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BENEATH THE MISTLETOE.

How do Sweet Margaret's dimples race Around the roses of her face! And I dare swear the force that stirs The flower that doth her bosom

grace. Is that tumultuous heart of hers!

Who'll wager on the dimple race? My glove, my glory and my bliss That love can catch them with a kiss! I've got and what a home-maker."

How do Sweet Margaret's finger-tips Shield the rare ruby of her lips! But I dare swear her snow-white hand That doth the crimson so eclipse, Shall fall before her heart's command! My glove, my glory and my bliss Love wins the ruby with a kiss.

-Frank L. Stanton.

A CHRISTMAS SECRET.



ing like tiny white butterflies against the window panes. Out in the distance beyond the square wooden turret of Traxall church, she could see the crooked white stone under John." which lay her old husband with leafless rose-vines tangled above his coffin-lid. After all, what was there to wait for?

"Don't talk so, Aunt Chrystenah," said Mrs. John Jones who had come down from New York to see her aunt, and also, if the truth must be told, to try to borrow a little money from her for Aunt Chrystenah had laid up something, and her niece had an exceeding great longing to be able, this Christmas day, to give a little present to her patient, hard-working young husband. In front of the John Jones stood all

for the turkey and the yellow pumpkin to rise. and the little jar of mincement, and I'li ask poor old Hale, the fellow at the desk next to me, whose wife died last trayed me?" summer, and young Ferris, who has no home but a boarding-house. You're

Janey smiled faintly.

have thing; as nice as possible." And dened her soul to him.

that I am a thief!" even lift a pen. A twenty-dollar job, rich."

"It must be done immediately," said tench gave me double the money at

the neighbor. Janey

horror of type-writing, and one does Christmas tablé." like to carn a little money when one can."

Mrs. Rayner laughed. "I'll promise," said she.

was spending the evening with this mas dinner it was for a young housefriend or that, and making all sorts keeper's first attempt. of excuses and evasions.

resented the omission highly. She stood nal. in front of the little glass window in

band. "We'll go marketing together haggard eyes, but he made no motion "What is Christmas to me?" said he,

"since my wife has deceived and be-"John!"

"Go to your darling young lawyer's such a capital little housekeeper that office, Jane!" said he. "My home is no it'll cost next to nothing! And I shall place for a married firt. Ah, you be proud to have them see what a home think I am ignorant of all these things; but you see you are mistaken!" With a low cry Janey threw herself

"Yes, John," she said. "I'll try to on her knees at his feet, and unbur-

she added to herself: "He doesn't know", "I was going to tell you all to-morrow-on Christmas day," she sobbed, "So provoking!" said sprightly Mrs. "but since these dreadful fancies have Who'll race the rose-way to her lips? Rayner, who lived the flat just across entered into your heart, it is right to the hall. "I had promised to do this know all now. Forgive me, dearcopying for Lawyer Cartright, and now forgive me for the only fault I have I've sprained my wrist so that I can't committed-being too anxious to be "My brave little girl!" he said. "And

"Can't I do it?" gasped Janey, feel- you copied all those weary folios, and ing as if an angel from heaven had sat up late and rose early, that I might come to light up her dreary lot with wear a ring on my finger."

his torch of promise. "I write a legible "That you might know how dearly round hand, and I would take great I loved you, John. And, after all, I pains to be accurate. Oh, please let me might have spared myself the theftfor theft it was-for good Aunt Chrys-

last." "I would do it at once, even if I sit "I won't wear the ring," said John. up nights to accomplish it," said eager "It's too dearly purchased. But I'll exchange it for the silver-plated coffce-"Well," said Mrs. Ravner, "I don't pot your housewifely soul has so long see why you shouldn't make the at- coveted. Eh. my love? And then we tempt. Mr. Cortright has a righteous can both enjoy it to-morrow on our

The dinner was a success. The poor little widower, with the bald head and "But you must promise not to tell shabby suit, was there; so was the young man from the boarding-house: so was the gray-haired lady from the flat above, who gave music lessons, and And to secure still greater secrecy did not often have a meat meal. Mr. Mrs. Jones did the writing in her neigh- and Mrs. Rogers were also therebor's room, pretending to John that she and everybody said what a nice Christ-

But the most precious guest of all. "Yes," said Miss Eloisa Elton, John's who sat invisible at the right hand of maiden aunt, who had not been in- both host and hostess, was sweet convited to the Christmas dinner, and who tent of heart .- Peoples' Home Jour-



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New Year's Duck.

