

Now and Then

It was Tuesday evening and the office had grown dusky and the shadows had gathered in the corners of the room before the man realized that the early night had come. It was Tuesday evening, Christmas eve, and the children would be waiting at home. So the papers were arranged and the desk closed for the night and the morrow, and work and worry were locked in closely with the shadows and the night. The shops were blazing with light and thronged with belated purchasers. A few stood about the saloon bars. The hotel offices were deserted. All over the civilized world men were going home for Christmas eve and the children. For days bright eyes had been prying into dresser drawers and closets in search of bundles and packages. Tonight you were met at the door by eager faces and questioning looks, for Santa Claus was expected and the few hours remaining before his visit were interminable.

It was Tuesday evening and the shutters were drawn accentuating the light and warmth inside. You stole gently into their room and looked at the dear little faces that God in his infinite mercy had given you for every day in the year, and especially Christmas day. The one who knows looked inquiringly as you came from their room and you nodded in reply to the masked question. Then the bundles came from their hiding places, and the stockings by the mantle looked fat and bumpy.

"They will be so happy," said the one who knows. "And so will we," you reply. "Yes," she returned. Then after a moment, "God pity the home without children on Christmas eve."

In a few days you will open a new book, the book of 1908. The pages are fair and blank and not one word will be written therein except by you. How many pages will you blot and soil? How many pages will be blank at the end of the year? You are going to live the year of 1908 but once. Never again through the ages will you pass this way again. Every failure, every neglected opportunity will be gone forever, for you may not retrace your steps and try again. To try earnestly, honestly, faithfully is success no matter what the result of your efforts. Not to try is failure. Live purely, think cleanly, labor earnestly, be kind, be just with your fellow man and you will have written a glorious story in your book of 1908—a story that will make you happy in writing and will make the world better and brighter for those who read.

The old year so near its end has been a good year on the whole. Crops have been reasonably abundant and prices have been very good. The Richardson county farmer has little reason to complain. The panic in the east has not caused a ripple with us and few local institutions have noticed any difference. The local merchants have done a good business, in fact the best business they have ever done. The town has more than held its own and seems more progressive in the closing days of 1907 than it did in the beginning. Of course, the knocker is still with us, but part of the tribe has left and we understand a few more will leave in January. Taken as a whole we are fairly well satisfied with the year and look forward with reasonable hope to the year ahead. We may be pardoned for saying that this has been the most prosperous year the Tribune has ever known. We have added much new machinery and have purchased a large amount of new type. We will declare our regular semi-annual dividend this week and still have a snug amount in the treasury. But best of all, we do not owe a dollar to anyone. Merit always wins, and the weak voices that knocked and predicted an early failure for this paper have been drowned by the rush of our progress.

If You Don't Watch Out

Have you got a little wife, quite the sunshine of your life Who is very wise and witty, and as pretty as can be? Some jolly little Molly, or some dainty little Polly, Or, perhaps her name is Sally; it is all the same to me. Then, remember this, old chappy: See that she is always happy; Never vex her nor perplex her; never even let her pout. For, tho' you may be a stranger, I will warn you of your danger— An affinity will get her, if you don't watch out.

Let her dine on roast canary. Never be so mercenary As to hint that beef and cabbage would quite as well suffice. Let her wardrobe be extensive; never mind if it's expensive; Pay the price without a murmur, if she keeps on looking nice. Down in Newport let her summer—that's the way to be a hummer. She'll appreciate such kindness without a single doubt.

If in keeping with her wishes you should also wash the dishes. An affinity will get her, if you don't watch out.

Never kick about the cooking; never frown when she is looking; Never venture to remind her of the pie that mother made.

Always grin while at the table and, as far as you are able, Make her think it is a privilege to see that bills are paid.

So, if you would keep your treasure, always cater to her pleasure. Never balk her nor out-talk her; never have a wordy bout.

Tho' you may not be outspoken, always sleep with one eye open. An affinity will get her, if you don't watch out. —Puck.

No home is so pleasant, regardless of the comforts that money will buy, as when the entire family is in perfect health. A bottle of Orine Laxative Fruit Syrup costs 50 cents. It will cure every member of the family of constipation, sick headache or stomach trouble. Kerr's Pharmacy.

