

NEW YEAR'S DAY AND CHRISTMAS.

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It may at first sight appear that the subject of this communication is of a more thoughtful and intellectual character than is usually considered fitted for the columns of a daily journal. It will be, however, at once admitted that the subject is of great importance and deep interest to all: to those of all classes who are able to read a newspaper, and even to those who, from lack of the most elementary education, are unable to read. It is because I wish to contend in argument against a very prevalent supposition belonging especially to the practical every-day life of each individual, and which I believe to be an erroneous and highly mischievous prejudice, that I am desirous to make a daily journal the medium of this communication to my fellow-citizens and the public; and therefore request the use of your columns for that purpose.

As the key-note or characteristic definition of my discourse I will first quote the following verses of a Bohemian poet, contemporaneous with our own poet Chaucer; and of which the translation, almost literal, appended to them, may serve to convey the sense to those of your readers