and by nteresting They were ajority no half inches those used hes by one ches. There es used about nging to an Eng of a century ago lle street, Cavendish associated with Lord band's card is smaller of the family home in still remains in the r collateral descendso good it deserves would certainly of the cards w ther if they bore the our friends' homes as

mple shows that history for, although issued in th century, the lady was Monday," as many modlled-viz, by leaving a card velty then, and on many from Italy "in persona" is owing that they had been

er. The latter, according to Walpele, saved her life by go when in Rome, instead of party at a palace where the

of the "tickets," as visiting ere called in those days, were I with architectural buildings Berlin and elsewhere and rashion. They were sold in The names were frequently upon them, and even when e printed it was rare that one r pattern was kept for any person. The head of a well Warwickshire family during a to Rome in 1783 kept, and has d down, those left by his ac tance. On these figure the arch tus, St. Peter's, the castle of St. elo and many other lions of Rome ot a few of the visiting cards of this od recall nothing so much as the netimes the names appear on well raved vases, sometimes on chim-pieces. Some are square, with orting columns, scrolls and curs; some display festoons of flowand a variety of animals. e cognomeus of naval officers

rge from the midst of spikes, ors, ropes, flags and other naval nia, while military officers apsurrounded by helmets, cannon, nts and soldiers. Artists figure amid lettes, brushes and other adjuncts their art, mostly accompanied by a ceful female form, and every kind musical instrument has been called to play-lyres, barps, trumpets and rpsichords-for musicians. Birds of y kinds hold scrolls bearing the ies in their beaks, or they are ten on their breasts or outstretched Adimals often play a double The name of Hare, for example, presented as a rebus by that little al running at full speed, while a

figured on the fashionable designs 785. Archery, agriculture and sport rally left their impress on the bout 1816 pure white cards with bossed borders and large embossed terings were the prevalent mode. istory again repeats itself — the

ughter's name appeared then with mother's, as it gloes now. How y of the titles then extant have out! It very often happened that dy's cards and the gentleman's of the same size, but not always. her "ticket" the Duchess of in 1764 favored a very pretty ring of a Chinese figure looking low doorway, with an Angli pagoda at the side. On another earing a famous lord's name a powerful engraving of the , with the Egyptian pyramids

a great dame of those days y name on her visiting card surby a framework held by Cuhese were far prettler than the looking cards covered with set, engraved, horizontal lines very deep border. Monograms onets figured on some of them we left to posterity fine specif steel engraving, but the most te of heraldic cards were genforeign, and some of the forbassies employed colored crests onally introduced in the center.

ew Year's at Frankfurt. ar the most charming of the a New Year's customs is one ed from time immemorial in urt-am-Main. There at the moment we whole city salutes wishes the if a happy new year. t of Dec. 31 all the city ival, watching the old he new year in. Family rings of friends are to every house, Games, stokindred diversions, honorable attention to eating erve to speed on the urs of the dying year.

nly at the exact moment when eat dome of the cathedral oke of midnight sorads its house throws wide open

Catherine & Gray's Christmas Freseit. Bronchitis Little Mabel thrust her tiny hand into the great china jar of rose leaves, and let out a gust of summery swectness, though outside the winter wind was shricking through leafless trees, and the blinding snow was whirling along through almost deserted streets.

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their simple breakfast of toast and tea and sat down to mend a snag in Mabel's apron. She looked carefully in her workbasket for her thimble, but could not find it.

"How strange I cannot find it," she said. "I know I had it late last night." Then a sudden memory came over her, and she added quickly, "Mabel, pet, you had sister's thimble last night; tell me where did you put it."

Mabel ran around the room, with a

Mabel ran around the room, with grave brow of deep perplexity, and even old Mammy leined in the search But all in vain, the thimble could be found

nowhere.
Suddenly, with a cry of joy, Mabel

Suddenly, with a cry of joy, Mabel ran over to the rose-jar, while she lisp ed, "All my pay-sings in dere."

Catherine grasped the jar and turned the contents out on the floor Out rolled the thimble first, then dozens of buttons and spools of thread, and a shoe buttoner, a toothbrush and a hundred other things. And there, from away down at the bottom, Mammy's old fat black hand has pulled out a dainty white envelope, sealed with red wax white envelope, sealed with red wax and on the back Catherine's own name, in a map's firm hand.

