



## CUP-LETS

(AFTER TENNYSON.)

Soliloquized at 10 o'clock, P.M., on New Year's Day, after his 107th visit, by the young gentleman who is faithfully represented in the above sketch.

Drunk! yes, drunk!  
And hardly able to see!  
And I would that my tongue could utter  
The thoughts that arise in me.

Oh! well for you "guardian of night",  
That he seems in a terrible funk!  
Oh! well that he fleeth, for I  
Am drunk! yes, drunk!

And the sleighs rush swiftly by  
To the stand at the top of the hill;  
Oh! for the grasp of a friendly arm,  
For I feel that I'm very ill!

My head swims round and round,  
And now on my bosom 't is sunk;  
What a mercy that New Year's Day is past,  
For I'm drunk! yes, drunk!

Too TRUE.—The French call New Year's Day *le jour de l'âne*, because so many men make asses of themselves by imbibing too copiously on that occasion.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLEARING  
SIDEWALKS.

When the snow is deep, shovel it off the sidewalk, making a heap alongside. Be careful not to cast it far so as to keep the horse road level. Afterwards if your neighbours are not chopping down to the flagstones or planks, chop your own frontage down so that there may be a deep puddle to step into and step out of. This makes a pleasant variation in walking, and if a thaw occurs affords further pleasure by creating small ornamental ponds, with occasional fancy bridges made of boards from dry goods' cases. In case of a general thaw, if your house is at the lower end of a block, on no account open any water-way, lest drainage should begin from above. Keep your end solid. Let the others do as they like.

## "SOUND" INFORMATION.

IMPORTANT TO ARCHITECTS.

DIOGENES is delighted to hear that St. Patrick's Hall is to be completely cured of its echo. It appears that, in Japan, all lecture rooms are lined inside with hangings of tough glutinous paper, with a backing of a coarse kind of matting. This entirely prevents echo, which rebounds only from hard surfaces. The Committee have consulted a Japanese Professor of Acoustics, and, with his approval, are going to cover the walls with inch battens, upon which sheeting is to be nailed. The ceiling is to be draped ornamentally. The ladies will of course furnish the ornamental fancy work, such as bunches of flowers worked in wool, &c., to adorn and enliven the sheeting.

## "LET US HAVE PEACE."

"Let us have peace!" fair Freedom's day is breaking  
O'er all the darkened South from sea to sea;  
And the all-conquering North, once bent on wreaking  
Vengeance on brave and fallen Chivalry,  
Holds out the olive branch, bids Faction cease,  
And sighs to victors and to vanquished, "Peace!"

Take back thy sword—'twas nobly, bravely broken,  
In battling for a cause for ever lost;  
And if, in hatred, vengeful words were spoken,  
And wrong was done thee—be it now thy boast,  
That fair Columbia seeks to rival thee  
By her great act of magnanimity.

Take back thy sword—shake off thy stately sadness,  
Nor halt expecting recompense for ill;  
Bury the memories of a fleeting madness,  
And deem Columbia hath some virtues still.  
So thou may'st act once more a patriots' part,  
With wiser head and sorrow-chastened heart!