

At Christmas Time.

Though fields and meadows, brown and bare  
The emerald cloaks of winter wear,  
And breezes blowing sharp and cold  
Proclaim the year is growing old;

At Christmas time, old wrongs forgot,  
Past feuds and fears remember not,  
We meet and greet the faithful friends,

Who for life's losses make amends  
All evil passions we subdue;  
All kindly graces we renew;  
Peace—and good-will—are in their prime

As travelers on their journey stop  
To view the scene from mountain top  
So on the height we pause, and feel  
The air of heaven around us steal,  
Rich with the scent of Eden flowers;  
New songs we sing; new life is ours—  
And Love, and Hope, and Joy sublime—  
At Christmas time!

Santa Claus.

It is through a confusion of dates that St. Nicholas, under the name of Santa Claus, has come to be the great Christmas benefactor of children. Says the New York World: Our old Knickerbockers keep his festival duly on his proper day in the calendar, which is the 6th December. But that day is kept throughout Continental Europe as the special festival of children. During the first week in December, the children in the Low Countries in particular, have a little carnival of their own. The confectionary windows are filled with little figures of bishops modeled in chocolate, representing St. Nicholas of Myra, after the likeness of his picture in the famous "Heures" of the duchess Anne of Brittany. He bears a crozier in his right hand, and with three fingers of the left extended he blesses three little children, who are ritely represented as rising out of a little tub at his episcopal feet. This has been interpreted by artful nurses as signifying the blessedness reserved for infants who will submit themselves peacefully to the dreadful operation of being thoroughly washed and scrubbed. But it has a deeper and more mystical meaning through which we arrive at the transference over of Santa Claus into the sphere of Christmas, his gifts and feasting. The story of St. Nicholas, as told in the Golden Legend, recites that upon a certain occasion the good bishop while on his travels lodged at the house of a "son of Satan," who for lack of provisions, was used to kidnap little children, slay and serve them up to his guests. He set some of his abominable dishes before the bishop, who, instantly discerning their true nature, reproached the inhuman wretch with his crime, and going to a tub wherein lay the salted remains of three poor little creatures made over it the sign of the cross. Instantly the little ones arose, and were restored alive and well to their mother, a widow dwelling near by. This excellent bishop was the patron of pawnbrokers who seem to have been originally a confraternity of benevolent rich people willing to help the poor by lending them small sums on articles which they would otherwise have been forced to sell at a great sacrifice; and the three golden balls, borne for ages as the sign of pawnbrokers, are believed to symbolize three purses of gold which the good bishop cast on as many successive nights into the window of a ruined noble, in order to save his three daughters from being driven to poverty into a life of shame. How the Dutch came to take St. Nicholas as their patron saint is a matter of dispute. They probably borrowed him from the Lombards.

The First Farmers' Club.

In the American Cultivator, Ben. Parley Moore gives this bit of history of what might properly be denominated the first farmers' club: "One hundred years ago, in 1784, a few Scotch gentlemen, anxious to improve the agriculture of their country, organized a club at the exchange coffee house near the market of Edinburgh. There, once a week, in the enjoyment of an agreeable conversation and a good supper, did those worthies talk over plans for the amelioration of the island, and from that nucleus arose the now widely extended and powerful Highland Agricultural Society."

A Successful Shorthorn.

The Canadian Shorthorn bullock, Clarence Kirklevyrt, which gained the championship of the exhibition as a live animal, was equally successful on the block, taking the sweepstakes for best carcass after being dressed. This is the only animal of any sort that has taken sweepstakes honors both on foot and on the block. He was a pure Bates, was 1372 days old, weighed 2400 pounds alive, making an average daily gain for his entire life of 1.14 pounds.

The Pope has created a sensation in clerical circles by writing a pontifical letter to Cardinal Parocchi, strongly denouncing divorce as a flagrant violation of the sacraments of the church. The Holy Father makes a most vigorous appeal against the divorce bill now being discussed in the Italian Chambers.

The value of butter required to supply London, within a radius of 15 miles from Charing Cross, is estimated at about \$225,000 per day, or \$50,000,000 annum.

Cleverly Caught.

THE RICH MAN'S FEAR OF BURGLARS—THE STORY OF AN ELECTRICIAN.

Buffalo, N. Y., News.

At the dead of night, Mr. J. B. Anthony, a wholesale grocer of Troy, N. Y., was awakened by his burglar alarm annunciator, which told him that his house had been entered through the roof scuttle. He hastily dresses, rings for a policeman, hurries to the upper story, and hears the burglar in the servant's room, threatening her with instant death if she makes a loud noise.

He was captured, convicted and sentenced to Sing Sing prison for ten years.

So said Mr. C. H. Westfall, the electrician of Westfield, N. Y., to our reporter.

"Do city residents generally use burglar alarms?"

"Yes, all first-class houses are provided with them and I have never had any dissatisfaction from my customers, many of whom are the best known and wealthiest people of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and other large cities."

"Do wealthy men have much fear of burglars?"

"As a rule, wealthy men do not keep valuables in their house, and yet they are not sure that they shall escape burglarious attacks, and they don't feel secure without a first-class burglar alarm apparatus in their house. Every door, window and scuttle is connected with the annunciator, and it is quite impossible to effect an entrance without the fact becoming at once known."

"Don't electricians run considerable risk in handling wires?"

