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roductory Note.-The author desires to Introducedly Nove.—The author desires to il the attention of the reading public to the illowing New Year's novelette, and to prepare on for the surprises that await them in case



iar to the readers of Christmas and New Year's novels, who is conspicuous in my novelette by his complete absence. I refer to the aged tramp who has seen better days, and who invariably selects this season of the year,

when everybody else is in a good humor, to go out in the snow and die of a hemorrhage, listening to the chimes, The poor, old man has been thus utilized ever since. I can remember, and I have assumed the responsibility of commuting his sentence, so to speak. There is another individual who will

not be allowed to figure in my novel ette. I refer to the missing prodigal son who turns up on New Year's eve while his mother is wondering where he He has reformed and has come home to see how the family is fixed for veal. This year, if I can prevent it, his mother and father will not clasp him to their bosom.

It is usual for many great literary writers to assure the public that the story is a true one. Here, too, I propose to deviate. My story is a lie out of the whole cloth. Nothing like it ever has, or ever can occur. I intend to be strictly original, even at the risk of having my article returned. (Signed)
THE AUTHOR.

I had loved Jennie Finklepaugh from my earliest infancy. We went to the same school in a New England village, and passion increased so rapidly that when I had reached the age of eleven I made up my mind to propose on the first opportunity. She was one of a numerous family of children, but she was the only one I cared for. The opportunity to propose occurred on New

Note-It really occurred much later in the season, but as this a New Year's novelette I have mendaciously stated that it occurred on that day.

There was a children's party at the Finklepaugh mansion. I watched my chance when nobody was looking, and having coralled Jennie in the hall, I took her little hand in mine, and said firmly in a tremulous voice:

"Ahem! Miss Finklepaugh, I desire to ask you a question upon your answer to which my future depends. I love you with an ever-increasing intensity, and fain would call you my wife. Let us wed, and I will come and live with your tolks, for my cruel father might oppose our union. What dost thou say?" As is obligatory in such cases, she cas

down her eyes, and replied: "I think pa has got enough children in his family already."

This reply was not as encouraging as it might have been, but when she taunted me with my poverty, saying in cold, bitter accents that she would never wed the man who was notable to provide her with a sealskin sacque, I began to smell "a mice." I did not leave the house indignantly until after I had done justice to the eatables. I must have eaten about seven pounds of ice cream and delicacies, after which I went to New York and plunged headlong into the wild excitement of Wall street speculaion. I became immensely wealthy and had pie for breakfast, but the lovely face

my sight. After many years I returned to my native village-I wore such good clothes In the that nobody recogniz meantime Jennie had married Bill Boozle, a school-mate of mine, and they had a large family of children. Bill had turned out bad, and spent all his leisure hours (twenty-four each day) in playing | my promise of writing a story out of cards for whisky straights. I went to the village grocery. By a strange coincidence, as is usually the case in New Year's novels, it was New Year's eve once more. It was not the same New Year's

of my first love was not even then out of



I THINK PA HAS ENOUGH CHILDREN IN HIS FAMILY ALREADY.

when I proposed to Jennie, but fourteen years later.

Yes, there was Bill Boozle, with a nose looking more like a Chinese lantern han a human organ of smell, playing eards with his boon companions, and he seemed to be the booniest of the gang.
All at once I saw Jennie. She entered at once. But, O. how changed, and or the worse! She went up to him and aid: "William, where is that sealskin sacque you have been promising me for New Year's gift for the last ten

He didn't know where it was. Jennie turned and went out with a look of such intense anguish on her features that I half-way felt sorry for her-husband, when I thought what was in store for

him when he went home where she ould talk to him more freely.

When Bill's boon companions heard how he had deceived his wife they become indignant, and threats of lynching vere freely indulged in. One of them seized a missile, and before I could stay his arm he hurled it with all his force at the inattentive husband. It struck him with full force on the head, and the next moment his head and shirt were covered with crimson gore. He

had been struck by an over-ripe tomato. Note.-Authors of novelettes are warned that a patent for this startling climax has been applied for.

The storm of indignation assumed such dimensions that Bill Boozle rose passing train. Then he changed his mind and started in the direction of the idea of throwing himself under the lo-comotive as too uncertain. He was going to adopt a mode of death which, while more painful, would be absolutely sure. He was going to eat a kiln-dried

railroad lunch counter sandwich. Just as he was reaching out for the fatal sandwich I grasped his suicidal arm and led him away where I gave him my card and told him that I had come to save him and Jennie from a fate worse than death.

