

The Arrival of the New Year



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Better to Make Many and Break Some Than to Have Made None at All.

It's very much the fashion to joke about making New Year's resolutions; but as a matter of fact there is advantage in making resolutions. If they are good ones, and there is no other date except one's birthday anniversary, so appropriate for the practice. That individual who has no sentiment on the subject of New Year. Jokers whose topic is New Year's resolutions lay stress on the fact that many of them are broken. A fact it is—there is no denying it. But not all of them are broken. A man who makes ten New Year's resolutions, every one of them good, and breaks nine, is better off to the extent of the virtue involved in keeping the one to which he adheres than if he made none at all.

For the sake of argument, however, perhaps it may be conceded that making numerous good resolutions at once is open to criticism on the ground that it is harder to attain perfection in many things than in a few, and that failures cause discouragement, and that concentration is helpful to success. From this point of view the wise thing for New Year's resolution-makers to do is to survey their failings and frame a few resolutions hitting the high spots.

SAME OLD BLUFF.



The old year was backing up, preparatory to his departure. "Have you anything to say before you leave?" he was asked. "I don't know that I have. No, I guess not. Unless—" "Yes; go on." "If I had my life over again I would do a whole lot different. I wish I had known then what I know now. I should have—" "That's what they all say. It's old stuff. Good-by."

Look Forward. Another milestone in life's journey disappears from human sight. Another year is fleeting away. Briefly slipping in its flight. But what has gone is gone for always. And so let us bid no tear. Just let us hope that 1917 will ever be a happy year.

Good New Year resolution. Don't be a pessimist.

Lucky thought to put New Year's so close to Christmas. If Bill's folks send us a Christmas card, reminding us that we should have sent them one, it's easy enough to retort with a New Year's greeting. Good resolutions abandoned are about as beautiful as snowflakes that have fallen into a mud puddle.

Turning Over a New Leaf

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Breathes there a man with soul so dead who never to himself hath said: "I'm going to turn over a new leaf this year! I'll cut loose from the crowd of fellows I cannot get away from when I have plenty of money, but who get out of my way when they know I'm broke. I'll cut down my cigar bill one-half. I'll whisk by in his fine automobile. I'll trudge along on foot. The same resolution shall hold good in regard to my tailor, who lives in a fine house of his own, I in a boarding house. I'll let others help to finance him this year. I'll chum with a different set of men, choosing young comrades who insist upon paying their share of the way. Instead of men older and more canny than I, who never pay out a cent from their own pocket, but make my friendship for them their support.

"As for the girls (God bless them!) instead of avoiding them I'll turn over a new leaf by picking out at a cocktail to woo and wed. I find the longer a man puts off marrying the more he'll rue it. Life is unsatisfactory and incomplete to a man who hasn't the love of some good, noble woman, who loves, trusts, looks up to him, and has his welfare at heart. I'll stick closer to business and see how much I can save instead of how much I can spend. I'll stop by taking water instead of wine; by shaking dimes in my pocket, which are to stay there, instead of shaking dice. I'll make a firm resolve that nothing shall break to write at least one letter a week to my dear old mother, whose anxious thoughts and prayers are always following me, as well as her motherly re-stained missives, begging for just a word from me now and then. I'll make my old father proud of me. I'll cut out costly dinners at restaurants, just to see and be seen. The food is good and costs much less will do me."

It's the best thing a man could do to make such wise resolutions. The point is, will he stick to them, turning the new leaf which he would never be sorry for? If he does not backslide, the year will be full of promise for him. He will be successful in business and in love. By the time the next year rolls around he will probably not be a bachelor, but will have a sweet and gracious bride by his side, who will help him keep his pledges and make his life and home happy. The man who has the grit to do this will lay the foundation of happiness for life."

WHY HE WORRIED



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Any day is a good time to make good resolutions, but the advent of a new year is one of the best times, because it is a milestone on the road of life.

Resolutions which cannot reasonably be lived up to are better never made. Failure weakens character, causes loss of confidence and leads the mind to a feeling of "what's the use?"

