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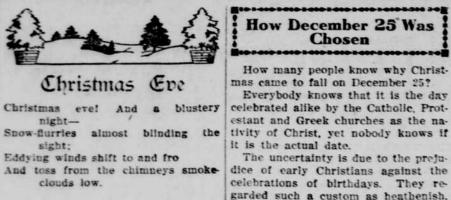
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AGE AND HUMAN USEFULNESS.

At what age are men at their best? The pessimistic theory attributed to Doctor Osler, which he afterward re- Eddying winds shift to and fro pudiated, that the golden age is thir. And toss from the chimneys smoke ty-five, or thereabouts, that it is followed inevitably by waning powers. and that there should be provision for chloroforming all who threaten to survive the age of sixty, has never had many serious adherents, says the Milerally conceded that thirty-five is rather the beginning than the end of the prime of life, and that the vig- Let the wintry winds moan on, and orous human individual who lives sanely and cheerfully may do more in some important fields of activity after he has acquired the ripe judgment that comes with experience than in the heyday of the thirties and forties. Dr. T. M. Crothers of Hartford, Conn., has come forward with a dec- Christmas eve! And the sound of bell, isration that is quite as interesting as Yuletide harmonies, break and swell, the one Doctor Osler disowned, and that ought to stiract equally wide at. Born in a manger-Saviour of men! tention. He says that "there are many reasons for believing that we carry around with us great reserve powers, and unknown energies which are seldom used, and that in old age appeal to these powers may give a certain vigor entirely unexpected, which lengthens our life and practically overcomes disease." He also says that "the man past cixty and from that on to eighty ought to be at his very best because life is then no experiment, and he has attained a position where he can use all his powers to the best advantage." Doctor Crothers insists that there is no theory in this, but that it "is sustained by a great variety of facts which fortunately are becoming more realized as the years go by."

A traveler in the west a decade ago was much amused at the vehicles he saw. They were all kinds of "contraptions." Buggies, "dearborns"any old thing to ride in. The people out there were living close, faring hard and-saving money, says the Philadelphia Press. That's why the per capita savings bank nowunt of Kunsas tweels that of all cther states. sitting by the high brick stove, I saw It is astonishingly different today. At the Cossacks and their despairing the Leavenworth county fair some charges arrive. days ago dozens of farmers came to I remember walking and talking the grounds in motor cars. They had with several of them in that wilderpaid for them, too. They had raised ness of newly fallen snow. Most of the wheat and corn to do it. The mere sensation of gliding swiftly over the roads where a year or so back they had condemned the "burz" wag- his advisers-as indeed they well ons which frightened their horses, might be. gave them confidence and a new satisfaction. This is what the automo- calendar I spent in Servia-in Bel- things, mamma?" bile has achieved in our country dis- grade, the capital of that gallant lit-

tricts. It has made a modest toiler a the state, the powder-magazine of the It has put a Ball machine in his hands and said, "Use day, and an air of festivity was every- him!" it." And he is using it. He feels where. The service in the cathedral, himself on a par with any millionaire attended by the king and his cabinet, who can afford to buy a new model was a brilliant affair, and after a every year.



On the street is heard a noisy throng Of pleasure-bent shoppers, hurrying Savior's birthday. along Laden with bundles and baskets and

toys saukce Evening Wisconsin. It is gen- To gladden the hearts of girls and

gation as to the date of Christ's birthboys. day was begun.

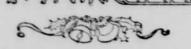
sigh

Through the forests, and sing their lullaby: Neath holly-wreathed branch and

mistletoe after extensive research, and the date I rest and sleep while the tempests was accepted by Julius and promulblow.

Christendom. And sing of a Babe in Bethlehem,

March 29 are some of the dates that -E. A. Fergerson. were serious contenders for the distinction before December 25 received the seal of Julius' approval. Even after the date was generally accepted by all Christian nations the holiday had its struggles. The Eng-



Christmas in **Odd Corners** Yuletide Recollections of a Traveler

some importance.

sterner Puritan brothers. In 1659 the general court of Massa-T has been my lot to spend many of my Christmases in chusetts passed a law fixing a fine of foreign lands. I recall one five shillings against anyone who dismal holiday spent in a should by abstinence from labor, feastfilthy post-house on the ing or any other method, observe Great Post Road at Nijai Christmas.