Bill was surprised, but he consented to abstain from sandwiches for the present. I asked him how his wife was coming on.

"Great Heavens!" he exclaimed, "she is starving to death for a sealskin sacque. It's all my fault, for she is an angel of goodness. Never a harsh word from her lips. Let me go and eat the fatal andwich.

"Bill," said I, "they are not healthy when indulged in to excess. I'm your ealskin sacque for Jennie. Here is



"JENNIE IS AS HAPPY AS THE DAY IS

· LONG. etc., to celebrate this New Year's Eve. Tell Jennie you rung in a cold deck on your boon companions. Wipe that tomato off the back of your neck. All I ask of you is that you swear off on whisky and cards."

There was a happy gathering in the Bill Boozle mansjon that New Year's

Bill's swear-off held good. Not a drop of whisky passes his lips. He takes bottled beer and gin fizzes in-stead, and instead of cards I give him tips on the Wall street market. Jennie is as happy as the day is long, parading the streets in that sealskin sacque.

for a burst of delight from the children. We are all happy, so I will ring down the curtain before something happens to mar the tableau.

[THE END.]

Note. -I desire to call the attention of the reader who has waded through the foregoing to the fact that I have kept the usual line. Variety is the spice of ALEX. E. SWEET. life. Author of "Jennie's Lovers," etc.

He Looked Up the Address. "Can I see Santa Claus?" asked the small boy, entering Fogg's toy-store. "He's not here, sonn," returned the old man, kindly. "Why do you look for him in my place?"

"Well. I saw your name on the wagon he sent me, and I thought I might get him to trade it for a pair of skates."-

Good Reason Why. Mamma—Well, Willie, what good re-solve are , ou going to make for the New

Willie-I won't fight with Johnny any Mamma-I'm very glad my little son sees how wrong and sinful it is to fight.
Willie—Yes'm. He always licks me.

-Munsey's Weekly. The Silly Girls. "Girls are no good anyway," said lit-

tle Johnny; "they ain't got any sense."
"How's that?" asked Merritt. "Because," was the reasonable reply, 'as soon as their stockings get enough to hold a lot of things they stop hanging them up."-Judge.

A Song of Christmas.

Now they all are emptied; Lots for me and you.

Wasn't that a pretty thing
For Santa Claus to do?—Judge.

After Church on Christmas Day. The Rector-You seem unusually haphis morning, Miss Alice—the joys of

stmas, I presume? Miss Alice-Yes, the joys of Christmas. I received twenty more presents than I gave. Isn't that enough to make me

Congressman Recalls a Thrilling Time in His Career.

How He Prevented a Runaway Loco ive from Destroying Many Lives and Much Valuable Property in a Texas Town.

Congressman Crain, of Texas, was in high good humor, recently, says the Pittsburgh Press, spinning yarns to a oterie of brother members.

"In my young days," said the Congressnan, "I was an engineer on the Santa Fe railroad. I had only been on about to his feet and staggered out of the three months when by some carelessness grocery, one of the revellers giving him or viciousness one of the engines known a parting kick that raised him off the as mountain-elimbers got away with ground. I followed him. He mean-full steam on and started down the dered on both sides of the road in a zig-road on a message of death and de-zag fashion peculiar to men who take struction. I had just finished a long too many whisky straights. He was going to the railroad station. I kept on the train-dispatcher rushed wildly out pursuing him. He evidently contem- of the office and told me the news. plated throwing himself under some The track had been cleared, he said, and there was nothing to stop the mad rush of the runaway locomotive until it station. In a moment I had divined bis intention. He had given up the mortar until both the building and locomotive were ruined.

> confess that I would not now dare to undertake the task that I successfully accomplished that day. Perhaps it was the excitement and enthusiasm of the moment which led me to volunteer to lasso that locomotive. I always smile when I recall the look of incredulity that met my confident assertion that l could catch and arrest the mad flight of the runaway, but I was so confident that they gave me a hearing, and I finally secured the services of a sturdy lrish lad

"In less than three minutes after the again, and pulling out as rapidly as posing straight at the runaway on the same

minutes, when, as near as I could calcuand a half miles and I had covered twenty-five. If my calculations were correct there were still some twelve and pained me looking up the track for the runaway. It might have been ten minutes, more or less—it seemed like years to me.

