



Christmas Afterthoughts.

Did you forget some one? Did you get a better present than you gave? Why not even up the score with a New Year gift? It's perfectly proper. For such an occasion gold and silver articles are perhaps more appropriate than anything else. We have many desirable and beautiful articles suitable for New Year presents. Prices that will enable you to start the year on an economical basis.



THE DIFFERENCE.

A party of ladies were discussing some traits and whimsicalities of certain famous men, when one of them related that Carlyle was in the habit of waking his wife in the dead of night—she acted as his secretary—with a shake and a command.

"Jane! Jane! Get up! Get up, quick! I have thought of a good word!"

"I wish I had been his wife!" exclaimed one of the women.

"Why, what would you have done?" inquired the story teller.

"I should have answered," said the other, "Get up yourself. I've thought of a bad word."

SURE PROOF.

"Sir, the owner of this automobile has not run away from the consequences of the smash-up. He is above suspicion."

"I know that, because he is under the auto."

WAVES MAKE SHIPS BEND.

Sea's Power Felt by the Greatest Ocean Monarchs.

"Although the fact that ships of great length are subjected to enormous bending stresses in a seaway has been long known to naval architects, the general public has little idea how severe these stresses can be," says a writer in the Scientific American. "When the ends of a ship are wave-supported, the vessel sags at the center; when the wave is at the center and the ends are comparatively unsupported, it is the ends which sag; but it was only when the transatlantic liner had reached a length of over 600 feet that the effects of this longitudinal bending began to be seriously manifest. It revealed itself in the topmost decks, where rivets would be sheared, steam or other pipes broken, and plates buckled. To provide for the alternate lengthening and compressing of the decks they are now cut in two or more places and sliding joints are provided. Several years ago the writer was on one of the fastest of the German boats when she was being driven, head-on, into a westerly gale, under her full horse-power of 37,000, just to see what she could do. For a while, until the green seas began to smash things up rather badly forward, she did 21 knots an hour. During this trial the sliding joints in the topmost deck showed a total movement of from five-eighths to three-quarters of an inch, the joints closing up as the ship buried her head in an oncoming sea, and opening out as the wave moved to amidships, while on the deck below the plating showed signs of buckling, and the oakum was squeezed entirely out of the butt joints in the deck planking."

"FIDDLE" AND "VEAL."

"Fiddle" is a word that has lost dignity to such an extent that no doubt Senor Sarasate, whose recitals begin at Brechein hall, would be entitled to resent being called a "fiddler" instead of a "violinist." All the same, "fiddle" is centuries older in our language than "violin," and "fiddle" and "viol" are probably etymological doublets. Though the former has reached us by some tectonic route, and the latter came from Italy via Provence, both are believed to go back to the late latin "vidula" or "vitula." Since the instrument so-called appears to have received its name as one appropriate to the merriment of a festival ("vitulari"—to keep a festival), and since "vitulari" probably meant originally to sacrifice a calf ("vitulus"), we have the astonishing result that "fiddle," "violin," and "veal" may be reckoned as relations.—London Sketch.

THE TOBACCONIST'S EFFIGY.

One of the most peculiar things in the whole history of signs is the fact, that while all other shopkeepers were patronizing the embryo painters, the tobacconist always called upon the wood carver on the continent as well as in England. As long ago as Elizabeth's reign the wooden image of the Black Boy was the favorite sign of the tobacco dealers. Later the customary sign was the Highlander, or a figure of Sir Walter Raleigh.

In Holland, for some strange reason, the tobacconists adopted the dairy maid as their sign, with the motto, "Consolation for sucklings." The Indian, naturally enough, has always been the predominant sign in this country, although once in a while a reversion to type crops out with the ancient Black Boy.—The Sunday Magazine.

LEZE MAJESTY.

James I. of England, and VI. of Scotland, was, as every one knows, deficient in vigor and steadiness. Having heard of a famous preacher who was very witty in his sermons and peculiarly so in his choice of texts, he ordered this clergyman to preach before him. With all suitable gravity the learned divine gave out his text in the following words: "James, first and sixth, in the latter part of the verse: 'He that wa-vereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.'" "Ods-ehickens! he's at me already," exclaimed the king.—Scrap Book.

A BIG SAVING.

"Listen!" said the man of middle age. He was bending over the palmist, whispering excitedly in her ear.

"Listen!" he said again. "My wife is coming to you this afternoon to have her fortune told, and if you want to make some money or the side—"

He laid a bank note on the stuffed owl's head.

"Tell her on no account to buy a motor car, because you read in her palm that she is doomed to be killed in an automobile accident."

WHAT HE WOULD DO.

"O, lady, I do love peach cake," hinted the hungry hobo, as he rested his greasy sleeve on the gatepost.

"Well," replied the housewife with the rolling pin, "suppose I should make you some peach cake. Would you do any work?"

"Would I, mum? Why, I would do de hardest work I ever did in my life."

"And what would you do?" "Why, I'd climb dat tree and get enough peaches for de cake."

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