Udinsk, now, in these days of the trans-Siberian railway, a place of CHRISTMAS JIBES 1 was alone, on my way from Peters-

All Paid For. burg to Irkutsk. On the previous day "Your wife was telling my wife that I had overtaken a convoy of prisonyou've got all your Christmas presents ers in chains, and as on the morning paid for," remarked the man in the of the Russian Christmas day I was corner of the city train to the lean individual sitting by his side. "Yes; paid for the last of them yes-

terday." was the reply. "Lucky dog! 1 haven't even begun buy." them were, or said they were, victims "Oh, neither have we for this year.

of the unscrupulous agents provoca-My wife was speaking of last year's teurs of the government, and all presents." seemed bitter against the czar and . . .

Santa Is Easy. Bobby (on Christmas morning)-

. . .

At this season thoughts of boys

Where They Come From.

. .

CHRISTMAS PROVERES

. . .

When does "jocund day stand tip-

It is not true that in the genial

toe on the misty mountain tops" if

. . .

lightly run to Santa Claus.

How December 25 Was

Chosen

How many people know why Christ-

The uncertainty is due to the preju-

it was not observed in England. Roy-

and Christmas was re-established as

Governor Bradford of Plymouth in

1621, history says, had occasion to re-

buke some young men who had come

a national holiday.

mas came to fall on December 25?

Another Christmas of the Greek | "Where does Santa Claus get all his Mamma-"Oh, he buys them." Bobby-"Well, he must be a jay to YOUNG GIRL IS CHAMPION SWIMMER



Rose Pitonof.

When Annette Kellerman, the undis- | was favored by far better conditions over in the ship Fortune, following in puted champion of the world at the than the plucky little Dorchester the trail of the Mayflower, because time, attemped to reach Boston Light swimmer, and his course was fully their consciences would not allow from Charlestown bridge, in Boston two miles shorter than that taken them to work on Christmas, with their harbor, and failed, it was the uni- by her.

versal opinion that no other feminine Those who followed Rose Pitonof swimmer would ever again essay the through the long, exhaustive grind and trip marveled at her wonderful exhibition

Three months ago, however, a fair of swimming, her determination and haired stocky, fifteen-year-old girl perseverance, her unbounded confifrom Dorchester, Mass., contending dence, enthuslasm and gameness, at against diverse conditions and treach- the manner in which she was able to erous tides, succeeded where Annette spurt at the finish and at her splendid Kellerman and hundreds of ambitious condition as she came out of the waand expert swimmers all over the ter, are firmly convinced that she is world had falled. She established a second to no one as a swimmer.

new record and reached without dis- Little Miss Pitonof is the proud pospute the much-prized goal which has sessor of innumerable trophics won been fruitlessly sought for years. She in various amateur and professional can justly claim to be the greatest aquatic events. She has loving cups, woman swimmer of the age. gold and silver medals, blue ribbons, Aloise Andere, the only other living diamond-studded jewels and, indeed, contestant who reached the light, and enough of the precious metals in the

whose accomplishment of this ex- form of prizes to stock a first-class to think of the presents I've got to traordinary feat has been disputed, jewclry store.

"KING" COLE SURE OF JOB PLAN MERGER OF ALL SPORTS American league the fit was too tight.

Nebraska Coach Elected Member of College Coaches Will Discuss Forma-Faculty and Retention as Foottion of National Body at Meetball Mentor Assured.

"King" Cole probably will be re- New football, summer baseball for of ball and I played its kind of ball. tained as head coach at the Univer collegians and the advisability of form- Also I saw as soon as I joined the

Nebraska Directory TROUGLE IN GETTING START RUBBER Sheckard, Crack Outfielder of Chicago Cubs, Overcame Many Difficul-

ties at Beginning.

BY JAMES SHECKARD. (Convright, by Joseph E. Bowles.) Probably no ball player ever had any more trouble getting started as a professional than I did. Partly it was my own fault and partly the fault of bad luck. In the first place a fellow usually gets his start at home. But I was the prophet without honor in Columbia, Pa., and had to go away from home to convince the fellows onour own town team that I could play the game.

I wrote the manager of a little team telling him how good I was and luckily for me he didn't write home to ask about it, but sent for me. I think I made good there, pitching, catching and playing both in and outfield, but the trouble was the team failed just about the time I was making good and I had to start all over again.

The next team I was with I did not do so well. In fact I could not play much ball, because they wouldn't play team work the way I had learned it. In fact I have found in my own experience and in the experience of other old players that a man may be a great ball player with one club and a dub with another. I was with five chance to see five different styles of Men's Christian Union.

ball playing and to judge for myself which was best. jumped into the Eastern league and sodden and disheartened derelict of a before I had time to learn much about man. His creed is cheerfulness and that organization and its clubs I was

grabbed up into the National. I seemed just to be what the Brooklyn team



Jimmy Sheckard.

needed. I had found a team I fittedbut when the war came on with the I jumped to Baltimore, found I didn't fit at all in that crowd and jumped back. Then Chance made a trade for me and I found a team with which I could play my best. It played my kind



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MAN WHO HELPS HIS BROTHER

His "Boys" Call Him the "General Adviser Without Pay"-He Is Partial to None.