"Oh! Nellie, you should see the love-

to have it for our New Year's dinner," wants to.

said Mrs. English to her friend Mrs. "After ma had

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at Rochester, N. Y. The Meyers voting machine was tried with a fair degree of success in the pre-

cincts of Rochester, N. Y., in the recent election. In spite of mishaps of all kinds. un!versal satisfaction is expressed with the machines. Voters were surprised at the ease and rapidity with which they were able to make their political preferences known. Those that voted the straight ticket, and had therefore to push only one knob, met with no perplexity whatever. They could march in and out with

in and out at the rate of from two to four a minute. Those voters that vote1 a split ticket required a little more time. They had to push a knob for each candidate they voted for. Still they voted with surprising rapidity. Sometimes the votes were at the aver-

age rate of two a minute. But sixty and riage, etc. The facts and evidence seventy votes an hour was the average justify at all times and to all persons Had the polling clerks been able verify names more rapidly the averag would have been somewhat higher, 1 was they and not the voters that cause the most delay. One of the most sati factory features of the machine was the dications of horoscope and the life of rapidity and accuracy with which i the person born at any particular time. permitted the result of the election t For the benefit of the readers of this be known. Within twenty minutes paper we will publish FREE in these after the closing of the polls the c'm columns: The zodiacal sign rising at pany's central office was in possession your birth including your ruling planet of the result of the voting for presiden and a brief character reading by Astial and gubernatorial candidates in cl trology. Those wishing readings the districts except half a dozen. Thes should send the following data written were obtained by 6 o'clock. By 9 o'cloc' plainly in ink: Sex, race or nationalthe results of the election in all dis ity, place of birth including state, tricts on all candidates were known at county and city, year, month, date, curately. hour and minute of birth, A. M. or P.

The Whole Globe a Gravevard. The Parisian doctors and speculative annoys the family on the other side of philosophers are great fellows for makthe house-every time she cries some ing odd calculations on all subjects. time of birth and wish a reading send one comes over to see 'what ails that One of the latest is one concerning | two 2-cent stamps for further instructhe human family since the beginning tions. Letters will be numbered as re-"When John moves again I am going of time. It is a long magazine article ceived and the readings published in ly duck I got as a present this morn- to have him move into a single house, and gives much that is interesting in regular order so those wishing to take ing-it's a perfect beauty-I am going and then I can let the baby cry all she the way of human family statistics, advantage of this liberal offer should but the most striking portions are | write at once for we can only allow one

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obliged to you for the invite, all the same as if I went. But I'm too stiff in the bones and hard in the hearing to take much comfort away from home nowadays. You'll have to keep your Christmas without me, I guess, this year. And as for lending you money, I've but one answer to make, and that is-no!"

"Oh, Aunt Chrystenah!"

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"I mean to leave you all I've got." explained Aunt Chrystenah, "one o' these days. But not till I'm done with it myself. If I begin lending it to you in driblets, there won't be nothin' left of it. It's all put away, safe and sound, and it'll be yours some day." Janey thanked Aunt Chrystenah, with a sickening at her heart, nevertheless. She fully appreciated the old lady's kind intentions; but, oh, if she could only have known how far-far more acceptable a little of that money would be now!

"I would pay you back in a very short time, Aunt Chrystenah," said she. "if-___'

"No, you wouldn't," said the old woman, "because you won't have the chance, and that settles the matter. And now, if you've a mind to go upstairs in the garret and get that old shepherd's plaid shawl I used to wear in the days when I was able to go to meeting, you're welcome to it for a Christmas present. It can be dyed, and will make a real nice shawl."

"Thank you, Aunt Chrystenah," said the young wife, rather spiritlessly,

She went slowly up the garret stairs into the great hollow, echoing space, shadowed by dark beams, with the two made them myself. And, oh, Aunt odd little semi-circular windows at Chrystenah, may I just run up to the either end, where she had been used to play as a child.

Directly at the head of the stairs stood a great wooden chest painted blue which had belonged to some seafaring member of the Jenkins family. She opened it with something akin to awe-in her childhood's days it had been a penal offense to meddle with the "big blue chest"-and searched among its lavender-scented treasures for the plaid shawl. As she turned over the various articles something chinked under her hand, and, to her amazement. it proved to be an old gray yarn stocking, full of twenty-dollar gold pieces, laid carefully among homespun blankets and thriftily preserved articles of long-past wear.