"Finally we heard the rumble and long to heave in sight, and she was comconfess I lost my nerve. It was only momentary, however, and then I opened my throttle and away we went. There was a good mile of straight track be-tween us when I first caught sight of her; then we turned a curve and she was out of sight, if not out of hearing. When she did come she had gaind on us pretty nearly half a mile. I shut off stear a trifle, and when we struck a And I am a welcome guest at their house. My appearance is a signal house. My appearance is a signal level piece of track but a quarter of a level piece of track but a quarter of a level piece of track but a quarter of a level piece of track but a quarter of a level piece of track but a quarter of a level piece of track but a quarter of a level piece of track but a quarter of a level piece of track but a quarter of a level piece of track but a quarter of a level piece of track but a quarter of a level piece of track but a quarter of a level piece of track but a quarter of a level piece of track but a quarter of a level piece of track but a quarter of a level piece of track but a level piece but a level pie mile separated us. I told Irish to keep up pressure, and the way he did it it's a wonder the boiler of seventy-six didn't First Made Jealous and Then Crushed by burst. She kept getting nearer, and it was all I could do to keep from throwing wide the throttle and

hour had them both safely housed in Galveston."

Lunacy from Tobacco fects of the poison to a marked degree, and it is thought the drug will ulti-

mately cause his death. Oueer End of a Snake Fight. An assistant director of the Melbourne (Australia) Zoological Gardens thus describes the queer result of a recent difference of opinion between two tiger-snakes confined under his charge: One of the snakes was large, the other small. Not long ago both happened to fasten on the same mouse, one at each end./ Neither would give way, and the larger snake not only swallowed the mouse, but also the smaller snake. In about ten minutes nothing was seen of the smaller snake but about two inches of

WORKING THE INNOCENTS. Train-Roy Who Was a Mighty Good

Judge of Human Nature.

The experienced train boy, says the Chicago Herald, was apparently giving instructions to a youth whom he was

two sat Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Ker-punk, of Georgeson's Cross Roads. It was their first trip away from home.

said the peanut boy, oracularly, "whether it's goin' to pay to try to come any little game over 'em or not. See that chap half way between here an' the other end of the car? Well, you could sell that man a dime novel for a dollar and a half and rope him in on the dollarin-the-box trick just as easy as look at him. You'd be wastin' your time, though, to try and play any tricks on such people as these two in front of us. They're old travelers. No use to show them any thing but what's bang up genuine an' cheap. If you've got any thing that's fresh an' wuth the money, them folks is the kind of customers to take 'em to the first thing. Snide goods won't go down with such customers as them, I tell you. Well, I must work the train now. Remember what I've told

"That boy is a mighty good judge of human nature, Jose, isn't he?" said Harrison to his wife, after the expe-ienced peanut boy had gone into the forward car to get his basket. "He thought he wasn't talking loud enough for us to hear, but I've got pretty sharp ears. I heard every blamed word he said. Well, it's a fact, Jose," he added, "it wouldn't be much use to try any of his little tricks on me. I've got my eye teeth all cut. Here he comes. If he's got any thing worth buying he'll come straight

to us. You see if he doesn't."

And before the peanut boy was done with Mr. Harrison Kerpunk he had sold him half a dozen prize packages, five boxes of last year's maple caramels, a dozen sour oranges, three twenty-five cent books for half a dollar each, unloaded his entire stock of moldy figs on him, and cleaned him out of a two dollar bill on an innocent little trick with pill-box and a gold coin.

"Jose," said Harrison, after he had sat looking out of the window for about five miles, "durned if don't begin to think he said all that to the other boy on purpose for me to hear it!" .

SHOES FOR WOMEN. Saplent Remarks Uttered by a New York

Society Man "Why on earth," said a New Yorker the other day after an hour's walk on Broadway, to a Shoe and Leather Review correspondent, "do women who haven't got pretty feet, and who know they haven't got pretty feet, if they know any thing at all about themselves, wear just the footgear that puts their feet at their very worst? A woman with big, shapeless feet or crooked feet can afford to wear but one kind of boot—a laced one—and never a low shop under any circumstances. A button bood does all very well for the first few days while it still buttons trim and snug about the steam. We might have run into almost ankles, but every weman knows that is does this for a few days only; then it loosens and begins to take on the shape of the foot, exaggerating its peculiarities every day just a little. And by and by, before the boot is half worn out, it is a kind of caricature of her foot, with every defect and imperfection exaggerroar of the monster. It didn't take her ated. The laced boot doesn't do this, because it can be drawn up every morning a humming. For the first time I is like a new boot, helding the foot always firmly and securely and so acts as a corrective against any tendency the foot has to be ill-shaped and spreading. But women do not seem to have discov ered this at all, or in very few cases, and so they go on buttoning up their street boots with as much satisfaction as if they weren't giving the best possible

> and spreading and crooked as they WOES OF THE BRIDE.

