Ganderbone's December Forecast.

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December of the drifting snow
And yule-log blazing bright;
December, when the cold winds blow
Across the fields of white;
When winter's ring is in the ground
And the nights are clear and still,
And the boys go belly-buster down
The slick and shiny hill.

December of the Christmas tree
And childhood's brightest dream;
December of the ecstacy
Of hallowed Christmas e'en;
When the last sweet lullaby is sung
And children's whispers cease,
And the wee sweet stockings all are strung
Along the mantel-piece.

December of the drum and horn
And bundles shyly hid;
December of the one great morn
Of mornings for a kid;
When the chimes of sweet and mellow Bells
Are welcoming the dawn,
And the house rocks with the merry yells
Of kids with nighties on.

December was the ninth month in the old Roman calendar, and its name is from decem (ten). When Julius Caesar became Big Stick of the empire, the month contained but twenty-nine days. He added two more—one more to make ready for Christmas, and another to recover from it. Christmas gifts originated with the Greeks. Hence the saying, "Beware of the Greeks bearing gifts." Santa Claus was invented by the toy manufacturers of Neuremburg, Germany, where the Teddy Bears came from.

The motto for this month will be, "Shut the door!" Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Bryan will be the leading presidential candidates, and prohibition will be the burning issue. The liquor interests will build walls around Peoria, Ill., St. Louis, Louisville and Milwaukee, and their war balloon will make daily observations of the movements of Mrs. Nation.

The Anti-Saloon League has consented to let the Winter Solstice of this year begin at 7 p. m. on the 22d; but there must be no drinking, and every one must be in by Curfew. The 21st will be the shortest day in the year. This will be on Saturday, and if you are at church the next day and stay for the sermon, you will notice that the 22d is much longer.

The moon will be full on the 19th and the sign of the zodiac for the month will be Capricornus the Goat. This will make butter go up, and send kids to Sunday school.

The old mill pond will freeze again,
And every one will skate;
The mollycoddle, modest swain,
Will thither go with Kate
She'll slip in such a way that she
Will see a brilliant star,
And he will deeply blush to see
How long her stockings are.

The money scarce will quiet down—unhappy circumstance—and money will frequent again the pockets of our pants. The new gold coins they're making now without "In God We Trust," will turn up in the hat at church as prized as any dust. The scrip we have will be retired, and real dough will look good, but the old subscriber will insist on paying up with wood.

On the 2d, Speaker Cannon assembled at Washington, where he reelected himself and resumed the enactment of law in the presence of the democratic minority and other onlookers. The final edition of the president's message was read, Wall street was given another physic; and it was officially declared that this country cannot exist half capital and half water.

Mr. Fairbanks took refuge in the dignity of the Senate from his cocktail persecutors, and several new members were taken into that exclusive club of multi millionaires. Congress assembled will take up great public questions like the need for a new federal building at Podunk and Coyote Center; the growing demand for a more elastic currency, and why nobody will stay in the army at the generous inducement of $13 a month and found—dead in the Philippines.

Persons born under the sign of Capricornus the Goat are great orators, thinkers and teachers; self-conscious and not meddlesome; good story tellers, eat too much, have style and pride, talk too much, are distrustful, and can keep a secret (if males). They are selfish, and never get the hot end of it in an exchange of Christmas gifts. They continue to hang up their stockings when it is a hardship upon others to fill them. Girls born in Capricornus are hard to win, generally preferring a parrot to the stork. The want-wolf's wail will ride the blast
Where poverty prevails;
A few late laggard geese will pass
With winter on their tails.

The sleigh will jingle up the road the lines around the whip, and George and Nellie, in the robes, will love's own honey sip. The sleigh will hit a 10 foot bank, and they'll go rolling down, with Nellie's foot in George's face—and walk six miles to town.

The new rules for farmers promulgated by the Farmhands' Union will go into effect on the 5th, viz: Farmers will provide automobiles for all help, and will serve as chauffeurs; they will eat at the second table, and sleep in the hayloft; they will rise at 4, do the chores, and serve breakfast to the hands in bed at 9, they will provide a phonograph and the current magazines; hands will supervise the farmwork from 11 to 12, and from 2 till 3; the earnings of the farm will be placed in a bucket every Saturday and poured through a ladder placed horizontally, with the ends on two chairs; what goes through, the hands get—and what sticks on the rungs goes to the farmer.

Santa Claus will make the usual rounds on the night of the 24th. Men will get cigars, neckwear and mustache cups. Ladies will get the money—which they would much rather have. Children will get the stomach ache and its complications.

And then comes January ill
To plague us with some ancient bill
As only January can
Disturb the happiness of man.

Then Leap Year dread shall come again with Nineteen Hundred Eight; when womankind of growing years and single up to date, will hit the bachelor's plain trail—the unproposing wretch—and make that worthy for awhile exceeding hard to ketch.

For a Christmas present, nothing nicer than Dominocards; the great combination game set, domino shape, with card colors: Play cards, dominoes and new games "Show-me" and "Big Stick." Parents fascinated; children delighted. 56 parts in attractive box postpaid, 50c. Boys and girls make Xmas money as agents. Don't delay. Write today. Dominocards Co., 1807 Chouteau, St. Louis, Mo.

Question for Debate.

A few weeks ago Pacific University and Willamette met and chose a general question, that on immigration, and submitted it to Whitman for final wording and last week the following question was received from the Inland Empire institution: "Resolved, That the United States should continue to admit Japanese on the same basis as European immigrants."

Twelve college students are going into the local try-out from which two teams will be chosen, one to meet Whitman in this city and another to meet Willamette at Salem. The try-out is set for Dec. 18 and the aspirants to the teams are now burning midnight candles over the subject. Last year fifteen students entered the try-out, more than ever went in before and this year there is the second largest number. Pacific has always stood in the forefront in debate and prospects indicate results in keeping with the historic past. The immigration is one of the most interesting and important questions before the American people today and the debate should be a success.

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Reese-Liebeno.

A pretty wedding occurred sou Hillsboro Thanksgiving day when Rena Liebeno was married to He Reese at the home of the b mother Mrs. Demmin, Rev. Fe officiating.

After the ceremony an ela dinner was served to the many from Portland and Hillsboro. will make their home in Cornelius

—Money to loan on farm se W. H. Hollis, Forest Grove.

—Try Schultz's ground bon your hens. It will make them l