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A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The Astorian extends the greetings of the season to its readers today, and couples with it the hope that each one of them will spend a merry Christmas. One of the most wonderful things in our most wonderful nineteenth century civilization is the way we all cling—old and young, rich and poor—to the hearty traditions that cluster around this annual holiday.

"INACTIVITY."

Little by little the truths concerning the Armenian atrocities are coming out. Yesterday's news in London, from a most authentic source, confirmed the opinions given long ago in these columns. The massacres were ordered by the Ottoman government, and were superintended and directed by its official representatives; they were committed chiefly in those provinces to which the scheme of reform of May 11 was to be applied; and their object was to reduce the Christian population to a helpless minority, so that after the adoption of the reforms Mahometan local rule might be maintained.

So, too, the reasons of the inactivity of the powers are revealed. A day or two ago the astounding excuse was put forward in Germany that intervention would cause a general European war. Now comes a companion-piece. The Duke of Westminster wrote to Salisbury, urging immediate action. Lord Salisbury replied that it was impossible; for "although public opinion was much moved in England at the horrors in Armenia, no such deep feelings existed in continental countries."

proof that for all the world's growing realization Kris Kringle still has a leg to stand on.

There has been a grave suspicion in the minds of many people for years to the effect that the Scotch bagpipe is not a musical instrument. No one has had the temerity as yet to give audible expression to this suspicion.

But it has remained for the German jury in Milwaukee to settle the question. A man's horse became frightened at a bagpipe in a street procession and ran away.

The owner of the horse brought suit for damages. The jury, which was composed of men of Teutonic extraction, brought in the following verdict:

Verdict: (1) That the dudelack (bagpipe) is not a musical instrument. (2) That the said horse, being of a nervous temperament, was scared to death by an unearthly noise made by a fiend with the dudelack. (3) That the plaintiff shall recover from the defendants for said horse the sum of \$125.

While the chimney is supposed to be Santa Claus's best entrance, he has another popular household opening in the pocketbook.

Mr. Bayard attends a few more banquets he will have to take out naturalization papers when he returns if he desires to vote.

THE MANGER IN BETHLEHEM.

No one thing in the gospel story appeals more to the hearts of young and old alike than that of the Redeemer of Men was born in a place so lowly as a manger, out of which beasts were wont to take their food. Every one who has heard the immortal narrative of that birth has tried to picture to himself the scene—that rough stable, hallowed out of the rocks—where Christianity had its origin.

The poverty and squalor of that scene have been of wondrous power in affecting the hearts of all of us. We have pondered the rude features of that environment until it has gained a romantic place in our thoughts. Few of us have ever hoped we might sooner or later look out of our windows and see the manger in which the Redeemer of Men was born. But the visitor to Bethlehem is doomed to disappointment. There is no stable to be seen. The recently changed plan of the evangelist tells us that the manger has vanished. It has been replaced, from view by a younger generation, by a more modern manger.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Amateur Post—Do you know that I get a great deal of satisfaction out of reading my own poems? Critic—That explains it. You get so much satisfaction out of it that you don't care to have any one else read them. (And the table was shocked.)—Wrinkle.

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Sunday School Teacher—Can any little boy tell me what man attained the greatest age in the world? Bobby (holding up his hand)—I can. Teacher—Well, who? Bobby—Santa Claus—Harper's Round Table.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers for biliousness, indigestion, constipation. A small pill, a prompt cure. Chas. Rogers.

Jayson—Say, Wilson, do you ever expect to pay me that \$10 you got from me some months ago? Wilson—Certainly not. Don't you remember you said not to pay it till it was convenient?—Life.

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Those who have used Dr. King's New Discovery know its value, and those who have not have now the opportunity to try it free. Call on the advertiser, drugist and get a trial bottle free. Send your name and address to H. E. Dickson & Co., Chicago, and get a sample box of New Life Pills free, as well as a copy of Guide to Health and Wealth. The advertiser will do you good and cost you nothing. Chas. Rogers, 222 Old Fellows Building.

THE RESORT PRESERVED

Modern Christmas as a Matter of Commerce.

ORIGINAL IDEA PRESENTED

By George Parsons Lathrop—Simple Gifts of Remembrance Are Better Than Expensive Presents.

"Have you had a profitable Christmas?" asked the first.

"Why, I don't know what you mean," said the other. "I certainly have had a very pleasant Christmas, of course. They were speaking from the two ends of life, and from very opposite points of view."

As the dawn and sunset watched each other, like and unlike as children of one mother. The first one who spoke—the one who was not mentioned in his place.

"Yes, yes," said the young fairy of 14, continuing the conversation from her end of life; "the pleasant Christmas, of course. But has it been profitable? Mine has been profitable, very."

"How do you mean?" asked the other. "I mean that I have not lost twenty-five dollars' worth more than I gave, in presents."

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THE MITTELTOE.

"Many a maiden's cheek is red By lips and laughter blither led; And fluttering bosoms come and go Under the Druid Mistletoe."

"Dear is the memory of a theft When love and youth and joy are left. The pastor's blush, the rose's glow, Accept the Cupid Mistletoe."

"Married and single, proud and free, Yield to the season trim with glee; Time will not stay—heats us so—A kiss? 'Tis gone—the Mistletoe."—Exchange.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE. A stately fir tree rears its head, With stars and lights and tinsel added; And glittering laden branches spread, The glittering laden branches spread.

And childish eyes are sparkling bright, And childish hearts with joy o'erlight, And on that birthday long ago They ponder with a grave delight.

Then to their gifts they turn once more, And in the present sunshine lost, They feel no future tempter's lure, But into fairy regions soar."—Exchange.

WITHOUT ELECTION. She'd make a good committee man, This maiden young and fair, For when a mouse is on the floor She promptly takes the chair.

Plies of people have piles, but DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will cure them. When promptly applied it cures scalds and burns without the slightest pain. Chas. Rogers.

NOT HIGHWAY ROBBERY. Dora—Did you meet any accidents learning to ride the wheel? Cora—I will have several times.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE OF DRAIN IN ADAIR'S ASTORIA. Notice is hereby given that J. A. Fastabend, contractor for the construction of drain in Adair's Astoria, under the provisions of Ordinance No. 192, on this 23rd day of November, 1895, filed in the office of the Auditor and Public Judge of the City of Astoria the Certificate of the City Surveyor, and Superintendent of Streets, approved by the Committee on Streets and Public Works.

CHIEF OF POLICE SALE. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a warrant issued by the Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria to me directed, dated the 17th day of October, 1895, and against Laura M. Whalley, Commanding me to levy upon Lot No. 4, in Block No. 15, Adair's Astoria, and collect the assessment due thereon, amounting to Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for the improvement of 25th street from the north side of Franklin avenue to the south side of Duane street.

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