EW YEAR'S DAY has ever occupied a peculiar relation to the three hundred and sixty-five days on which are etched the doings and history of a whole calendar year. The Romans observed the day as a public holiday, and on this day all litigation and strife were suspended, social visits

were exchanged, presents were given and received, and feasting throughout the empire was the order of the day. The early Christians at first set themselves against the usages of the day as observed by the Romans until the fixing of Christmas day on the 25th of December, and New Year's day came to be observed as the octave of the Nativity and also as the Festival of the Circumcision.

The observance and spirit of the day have not changed very greatly in the onrush of the centuries. We might go back across the long stretch of years between the day

we live in and the day when the Romans interchanged their social visits and their good wishes and both gave and received their strenae, and between the then and the now the identity of feeling, emotion and sentiment concerping this day is readily discovered.

So many sentiments crowd themselves into New Year's day and all are mostly children in the way in which the day appears to them and in the simple feelings and emotions by which it is observed. The greeting: "A Happy New Year!" pushes up through the hard strata of the year, and the simple emotions, which make the whole world kin, bring friend nearer to friend and melt life together into a richer affection, and good will becomes the keynote of life on this day. Grudges are dropped, resentments dissolved, and the average man with the average endowment of affection for his fellows finds it almost impossible to vitalize any of his hatreds through the emotion-laden moments of New Year's day. The personal life has many things to say to itself; it is at once a closing of accounts and the opening of a new career. Old things pass away and all things seem to become new. The things that might have been and have not become are forgotten in the new hopes and aspirations and ambitions which spring up in the heart on the first day of the year.

Of course, nobody will ever be what the hopes and faith of the day project for the individual life.



upon you! Shamey! Remember

grandma is not so young as she once

was and the penitential efficiency of

a bunion is greatly enhanced by the

shoving forward of the foot as accom-

plished by the French heel. Command

the old lady to do a cake-walk once

an hour around the dining room table

if you will, but let her do it in com-

fortable shoes. Another item in favor

of trying this resolution is the fact

that you have probably never asked

she didn't like, so it should be that

much easier to keep to your resolu-

For a young man-"I resolve from

this day never again to smoke a pipe

in church. This sample is highly

recommended. The practice against

which you issue the edict of banish-

ment is reprehensible in the highest

degree. Smoking, while of course it

might be a solace to you during the

sermon, could not but annoy your

neighbors and fellow worshipers. The

men envy you, leading to countless

domestic difficulties for them. The

preacher is unable to see whether all

the deacons are awake or not by the

haze from your pipe. Moreover, just

as a distinguished statesman once of-

ficially declared that the odor of

cigarettes annoyed him there are

those to whom the smell of a pipe is

a nuisance and the offertory collector

might be one of these. Besides, you

would probably be thrown out or ar-

For men who ride much in street

cares "henceforth I will not mind the

feathers." This is one requiring con-

siderable care-but if strictly adhered

neighbor's a long stiff quill suddenly

jabs you in the nose giving to that fea-

ture the rich red that which another

have your daily communion with the

rooster and if you resolve not to mind,

For any one who does not raise

chickens-"I hereby resolve and de-

termine not to eat any more strictly

how much more placid the temper!

rested or something.

tion not to do so.

wear any kind of shoes

most sanguine architect of the richer fortune yet to be will fall short of the ideal that controls his imagination. But the very fact that the day stirs these noble impulses and floods the prospective days with the glow of hope is in itself an assurance that the year shall be rich in the gifts and the good will of the gods.

Another year! another year! The increasing rush of time sweeps on! Whelm'd in its surges, disappear Man's hopes and fears-forever gone!

Oh, no! forbear that idle tale! The hour demands another strain, Demands high thoughts that cannot quail, And strength to conquer and retain.

'Tis midnight-from the dark blue sky The stars, which now look down on eart! Have seen ten thousand centuries fly, And given to countless changes birth.

Shine on! shine on! With you I tread The march of ages, orbs of light!
A last eclipse o'er you may spread— To me, to me, there comes no night!

