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Secretary.

a daily letter from home. Address will be changed as often as requested.

mailed to them. It is better than

The Christmas bargain has had its day. Make way next for the annual January clearing sale,

If Senator Cullom ever said it, he was not speaking by the card, but the chances are that he never said it.

It is an open question whether the closed shop.

had served apprenticeship in a regiment | century.

Rattle-brained candidates for mayor will find Lincoln a haven of rest, and a place where they can think loud without being heard.

Inasmuch as congress has taken a reess until after the holidays, the presi- proposed Pacific railway routes. dent's big stick will probably enjoy a brief period of rest.

York may hereafter consider it lawful and necessary to go behind the returns provided by the companies.

Orders for the inspection of American hogs by Canada are not supposed to apply to those hogs who cross the line with bank depositors' money.

The shake-up in the federal building is viewed with keen satisfaction at long range by Secretary Hitchcock's agent lariat, Co., nel John S. Mosby.

The Department of Agriculture is slan fly, and the Hessian flying squadron has not yet crossed the Potomac.

in doubt whether the resignation route roadbed and more comfortable coaches.

Reports of heavy orders for the spring trade indicate that Uncle Sam has decided to postpone business depression again without the aid or consent of Wall street.

Now that ex-Governor Odell has been thrown over the battlements by the republican organization of New York, he has hung his soiled linen on the political clothesline.

Those newspaper excursionists who were given a taste of a storm off the Pacific coast cannot complain of nature not providing its rarest features for their entertainment la California.

Some people would like to know whether Tom Worrail is merely preparing a sequel to his recently published volume or making arrangements to carry the war into the enemy's camp.

A new mineral discovered in the Black Hills has been named "purpjurite." The name is sufficiently purplexing to make the average Black Hills miner swear like a regular trooper.

The coal barons have at last become reconciled to the big stick. At the ban, and said that in criminal cases the writ tent with past professions. It implies just given to the diamond king nobility Baron George F. Baer proposed the out its borders and the wheels of justice erence to shippers have not been altoast, "Blessed Are the Peacemakers."

Fakery which predicted his summary special grapevine from Washington will against one person in the republic is clais is not to be received without some. Why not quarter the state instead of have to tender its apology.

to the people of the transmississippi re- not recognized as they should be. and potential influence of the Standard

Oil cabal. closure. The road had defaulted upon America was guaranter. At that Junecents on the dollar.

When Harriman and his associates

seven years been transformed into the in the records of the federal courts; ingreatest railway property in the world. deed, they are of almost daily occur-Physically as well as financially the rence. Union Pacific railroad is peerless among the great railroads of America. Within the last five years its roadbed, trackage as soon as it is possible to do so. The and rolling stock have been completely bench and the bar throughout the United renovated, the distance between its ini- States should take an interest in the tial point at Omaha and the Pacific subject and use their great influence coast shortened nearly 100 miles by the with congress in behalf of the needed reconstruction of costly tunnels, bridges forms. The federal criminal laws must and trestleworks and the transit from be revised if we would avoid worse ocean to ocean has been shortened by conditions than those which now obtain fully twenty hours.

Incidentally the construction of great feeders to Puget Sound and southern California and the reconstruction of branch lines in Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado have vastly improved the facilities of the Union Paelfic system and enormously increased the volume of its traffic. These stupendous improvements involving an outlay of more than \$100,000,000 afford tangible proof of Harriman's foresight and grasp of conditions as well as his Omaha's old settlers will know how to confidence in the future progress of the keep open house after so many years of great empire traversed by his system, whose vast resources are as yet comparatively undeveloped and which is des-One might easily imagine the com- tined to be peopled by 50,000,000 inhabmanders of Maryland oyster dredges itants before the end of the present

AN INTERESTING EXHIBIT.

