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OUR HOME CIRCLE.

" ALL-ALL FOR THEE."

A CHRISTIAN'S NEW YEAR'S PRAYER.

All- all for Thee ! Dear Saviour, may this watchword, Be Thine own key note for my life this

year : So sweetly harmonizing thought and action,

That none who listen shall a discord hear. All-all for Thee ! oh, take me now entirely,

Re-tune each note with Thine own gentle

Hand ; I give myself afresh into Thy keeping, To do or suffer as Thou shalt command.

I give my heart : I long to love Thee better Than ever I have done in years before; That all I do may be " a joy not duty, Lord Jesus grant it : may I love Thee more.

I give my will-oh Master, do receive it, It must rebel in any care but Thine; I cannot keep it, it is so self-pleasing ; What rest to think it is no longer mine!

All-all for Thee ! Myself in all my weak-

ness Unfit, alone, the feeblest chord to raise ; An instrument discordant, worn and worth

But ready to be used to sound thy praise.

Oh Master, by thy own most Holy Spirit Send heavenly music o'er the earth through

me, So true, so beautiful, so soul-refreshing, That those who hear it may learn more of Thee.

Of Thee, their Saviour, who for them did'st

of Thee, their Friend, who love't them so

Of Thee, their King, who soon will be returnmay Thine anthems through my ing;

Lord, whole life swell ! -Charlotte Murray.

A NEW YEAR'S GIFT. BY MISS F. E. WINSLOW.

"What can I give Him, poor as I am ? If I were a shepherd, I would bring

lamb; If I were a wise man, I would do my part; What I can I give Him-give Him my heart.

The words were on a Christmas card, and they had a peculiar fascination for Mabel Grosvenor. When they had first come to her from a friend on Christmas morning, she could not have said that she fairly understood their meaning. She puzzled over the quaint old English letters as they ran in and out to accommodate themselves to the design of the card, and finally she placed it among many others --- Chrismas and birthday cards and photographs of friends-in the lower half of the frame of the mirror which adorned the bureau in her comfortable

It was a bright Saturday atternoon of the first weekinJanuar y. and a shivering girl, slight and tall, apparently about sixteen years of age, stood on the corner of Westminster Street, idly looking into the window of a bookstore. There was a gaunt, hard. tired look about her, young as she lar way. was; and as Mabel Grosvenor stepped up in her bright, fresh clothes, a look of positive dislike and malice came over the girl's face. It was not that the girl knew Mabel, but the evident prosperity of her appearance and bearing grated upon her; the contrast between it and her own seedy apparel becoming all the more apparent to her. As Mabel scannel a list of books in the window, the girl began to wonder how she

would look in a plush sack of wine color, and a hat with two long plumes curled about it; and it was not only the looks; a girl who wore such things must have plenty of food at home-things of which poor Ethel was very much in need

Just then Mabel turned and looked at her, and Ethel began again to study the Christmas card she had been languidly regarding when Mabel's arrival on the scene attracted her attention. Now for the whole week Mabel had been thinking, "To give Him one's heart means all-everything; all I can do and be belongs to Him. How can I show that I love Him? What can I do to teach other people to love Him too?" And

when she saw the poor girl standing by her side, she longed to help her in some way. Her poverty would perhaps te easier to bear if she knew of Jesus and felt sure she belonged to Him. So hurrying into the store, Mabel purchased the card which had been of so much service to herself

and came out to find the girl still standing before the window. "Do you like the card? Would you care to have one?" she said: and the girl, starting at being spoken to by a stranger, and half

nclined to feel offended, was disarmed by the pleasant smile and kind words. They walked along together as Mabel tried to tell her in a few words what the verse on the card meant.