When a man loves to live he usual ly can go among men who care little teams in one season, and the three whether they live or not and do good with which I played the best ball Such a man is Augustus E. Vaughan broke up and closed because of finan- | immaculate of dress and of heart vencial losses, while the prosperous one erable in years and usefulness, whom could not see me. 1 was learning a one may see almost any day either on lot in a little time, for I had the Boston Common or at the Young

His specialty is helping his falle: and discouraged brother, whether he It was then I began to succeed. I be a cigarette smoking boy or a runhis passion is books.

Often one may see him, tall and straight, faultlessly attired in a frock

coat, with his flowing white beard and his long and carefully trimmed white locks, standing with or sitting beside some ragged and unkempt victim of circumstances who has sought the only place where the police will not tell him to move on, the Common, and then one is sure to be struck by the contrast. Many a man he has met there has later become as clean of body and heart as himself, and all through his infectious good nature and brotherly comraderie.

Among the younger men with whom this old young man of 75 unceasingly labors he is known as "the general adviser without pay," and he is as interested in their ambitions as they can be, and so youthful is he in their presence that he is always one of them.

Mr. Vaughan is not engaged in active business this summer, but he comes to Boston every day rain or shine, to talk with his "boys," as he calls them. Some of these have never before known a real friend. He is highly educated, and counts among his friends many college presidents and professors.

He was born in Middleboro, nearly seventy-five years ago, and traces his lineage back to Peregrine White of Mayflower fame.

age is such as to cause wary to lose wife. The streets were hung with sight of the fact that some of our flags, exchanges of presents and flowchief industries are of comparatively ers were universal, and many were modern origin. Cotton spinning has the quaint Serb customs. come to be one of the foremost of manufactures in this and other countries, says the Milwaukee Evening tween Paris and Petersburg. Again, Wisconsin. But in the present form | 1 was alone and 1 remember, as we ft has been in existence less than a steamed out of Vilna station to the hundred years, the first cotton-spin- great plain towards Dunaburg, the ning mill in the United States having chef of that celebrated express probeen started in 1811 at Fall River, duced his triumph-an English pud-Mass. That city is preparing to ob- ding, with a small piece of holly stuck serve the centenary of the business, in the top, any tenar to appreciate and next year will have an imposing it. But I did. celebration. It may be of interest to Another memorable holiday was that know that when cotton manufacturing | 1 passed in the reindeer-skin hut of a was started there Fall River was Laplander half-way between Alexanknown as Troy, a name which was re- drovsk and Kandalaksha. I was travtained until 1524. Cotton goods of eling by aled. I had left Kirkennes, various kinds are made in Troy, N. on an arm of the Arctic ocean, a Y., and vicinity, and the anniversary month before and was now working of the origin of cotton spinning will my way south toward Archangel. enlist attention.

Wonders never cease. A woman He was very suspicious of it, and in Minneapelis is soing for a divorce compelled me to swallow mine first. on the ground of cruel and inhuman restment because her husband persists in kissing her too often and ardently And others complain because horrid English decoction-some medithey are never kissed. No wonder cine, it must be, they said. They had the poor man have been trying un never before tasted wine. They had successfully to wrike a happy medium never seen a bunch of grapes, never since the world started.

Bostor, is developing a inste for fast and furious, and with my friends shark ment. There is some uneasy 1 watched "the tables" afterward, feeling in Wall street lest the taste supping across at the Hotel de Paris. sternd to Getham

1 Virginia school board has established a rule that its school teachers of the softer sex must not attend inners. The board should explain ... whether this action is taken because the teachers are not good enough to appear at dances or because they are too good.

The arrest of a man one hundred and seven years old shows how carefully we are protected from menaces ing of their brides by the young peasto our community.

A progressive physician claims that drunkenness can be cuted by a surgical operation. Undoubtedly it can be. An amputation about the region of the throat will cure the patient from drinking in perpetuity.

