Two Resolutions and Teddy By MARY WOOD

[Copyright, 1903, by T. C. McClure.] N iconoclast is a breaker of images and other things. If the term "other things" can be said to include resolutions Teddy was undoubtedly an iconoclast.

He did not look to be a formidable person on that lovely New Year's morning., His coat was a trifle soiled, but that was because the walks were slippery and Teddy had sat down with suddenness on several occasions. His head of yellow curls was uncovered, but that was because he had run away when Nora's back was turned. The boulevard offered infinite attractions. and in what better way could one begin the year than by exploring?

Nor was Teddy guilty of malice of forethought. He could not know that the pretty young lady with the long gray fox boa was saying to herself as she gave her head a proud little toss: "I will keep my resolution: I will never, never accept another invitation



a house whose child was lost. But suddenly his face cleared. "I have it," he exclaimed enthusiastically. "There is a Dr. Caxton living on Avenue F near the Circle."

On further interrogation Teddy confirmed the hope. Yes, his papa was a "doctor man," and the pretty lady should take him home.

Elizabeth Torrington surveyed herself with a look of dismay. The flounce on her skirt was torn, and she was mud spattered from head to foot. The Circle was a long way off, and there were no direct cars leading there.

But Jack Ormond hastened to offer his services. He would take the little fellow home. Miss Torrington had had sufficient anxiety through his carelessness. "You will come with me, Teddy, won't you?" he said impatiently. "I will give you a ride behind the nice horse and buy you some candy."

Teddy, however, was not to be seduced. He clung frantically to Elizabeth and declared between sobs that he would not go with the man. He was a nasty man, and he should go only with the pretty lady.

The crowd had increased. A police on the place to make out a list of the man was approaching. Newspaper pub- catables that he feels that his constilicity would soon be unavoidable. Jack turned to Elizabeth with a courage born of desperation. "There's only one | up and a trip taken to the nearest way out of the scrape," he said softly. "You will just have to go along, and let me drive you both home."

Elizabeth dared not resent the com- space consuming pieces of furniture are mand in his tone. As she glanced at the curious spectators she felt like a hunted animal driven to bay. But she determined to surrender gracefully since capitulation must be. "Teddy | candles, which soon, under the many and I will be very glad to have you drive us home," she said sweetly.

Once in the trap and the bateful crowd left far behind the young couple forgot their own differences in try- chairs is set for the accommodation of ing to soothe Teddy. By the time his those not dancing. tears were turned to smiles the man's hand had sought the girl's fingers and held them tightly clasped under the after the girls, on horseback generally. lap robe. And after they had dropped Teddy at his own door amid mingled explanations and blessings in Nora's rich brogue Jack dared to say, "And what about the broken resolutions. Elizabeth?"

Elizabeth refused to meet his laughing eyes. Her color deepened as she said demurely: "We did not break them. It was all the fault of Teddy.' But it could not have been a grievous fault, for the next day Teddy received a huge box of candy, enough to keep him on the sick list for many days. And it came with joint compliments.

The Rancher's New Year's

FEW days before New Year's preparations are begun for the big dance which inaugurates the season's festivities. The ranch where the ball, or "fandango,"

is to be held is literally given over to the boys for the occasion, and they never fail to make the most of it.

Invitations are sent out over the neighborhood within a radius of twenty miles, and nearly every one is accepted, for a ride of twenty miles to one accustomed to spending ten or twelve hours a day in the saddle is a mere nothing.

Besides, this is the one opportunity of the year to spend money lavishly for the sake of a good time. An extra cook or two are hired and supplies enough laid in to feed a small army.

It is the privilege of every cowboy tution demands, and several days beforehand the great wagon is hitched town to get provisions.

As for the fandango, the preparations are few and simple. Beds and other removed from the rooms intended for the dance.

The bare floors are sand scoured and flecked with fine shavings of sper. gliding feet of the dancers, form a thin. slick coating, delightful and seductive to the feet. On two sides of the room. close up against the wall, a row of

By 6 o'clock in the evening the guests begin to arrive, the boys having gone some of the "tony" couples coming in buggies, the high seated "piano boxed" vehicles of the west, with their general air of smartness.