Defective Gets Busy
Detective Mike DeLong of the Missouri Pacific has been in town for several days past. It is rumored that his presence here is due to his desire to get information against persons who have been helping themselves to coal from the great piles of fuel that had been heaped up in the local yards during the summer.

According to reports a large number of persons have planned to keep from contributing the coin of the realm to the local dealers and have been laying in their supplies of fuel at the company's expense. Some, it is said, have even gone so far as to use horses and wagons in carting away large quantities. If there is any truth in this, and if the detective has procured evidence to this effect during his stay here, time and future development alone will tell.

One direct effect of his visit was to clean out the waiting rooms at the depot of its nightly quota of hobo lodgers. It has been the custom of the homeless wanderers to gather in the waiting rooms, on cold winter nights and stow themselves away until morning, and this has caused annoyance not only to railroad men but to the traveling public.

On Tuesday night Mr. DeLong was at the depot and he telephoned the local police to come down. He pointed out the hobos, said that their presence on the company's property was undesirable and the police herded the men together and escorted them to the city jail where they were compelled to spend the night. They were released the next morning. —Auburn Republican.

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Farmers Prosperous

The report of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson for the year ending June 30 last indicates a period of great prosperity for the farmers of the country, although in some respects they were compelled to contend with adverse conditions, which cut down the crop yield below the output of former years. In spite of this the high prices which prevail have made the total value of the farm products of the country far above anything heretofore known, reaching the stupendous sum of \$7,412,000,000 or \$657,000,000 in excess of the previous year. The value of the corn crop alone is estimated at \$1,350,000,000. Attention is drawn to the beet sugar industry, which in 1892 produced 13,460 tons, while last year the output was 500,000 tons. The rice crop was 98 per cent above the average for the three preceding years.

The country now exports more rice than it imports. The operations of the meat inspection service during the year showed an inspection of 50,999,034 animals, of which 149,792 carcasses and 529,876 parts were condemned for disease or other causes. The cost of this inspection was \$2,159,474.

A Card

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Library Notes.

The following list of new books were put into circulation at the Library this week:

ADULT FICTION.

- Burnett—The shuttle
- Chambers—Cardigan
- Daskam—Domestic adventurers
- Davis—Scarlet car
- DeMorgan—Alice-for-short
- Garland—Long trail
- Gaskell—Mary Barton
- Hall—Aunt Jane of Kentucky
- Hewlett—Stooping lady
- Little—Lady of the decoration
- Cyle—Lone star
- McCutcheon—Daughter of Anderson Crow
- MacDonald—Sir Gibbie
- Martin—His courtship
- Meredith—Diana of the crossways
- Oxenham—Long road
- Page—Under the crust
- Richards—Grandmother
- Rives—Satan Sanderson
- Smith—Romance of an old-fashioned gentleman
- Turgeneff—House of gentle folk
- Webster—Jerry Junior
- Wright—Shepherd of the hills
- Vance—Brass bowl

JUVENILE FICTION.

- Alden—Ester Reid's namesake
- Baum—Ozma of Oz
- Brooks—Boy emigrants
- Brown—Her sixteenth year
- Deland—Malvern
- Dix—Soldier Rigdale
- Dudley—Making the nine
- Hughes—Lakerim athletic club
- Johnston—Little Colonel's knight comes riding
- Martin—Abbie Ann
- Potter—Tale of Peter Rabbit
- Starr—Mustafa, the Egyptian boy
- Taggart—Daughters of the little grey house
- Warde—Betty Wales, Senior
- Wells—Patty in Paris.

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In the "Stooping lady" we have Mr. Hewlett writing sheer Meredith, naked and unashamed—one might almost say rewriting "Diana of the Crossways" And yet the book is his own, one of the most brilliant pieces of work done in our time, with a heroine I personally would not exchange for Diana. What pictures, what character drawing, what atmosphere, what a tense story, and again, what a heroine, and yet all done in another man's medium all written in another man's words no, hardly that, in another man's style.—Richard Le Gallienne, in the Saturday Review.

No need to fear coughs and colds this year as you can obtain Bees Laxative Cough Syrup now from your dealer. This is good news to mothers who fear croup and whooping cough. It is a gentle laxative that expels the poison from the system in the natural way. Cuts the phlegm and clears the head. Guaranteed. Sold by A. G. Wanner, druggist.

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Foley's Kidney Cure will cure any case of kidney trouble that is not beyond medical aid. Kerr's Pharmacy.

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