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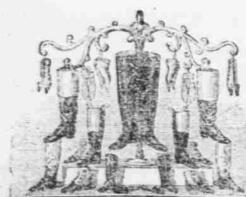
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The dear Old Year is drifting Into the silent past; The New Year we have longed for, Is coming now at last. And we look sadly backward, And sigh with vain regret; We do not know what blessings

We know not now what sorrow The infant year may bring; Nor do we know what gladness It bears upon its wing. Oh! why, then, should the shadow Of evil that may come,

The dear Old Year is fleeting, And what bringeth the New? Oh! loved friends of the Old Year, Oh! faithful ones and true! Will Old Year's happy mem'ries, That cling to us to-night, Vanish like fitful shadows,

Darken the cloudless present,

Or east upon It gloom?

At the first dawn of light? The hopes that we have cherished, The joys that we have known. The friends who shared our pleasures, The love that was our own-

Their memory shall linger. It cannot pass away; Only new hopes new pleasures, Shall rise up day by day.

The good Old Year is dying-What care we? Let him die! For with him will not perish Aught that is worth a sigh. The New Year only meaneth New time for labor given; We've gained another mile-stone

Upon the road to Heaven.

And yet we fain would linger, To look tack o'er the past; Oh! happy days of childhood, Too bright, too fair to last! The New Year that is coming-What will it bring instead Of pleasures that have faded, Of hopes and joys long dead?

Oh, list! the bells are ringing To welcome New Year in ; But the old year is dying, As New Year doth begin; The sound of that gay chiming, Makes us both hope and fear;

With mingled joy and sorrow,

We hall the glad New Year. A SLIGHT MISTAKE.

A Christmas Story. ing upon my mind the necessity of hastened from the room.

grandma is rather erratic in her mode my father's oldest brother. of speech-"do you get if you marry | And grandmama, notwithstanding stand. "Grandmother-" within five years, not if I die a dozen her queer talk and arbitrary ways, times. Ours has been a family of was extremely good-hearted. have been, in consequence of early not a very indulgent mistress. "There's your Aunt Sarah-"

die by himself I know-"

thing very similar I had read in Mo- male-cousinless. ling it.

married, positively married at fifteen so fenced about with rules and regu- "Oh! do," entreated Hattle, claspwith her hair in two long braids, and lations, for of all things in the world ing her hands, "I've longed all my her dresses only to her ankles. I gave grandma had a horror of early mar- life to be mixed up in some way with he didn't mean to, but I told him that ture on the subject which I heard on got my breath sgain, for the audacity

and ought to have known better, and led." broke my heart."

"It must have been pretty well tions, I had fallen in love. mended since then," I thought, as I looked at the stalwart old woman,

helpless widow with three girl-babies I know I was influenced by this waiting for the time when I could

her eye, which she winked away in a last birthday, which was also Christ- displeased with us, for the five years they are at home, or perhaps staying ed."

Ann may be at Katherine's, or Kath- off when I returned home, and bury don't want her fortune; I want her times better, it seems, since the words. erine at-"

mother with more force than polite- ly place I could think of where it day. they are. One barely nineteen and ing eyes. my books, torn out and thrown away ployed closing at three o'clock that utes more at the minister's door.

-and Ruth-"

"Yes, grandmamma." "You are the only one left to cheer enjoined at Mrs. Brunton's-so that wife. truth I don't think the others would counts. have got married, for, although I have At our last meeting Ralph had told not speak a word.

world, ever since I carried you been since his boyhood. around for a whole year after your Half-joyfully, because his position At last Hattie interposed and, with mother died-you were a sickly little | would be a much better one than that a melo-dramatic gesture exclaimed, thing-like a dog-never forget that," he had occupied with a proportionate "Time's up!"

this remarkable statement, but met of the parting from "his little Ruth," cried my young husband, his eyes fully, and the noisy children in the the fate of its predecessor, this time, and at the very moment grandma was sparkling. "Be strong, be patient; happily, without changing a muscle holding forth on the evils of early five years will soon pass," and as my mas," to every one who passed. of my face.

