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CHRISTMAS once more : with all the delights that the festive season brings, the family reunion. the Christmas trec, with its gitts to young and old, the generous cheer and the many pleasant remembrances from distant friends and relatives. We might go on and give an account of the time.honoed observances of the season, but now that the domestic furnace has renciered the lule-log an impossibility and the spread of temperance sentinent banished the wassail bowl, while the waits have been superseded by the Salvation Army, most of such details are of antiquarian rather than practical interest. With all the changes wrought by time and modern progress, however, the kindly, genial, hospitable spirit of the season still remains, with perhaps an added sense of human brotherbood as manifested in the barous philanthropic activitics of the occasion. Grip cordiaily extends the compliments of the season to his numerous friends.


EREQUENT subject of regret is that so little interest is usually taken in the school-board elections by the public. A change for the better was observable last jear owing to the nomination of women candidates and this year the contest will probably be still more lively in consequence of the action of the labor and social reiorm bodies in bringing out candidates upon public issues, instead of allowing these positious to be filled in accordance with personal preferences. The nominces are good, trustworthy and public-spirited men worthy of the support of the electors. We hope also that the retiring lady trustees who have shown their fitness for the work will be again returned. The example set by the organizations which have taken action in the matter is worthy of imitation by other hodies. Premier Mowat, recognizing the growth and importance of the annexationist element and their right to
representation in the ministry; had determined, as an offset to his own vigorous and uncompromising loyalty, to take T. M. White or Elgin Myers into the Cabinet, in order that the anrexationists might not complain of being ignored? let it would not be a bit more absurd than making a place for an Orangeman, for the sole reason that he is an Orangeman, in the Ministry controlled by an Ultramontane.

THE sole reason for existence of the Orange body is its deadly, uncompromising hostility to Reman Catholicism and all its works and ways. The antagonism between the spirit of Orangeism, as embodied in its constitution and professed teachings. and that of Roman Catholicism, is more bitter and irreconcilable than the diference between loyalty and annexationism, inasmuch as sectarian fights always rouse stronger and more deepseated feelings than do political issues. If there were a grain of sincerity about the pismire politicians of the Howell and Wallace type who have crawled their way to prominence by professions of hatred and distrust of the Koman Catholic church, they would scout the proposal to accept orite under an Ultramontane chief as an insult to their integrity and a bribe to betras the cause to which they owe everything. And if the country were not habituated to the pititul spectacle of men trading on the honest fanaticism of their fel:ows to secure profitable sinecures in this fashion, the Thompson-Wallace compromise would excite as much indignation and ridicule as would the strengthening of a loyalist ministry by the recognition of the annexationist rote.


OLITICIANS of the ordinary Canadian type must regard it as a most singular feature in the Home Rule agitation that nobody seems to think of buying of the Orange opposition by giving them seats in the Cabitiet. Judging from Canadian experietce the brethren are ready to support "Rome Rule" or any other kind of rule so long as they come in for a share of the spoils. Gladstone does not seem up to the Macdonald and Thompson standard of statesmanship.

MONOPOLIST Massey, having decided to make restitution to the extent of a hundred thousand collars of the fund legislated into his pockets by electors under the influence--of boodle and balderdash, the question arises as to what form his bemefaction should take The original proposition was to erect a music hall, a scheme which finds favor with many of the wealthier classes, but would be of very little if any benefit to the general public. If Mr. Masse) really wants to do the most good with his conscience-money, instead of merely to erect a monument to himself, he should devote cvery cent of it to pro viding open spaces and recreation grounds in the more central parts of the city. This is the great crying necessity of Toronto. We have colleges and churches and charities of all sorts enough, but our millionaires seem to look askance at any scheme of public munificence that has not a tall and imposing building which may perpetu-


NOT A "STUDIOUS STOOP."
Miss Dresser-" How stoop-shouldered old Mr. Newgold is! I suppose he was very studious in his younger days." Mr. Seymore-" Not exactly. He used to carry a hod, don'tcherknow."
ate the name of the donor. If Mr. Massey would only give us one or more open central breathing spaces, we might even forgive him the way he got his money in view of his beneficial example.

