On the Bridge at Midnight



VERY New Years

For the old lady came. Hoskins had been watching her work of the work of the watching her doubt the same time, eleven or and take her stand in the middle the bridge looking expectantly the river. As the "Amalla," an arge engaged in the Indian trade scheduled to arrive annually in on on January I, sailed up the old barge engaged in the Indian trade and scheduled to arrive annually in London on January I, sailed up the river, she became vlotently agitated. When it passed directly under her, she shouted loudy in a cracked, hourse voice, and tossed a purse down to a certain sailor on the dock who greetiad her with wild cheera. She would watch, the old boat gitle ensily up the river till it was not of sight. Then guietly she turned toward the south and walked away.

Now Hoskins was a conscientious thief. It was not his policy to roboth the control of their purses. The oputent old men of their purses. The



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He concealed himself in an old crevise in the masoury. It was a perfect hiding place. He could see out easily and not be seen by anyone. About middight he heard the slow, heavy step of the old lady. She passed close by him and advanced a few yards. He emerged from his hiding place and followed. About to make a quick spring at her, she turned, and faced him. He composed himself with difficulty, tipped his hat and bid her happy New Year in; a weak, strained voice. "Oh, thank Nee, sir; the same to you, sir."
"Sine weather we been 'avin?"

sir."
"Fine weather we been 'avin?"
"Fine, indeed. And fine for that boy
o' mine what's comin' in tonight from
them 'ot' eathen places." The old lady
saiffed. Hoskins edged a little closer

ment of entanguages. The content of the closer to here a mirred. Hostins edged at little closer to here. See a per boy for some time?" "Only from the bridge ever onct a year. Ain't seen bim to 'cid in my arms since he was a lad o' twelve. The hourse old voice trembled a little—a li no a t broke dowd. "An' 'card life for a lad, that, on them ships, and no 'ome, and an 'ard-er life for me what's his lawful mother never to

'ome, and an 'arde tilfe. for me what's his lawful mother never to lay an arm on him in all these years." Here she broke into a he art-breaking sob. "It's a bad 'un roll of the law in the world and give it to him onet a year for his 'eart. It can do for 'un. Don't know who he thinks 'lam. It get together all I can in the world and give it to him onet a year for his 'oliday. It's the best I can do for 'un. Don't know who he thinks 'lam. Ho never troubled, to find out. But—'Es, 'ey, there," ehe shouted sudden!y.

The "Amaila" wis steaming up the river. It was directly under them now and a little youth in uniform jumped about eagerly on deck, signaling to the old woman on the bridge. She dropped the purse 'square'y into his hands.

"'Oorny for 'er Malesty," called the youth, his gay voice continuing to sound merrily as the barge disappeared up the river.

Finally the old woman turned to Hoskins. "Good night, sir, and God bless you in the New Year," she said softly, and walked away. "Hoskins stood motlonies, gazing up the river after the small hazy object that was the barge. There was a sentimental look in his eye, and a sortness in the dropp of his mouth, "God bless them," he breathed. "Twould 'a been a bad year, that, to begin the New Year."

THE NEW YEAR

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A Prayer

By Rev. Hian Pressley Wilson (Copyright, 1924, WNU)

O 5 LORD, we besech thee to grant that Jesus the Edrist may dwell in our bears through faith to the end that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and the beight and depth of the love of Edrist.

Come into our bearts and lives and dominate our wills as we enter another Bew Year and grant that we may live all through this year in accordance with Chy divine plan for our lives.

This we ask in the name and for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

TENTED P New Years Customs in Scotland

As in France, so in Scotland, New Years is the chief festival of the year. The eve of the day and the day littled are called "Daft Days," or crazy days. And the eve separated from its "daft" associate is called "Hoginandy." But what this means, no one seems to know. The application of the term is in a custom of children to enrobe threselves in a sheat and its corrobe thre of the term is in a custom of children to enrobe themselves in a sheet and go the rounds of houses on New Year's eve, knocking at the doors and crying "Hogmanny." In response they al-

Ho, Hum! Twelve Months Ahead



A New Year Victory

By Katherine Edelman



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RI NORMAN TRB.