A hunter in Pennsylvania peppered a boy with shot, mistaking him for a squirrel. Aviators had better be care ful at this season, or this species of bunter may aim at an aeroplane, mistaking it for a sparrow.

ans. It was a cold, bright, sunny let anyone paim off a tin watch on stroll in the delightful Kalemegdan garden, overlooking the Danube, I lunched with my friend the minister The rapidity of development in this of justice and his charming American

> The twenty-fifth of December three in the top. My fellow passengers, be-

I produced a bottle of much-shaken port wine, in honor of the occasion, Guest (dining at merry Christmas and poured out a glass for my host. party)-"Tommy, where do turkeys come from ?" Tommy (pointing to that on the ta-Then he sipped his, and pulled a wry ble)-"Dunno; but ma got this one face. His wife tasted it, and sniffed from a tramp for a shilling, 'cause he suspiciously, and afterward the sersaid he stole it. Didn't he, ma?" vants, but all declared it was some A prudent quotation on the bill of a rose, and never even a tree.

fare: "They are sick that surfelt with One Yuletide dinner I ate at Ciro's. too much, as they that starve with at Monte Carlo, where the fooling was nothing."

"The gadding vine" must be of the Christmas variety, for that splendid and receiving a present from the tendril is creeping through the whole monster tree .- William Le Queur. earth.

ants of the land. The marriageable

girls of the district at the appointed

time gather in the house of the elder.

mated, and thus prevent mistakes.

trothal ring upon her finger.

choice of a wife.

the evening cor

CHOOSING BRIDES warmth of Christmastide

With the Russian Christmas, which. "Crabbed age and youth of course, is celebrated 13 days later Cannot live together.' than the rest of Europe, is connected

"Nature teaches beasts to know a curious custom, in which the young men and maidens of that country are their friends," and why should they greatly interested. This is the choosnot share in the Christmas good-will?

not on merry Christmas?



and, sitting in a row, have their heads "I hear that something cast a damcovered with veils or napkins. When per over the Christmas party at Migall is ready the young men are adglesbury's," says the man who has mitted one by one to make their been away for the holidays.

"Yes," answers the girl who staid While seemingly the young men at home. "It was just too mean for pick at random, yet really young anything. You know that Mr. Smithcouples who are enamored of one aners, whose engagement to Annie Teek other generally manage to become was announced last Christmas after he kissed her under the mistletoe?" "Yes."

When she has been chosen the girl uncovers her head, and later on in the evening conducts her lover to her "Well, he came to the party and hung a large sign reading 'DANGER' home, where her father puts the beth the mistletoe they had attached to the chandelier."

Seasonable Thoughts.

professional coaching.

with the new Missouri valley confer- country are among the important sub- aroused me and started me again. I ence rule which aims to do away with jects which will come up for discus- found I had slipped back and rather sion at the fifth annual convention of fallen into a rut, and the Cubs kicked

winning eleven last season. By win- to change the name of the body to came to Chicago-and am going to el. complete to the last chapter, and

ciation will also be considered. Seventy-two universities and coleges, representing more than 100,000 students, are members of the intercolegiate association. It is expected that this number will be greatly increased at the December convention.

ing in New York.

Capt. Palmer E. Pierce, president of the acsociation, in his call for the meeting, speaks of the new football rules thus:

"The new rules are undergoing a crucial test on the gridirons of our college playgrounds. It is too early to say, perhaps, whether they succeedquired to play under them strictly and prize. the officials to enforce them impartiaily in contests. The governing bodies one of the biggest mat products im- you?" her father asked. of academic institutions should prevent any evasions."

Another subject mentioned in the cir- have to fall. cular include the following:

still with us. Is any practical progress six months. No wondar so many are toward the proper solution of this risking their lives in the "cause which problem being made?

jority of Players Selected by Wolverine Coach.

football team has picked an all-star nois football team is the class of the western team, consisting of men who west. Since George has had a chance majority of the large colleges and are of the major league kind. whose work he has followed: Michigan and Minnesota get the

souri valley "King" established himself in the favor of the Nebraska stu- Walker, Minnesota Left tackle time. dents. The demand that he be re Benbrook, Michigan Left guard Spring house claining will be observe tained as coach has been growing Cornwall, Michigan Center ed as never before in a besechaft team since he won the last conference Butzer, IllinoisRight guard says Owner Hedges of the St. Lenn game by defeating Ames 24 to 0. But Edmunds, Michigan Right tackle Browns. The dead weights that have dians Cole secured a hold on the McGovern, Minnesota Quarter back list for a long time now are to be Cornhusker students and faculty that Magidsohn, Michigan ... Left half-beck asked the question, and if they cannot Johnson, Minnesota Full-back be told to suck sobs on other ronms most unanimous.