"Janey, Janey! you ain't a-lookin' in the blue chist, be you?" It was Aunt Chrystenah's voice calling from the foot of the stairway. "It's in that chist o' graws clear out under the eaves, close to the old spinning-wheel and swifts." "Yes, Aunt Chrystenah."

Janey Jones started away like a set, John's cough troubles him, and guilty creature, and presently she came your dried herbs are so much better plaid shawl over her arm.

"It's very nice, Aunt Chrystenah." said she, "and I thank you very much for it."

The first thing that Mrs. Jones did when she came back to the gloomy city flat that represented home to her, was tenah's shrill old voice from the foot of to go around to the jeweler's on Third the crooked wooden stairs, "I've been

day paying out money in various sums. from thousand-dollar bills to packages of the corroded cents. "There's something very queer about it. I've been there several times of late, and found her gone cut. And there's been more times than one, John, when I've been pretty certain she's been to home all

keep the audience a minute." "And is that as long as he kept them?" "Yes: they all got up and left the hall."-Yonkers Statesman. the time, only she didn't choose to open the door, (Yes, I'll take it in small bills, please-twos and ones). And that ain't

Mrs. Shrill-"So you won't get me the worst of it! I've seen her with these eyes-that's a fagged bill, John, and I ain't certain o' bein' able to pass won't." Mrs. S .- "Very well, then, I'll it-a-comin' out of them down-town go to every temperance meeting that law offices with a reglar dude of a fel- comes along and people will think low holding the door open for her to the reason I ain't decently dressed is pass out, and grinning as polite as a because you've took to drink."-New hasket of chips. And I duano what York Weekly.

you think about such carryings-on. John, but I'm of opinion they'd ought to he looked into! Much obliged to you!" and she went away with the proceeds of the chock she had been having cashed, safely clasped into her 1862.

alligator-skin reticule, leaving her nephew with a heart as heavy as lead within his bosom. At this very moment Janey Jones was walking over the swiftly was walking swiftly over the snow-car-

peted roads past the Traxall buryingground, toward the old red farmhouse with the wellsweep in its rear, and the small, many-paned windows. "A merry Christmas, Aunt Chrystenah?" she said, burst'ng brightly into

the room where the old lady sat paring deep-red apples for a dumpling. "I've brought you a pair of knitted slippers to wear over your shoes when your feet are cold, these windy nights, I



garret and get a bunch of dried bone-

downstairs with the old shepherd's than we can get at the druggist's!" So the twenty-dollar gold coin was put back among the blankets and shawls in the blue chest, and the hundred-ton weight was off Janey Jones'

heart at last. "Stop Janey!" called out Aunt Chrys-

Strictly Truthful. Lane, who had come in to see her dur- tired a bright idea came into my head, Crimsonheak-"I'll give that man ing the afternoon and talk over the Windham credit for being truthful." Yeast-"Why?" He got up to speak last night and he said he wouldn't

> Kate?" asked Nellie in some haste. much trouble to dress a duck-do you | too late. hink it would be?" "Well, Kate, I really pity you. I

> > duck."

ben coop until further notice.

very comfortable or the hens did not

feel as much at ease as formerly,

don't know what caused it, but there

was a constant war going on among

them. Why, I dida't get one egg while

that fowl was in there. So I told John

Mild Bulldozing.

that new bonnet?" Mr. S.-"No. I

THE MOST USEFUL METAL. alarmed." Steel rails were first used for rail-

ways at Chalk Farm, near London, in The hot blast was introduced into furnace use sometime between 1832 and

1838. A large part of the finest iron and door. I heard John going to the door steel of commerce is made from mag- and speaking to some one, and then he netic ores A chemical authority states that sil- den to the chicken coop, and presently

icon, as well as carbon, renders iron more fusible. It is said that the first cannon cast

in the United States was made at Hagerstown, Md. The iron deposited by the galvanic

battery is grayish white and takes a beautiful polish. Mulhall says the United States pro-

duces one-third of the steel manufactured in the world. Ships built of steel are said to be

to tell Jim to remove it or we would able to carry twenty per cent more kill it. At last John bought it from freight than those of iron. Jim and killed it, and said I should The Bessemer method of manufac- | roast it for dinner. turing iron and steel was patented "Now, John killed it before he went by Henry Bessemer Oct. 17 and Dec.

