, set In green and scarlet silhouette! A holly tree whose fadeless cheer Symbols the Yuletide of the year. Berry and leaf-perennial sign Of holy love-will we entwine. Berry and leaf, ah, joyous glow! Back will we bear across the snow; And if upon some old oak tree The mistletoe we chance to see A spray we'll pluck that mirth may

rule And cap the ancient rites of Yule! -Clinton Scollard.

## (New York Herald.) EVE ETERNAL. By William Herschell

Sweet eve eternal! Wondrous night? Aglow with songs and candlelight; Aglow with dreams and mystic spells Of Santa Claus and Chrismas bells! O let my dreams of youth run free! Glad Christmas eves, come back to-

me! Change me to child! Let me once more Go nightie-clad to Dreamland's

door. It cannot be! So, Yule-beguiled, I'll wish joy to some other child. My thoughts will follow up the stairs, Some baby, to its Christmas prayers.

Its prayers will be for everything-Far more than Santa Claus could bring: But what are prayers if they must be

Of limit in gratuity? Make Santa's Christmas pack sogreat

He'll fairly groan beneath theweight. 'Twill do no harm-so have no fear-He only works one night a year! May every prayer that's breathed to-

night Be answered ere the dawn of light. May every heart, however sad, Find stockings filled with Loads of

Glad! Under the Mistletoe. She stood beneath the mistletoe, The shaded lights were burning low; The time was Christmas eve, you

And she had never had a beau. Our conversation ceased to flow, I sensed the psychic undertow, And felt a sudden panic grow; My knees were wabbling to and fro-I saw her eyes expectant glow, She thought a kiss I would bestow. I heard without the wild winds blow, The rattle of the sleety snow, I took my hat-I wasn't slow-I knew that it was time to go, She stood beneath the mistletoe.

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