

A HAPPY NEW-YEAR'S DAY.

BY REV. JOHN HALL, D. D. In the middle of September, 1873, the Algeria steamed into the New York waters with a happy family on board.

Mr. Henslow soon got "under way," down town, but on the way he seemed to undo all the benefit of the summer trip.

Mrs. Henslow neither shrieked nor fainted, nor fell into hysterics on his neck. She kissed him quietly, patted his forehead, and said, "I will be all right."

"The poor children!" said he. "How shall I tell them? Must we let them know of the various calamities and considerations were hurriedly talked over, coming back to the question, 'Shall we tell them?'"

We shall not follow the history of many a sad family council held that fall; nor the negotiations that led to quitting the house, and finding another home in a small tenement in the city.

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Please to imagine the months of 1874 come and go. There were no "parties," to be sure, yet Bessie and Bertha had good health, and did not seem to miss the entertainment.

To the year passed, and the eve of New Year's day came. There had been many conferences about the day. Tom was coming home for vacation. Henry was to have his first holiday.

That again was a pleasant group that gathered about the breakfast-table on Jan. 1st, 1875, as it was seen in the dream. It was the first complete gathering, since their reverse.

"I have some good news to tell you all," said Mr. Henslow, which I kept for this morning. The house—they all knew the house—"is going on again."

It was now Harry's turn to say a word—taking out a roll of notes and putting it in his mother's hand. "I was to have nothing the first year, while I was learning the business; but the Governor told me in July that I was to receive something."

Mr. Henslow said, "I wish I were a man; I can do nothing, and have no story to tell." "But you have my daughter, and I will tell it. We paid over six hundred dollars a year for the children at school."

"Don't be too sure about that, Bessie," said Tom. "There's a dreadful bird of prey I have been prevailing about this nest that I am afraid wants to carry off your goodness."

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Concerning January. According to the ancient mythology, Janus was the god of gates and avenues and in that character held a key in his right hand and a rod in his left.

Encyclopaedia of Antiquities, "adversus various presents, and presents made by the Romans on New Year's Day. The origin, he says, is ascribed to Romulus and Tatius, and that the usual presents were figs and dates, covered with leaf gold, and sent by clients in pairs, accompanied with gifts of money."

Thomas Naogeorgus, in "The Popish Kingdom," a Latin poem written in 1553, and Englished by Barnabe Googe after remarking on days of the old year, urges this recollection: "The next to this is New Year's Day."

Honest old Latimer, instead of presenting Henry VIII. with a purse of gold, as was customary, for New Year's gifts, into the King's hands, a new Testament, with a leaf conspicuously doubled down at Hebrews, xiii.

Charles Lamb's delightful essay on New Year's Eve begins with "Every man hath two birthdays; two days, at least, in every year, which set him upon revolving the lapse of time, as it affects his mortal duration. The one is that which in an especial manner he terms his birthday."

On the 1st of January, 1801, the union of Great Britain and Ireland commenced by act of Parliament, and Irishmen have been thinking about that little matter ever since.

On the same day, Jan. 1, 1801, Piazzi, the astronomer at Palermo, discovered Ceres, the first of the asteroids, making the eleventh of that order.

An Incessant Want. One of the incessant wants of man is air. We want air mainly to nourish us and keep us cool. The quantity of air inhaled by an adult in twenty-four hours amounts on an average to about three hundred cubic feet, or two hundred and seventy gallons.

That Bonanza. The recently discovered bonanza in the Consolidated Virginia and California Mines has done great things for the Comstock Lode, the value of which, at least on paper, has been increased at a tremendous rate.

California, per share, Nov. 21. Dec. 21. Total Gain. Consolidated Virginia... 100 20,000,000 20,000,000. Ophir... 100 2,000,000 2,000,000. Mexican... 100 1,000,000 1,000,000.

The Mexican is part of the Ophir Mine, which was divided on Dec. 10, and is included to give the true increase. San Francisco Bulletin.

The Return Wagon. The New York Tribune gives the subjoined statement, which may astonish many who suppose that this is the only country in the world where existence is endured in January.

For several days past many persons, mostly Germans, have besieged the offices of the Commissioners of Emigration at Castle Garden, and besought them to provide steerage passage to Europe.

Business relations were opened in every case they came provided with letters from Germany in which they were assured that labor is plenty and profitable at home, and that the demand for mechanics is greater than for many years previous.

There was an increasing internal and external demand for the manufactures of Prussia, and the price of labor was high. The Prussians, however, were not to be deterred by the war, and they had only trifling commercial relations with the Prussian provinces.

"A Pistol That Was a Pistol." Capt. Isaac S. Bourne, of the Brooklyn police, was shot and instantly killed on the 1st of January, 1875, by a bullet fired by John C. Pollock, a reporter employed by the Brooklyn Argus.

How Economy in Advertising Resulted. Advertising does not flourish in France as it does, we will not say in America, for this industry, if it may be so called, obtains extravagant proportions in that country.

An Unattractive Capital. A correspondent of the Chicago Inter-Ocean writes that "What could have dictated the choice of such a cheerless, melancholy spot for a city as the plateau on which Madrid is located?"

A Remarkable Insurance Case in France. A rather remarkable insurance case lately came before a French court. A. M. de Buigny had insured his life in the Greatham Company, of London, for \$4,000.

A "Sold" Man. An old and well known merchant of this city lost in the great fire of 1872 property in merchandise and warehouses to the amount of \$1,750,000.

Florida has just sent out fifty tons of sponges. Florida has just sent out fifty tons of sponges. Florida has just sent out fifty tons of sponges.

The Beginning of the Year. It was a curious circumstance, with which our readers may not all be familiar, that originally determined that the beginning of the year should be the 1st of January.

In that year there was a serious revolt against the dominion of Rome within the so-called Spanish provinces. The Lusitanians, ancestors of the present Portuguese, and the Vettones, a tribe of Central Spain, making common cause together, defeated two Roman Governments, marched at will over the peninsula, and pillaged even in the neighborhood of the Roman capital in Spain, near Cartagena.

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BUSINESS CARDS. JOHN CONNER, Banking Exchange Office, ALBANY, OREGON.

W. H. McFarland, (Late M. M. Harvey & Co.) Next Door to Conner's Bank, ALBANY, OREGON.

J. W. BALDWIN, Attorney and Counselor at Law, Will practice in all the Courts in the Second, Third and Fourth Judicial Districts.

D. B. RICE, M. D., SURGEON AND PHYSICIAN. Office, First-st., Between Ferry and Washington.

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DR. GEO. W. GRAY, DENTIST, ALBANY, OREGON. Office in Parrish Brick Block, corner First and Ferry streets.

Epizootics Distanced. THE BAY TEAM STILL LIVES. And is flourishing like a green bay tree.

The Metzler Chair! Can be had at the following places: Harrisburg, Smith & Branstetter; Brownsville, Kirk & Hume; etc.

Piles! Piles! Why are they so common and troublesome complaints? They are caused by a variety of causes.

The Old Stove Depot John Briggs, Dealer in Groceries and Provisions, ALBANY, OREGON.

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A. W. GAMBLE, M. D., PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, ETC. Office on First St., over Wood's Grocery Store.

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