Custom House Palace. What is probably the finest building in the world for the use of a collector of customs has been turned over to the national government. The new custom house in New York, begun in 1900, has been completed at a cost of \$7,200,000. It covers the entire block between Whitehall street and State street, running from Bowling Green to Bridge street. Its street faces are adorned with splendid pieces of sculpture typifying commerce, and its main court, or rotunda, is one of the largest spanned by a single roof. The interior fittings are ornate and dignified, as is befitting in a public building belonging to a rich and populous country. About two-thirds of the customs revenue of the country is paid over the desks of the collector of New York. The remaining one-third is collected in the more than 140 other collection districts. An elaborately equipped suite of offices has been provided in the building for the use of the secretary of the treasury on his official visits to New York. Other suites are set apart for the weather bureau, the naval bureau, the civil service board, the isthmian canal commission, the secret service department and some other branches of the national government that have to use offices in New York. But, says the Youth's Companion, they all together occupy much less space than that devoted to the use of the various branches of the tariff collection service.

Instead of the head of a queen, proud, haughty and homely, on the new gold coins, we are shown the profile of a pretty waiter girl. 'Twere sacrilege to speak in this connection of the damsel as a biscuit shooter, a hash slinger or any of those uneuphonious titles by which the thoughtless and the pert sometimes designate the dining room hand maiden. She is simply a pretty waiter and her beauty is much enhanced by the frame and the background. If she sends this portrait of herself to her friends they will hardly look at it with a critical eye or declare that it doesn't do justice to the original. More men will gaze fondly on that face than on any set of features designed to lure us on to the purchase of some tooth powder.

The six will look good to them When The girl will look good to them. When a carping critic asked 19 centuries ago if he should pay tribute to Caesar he was told to look at the image on the coin and if it was Caesar's portrait he should pay the taxes. Waiters will hope that in this there is a hint for those who have their doubts about the size of the tip.

Visitors to Venice next year will see the rebuilding of the famous campanile in St. Mark's square practically completed. The tower already rises 30 feet above the pavement, and work is progressing rapidly. The old ma- And still there's more. terials are used so far as possible. The original foundation was strengthnerstone was laid in April, 1903, about nine months after the tower fell, and then more than 3,000 piles of fresh larch wood were driven round the base to support a new wall of stone that was to prevent the collapse of the new tower. Fresh stone was used here; but above ground the old bricks. burned many hundred years ago, are being carefully examined. Fifty thousand dollars have already been spent on the work of restoration.

Do we interpret aright the word from Dubuque, la.? Are the men to do the cooking, cleaning, washing, froning, answer the door, make the beds, officiate at the telephone, do the ordering, fuss with the ragman, wrestle with callers, look after the furnace. take care of the children, dust, polish the furniture, black the range, fight agents, figure in the center of the social stage at home, darn, mend, save and look pleasant, while the wives of their bosoms get the wherewithal by playing bridge, "500," whist, double pedro, euchre, fan-tan, old sledge or poker? Early answer requested.

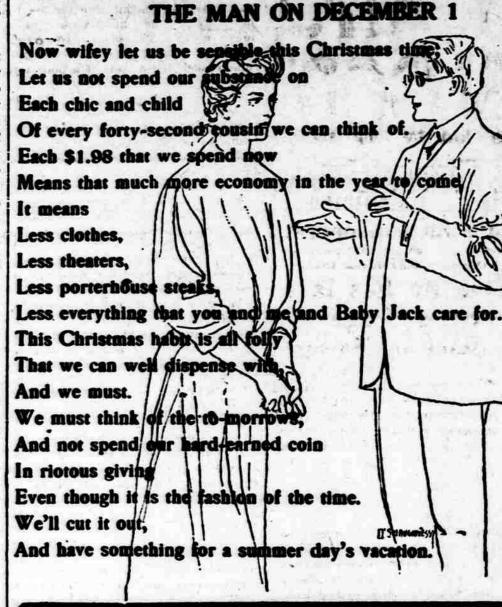
A state education official in Illinois has been telling Chicago that there mght to be a course of love-making stroduced in the schools-that children should be taught to woo as they are taught the multiplication table. The capacity to become lovers is born in the average human being just as of oneself. The tendency in either case will do its own developing.

A speaker at the American Medical association said that many accidents Doubtless that is true, but some men will never believe until they make the trial that they cannot vanquish an automobile in a joint debate for the right of way.

While it is possible for a man to keep an automobile and a wife and happy, yet the ancient fact remains zirmly on its base that no man can serve two masters.

