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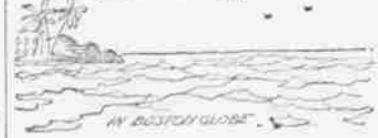
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New Year's Dream

By Evelyn Heath



(NOTE—This article, printed in the Boston Globe in 1903, predicted many things which have become a reality in much less time than anticipated.)

THIS New Year's eve while I lounged with nothing else to do, I scanned each column of the Globe and almost ere I knew a glowing dimness stole across the printed page; I drew it nearer, and behold! "I'm yellowed o'er with age. My hands, I found, had wrinkled grown, my locks were changed to gray; my form was bent, my vision dim, my teeth had passed away. And as I gazed I heard a voice, "Good morning, grandson, dear! I wish you many, many 'Happys, 'Till New Year." Then tall men said they were my sons, and daughters fair to see told me this wasn't ninety-three, but nineteen forty-three.

Said I: "My memory has failed; how goes the world today?" "You shall go out this afternoon and see the town," cried they.

At that the tears flowed down my cheeks. Quoth I, "The days are ended when these poor eyes could see the sights."

"Oh, no! we'll have them mended." A grown-up son then seized a knob and gave three pulls upon it;



"The lenses crystalline have grown too flat with age," he said. "We must put new ones in."

With that he hypnotized my mind in some peculiar way, such rare sweet visions floated by, then quickly passed away.

I woke, my eyes were strong and well, and hastening to depart we paid the fee and entered next a gallery of art. But as to pictures, when I turned, so very strange they seemed, I thought the artist must have sketched the stories he had dreamed.

"We never think of painting now," my guide said, with a laugh. "These are but landscapes in the moon, taken by photograph."

"What! are there people in the moon?"

"Oh, yes, indeed!" said he. "Here is a lunar telescope; look through and you will see."

I gazed, and to my great surprise distinctly saw them walking. I listened at another tube and there I heard them talking.

"You see," said he, "we've learned to catch such swift, intense vibrations in the thin ether that we hear their slightest intonations. You look surprised," my son went on. "I'll show those eyes of yours a slight worth while our famous scheme that beats the Paris sewers. These little gatties runny through all the streets and streets and catch the rain and hail and melting snow. These tiny gratings match, conducting down to pipes beneath, which take it miles below straight towards the center of the earth, where the great heat, you know, will turn it into steam of course, and up it comes again, by other pipes, to spin and weave and cook and print for men. It feeds the factories through the land with no expense for fuel; it polishes for artisans full many a precious jewel. We've laid large pipes through all the streets to warm the winter weather, so rheumatism's out of date and done with altogether.

"Now, mother, we will go and lunch in Africa's sunny clime," and drawing out his watch he said, "I see there's ample time. The sub-Atlantic tunnel's done; we'll take it over there. The cars are sent through every hour by the force of compressed air."

He placed me on a cushioned seat within an egg-shaped car, suspended in an iron tube. I felt a sudden jar, and then, to my astonishment, conscious of nothing more, I found that we were standing upon the further shore.

And soon we reached a city near the Mountains of the Moon. (They told me Ethiopia would be admitted soon as one of the United States for China late had been.) We found a place to order lunch, by three tall men brought in. They served us well, but spoke us word, while gravely bowing low.

Quoth me: "I thought that slavery was done with long ago."

"So 'tis," said he. "Then who," I asked, "are these three stalwart fellows?"

Our Long Suit

AMID the vicissitudes of this changing time and with the consciousness of temporariness that comes with the flight of a year, it is pleasant to think of the enduring character of the best thing in life, unflinching love, as does the writer of the following verses:

CARDS and the game are ours as time flits by And deals us chances on the uncertain stage, But, while our wisdom may increase with age, We seldom win, however hard we try.

Clubs promise most to our insistent youth, And diamonds glitter to our later gaze, But melancholy spades our hopes amaze And leave them buried after all, forsooth.

We count the riches of the passing days, Our gains, our losses, and our gain withal, Our greatest gain, the one that once so small, Ever increasing, stays with us always:

Joy after joy approaches and departs, But we have kept the fellowship of hearts! —Timothy Barry

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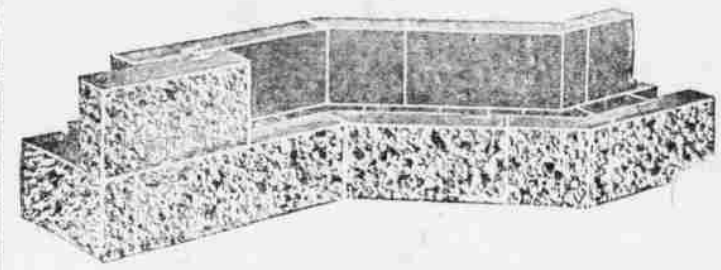
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