

THE OLD CLOCK.

REVERIE AND RECOLLECTIONS ON THE LAST NIGHT OF THE DEPARTING YEAR. "Seven—eight—nine! Do you hear that?" asked the old clock in the corner.

"Eight—nine—ten!" called the clock after awhile. "How time does fly! It seems scarcely a month since I was striking the last hours of last year.

"Nine—ten—eleven!" suddenly called the clock. "The son of Aah! how absent-minded I have become! Well do I remember the day a woman with pale face and frightened eyes opened the door and handed you a letter which bore the insignias of death.

"Don't grieve so; the dead are at rest forevermore. Life's mistakes may need to be washed away with tears, but the dead have reaped their reward. You are old and poor and broken, but who can tell what new friends the New Year may raise up for you!

"Death!" ticked the clock, as the last faint echoes of his bidding away. "Well, it is so! The Old Year will lead her soul from earth to eternity!"

A CURE FOR DIPHTHERIA. Dr. Delteil, a French physician, says that a sure cure for any ordinary case of diphtheria is to utilize the vapors of liquid tar and turpentine so as to dissolve the fibrous exudations that choke up the throat and lead to such fatal results in that dreaded disease.

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HASHLINGS.

AN IRISH NATIONALIST FINDS A NEW NAME FOR THE TORIERS. Sir Thomas H. G. Esmond, M. P., told his friends at Dunganon, Ireland, some days ago, that as they were aware, the National League had done great work for their country by uniting all creeds of the Irish people at home to carry out their present struggle.

"But it's excusable on this night," continued the clock, in softer tones. "Heigho! but it's the last day of the old year! Three hours more and we are done with it. You and I are going to watch the old year together. Let's see! How many years have I seen come and go! Forty—exactly forty with this one. That's a long, long time."

"Come! Come!" chided the clock. "Death is ever busy, and it must come to each and every one. The past is past, and we must put it behind us. How happy it is that you are alone to-night! Where is the son of whom I spoke?"

Speaking of that flood of vile literary filth which is flooding the land in the shape of dime novels and immovable novels, Bishop Janssens of Natchez says "it is impossible to calculate the harm that is daily done by the means of these productions and what a fearful poison of infidelity and immorality it diffuses in society, particularly in the hearts and minds of the young.

Devises of Advertisers. So many devices are resorted to by advertisers, that the ordinary reader sometimes become shy of the tempting paragraph, fearing the advice that is concealed in it like a pill in jelly. Who, for instance on beginning this item, would have supposed that its purpose was to make known the truth that Dr. Sagar's Catarrh Remedy is what it claims to be—a cure for a disease at once loathsome to friends, and annoying and even dangerous to the sufferer.

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SHAMEFUL ABUSE

REAPED UPON A NOTED ENGLISHMAN FOR HIS OPEN HONESTY. Wm. En. ROBINSON, M. D., L. R. C. S. L., M. K. Q. C. P. L., late of the Royal Navy, of England, has got into professional trouble for writing the following open letter to the editor of the London Family Doctor:

"I believe it to be the duty of every physician to make known any means or remedy whereby sickness can be prevented, and it is for this purpose I write to give my experience both here and abroad. I ask the publication of the statement that people may be warned before it is too late, to say to them that there is at hand a means by which they may be restored to perfect health. It is well known to the medical world, and indeed, to the laity, that a certain disease is making a terrible havoc; that next to consumption it is the most fatal, and that when fully developed there is nothing to be done for the sufferer."

"Physicians and scientists have long been trying to throw light upon the cause, and if possible, find in nature a medicine for this fatal malady. They have shown, absolutely, that the blood purifying organs of vital importance, are the kidneys, and that when they once fail, the poison which they should take out of the blood is carried by the blood into every part of the body, developing disease."

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