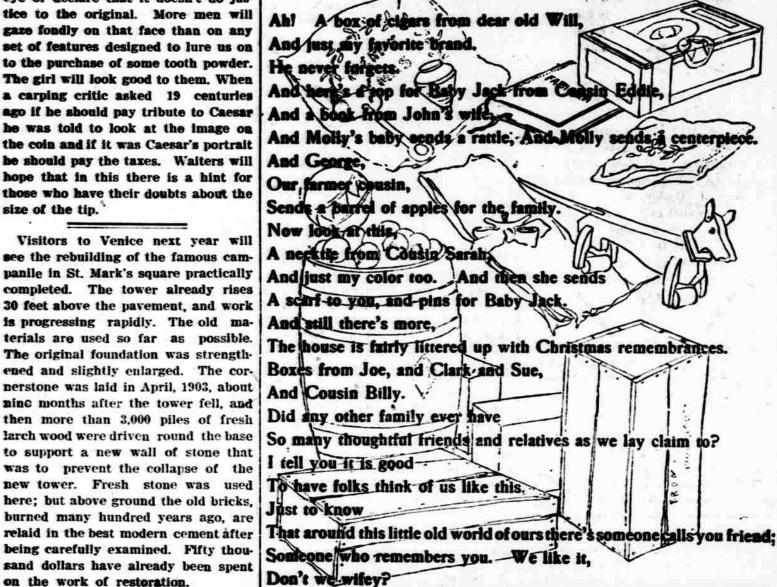
At the convention of the Episcopal church it was proposed to add to the prayer book a petition for a person for a person going to sea. No more solemn commentary could be made upon the condition of American railway travel.

According to a New York dispatch things. But don't give way to glutthe giving of wedding presents is tony. Don't gloat over your Christgoing out of fashion. Wise young peo. | mas dainties like a Bala boy I used ple will put off their weddings until money gets a little looser.





THE MAN ON CHRISTMAS MORNING





THE MAN ON JANUARY 2

What's this! A bill for Christmas presents? The items, please? the capacity is inborn of making a fool Just tops, and drums, and books and ties, And all the usual list of Christmas plunder, to the extent Of \$302.47 you say. And I told her that we would cut it out. could be avoided by a little care. This folly, this Christmas giving this reckless spending Well, here's your check, But you just bet, Another year we will have none of it. COPYRIGHT 1907 BY THE AUTHO

Christmas Is a Good

Day for a Cold. DISHOP OLMSTED of Colorado was going on a journey by land, like that | D making a Christmas address to some Denver children.

"Eat heartily on Christmas day." the bishop said, smiling, "Do full justice to turkey, to cranberry sauce. to plum pudding, to all the good to know. This boy said one Christmas morning:

"My, I wish I had a cold!"

"'Why?' asked his brother. "'Cause mother says to feed a cold. and if I had one to-day, wouldn't I feed it, though!""

Old Ideas About Christmas. Even as late as 1753 there was some doubt as to the exact date of Christmas, the old count bringing it to the 5th of January, the new count giving us the 25th of December, which is "the day we celebrate." In Devonshire, England, it is believed that if the sun shines at noon on Christmas day a plentiful crop may be looked

for in the following year.



Gathered round thy friendly fire. Sisters, mother, sons, and sire Once more in fond affection meet, To love-set time their bosoms beat, And every hearth's a happy quire Of singers sweet.

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"If one is going to give a Christmas | could replace de loss o' me." dinner," he said, "it is best to give a good, even a lavish one. Then one you, the world's governments would doesn't get up from the table with remorse gnawing at the heart, as was and her mother to a Christmas din fightin'." ner in a New York restaurant. Arriving at the restaurant a little before the ladies, he ordered the dinner, and Sam Small's Hypnotism then said to the waiter:

"'Look here; I'll call for two quarts of champagne after the fish, but you just bring that champagne cider in the fancy bottle instead. It's good stuff, and the ladies won't know the difference."

"'Very well, sir,' said the waiter. "Then the ladies arrived, and the dinner progressed splendidly. The champagne was ordered, the cider was brought, and neither guest perceived the deception. On the contrary, they both praised the champagne. They drank heartily of it.

"But when the bill came at the dinened. He beckoned to the waiter, and, with nods and winks galore, pointed case for hypnotism to be tried. to the wine item. "'Waiter, there's some mistake

about this charge, isn't there?" "'Oh, no, sir.' said the waiter. 'Two bottles of champagne, eight dollars. That was what you ordered, sir.' "'Certainly. Two bottles of cham-

pagne. We remember your ordering them,' the ladies chorused. "'But-' said the young man, winking and nodding like a steam engine

at the waiter. "'The bill is quite correct, sir,' said the waiter, firmly.

"The ladies looked at him reproachfully, and the young man could do nothing but pay up."

Sample of American

Christmas Push. IR THOMAS LIPTON had been complimented by a New York reporter on the cup he had just offered.

er who does the biggest Christmas trade. The size of your Christmas trade amazes me-its size, and the dexterity with which it is handled. "I heard the other day of a great Christmas bargain sale in Quincy. To one of the bargain counters a man was rash enough to venture. He struggled heroically a little while among the press, then, with a loud

cry, he sank. "Help, help!" he shouted from the floor. 'Help! My leg is broken.' "The clerk, dextrous in the handling f Christmas crowds, got him.

"'And you'll find our Christmas splints and curtches, sir,' he said, 'on third floor back, fifth aisle to left., "

In the Interest of

Peace on Earth." n LFRED H. LOVE, the president of Universal Peace Union, told one day in Philadelphia a peace story.

they assert that it is right to burn dollar bill. She looked at the bill. and maim and kill in war. They are and said bitterly: not so logical as a young colored rehis captain.