Real happiness in life cannot be bought with gold. Many of the humblest people are happier and more contented than a neighbor who dwells in a mansion.

One should try to make each day as it comes the happiest day of one's life. Why waste one's life away living in anticipation of a day that may never come? Each day is like a mirror. One side is bright and the reflections seen even better than they really are. The other side is rough and dark. Try to keep the bright side turned your way and at the end of the year may each of us look back with a better feeling at heart and a clearer conscience, that we have performed our duties to the full extent of the opportunities given us.

Do It Now.

The man who waits till New Year's To swear off need not weep About the things he's giving up— His swear-off will not keep.

HE CHANGED HIS MIND



NEW YEAR MEMORIES

By Fred Bogardus.

Oh! for an old-fashioned New Year day, With enjoyments keen and pure, When fun and frolic reigned supreme, Good fellowship the lure.

As we journeyed to the parties Afoot, perchance by sleigh, The atmosphere seemed laden with Best wishes of the day.

With good old hearty handshakes, "We knew were welcome grips! Instead of the present method of Just touching the fingertips."

How we merrily danced theancers, Danced it with a zeal, Also the polka and minuet, And jolly Virginia reel!

How the young and old enjoyed it, Each in his separate way, Youth thinking of the present, Age of the bygone day.

While times and fashions may change, alas, And nature's will shall change, I'll still retain sweet memories of The good old-fashioned ways.

Forget the Past.

The New Year is the best of all times to take mental inventory, and every one of us should do so. We should forget the past entirely. All the regrets, all the aches, all the tears that ever were, or ever will be, combined, cannot recall one single moment that has passed. "Then why waste good time?" and vitality? Meet the New Year's day with a brave, smiling face. The world stops to take notice of the fighter, and gives him 100 chances out of 100, whereas the whimperer is passed by without a glance. Thus let us resolve that the first day of 1917 will stand us starting all over again standing fearlessly in our places; and let us further resolve that during the coming days we will, occasionally, reach out a helping hand to someone who needs it. This is a great resolution to make—a gift-ed investment that pays the highest discount on record.

Rather Plain-Spoken.

"How about the New Year's resolutions?" "I never make any," answered the busy man. "You don't mean to say you are entirely free from bad habits?" "No, indeed, but making New Year resolutions I don't intend to keep is not one of them."

Happy New Year.

With joy we'll tumble out of bed To see the New Year dawn, For now we are lots better off, The turkey hash is gone.

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Neat "Call-down."

Jack was sitting near his uncle at the breakfast table when his mother came in and placed some bread before the uncle's plate. Jack watched his uncle as he sat silently hurrying down the room, again Jack said: "Uncle, I guess I'll have to thank you for bringing Uncle Harry that bread."

Curious Ways of the Arab.

The Arab has some curious ways. He takes off his shoes when he enters a house, but keeps on his hat. He reads and writes from right to left. He eats scarcely anything for breakfast or dinner, but in the evening he sits down to a hot meal swimming in oil. He some eat with him, but the women of the household wait till the males have finished. The Arab rides a donkey when traveling, his wife walking behind, and he langes at the idea of giving up his seat for a woman. The Arab has one strong virtue, and that is he is rarely seen drunk.

Wise Dog.

A hound and a poodle were chatting together. Suddenly the poodle said: "I wish we were like the dogs of Africa." "Why?" asked the hound. "The dogs of Africa are so strong they can do they gain the victory!" asked his friend. "Well," said the poodle. "I cannot say they do. But fancy being able to attack a lion!" The hound looked wise. "If they attack and don't win, all I can say is that they're very little stronger, and certainly much more foolish than we are."

Dyspepsia.

Eating when in the state of nervous exhaustion or great physical fatigue, prolonged mental strain or excessive grief may be sufficient to cause severe dyspepsia.

Early Use of Tobacco.

The indications are that the American Indians were the first to use tobacco; they were using it when Columbus discovered America.