MAYOR FLEMING is not to be given a second term unopposed as at one time appeared probable, Mr.
E. E. Sheppard having taken the field against him. Though it cannot be said that Mr. Fleming has been a bad mayor, it is not surprising that in attempting to please evcrybody he has dissatisfied many by the contrast between his magnificent promises and comparatively meagre performance. The element behind Mr. Sheppard is not such as to warrant any expectation of an improvement in civic affairs should he be returned, the Albany Club end of the Tory machine figuring prominently among his supporters. In fact, it may be said that there is no particular principle and more than a suspicion of partyism on either side.

## A GOOD TEAM.

$\int \begin{gathered}\text { ACKSON-"If you fail in tailoring what will you } \\ \text { do?" }\end{gathered}$
Jenkins-" I'll try to get Brown to give up the bakery business and go into partnership with me on editing a paper."

JACKSON -"A fine pair of editors you would make."
Jenkins-"Well, I can use the shears and he can make good paste."

## TASTES DIFFER.

DEAR GiRIP, - Vour literary judgment is generally sound, but I really cannot for the life of me see why you gave such high proise to that rather commonplace poem which appeared over the signature of " W. G. Lampay' in your hast issue. It is deficient in rhyme and metre, and white cmbombing loyal semtiments which are a credit to the writer, does not, in my opinion, show poetic talent of a high order. To me there scems something crude and ex. aggerated aloout the conception of the "great Emperors of the world ever singing to her praise." It may be within the bounds of poetic license, Int I much preler the more chastened fervor of Sherwood and Imrie.

We shall never have a true literature until we cease the habit of greeting with extravagant and indiscriminating encomiam every new aspirant for fame, and learn to judge them by the strict rules of criticism. Mr. Lampay, I fear, notwi'hstanding your too-generous recognition of such merit as he possesses, is never likely to rank among the great poets of the Dominion.

Hamiltox
Francts C. Mrtmotrase.

## ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

BIMISY-"Have anothersh (hic), ol' fel'. It's too cold to go home."
Jımli-"'Awri'! B'st you're (hic) wrong, ol' man. My wife's watin', an' itsh too hot (hic) 'stead of too cold."

## UNDER THE MISTLETOE.

H E_"You are my pet lamb." SHE (gasping)-"And is that why you keep me in your fold?"


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DEC. ist. Oh my! What a time I've had! Had to keep $m y$ room and out of sight and sound of civilization for two etcrnal weeks. Jack said I mustn't fail to 'see the comet, but as it was no use trying to get mamma's consent for me to go out astronomizing with Jack, we arranged that I should meet him round the comer at halfpast nine when we could view the comet till ten, mamma being busy entertaining Muldoon with an account of a comet that appeared when she was a girl, with a tail like a long broom sweeping across the sky. Jack said the comet was to strike the carth about that hour, and if it came on time why we could die together and all that sort of thing. But after I had slipped out I thought I heard the door open again and I flew for dear life round the corner and struck-if it wasn't the comet, I don't know


THEY WEREN'T PREPARED FOR THE SHOCK.
McFagan - "Fwhat in thunder ails thim kids, runnin' out av the school as av the divil had kicked them. I musht see aloout this, bedad!".

But it was only the kind-hearted superintendent who had got up as Santa Claus.

I'm sure what else it could have been. First there was a collision, then a great shower of sparks, just as if I had been an exploded rocket-then darkness, and Jack's voice saying, "Great Scott! are you hurt Flora ?" Better believe I was glad to hear that, but when I asked if the comet bad hit him too he laughed till I got angry and went into the house again in a huff. But oh my! next morning Nett frightened me out of my senses-by screaming out at the top of her voice - "Flora Featherwaite! what have you been doing to your face?:" and when I looked into the mirror-gracious! I didn't know who it was! Who would have thought that a hairy star could strike so hard?

I have been keeping raw beef on it ever since and it has gone down enough now for me to see to write this.

