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We wish all our readers, each, individually, a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

POISONOUS WALL PAPER.

A great deal of attention is at the present time being attracted toward wall papers colored with poisonous pigments. Numerous reported instances leave hardly any room to doubt that many cases of disease of a more or less serious character have been produced by occupying rooms with walls covered with paper colored with arsenical compounds. It is possible, too, indeed it is quite within the pale of probability, as so large a portion of this sort of paper is used for covering walls, that many more cases of illness have been caused by their use than are known or even suspected to have had this origin.

In the First Annual Report of the Michigan State Board of Health, 1873, Professor Kedzie gives the history of several cases of disease evidently occasioned by the coloring matter of wall paper.

In the *Sanitary Record* (London, Eng.) for July, 1874, is published a lecture by Dr. George Johnson, which gives a most instructive and extended view of this source of disease. A number of cases of poisoning are given, in which the symptoms are defined, and the exposure unequivocal. The writer shows that the symptoms are similar to those which are known to occur more or less constantly and severely amongst work-people engaged in the manufacture of arsenical pig-