The girls have their party dresses tucked up under their black calico riding skirts, some of them bringing

JAFAN'S RED LETTER DAY. New Year's In the Flowery Kingdom Described by an American. "New Year's day is a red letter day in Japan," said the woman who has lived in the Flowery Kingdom to the

little circle who sat around the open grate exchanging experiences of the week the other day. "First of all every house, large or small, rich or poor. makes some attempt at decoration. Not to decorate would be unlucky. Two pine trees are used, one black, the other green, symbolizing the male and female sides of the house. Deep holes are dug on each side of the entrance. in which the trunks are planted, to signify strength and prosperity. Boughs of the graceful bamboo, which is the emblem of health and long life, are twined around their stems. Then a kind of archway is made by swing-

ing from pine to pine an odd looking rope of dry grass twisted. This is very carefully hung, for it is supposed to bar the entrance against evil spirits that may meditate harm toward the house or family and bad luck in any guise. Branches of the flowering japonica, symbolizing conjugal happiness, health and prosperity, are introduced, and seaweed, which signifies good fortune. But most curious of all are the bits of white paper which are supposed to propitiate the various Shinto gods and request a continuation of their favors. The lanterns are inevitable. At night the effect is bril-

liant-the entire city of Tokyo illumined from one end to the other with thousands of the palest, most exquisite and artistic lantern ideas that night ever brought forth. "The Japanese have a good New

Year's custom which we might emulate to advantage-the universal custom of paying all bills and starting the new year free from debt. Many and most strenuous are the efforts a Japanese man of business or a householder will take to discharge his liabilities. "New Year's day is the great time for visiting, which begins early in the morning. The mikado holds a reception, and everybody, from the highest officials down to the lowest ranks, goes a-calling. Jinrikishas are whirled from house to house by their swift footed human steeds, cards are left, and presents are numerously given. Everybody

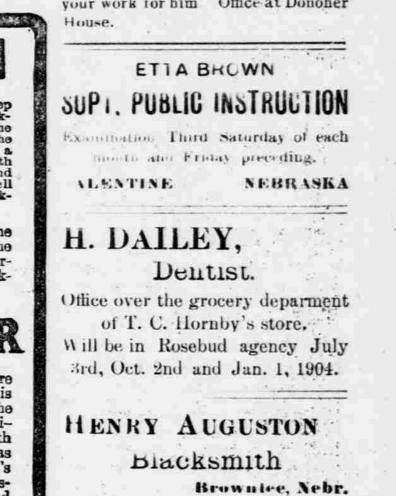


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TEDDY LIFTED UP HIS VOICE.

"from Jack Ormond." She did not look at the young man in the high cart wild was driving slowly toward them. In stead she turned and smiled at Teddy and Teddy smiled back affably.

The young man in the cart looke fixedly ahead of him. "I will neve again ask Elizabeth Torrington to go. anywhere with me. There is one New Year's resolution which will be kept." he said fiercely to himself.

But he had not reckoned on Teddy. The child's wandering eyes caught the gleam of ice across the drive. With a shrill cry of delight he started across. The young man in his ill humor had just given his horse an unwarranted flick of the whip. The horse was startled; so was the driver. Almost before he realized it they were upon the little figure, but not before the girl had dashed out, seized it and flung her eif out of reach of the flying hoofs.

It was all over in a moment, and a white faced young man was bonding over two muddy figures. "Elizabeth." he said reproachfully, "how could you be so rash? You might have been killed! Have you really escaped unhurt?"

But the girl ignored his helping 'hand and, jumping lightly to her feet, began to shake out her bedraggled skirts. Her face flushed rebelliously. but her voice was scornful as she retorted: "I suppose I should have stood quietly and seen you run over the child. You may consider it another sign of feminine weakness, but I coulu not do it." She had been badly shaken by her fall and turned away her head to hide a rush of angry tears.