"'So you ran at the first fire, did you? said the captain, scornfully. "'Yes, sah; an' I'd 'a' run sooner. sah, if I'd knowed it wus comin'."

"'Have you no regard for your reputation, Calhoun?"

"'Mah reputation hain't numin' to me, sah, 'londside o' mah life.' "The captain smiled and twirled his "'Even if you should lose your life,

Calhoun,' he said, 'you'd have the satisfaction of knowing that you had died for your country.' "'Wot satisfaction could dat be to me, sah, when de power o' feelin' it

wuz gone?" "'Then patriotism means nothing

"'Nuffin', sah. I wouldn't put mah AS AYOR STOY of Atlantic City was life in de scales agin any government talking about Christmas dinners. dat eber existed, for no government "'Calhoun, if all soldiers were like

all go to pieces." "'On de contrary, sah, dey'd last the case last year with an Atlantic forever; for if all soldiers wuz like City young man. He took his fiancee me, den dere couldn't neber be no

Didn't Work.

"THE late Sam Small had his faults." said an Atlantan, "but he did not dodge the penalty of them. When he went wrong, he owned up like a man, and if punishment was due, he took it.

"That was the doctrine Sam Small preached. He hated dodgers. He used to laugh bitterly at the plea of 'hypnotic influence' that used to be put up by nearly every murderer.

"I once heard him ridiculing hypnotism. He said that he bought pretty heavily one year for Christmas, and when the bill came in for turkey and mince meat, candy, ducks, chickens, ner's end, the young man's face dark- plum pudding, fruit cake and so on. he thought to himself that here was a

"He went first to hypnotize the grocer. Approaching the man he looked him squarely in the eye, at the same time repeating, slowly and impressively: "'My bill is paid."

"A change came over the grocer's face. His color faded, his eyes grew dull, his expression blank. And in a strange, mechanical voice he muttered:

"'You're a liar.'"

DUFUS L. GRISWOLD, the Cleveland educator who holds that it is wrong to let children believe in Santa Claus, was arguing about his strange views at a dinner.

"Why lie to children?" he asked. "Why let them believe in a myth? Whenever I hear mention of that loathed name of Santa Claus, I think "I ought to offer a cup," said the of a lunatic. Some years ago I atgenial Briton, "to the retail shop-keep- tended a trial. A witness was being examined as to the sanity of

> one of the inmates. "'You hold that this inmate is insane, do you?' a lawyer asked. "'I do,' was the firm reply.

"'Why are you so sure?" "'The man,' the witness said, 'goes about asserting that he is Santa Claus.

"'And,' said the lawyer, 'you hold, do you, that when a man goes about asserting that he is Santa Claus, it's a clear proof of his insanity?" " 'I do.'

" 'Why?' "'Because,' said the witness, in a loud, indignant voice, 'I happen to be Santa Claus myself." 

Had Earned Her Christmas Gift.

"THERE are Christmas gifts and Christmas gifts," said Bishop Foss, but the only acceptable ones are "At this Christmas season," he said, those given with a pure motive. In "men talk sincerely about loving one a crockery shop, during the holidays, another, about the universal brother- I once saw the proprietor hand a hood of man, and in the same breath plainly-dressed young woman a two-

"'Is that all? And durin' the past cruit who served in the Philippines. year ain't I broken 35 tumblers. 26 This young man, at the end of his cups, nine meat platters, four saucers, initial engagement, was haled before 72 plates and 13 of the mistress' best tureens?

"'There, there,' said the shopman, soothingly; 'here's another dollar for you. And don't forget me, you know, be ended with a wink."



Mrs. Haymowe-What do you wear

that mask for? Chauffeur-Well, I'll tell you. wear it so that the people I run over won't be able to recognize me.

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Jones Ave., Selma, Ala., Oct. 28, 1905." Pretty Hungry. "Waiter, a beefsteak! Quick! I'm in a hurry!"

"We haven't any beefsteak, sir!" "A chop, then." "Chops is off!"

"Well, then, an omelet." "Impossible, sir; we-" "What! why have you nothing at al

in your restaurant?" "Yes, sir; we've got a sheriff."

the edge of his plate)-Then let's Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right

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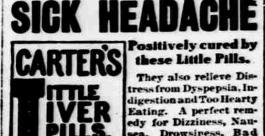
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The Web of Life. The web of our life is a mingled yarn, good and ill together; our virtues would be proud if our faults whipped them out; and our crimes would despair if they were not cherished by our virtues.-Rochfort.

many years ago.

Average Temperature. The average temperature of the enfire glob is 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Here's an Easy One.

Why is it that a woman with skirts that rustle always appears nervous? Disease-Proof Potato.

A disease-proof potate has been introduced into France from Uruguay.

Boys are not always eating: sometimes they are busily engaged in looking for something to eat.

The average preacher and his congregation are like a married couple who do not get along.

The funniest thing in the world is when a women's club discusses a big

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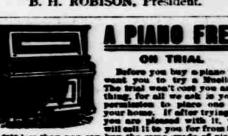
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