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Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge; ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.—Luke 12:52.

THE MARCH OF THE NEW LIFE.

The greatest transitional period yet encountered by mankind in its advance toward that perfection, which broadens as humanity evolves, has now been entered. Many ages ago the being called man appeared upon this earth.

Nature is democratic, and man reluctant to recognize a responsibility to any of its own kind and by nature possessing an inward feeling of an outside governing power, formed his early impressions of the supernatural.

From the first, however, what appeared to be another power began to manifest itself. That was the power of society. As this great force began to be better understood more and more was it seen to work in harmony with the universally recognized power of the supernatural.

Since that age little by little the people have discovered the great power of society. During the last two centuries America has been leading and pointing the way to a better understanding of this force.

In nature there is a certain survival of the fittest, but properly understood the unsurviving among a single species yield as a sacrifice for the common good of its kind.

energy of society and have enslaved it, not from malice, but for the satisfaction of a natural passion of accomplishment allowed to be perverted to private ends and permitted to be indulged unbridled.

But the dawn of a new day is brightening. Man better understands his responsibility; he more clearly sees the harmony of the force of the supernatural and the power of society, and is becoming cognizant of their unity as well. Furthermore, he is beginning to intelligently exercise his ability of choice, and by choosing to place himself in harmony with the great all-governing power is assisting the world's advance according to the best of his present knowledge.

Even now we are hearing preparations of the onward march. Nations are becoming closer united. Races are learning their relationship. Classes are recognizing their equality.

Many and frequent are the evidences of the coming march of progress in which all will keep step to inspiring music of fraternal encouragement, and the weapons will be those of accomplishment rather than destruction, and the desire of the majority will rule and it will be good, for it will be in harmony with the great forces of society and of God, which will be recognized as one and the same, the latter being from and of the former.

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THE RED CROSS SEAL COMES FROM NORWAY

How did the Red Cross Christmas seal originate? is a question that is being asked by many during this holiday season, when millions of these stickers are being sold all over the United States.

In 1909 Mr. Rils' interest was aroused by the receipt of a Christmas tuberculosis stamp on a letter from Norway.

tion, the sale was increased to \$230,000 and in 1910 to nearly \$310,000. Last year the sale increased to \$330,000, or 33,000,000 seals.

While our own Red Cross seal dates back only four years, "charity stamps," from which this idea originally sprang, go back to 1862, when "sanitary fair stamps" were first used in Boston to raise money for the care of soldiers wounded during the civil war.

Appropriate Christmas Presents. "Have you decided on your presents for the boys yet, my dear?" asked Mr. Hendricks after the lads had left the breakfast table for school.

"Not quite all. But I have decided, William, that they shall all be given something useful. There is no use in wasting money on useless toys for them to break. And, by the way, we need a new rug for the parlor and a dozen tumblers, William."

George and give the tumblers to John?"

The Perennial Complaint. "Now, my dear," said Mr. Younghusband to the partner of his joys, who was about to start forth on Christmas shopping bent, "get presents for all the family-in-law and buy a nice lot of things for the boys, but don't spend more than \$100. We must live within our income."

An Ancient Christmas Custom. One of the oldest and for centuries one of the most popular of all Christmas usages is the singing of Christmas carols by parties of children or of young men and women, who go about from house to house for that purpose, being everywhere heartily welcomed and rewarded with money and Christmas good cheer.

To Give and Receive. "Tis more pleasant to give than to get," was once said by a worthy philosopher.

What's In a Name. Christmas by any other name Would pinch your salary just the same.

The Christmas Stocking

HANG up the Christmas stockings: Leave not a dear one out, And wake on Christmas morning With ringing song and shout.

An Owed to the Store. Now the maiden goes a-shopping, tra la, To get a present for her daddy, pa, pa, But when cometh the New Year A bill will then appear

CHRISTMAS COMMENTS

The baldheaded man is flattered when his little son presents him with a hairbrush. Soldiers are never so poor at Christmas time that they cannot present arms.

utmost is presence of mind. Beginning with the glad New Year the dime museums hope to have an exhibition the man who never gave a Christmas present from a sense of duty.

