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**Now the New Year**

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and be called upon if you like, make yourself social successes, but as soon as I've finished my work I'm going sleigh riding with the children. So there!"

That girl lost her sweetheart at St. Julien, and is now working in a hospital, but her philosophy, like that of the poilu, still holds good. "Nothing's too hard to bear when you're up against it!" she says. "It's only fear and dread that make life impossible."

So we can still say: "A Happy New Year" when the bells ring in 1917, even if it does not fulfil our great desire for a speedy termination of the war—an honourable peace. It will be a year of hard work, without gaiety, but everything might be worse than it is! Let the bells ring!

Ring out the grief that saps the mind  
For those that here we see no more:  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
The civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right,  
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

**A Smile or Two**

**TRUE GENEROSITY.**

"Did you tip the waiter?"  
"Most liberally. I ordered two boiled eggs and gave him one of them."—Washington Star.

**THE COST OF HIS VOTE.**

THE candidate was giving the first speech of the campaign in a country district. The hall at first was pretty well filled, but the audience was not long in finding out that they did not like the speaker's style of oratory and began to leave. At last only one man remained. Still, he represented one vote, and as he listened with close attention the candidate felt encouraged to continue. At the end of fifteen minutes the speaker stopped and politely asked:

"I beg your pardon. I hope I am not trespassing on your kindness. I shall have finished in ten minutes."  
"Ten minutes?" said the listener. "You can go on as long as you like, for all I care, only don't forget that you engaged me by the hour."

Then the candidate found that his earnest audience was the cabman who had driven him to the hall.

**WONDERFUL ALL ROUND.**

TWO English officers in billets were longing for a drink, but dared not indulge, as their landlady was a staunch tee-totaler and would probably read them a lengthy lecture.

"I know the trick!" exclaimed one, in glee. "Let's ask her for a drop of whiskey to clean our pipes with."

The good woman was truly sympathetic when informed regretfully by the wily twain that their pipes were too foul to smoke, and promptly supplied them with the desired "cleansing fluid."

Later she asked with a kindly smile: "And was the whisky successful?"

"It was," replied one of the conspirators. "It was awfully kind of you."

"Not at all," replied the landlady. "I was glad to make use of it. I only bought it the day before yesterday to wash little Fido in, and the results were wonderful."—Liverpool Post.



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