

THEN SAWYER always came down the back stairs the same way. New Year's morning was no exception. There was a rush, a clatter and a general tumbling noise-and Ben emerged into the kitchen.

His mother was just putting the last things on the table for breakfast. "Happy New Year, mother!" called Ben, disappearing into the dining

His mother, strange to say, did not

Polly Sawyer, the youngest of the family, and Harry were standing around the dining room waiting for breakfast to be served.

"Mother's sort of queer this morning," whispered Polly to Ben. "She looks just the same, but there's a kind said 'Happy New Year' to one of us." Ben frowned and looked at his boots. "Oh, well, I guess she's a little

tired after the party last night. Shouldn't blame her." Ben really began to feel uncomfortable and he attempted a timid ques-

"Mother, don't you feel well this

morning?" he asked. Mrs. Sawyer looked up, surprised. "Why, yes, Ben.



What made you "You seem soso sort of, well" -he floundered-"sort of quiet." "Quiet?" asked

Mrs. Sawyer. Harry and Pollooked at each other uneasily. What was the matter with breakfast, anyhow? "Yes," said Ben.

"and you haven't wished one of us Happy New "Dear, me,

smilled Mrs. Sawyer, "I'm sorry. I forgot all about it. Well, I'll do it now. Happy New Year, Ben and Harry and

But this was not at all what they wanted. She did not say it that way Now I am going to beat you." And he then she meant it. She shouted it up the stairs the first thing in the morning, to get ahead of everybody else. The children felt strange and out

of tune. Mother was always so jolly. It took all the fun out of things to have her this way.

"We had a fine party last night, didn't we?" asked Polly. "Every one said they never had a better time."

Ben looked hard at his mother. He was the oldest and, though careless and noisy, loved her very much. "It was because mother worked so hard to give it to us," he smiled, "Those little cakes were just the ticket, and the ice cream-oh, boy!"

The other children nodded. "Sure thing," mumbled Harry, looking as solemn as an owl.

Mrs. Sawyer glanced from one to another. "Children," she said, "Tve got something to say to you New Year's morning. I think this is the best time, for it is the very beginning of the New Year."

"Yes, mother," they all agreed. "It is the custom to say that we

lutions, but wish we could make new faces. "New faces! exclaimed the

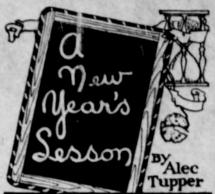
children together. "Yes-just that. But new faces are not made from the outside; the molding has to come from within. Faces are made by thoughts, and thoughts are our only tools. I worked for two days to make it a happy one for

you and your friends. I grew very tired, but I did not mind that, if it gave you pleasure. You say you had a good time, but this morning is the first I have heard about

"Oh, mother!" they walled, conscience-stricken.

"You take too much for granted, children. And if you don't begin to think a little about other people and what they are doing and feeling, you will grow up having very disagreeable faces. I want you all to try to have 'new faces' this year. Make your eyes see nice things about others; make your mouths say kind words whenever you can. Next New Year's morning I'd like to shout a 'Happy New Year,' and mean it. I want to see happy faces not because you have a good time, but because you have helped to 'shine up' the world for

"Yes, mother," replied all the children, and then they got up with one accord and ran around the



T WAS New Year's Day and the snow began to fall in blustery fashion about the street corners of Milltown. At the Simmons Corner Grocery the morning business was rather dull and it was now ten o'clock, when Isaac, or "Ike" as he was familiarly called, sat in his dingy, dusty office, shut off by himself, looking over his past year's accounts. The young clerk, "Bill" Wilkins, was a little more idle than usual and he sat quietly on a cracker box, interested in the story of "Huck Finn," having a broad grin upon his round, mischievous face.

"Ike" Simmons, it was true, had a sour disposition, even to a sense of meanness, and sometimes if his friends greeted him kindly, to be obstinate and hateful he would think of some act of meanness to counteract goodof difference about her. She hasn't ness and generosity. If it were not for bargains "Ike's" trade would go on



insight for business and often marked his goods some pennies below the selling price of his competitors. So. on New Year's morning, "Ike" Simmons was in no pleasant mood, and who would dare to wish him a "Happy New Year," and especially in a snow storm and business dull?

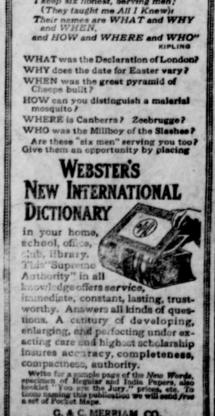
All was quiet within the little grocery office and a great stack of papers was eagerly examined, when "Ike," with his specs laid up high on his brow, leaned over quietly onto his desk in a thinking way. In a few minutes he saw the trapdoor open and an arm with a revolver appeared. Then a face, with a handkerchief covering it, showed to the horror-stricken "Ike' Simmons. A real burglar sprang out! He took a heavy rope and bound "Ike" to the stool, "Now, old Sourhead," the burglar said, "I'm not here only for your mones, but to flog you-you, who cares not for the pleasant things of life. You are ugly to your friends, thrashed "Ike" with a b He knocked the pain was awful. "Ike" from his stool.

There was a dull thud. The clerk ran into the office and found "Ike" Simmons struggling on the floor, surrounded by his books and papers. About the same time Lemuel Haskins came into the store and exclaimed "A Happy New Year, Ike!" "Ike" scrambled up and looked amazedly about him. "Happy New Year, Lem. and many more." Both persons stood aghast! "Ike" Simmons was a transformed being. He had barned, in a brief dream, the lesson of the cost of being unkindly, when the real cost of being kind was nothing, and he kept the New Year happy, and other New Years following, with an increased business to Hess his efforts.

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To J. J. Edwards and Mary Edwards, his wife, the above named DEFEND-

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE STORE OF OREGON: You are hereby re quired to appear in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint ing to claim, asserting or attemptfiled against you in the above entitl- ing to assert any right, title or interof January, 1925, said date being the interest and ownership of the Post Office Address, Shute Savings after the expiration of six weeks Plaintiff therein and thereto; that Bank Bldg. Hillsboro, Oregon. from the date of the first publication the title of the Plaintiff in and to of this summons; and in the event against all of your claims and deyou fail so to do, the Plaintiff will mands. apply to the court for the relief that the Plaintiff be decreed and de- Eaking, Judge of the above entitled and in the actual possession of the the 12th day of December, 1924, Oregon. following described parcel if real which said order directs that said

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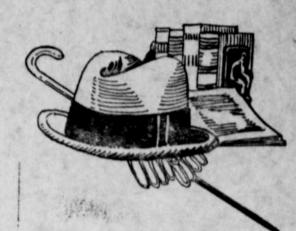
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Notice is hereby further given that All of Lot numbered One, in Block cessive weeks, the date of the 1st the 5th day of January, 1925, at the faction or your money back. Six, in the town (now City) of Ver- publication thereof being Dec. 19, meeting of the Council to be held at 1924, and the date of the last pub- 8 o'clock p. m. on said date, and that And that you and each of you and lication thereof being January 20th at any time prior to asid date fixed mider you, be forever barred and wer said complaint on or before er of any interest in, or the agent of

HARE, McAlear & Peters by the assessment for the payment Attorneys for Plaintiff of said improvement, may file his Resident Attorneys, State of Oregon objections to the acceptance of said work, and such objections will then be considered by the Council. Dated this 26th day of December.

Ben S. Owens, Recorder.

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