YOR wore a tender smile as he emerged from the carter hospital. A dry, bilinding snow was failting and the morning was sufficted, but there was a warm glow around bils heart that made him insensible for the moment to cold and chill.

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heart that made him insensible for the moment to cold and chill.

Within his soul he feit the thrill of victory, an victory who over the greatest enemy the world knows. For, once more his hand had helped to aver the sword of the grim reaper—his skill and sureness of touch had brought back another soul from the brink. It had been an emergency call this time, a call that came just as the bells were tolling the hirth of the New Year, with the chances 100 to 1 against winning the high that and the hirth of the New Year, with the chances 100 to 1 against winning the high that again science land kill had added another victory to its loog, list. George Hamilton would live pils family in the little cottage in with the method of the hirth of him back with them before with the hirth of him heart with them before with the hirth of him heart with the little home. "Thank God that I was able to do it." Doctor Trovor whish per cold to have this happen just as the year was born."

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For this time he knew that he had won a double victory. For many years he had tried hard to interest the old and wealthy Mrs. Whiteside in the building of a new hospital for Carter, to be coperated along new and up-to-date lines. It was sorely needed in the town and it had been the dram of Doctor Trevor's life since he had comothere. Several times he had thought that Mrs. Whiteside was on the point of consenting, but always at the last she had fallen back on the of-used argument that people were just as well of any argument har people were just as well of and got along just as well or better of the several times he were findingle ideas were known.

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Then last night had come the call from the Hamilton kome. For years the Hamilton family had been cointed by Mrs. Whiteside as her own special protegees, and she had spoken her zind quite plainly to Dottor Trevor this time: "They say the case is almost hopeless—that there is not the equipment in the old hospital to handle such a case and that he cannot be moved to the city. Doctor Fosnot such control the control were the only one here that could take it. If you succeed, it rems the now hospital within the year."

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"And as Doctor Treor drove to his home this early. New Year morning, the big building, with all its modern equipment for helping humanity, loomed before him already—a dream building that would soon become a reality.

Cloche Influence Still Holds Sway

Close-Fitting Type Not to Be Lost in Winter and Spring Modes.

Spring Modes.

The cloche complex has been dissipated. The Paris modiste has findly succeeded in shattering the three-pear and that little bale has been distincted in the part of the parish of the p



No. 1—Black Hatters' Plush, Semi-Di-rectoire Effect. No. 2—Close-Fit-ting Hat of Purple Velours. No. 3— Velours and Brown Velvet. No. 4— Coppery-Red Velours, Cluster of Feathers as Trimming.

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to grasp them, the 'realization came
that the new styles 'did not doverall.

The high directoire crown and the
short Parls skilt created a silhouette which was entirely too bizarre ain hardy attractive. The liaison of the wide brim of the larger
that and the short healthe facte of
the winter tracks and coatts was dethe winter frocks and coats was de-cidedly not a thing of beauty and could

Care in Handling Food

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and Preventing Waste

What care do you give your food supply after it has arrived the rounlionder. To me, writes fleet Hometon Devaling the writes fleet Hometon Devaling princip question and one that has a strong hearing on thefit. I have been very much impressed in my dealings with several of the antional food producers where products are handled commercially, with minute attention given to their choice of foods, the care in preparing and the scientific accuracy in cooking them.
They-have found it necessary to study all these things to insure best quality and the most economical resuits. In handling foods commercially awaste in food value augments the cost of food production, and should therefore be reduced to the smallest degree!
How, does expert care in the commercial kitchen compare with that generally given food products in the average home?
Various elements contribute to spoil our food. Head after the productive to the growth of the control of

Metal Lace Made Into an Attractive Costume



Metal lace in silver and but color goes to make up this very smart tunic which is banded with gray fox and worn over a metal cloth or satin cos-tume slip.

not compare with the scader grace of the previous allouettes. Indeed, the slow catching of of the fini and winter innovational to the construction of the construction of the construction of the construction of the introduction of the introduction of the introduction of the introduction of the construction of the introduction of the construction of the introduction of the construction of the construction of the introduction of the construction itself has passed.