Ruth; your mother had her father's by. blue ones, and you favor me in many I didn't know at the time that the At half-past four I entered my grand for five years, but forever," for I hadways which is to your credit, my final arrangements for his departure mother's room. a re-mark-a-bly fine woman. And ing at herself in the toilet-glass when stare of her big, black eyes. me flying into my grave with any may I stop a few moments at Hattie's and clear. on my way back ?" early marriage.

again while I live, and when I die I'll ly one hour and a half," said the old sitting before the grate fire with a me with pitying eyes. "She's in the leave everything I own in the world lady looking from the glass to the crimson velvet jewel case in her front parlor." to found a home for friendless old old clock whose hands marked three, hand. self the day before Christmas! I've mara. and as for the turkey, let it be the fin- in my eyes, that my errand would coral ear-rings.

or die. keeping a vigilant eye on her posses- I, Ruth Martin, seventeen years of At last Mrs. McNamara's eyes light- now we'll have breakfast." it them all. Gradma, by the way, is a daughter left orphens by my moth- I gave her an imploring look. "What kitchen with a Christmas box for Jen- so despairing. tall, strong, keen-eyed old lady of er's death, some fifteen years before. is it my dear?" she shouted. I point- nie. She welcomed me, with a mysanother twenty years-"remember, my maternal grandmother, and my yard fowls. She took one down, ex- which did not wholly disappear when will are enjoined upon all men, and not a cent of my money, no! not a sisters, until they married and moved amined it critically, pronounced it she opened her box and a bonnie blue women too, for that matter. Ruth, I dollar or rag of my furniture, or a to neighboring cities, had resided good and placed it in a basket by her ribbon and dainty lace collar greeted forgive you." drop of anything belonging to me"- near me under the guardianship of side. "The bill," I gasped as by a her delighted eyes.

To me she had been most generous, ment. sparing nothing but carresses and pet I thrust it in my pocket and fled, a "Yes, grandmamma," said I, meek- names, and this only makes the "my precious half hour having gone since ly, intending the monosyllable as a dear she vouchsafed to no one else. I started from home. gentle reminder that I had heard all and only to me at rare intervals, and Ralph was watching for me at the about Aunt Sarah a hundred times be- the three or four kisses I received window, and opened the door as I ran during the year, more precious than | quickly up the steps. "My darling! you, and hair like an angel's, and he | kisses than I had ever given her in all "Don't interrupt me," said grand- if they had been bestowed upon me my darling" he said, "I am so glad gave me two silver half-dollars, in- my life before.

you have come." at seventeen-found out her husband | tertaintment where young men were | and listen," was a scamp at eighteen-was desert- expected. Never was I permitted to "Hurry and listen," repeated I. "I ment." ed by him at nineteen, and now, at visit girls who had brothers. To and think you had better hurry and tell, thirty-five, has taken another hus- from school Jane, the servant-maid, grandma expects me home in less band, not knowing whether the first accompanied me. To and from church | than an hour."

and liable to turn up any day, like In fact, my grandmother sanction- put my hand over his mouth and get that man in the poetry what's-his- ed only one intimate friendship, and it well kissed for my pains. "Well," stood painfully supporting herself on er's wife, and a few more from his emname wrote, though he wouldn't be that was with Hattie Brunton (the he began again, "you see, my black- one foot at the window, "a strange ployer, completely won over my so obliging as to go away quietly and daughter of a French lady, who, be- eyed darling, I am to go sooner than young man has been prowling around grandmother. ing a great invalid, scarcely ever left I thought, in a few days in fact." I felt a laugh coming, for I never her own room), a girl my own age, "And that is the reason you're so could hear Aunt Sarah's history with- brotherless, and, as grandma had con- jolly," interrupted I, with a tear and a out straightway thinking of some- trived in some mysterious way, even pant.

ther Goose; but I succeeded in strang- It was to protect me from becoming sard pet names for me, "but I'm so entangled in any "silly love affair" jolly because you are going to marry "And there's your own mother- that I was so carefully watched and me right away." the minister that performed that cere- riages, and had never ceased to in- a secret wedding." mony a piece of my mind. He said veigh against them since her first lee- "Marry you!" said I as soon as I my fourteenth birthday, and "to these of the assertion had quite taken it "Started for school one day-met same dreadful early marriages" she away. "Grandma won't let me. You your father, who was ten years older, said "silly young love-affairs often bught to have heard her just before I

