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THE SEASON'S GREETINGS.

Here and there on the surface of the web which year by year comes from the Loom of Time, there are overshot some lustrous threads which relieve the dull fabric of our work-a-day lives—they are our holidays. While we extend to all our subscribers our best wishes for the coming Christmas and New Year, we would remind them that, like the lustrous threads which, though they usually float concealed in the body of the cloth, and only show occasionally, yet strengthen it, so our good wishes, though only expressed at set times like the present, are always active on their behalf.

Editorial.

Marked "Paid."

An English judge lately exposed a new and peculiarly vicious insolvency scheme. Being about to make an assignment of his assets for the benefit of his creditors, the debtor would reason that the amount of dividend resulting therefrom was nothing to him, and that he would best consult his own interest by conciliating his old customers, especially as he could do this at the expense of his creditors. Accordingly, he wrote "paid" across certain outstanding accounts due to his estate, of course informing the favored persons of what he had done. They, in due course, would return the compliment by again giving their custom to their complaisant creditor when circumstances enabled him to start in business once more.

Works, Not Faith.

We have lately published a number of technical articles translated from the German which treat of methods followed in manufacturing processes in Germany. Too much attention cannot be paid to the doings of our neighbors in manufacturing, for in it, as in some other things, "minding your own business" consists largely in keeping an eye on your competitors. "Made in Germany" is a label which is seen everywhere, even in England, the mother of industries, and much uneasiness is felt by British producers at the competition to which they are subjected, not only at home, but to a much greater extent abroad. Investigation has shown that the processes in use in Germany are far in advance of English methods, and strenuous efforts are now being made by introducing foreign ideas and extending technical education among the work people, to make up the lee way which has been lost through a too firm faith in Free Trade and British manufacturers. The statement cannot be made too strongly that in manufacturing it is not faith, but works, that hold the trade and add to the balance at the bankers.

Fur Fetched News.

There is news and news. Sometimes it comes in little bits, and sometimes you get it in chunks, but generally it is scarce. Such was the case lately in the editorial rooms of the *Draper's Record* when an "Old Draper" sat down to manufacture some yards of the best quality of news that was required to fill in space