The sentiment that phrases itself in the quite

The world is very evil, The times are wearing late.

is hardly in tune with the modern spirit when The most ardent believer in the better day, the life is thought of as a corporate business and this

modern spirit takes account of its own enlarged and enlarging kingdom

Not the most credulous and believing prophet a generation ago could have forecast the world we know and are perfectly at home with to-day Bulwer Lytton in his short book, "The Coming Race," endeavored to tell the story and achievement of mankind in the day that was shortly to be, but his seeming impossible world has been more than realized in our own day. The half has not been told. The great note of the day is the large grasp human life possesses over its own career and destiny, the growing confidence that this old yet ever renewing world is solving its own problems, and, under the guiding of that Providence which Pope's well-known lines so beautifully express:

All nature is but art, unknown to thee: All chance, direction, which thou canst not see: All discord, harmony, not understood; All partial evil, universal good,

is working for the day of a perfectly ordered and perfectly adjusted civilization. The greater power man is accumulating and employing over his own bodily life, his mastery of the secrets of life which have been hid from the foundation of the world, the realization that man himself is his own providence in a vastly larger degree than hitherto he has dreamed of, and that the "greater things" the greatest of all Teachers foretold ages ago that he should

be endowed with competence to do -these he is doing in this very day with a miraculous confidence and a mighty faith. He has discovered that his own commission over life, over the happiness and health and the fruitage of the life that now is, as well as of that which is to come, is a vastly larger commis-Providence is a partnership and kink comes a new name. that no man may be a sleeping partner in the business of living sian, Cossack, Sultan; now we are to without the penalty of losing the very thing that life is-a world of potencies converted into achieve-

This is the note, surely, as civinote of competency, the sense of added powers to life, the feeling that the greater things are coming on the earth, and that man is using the key to unlock the treasure house of his own life with a sureness and a wisdom that give promise of a vastly better, richer, juster universe than he has yet known.

Another note of our time is the fact that life mirrors itself in such a wonderful way and the things and forces that make for the better day to be are known and read of all men. We live in the open, and no man may become champion cause and the nature of his championship. No man to-day may hide his light under a bushel. It is a tell-tale world, and, more than any past time, the world to-day has a juster sense of values and knows both the things that are saving it and the things also that threaten and endanger it. Public service was never so responsible as it is to-day, because civilization never had the almost miraculous power of analyzing and testing the value of public service as in this present year. Public life is an open book. and the most impossible of all im. is worn. possible things to-day is that any national or international movement should be misunderstood or misinments is true of public men. No from the floor for the evening. public man can deceive his constit-

Startling Figures. The lives of all the 85,500,000

residents of the United States are worth \$250,000,000,000. Unnecessary deaths every year cost in capitalized earnings, \$1,000,-

Workmen's illness annually costs in wages \$500,000,000. Care of the sick and dead every

year costs \$460,000,000. Tuberculosis taxes the nation \$1,000,000,000, annually,

Malaria costs \$200,000,000.

trated, the dress is made of pale gray as well as a pretty figured silk, Swiss, cloth, with a yoke of moire in the or dotted or checked muslin, with all same tone, and a yoke of fancy net. of which materials the lace-entre The cuffs are also of the moire, but deux and ribbons here employed go the buttons and piping used are of charmingly. gray velvet in a slightly deeper tone. For theater or other evening use this net, lace or Swiss or barred muslin gown could be of white, or cream, or over a tinted slip and with ribbons pale blue, or dull rose cloth, or serge. in the same color, this gown would be The evening serges are very hand- charming for any of the holiday funcsome and within the means of most tions soon to come. If a low effect home sewers. For street wear, serge is desired, the line of the neck could or cheviot would be good choices, and be made round and the guimpe left with these the yoke and cuffs could off, in which case the line at the botbe of the same with a braid finish. tom of the bodice, and those of the For a medium figure 51/2 yards of sleeves, should be cut plain. double width serge is enough for this

For the medium misses' figure four yards of all-over net, and six yards of The second model gives one of the bordering would be required for this evening dress aspects of the moyen dress.

Two Pretty Styles.

One phase of the moyen age prin-, age. It is made of all-over and bor-

cess is demonstrated in our first illus- dered fancy net. Any bordering suffi-

tration, the style being suited to ciently wide, however, to cut the top

either house or street wear. As illus- of the garment could be used for it,

With a thin white material, such as

done in the world of fashion.

OF CLOTH OF GOLD.