And yet, in spite of all her precau-

Battie Brunton, although brother- Think how much happier I would be less and male-cousinless, had an un- during our five years' separation." sitting firm and erect, her big, black cle, her father's youngest brother, on- "Oh! dear, oh! dear, is it to be five eyes that bad never known spectacles, ly a few years older than herself. He years?" I said, burying my face in shining as bright and clear as they did was a bright, clever, blue-eyed, fair my hands, and trying to keep back haired young fellow, not exactly the tears. "To be sure she went on, "your fa- handsome, but with very winning "Yes, five years, my darling, and ther wasn't worse than most men, manuers and wonderful vitality, think how very much happier I and she was very fond of him, but which by some subtle magnetic influ- would be in that foreign land if I that didn't prevent him dying at ence seemed to communicate itself to knew I had a dear little wife praying UNITED STATES AND EUROPE thirty, and leaving her a young and those with whom he came in contact. for me at home, and particularly

younger and helplesser than herself. power in the most extraordinary way, proudly claim her before the whole Yes," said my grandmother emphati- and used to laugh, joke and sparkle world. Why, it would make two cally, dwelling on this not at all in his presence in a manner that times the man of me I shall be if you strange fact, as though it were quite would have made grandma open her force me to go away still a bachelor. surprising, "much younger and much big, black eyes to an alarming extent "No one but Hattie and the minishelplesser than herself, and a year af- and wonder if this merry, impetuous, ter, and he is a friend of mine bound mischievous girl could be her shy, de- to secresy, need know of our marrithe old lady paused with a tear in Ralph Brunton had told me on my mother can have no excuse for being

"And your sister Mary Ann, where is I gave him back the kiss with which have expired."

with friends for the holidays, or Mary The ring I had been obliged to take Let her," laughed my lover, "I

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the other scarcely twenty-in spite of Ralph and I had met since then, ev- veil, and in a few moments we were the warning letters I wrote them, one ery Saturday afternoon at Hattie's the in a carriage that had been waiting a month for years, and they're out of place of business where he was em- around the corner, and in ten min-

my passage to the tomb, and mind she might be left alone and undisturb- "Isn't it romantic?" whispered Hatyou do it. And to tell the honest ed to wrestle with her weekly ac- tie, as we entered the carriage again, but I was so completely dazed I could

never had a favorite, if I had ever had me half-joyfully, half-sadly that he Once more in Mrs. Brunton's sitone you would have been that one. expected to be sent abroad for some ting-room, I thought Ralph would "I've thought more of you than of years, by the firm whose confidence never let me go. He held me tight any one else in this thundering old he possessed, and with whom he had in his arms and kissed me again and shoulder, limping down the street. again.

Another laugh came near greeting increase of salary-half-sadly, because "Good-bye, good-bye, my own," vious night-their bells jingled cheermarriage he was impatiently awaiting sobs burst forth, in spite of me, he ad-"And you have my big, black eyes, me at Mrs. Brunton's to bid me good- ded, "And God grant little wife, you very merry Christmas for my darling may never live to regret this day."

dear," taking a small toilet-glass from had been made, but I had reason to She looked at me keenly as I came could break the marriage if she choose, a table near her 'and surveying her- believe although it wasn't Saturday, in. "Is it so very cold out?" she ask- and that she would choose I was sure. self in it, which, by the by, was a fa- that if I stopped at my friend's house I ed noticing my red nose and eyelids. A long, long hour passed-anothervorite amusement of my grandmoth- should find him there, so I said to "Yes, grandma," said I, my heart and another; and, at last, utterly exer's, for in me you see the remains of grandma, whom I found still look- sinking within me, beneath the steady hausted by weeping and nervous ex-

so, don't you disappoint me, and send I re-entered the room, "Grandma, Christmas morning dawned bright and fell asleep, to be awakened by "If you do I'll never speak to you "I shall expect you home in exact- dressed when I opened her door, and she said in a gentle voice, looking at

maids. They deserve a home, I'm As this was the only sort of permis- "A Merry Chrismas, my dear," she and went down. sure, if anybody did. And now you sion I ever obtained from grandma, I said, with a smile, "I'm a little bet- Roses and wreaths of Christmas may tell Jane to come and hang the said no more but hastily donned my ter to-day, and have managed to dress greens hung on the wall. Above the Christmas greens over my mirror-the hat and jacket, and sped away toward myself," and she handed me the jew- mantel in bright green letters-I had idea of not being able to be about my- the pretty stand of stout Mrs. McNa- el case. I raised the lid, and there re- placed them there myself-was the no patience with it-and see that the But when I arrived at the market I ton lay what I had been wishing for they rejoiced with exceeding great