Jack Ormond looked at her irresolutely. But just then Teddy made another master move. Never before had he received so little consideration. The or of the bean was crowned king and strange young lady had seized upon of the pea queen, and they were treathim and thrown him violently in the mud. His white coat was hopeless'y with the homage due to such royal persoiled. He knew that Nora would have something to say on that score when he returned home. And now the two authors of all this mischief were quite occupied with each other to the exclusion of himself. It was not to be borne. Teddy lifted up his voice and wept.

to a sense of her duties. She caught him up in her arms as she said pity

A FRENCH NEW YEAR'S FETE

Interesting Observances Among the Early Inhabitants of Canada.

Several entries occur in the private journal of the Jesuits, recently published, which throw an interesting light upon the custom of New Year's observance in the early days of th French regime in Canada and the cordiality which reigned among the inhabitants of New France.

Doubtless at the gloomy close of the old regime, when the infamous Bigot and his licentious followers held high carnival at Quebec, the traditional religious observances of New Year's day were on the wane. Gambling, boodling and profligacy in high places overshadowed the land.

In the early January of 1758 Montcalm wrote to Chevalier de St. Levis apropos the fete of the new year. "Grand souper au palais, j'ai eu comme de raison la feve, et Mme. Peau fut ma reine."

A supper, and a grand one, took place that night at the intendant's palace. Montcalm drew the magic bean. He was the king, and the fascinating Mme. Peau was selected as his queen. When Montcalm speaks of drawin; the magic bean he refers to a festive ceremony which was observed in Can ada on New Year's day or Epiphany. In town or country it was customary for old and young to assemble in the evening and partake in the operation of cutting the cake (tirer le gateau). The party gathered about a large table and watched the cutting with great interest, the young people especially being eager to see who would be the fortunate recipient of the slice in which the pea or bean was imbedded. The lucky ones promptly announce their discovery. Every sort of jest and compliment was exchanged. The possessed for the remainder of the evening sonages .- Boston Herald.

A New Year's Mascot.

On the eve of the new year the Chinese merchant tears down the weather stained posters which he stuck above his door the year before and pastes up The sound brought the pretty lady new flaming red ones in their places. On each poster is printed a verse, maxim or motto of some sort, but the geningly, "Oh, you are hurt, after all!" eral prayer is, "May the rich guest an alight at this door."-Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.



SOME OF THE "TONY" COUPLES COME IN BUGGIES.

waists, gloves and white kid slippers done up in a bundle to be put on after they arrive.

And a merry hearted, merry faced lot they are-cheeks glowing and eyes sparkling from the exhilaration of the ride in the wind and the expectation of the unwonted frolic.

The music is furnished by negro fiddlers, whose repertory of old fashioned "breakdowns" is never improved upon and never fails short of its early charm and infection upon its hearers.

There is almost no distinction of classes or social grades in the west. Years ago, in the formative time of cattle ranching, the cowboy was a sui generis. His father and grandfather were cowboys, "day wranglers," "night hawks" and "cow punchers." His language was "bloody" and his figure and mind uncouth.

Today he may be a graduate of an eastern college, a theological student or the younger son of an English lord. Bad health, bad habits, the love of adventure or a thirst for gold may drive or drift him to the west.

The western woman or "gal" is more typical. She may be the "boss'" daugh-. ter, educated "on east," the "renter's' daughter, with only a smattering of education from the free school, or the "hired girl," plucky, independent and

wears the eastern approximation to a Christmas look on his face. What the gift costs is not nearly so important as how it is 'ied up. Japanese etiquette is very punctilious on this point. The present must be wrapped in a particular kind of paper, fastened with a particular cord of red and white paper rolled in a string which must be tied in a peculiar knot, and finally there must be a small symbol of folded paper. Without the latter no present ever changes hands.

"Everybody, of course, wears the best garments of which his or her wardrobe boasts. The streets are crowded, and the children and their fathers and mothers, too, are all out playing at battledoor and shuttlecock and flying kites with wonderful dragons and gods on them until the entire street is turned into a playground, young and old swelling the happy throngs and keeping the merriment going."-Philadelphia Times.