The special anniversary edition of Frank Leslie's Weekly reprints in fac many millions, simile the first number of that paper issued fifty years ago, containing among rate of postage on international corre-created. other things a map of the then three

ular strip enclosed between the Missouri the United States and Canada, the river on the south and the Rocky moun- Germany and Austria. tains on the west, being touched by Min-America.

the Missouri. Strangely enough, Coun- spring District Attorney Baxter seems to be cll Bluff is placed on the west side of the Missouri at approximately the place or the removal route offers the smoother | where Lewis & Clark's famous council with the Indians is now supposed to have occurred, although even at that time the present Council Bluffs was already nestling on the east side of the river opposite what subsequently became Omaha.

The route of what later became the Union Pacific is laid out on the map with a fair degree of accuracy, but otherwise there is nothing to persuade the average observer away from the belief current in the '50's that Nebraska was nothing but a great expanse of barren

If the map maker of 1855 could compare his drawing with a map of Nebraska of 1905 he would surely rub his eyes to see if he were entranced in a

THE CRIMINAL LAWS.

That the criminal laws of the United States should be made more effective is observes that if the report is accurate a fact generally recognized and the as to the action and purposes of the earnest way in which it has been urged | western railroad officials, it is a tribute upon the attention of congress by the to the power of public opinion and evipresident and the attorney general dence of a wholesome fear of what may should be productive of results. In his be done by congress and those charged message of a year ago President Roose- with the enforcement of the law. "It velt pointed out several instances of implies," says that paper, "some signifilong delays and obstruction to justice cant admissions not altogether consisof the United States should run through- that rebates and devices for giving prefin a number of cases to which refer- claimed, and that it is possible to ob-Ambassador Thompson has emerged ence was made. He stated that of re- serve the law whenever the executive from the ordeal of the State department cent years there has been grave and in- officials of the railroads are disposed to inquisition unscathed and the Omaha creasing complaint of the difficulty of do so." The Journal of Commerce, howdiverce from the diplomatic service by whose criminality, instead of heing the reported action of the railroad offi- Platte river, has been again revived.

UPLIFTING OF THE GREATER WEST. | cause it is against the republic itself. | unfriendly sentiment and avert threat. | jobs for four judges, four marshals, nates is of comparatively small moment heads the interests of the people, are

his father because he was a profligate ney general on the subject. "Our laws degenerate, and Ryan was superimposed and customs," says the message, "tell against the interests of the public he Harriman's career as an empire outworn rules which once safeguarded of more than passing interest and chal- United States stands in urgent need of rigidly enforce it. lenges admiration. Less than ten years revision. The criminal process of any ago the Union Pacific railroad was a court of the United States should run financial and physical wreck managed throughout the entire territorial extent by receivers during the process of fore- of our country. The delays of the criminal law, no less than of the civil, \$27,000,000 of its second mortgage bonds now amount to a very great evil." Such and \$27,000,000 more of interest for the a statement coming from the chief execpayment of which the United States of utive of the untion certainly ought to command the most serious considerature no reputable financier would have tion. It will not be denied that there dared to venture the prediction that the is most substantial basis for it. The Union Pacific would ever pay out fifty system of procedure that has grown up the prompt and proper administration bought in the road and paid the claims of justice. As Mr. Roosevelt has said, of all its creditors, including the gov- it "amounts in effect to making the law ernment, dollar for dollar, the country easy of enforcement against the man was almost stupefied over the extra who has no money, and difficult of enhazardous risk assumed by the New forcement, even to the point of sometimes securing immunity, as regards the Under the magic wand wielded by man who has money." Numberless in-Harriman the Union Pacific has within stances in support of this can be found

Such a state of affairs is a reproach to the country and should be remedied in the procedure of the courts.

UNIVERSAL PENNY POSTAGE.

The father of British imperial postage, John H. Heaton, M. P., has recently renewed his efforts in behalf of a uniexists, and Mr. Heaton argues that if ity of its western policy holders, two ounces of printed matter can be carried through the international mails for tion to the fact that the world's post- its share of the reserves. offices are working at a profit and that pluses. He should have excepted the

spondence are not very convincing. The

latter being on the upper stretches of congress that will be held in Rome next breakers.