Dec. 3. Oh dear, my life is simply a martyrdom. An old aunt of Muldoon's called to-day and, to please mamma, I had to go down and speak to her and entertain her with all how the accident to my face happened; how I was going out of my room in the dark and struck it on the door and didn't think anything about it till the next morning, and oh,ever so many more fibs of the kind. She is


OF DUBIOUS POSITION.
Maud-"Oh! how I do love Shakespeare!"
Cunferon (seicerely)-" But-is he eligible, my dear?"
simply awful! She consoled me by saying that she once knew an lrish gitl, who spoke the Scotch dialogue very well indeed, and who was about to be married to a very rich man, as rich as her nephew, Muldoon, when she struck her face against a door and tumbled down stairs, sustaining such infernal injuries in her abominable regions that her death was the insult, and so she lost a good match. Horrid snuffy old thing! I knew she was hinting at Muldoon all the time. However, I kissed her good-bye and implored her to burry back to see me again.

Dec. 4. Nettie scolds me for this way of kissing all and sundry. Shesays that kisses are bacilli conductors, and that I shall have a regular bacteriologicai museum in my inside presently-oh, that girl! You've no idea what she knows, and I guess I shall take her advice and get all the kissing germs deposited under my ear instead of on my mouth or my check. (I draw the line at Jack however, he always says there's no flies on him, so there will be no change of base there-just tulips as usual.)

Our Nettie is the quecrest girl. We went into a furniture shop the other day and seeing a very pretty boy there she said:- "Flo, let me irtroduce you to Mr. Helmsman, our 'Varsity editor and a woman's rights man." Of course I was delighted, but she began rocking a swing cradle, and saying, "How would this do Mr. Helmsman ? the other kind would be rather bard on the back, wouldn't they ?" I-well I certainly thought that, like Festus, much learning had madeher mad. She explained aiterwards, however, and I think the boy wasquite right I am going to ask him to shake over it the first opportunity. He embodies my sentiments, that young man does - he doesn't believe in educating women like men, neither do I-all a ridicu lous fad. Woman's sphere is to be pretty and talk charmingly and flirt delightfully with every fellow who comes along, and in the end go off to the highest bidder. The idea of a woman teaching or lecturing for a living when she can marry and make Muldoon -oh I mean-her husband shell out. No woman's proper sphere is to be supported, fed, clothed and looked after generally by a man. When I say this to Nettie she snuffs up that nose of hers and says:-"If you believe in barter ard sale I don't, when I consent to live with a man for life it shall be as his equal; not his inferior; if a man prefers an inferior, andbend-over-the-cradle-and-do nothing else-style-of-mother for his sons, let him. But this I know that if the mothers of the present day believed in themselves, and cultivated mental equality, and refused to be looked upon as mere breeding institutions, there would be fewer of these poor shipwrecked sons of theirs being laid up for repairs periodically in the tough ward of the general hospital."

Now- that's our Nett all over, she's down on everything - down on me for flirting with Jack when I'm to marry Muldoon ; down on me for kissing people I hatedown on a little bit of gossip-Oh my! No thank youno 'Varsity cducation for me !

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## A CHEAP LYRIC.

A
MICUS--" What did you sell your last effusion for ?"
Poet-" For a song."


## 15 TICKLED.

Jaslar-" The assassin stabbed the poor man twice before he began to resist."
Jumporpe-"Dear me!"
Jaspar-" Yes. He was a Muskoka man, you know, and thought it was a mosquito that was roubling him."

## AN UNOBJECTIONABLE POET.

THE Mail critic has the following concerning a news poet, Mr. John Allister Currie :
He is evidently sensible to nature's language, and has felt the burgeoning of thoughts too deep for words.

Now that is the kind of a poet we like to encourage. John Allister is a bright example whose habits of thought might be studied with advantage by many of the talented contributors to our waste-basket. Ifthey would only let their thoughts burgeon, as it were, at the depth indicated, instead of continually cropping up to the surface, it would save no end of trouble.

## A PROBLEM.

ROUNDER - "What are you thinking so hard about?"
Old SOAK-"I hare just been wondering whether foresight is twice as bad as seeing double."


DELSARTE APPLIED
(See page 4II.)


FOUND OUT.


