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"What are the bugles blowing for?"
Said Bach'lor on parade;
"It's New Year Day, its New Year Day,"
The Woman Hater said.
"What makes you look so white, so white?"
Said Bach'lor on parade:
"I'm dreading what we've got to face,"
The Woman Hater said.
"For Leap Year is upon us,
And the girls will use a wire,
They'll hook us like a poodle
When the licenses expire,
An' they'll dump us in the wagon
An' we're off to find a squire,
For they're laying for the bach'lor
In the mornin'."

The big bet for this month will be Taft. The Atlantic fleet will approach the Horn with a bent spy-glass looking around for Japs. "O, Hell," whispered in Uncle Joe Cannon's ear, will be the pass-word to get anything before Congress. Japan will have a slack month at the Nagasaki navy yards, and will build only twenty-seven more war ships. The guess on Roosevelt's future for this month will be that he will become a Congressman after he leaves the White House, and will go into the ring with Williams and DeArmond. Mr. Bryan will walk around the Democratic nomination with a hammer, to see if there is any place where he could nail it down. Money will continue shy, rising out of range and flying 8 miles. Mr. Lawson will put his mask on and go back into the game, jobs will continue to run when they see you coming, and sometime during the month Mr. Morgan will decide whether he has all the money he wants now, or if he will continue the panic.

After the 20th we shall be under the influence of Aquarius the water carrier, the eleventh sign of the Zodiac. Under this favorable sign, Prohibition will establish about 80 more storm centers, booze will run another mile in nothing south of the Mason & Dixon line, and Carrie Nation will work with a hatchet in each hand. To quote an Omar of the Oklahoma desert,
Hush little bar-room,
Don't you cry—
You'll be a drug-store
By and by.

January was named after Janus Bifrons, known as "Two-Faced Janus." He was the originator of what is known as "the politician's life-saver." A wave of prohibition was sweeping Rome, and Bifrons, a candidate for the Senate, had to declare himself one way or the other to every third man he met. But he was a foxy Dago, and when he was asked, "Do you drink, Bifrons?" he would slyly ask in return, "Is this an invitation, or do you just want to know?"

Rome had a gate named for Janu. It led from the Palatine to the Quirinal Hill, and was closed only when Rome was at peace with the world. This occurred but four times—under Numa, Augustus Caesar and Vespasian and after the first Punic War. Julius Caesar kept the gate open wider than anybody. Just to satisfy himself that no other Roman had ever had anything on him in this respect, he once drove twenty loads of hay through through the gate abreast, as against a record of fourteen loads. Caesar was a great joker, and his favorite pun was made at this gate. Riding through when the sun was setting, he pointed at the sunset with one hand and at the passing railroad construction crew with the other, and exclaimed to his lieutenants, "Behold, the day goes!"

After that we shall have very pleasant weather. The moon will be full on the 18th, and persons we never heard of will be mentioned for vice-president. The Fish-Harriman fight will go into the tenth round, and Mr. Fish will complain to The Hague tribunal that Mr. Hariman is using knucks.

Persons born in January have cold feet, and do not play poker. If they are born under the influence of Aqua-

rius the water carrier they will vote dry. They are very ingenious, and know how to turn the gas meter back. They have large families and small incomes. They are good at figures and can tell you whether a woman's shape is real or excelsior. They are slow to marry, but can get a divorce as quick as anybody. They are very shrewd in money matters, and never give their wives the money.

Don't answer the doorbell this month. It's a book agent. Keep the silverware under the coal pile. If you come home late at night, look out for the highwaymen and walk in the middle of the street as the policemen do. Don't write love letters. She will save them.

But not withstandin' Leap Years tricks
And maids' and widows' weeds,
And tho' our hard luck comes along
Just like a string of beads,
Cheer up, cheer up! Its not so bad
With us 'tis with Ted,
Who had to come to it and knock
His third term in the head.

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Guests Who Won't Order.

The business man returned to his office in a bad temper after the luncheon hour. "I wish people who haven't minds of their own would come to a realizing sense of the bother that they are to their friends and would develop a little initiative on their own account," he said. "Maybe it's only a mistaken idea of politeness, but anyhow it's a nuisance to be entertaining a person at the club and have him utterly without ideas as to what he wants to eat and drink. You ask him and he says he'll leave it to you, which is exactly what you don't want him to do. How can you divine his tastes, I'd like to know? What appeals to you very likely won't to him, and you know and he knows it. But your selections from the menu are always met with the comment 'That's very nice,' or 'You couldn't suit me better.' And so you go through the meal in a hit and miss fashion that certainly gets on the nerves of the host. The next time I run up against that kind of man I'm just going to sit back and let him do the entire ordering."—New York Press.

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17.50 men's suit 13.20
16.50 men's suit 12.85
14.50 men's suit 11.45
12.50 men's suit 10.00
10.00 men's suit 8.40
8.50 men's suit 7.35
7.50 men's suit 5.65
6.50 men's suit 4.95
5.00 men's suit 4.15

1/3 off on all women's, misses and children's suits, coats and jackets. \$25 suit for 16.65; \$22 suit for 14.67; 18.00 suit for 12.00; 18.00 coat for 12.00; 15.00 suit for 10.00; 12.00 suit for 8.00. So on down the line—1/3 off, a great saving surely.

G. D. TROTTER, Stayton.

Many Color Lines in Cuba.

There are social distinctions in Cuba based upon color. There is not one but several color lines, though these are not eternal, hard, fast and unchangeable, as in the United States. In Cuba social life is run largely by social clubs. There are in almost every town and village negro clubs, two or three grades of mulatto clubs and white clubs. In one and at its functions may appear the husband, excluding the wife; in another, the wife, but not the husband; in a third, their children, but neither the father nor mother. To the world this will appear incredible, almost incomprehensible. Here it is convention, fixed, settled, accepted and operative. These distinctions, however, run but for a lifetime. —Army and Navy Life.

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