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RUSSIA'S CHRISTMAS-TIDE

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yada) appears. His name is Oveen, he is represented as "a good youth," and appears with the New Year, making the way clear for it, and bringing from Paradise rich gifts, fruitfulness, and the like, which he distributes among mortals according to his divine decrees. Of course, he represents the sun. On New ear's Eve, boys go about from house to house, scattering grain of different kinds chiefly oats (Ovsen being derived from oves, oats, pronounced avors), and sing-ing Ovssennuiya songs. One of these says:

gods, for which they ask thus: "Give us a pig for Vasily's Eve"—New Year's Day being the festival of St. Vasily (Basil) the Great. "The svyatki end with the feast of the Epiphany. On the eve, a curious custom is observed. The young girls go out into the open air, and address this pray-er to the stars:

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Why She Married One Man and Loved Another.

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We found Kolyada In Peter's Court. Round Peter's Court there is an iron fence In the midst of the Court there are three rooms. In the second room the red Sun: In the stars are their children. It conclumes with wishing them good health "for many years, for many years"—in the style used for the Emmeror and persons of distinction on special occasions; especially in church.

Town and Country. Miss Featherhead-I hope you

And still is anxious to matry her.— Town and Country. Miss Featherhead—I hope you are feel-ing beter today, Mr. Boreham? Mr. B.-No, I'm very dull and low-spirited. Miss r.—"An, but you seem more yourself!— Prunch.

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A Formula-Your teacher says you would be the first boy in the class if you attended to your studies! Ohl The teacher's got into the habit of saying that every once in a while to about haif a dozen boys!-Puck.
A Reasonable Request.-You know, dear, she said, when we were married, you said that may possession made you the richest is more a quarter?-Philadelphis Evening Bulletin.
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Evening Bulletin. Interested — Charley, dear, said young Mrs. Torkins, I saw a headline in the pa-per about events on the gridiron. Yes? Well, I wish you would rend the article. I never heard of it before: but I think that a cooking-school contest must be a perfect by lovely idea.—Washington Star.

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The Scenic Route—It seems to me, exposibility like, the traveler, you charge an awfully high figure for a ride across your tists i teheras. But where will you find another railway, argued the ficket-seller at Colon, that affords such a fine view of a revolution from the car windows?—Chicago Tribune.
Wise Child.—Mamma—Nince Susie invited you in to share her birthday cake last Samway, you may ask her in tomorrow and I'll make you a cake. Elsis—Oh, won't you make some candy instead? Mamma—Yae'm, State never can eat much candy.—Philadelphia Press.
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whose stative had wan the esteem of all. One work the hat illicates a member dramar mar, an amendment as follows: "Gentle-men, our faithful secretary really don't need sich a thing. If we give im a hon-orarium he couldn't play it. I monose we give him some money instead.—Tit Bits. It should be remembered that misgavern-ment areas if existances to the consent of the misgoverned.—Puck.

The misgoverned.-Puck. Mrs. The Mover-Good gracious! This is the noisiest neighborhood I ever got into. Just hear those children screech! Maid-They're your own childers, mum. Mrs. De Mover-Are they? How the little darlings are enjoying themselves.-Tit-Bits.

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THE CHRISTMAS ANGEL. In the middle heaven a form behold: Fair-aureoied Her shapely brow with noon-bright gold; Solf Deo Gloria!

Upon a little cloud she stands, Within her hands A tympanum with scarlet bands; Soli Deo Gioria!

Thereon she playeth without fault, While up the vault Her voice makes silvery assault-Soll Deo Gloria!

Till, blended with her soaring notes, Adown there floats. An echo from a myriad throats-Soll Deo Gloria!

An angel she of God's own choir, Whose one desire . Is higher yet to chant, and higher-Soll Deo Gloria!

And every year, upon the morn, When Christ was born Within the manger-bed forlorn-Soli Deo Gioria!

"Tis hers to bid song's raptures run From sun to sun And list to earth's low antiphon-Soll Deo Gloria!

Would that our praise might swell and rise Along the skies, And scale the gates of paradise-Solf Deo Glorial

MEMORIES.

Twas on a summer's night that first we By that fair river winding through the vale. The star of love shone bright; the fields

Were wet With the soft dew; and there the old, sweet tale Was told again, when the full sun was set.

And as we heard the nightingale's sweet

tune, And as we felt the summer wind's soft

breath. We pledged our troth beneath the sliver moon, But those dear years were short; relent-less Death Claimed thee, his lovellest victim, all too soon.

'Twas on a summer's night that first we mat. The tender thought of that seems nigh to break. The heart that beat with such a love. And yet For all the sadness that those memories wake. There is a sweetness in the fond regret. Francis Henry Durnford, in Household Words.

CHRISTMAS GATHERING.

In this glad hour, when children meet, And home with them their children bring, Our hearts with one affection beat, One song of praise our voices sing.

For all the faithful, loved and dear, Whom Thou so kindly, Lord, hast given. For those who are still with us here, And those who walt for us in heaven;--

For every past and present joy, For honor, competence and health, For hones which time may not destroy Our soul's imperishable wealth;-

Our soul's imperishable wearen, For all, accept our humble praise; Still bless us, Father, by Thy love; And when are closed our mortal days Unite us in one home above. Heary We