"But remember, Ruth," sald my forget to bring the bill or I'll send as I was surrounded by! It seemed as returned grandmama's "Merry Christ- hands toward it. And there sat my grandmother, who confined to her you and the turkey both back again." though every man, woman and child mas" with a kiss, and laid my own grandmother looking as stern and inroom by a touch of rheumatism in her "Yes, that is, no, grandma," and, for miles around, had gone turkey- offering-aprettily-embroidered neck- flexible as ever. right foot, had been carefully impress- thankful that the lecture was over, I mad and determined to possess turkey erchief on her knee. "Very pretty, indeed my dear," said grandma, "and Day,"

Ruth," she said, going to the kitchen won't."

deed he did, miss."

missive and I ran up-stairs, inwardly band held me to his heart. praying that grandma was not in a God bless him! He had with the "The old-" began Ralph, but I lecturing humor.

"I haven't been gone half an hour, his place, and we three, grandmam-

My Ralph a tramp! for I was sure | A man about twenty-five years of

I went to the window and gaz- weep?" way, and said, "No, ma'am."

knew there was something else I to go in there, but I would go.' wanted to say to you-where's the bill for that turkey? You didn't 'Yes; but I haint crying 'cause I come home, I hope, without it, for if lost my money, for I can foot is home." you did, not one cent does Mrs. Mo-Namara get for that bird, knowing as

For fully five minutes did the old mustn't it?' lady sit staring at that piece of paper, and then she remarked, with unnatural calmness and a strangly placid ex- think that perhaps I haint the biggest pression, "A slight mistake."

"Listen," said my grandmother, "to age, and when I return your grandkey, weighing, I'm sure, not more to sacred or secular history of the second, however, as she continued, mas Day, that he loved me, and when she restricted you to single life will than fifteen pounds," and with great world, but the young man leaned aloud-Ralph's note!

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in a jar of pomade, which stood on granddaughter." And, as usual, his were spoken that made you 'Mrs. old lady some-time to-day (don't she take a nap or something?) and comelarge cloak and muffle me in a thick you there until night. A merry Christmas, my blessed Ruthy and & thousand kisses from

> My very blood ran cold. I trembled from head to foot, and as the old

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"She has gone to Hattle's," I cried. "Poor Ralph; how I pity him!"

The sleighs went dashing by-there had been a heavy fall of snow the prestreet were shouting "Merry Christ-

"Merry Christmas," I repeated, "a and me, for we shall be separated, not n't the slightest doubt that grandma

citement, I flung myself on my bed Jane's touch on my shoulder. "Your I found grandma already up and grandmother wants you, Miss Ruth,"

I bathed my face, smoothed my hair.

me from beneath a cluster of immor-

"It is your birthday, and Christmas

sions, as, at her death, I would inher- age, was the youngest of the three ed on me struggling in the distance. Breakfast over I descended to the scarcely recognized as my own, it was "A day above all others," said my seventy, bidding fair to live at least Ever since that time I had lived with ed frantically at the array of barn- terious expression on her pretty face, grandmother, "when peace and good

smile at him the moment he looked at and clasping her in my arms gave more

"Did he send it?" I asked eagerly.

"Go and look," she said, giving me Back went the sliding doors with a Into my pocket went the precious rush, and with a rush my young hus-

Why He Wept.

age, and a stranger in the city, yes-"Look out, Ruth," continued my terday sat in the doorway of a tenant-'What's the matter-why do you

in a saloon down here a piece," was "And Ruth," said the old lady, "I the reply. 'A policeman told me not 'Would, ch?'

What is it, then?' 'You've read how a fellow named

Samson slayed the Philistines with "I have it, grandma," I heartily in- the lawbone of an ass, haven't you?" 'Yes. 'Must have been a purty big ass,

> 'I guess it was.' 'Well, what I am crying about is to ass that ever lived! It hurts me to

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in the days of her girlhood.