AN ARCHEOLOGICAL FIND.
RECORDS OF A SINGULAR ANCIENT PEOPLE WHO ONCE OCCUPIED ONTARIO.
' L.o, to the South of us, where are the barbarians, the husbandman has oil and wine and shekels of gold and of silver while we perish with hunger ; go to, let us be even as they.' But his heart was not riglt, neither cared he a choked up stream, how the husbandman fared.
"And the common people marvelled greatly, for they said what is this thing he saith ? 'Let us be an X to them.' And one said, ' Lo, are not we next to them now, or rather, are not they next unto us?' And there was much words spoken, and the matter was bruited abroad. And when the ruler of the land heard of the matter, his wrath was kindled, and he communed privily with himself and took counsel saying :-'Sce how this son of Belial goeth about to destroy me. Of a truth the land may not be moved by the thickness of a hair, and if one cometh,

AFARMER in the township of Eramos. winile making an excavation in the side of a hill for the construction of a root-house came across a stune tablet curiously carved with characters resembling ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics, interspersed with pictures in a primitive style of art. Mr. Darid Boyle, the eminent archrologist, happening to pass through that section shortly afterwards on a still-hunt for relics of antiquity, secured the tablet, which, on being submitted to some of our leading Egyptologists, theosophists, medireval politicians, and others learned in ancient lore, was deciphered in the comparatively short space of two months. It is thought by some that the work might have been accomplished with more celerity, but when it is considered that they were engaged by the Provincial Govermment at $\$ 5$ per day each, and furthermore, that this is going to be a hard winter, their forbearance in not making the job last them till the spring time comes gentle Annie with, etc., is highly commendable.

We give the translation of this remarkable record of a vanished race below, also fat-similes of two-of the rude illustrations with which it was embellished. We may add that in the opinion of the satians the people to whom it relates were undoubtedly a remmant of the race inhabiting the Lost Continent of Atlantis, of Egyptian origin :-
"In the land on this side the great sea, and in the days when every one did know that his wisdom was more than that of the ancients; a mighty and wise ruler, called Ol-Iver, whose surname was Sir, mas over the country to the north of the great lakes. And under him were scribes, learned in the law, to keep rule over the Provinces and albeit to get much tribute. And one of the scribes, that was over the tribute in the town that is called Or-anj, was beset of Beelzebub. And he said, 'Thou art too great a man for this place; get thee to the people and say, let us join ourselves to the barbarians to the south of the great lakes-and if all the people hearken to thee, thy name will be great.' And the evil spinit entered into him and his head did swell, and his hat was not in it.
" And he did so, and told all the people on this wise :
another goeth and so the balance is maintained, and were it not so the matter is beyond us. But this thing that he doeth would take away our place and nation and another would gather in the shekels.'
"And he said: 'This is not a matter for serious consideration but for action. Mine adversaries do so to me and some besides, an' I scoop them not, even with the nether lip of this ass.'
"And he fell upon the scribe and fired him out, (literally ' cast him forth with fire.') And immediately the evil spirit did leave the scribc and his head shrunk, that it wobbled in his head-gear, and he went forth into the wilderness, which is called Hy-Parck, and uplifted his heel against himself.

Howbeit, the ruler whose surname was Sir, had many enemies. And they said : ' Behold our time is not yet, for he walketh warily; yet peradventure this scribe of the

town called Or-anj may over ihrow him and we may chew his neck.* But when they saw how it fared with the scribe they grieved greatly and mourned sore saying:--Verily we be chumps, for we called him not when we had a full hand and now he hath made it a jack pot and hath raised us out.'
"And the fame of him called Ol Iver waxed exceeding great and went to all people as of one wiser than many serpents. For his leg hath no man pulled $\dagger$ even unto this day."

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## BETTER AT A DISTANCE.

" ". IS distance lends enchantment to the view," A saying is we ofien bandy round, And when I hear the German bands I think Distance would lend enchantment to the sound.

## HE KNEW THEM.

" FREDIDIE, go into your brother's room and ask if Tom is going to get up and go to church with me," said a Montreal mother to her joungest hope last Sunday morning.

Freddie soon came back saying, "Tom says he's got a sore throat and wants some belladonna."
"Well, ask Charlie if he is going to church," said the mother
"Oh," replied Freddie with a scornful smile, "I guess he'll say he wants bryonia."

## LAYING LOW.

WONDERWHY-" Why is Mr. Greathead looking so mys!erious nowadays, and apparently doing all in his power to kecp out of view?"

K:owitall-" He imagines he is a dark horse for the mayoralty elecion."