AGREE TO OBEY THE LAW.

The agreement said to have been entered into by the executive officials of the western railroads with a view to compelling a strict adherence to the provisions of the interstate commerce law is all right providing the agreement is carried out. It is remembered, however, that such sq-called agreements have been made before and were broken almost as soon as entered into, recolleccause distrust of the sincerity of the present reported agreement. It is stated that the officials of each road bound themselves to inform the Interstate commission of any illegal acts on the part of any road and a committee was to be appointed, representing the western freight associations, to keep watch upon the situation and report violations of law and to be ready to furnish evidence

in case of an investigation. The New York Journal of Commerce

The acrimonlous controversy between He declared that at present the interests ened action, and it may be that such an four district attorneys and four court Edward H. Harriman and the deposed of the government, that is, the interests agreement as they are said to have clerks, and what a lot of business the and imposed Equitable Insurance mag- of honest administration, which compre- formed may be difficult to enforce big stick would have keeping all the among themselves." Still it thinks the crooked sticks in the bunch straight. new attitude of railroad officials is a gion, excepting so far as it sheds light; In his last message the president good sign and should help toward the into the inner recesses of life insurance again earnestly called the attention of solution of the perplexing problem of management. Hyde was forced out of congress to this matter and asked that regulation, though not to be relied upon stretch of its labors. It is safe to say the great life association founded by heed be given to the report of the attor- as of itself a solution. The fact that a that the mismanagers of the big life number of prominent and influential; railroad officials have modified or wholly upon the association through the subtle immensely in favor of the criminal and changed their position regarding proposed rate regulation is altogether welhas wronged. Some antiquated and come, but neither this nor any promises or agreements by such officials must be builder, and especially his contribution | the threatened rights of private citizens | allowed to impair or weaken the purpose toward the marvelous improvement of now merely work harm to the general to make the law what it ought to be the great overland railroad is, however, body politic. The criminal law of the for the protection of the public and to

ON THE RIGHT TRACK. President Paul Morton's letter to policy holders declares that "the new manjudgment, will hereafter undertake to invest its reserves in real estate mortgages, or the securities of railroads or other well-established corporations serving those sections of the country which produce the premiums," and gives as will negative the claim that money paid divide their holdings. for premiums is sent away from home and is not available for local development."

Consistent pursuance of this policy, tion in Wall street speculations, would without question counteract in large the routes. measure the point often urged here in the west against the big life insurance companies of the east, that they drain velopment of western resources. Beyoud the small amounts loaned to policy syndicate. holders on the security of their policies. the Equitable has not, so far as we know, invested any of the money contributed by western policy holders in enterprises in the section of the country which produces the premiums. Some companies, it is true, have loaned large amounts of money on western real estate mortgages, but the New York Life, with its big office buildings in Omaha, Kansas Clty and St. Paul, is entitled to pounds. There being no market quotacredit as the only one that has identified itself to any extent with the spirit of will have little effect on the live stock versal 2-cent postage. An international enterprise of the west and bound any 1-cent postage on printed matter already part of its fortunes up with the prosper

If the plan outlined by President Mor ton is followed by his and other com-1 cent, there can be no valid objection panies they will find it necessary to put raised against transmitting one-half all their money for many years to come ounce of written matter through the in western mortgage securities before same media for 2 cents. He calls atten- the west will catch up and be even with

it is bad finance and against good public UNITED STATES MARSHAL WARNER policy to have excessive postal sur- Whatever divergence of opinion may exist on the question whether the sud-United States, for in our case the Post- den removal of Marshal Mathews was office department is being operated each or was not mete punishment for his year with a variable deficit running into offense, there is no difference of opinion as to the wisdom of the selection of Wil-

