



THE CHAMELEON.

GOOD-BYE.

Good-bye, Old Year! must you really go?

It's like parting with a friend;
You've had so much that was good to show,
I wish that you never would end.

You've brought me pleasure, you dear Old Year,

With gifts from the Father above;
Brought so many blessings, so seldom a tear,
That I've learned your name to love.

You have brought me days when the earth was bright,

And others of cold and snow;
But whatever the weather my heart has been light—
There's so much to enjoy, you know.

Good-bye, Old Year! Are you very sad
To think that your life is done?
Mamma says—I am sure this will make you glad—
That I'm better than when you began.

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Wouldn't you think yours was a long tongue if it were as long as your whole body? Well, odd as it seems, there is a little fellow, who lives in Africa, with just such a tongue, and you cannot imagine how useful it is to him. He is a dignified, slow-moving little creature, and lives on insects and such lively game. He could never catch them, and might starve to death, only that he can dart out his tongue as quick as a flash, and as long as his body. The end of this droll weapon is sticky, and holds fast any unfortunate insect that it touches. The little animal that I speak of is the chameleon, and his tongue isn't the only droll thing about him. His eyes are very curious. To begin with, they are very large and round, and stick out like big beads on the side of his head; and the funniest thing is that he can turn them different ways so as to see all round him. He can turn one up and the other down, or he can turn one

forward and the other back, and thus see everywhere.

THE NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN BRIDGE.

This is an excellent picture of the great suspension bridge which connects the two cities of New York and Brooklyn; a magnificent piece of workmanship, and the greatest engineering exploit of the century.

It took a long time to build, over thirteen years; was commenced June 3rd, 1870, and opened to the public May 24th, 1883. It cost was great, over \$14,000,000.

One of the first desires of strangers who visit the two cities is to see and cross over this great structure, the wonder of which grows upon them the more they look at it. One man who went across it for the first time, exclaimed: "What is man compared to this great work?" To which another man replied: "Yes; but 'twas man who built it, whose mind conceived the plan and worked out the problem, calculating exactly the amount of weight which the wires would sustain."

Just think, that the cables which cross

from one tower to another, which support all the work, are composed of small wires tightly twisted together, the entire length of the wires being 14,361 miles. Does this show the power and strength of iron when united? The total length is 5,800 feet, width 85 feet, height of centre of rib span 135 feet, length from tower to tower 1,562 feet.

The workmen engaged on the bridge were obliged to climb to the very high point, when their position was one of extreme danger, needing a cool head, a steady brain and hand. Would alcohol be given either, or could they as easily have performed their work if they had taken alcoholic drink before they climbed up? The bridge can now be crossed either on foot or by carriage, or by cars, which are now successfully run by an endless rope, needing neither horse nor engine to draw them over.

WELL PUT IN.

A little curly-headed girl who had lately begun learning the Golden Texts took great fancy to some trimming her aunt was making, and begged her aunt to give her a piece for her doll's dress.

"Oh, no, Lena! I can't cut it," said her aunt.

"Just a little piece, please, aunt," pleaded the child.

But again her aunt refused, and more emphatically than before. The little girl regarded her for a moment with serious eyes, then climbed—behind her, both arms about her neck, and whispered in her ear:

"Aunty, the Lord lubbeth a ches gibber."

"Here, child, take your trimming, an' an' inch of it," said her aunt, crowding it into her hands with an affectionate kiss and hug.—*Selected.*



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