"Yes, grandma," said I again, as mure, little Ruth.

TOBACCO, CIGARS, MEERSCHAUM PIPES, AND H. E. GATES, : : : : Cashier, she? Where are they both, I say?" he told me so, he placed a plain gold "But if grandma does find it out," "I'm sure I don't know exactly, ring on my finger and whispered, said I, "she'll leave all her fortune to grandma," replied I. "I suppose "Now you are my own little betroth- found a home for friendless old maids.

She said so this morning."

"Oh! no, Diamond," one of his ab-

"Stuff!" interrupted my grand- my dressing table, that being the on- vitality and magnetism carried the Ralph Brunton. Slip away from the ness, "they're married. That's where would be safe from grandma's pierc- I suffered Hattie to wrap me in a to my sister-in-law's. I shall wait for

> day, and grandma granting me a half In another ten minutes the words holiday, to be spent as she solemnly were spoken that made us man and lady concluded, I fell on my knees be-

posing on a bed of snowy-white cot- sentence, "When they saw the star cranberry jell is made this instant, began to think, with tears of vexation for many months-a pair of lovely joy." My mother's picture smilled at est Mrs. McNamara has got, and don't never be dispatched. Such a crowd | What a guilty wretch I felt! But I telles, and involuntarily. I clasped my

say, as a glarer, grandma is not to be In only one particular did she exer- "Yes," joined in Hattle, as between I snatched the note she held out "What is it, dear grandmamma?" surpassed. "There's your Aunt Sa- cis what I thought undue strictness, them they hurried me into the sitting and hastily tore off the envelope, rah. Married at sixteen-had a son Never was I allowed to attend any en- room, "we've such a scheme, hurry when I heard grandma's voice call- a loving little push. ing, "Ruth, Ruth, come here this mo- But the "present" didn't wait.

> grandma," said I. ma, Ralph and I, are all living togeth-"For the last half an hour," repeat- er in grandma's comfortable, old-fashed my grandmother, who hated any- loned house as happy as happy can be. thing in the form of contradiction. - Margaret Eytinge, in Detroit Free Tell Jane to keep the basement door | Press. locked, and to inform all tramps through the window that we've got a dog, and he's got the hydrophobia.'

"Glad I didn't," said Ralph; but love, you will consent, won't you?

> terrupted, and pulling it from my pocket I placed it in her hand.

"Why grandma-" I began.

"My Own Darling, Wee Wife: My departure is postponed until next before I go. I love you a thousand each.

"Yes grandma," said I, in a voice I

"But, grandma, my dear, dear great exertion I nearly reached the 'And I've something for you, Miss grandmamma, Ralph-I can't-you "Yes, my dear, I know your grand- mantel and taking something from "And," continued my grandmothma's way," said she, with a smile on beneath the clock, first glancing er, paying no attention to my incoearly cares, early miseries, early ev- The poor found her a ready friend her broad face, and giving a few di- carefully all around, though as we herent appeal, "there's a Christmas erythings that had much better not and her servants a kind and just, if rections to the tall son at her side he were the only people in the house present for you in the back parlor, hastily made out the required docu- beside grandma, and the old lady was | which you may be just silly enough safe in her own room, there was real. to think more valuable than the early no need of such extreme caution. rings I gave you this morning," and "He said I was to put it in your she looked at me with the kindest own hands-a lovely young man, smile on her lips, and a tender light with eyes that made you ready to in her dear, black eyes. I flew to her

help of the magnetle influence, and a "Ruth," said my grand mother, who few words from his brother and broththe house, and walking up and down | But he didn't go abroad, but staid at just opposite for the fast half an home and became junfor partner in the firm, and sent some one else in

grandmother, who had hobbled back less house on Eim street and wept. A to her seat before the fire, "and see if pedestrian, astonished at the sight of that suspicious looking fellow is there a man in tears, halted and inquired : ed at the roof of the house across the 'They beat me out of all my money

come almost to it and fail!" The gentleman tried to convince

Beautiful Circassian girls can now week. I must see you again, Diamond, be bought in Constantinople for \$200