## POETRY TO THE OLD YEAR

BY STELLA AIKENS EIDLITZ. hurry, Old Year, how you halt and

pause : I long so to see you go. Four sight is dim and your breath is filled With many a weary woe.

I have wealth, Old Year, and health, Old Wave Weart, old Year, and nearth, old Year, ...
Which I years and pine to spend,
Make haste, Old Year, you are dumb and direar,
You are very near the end.

I have opened wide the creaking door -Your time is up, you know. I ache to see you, aged and bent, Go out across the snow.

Oh, hurry Old Year, I may not weep-I have no tears to shed; I laugh to see you shake and nod Your gaunt and hoary head.

Here is your cloak, and here is your staff; Your glance is so weird and wild? Your pace, Old Year, your frozen hut With the unrest of a child.

Look, on the hearth the dying flame ; The ashes cold and black ! I say, Old Year, for such as you, There is no turning back.

Make haste, Old Year ; you're slow, Old Year: You're getting stiff and old. You're brothers lie so silently Along the naked wold,

Out on the hill where the bleak winds beat, All carved with frost and ice, There stands a tomb with a milk-white

Time and a grim device. Oh, hurry, Old Year, for your breath is

wenk, No more of fear or doubt; or on the doorstone thrilled with youth A new friend waits without.

Good by, Old Year, with your white drawn

face, Your chaste and saddened past ; Into your place with swift proud step The young year glides at last.

I watch you go, Old Year, with no regret. You made me promises, so fresh and sweet, And pleaded failing time to pay old scores So now, Old Year, you see you're in m

And pleaded failing time to pay old scores; So now, Old Year, you see you're in my But I may watch your way with sparkling Acres the frozen heath—the pathless now— Like as an aged one, who hard and grim, Loveless and childless is turned out to de much more serious than was apparent afew weeks go. Not only has the area been greatly extended, but the rotting process has con-tinued far beyond the naves all limits of this blight with us. When the disease first ap-pared affer the havy rains of Angust, it was contined to heavy clay lands along the wather continuing, it extended northward youth? Old Year, there is no love 'twixt you and I; if wait cose you pass beyond the night— Beyond the sorrows and the new-made graves. I may not parden yon the ruthless trust Which in your paims. THE WELCOME. Hark, on the crisp and frosty night. Is the wail of a new-born child !

THE WELCOME. Hark, on the crisp and frosty night Is the wail of a new-born child ! Ring load the bells of joy and youth ; Full the chalice to the brim ; The young year came with the dawn's faint glow, And we must welcome him !

Where are the guests ? Here's Faith and Where are the guests? Here's Faith and Hope; Here's trust with shining eyes; Here is Content in her sober gown, Abroad in the sapphire skies! We must drink, we must eat, and sing sweet MISCELLANEOUS.

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ratus water.

His eyes are closed and his carr are deaf; Bat in his frozen heart Sweet spring is nursed, and summer lies All of his life a part ! Bring out the old wine thick like blood To make the dull veins start !

O, welcome, year, with your untried days 'In the hap of Mother Earth ! We'll have maught but good at your feeble hands Until you prove your worth. So fill the chalice to the rim And drink to the young year's birth ! s often ?

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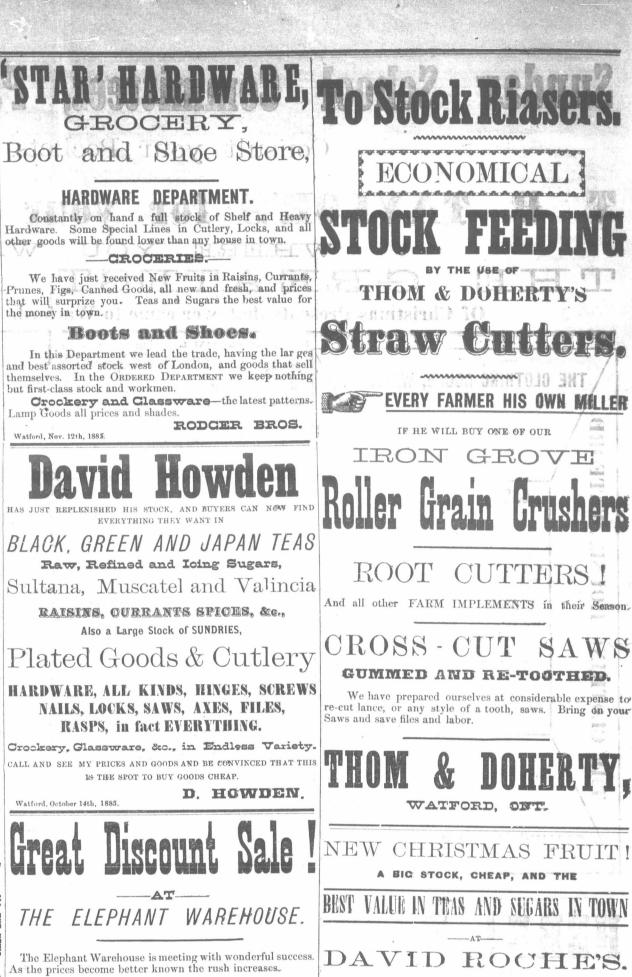
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