The new marshal is in every way difference between 2 cents and 5 would equipped to measure up fully to the re-This map purports to show the west- not greatly influence the volume of an quirements of the place even on the ern half of the United States, as known American's correspondence or the num- high scale of President Roosevelt's in 1855, from the Mississippi river to the ber of his letters to friends and rela- standard. He has shown himself to be ports for any other year. Probably some Insurance commissioners of New Pacific coast. Across the upper part of tives in other lands, but that a reduct a big man not only physically, but in of these gems were bought by policythe central portion the word "Nebraska" tion would have some effect seems to the broader sense of the word-as sprawls without giving any definite in- be assumed confidently by those who county officer, as state senator, as redication of the exact limits of the terri- have watched the progress of experi- publican state chairman, and if he fails tory to which the name is supposed to ments in the line of restricted postal to make good as marshal it will be in apply. It apparently includes the irreg- unions, as, for instance, those between repudiation of all his previous records.

With Marshal Warner in charge, the river on the east and north, the Platte United States and Mexico, and between people of Nebraska have a right to expect a new deal in the administration It is very probable that at some fu- of that office and its thorough renovanesota, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Utah, ture time universal penny (2-cent) post- tion from the lax and loose practices Oregon, Washington and British age will be established, but the United that have grown up there. The action States is not yet ready for it and will of the president in appointing Mr. War-The only four points recorded by name not be until our postal revenue at least ner can be taken in no other way than on the map within the limits of Ne equals the expenditures. It is probable as notice that the marshal must be a again battling manfully against the Hes- braska are Council Bluffs, Fort Kear- that this subject will command consid- law-enforcing officer and not a symney, Fort Laramie and East Union, the erstion from the international postal pathizer with and protector of the law of human nature, threatened by revelations

James Gordon Bennett's paper in New York is out-doing Hearst's most yellow of yellows in sensational dispatches by underground wireless from St. Peters burg. The following is a fair sample: The Bourse has been panicky; St. Petersmiral, has escaped with the connivance of his jailors. Twenty telegraph wires have been cut and the rest may be at any motion of which very naturally tends to ment. If this happens to reach you it will certainly be my last dispatch for some At this end of the line this sounds like

an explosion of Fourth of July firecrack-

The re-arrangement of the work of causing a shaking of dry bones all along the line and some of the postal employes more than merely draw their salaries. In the meanwhile Postmaster General department

The state of Illinois is about to institute proceedings against former state gregating \$321,000 in violation of the

The scheme to divide Nebraska into two federal judicial districts, one loagainst all persons in the republic, be- reserve. "Perhaps they hope to placate halving it? That would make soft it and the troubling will not be long.

That New York insurance investigating committee is nearing the home companies will be fully prepared to heave a sigh of relief as soon as the committee records its final adjournment.

It should be distinctly understood that Judge Hamilton made his report to the trustees of the New York Life Insurance company-and the investigating committee may have to find a way to get the facts as well as to weigh their significance.

John N. Irwin, a man of many titles, has just passed in his cheeks at Hot Springs, Ark. He was at various times in his checkered career mayor of Keoconsistent with safety and good business | kuk, governor of Idaho, governor of Arizona and minister to Portugal.

> to permit owners of small herds to have first choice in the forest reserves the "cattle barons" will be compelled to With wireless messages telling ships

of coming storms while they are at sea, all that remains needful for the comtogether with abstinence from participa- fort of the passengers is the construction of adequate cyclone cellars along

beat a man with a club for the purpose the country of money which ought to of robbing him had studied the methods remain at home and be used in the de- of high finance to little advantage or he would have organized an investment

Since the British government has pro-

the owners of mines on the Rand may be sorry they furthered the scheme which resulted in deposing Oom Paul ever, will brighten his melancholly reflec It is now proclaimed that, when alive, Wyoming saurian weighed 77,000

tions for saurian steaks, the discovery

Panama employes who are facing a lean Christmas may have a full New Year; but it is probable that claim buyers will derive most of the profit to follow the redemption of the postponed | suit are fit to adorn a Christmas tree. pay roll.

A New Beatitude.