"Yes, 1 know, I went to a Sunday-school in the village we

teacher gave herself to them. studied their needs, and helped them as no one had done before. Ere the year was out, she had reason to believe that some of them were leading Christian lives, and

its renewed question to Mabel, daughter, give Me thy heart." had learned of love for Him and day. "May the new year be aus- and Presbyter work for His children; greater picious and happy to thee," was and more fit for an offering to Him | the friendly greeting. A branch | who went about doing good, in of a sacred evergreen shrub formthat it had acquired something of ed a New-year's gift, with figs, the spirit of the life long example dates, a jar of honey, or a cake of him who freely gave Himself to made of honey. The giving of everything warm underneath, and the needs of His brethren in a these sweet things symbolized complete sacrfice of self.-Zion's good wishes-that the flavor of sweetness might attend the year Herald.

THE DEATH OF THE YEAR.

A cloud came out of the golden west, A bell rang over the silent air, The sun-god hurried away to rest, Flushing with kisses each cloud he prest, And O ! but the day was fair ! How brightly the year goes out," they said " The glow of the sunset lingers long, Knowing the year will be over and dead, Its sad hours over-its sweet hours fled-With service of Even song.'

How sadly the year came in." they said, I listened and wondered in dusk of night, To me no year that might come instead Of the old friend numbered among the dead Could ever be half so bright.

The sun-kissed clouds grew pale and gray, The bells hung silent in high mid-air, Waiting to ring the year away In strains that were ever too glad and gay For me-as I listened there.

O, hearts ! that beat in a million breasts ; O, lips ! that utter the same old phrase ; I wonder that never a sorrow rests In words you ut er to friends and guests In the new year's strange new days !

Is it just the same as it used to be ? Have new year's only a gladder sound ? Forever and always it seems to me That no new face can be sweet to see As the old ones we have found. * * * * * * * * * * * * There is no cloud in the darkened west,

The bell is silent in misty air, The year has gone to its last long rest, And how I loved and who knew it best Shall meet it -God knows where ! -All the Year Round. -----

A HAPPY NEW-YEAR Friendly greetings, the distribution of presents, and general feast

of her neighborhood. The young and Augustus. The first Julian also the two boys whose sister's year commenced with the first of caution he had heard, and they sent me for some me licine. January of the 46th year before too, were drunk. He has seen the birth of Christ and the 708th them since in the same condition, don't believe your mother is in a from the foundation of Rome. and knows that one of the two is the hurry for the medicine." The month received its name slave of strong drink, and physicfrom the double-headed god, Janus, ally and morally a wreck. We helping others to begin in a simi- who saw what was behind and be- do not know that New-year's wine Then there were all of Walter's fore, and was placed between two is responsible for this cuin, or Christmas gifts to be examined. Again the New Year came with periods of time, the Old Year and that it led to the ruin of the the New Year. On New-year's boys to whom his sisters served "What can I give Him?" and day, for a good omen, every one it; but are sure that many a with it the same old ar.swer, "Son, was accustomed to handle his young man dates his movement tools, or do a little work. "The on the downward grade from daughter, give Me thy neart. tools, or do a little worker a liquor served on New-year's day. take a horse and waggon and The same heart, indeed, and only literary man read a little, wrote a liquor served on New-year's day. take a horse and waggon and that had Mabel to give, but was it little, spoke a little," etc. All ill- We are glad to believe that the drive them to Big Hill, about five no more of a gift than when the omened actions and words were custom of thus tempting men is year before she had laid it untried carefully avoided. The Romans on the decline, and equally glad if take their sleds and a lunch, and upon the altar of her Lord? Yes, addressed to one another good any word-blows we give will help more and richer in the lessons it wishes and cheerful words on this it out of good society.-Herald

> WARM HEARTS WANTED. "We need men of cool heads, but hot hearts, to tell of the love that it was almost dark when El. of Jesus," was the appeal sent win started for home, and thought home by some Chinese converts of the pre-cription tucked away the other day. This is what the in his overcoat pocket. He ran

church needs-what the world as fast as he could to the nearest needs-"Men of hot hearts." "I druggist's and procuring the methrough its whole course. To would ye were hot," is the Mas- dicine, hastened home. wish your friend and neighbor a ter's cry. If we are to succeed, His mother met him at the door "Happy New-year" is a most we must be on fire about it. Dr. with a grave, pale face, and asked ancient custom, and was practic-Arnot, of Edinburgh, tells of his anxiously, "What kept you so ed by nations which were old bebeing at a railroad station one late, my boy?'

fore the dawn of the Christian day, and wearied of waiting for Now Edwin was thoughtless the train to move, he asked one and careless and forgetful, but of the men what the trouble was.

