

INTRODUCTORY.

WE have made our first venture in appearing before a kind public in the character of Almanac makers; and if its measure of success bear any proportion to that of the "Lockman" Sewing Machine, we shall not have much reason to regret the step we have taken.

Of course our object, primarily, has been to make the great public more thoroughly acquainted with the virtues and excellencies of the "Lockman" Machine; but we think we are safe in assuming that our Almanac possesses qualities, independent of this, making it an excellent household friend during the coming year. A vast amount of useful information may be gleaned from its pages; and if not every reader is allured by the praises sung in honor of the "Lockman" into purchasing one of those indispensable household articles, we trust they may be charmed by the poetry, or edified by the prose, contained between its two covers. Perhaps the seed sown in the pages of the present may spring up and fructify in those of a successor, of whom we pray to be spared to issue many.

In conclusion, we beg to wish all of our readers, collectively and individually,

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR!

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