TURBANS GIVEN NEW NAMES ternoon frock made long, but they will

Milliners Work Hard Thinking Up show that they know what is being Designations for That Form of Headgear.

Evidently the turban is to take on sion than the world hitherto has liner can devise. And with each new We have had Turkish, Uhlan, Rus-

have Rembrandt, Henry III., Hussar, De Stael, Drum Major and Napoleon. Some of the furs of which they are made are of the ultra-fashionable ring-

tail; also ermine and sealskin. Auslization faces the year 1910—the tralian oppossum and moleskin. The drum major turban is trimmed with a circlet of antique gold and bronze set with jewels.

The latter are very new and smart and will not stir the wrath of the Audubon society. A thick quill is used; then the long, coarse fur of the monkey is put in it at each side. It is amazing what influence the Audubonists are having on millinery and these fur quills are one outcome of

Bronze lace is widely used for trimming, and ermine and sealskin without trimming are among the most distinguished turbans of the season.

Another model that has startling distinction is of moleskin trimmed of any cause and keep the world in with an heroic pansy made of blue ignorance of the character of the and violet bugles with a gold center.

PROPER LENGTH OF SKIRTS

Fashion's Decree Makes Distinct Variations in Dimensions of the Garment.

There is confusion in the minds of many concerning skirts, There is so much talk about smart gowns being then, again, others who discard a five inches from the floor for evening and nearly six inches for morning, cause it is somewhat old style or torn that women wonder if there is any in a few places. hour in which the long, graceful skirt

The strict decree of fashion is this: Skirts five or six inches from the ground for street wear; skirts that terpreted by the world's best mind, sweep the floor in a round train for cautious, who converted it into stock And what is true of public move. the afternoon, and skirts five inches collars and belts. The ends of the

This is the decree! Everyone does five tiny clovers were embroidered. uents to-day, for his constituents not have to abide by it, but numbers are the world. And the strong man of women will accept it in part, if not that good material is never wasted. to-day is the man who frankly rec- in whole. They may not have every The half-worn linen skirt has countevening gown made short, or every af- less possibilities.

LATEST IDEA IN HAT BRIMS

The last innovation in hats is the to eager buyers. immense brim that swoops up at the back. It is not becoming to any one, but it will probably be worn by the majority. It is a less artistic angle Typhoid fever costs \$350,000,000. than the one formed by a flaring brim at the side or the left front. It should be softened by the thick end of a plume. When a barbaric ornament is used in the center of it, the emphasis

say will deter women from wearing it. mesh is used for the all-black blouse

There is a satisfaction in knowing

A beautiful but costly turban for

evening wear or fermal afternoon oc-

casions is made from cloth of gold.

It is artistically and beautifully draped

and has for its sole decoration a

gorgeous paradise aigrette in natural

Possibilities.

There are some women who are

constantly utilizing old material, and

shirtwaist, skirt or dress merely be-

A white linen shirtwaist, which was

in very good condition, save for a few

holes at the neckband and waist line

(caused by constant pinning), was

saved from extinction by one of the

stocks were square, and on one collar

coloring.

Brocade is much favored for bridesmaids' hats. Perhaps it solves the color problem as well, for it is always possible to secure just the right shade of blue or pink at the silk counter when the felt hats offer no assistance

Large shapes are popular, and olumes of the same color or contrasting tones are used. The design of the brocade seems especially ornamental and suitable for festive occasions. After the great event these silk hats are lovely for evening wear.

FAMOUS EXPLORER

Sketch of Roald Amundsen Who Found Northwest Passage.

Norwegian Friend of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, Only Man to Take Ship from Atlantic to Pacific.

Pittsburg, Pa.-Roald Amundsen, now about thirty-seven years old and with a record behind him of but a single independent expedition, has more or less proved himself one of the most competent arctic explorers who have ever gone north. He is the first and the only man so far to accomplish the long-attempted feat of taking a ship from the Atlantic to the Pacific by the Northwest passage. He has made at a point within a short distance of the magnetic pole the only set of complete polar magnetic observations ever taken. These achievements, on which rests his fame, were accomplished in the years 1903-05, under conditions making them the more remarkable. Amundsen's successful expedition was made at a cost of only \$30,000, in a tiny whaling sloop, the Gjoa, of but 70 feet length over all and 47 tons burden.

