

THE DYING YEAR.

Farewell, farewell, old year, to thee
I fondly say adieu;
Like Christmastide, soon wilt thou
glide,
To make way for the new,
The birds and buds have disappeared,
I've watched the leaf grow sear,
And, with a melancholy sigh,
I part with thee, old year.
When nineteen-nine is ushered in,
And joybells gayly ring,
I'll keep in mind the bygone days,
'Round memory will they cling;
I'll brush a tear for a missing voice,
Recall a vacant chair;
At the sad and solemn hour of night,
I part with thee, old year.
Thy race is run, brief is thy stay,
Thy bells no longer peal;
Farewell, old worn-out castaway,
For thee a pang I feel.
Soon will the new, with rosy hue,
'Mid joyous shouts appear,
And with a melancholy sigh
I say farewell, old year.

WHEN SCOTLAND YARD WAKES.
Crooks Find it Wise to Quit England.
Some Reap Rich Harvest.

New York, Dec. 19.—"I notice that Scotland Yard recently warned a batch of American crooks out of England," said a retired detective of the old Tom Byrnes staff. "Now, that warning out stuff might pull a laugh from American crooks who don't know the way the game is managed on the other side. But they'd laugh on the other side of their faces if they put themselves in the way of getting that kind of a hotfoot from the Scotland Yard folks. The Yard has a little way of dealing with the crooks who are pin-headed or pig-headed enough not to conform to such a beat-it request. You'll never find an old timer familiar with the Yard's methods telling them that he won't go when he's asked to go.

"When I was in active harness I knew slews of high notchy American crooks who at one time or another got that run-home invite from the Scotland Yard outfit, and some of them wasted time obeying orders. A good many of them, I must say, brought back to this country stacks of plunder before the Yard wised up to them and sent them spinning back this way.

"One of these was Ned Hapgood, an all-round crook, but mostly a thimble-rigger, from Chi., who went over to England to see what he could do in the early 80's.

"Ned had a bank wad at the time and didn't have to get right down to work, but he'd thimblerrigged so long in this country that soon after he hit England he began to hanker to get into motion, took in the fairs all over England with pea graft, and he found that it was like taking the yeast money from a little girl on her way to the grocery.

"One afternoon when he was running his pea game at a fair in Yorkshire he had the fun of trimming the man who's now the King of England, then the Prince of Wales. The Prince didn't guess where the pea was five straight times for a guinea per miss, and then he laughed and moved on with his party.

"Hapgood had a pair of link cuff buttons made out of two of the quid that Albert Edward forked over and passed the three others to pals as souvenirs. Tom O'Brien, the gold brick man, who cashed in at the French colonial prison where he was sent for killing Kid Waddell, his pal, in Paris, carried one of these guineas as a pocket piece for years.

"It took the Yard a long time to hep up to Ned Hapgood's game, but finally they sprung him and told him to be on his way, and Ned knew his little book well enough to sheer off and point his prow for this country within twenty-four hours after getting notice, and he never went back there any more either, soft as the graft was.

"Clip Morton, an American crook who came from a fine old New Orleans family, was the man who introduced the cute little game of three card monte to the inhabitants of the British Isles. As a general thing they're a pretty cagey and suspicious lot over yonder, but the Britishers sure did bite on Morton's three card monte bait.

"Clip looked like the president of four banks, and dressed the part that way, and there never was his superior as a monte man. When he set out to work the monte thing on the trains he took on an English crook to act as his valet and he traveled in style.

"He did a testy, grouchy, grouty part on the trains, and kept bawling at his valet to wrap him in rugs and bring the water jug and all that sort of bally fooling. Then after getting the attention of the passengers, he'd howl at his valet for his softaire board and cards, and he'd begin a game of softaire.

"Now, most folks have got a penchant for rubbering at another man's

game of softaire, and that's the way Clip Morton got 'em. He'd fizzle out with his impossible softaire game, to the amusement of the rubbers, and then in a snappy, ill humored sort of way he would toss the three monte papers and invite them, if they were so smart, to pick out the right one. Willing to divert and at the same time to put it on the grouchy man, they'd stand for the harpoon, and Morton tossed it into them for years that way without ever getting a rumble.