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The destible bracelet is coming back into its own. White bail-linch flexibles are still being shown, the newer designs definitely employ one to two-Inch widths. Lapis, jades and turquoise matrix are set in antique filigree suggestive of Persiun Jewier, Inch square, table-cut topazes in bor settings seen remisiscent or family jewier, being seen remisiscent or family jewier, inch with the setting seen remisiscent or family jewier in the setting seen remisiscent or family jewier with the still smart cube. White many of the flexibles are of even width a favorite variation employs a long own center stone and lapers two or more strands of small jewels to a matching square-cut class.

Civet cat is a very popular for for collars and cuffs this season, and it looks very dashing with a wrap.

cooking and serving. The woman who orders by telephone must take care that there is some one at home to receive the purchases when delivered to make sure that the products are all of the quality and brand ordered, and to intelligently put them away until the time of table.

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Colors of Materials

Many ensembles are made of two
materials different in color, such as
from an elberge black and green, or
different in fabric only. Many attermond reseas have strughet slit truntes,
like the Chinese, or widened at the
bottom by a sheped floure, or with
plisses at the sides. Black models are
mostly embyodiered with white or
some wide color, blee in particular;
often in-silver and gold. A very pretty
black and white model was a black
crepe de chine blouse, very long,
sieeveless, opened in front in a very
low point and worn over a straight
chemise in white circpe with long
sieeves, wide at the blottom. A narrow
belt tiphtened the blouse at the wist,

Snuff Brown and Mink Snutt brown and Mink.
Snutt brown, long considered a mediocre shade, is now in the heyday of
popularity and fashion. Topcoats of
snut brown trimmed with mink are
more than merely fashionable. They
are stunning.

Oil to Soften Leather Shoes To soften boots or shoes rub a very little castor oil well into the leather. One needs to use only the timest drop, or the feather will be too greasy to polish.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Muskegon—Angela Cloe, 11 years old, was drowned when he broke through the ice on the old water works pond, while on his way to school.

school.

Jackson-George Ensley, 15 years old, of Michigan Center, and Lawrence Davis, 15 years old, a guest from Alblon, wito drowned in Michigan Center pot.

Bay Citt, The West Bay City Sugar company has closed its annual campaign. 34 total of 9,000 tons of beets were sliced and the season was very successful.

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Port Hurdn-Grant Tucker, a youth who, was bitten on the hand and foot by a cat suffering from rables, has been taken to the University Hospital at Ann Arbor to take the Pasteur treatment.

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Yoshlahti—Roy Millspaugh, 22 years old, of Belleville, died here of injuries atfiered when his automobile was struck by an east-bound Michigan Central train at Denton, five miles east of here.

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Grand Rajida—Grand Rajids automobile deat' toll increased to 20 for this year with the death of Mrs. Theodora A. Smith, 79 years old, who was struck and injured by an automobile while crossing the street near her home.

Battle Crack—A resumption of the safe blowing that has worried police and merchanis came when the Mutchier Coal Co. office was entered, the safe blown and about \$50 stolen. It was the fifth time the place had been robbed.

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Grand Rapids—Ed Nieboer, 37, former postmasior at Reeman, Newaygo county, was sentenced in district court to serve three years in Leavemworth penitentiary and pay a fine of \$200 for embezziement of \$6,000 in post-office funds:

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Filat—Sale of the White Star Bus
Line, operating between Filiat and Detroit to the Peoples Motor Coach Co.
as subsidiary of the Detroit United
Railway, for, \$265,000, has been compieted, according to Eiher Benford,
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Saginaw-Siginaw County milk producers have called a strike against the four local distributors of apateurized milk, who have refused to sable by the recommendation of a milk price investigating commission that the producers be paid \$2.35 a hundredweight of milk.

Detroit—The State Academics

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Detroit—The State Legislature is to be asked to fix the boundary line between River Rouge and Ecorse, according to Harry Messimer, city attorney of River Rouge. People living in the disputed stirp have been compelled to pay taxes in both towns and also in the Township of Ecorse, according to Messimer.

Cadillac—No effort will be made by the Werford County road commission to keep its roads open for travel this winter. The board of supervisors, at its October session, denied a request for funds for this purpose and inness the State Provides aid, the roads will be impassable if the fall of snow is heavy.

Mt. Clemens—The Welverine Bus

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