HOUSEHOLD CUSTOMS IN " Is there a want of water?" "Plenty of water, sir," was the prompt reply, " but it's no bilin'." When a woman reaches her

That's the trouble with the bridge's house, and forgot all house, she takes off her sandals, church to-day. There's abund- about it." pushes aside the sliding doors of ance of machinery, the engine is paper, and enters in her stocking all in order, the train is made up, she never did scold. She only feet. The rooms are softly matthe men are at their posts- said, sadly, with such a grieved, ted but contain no furniture. The "there's plenty of water, but it's reproachful look in her eyes. houses are built of wood, and no bilin'." The great motive powamong the poorer classes have but er is wanting. We need to heap Edwin, but I am sorry I cannot two or three rooms. In the kiton the fuel of sound doctrine, not trust my little boy, even to get chen is a large stone box with shavings of sentiment, which ashes and burning coals in it. make a big blaze only to go out What if Alice should die for the This is called the hibachi, and over as quickly, but the solid logs of want of it ?" it the rice is cooked. There is no chimney in the kitchen; but the

fundamental truth-chunks if you Then seeing the look of distress smoke goes out either through the will. But we need yet more the her words brought to the childs fire-to be baptized with the Holy face. she added, more kindly. Ghost as with fire.—Bible Banner. "Go get your supper, now. You

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will have to eat it alone, for your THE PADLOCK ON THE LIPS .-father will not return until late. Dr. Clemance relates; "When and I do not like to leave Alice. out a little table, two feet square Messrs. Moody and Sankey were Bridget will bring me up a cup of and one foot high, with dishes in England, I was trying to do a tea," then went up stairs to the and food upon it. The family sit litle work in the inquiry room at sickroom and shut the door. upon the mats, the tub of rice is one of their meetings, and my at- But Edwin did not want any in the centre, and each one dips tention was especially drawn to a supper, and crept up to his own into a bowl rice sufficient for him- lady whose face was full of trou- room and into bed, and after a self. They often pour cold te-ble. She came to me and told me long time, he fell asleep, and

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"I wish I could, but mother

"Only just for a moment !

Thus personalel, Elwin went

The new game provel delightful

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The former aud by and by Walter's elder bro. ac conding to ther came in and told them of a weitten by the pleasure trip the boys/ were to Th eophilus-" take New Year's day. His father ba biy a Gentil was going to let the hired man in the Holy La have needed 1 of places and u The phylact to miles away, and they were to ialrank. Allfor the mat no coast for a couple of hours. Wal-To do and Teach ter was to be allowed to go, and own life, in i lin Edwin was invited to bear him Showed Himse company. There was much talk ed unselt to th over the proposed sport for the circumstance in portance of th next day, and thus it happened respect to our fa 14 16. The fact the principle of