## IMPORTANT UNREPORTED MEETING AT OTIAWA.

IR JOHNNY he sat in his easiest chair ; But it wasn't Sir Johnny that used to be there.
And Sir Johnny the present was all in a slew,
For Sir Johnny the past had eloped with the clue.
"Oh, what shall we do ?" cried his stalesmanship there,
And Foster he viewed with a glance of despair.
Lanky and long, and silent and grim-
" Oh, when shall one get any good out of him?
is That Dolph! Oh where can one find words to express, And Tupper the great has left Tupper the less.
And he's off, with his cash and his air so sublime-
Langevin--and Abbott has skipped just in time
"Well, there's Carling. If it were a matter of beer-
And that Bowell: Oh, if my old leader were here :
But that great predecessor kept elever men out,
That's the way ate got in, and we're all up the spout.
" Advisers! From such advice keep me, I pray, Well, I'll advise them of the news, anyway."


## A POWERFUL STRAIN.

Trolimit Connuctor-" Hi, there, Dago! Stop that music lou've paralyzed the motor."

So he met Davin's antiques, and unto them just Said, "Boys, our whole business is done up and bust."
And the antiques they stared in an antical way:
And the new importations seemed going to pray.
And Sir Johnny the chumk he looked then atound,
And remarked, " We have run the thing into the ground."
"We won the elections," the knight then relates,
"By a promise of treaties we'd make with the States, Of that promise the chance of fulfilment was smallFor our lot didn't want such a treaty at all.
"So we couldn't keep, faith with the country, you know, But we had to pretend to ; that's statesmanship; so We went to the lankees all ready to make Any ofier we knew well that they woukin't take.
" So no treaty ensued ; that's all right ; for the rest, Our supportets all shinuted we'd all done our best; And all things went quite smoothly, and would, but to day There's that Harrison's given the whsle thing away!
"The details see kept quiet he"s told, great and small. If the country don't get mad it won't, then, that's all. So for you I ve a word; it applies to the lot: I'ut your houses in ordet, if any you've got."

Then the Cabinet rose with a start and a wrench. And Sir Johnny perhaps will return to the bench; And Sir Adolphe his uniform sold then and there, And the elongate Fostcr is tearing his hair.

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## (Sec Cartoon.)

In a Quiet Moment.
Centre.piece-Miss McG`nty, rellecting on late experiences in the study of Grace, decides that (sst aignelle) to exercise according to Delsarte, one should first buy a ten-acre lot ; that (and vig.) the development of the figure is all very well, if a process for develop. ing clothes could be applied at the same time ; that ( $3^{\prime} d$ vig.) to sit with the feet resting before, instead of under one, is practical in proportion to the size of the fect; that ( $f$ ih aig.) in dropping on one knec to rescue a fallen handke rchief, care should be taken as to the intentions of one's neighbors; that ( 5 th zig.) to walk with the eyes on some ubject 100 yards away entails consequences; and that ( 6 il vig.) it is not alwa)s possible to rise slowly from a chair, unless the chair has been thoroughly examined previous to use.


## WANTED WORK FOR HIS JAWS.

Hungry Higans-" Say, Judge, send me up for three days, will jer?"
Junce--"What do gou want me to do that for?"
Hunginy Hu;cins - "Well, yer see, I'm wantin' ter git a whack at the Christmas dinner they're goin' to serve up at the jail."

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R. MASSEY threatens to lay out $\$ 100,000$ in a music hall for the use of Toronto, but it is proballe that the new edifice will remain under the control of his family all the same, as it intended to be for the benefit of the masses.

## A DEAD GIVE-AWAY.

" [ HEARD of a dead give-away to day."
"What was it?"
" Old Jones gave each of his employees à turkey as a Christmas present."

## OVERLOOKED.

$A^{\prime}$
WTHAW—"At what hour do you dine on Christmas Day?"
Algr-" I don't know yet, deah boy. I haven't received any invitations yet."

## those quebec taxes.

$D^{\text {ICKERV, dickory, dock, }}$
D The Bleus have had a shock;
They've found every one,
Merchant son-of-a-gun.
'Gainst that tax as firm as a rock.
Len.

## AN APT CITATION.

$S^{Q}$
QUIRE—" S'death! Lumpkin, I clarge thee halt and do ne thy obeisance."
Lumifin - "Go hang. I will do obedience to no man. I know my place and I shan't Cotton to no man. I stand, walk or run as I please. I can eat and drink as well as anything on two legs, and I can lie as it behooveth me or my mates."-Quoted from old flay hy Mr. Wallace.