to work, but I thought if I woud begin 5, 1855, and Feb. 12, 1856. to dress it after 9 o'clock I could soon Iron is the only metal which appears get it in the oven. Then I knew nothing about ducks; now I am much wiser, n more than one color. It is found of every shade, from almost white as "I asked ma-you know ma just came silver to as black as charcoal. the day before from the west; it's the In July, 1867, an inventor named first time she had been to see us since William Robinson, announced the diswe were keeping house. I asked ma whether I should scald the duck or pick covery of a short and cheap method for it dry. She said she had always picked making wrought iron from cast iron. hers dry and had saved the down for The tensile strength of Austrian gun her feather beds. So I began to pick it iron is 30,000 to 38,000 pounds per square inch: of Russian, 27,000 pounds, "I picked and picked and pulled until

and of Swedish, about 34,000 pounds. The tinning of iron, or what is now called galvanizing, was invented by some unknown artisan of Bohemia, and was introduced into England in

1681.

duck to hurry up matters. Although the different forms of iron are almost innumerable, it is considered in the arts, under three different so tender and greasy that it tore off in names, wrought-iron, cast iron, and large pieces, and the down stuck like steel

Mulhall estimates that the total val- | that down it would have been enough ue of goods manufactured from iroa in the world in 1899 was £212,200,000; of steel, £256,700,000, making a total of £368,900,000.

Iron pens are mentioned by Chamavenue and purchase the seal ring with kind o' thinkin' sence you was here berlayne as early as 1685; steel pens

and I told her I would skin the duck Christmas celebration of a few days be- entirely-then no one would find any pin feathers and it would look smooth "Is your duck dressed or alive, and sleek all over. It only provoked me that I had not thought of doing it "Oh! it's alive, I am going to dress before. I don't know why it is, but it myself," answered Kate, "it's not somehow my bright ideas always come

"So I gave the baby to ma and told them to watch this interesting permust tell you what a dreadful time I formance. had with the one we killed last week. "But it was easier said than done it yet makes me shiver all over only My, how greasy that skin was! It was

to think of it, it was such a terrible almost impossible to get a good tight day the memory of it will never fade hold-I pulled and jerked and wished away! I really think my back has not I had never had any bright ideas untience stopped aching since I picked that | it was finally skinned and the cloch pointed to 10 minutes to 12 and no din "Do tell me. Nellie, won't their feath- ner.

ers come out, or what was the trouble?" "Then I had to run to the corner asked Kate. "I am beginning to feel grocery to get some dried beef-I very

"I'll begin by telling you how we go! the duck," began Nellie. "One night after I had gone up stairs with the baby, and John was smoking his pipe -it must have been after 12 o'clock-. 20 there was a faint knock at the kitchen and the some one went into the gar-I heard a loud noise and fuss among the hens. It was Jim Peters. He had won a duck at a rafile at a tavern and asked John to let him put it in our "Now, either the duck did not feel I PUT IT IN THE OVEN.

> vell knew John detested dried beef for dinner, but they had nothing else, and when John came home he ate his dianer (?) in silence. But 1 promised to have the duck roasted for supper. "With this prospect in view I went to work more cheerfully, yet not very

satisfied, I fear. In order to have the duck well done I put it in the oven soon after dinner, and was surprised to see how small it got-the longer it roasted the smaller it grew, and it

bringing a friend with him to help eat the duck! "Well, no one can imagine my feel-

our beautiful duck?' I never before felt so mortified. John tried to find a my fingers ached-it seemed as though tender piece for our guest, but it was the feathers were grown in to stay, and impossible to find anything tender on it took so long I was beginning to get that duck-it was as dry as chips. nervous, so when ma wasn't looking I worse than the driest dried beef, and

poured some boiling water over the oh, so tasteless and so dark-do you think I reasted it too long, Kate? "But, dear me, then the real trouble began. The hot water made the skin

wax. I really think if I had saved all

those which give figures on the num- | column in each issue for this depart bers of human beings that have in- ment, Address Prof. G. W. Cunninghabited the earth and have died and ham, Dept. 4, No. 194 South Clinton St., been buried in it since the first man | Chicago, Ill. was created. According to these curious figures, the earth has been peopled by no less than 66,627,842,387.- description may vary slightly in some 075,266 human inhabitants since the points in accordance with which sign beginning of time. To bury this vast | the ruling planet may be found. It al-

would have to be dug over 120 times. Had you ever thought that you were the planets in configuration with it: living in the midst of such a gigantic cemetery ?- St. Louis Republic.