support-the he faith, chanty. them forty days. sible to give in fonce of the orig that be was o them during a Not depart from the disciples i and though Je dangerous spot yet now they are when he had done wrong he never prisoned by the this for severa told a lie about it; so he answer-Jerusalem, Jes mighty works "I went into Walter Cam. and slain ; and ting that his n received and m His mother did not scold himplace could the tation and othe power of the the attention of theociatic capi "I'm glad you told the truth sacrifices had and there the of the Lumb o medicine for his poor sick sister. true starting-p the cross. with the pro shall go forth of the Lord fro 3.5. And, must stay in receive the or The promise promises whi through the 28 : Zich. 2. the Baptist, more definite (John 14. 26; filled in the de on the day abiding with days-Ten da them forty were baptize: on the fiftieth Were come another asset bling" of ver time-In the not ask, Wh In a few days Alice died, and thou now? A general spoken with bidden to point which -the time divine deali " The" is was not the "It was all your fault that Alice one case me died. You are no child of mine generally, t Leave this house instantly." to pry into. signifies th He cast an appealing glance at seasons the his mother, but her face was buried of time. T in her handkerchief, and she did able that n not utter one word to persuade his is bere used father to let him stay. So h remind us. went out in the bitter winter 32.)wind and wandered through the Acloudre streets until night came and b tion of a c sit from ea was weary, cold, hungry and heart-sick, and then crept into the tinctly visi the minds shelter of a church porch and but familia lying down, wished that he migh presence u Looked ste fact is this "Edwin, dear, it is time yo that resist were up! A happy New Year on which testimonv Edwin opened his eyes, spran men stood up, threw his arms around his unquestio. mother's neck, and covered he the sudder their white "Is it really you, mamma tidings the Was it only a dreadful dream? a mesage "I'm your own dear mamms Men of what did you dream, my darling called from forgetful Nabum a "I dreamed Alice was dead by th ne had cause I did not get her the med ung up [qu stipa cine, and papa sent me away, an to themse that inst gazing af to hup by w-ll com peated D come in classif And when I tell you that Edm 24. 30 : 2 21 27 ;) h m.?" (R (Matt. 25 iu humas A Subb le-s, Luan sit up in her crib for a short tin 11. walk on The mea been t he will try never to be though tween t less, or careles-, or forgetfal they p. .1n ab w. Deal with another as you'd have

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There were many bedroom. lived in before we came here, other words among the collection said the girl. well worthy of notice-choice

selections from poets, mottoes of asked Mabel. advice from eminent philosophers, loving wishes for happiness for the coming year from dear friends, sent to the girl who seemed to all went to school; and then have everything on earth to en-

sure happiness; and yet among them all, as she came in and out, of her.' in gay preparations for pleasure during those Christmas holidays, Mabel. these words only seemed to burn themselves into heart and brain; "Poor as I am, poor as I am."

"What can I give Him poor as I am;"

Poor! Why, what girl of her acquaintance had more than she? Her feet sank at every step into rich carpets. Thick satins, furs and plushes wrapped her delicate form whenever she went out; and as to mental advantages, books and pictures surrounded her, and the best schools and masters of the great intellectual city had been employed in her behalf. And now in her dawning womanhood she stood, prepared, it seemed, for almost any sphere of life or society she might choose to enter;

and yet, "poor as I am" in the presence of the Christ whom the Christmas season had been bringing nearer and nearer to her heart. What were all these gifts?

When He was in this world, the great earthly possessions of the young man who came to Him were as nothing in His eyes; Herod's wealth and Cæsar's power had been as dross to this simple peasant of Galilee; the learning and wisdom of the Pharisees and scribes, with their famous teachers, had been utterly rejected by Him. Mabel felt that to come to Him with an offering of earthly gift-money or education onlywould be worse than useless. Yes, in anything that made life worth the living, Mabel was poor, and yet there was one gift, He never despised, one offering he never rejected; the poorest and the richest of the sons of men could bring this gift to Him, sure of His loving acceptance of it, and of His glad appreciation of its value.

On the first day of the new year Mabel felt that out of her poverty this one thing was hers to give, and she began the year with the words of her Christmas card transmuted into a glad personal

acceptance. "What can I give Him-give Him my heart.'