Amundsen was born at Sarpsburg, Norway, and in his childhood moved with his parents to Christiania. His parents destined him for medicine. For one year he was a medical student, but at his mother's death, when he was 19 years old, he gave up the intended career and went to sea. For



a number of years he cruised in the north as a whaler and sealer on Nor-

asseredly have one of each kind to wegian vessels. Amundsen had his first taste of exploration when in 1897 he went as first officer with the Belgica on Gerlach's Belgian polar expedition. From what he learned of the work and adventure of exploring on this trip and from the second Norwegian polar expedition of 1898 he became filled with arctic ambitions of his own. He formed the project not of attaining the geographic pole sought by so many, but of trying the long-neglected Northwest passage and approaching and studying while on his way the littleknown magnetic pole. Ross in his expedition of 1831 had made observations locating the magnetic pole and studying its phenomena, but for some sixty years his work had lain uncom-

It took Amundsen several years to prepare himself for his trip. His first care was to study the subject of magnetism with that extreme and nationt thoroughness that characterized him. He begrudged no time. For two years he studied, first in Hamburg under Neumayer, authority on magnetism; in Berlin under Schmidt, and finally nt Wilhelmshafen under Borgen in the meteorological station. His mental preparation over, he spent two years more in raising funds and outfitting his expedition.

The Amundsen expedition, says the New York Sun, was perhaps the most modestly appointed that ever went for purposes of discovery into the arduous field of the Arctic. Its cost was \$30,000, a large part of this Amundsen's own money. Frithiof Nansen. the Norwegian polar explorer, a close friend and faithful helper of Amundsen's, helped raise another large part. Amundsen was finally able to put off from Christiania in the little 47-ton

sloop Gjoa on June 17, 1903. The Gjoa sailed around the north end of America, reaching the mouth of the Mackinac river about September 3, 1905. She went by way of Baffins bay, Lancaster sound, Barrow strait, Peel sound, James Ross strait and Rae strait. Twice she wintered in the ice. For a period of many nonths during this voyage Amundsen naintained an observatory on King Williams Land, at latitude 68 degrees 30 minutes, longitude 90 degrees west within 90 miles, as he calculated, of the magnetic pole. He took constant observations during the period, himself watching the movements of the needle for four hours every day.

The northwest trip, fulfilling the dream of the early navigator, brought Amundsen great renown. His latest lan for an expedition to drift around o the polar sea has received strong acking from his countrymen, King laakon and Queen Maud of Norway eading the subscription list.

"Dear me, Mrs. Smithers, what is that noise I heard yesterday over your way? Was that howling your dog

in a fit?" "No, Mrs. Queerit, that was my daughter taking her singing lesson from Signor Yelerino."

"No, no, Mrs. Smithers. I was told it was your daughter singing when I asked what bird you had there trill. ing more beautifully than I knew your canary could."

Rome to Have Unique Library. A complete library of Italian and foreign newspapers from the earliest times is to be instituted in Rome, and more than 200,000 collections have already been secured.

Many a bachelor has had a narrow scape from Cupid's bow.





Let the whistles blow it. . corners of our beautiful city. For the

bask in its splendid presence. through the week. Get a seat early of January. The chief difficulty that class of resolvists have already acand avoid the crowd if you would be still remains has to do with keeping quired, do not release your temper. for it will not be long in passing

It's safe to say that if all the high stars. resolves that go into effect on New melting the asphalt.

If good resolutions were salt mac-

cate that progress in any line is necessarily gradual. Take the flying machine, for instance. At present the scientists engaged in the development of this interesting device are in a po- "I hereby resolve with earnestness to sition to assert that many of their no longer insist on grandma wearing can get up into the air without the vantageous features to this resolution. aid of dynamite and they can come To begin with it is humane. Just on the part of the machine to select er! Her silver locks bob under her down. But these problems are minor painful step she whispers "Ouch." Fie

times. Two young women entered the

"Sit down, dear."

"No, you sit down."

