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THE "BOYS" CHRISTMAS.

ROUNDUP INTERVIEWS A FRIEND WHO HAS BEEN THERE.

The Boys Have a Good Time, But Roundup's Friend Didn't Enjoy the After Effects.

Oh, yes I have spent Christmas with the "boys" said an old boy to me the other day. We had a glorious time up to the "boys" said, but I don't know that I exactly coincided with them. My head didn't seem to fit and I was thinking about a whole lot of things that were entirely foreign to gift giving or church going. I was not myself at all, indeed my indignity seemed entirely lost. I was another fellow altogether and a very uncomfortable fellow at that. But I had been with the "boys" and that accounted for it. I wasn't used to such high jinks and entirely unfamiliar with the regenerating influences of the gleeful cocktail and effervescent John Collins or perhaps I would have enjoyed the "boys' Christmas more.

It came about this way. I had been called me away side where I had my stocking to Santa Claus; and hotel becoming in the office. It was I felt decidedly but remaining over the where I had no int only the acquaintances I had seen at the hotel during my sojourn there. I sat in a high backed chair pondering over the situation one of the "boys" whose acquaintance I had formed in and took the vacant chair beside me. His name was Jack (the boys know each other only by their Christian names, and he was in a very lively mood over the prospect ahead of a good night's fun. "Hello Billie, Charlie, Tom" he said in response to the greeting of three swell young men who had just entered the hotel office. They were strangers to me, but not for long, as our mutual friend soon introduced us.

We talked together about what a glorious institution Christmas was and then at the invitation of one of the party we all walked in the direction of the bar. There we found Willie and Jim, who were "just takin' somethin'" and we would do them an honor if we joined them. We joined them and when we got through I waited for a few minutes intending to go out and resume the seat I had vacated. The "boys" didn't do this though. They stood chatting about a number of things and first one and then another proposed something. I wasn't used to this kind of thing, but having no place to go in particular I lingered with the "boys" who had increased in number very considerably. There were but seven of us when we entered the bar, but the number had now run up to upwards of twenty, and it was not nearly ten o'clock then and as the minutes sped along the crowd was augmented.

You know that while I am not a total abstainer I am very temperate in my habits and regular in my hours. But I had heard them say that when in Rome you must do as Rome does. I wasn't in Rome, it is true, but I was with the "boys," and I felt that I had to do as the "boys" do. They were a most good-natured crowd, and as they were all in the best of spirits I soon forgot my blues and joined in the conversation. We talked about everything from the latest social scandal to the newest phase of politics. The "boys" knew all about everything and everybody. In fact I don't remember ever having met a more entertaining crowd. As the minutes sped along the fun became more furious and the drinks faster. Everybody seemed desirous of out-doing the other, and if it hadn't been for the barkeeper who was accustomed to the boys, we would each have had half a dozen drinks ahead. One started up a song and the crowd joined in the chorus. Then a toast-master was selected, corkie were drawn from half a dozen champagne bottles, and as the town clock and the barkeeper's watch were agreed that Christmas morn had come, we pledged old father Christmas and ourselves and one of the party, who was the tenor of a church choir, on Sundays, favored the party with a Christmas carol. He was heartily applauded and in response sang something that was not a hymn. Then we quailed the Queen and the strains of the National Anthem echoed and re-echoed from the bar through the corridors of the hotel. The "boys" were very loyal that night. Then we had speeches; speeches that fairly bristled with loyalty and affection for the British constitution. We drank to the professions of the boys, and toasted each other until—well my memory is a little hazy as to the hour, for time passes very quickly when one is making a night of it with the boys. One thing I did notice, however, was that the boys did not all wait. They went away in twos and threes after midnight until only about

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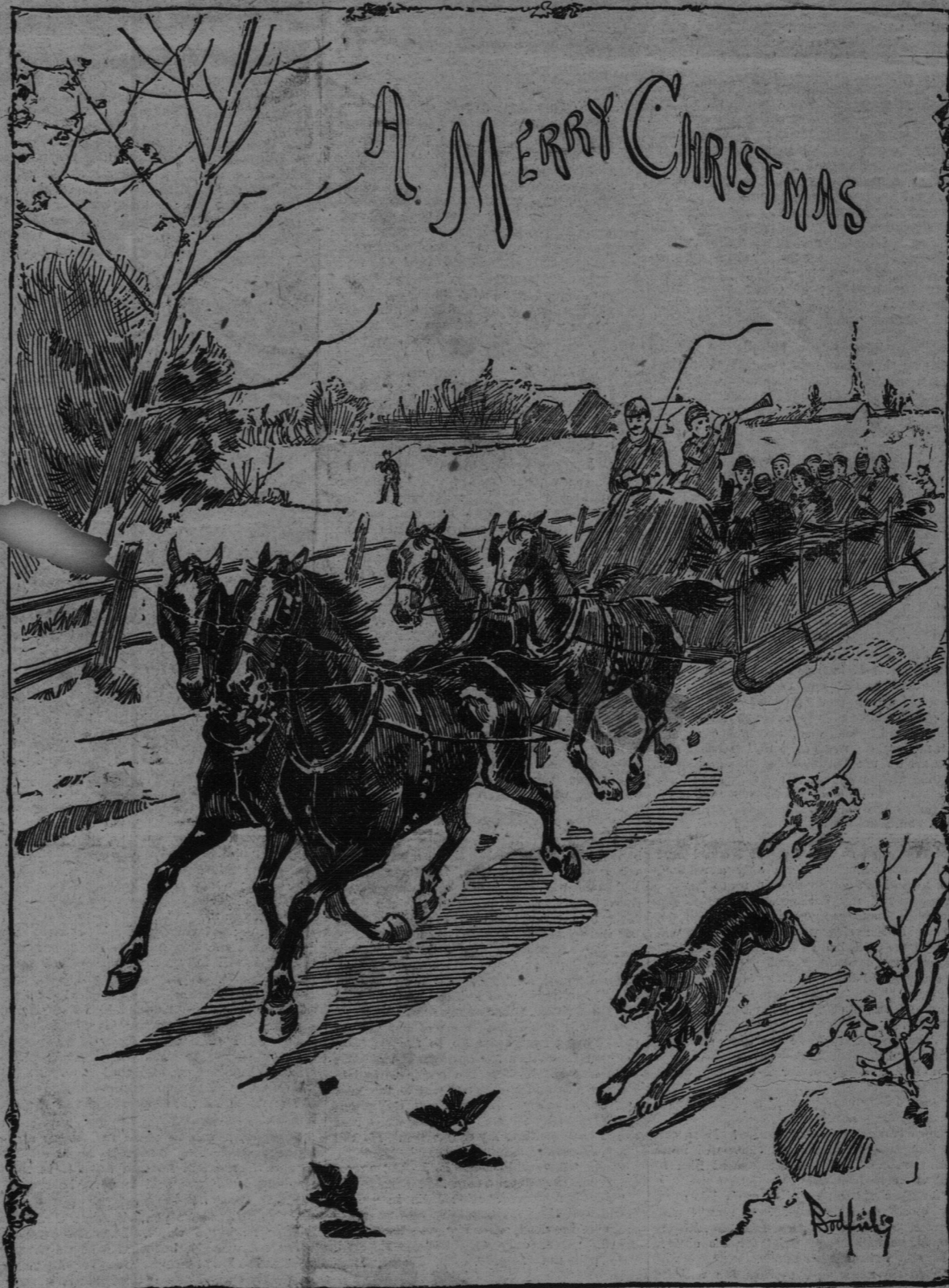
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