"How long ago was that?" "Oh, 'most a year. Mother their year at the same time, and came down here to get more work it still varies among different nato do. and when we first came, we tions both in respect of the season

at which it commences and of its mother got sick and couldn't sew subdivisions. Cosmically speakand I staved at home to take care ing there is no beginning of the year. The earth holds on her "And did she get well?" asked course round the sun, never halt-

"No," said the girl, her reserve quite melted by the interest of the The Egyptians begin their year other; "she died in November. on the first day of their first A woman in the same house helped us, and I stayed at home to by the heliacal rising of the bril-

cook and mend the boys' clothes; and then, when the money we had was all gone. I got a place to tend the sun to become visible in the in a store before Christmas. Now morning before sunrise. This that the holidays is over, I have day would answer to our 20th of no more work to do and the chil- July, and the time generally codren can't go to school 'cause their | incides with the rising of the Nile, clothes is all worn out. Jim, he the beginning of the agricultural is ten, and sells newspapers; and year. So the Egyptian kept holi-

that's all we have." day and feasting in the dog-days, Here was work for Mabel to do. She went home with the girl, and found the children huddled in bed in a room without a fire. It their new year with the new was easy for her, with a well-filled moon of Abib, which was the monneeds. Many a concert and art

gathering dear to her heart were given up to find time for her new and absorbing pursuits which first new moon after the Summer ing their bills of fare. began to grow still dearer to her. She had given her heart to Christ and time and effort, strength and money, followed as mere acces-

thers when school was out. Encouraged by the real friendship of Mabel, Ethel began to grow into something of health and cheerfulness. There was no reashe delighted to speak, which could have induced a girl of Ma- day will influence his conduct bel's position to give up time and during the whole of the year. don't know when to stop." pleasure for her good; and so, The ancient Roman year com-

friend's life.

over the rice, and always eat ings on New Year's day form a with chop-sticks. Fish, sweet pocustom of most ancient date. It tatoes, and a pickle are someis generally known that the natimes served with a dinner. tions of antiquity did not begin Japanese houses often have but one sleeping-room, which is occu-

pied by the entire family. When guests come, they share it with comforters. They are spread out on the mats at night, and put away in the closets during the ing for a second, so that she has day. Each person lays his head on a little wooden pillow, con-

era.-London Methodist.

JAPAN.

broad open door, or through an

opening in the roof. After the

rice is cooked, it is put into a

small, unpainted wooden tub. At

dinner-time, the mother brings

no starting-point and no goal. structed with a hollow place in which the head rests. In some room in the house is a closet conmonth. Thoth, which was fixed taining a shelf for gods, and upon this shelf stand all the household liant star Sirius, that is, the time idols, which have come down as when it is sufficiently distant from heirlooms of the family from generation to generation.-Christian Intelligencer.

NEW YEAR'S WINE.

It is unfortunate that a custom so pleasing should have associathis labors being suspended by the ed with it suggestions of evil; but, overflow of the Nile, which flood- though sad, it is true that Newed his fields. The Jews began year's day is a time of temptation. There are young men, and old men, whose smothered appetite is purse, to provide food and warmth th of the Exodus and the time for roused by the smell of liquor, and and clothing for this young fami- the "Feast of the Passover," a to whose good resolutions one ly, but it was not so easy for her feast which could not have been taste of wine is as dangerous as a to give time and thought to their kept but in the Spring, when candle in a powder magazine. Lalambs and kids are plentiful. The dies who, in arranging their tables, Greeks began their new year in have supplied wine or stronger midsummer. It was fixed by the drink, can do real good by correct-

The importance of this advice solstice; the eleventh day of the moon was the time of the Olym- may be i.lustrated by an incident pic games, when all Greece came which occurred three years ago. together. The Chinese begin A family of this city served wine sories to the gift. For Ethel she their year in the month of Janu- to their guests, but when the two obtained a place to take care of ary, but not always on the same sons of the family came, the botchildren during the early part of day. New-year's day is a gener- tles were slipped to one side. The the day, so that she could return al holiday, when all labor is sus- brothers started on their round home in time to be with her bro- pended and feasting and rejoicing with the sisterly admonition, everywhere prevail. Every Chi. "Now, you won't take any thing?" nese man contrives to have his To a caller who had just refused house decorated and to treat him- pressing offers of sparkling liquor self and his family with new dress- from this same sister, the admonies. He maintains a strict watch tion had a strange sound, and he of pleasing the Master of whom that befalls him, being persuaded effect of a little wine on your brothat whatever he does on that thers?"