The Congregationalist. Blessed be the man or woman whose Christmas bounty reaches out toward lonely, obscure and unfortunate folk. Not all of them are poor.

Unsersonable Suggestion. Pittsburg Dispatch. The eastern preacher who says a man

he could save while single selected a poor The sentimental arguments for a low liam P. Warner to fill the vacancy period of the year to make his announcement. Who Can Tellf Chicago Record-Herald.

The precious stones imported into this country during the last year exceed in value by more than \$10,000,000 the total imholders, too.

A Problem in Kinship. Brooklyn Eagle.

A western man has married his son's divorced wife. He is now father to his grandchildren, his wife is grandmother to her own children, the son is his ex-wife's stepson, and if any property questions arise from these changes the lawyers may ecome candidates for the asylum.

Heroism in Commonplace Life.

Baltimore American. An engineer in New Jersey, tortured by escaping steam, stuck, in spite of his agony, to his post and saved a trainload of passengers. Such instances of heroism of commonplace life are plenty enough to restore confidence in the inherent goodness of colossal selfishness in other quarters.

HARDSHIPS OF THE RICH.

Serious Disadvantage in the Bringing Up of Children. New York Times. Expressing what seemed to be the result

of wide observation and mature delibera-

tion, President Eliot of Harvard said in burg is bristling with troops; the sailors a public address the other day: "The banished from Kronstadt are in a state of most serious disadvantage under which the insurrection; the Baltic provinces are in very rich labor is the bringing up of chilan alarming condition and Balaclava also, dren. It is well-nigh impossible for a very Lieutenant Schmidt, known as the red Ad- rich man to keep his children from habits is it? of indifference and inziness. These children have no opportunity for productive labor, do nothing for themselves, parents, brothers or sisters; never acquire the habit of work. In striking contrast are the farmers' children, who co-operate in the work of the household." It would be equally interesting and important to know whether or not statistics, collectible but never col lected, would support what is, after all, only President Eliot's belief. The children of the extremely rich grow up in an enthe Postoffice department inaugurated training for competition in fields where the vironment far from ideal, as regards their by Postmaster General Cortelyou is children of farmers will be their rivals, but two things are to be rememberedfirst, that there are other competitive fields than those, especially in older countries are experiencing the painful discovery than this one, and, second, that it is the that they are expected to do something struggle against conditions commonly called bad that develops strength and intelligence. Why should the second fact not do as much for the rich man's son as fo Cortelyou is likely to become decidedly the farmer's? An instinct so nearly uniunpopular with subordinates in his own versal as that which impels parents once poor to save, if they can, their children from the early hardships which the parents themselves endured-to give them what is called a start in life-can hardly be a wrong instinct, for it has been every treasurers who have falled to account where obeyed for unnumbered conturie for fees and interest on public funds ag. without interfering with or preventing the general and steady progress of the human laws, made and provided. In Nebraska the palace would President Eliot draw the should not be clogged as they have been ready stopped, as has sometimes been these negations practices have all been lines within which the conditions are favorable for child life, and what part of that niddle ground does he consider best? have something like half a suspicion that he might safely and wisely leave to Mr Carnegie the task of preaching the benefit bringing to justice those criminals ever is a little skeptical, remarking that cated north and the other south of the and blessings of poverty, and anyhow, he dren of the rich are of no value to the race there will be few of them to trouble

GENTLE YULETIDE CYNICISMS.

Remember the poor. The rich we have with us always. The merry yuletide prompts me to hope

that you'll tide it over. Absence makes the heart grow fonder, out at Christmas it's presents.

