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From Cardiff in Wales to Lendon, Seeking Work.

Recently a little boy, who gave the name of Recently a little boy, who gave the name of Thomas Prince, was charged before Mr. Bridge, at Bow-street in Londor, with being destitute and having no settled home. Mr. Stevenson, Rescue Officer of the Reformatory and Refuge Unior, Charing-crear, stated that the lad was taken to the offices of the union by the Rev. C. f. Seymour, of St. Thomas's Church, Westminster Brigde road. In answer to the questions put to him the boy told the following story:

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He said that his father and mother had lived at Hainworth, near Cardiff, but they were both dead. His mother died three years ago, and his father twelve months ago. During his illness his father was nursed by his sister in law, but after his death she returned to her husband, a carpenter, living ar Newport. The furniture in the house was seized by the landlord for rent and the defendant was turned away. A neighbor took compassion on him and kept him for some time, but her means prevented her from continuing to do so, and she advised the lad to obtain wark. This he decided to do, and trudged to Cardiff.

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He staid there for some few weeks, and appeared to have obtained a very precarious living. He then determined to make his way to London, and proceeded on foot from village to village, seeking at each place to obtain work. He appeared to have med with sympathy and help from the farmers and villagers, who gave him food. At times he slept on haystacks and by the wayside. He continued his journey, sometimes on foen, and again getting a friendly lift on a brewer's dray or farmer's cart. He received great and again getting a friendly lift on a brown's dray or farmen's cart. He received great kindness from railway efficials at wayside stations. They had given him meals and had allowed him to rest while the stations were open. At some places he was enabled to earn some smounts of money by carrying parcels for passengers, and where he could do this he staid a few days, and in getting such employment he expressed his indebtedness to railway nutters.

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Acting up to his original idea, he tramped on toward the metropolis, passing through several large towns, and obtaining food in the manner described. At length he reached London, but found existence very precarious. If a frequented Lambeth, and visited the Strand and other places with the idea of obtaining work. In the neighborhood of Lambeth he met with kindness from a lady, Limbeth he met with kindness from a lady, who gave him some clothes and food. The keeper of a ceffee stall named Whitefield of Robert-street, Lambeth, also took compassion on the lad, and fed and sheltered him for some time. He evenus. It brought the lad's case under the notice of the Rev. Mr. Seymour with the result shated above. Mr. Stevenson said that the society had undertaken to make inquiries into the lad's statements, and would be prepared to look after his future welfare.

#### The Drunkard.

"All right!" a drunk man said, "all right!"
But wiser people said "He's tight!"
And he seemed spoiling for a fight,
"Twas all through cursed drink,

"All right, all right!" as, reeling home, With bloodshot eyes and mouth all foam, All o'er the side-walk he doth roam, Blind drunk through greed of drink!

"All right!" he swore and stumbling fell, One awful word he said, 'twas "Hell!' Then, surely, he was 'neath its spell, And all through love of drink!

Though oft he slipped upon the road, At last he resch'd his poor abode, And sank upon the floor a load, Scarce human—crazed by drink!

His children fled from him in fear, His wife, heart broken, dropped a tear, His very dog it came not near, All feared him when in drink!

Hark! yet he says, "all right, all right!"
Though all his future's dark as night,
Upon his home there seems a blight,
The consequence of drink!

New Year's Lve.

Silent we stand 'neath the wintry sky; Stiont we stand nearn the wintry sky;
The minutes are flying fast;
When out on the midnight air there rings
The sound of the bells at last;
Clashing and chiming the Old Year out,
As we stand at the New Year's door,
Waiting with half reluctant steps
The cross its threshold a'er. To cross its threshold o'er.

Full of changes the Past has been ; And changes will come again, Bringing their wealth of untold joy, Or a wealth of infinite pain; Loosening our hold on earthly things And pleasures, so transient here; Welcoming in fresh loves and lives, And parting with those held dear.

As we look back with a lingering glance O'er bygone months and days, How little we find for murmurin How much we find for praise! Should we, then, hecitate to cross And enter another year, Rich in that all at flicing love That casts out every fear?

Hush! For one moment silence reigns; Stilled in the merry din; Quietly let the Old Year go, And let the New pass to:
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## A Doubtful Conquest.

"Won at last!" he exclaimed, triumphanty. "Yer, Charlie," said she, shyly, "but aly on the strice condition you know, that

Several calculating machines received the gold medal at the Paris Exhibition.

The Winter.

Ha! here you come to make us wheezs, I see your fingers on the trees, And hear you shouting on the breezs The storm clan's slogan.

You'll soon be here to nip my toes, And paint my cheeks with sunset glows, And freeco this old chin and nose With blue and purple.

I hear you've been, you roving fellow, Among the Australasians yellow, And scaring with your blatant bellow The far Fuegians.

You're getting rough; I fear you pass Your time too much with Bereas, And that star-mantled gypsy lass, The dark-eyed Selstice.

Old friend, together many s year We've journeyed on through foul and clear, And now, old comrade, lend an ear To my petition.

This year, I pray you, leave your blows In cold Arcturus with the snows; Ch! winter gently come to those Who have no shelter.

touch them kindly, kindly deal With those who most your rigors feel, In windowed raggedness they kneel, And crave for mercy.

Bluster around the rich man's door, Make him unlock his golden store, Each year increasing more and more His deeds of kindness.

Roar 'round the miser till he quakes, Nip him and strip him till he shakes, Freeze him and squeeze him till he makes A pig donation.

And in the cause of science, pray Keep out the ice from Baffiu's Bay, So polar heroes win their way To frezen glory.

Let those we love, though they abide
Far from us now, come to our side
Happy and well at Christmastide,
And we will bless you.

GUY H. A CERY.

#### Pertugal Speaks Out.

Portugal, we are told, intends to oppose Great Britain's claim to Mashonaland in Great Britain's claim to Mashonaland in Africa. Many years ago the Portuguese were hardy adventurers, and some of them permeated into certain portions of the interior of the Dark Continent. Of course, wherever they went they hoisted the flag of their country. They also established settlements, but in time those settlements ceased to exist, and only relics were left to prove they were ever there. Of course, the Portuguese flag went with the people, and the cognitry for many more years remained Portuguese flag went with the people, and the country for many more years remained unclaimed. Across this state of things, Great Britain steps in, and wherever she sets a foot, if there is nothing visible to prove white men have been there before, she hoists her banner and claims possession. In the present case Portugal objects and has appealed to the powers, at the same time declaring that she is determined to have her rights. May be she will get them by the aid of the other European powers who are overwhelmingly jealous of Ragland's sway and aggression in Africa; Ragland's sway and aggression in Africa; but by her own efforts is is certain Portugal will never succeed, for an appeal to arms would come very near being the realization of the old nursery rhyme:

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## A Hard Time of It.

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The hardships suffered by the frontier itinerant preacher are not all matters of ancient history. Dr. W. A. Spencer writes to the North Western Christian Advocate of a Methodist pastor in Kansas who in the last three quarters of a year has travelled 1,000 miles, preached about sixty times, and received from the peeplo,316.75, of which \$7.25 was due on last year's account. But the reported failure of the crops for three successive years, and the consequent poverty cessive years, and the consequent poverty of the people, make his condition little if any worse than that of his congregations.— IN. Y. Tribune.

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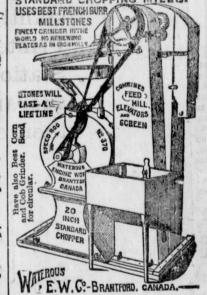


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