We Don't Want Them.

Lady Henry Somerset is a woman your ruling planet or significator. Sagwho means well and who does a great ittarius usually denotes a person above deal of good, but she lets her philanmedium height; a well proportioned thropy carry her too far when she adand commanding figure; the complexvocates a subscription in England to ion clear and healthy; the hair near a pay the passage of destitute Arme chestnut color growing thin and formnians to the United States. The sum ing a notch above the temples; the required is \$25 each, and Lady Somforehead is full and broad; the eyes exerset's coadjutor, Miss Frances Wilpressive; the laugh is loud, merry and lard, has a plan for providing the imcheerful; you cre jovial, happy, genermigrants with work when they reach ous and charitable; you are kind to anhere. It may be an ungracious thing imals and fond of a fine horse; you are to say, but the Armenians are not not as conservative as you should be wanted here. We have too many and are liable to get into too large pauper immigrants already .- Philadeldeals; you are a natural leader and phia Ledger. have plenty of courage to carry any

The Kingdom of God. The kingdom of God begins with but it is to make itself manifest with- | come to others; you may apparently be out. It is to penetrate the feelings, on the brink of a financial precipice

habits, thoughts, words, acts of him and just ready to tumble over, yet who is the subject of it. At last it is something will turn in your favor and to penetrate our whole social existence. pull you through all right. to mold all things according to its laws So there will be discovered beneath all You have the zodiacal sign Taurus, the politics of earth, sustaining the which Venus rules, rising at your birth, order of each country, upholding the charity of each household, a city which and therefore Venus is your ruling has foundations, whose builder and planet or significator. The sign Taurus usually denotes a person with short, maker is God.-Frederick Denison but fuil, strong and well-set stature;

The Hour of Reckoning.

shoulders; short thick neck; wide nose; "Mr. Meckton," she said, severely, full, pouting lips; you will have a "I want you to explain a remark that habit of shaking your head sideways you made just as you left the house when talking earnestly. You are very last night." "I-I really don't remem- quiet, peaceable and patient in your ber saying anything." "I asked you disposition, have great love for the why you were opposed to woman's sufbeautiful in art and nature; you are frage and you replied: 'Because we're very fond of the fine arts, such as bossed too much as it is.' "-Washingmusic, painting, drawing, sketching, ton Star. etc. You are fond of good living and generally manige to get it; you are

The eyes of the wicked queen glit- any apparent good cause. Yes seldom tered fatefully. "If I play my cards lose control of your temper, yet when right," she hissed, "my hated rival you do you become furious. You diswill be overwhelmed." But even as like to change your business or locashe spoke she paled with terror. tion and have great love for home and "What's trumps?" she gasped, glaring its pleasant serroundings. into space .- Detroit Tribune.

A good East Winthrop, Maine, deacon THOUGHTFUL OBSERVATIONS. get into a discussion the other day with a newspaper man relative to the

There is hope for the man who doesn't have to fall down more than once to learn how to stand up. Hard speech between those who have loved is hideous in the memory, like 1,600 pounds, had fallen through a the sight of the greatness and beauty scuttle into the cellar, ten feet below, sunk into vice and rags.

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Paul G., Chicago.

broad forehead; dark, curly hair; dark

complexion: broad full chest and

He Found Out.

size of a hole a horse could go through.

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ticipated. Going to his stable, he

found that his horse, weighing over

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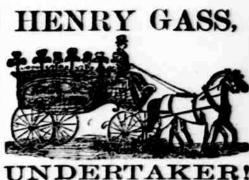
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as marking the beginning of the year. was observed as a public holiday in Rome from at least the time of the Julian reformation of the calendar. Ovid alludes to the abstinence from litigation and strife, the smoking altars, the white-robed processions to

Maurice. looked so funny, something like a skinned cat; when in comes John,

ings. When they sat down to the table I noticed John looking around for something, and finally when he saw the horrid little shriveled-up thing he burst out into a hearty laugh, saying

Why, Nellie, is this all that is left of

"I hope I may never, never again see another duck."

Ancient and Modern New Year's Festival The first day (calends) of January,