It doesn't take a magician to transform a small boy into a turkey gobbler. When Santa Claus comes down the chim-

ey he chases many a man up the spout. Thank heaven, it isn't only the aristocrat who can have a family tree at Christ-

Perhaps the reason the holly is red is because it blushes for the sins of the mistiptop. Lots of us hang up our stockings only

to discover the next morning that we have put our foot in it. With the indiscriminate giving of Christmas presents, it is hard to believe that a

fair exchange is no robbery. Be Christmas white or Christmas green it's all the same to you, if Christmas finds you all serene and doesn't make you

It's the vanity of the sex that prompts the female turkey to wonder how she is going to be dressed for the Christmas dinner.- New York Times.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

A few days ago Mr. Rockefeller drew the president persists in his plan dividend of \$6,000,000 and is not bothered about Santa connecting with his old socks. One of the New York banks is crowding Standard Oil as a dividend producer. This the reason for this departure that "it take their cowboys into partnership and year's melon is equal to 45 per cent on \$10,000,000.

Visions of the golden fleece still beckon the Boston bear, but they are visions. The "system" has the tail and hide and wool goes with it.

weather for next summer. Lots of people last evening.

Jess—Oh, the idea. He's a perfect bear, practical purposes. practical purposes.

The weather man is doing fairly well with his limited stock of colors, but a The son of the New York banker who generous dash of white would materially improve the scenery.

M. Roozterovitch has been appointed Russian consul at Shanghai.

Passenger departments of eastern railroads which have abolished the free list are adorned with this significant motto: "To the brave belong the fare." hibited the importation of coolie labor

It took considerable hammering to impress upon Lanky Bob that he is "all in." A purse of several thousand dollars, howtions on the folly of age butting in where youth gambols.

A British explorer recently returned from Africa reports the discovery of a region hitherto unknown to white men and that the natives were washing gold from one of the tributaries of the Blue Nile. That settles the fate of the country. If the natives him with eyes of favor.—Indianapolis News. are wise they will hike for the wilderness.

After wrestling with his conscience for twenty-five years a San Francisco man paid a saloon bill of \$7 contracted in Nebraska in 1880. The story of the incident has the equally surprising statement that the man who paid the bill "got religion"in San Francisco. Both inspiration and re-Events conspire to defame and discredit

great American institution. A Cleveland woman routed a burglar with a slice of lemon pie and a Chicago woman wants a divorce because her husband caressed her with a raspberry tart like mother used to bake. Congress alone can save the country from further humiliation by placing pie under its protecting wings. A few deft touches of the manly art

is an accomplishment as useful for women as for men. An Eric (Pa.) woman, dihappily mated can save \$2 for every dollar vorced by her rich husband, whiled away be could save while single selected a poor a few lonely months by practicing on the Kriss Kringle. a few lonely months by practicing on the punching bag and when the first opportunity offered she landed on her ex-husband's jaw. It put the old man to sleep, but did not jar his purse strings.

CUT IT OUT.

Evil Consequences of Holiday Drinking Pointed Out. Pittsburg Press. An Allegheny clergyman recently made a

special plea to his listeners to exert their influence to put an end to holiday drinking. The appeal is timely. Holiday drinking is an evil sul generis. It claims a wide circle of victims who are not much, if any, addicted to drink at any other time. And what is the consequence?

son to many a man who otherwise would have been able to look back upon it with The sweet little girls and the good little wholesome pleasure. It spoils a season of pure delight. It robs the Christmas tree and the fireside stocking. It desecrates the most beautiful altar that belongs to the simple faith of childhood.

After all, it is not very much of a father or mother who will deprive the children of Christmas toys and Christmas joys to gratify a liquor appetite. There is another phase of the matter that

is worth consideration. It has frequently been noticed that accidents of one sort or another-railroad accidents particularlyappear to be more numerous in the holiday season than at any other time. Who doubts that drinking has something to do with this comparative frequence of

If there is one time of the year in which caution against drink is more pertinent to the average man than this, what season is it?

Behold! every toy was again in its stock-

untoward happenings at that season of the

SERMONS BOILED DOWN.

Losing the temper takes the edge off any argument. Sow the sand and you reap only grit in your teeth.

He can easily be fearless who dare not make foes. Love's music is never perfect without the

chords of pain. No man ever broke his back under his brother's burden. A niggardly purse in the pecket becomes

a thorn in the side. Obstacle is often only another way of spelling opportunity.