Why the Tiger I as Stripes

It is not a mere matter of c.. | animal in question. Hence, it is able that the tiger's coat is marked wi.h to approach its prey unperceived. its beautiful stripes of black and yel- Lions, the big cats of Africa, on the From the American that low and that the lion is of a uniform other hand, are for the most part dwellers in the wilderness and roam sandy hue.

The former lives in the grassy jun- the outskirts of the desert in search gles of Asia, where the giant blades of food. Their color in these surroundof grass, as many feet long as they ings is equally protective. are in inches in this country, and the light and shade of the forest are ad-mirably matched by the skin of the Sometimes, as in the cases just cited.

ber of the faculty in order to comply and universities in certain parts of the ence I still had a lot to learn. That ing. too."

Cole returned to Nebraska this fall the Intercollegiate Athletic association me out of the rut in a few days and happened to me," sighed the pale, it

so I can always be a youngster.



Pittsburg is after the 1911 U.S. G. ed. It is urged upon all that the rules A. golf tourney. As most golfers are be given a fair trial. This can be se- not averse to smoke, the home of cured only by the students being re- Champion Fownes should land the

ported for some time. Mahmout says the taller they are the farther they

Grahame-White, the English avia The summer baseball question is tor, has cleaned up \$55,000 in the last to have the last word, aryany is now only in its infancy."

Ted Easterly, the Cleveland outfield YOST PICKS ALL-STAR TEAM day. Ted, who lives in southern Call fornia, never enjoyed the luxury be-Michigan and Minnesota Get Big Ma- fore. He will pass the winter to Cleveland, where the garment will

come in handy. George Huff, scout of the Chicage

he considers have complied with the to look each player over at close held of one, and all endeavor becomes eligibility requirements in force at the range he ought to know whether they a burylen. Packey McFarland has gone on the road with a burlesque show and is

> doesn't like show work, because h takes him away from Chicago, and

Positions. . he would box much he says, if he Dean, Wisconsin Left end only could remain in Chicago all the

> easily to obtain their fixed, that it also grape Nots. acts in another was by affording then. continent to weak and climit ervatures your, but now after two months on

Wealthy Eating.

most. I showrouped the smuston "You should have not him the truth place "There's a Reason." title more surda "Am he was nist tit mit to HI WHATTAL

sity of Nebraska, being made a mem- ing athletic leagues among the colleges team that in spite of my long experi- I want to help 'the boys' to enjoy hy-

What World Lost?

"It was the worst calamity that even with a decided prejudice against him of the United States, to be held in never gave me a chance to fall back tellectual high-browed young woman because he had failed to turn out a New York December 29. A proposition in. I count my start from the day 1 "I had written a modern society novthe National Collegiate Athletic asso- date my birthdays from that time - a careless servant girl gathered the sheets of the manuscript from the

floor, where the wind had blown them. and used them to start a fire in the grate." "What a burning shame that was"

commented Miss Tartan

His Means.

"You are charged with vagrancy prisoner at the har " "What's dat, judge?"

"Vagrancy? Why, you have no visible means of support."

"Huh! Heah's mah wife, judge Mary, is you visible."

Asking Too Much.

"The count has promised that he will never beat or kick me if I will marry him," said the beautiful heiress. "But has he promised to work for

"Oh, papa, don't be unreasonable

To Oblige Him.

Mr. Dorkins-You're always board Mrs. Dorkins-Yes; that's because

you always wait to hear me say it.

Perhaps our clouds have a silver er, bought his first overcoat the other Hning, but it generally takes other people to see it.

EAGER TO WORK. Health Regained by hight Food.

Conch Yost of Michigan university Cubs, thinks the University of 1111 is usually eager to be busy at some useful task or employment.

But let dyspensia or indigestion set.

"A your ago, after recovering from an operation," writes a Michigan lady, "my stomach and north's began to give

"At times my appende was vousclose, but when indelged, indigestion rollowed. Other times I had no appetire whatever. The food I took did not nowrish not and I grew weaker than 6.84.25

"I lost interest in everything and wanted to be alone. I had always had good normer, but now the merest crific would appear me and bring on a violent Availation Walking across the room was an offers and preserviced exercise was out of the question

"I had seen Grape-Nets advertised. I is an increase of the At Inst which it exercises and a the effect is to enable them the news was iffernilly starving, I began to car

thrape. Note 1 am eager to be at work nanin. My stomach gives me ao 2702ble now, my nerves are steady as ever, "The divior acked me if I are much wome have with the rear to bealth." find "The Road to Wellefile," in

the most the stere

bulk of the honors, Michigan getting declining offers to box. Packey me most much touble, Coach "King" Cole. five places. The team follows: ning the championship of the Mis-Player, College.