The crabbed bachelor member of the family who with a spurt of generosity purchased for the children the long, resonant Christmas horns will have soon completed the task of kicking himself into the glad New Year.

A few weeks ago a woman wrote a letter to a newspaper, in which she said, "If I could get money how I would make people's hearts bound with joy!"

CHRISTMASTIDE IN MEXICO.

A Feast That is Celebrated For Two Weeks.

In festa loving Mexico Christmas is celebrated for two weeks, beginning with the 17th of December and not ending until New Year's day. The principal features of the celebration are the "posadas" and "pinatas," both very quaint and picturesque customs and entirely peculiar to Mexico.

"Posada" in Spanish means "abiding place" or "inn" and in Mexico is applied to the nightly semireligious and entirely jolly performances which in the houses of all Mexicans last from the 17th to the 25th of December.

At an early hour, on account of the clamoring children, the signal is given for the pinata breaking, and all the guests flock gayly about the bobbing clown, with the servants and small babies congregated in the background.

The time draws near the birth of Christ; The moon is hid; the night is still; The Christmas bells from hill to hill Answer each other in the mist.

great is rejoiced and placed in the center of the ring, just under the pinata; a long, light pole is handed to her and she is told to strike carefully an "con mucha fuerza" (with much force in the direction of the pinata).

Good nature demands that all of the children first have an opportunity to break the pinata. As they naturally are never able to do so, the clown being a tough fibered individual, the turn of the grownups comes next. One by one they are blindfolded, turned about three times and then admonished to "strike out."

Amid applause from the elders and wild yells from the children the pinata is finally located and struck at viciously. When—hey, presto!—the poor clown's gay bloomers and red and gold waistcoat are rent from top to bottom, his big sombrero is sent flying across the room, and down upon your devoted head comes a deafening rain of oranges, nuts, small candies, all sorts of small, unbreakable presents and all conceivable kinds of dulces and good things to eat.

CHRISTMAS MOTTOES.

Every one knows that a fitting sentiment to go with a gift greatly enhances its value. Here is a very old one, which is appropriate for nearly every individual, and is consequently a safe one to use; it is in the quaint old spelling, which is attractive in fancy lettering:

All joys and jollities wait on the holiday; True love and friendliness Follow thy happiness

One a little more sentimental goes well with flowers or a plant: Fond thoughts and constant prayers I scatter free.

Like flowers, along the pathway thou must tread. Grateful and glad if haply they may shed Some fragrance to refresh and comfort thee.

The last one, which is by Tennyson, is beautiful inscribed in a book or to go with a calendar:



Can be Had at the

BAZAAR

Next Door to the Post Office, Forest Grove, Oregon

FOR THE past 12 years the Bazaar has been the headquarters for Santa Claus. Every year he has brought carloads of toys and beautiful Xmas gifts to the Bazaar and old Santa never forgets anyone



FOR BABY he brings rattles, rubber dolls and animals, rubber balls, bell wheels, stuffed animals of all kinds, gold bracelets or anything that delights the baby,

FOR SIS he has numbers of things, such as dolls, doll buggies, doll furniture, books, sewing boxes, stoves, dishes and hundreds of other articles.

FOR MAMMA he also has brought lots of gifts. Toilet and manicure sets, gold watches, necklaces, bracelets or anything in that line that she would enjoy.

FOR THE BOYS he brings everything that can make a noise. Horns, drums, pop-guns, clappers, and cannons. Also things that are destructive around the house, such as hammers, hatchets and tool chests. Besides these there are steam engines, games, trains on tracks, magic lanterns, picture and story books and other things in endless varieties and quality.

AND NOW COMES POOR PAPA--- He ought to have something too, when he stands before the tree Xmas Eve with an empty purse. Santa has not forgotten him. Santa is an old papa himself and he knows what it means to be a papa. A set of military brushes, a pair of cuff links, a beautiful stick pin or a new watch fob would be all the things that papa would be pleased to get.

It doesn't take much money to get these things in the Bazaar this year as Mr. Staehr is having a Clearance Sale and gives a reduction of 35c to 50c on the dollar. Besides this he gives a \$25 doll and a gold watch away Xmas Eve as a first and second prizes to those who buy their Christmas goods.