You are not likely to slav the enemy by drawing a long bow. Tears over today's broken toys blind us to temorrow's treasures.

Many a man thinks he is mellowing when

he is only getting moldy. Many a man mistakes a floating indebtedness for a sinking fund. The fear of reputation is often taken for

the love of righteousness. You cannot cure the sorrows by taking hem out in a wheel chair.

He who has a good word for no one cannot have the word of God for any one. The next best thing to the opportunity to take a college course is the ability to forget

most of it. When folks get to fighting over creed the enemy takes his forces to another part

Cheerfulness is a virtue hard to practice when you persist in indulgence in late suppers and manufactured "happiness."-Chicago Tribune.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Johnny-Come in. Sister's expectin you. Mr. Stoplate-How do you know she is? Johnny-She's been sleepin all the after-toon.-Cleveland Leader.

Tess-Yes, Mr. Grouchy called upon me

Oh, I don't know. He didn't hug so hard.-Philadelphia Press. "Auntie, when Jack heard your footsteps in the corridor last night he was just on the "Dear, dear! And my coming scared him

Life cannot be as melancholy in the czar's palace as the dispatches indicate.

Life cannot be as melancholy in the back!"

Bless you. no. auntie! It scared him over the verge."—Chicago Tribune. Maude-It seems to me Tom has become unusually sociable since he got his auto-

Phyllis-Yes. You see he can get all the credit of making a call and yet spend most of the time getting the machine ready to go away when the call is over. He tells me it saves any amount of unprofitable conversation.-Boston Transcript

"Dear Daughter: I place the stamp of disapproval on your proposed marriage."
"Dear Dad: Stamp no good owing to can-cellation by parson. Wire blessing for two." Philadelphia Ledger.

"No," said the sweet young thing, firmly, shall never marry a man who is my in

"Yes, indeed," said young Mr. Staylate, as he settled himself more comfortably in the sasiest chair, "I was the champion sprinter of my year at college. I could do a mile in ten-an-a-quarter flat."
"I wonder," said the sweet young girl, "I wonder," said the sweet young girl,
"how long it would take you to do the dis-tance from the piano to the front gate?"—
Cleveland Plain Dealer.

FROLIC OF CHRISTMAS TOYS.

Minna Irving in Leslie's Weekly. Twas the night before Christmas, the house was so still The fall of a snowflake was heard on the sill.
Fast alseep in their cribs were the girls
and the boys.
When out of the stockings came tumbling
the toys.
Twas their last night of freedom they knew ver And over each other they scrambled pell-mell, In the hurry and scurry and clutter and hurry and scurry and clutter and

The clown on the hearth-rug went flippety-Where a troop of tin soldiers were spinning a top.

The proud Paris doll to the mirror in haste
Tripped lightly to study the fit of her waist,
And Jack, springing out of his box with
a bound
In the automobile went careering around,
Upsetting the clown in his antics so jolly,
And the woolly white lamb, which was
nibbling the holly.

But if I should write for a week, or for six, I never could tell you the half of their tricks-tricks-the Toyland express to the bureau How

and back
Ran every five minutes, without any track;
And the rubber doll—meant for the baby. of course-Jumped up on the back of the swift rock-And what is the consequence? ing-horse
It makes a nightmare of the holiday sea- And galloped away into alcoves and niches. As if it was chased by a legion of witcher

> boys
> Were awakened at last by the racket and noise.
> But when they beheld all the blocks, and the games,
> And the gayly-bound books with their giltlettered names, Engaged in a two-step, they felt no sur-But merely turned over and shut up their eyes.
>
> And buried their heads in the white pillows

with ruffles of lace, for they thought they were dreaming While the trumpet was playing duets with The gray of the dawn was beginning to And frosty and clear, o'er the hills and the dells, Was heard in the distance the music of bells. year in which the world is making the greatest effort to be happy?

Looked disdainfully down on the scene

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