" No: but when they begin they

The door opened, and half a through her, Ethel learned to love menced with March, as is indicat- dozen persons, two being mere Christ, something of whose char- ed by the names, "September, boys, came in. They all took acter she saw reflected in her October, November, December," wine, and the afore mentioned which the four last months still caller had not even time to sug- corner when he me his playmate. They were both connected with retain. July and August, like gest that their sisters might be Walter Cambridge, who said : a mission school, one as teacher, wise, were anciently called Quin- anxious lest they would not know "You're just the one I wanted to more. the other as scholar. Mabel soon tills and Sextilis, their present ap- where to stop. The caller saw see. Come into the house, Come began to find Ethel a valuable pellation having been bestowed them later in the day, and they into the house and try my new assistant in bringing in the girls in compliment to Julius Cæsar were unmistakably tight. He saw game, Go Bang.'

she was a teacher in a boarding dreamed that the doctor came school, and wanted to speak for inquired in a loud, angry voice Christ there, but felt as if she where the prescription was that had a padlock on her lips and he had ordered, and that there could not utter a word. I said, was no hope now that Alice would 'Tell no one else what you have live. That medicine might have told me. and go and tell the Lord saved her; now it was too late, Jesus all about it.' We parted, them. The beds consist of heavy and I saw her a few weeks after, they buried her in the family plot looking bright, serene and happy. in Greenwood, beside his baby She told me she had taken her brother, and when they returned burden to Christ and left it with from the grave to the desolate him, and now she could speak to house, Edwin's father turned ananybody and everybody as oppor- grily toward him and said, in a tunity offered." cold, stern voice,

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

DARLING'S QUESTIONS. Where does the Old Year go, mamma, When it has passed away It was a good Old Year, I wish that it could stay. " It gave us spring and summer, The winter and the fall ; It brought us baby sister. And that was best of all. Where does the Old Year go, mamma ? I cannot understand. " My love, it goes to join the years Safe folded in God's hand

" From where will come the New Year When the good Old Year is dead!? Now all my birds and all my flowers With the Old Year have fled.

" I do not think that I shall love This New Year at all.'

"Yes, dear, it too will bring the spring, The summer and the fall.

" Where will it come from, mamma ? I do not understand."

" It comes from where all coming years Are hidden in God's hand. -Evangelist.

EDWIN. It was the day before the comshe asked tenderly. ing of the New Year, but in little

die.

my son !

lips with kisses.

Another deal with you ;

W hat you're unwilling to receive,

Be sure you never do.

Edwin Eastman's home there was none of the usual bustle and work incident to the preparation for I was so cold and hungry, and New Year's calls, for up stairs, in and-" the sentence ended in a darkened room, Mrs. Eastman sob. watched beside the sick-bed of her "My poor boy! Alice is ma only girl, Alice, just four years old. better this morning," his moth Edwin was tired of his books said, and she took him in b

and his playthings, tired of wan- arms and comforted him as on dering through the quiet rooms mothers know how. and watching, through the curson she could see beyond the one over his conduct and everything said: "Do you so much fear the tained windows, the hurrying did not go to Big Hill that N people passing to and fro, and was Year's day, but voluntarily glad when, after dinner, his moth- mained at home helping his mo er called him to go to the apothe- er to care for and amuse Al cary's for a prescription, as she who was so much better sheen

feared Alice was worse. Quickly putting on his hat, and enjoy her playthings, I the coat and mittens, he hurried away, you will agree with me that and had just turned the second repentance was genuine, and