TRIKE up the band, here and doubtless the answer is in ahe

enact new speed laws to keep it from makeshift for the present una tain-

kerel what a universal thirst would might be minimized by more attention to the subjects taken for resolving Human experience seems to indi- purposes. It is well to use care in selecting our resolutions, and because

problems are already solved. They French heels." There are several adits own time and place for coming dignified black bonnet and at every you are skeptical as to your ability,

Year's day had half the endurance of before the custom of resolving :a Marathon runner the millennium reaches perfection and in the meanwould come so fast that we'd have to time it might be well to adopt a

comes the good resolution. book somewhere if they can only find

their heads off, let the bells ring out, let the fog a similar aspect. It is not entirely

It would seem as if the difficulty suggestions may not be out of place. For a young woman-Try this one.

horn on the lake front shatter the at- perfect at present. But considering mosphere to atoms, let the similar the few years since Adam inaugurated gladsome noises be let loose upon the the outdoor sleeping fad and became vibrant ozone even in the uttermost grandpa to the human race it is not surprising that some details are still to will be found of great assistance in good resolution is marching forward. to be worked out. The forming of the your daily life. When depending from Only a few days more and we will resolution has been beautifully work- a strap and resting your toes on some ed out, till almost any one, the merest Like the village drum major it novice, can resolve. The date, too, comes proudly prancing toward us has been firmly fixed as on the first hold it in its glory. Keep your eyes the resolution once it is made. Some- Smile and pretend you like it. Oftglued to the splendid spectacle, keep thing like keeping your aeroplane your ears open for the lofty sounds, right side up once you have estab- it, after due practice, of course. But

times you can make yourself believe lished a neighborly relation with the the principal advantage to be cited in this resolution's favor is that "you Probably several years will elapse might just as well." So long as the fashion remains the same you will tail feathers of an ostrich or of a

fresh eggs for several weeks to come." This is in some respects the of the proximity of January 1, a few prize resolution. Its advantages are many, but all the others are overshadowed by this one-you can't get any to eat. In spite of all the teacher may do the pupil will not learn unless he himself studies. You cannot make successful use of these sample resoludown again with practically no effort. think of forcing the poor old lady to tions without effort on your part. But Of course there are other difficulties teeter down the street with little you should find one among them to be overcome such as the tendency church steeples under her sole leath- which can be kept with the minimum of struggle. If you have no choice or

> try the last one. olence on the two faces froze into out- of the various state conventions and in

"Such impertinence!" snapped one. "How insulting!" huffed the other. But on the faces of a score of passengers was reflected more plainly than words:

tin, George Mason and Thomas Sum-

the federal convention. Men like Sam Adams, Patrick Henry, Richard Henry Lee, Yates and Lansing, Luther Marter, with many others were from start to finish bitterly opposed to the ratification of the Constitution. When the first vote was taken it was almost a tie in some of the states, New York, der, encircles the neck and is caught It is a fact that there was a tre- for instance, voting 30 for ratification mendous and most bitter opposition and 27 against ratification. Virginia to the adoption of the present Federal | voted 89 for, 79 against, Massachusetts |

New Decree of Fashion Is That They Must Have Immense Flare at the Back.

is bad. Yet nothing the critics will

A thick ostrich feather is used to go and is brought around the right shoulat the back with a chou of self-colored

Brocade Hats.

Black Fishnet.

In connection with it, there has and trimmed with black grosgrain ribbeen invented an exceedingly pretty bon of several widths, advancing from method of softening and disguising it. a quarter to an inch. The dullness of the ribbon and the extreme plainness around the crown, then over the back, of these little models proclaim them correct mourning for the younger woman. They are lined with lusterless black silk, except their collars maline. This is hat and neckpiece in and wristbands, which are left trans-

Black fishnet in coarse, heavy silk

Worm Turns at Last It was the old story. The one we ! have all seen repeated so many, many

car together and the tired-looking man "Go ahead, dear, and take it." arose and proffered his seat. Then, "No, no, you take it. I-" while he groped unsteadily for a strap, And then the tired man did what the usual conversation ensued: "Oh, thank you, sir." "Thank you so much."

in his seat the smiles of mutual benev- Constitution, both among the members 187 for, 168 against.

"I insist, dear; I'm not a bit tired." "Neither am I, and I'd just as soon

so many have wanted to see done so many, many times. He took it

The Federal Constitution.

"More power to you, old boy."