"Maria," said the young and hand-

opportunity to their feet to be as pulpy

some Leiber to his pretty bride, "how is Millie Bluebas coming on?" The lady in question was suspected by his better half to be an old flame of her husband's, says the Philadelphia

"I haven't seen her, Alfred, so I can't say," with a touch of pique in her tone.
The next evening and the next Mr.
Leiber repeated his inquiry. This per-

"Alfred Leiber," she retorted, "I wish to know why you are so anxious to hear about Millie Bluebas. Here, we're only a month married, and yet you-" ther utterance was stopped by a burst of

estly surprised, "I was only anxious for your dear sake. I noticed that she ate two pieces of your cake at our little dinner, and, knowing the fact, I naturally wanted to know the consequences."

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Dissolve in two parts of hot distilled water

six parts of antipyrin. In another vessel dis-solve one part of chloral hydrato in one part of hot water. Mix the still hot solutions and filter rapidly. On cooling, an oily material will sepa-rate from the filtrate and fall to the bottom. Decant the supernatant water and set it aside in an open pan to crystallize. To the oily residue add six parts or a suffi-cient quantity of hot water to redissolve it and

cient quantity of hot water to redissolve it and let stand. In the course of three or four days a crop of large crystals will be found in each of the two vessels. Remove these carefully, let drain and return the drainage to the residual mother liquor and reunite the liquors. To the latter, raised to boiling in a water bath, add 0.7 part of chloral hydrate dissolved in one part of boiling water, withdraw from the fire and let crystallize. By following this technique, from 12 pounds of antipyrin and about 3½ pounds of chloral hydrate, about 5 pounds of hypnal, or monochloral antipyrin, may be obtained.

The chemicals entering into the composition of hypnal are of such a charac-

position of hypnal are of such a charac ter and power as drugs to necessitate their use in exact proportion, and they must be of absolute purity to realize con rect precipitate, else the result may be an entirely different remedy in action and in properties; hence the medical practitioners are warned that to get the enefits of hypnal they must prescrib the article itself as prepared in the lab-oratory and not a mere mixture of solutions of chloral and antipyrin. Bichlo ral-antipyrin is not hypnal, though often resulting from an unequal proportion and is a mistaken precipitation.

The remedy is said to have an agree-able taste, and is not objected to by children, and in this respect alone is preferable as well as superior to chloral. Its action is to produce cessation of pain and invite sleep within thirty minutes to an hour after taking, according to the severity and type of case in hand. The principal superiority of the remedy over chloral is in the absence of all disagree ble taste and irritation of the stom that usually accompanies the use of the

In a tour of investigation among the best-known practitioners a St. Louis Republic reporter was informed by the majority of those seen that as yet the newly-discovered remedy was a comparative stranger to the American public, but from the authorities and accounts in leading foreign medical publications hypnal was destined to become a valuable acquisition to materia medica. The value of the discovery to the nerve-specialists and to the profession in the treatment of all nerve affections will be incalculable if the half that is claimed be true. As yet its newness prevents, and for some time will continue to prevent, a very extended use of hygnal, use in a measure prohibited by the man-ufacturers. Then, too, the jealousy of foreignism in invention, experiment or otherwise, on the part of the American practitioners will defer any experiment al investigations in this country for a time. Apropos to this last the following, from a leading St. Louis practition-

nal, but have had no experience with it have very little faith in the drug until it has been thoroughly tried and exact clinical reports heard from. The number of new remedies similar in character which have been brought out by foreign drug manufacturers is remarkable; hardly a week passes without physicians receiving circulars from the en-terprising manufacturing chemisis heralding in extravagant terms the great and wonderfully marvelous benefits to be obtained from the newly-discovered chemicals. The favorite study of many chemists at present is the development of new combinations which have a hypnotic effect; that is to induce sleep and relieve pain. While we have much to be thankful for in having additional remedies to aid us, yet we have also much to regret. The temptation to habitual use of the majority of the new remedies is often very strong, and many wrecks of body, mind and soul can be often laid at the doors of some of them.

