

To all who have  
made this the  
busiest Xmas  
Season we have  
ever had

We Sincerely  
Thank You.

We Wish You  
A Happy and  
Prosperous  
New Year.

All who have  
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#### Queen Who Liked Puns.

JOKES ON NAMES OF GREAT MEN.

The story goes that at a public meeting some one punned upon the name of the late Mr. W. S. Caine, M.P. He retorted, in his speech, that every possible pun of "Cain and Abel" and the like had been made upon his name. In fact, he said he would give five shillings to anyone who could make a new one.

The late Sir Wilfred Lawson, who was on the platform, immediately achieved the impossible by crying out: "Don't you be in a hurry, Caine!"

Some famous jokes have taken the form of puns on names. Good Queen Bess, who liked to show her wit in this direction, once rallied her courtier, Lord Burleigh, about the Earl of Leicester, saying, "Ye be burly, my Lord Burleigh, but ye make less stir than my Lord of Leicester."

Years ago, when Judge Littledale took leave on his retirement, Sir J. Campbell, the Attorney-General, addressed him in the name of the Bar, and both appeared to be much affected during his speech. In his account afterwards at the Garrick, Murphy, the Irish dramatist, remarked that "Littledale cried a great deal, and Sir John cried a little dale."

Once when he saw Mrs. Grote, wife of the historian, enter the room in a curiously gorgeous bonnet, Sydney Smith, at one time Canon of St. Paul's, whispered to a friend, "Now I know what grotesque means."

Christmas Evans, the famous Welsh preacher, when crossing over a mountain on a summer day, met a friend, Mr. Herring, who saluted him by saying: "Who would have thought of meeting Christmas in the middle of summer?" "And who would have thought," replied Christmas Evans, genially, "to have met a Herring on the top of a mountain!"

A joke of this sort was once perpetrated by Theodore Hook. While he was delighting a party at his cottage at Fulham by an extempore comic song, his servant entered and said, "Please, sir, here's Mr. Winter, the tax-gatherer; he says he has called for the taxes." Hook would not

be interrupted, but went on at the piano as if nothing had happened, with the following stanza—

Here comes Mr. Winter, collector of taxes,  
I'd advise you to pay him whatever he axes;  
Excuses won't do, he stands no sort of sumnery;  
Though Winter his name is, is presence is summary.

Thomas Hood, the poet, was the prince of English punsters, and found his own name a fruitful subject of his wit. On being shown a portrait of himself very unlike the original, he declared that the artist had perpetrated a false Hood. When near his end he said he was dying out of charity to the undertaker, who wished "to urn a lively Hood."

John Donne "Un-Donne." One day at Banbury Bishop, Wilberforce was dining in the company of some farmers. He was not hungry, and declared himself "off his feed." A burly farmer bellowed, "Try Thorley's food, my lord." The Bishop immediately replied, "That is good for horses and I, see, for asses, but might not be good for Oxon."

"Oxon," of course, is the signature of the Bishops of Oxford.

Dr. Donne—who apparently pronounced his name as Dun—a Dean of St. Paul's, and a mighty preacher, when he acquainted his wife, Anne, with the news that a secretaryship he had sought had been given to Lord Ellesmere, signed his letter to her: "John Donne, Anne Donne, un-Donne."

Victims of puns have often resented this playing with their name. Thus, Joseph Snow, at one time clerk to the Literary Fund, and afterwards editor of a Welsh newspaper, often had puns made on his name. To such he invariably replied that he could not see the drift of it.

A lawyer named Little—a tall man, by the way—was once pressing the case of his client in the course of litigation. The opposing solicitor was, curiously enough, a man named Biggar who, becoming somewhat heated, turned to the Court and exclaimed: "I may not be taller than Little, but I'm Biggar."

Sir! the next pair of Boots you will buy will be "K's". SMALLWOOD'S has just received a new shipment—dec16,tf

#### Flemish Tapestry Brings \$4,000.

A sixteenth century Flemish tapestry with a design featuring the figure of a standing warrior in Roman solid armor sold for the highest price in a recent sale at the American Art Galleries, when the remainder of the D. S. Hess collection of antiques and modern property was disposed of at auction. It went to Otto Bernat, agent, for \$4,000. The day's total of bids were \$64,430 and the grand total for the entire sale was \$74,650.

A pair of Indian bronze torches of the seventeenth century was bought by the same purchaser for \$2,000. Argentine Man gave \$1,540 for a pair of French walnut armchairs of the seventeenth century. A seventeenth century Flemish tapestry of a verdure subject was brought by Mr. Owsley for \$1,000 and a sixteenth century Flemish tapestry representing "The Surrender of a City" went to the same bidder for \$700. Dr. Cadgene gave \$1,100 for a French Beauvais tapestry of the eighteenth century with a verdure subject and Mr. St. piece. A seventeenth century walnut chest of drawers was knocked down to L. J. O'Reilly for \$830 and a seventeenth century Flemish verdure tapestry was sold to Milton K. Blum for \$700.

#### Shooting the Clouds.

SWISS FRUIT-GROWERS MAKE THEIR OWN RAIN.

It is very interesting to watch the rain-makers at work in the wine-growing districts around Lake Geneva, in Switzerland. Dotted about the country are numbers of little sheds, from the roof of each of which protrudes a great bell-mouthed funnel. If you could find that they are arranged in great circles. In side each is a gun, the muzzle of which is connected with the bell-mouthed funnel. Charges of noisy black powder are used, and the funnel, acting in the same way as a gigantic gramophone horn, magnifies the sound of the discharge enormously.

#### Pity the Poor Sky.

When rain is wanted a man is placed in charge of each hut. Presently a small cloud drifting across the sky comes into the circle of guns. Bang! The cloud, shaken by the noise and the shock of the discharge, begins to float towards the other side of the circle. Bang! bang! The cloud is chivied about for a time inside the circle, and eventually the shaking up which it receives causes it to break up into rain. The writer has seen these rain-guns used with success on dozens of occasions.

They have another use, too. They can be used for driving off unwanted clouds. When the grape harvest is approaching the farmer's greatest foe is hail; the stones cut his vines to ribbons. When hail storms are about, the batteries once more prepare for action! But this time their method is different. They open fire whilst clouds are outside the circle, and by means of heavy firing prevent them from entering it.

#### French Heroine Recognized by Army Order.

PARIS.—(Associated Press).—Helene Jacquemin, who has been distinguished by a special army order, published in the Official Journal, in recognition of her bravery at the age of ten, lived in a little town, Montherme, in the Ardennes, which department was entirely occupied by the Germans throughout the war. Helene's services were on the same lines as those of Miss Cavell in Belgium. Her father, Paulin Jacquemin, with the help of Helene

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