"He took turns working different important trains, but mostly he'd work the Paris express from London. Occasionally he'd keep right on and do profitable monte business through to Constantinople or St. Petersburg.

"It wasn't until Morton had snaked out a whole dishpan full of money, enough to last him for life, that Scotland Yard woke up to his lay and invited him to take a quick look at his native land. He settled on a ranch in Southern California and died there in luxury, a very old man.

"Then there was Dunge Fraser, a good looking duck from Mobile, who got his nickname because he was suspected of being an octroon. Fraser took a swell mob of American dips over to England in 1870, and what the Fraser outfit did to Great Britain during that tour was too many for anybody to recite or run over hastily.

"Fraser used the make-up and graft of an American street medicine fakir, with the long black Buffalo Bill hemp, the sombrero, frock coat and all that stuff. Rigged that way, he'd charter an open barouche and sell what he called American yarbs, with a gold watch and chain and a diamond pin with each shilling package. But the dope was only a side issue.

"The main graft was to get the folks together around the wagon. With the crowds assembled, Dunge's squad of leather workers would get busy. Every one of the dips in the Fraser troupe was a Class A man at the game, and the way they did de-walletee England, Scotland and Wales was a sin and a shame.

"It took the Fraser outfit more than two years to work Great Britain, and during all that time the Yard never got hep to it that Fraser's street medicine gag was only a blind for the operations of the dips. Finally the Yard folks hepped up to it, however, and Fraser and his bunch got the rumble and had to beat it back to the States. Not a man of the gang had to work for three or four years when they returned to this country after that huge clean-up.

"American crooks somehow or another used to find it mighty easy to put down scratchy paper in England. You remember the big case where the bunch trimmed the Bank of England for millions before getting accidentally nailed. But there were others.

"There was Joe Mason, the merry-go-round man, one of the original merry-go-round men of this country, by the way. Joe was an educated man, and he put a series of fake American gold mine frame-ups across in Birmingham, Leeds, Manchester and those towns, in 1881, that was something scientific.

"He took the first American steam propeller merry-go-round to England. But the thing didn't fetch in the coin quick enough to suit Mason, and so he just left it standing in a lot and went after the big stuff with some nicely engraved shares in American gold mines that weren't.

"I don't know just how much high change he picked up at that game, but it was away up in the tens of thousands before the Yard fell to sniffing at his heels. I don't know if he did any squaring, but it's a certainty that he wasn't pinched. All that happened to him was that he got one of those go away from here invites from Scotland Yard, and he wasn't unwilling to skin back here with four or five Gladstone bags stuffed with kale so that their sides bulged.

"Mason, when he got back here, went to his home town in the West, and he died there only nine or ten years ago. His widow had a memorial window placed in the church which Joseph attended after he got coin enough to conclude that he could afford to be religious."

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1909 PENSION RULES.

Rules for the Guidance of Commissioners as Laid Down by Act.

Columbia, S. C., 1908.

1st. The County Board will meet and organize at once by electing one of their number County Pension Commissioner.

The Pension Commissioner of each county will attend in the County Auditor's office on each Saturday in January, 1909. This commissioner is charged with the duty of preparing all pension papers in a condition to go before the County Board (which County Board meets on the first Monday in February). The Pension Commissioner is cautioned to use in each instance the proper blank for the application.

Immediately after the adjournment of the county board (the first Monday in March, 1909,) the Pension Commissioners will proceed to prepare the list as follows: Use the Pension Report for pensioners of 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907 and 1908, marking off those dead, removed from the State, transferred to another county, or dropped, giving reason. Then make a list of all the approved pensioners for 1909 only.

If it is proposed to raise any pensioner from the class in which his name is now enrolled, it will be necessary to prepare a new application, setting forth the facts, and if approved by the County Pension Board send the same to the State Pension Board. In no instance must he send an application for a person who is already on the roll, except where it is proposed to raise said applicant to a higher class, and then the application must so state.