The drug hypnal is a derivation of choral and antipyrin, and it is claimed that fifteen grains relieves pain and brings on mental quietude. I hope that it will merit all that is claimed for it. As to the cost of the drug it will probably be very expensive, for the drugs from which it is manufactured are quite expensive.'

Foot Rice for a Bride. A novel foot race came off at Chattanooga recently, the prize being nothing less than the hand of a mountain maid, Polly Andrews, the belle of Walden's Ridge. Tom Mitchell and John Vanleet sued for her favor and she was unable to decide between them. They being in earnest, proposed a duel, to which the girl demurred, realizing that if one were killed and the other a fugitive she would lose both. As the crucial test she decided upon a foot race from the Tennessee river to Fairmount, on the sum-The island of Tristan in the South Atmit of Walden's Ridge, a matter of ten tic is inhabited by eighty people—the miles, much of it a steep climb. The patriarch of the party, Peter Green, a men started at 2 p. m., and at 5:10 Vanveritable Robinson Crusoe, having been leet reached the goal, a country postthere for fifty-two years. He has just office. His rival came in a bad second, sent a letter complaining that some of fifteen minutes later. The beaten man the grown-up children show a desire accepted the situation and Miss Polly

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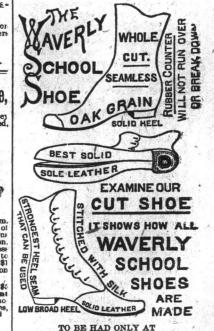
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"You can gener'ly tell by their looks,"

"I had plenty of nerve then, and I suppose by your laughing you think I have lost none of it, but I am free to

dispatch had been received 1 was on my engine, with steam slowly coming up sible to meet the on-coming terror. It was impossible for the train-dispatcher riend, and I've got the money to help to give me any accurate idea as to where 70u and Jennie. Here is \$500 for a the runaway was. The best he could do was to say that it had passed a small station about seventy-five miles up the road some ten minutes before, moving at the rate of about ninety miles an hour. A few minutes more, and with steam up I had my engine moving at the rate of sixty miles an hour, and go-

> track. "I ran this way for about twenty-five late, the runaway had done thirty-seven half miles between us, but you can imagine that the last five miles I covered running direct at the oncoming monster.
> we're any thing but pleasant. Well, I reversed my engine and started running away, gradually increasing my speed until we settled down to a comfortable thirty miles an hour, the Irish lad meanwhile keeping on a terrific amount of any thing, for I did not look ahead at all. My eyes were strained until they

speeding away. "Finally she closed in upon us, and I assure you that so nearly equal had I succeeded in making the speed that the shock was little if any greater than that felt upon the coupling of two cars. I did not hesitate an instant, but jammed down the steam valve tight—a difficult task even for an athlete, as I then was. and from there swung myself upon the runaway. It was the work of scarcely half a minute to clamber in the cab and jab down the steam valve there. We ran possibly a mile before we came to a standstill, and by that time I was as limp as a rag and shaking like a man with the ague. A good drink of whisky feiched me around in a few minutes. We coupled the engines, and in half an

A queer case of lunacy resulting from the tobacco habit is reported from Wa-pello, Ia. "Uncle Jimmy" Blanchard, an old and respected citizen, suddenly became deranged and developed an abnormal craving for the weed, which he devours voraciously and with the same gusto with which most people eat same gusto with which most people eat fruit and other toothsome articles of consumption. He eats it constantly, and gets away with about a pound of plug every day. He is showing the ef-

its tail, and that disappeared next day."

Times. She had dined with them the evening before.

sistence finally roused his wife's jeal-

"Why, my darling," said Alfred, hon-

It is asserted by men of high profes sional ability that when the system needs a stimulant nothing equals a cup of fresh coffee. Those who desire to rescue the dipsomaniac from his cups than strong, newly-made coffee without milk or sugar. Two ounces of coffee, or one-eights of a pound, to one pint of boiling water, makes a first-class beverage, but the water must be boiling, not merely hot. It is asserted that malaria and epidemics are avoided by those who