"Even the most careful of them sometimes get a shock. A few years ago, while I was descending a stairs at Elmira, N. Y., with a wire coil in my hand, I felt as if I had received the entire charge from the battery. For over half an hour I suffered the keenest agony. I did not know but what I had been fatally injured. After completing my business circuit, I returned to Boston, and for eighteen months did not get over the shock. I lost my appetite; all food tasted alike. I could not walk across the common without resting several times."

"My head whirled, and I reeled like a drunken man. I consulted the best physicians in a good many large cities, but none of them seemed to understand my case. About a year ago I was in Albany, and a physician there stated that I would probably not live three months. But to-day," said Mr. Westfall, and he straightened himself up with conscious pride, "so far as I know, I am in perfect health. I weigh 170 pounds, eat well, sleep well, feel well, and am well. One of my old physicians gave me a thorough examination a few weeks ago, and told me that I was in perfect condition."

"You are a very fortunate man, sir," remarked the scribe, "to have escaped an electric shock."

"O, it was not electricity that prostrated me. It was a uremic convulsion. For all my physicians told me I was a victim of a very serious kidney disorder. And when they and a dozen widely advertised medicines failed to benefit me, Warner's safe cure restored me to perfect health. That preparation is invaluable to every grade of society, for it is a precious blessing."

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Special Notices.

Go to W. E. Dawson for Acme Skates. [dec 19 '84]

The cheapest and best selected stock of Christmas Cards is to be found at G. H. Cook & Co's. [dec 17]

A HANDSOME CRUET, Lamp, or Fancy Cup, cheap at R. K. Brace's. [dec 16]

DURING this and next week I am selling at largely reduced prices a large stock of Silver Plated Goods suitable for the season—W. E. Dawson. [dec 19 '84]

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MILLER BROTHERS are ready to make a present of a Sewing Machine to any one that will buy their class of goods elsewhere for less money. [dec 19 '84]

W. E. DAWSON is showing a large stock of Acme and Imperial Club Skates, selling cheap. [dec 15 '84]

FAIRBANKS' SCALES repaired at Brown's, at the Athenaeum, Ch'town. [dec 6]

SKATES sharpened at Brown's for ten cents. Who'll have another. At the Athenaeum, Ch'town. [dec 6]

PATRONIZE L. E. PROWSE. [dec 11]

GREAT BARGAINS in Violins, Concertinas, Accordions, Flutes, Violin Strings, and general musical goods, at Fletcher's Music Store, sign of the "Big Fiddle," Queen Street, Ch'town. [dec 12 '84]

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ONE hundred barrels Choice Winter Apples cheap at Beer & Goff's. [oct 27]

BED COVERTERS, heavy and good, a large lot just opened at W. A. WEEKS & Co's. [nov 25]

GOLD and Silver Plating of every description done at Brown's, at the Athenaeum, Ch'town. [dec 6]

CHOICE FLOUR \$5 at Beer and Goff's.

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Charlottetown, Dec. 11th, 1884.

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Trains are run by Eastern Standard Time.

JAMES COLEMAN, Superintendent.

Railway Office, Ch'town, Dec. 5, 1884.—all pa 6i

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber, being about to leave the Province for the winter, requests all persons indebted to him to pay their several amounts to Jas Desbrisay, at the office of Desbrisay & Angus, in my premises, Queen Street, whose receipts will be a sufficient discharge, and who will also attend to the disposal of any Bank Stock or Real Estate for me during my absence.

WILLIAM DODD, Ch'town, Dec. 8, 1884.—2mo 2aw wkly 2mo

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QUEEN'S COUNTY.

IN CHANCERY.

[L.S.]

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c.

To John Henry Gates, of Charlottetown, in Queen's County, in the Province of Prince Edward Island, Esquire, and Edward Jones, of St. Regency Street, Westminster, London, England, engineer, greeting.

We command you and every of you, that within eight days after the service of this writ on you, inclusive of the day of such service, laying all other matters and excuses aside, you, and each of you, do cause an appearance to be entered for you in our Court of Chancery at Charlottetown, to a bill filed against you by the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Prince Edward Island (an Insolvent Banking Company) and the Bank of Nova Scotia, Lemuel Cambridge Owen and Charles Colson Gardiner (the Liquidators of such Insolvent Banking Company) and that you do answer concerning such things as shall then and there be alleged against you, and to observe what our said Court shall direct in this behalf upon pain of an attachment issuing against your persons and such other process of contempt as the Court shall award, and of the said bill being taken pro confesso.

Witness, the Honorable James Horsfield Peters, Master of the Rolls in Her Majesty's High Court of Chancery, of Prince Edward Island, at Charlottetown, the twenty-third day of August, in the forty-eighth year of our reign.

(Signed) JAMES D. IRVING, Registrar.

R. R. FITZGERALD, Solicitor. Ch'town, Dec. 2, 1884—4w oaw tues

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2,561 proposals were accepted, assuring 7,239,048 13

The total existing assurances in force at 15th November, 1883, amounted to \$6,936,302 91 (Of which \$7,753,031.15 was reassured with other offices)

The claims by death which arose during the year amounted, including bonus additions, to 2,462,226 59

The annual revenue amounted at 15th November, 1882, to 4,267,546 00

The invested funds at same date amounted to 20,503,416 00

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JOHN LONGWORTH, Agent for Charlottetown.

THOMAS KERR, Inspector of Agencies. Ch'town, August 3, 1882.

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