Transfers.

A suitable blank will be furnished him, on which he can certify to other commissioners and county boards that the party desiring to go to another county is regularly on the pension list in his county. We do not want approved applications to come here from any county where the applicant is an approved pensioner in some other county.

County Pension Boards.

The County Pension Boards elected this year under the pension law shall meet during this year, and elect one of their number County Pension Commissioner, who shall perform the duties prescribed in the act approved February 25, 1902.

The County Pension Boards are instructed instead of meeting in January, 1909, to meet the first Monday in February, 1909, and pass on all the applications prepared and submitted to them by the Pension Commissioner, approving or disapproving the same. They will meet again the first Monday in March, 1909, at which time they will examine and verify the list submitted to them by the Pension Commissioner, and sign and immediately forward the same to the Comptroller General. They are instructed to give due notice of the manner in which applications must be made under the law, as the State Pension Board will not consider applications for pensions except where they come in the regular way and time prescribed by law.

Do not send to this office disapproved applications for pension. By act approved 24th day of February, 1906—see Section 1085—a pensioner is allowed to certify as a witness.

Class A. Those who as a result of wounds received in the war are physically helpless, or who while in such service lost both arms, or both legs, or are totally blind, whether the result of service or not, or who are disabled by paralysis and are unable to make a living, and whose income or his wife's does not exceed \$150. This does not include soldiers whose disabilities arise from diseases and causes arising since the war, except those totally blind.

Class B. Those who have lost one arm or one leg and whose income or his wife's does not exceed \$150.

Class C, No. 1. Those soldiers and sailors disabled by wounds received during the war, whose income or his wife's does not exceed \$75.

Class C, No. 2. Those soldiers whose income does not exceed \$75, irrespective of age.

Class C, No. 3. Widows of those who lost their lives while in the service of the State or Confederate States, and whose income does not exceed \$100. Where a widow of a Confederate soldier marries after the death of her second husband, she is entitled to apply and draw a pension or account of the service of her first husband, provided she is entitled under the other provisions of the pension law. Such widow must apply in her own proper name, but at the same time state that she is asking for a pension as the widow of her dead husband, giving his name, company, regiment, etc.

Class C, No. 4. Widows above the age of sixty (60) years whose income does not exceed \$100, or if not sixty years of age, can receive a pension if married at close of war. Always state when applicant is widow of a pensioner.

County Boards cannot be too careful in these matters of "income" or "physical condition."

Physicians are urged to state not only nature of wounds, but disability resulting therefrom.

He is a very poor man whose gross income from labor, rent and other sources does not exceed \$75, or poor lands, if any, that will not produce this amount gross.

Property sufficient to produce \$75 in applicant's or his wife's name debars him.

Where soldiers or widows dispose of their property by giving or selling to their children, they are debarred.

Pensioners who move to another State are not entitled to a pension. The pension law provides that this fund shall be distributed April 1st; therefore, it is very important that you mail the pension lists, with the approved applications of your county promptly on the first Monday in March.

Let county boards act promptly and fairly, giving the State Board full information, with complete reports for each county, using pension reports for those already on roll, and making a list of those approved 1909. If applications are correctly filled out, and do not have to be returned it facilitates getting out the pension fund.

In making reports to the State Board, the reports should be signed by each member of the County Pension Board, who can sign in report and then list for 1908.

A. W. Jones,
Comptroller General, Chairman.
D. R. Flennikin,
W. H. Harlin,
Dr. B. M. Lebby,
Dr. Wm. Weston, Surgeon
Kate F. Maher, Pension Clerk.

I will attend in Auditor's office each Saturday in January. Please read rules carefully and see what class in which you will belong.

J. W. Holleman,
Pension Commissioner, Oconee Co.

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The Highest Mountains.

