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AT THE NEW YEAR'S DAWN. for thankfulness that we live in Canada, ic this year, but does see the necessity depression, it is true; but not to the part of the people in the whole quessame extent as others. While there was tion of preventable deaths. His obsera slackening of industry and a falling of in business in the last two months, the year as a whole was fairly prospersubject of public health, which happily ous: and it is only within the last few is now receiving more attention in every weeks that unemployment and business country. We quote:
depression have been keely felt. Nor

"It is unfortunate that the public bedepression have been keely felt. Nor should we overlook the fact that the maritime provinces are about the most fortunate part of Canada, so far as the ence of many preventable deaths in all offect of the general depression is concerned. The people may therefore look forward to the developments of the new year with confidence that in no part of the country will the readjustment to normal conditions come with less of hardship. A cheerful and alert frame of mind will do much to minimize the effects of depression, and bring the conditions back to normal. It will not be surprising if some of the weaker business concerns encounter difficulties. It has been almost too easy to do business for some years past. Orders were not sought for—they came. Perhaps it may be a good thing in the end if business men must sharpen up their wits and work a large of the country. Of the one and one-quarter million deaths occuring in the United States annually, at least 100,000 could easily be prevented by the application of available medical knowledge. For example, one of the diseases which becomes prevalent about this time of the year is diphtheria. This disease is responsible for about 15,000 deaths in the United States annually. Practically every one of these deaths could be prevented, for not only have we an effective anti-toxin for treating the disease when it occurs, but what is still more important, we are now able by means of a simple skin test to determine which children are susceptible to diphtheria, and, this ascertained, we can effectively effect of the general depression is con- parts of the country. Of the one and

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Ine question of the government of Ireland has become acute, and though a home rule bill has been passed by the Brittish parliament there is little present prospect that it will bring peace to Ireland. Opinion is divided in England as well as in Ireland as to the hort case. well as in Ireland as to the best course

marked at the beginning of this article, is indeed fortunate. Apart from the business depression and the unemployment problem of the winter season, the general situation causes no serious misgivings. There are no serious labor troubles as the year ends. The country has had a number of years of great to weather the storm of business adver-



We greet the New Year with a smile, and say, "Take off your things, and come right in and stay a while, and feel at home, by jings; for brand new years are quite in style, and every joy bell rings." Men always are sustained by hope, as down the world they tread, and though in darkness they may grope, they know there's light ahead; they're strong on optimistic dope, and say the past is dead. This spirit always is on deck where ever men abound; it saves their souls from gnastly wreck, and makes the world go round; and so no cleaver in the neck can silence or contound. Old Twenty's weary course is run, so let him disappear; we turn to Nineteen-Twenty-one, and give a ringing cheer; the new year's blithe and full of fun, the old one's on his bier. Ine old year's petered out and spent, and now we hail the new, and every dame and every gent enjoys a rosy view, and every dream that's worth a cent is likely to come true. This world would be a dismal place, a desert drear and vast, if man should always turn his face back to a troublous past, if he should after sorrow chase, and groan and stand aghast. But human beings do not turn to sad things and forlorn; the ghosts of yesterday they spurn, and laugh away with scorn; the gods have taught them how to yearn for bright days yet unborn.

THE MODERN MOVIES. and come right in and stay a while, and feel at home, by jings; for brand

I reckon I'm a fossil, I fear I'm headed wrong, as down the world I jostle, amid the modern throng. It makes me sad and weary to read the New Romance, wherein the authors dreary give action not a chance. The good old plot of Dickens, of Collins and of Reade no more a novel quickens, and fiction's gone to seed. We have the ghastly study of problems touching sex, instead of pirates bloody on red and slippy decks. And serpent-women vamping, and socialistic cranks, through modern tales are tramping in pestilential ranks. Such books are not inviting to one who walked the earth when Charlie Reade was writing "The Cloister and the Hearth." And time on them seems squandered, small pleasure do they yield, to one who's walked and wandered with "David Copperfield." They jeer the old time writers; "Victorian," they say, and hint that men were blighters who wrote in that past day. I would that story tellers who've hit the modern grove, would emulate those fellers, and make their stories move! Oh, I am tired of fiction devoid of stirring plots, that banks on charming diction and lines that end in dots. . . . Through bookstores I go wending for stuffto read, in vain; I like a happy ending, I want the villain slain.

#### CANADA—EAST AND MEST

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well as in Ireland as to the best course to pursue to attain peace, and the outlook is far from being satisfactory.

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# NEW YEAR?

Not Enough to Go 'Round.

"Jack, how is it that you never bring any good marks home from school?"

"Oh, papa, there are such a lot of us that when my turn comes there are none left."—Edinburgh Scotsman.

A Veracious Epitaph.
O na tombstone in New Jersey—
"Julia Adams. Died of Thin Shoes.
Aged 19 years."—Boston Transcript.

Mixed Company.

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"Look how that table has been set."
"What's the matter with it?"
"The angel cake side by side with the deviled ham."—Hamilton Herald.

"You young rascal, what did you mean by telling people that I was an old pirate?" asked old Moneybags, to whose daughter Sprigs was attentive.

"I—I—didn't sir," said Sprigs. I only said that you were a freebooter, and I can prove that."

"I and impotent rage against a deaf and dumb Diety without this solace to storm-tossed and wrack-ridden souls—how resplendent a bow or promise, ever rosy red!

It is our right to look forward and uward so paint your pictures, good people, and with that predominant radiance which will again illuminate the eastern sky on the morrow. What now avails failure and regret—let them rest neath the clouds of yesterday. Conscience is a signpost set on the road to sincere repentance but only the Nazarine

is but a reflection of theirs. And so, on the eve of a New Year, we extend to you our Hearty Good Wishes, with the sincere hope that the com-

ing months will bring you greater prosperity and happiness

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customers as our friends—We like to feel that in a

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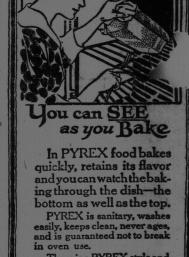
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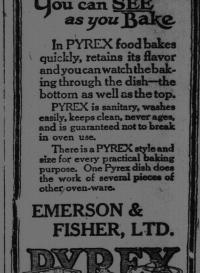
murder.
Six of the twelve prisoners who escaped from the state convict farm at

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