China's Changeable New Year's. The Chinese New Year's, as is commonly known, is the celebration of the beginning of the emperor's reign. Every year the day of his assumption is celebrated, and of course each new emperor ushers in a new date for the beginning of the year. The Chinese New Year's falls upon Feb. 25 now, and it is safe to say that the average American citizen who has seen the stolid and uncommunicative Mongolians on the streets of his city would be a very greatly surprised man could he witness the manner in which they celebrate the incoming year.

Antiquity of New Year's.

The observance of the first day of the year as a day of festivity has been at all times a widespread custom among civilized peoples, according to the calendar of different nations. The Jews have kept it on the first, or Tisri, from a remote antiquity to the present day, celebrating it as the anniversary of the cremation of Adam, and the beginning of the civil year, though their ecclesiastical year since the exodus. begins with the 25th of March or thereabout.

A Lincolnshire New Year's Saying. In Lincolnshire, where every tongue is tipped with a proverb, the saying for New Year's runs:

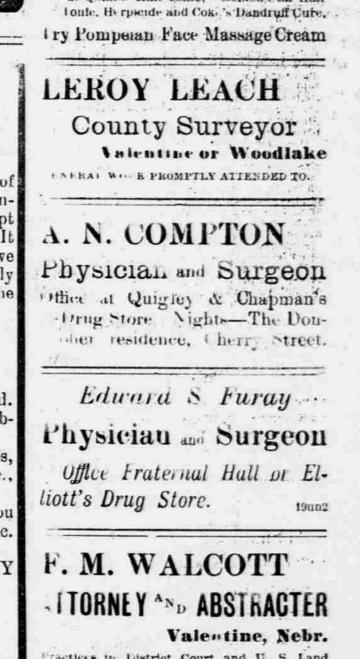
> Take out, then take in, Bad luck will begin. Take in, then take out, Good luck comes about.

From this no doubt is derived a belief common among negroes in many parts of the south that it is an ill omen for the coming year to take anything. even a triffe, from a house on Jan. 1 drinks. until something has been brought in.

A Purse For the King. In England as late as 1692 the nobility were wont "to send to the king a



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But Teddy only cried the harder. Between the sobs his anxious hearers made out one word-"home."

"He wants to go home," Jack cried cheerfully. "Now the next thing to do is to find out where that is."

The child had slipped out of Elizabeth's arms. She knelt before him entreatingly. "Tell me where you live, darling," she begged, "and we-I-will take you there."

Quite a little crowd had gathered. attracted by the romantic group. Jack looked around savagely and added his persuasions to those of Elizabeth.

At length, by dint of patient questioning, they made out that Teddy's other name was Caxton and that he lived on Avenue F.

Avenue F is a long avenue. Jack smothered something between his teeth as he thought of searching the terstly of it for a lost child, or rather,

A Song of New Year's Vows. Make your New Year's resolutions. Any little contributions To the sum of human virtue Will please others and won't hurt you. Start the new year as you ought to; Don't say, "These will come to naught

With your spiritual ablutions Make your New Year's resolutions.

too."

Swear off drinking, swearing, smoking; Never heed the threadbare joking. Now's the time, if you're intending, As you should, to be amending. Shake off habit's galling fetter And resolve you will do better. You won't find the execution's Easy-but make resolutions.

Make your New Year's resolutions. Things that wreck your constitutions And create your ills internal Leave alone. Yes, keep a journal. If you like, and still endeavor From all h-bits bad to sever. Virtue's bounds, do not o'erleap 'em; Make your New Year's vows-and keep 'em.

-Chicago News

'good as her betters.'

In the same "set" there may be one man with a "store" suit on, another in his regular suit, consisting of blue flannel overshirt and leather belt, buckskin leggings or cottonade overalls. These holiday dances last all night, 'Another new leaf? Yes, again 'tis the their only breakfast being at 10 o'clock. when eggnog is served, and at 12. when the big supper is eaten. Then with renewed vigor and spirits they return to the floor.

The fires burn low in the great chimneys, the kerosene lamps flicker and smoke, the fiddlers doze and play on mechanically, the girls languish; even the cowboy himself feels the force and strain of pretracted time measured motion. But the dance goes on .- Boston Globe. 1. F. .

What Is There In It For Us? The time of promise is here! Well, let me stop and see Just what the heralded new year Is promising to me.

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