Texas, according to a recent report printed in the Boston Transcript, is to take the honor from North Carolina as having the highest peak in the Southern States. Baldy Peak is given the altitude of 8,382 feet, while Mitchell is 6,711 feet. However, grand old Mitchell claims naught but the honor of towering above all other mountains this side of the grim Rockies. Of altitudes in the South that have been measured, 2,483, not including varying measurements of the same places, are above 1,000 feet. The highest altitudes measured by States are:

States—	Feet.
Texas	Baldy, 8,382
North Carolina	Mt. Mitchell, 6,711
Tennessee	Mt. Guyot, 6,363
Virginia	Rogers Mountain, 5,719
Georgia	Sitting Bull Mtn, 5,046
West Virginia	Spruce Knob, 4,860
S. Carolina	Rich Mountain, 3,569
Maryland	Allegheny Heights, 3,187
Arkansas	Fourche Mountain, 2,800
Alabama	Pulpit Rock, 2,018
Kentucky	Frazier Knob, 1,540
Mississippi	Holly Springs, 602
Louisiana	Arcadia, 368
District of Columbia, Soldiers' Home Grounds	330
Florida	Mossy Head, 274

It was down in Ravenswood, Ill., that a teacher who had sent a note home with a pupil asking her parents to buy a grammar for her received the following note: "Missus teacher: I do not desire that Jennie shall ingage is grammar, as I prefer hur to ingage in more useful studdes, and I can learn hur to speak grammar myself. I went through two grammars, and can't say as they did me no good nohow. I prefer Jennie to ingage in French, drawing, and vocal music on the pianny."

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7,616 Words on a Post Card.

Most people think they are doing reasonably well if they manage to get on the back of a postal card even a little of what they wish to say. But there is an Atlanta man who has compressed 7,616 words on one-half of a postal card.

This king of miniature penmanship is Ike Mirschfeld, 24 years old, now in the jewelry business at Fort Worth, Texas. A music house of that city offered a \$400 piano to the person who could write the words of their firm name, together with the statement "sell only reliable pianos," the greatest number of times on half of a regulation post card. Mr. Mirschfeld wrote the sentence 1,088 times, making a total of 7,616 words, and won the piano.

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AT ALL DRUG STORES

Food Required by Cows.
(From Farmers' Bulletin No. 22, U. S. Department of Agriculture)
The cow requires not only materials for maintenance, but must also have protein, fat and carbohydrates to make milk from. The milk contains water, fat, protein (casein, or curd), sugar, and ash, and these are all made from the constituents of the food. If insufficient protein, fat and carbohydrates are contained in the food given her, the cow supplies this deficiency for a time by drawing on her own body, and gradually begins to shrink in quantity and quality of milk, or both. The stungy feeder cheats himself as well as the cow. She may suffer from hunger, although her belly is full of swale hay, but she also becomes poor and does not yield the milk and butter she should. Her milk glands are a wonderful machine, but they cannot make milk casein (curd) out of the constituents in coarse, unappetizing indigestible swale hay or sawdust any more than the farmer himself can make butter from skim milk. She must not only have a generous supply of good food, but it must contain sufficient amounts of the nutrients needed for making milk. Cotton seed meal is the greatest protein food obtainable in the South. Until this fact is understood and appreciated, successful profitable dairying is out of the question.
Many forcible illustrations of its truthfulness have been furnished by the agricultural experiment stations.

"Jag" Was Worth \$80,000.
(Chicago Dispatch.)
A "drunk" that ultimately netted its owner in the neighborhood of \$80,000 was related in Judge Mack's court Saturday, as a part of the evidence resulting in the court setting aside the will of the late Joseph Wilson, at the request of his widow, Mrs. Bertha Wilson.
Wilson, it was related, while intoxicated, bought a piece of West Side real estate for \$4,300 some years ago. When he became sober he regretted the deal, thinking some one had taken advantage of his condition. He investigated, however, and, to make the best of what he considered a bad bargain, made sufficient improvements to pay taxes and a little profit. The property to-day is appraised at \$85,000. In setting aside the will Judge Mack found that the testator was of unsound mind when the instrument was executed.

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