## AN INVITING OPPORTUNITY.

ACK_"Cholly seems all broken up this morning."
Tom-" Yes. Ethel's papa came down stairs to bid him good-night last night, and he got so excited that he dropped his cane while going out through the door and stooped to pick it up."

## MY HUSBAND.

 Who likes with oher girls to lift?

> My ILusband.

Who, while I at the washing tub,
His liannels, cuffs aud coilass rub, Is basting idly at his club?

My IIusband.
Who, when I ask him for a cent
To buy a hat or pay the rent,
To naughty words will give full vent ?
My Husband.
Who says that he would like in force
Chicago laws for a divorce?
(Amil then a saint he'd wed of course.) My husband.

Who thuinps the dog and hicks the cat;
And calls the children "Noisy brats,"
And when I murmur says "Oh, rats?" ity IIushand.
Who, when the clock is striking four A. M., will fumble at the door, And then lie helpless on the lloor?

My Husband.
-Polly Prattie.


## HEARD ON THE MARKET.

"Marnin' t'ye, Mickey! An' fuhat have ye there, now?"
"Fwhat have I, is it ? Surc it's the time o' day I have."
"Go 'wa-a, now, 'tis jokin' y'are. Fwhat are ye manin' by that, anyway?"
" Whist! Sure isn't it a quarther to ate I have?"

## A CHRISTMAS CONTRETEMPS.



HE Christmas dimer at Fillorick's would have been a brilliant success but for one untoward incident which tended to mar the harmony that ought to brood over such occasions. Among the guests was young Bertic Tutwiler who has tor some time been paying his addresses to the eldest Miss Filbrick. Bertic is not an over bright young man but as he has good prosperts, and as Gussie Filbrick is no longer in her first youth he is encouraged by the family.

They had been discussing Coristmas of the olden time with its traditional accessorits of the wassail howl, Yule $\log$, boar's head, etc., when all of a sudden Freddie Filbrick was observed struggling with a suppressed suicker and a mouthful of curkey in a manner which threatened to terminate in a fit of asplyyxia.
"What are you laughing at, Freddie?" asked one of his sisters.
"Oh, nothin', sis, nothin'. Only I was just thinkin' how tumny it would look to see Mr. Tutwiler's head brouglt in onto a dish. (iucss he's glad he didn't live in them times."
"Frederick!" said old man Fillbrick, "your conduct is disgraceful! Behave yoursclf.


## MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

Littie Girl (to surprised buglan)-" Are you Santa Claus ?" Burglar-"Yes, my dearic! IIush! (Solto evoce.) It's a durned shame to have yer reputation spoiled by a bloke as has a beard like me. It's the fifth time to-night I've been took for him."
" But pa," remonstrated the boy, "you know you said that Mr. Tutwiler was-"
"Silence instantly!" roared Mr. Filbrick, "you know I never said anything of the kind! and it you say another word you shall leave the table and have no plum-pudding."

The threat was effectual. and Freddie sulsided. But the atmosphere fell about secenteen degrees, and nothing but the tact of the maternal Filbrick in inveigling Mr. Tutwiler into the library, where a piece of mistletoe had thoughtfully been sus; ended from the chandelier, and leaving him alone with Gussie for a few minutes, restored

 she sighs from the repth of her sonl, 1 ler hopes ofien sink down io zero, Or soar to the ultimate pole.
Her emotions she scarcel) can master, Each day she more anxious deth get, For she's seen thirty summers get pastither, And alas ! she is husbandless yet.
Now that leap year has almost departed, I fear that this maiden so fair, With fresh resolution imparted By the courage that's bern of despair.
May run down some frail helpless mortal, And breathing s-ift vows in his car.
Vank him off to where lounis Hymen's portal, Ere her chances go out with the year.

She's a female of awful persistence,
'Twould be best to stecr clear of her path, Oh, how could one oller resistance, Or brave her inupellous wrath?
'Twere foolhardy with Fortune to palcer, Or renture in rauge of her charms,
I don't wish to be dragged to the altaBy her shapely though muscular arms.

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