On Miss Catherine, dere it is at as dat los' letter. I'se done looked dis ole house ober a thousan' times fer dat letter, and dere it is at las' exactly where dat little mischief done hid it."

"Oh, Mammy, Mammy," cried Cather ine, "how came this here? When how—"

Her trembling voice broke in a sob and she fell upon her knees moaning: "You have ruined my life, Mammy "You have ruined my life, Mammy I'll never forgive you, never—never!"
"Please don't cry so, Miss Cath'rin
'Taixt nothin' 'portant, is it? Yes, let me 'splain 'bout it, 'cause maybe I done wrong when I neber told you 'bout it sooner. Dat letter come to our house de day of ole marster's fune'rel, an' you kep' a cryin' an' a cryin' so ober de corps dat I jes' laid it down on de table in yo' room. But hineby when I want in yo' room. But bineby, when I went ter git it fer you, it was gone. I wuz 'fraid you'd be mad 'bout it, so when de nigger come fer de answer I tole him dere wasn't none. Oh, honey, the Lord Almighty knows old Mammy did'nt tend to do yo' no harm."

And the tender hearted old negro woman, when she saw how unhappy atherine was, fell down on her knees by her side and wept like her heart would

"Don't cry, honey. I'll bring himback to you," she said.
"Oh, Mammy, it is too late now—too late," wailed poor Ca herine, as she broke the seal of the dear letter whose secret the jar of withered rose leaves had kept so long. Richard had written in a passion of

remorse and tenderness.
"Dearest Catherine: -I have been so

me come to you, miserable without you. "Yours, Richard."

"Yours, Richard."

The snow dashed in a blinding sheet of white against the window panes, and as the old negro woman opened the door and went out, the pitiless wind rushed in, wailing too late! too late!

All day long Catherine sat motion less, with her pale cheeks pressed close against the withered roses, and Richard's letter clasped tightly in her hand with eyes as sad as death, she looked absently into the white outside world, where the passers to and fro were only where the passers to and fro were only fitfully and dimly visible through the

awarming snow flakes.

Towards night the sky grew darker, the clouds hung over the earth like a great black shroud, and the storm burst forth in all its fury.

But above the noise of the storm an imperative ring of the bell arouses Cath erine from her weeping. The front door opens and closes quickly, and a moment later she hears old mammy cry out:

moment later she hears old mammy cry out:

"Miss Cath'rin, honey! I'se done brought him back ter you!"

She feels a pair of strong arms clasp her to a warm, man y breast; she feels loving lips cling passionately to hers, and she hears Richard's tender voice softly pleading for forgiveness.

"I have loved you from first to last, darling, and I must have been mad to have imagined for even one moment that I could love any other woman than you. Won't you forgive me, sweet?"

Won't you forgive me, sweet ?" Her only answer was a smile—a divine smile, eloquent of woman's compassionate, deathless love. And Catherine was happy at last, for

she was in Richard's arms, weeping on Richard's heart, and they were recon-

THE YULE LOG

The word Yule signifies Christmas which was called in the Latin or Wes tern Church, the Feast of Lights. I was the custom to use many lights, candles or blazing torches in honor of Christ, the Light of the World. Hence

Christ, the Light of the World. Hence the lighted log.

The deep meaning of religious observances that tended to rejoicing and feasting, the world over, have retained their hold upon mankind.

The Yule log has become a bright and beautiful feature of Christmas and beautiful feature of Christmas there.

cheer. In former days, on Southern plantations, some hoary-headed patriarch among the plantation hands was master of ceremonies. Ax in hand, he crunched over the snow or frezen ground, or being good, mild weather rustled the fallen caves and scared away the bright-eyed squirrels and busy blue jays and robins, pointing out and selecting the big htckory or oak for his coterie of wood-choppers to fell and lay aside for the Christmas a year shead. Such was the reverence then for the Yule log that each (thristmas Eve had a year old, seasoned log brought in with pompous ceremony and placed on the strong brass irons. How is crackled and burned. The old colis crackled and burned. The old col-ored uncle, the oracle of the planta-tion, invariably listened to the burning of the log and interpreted the weather for the New Year by the sounds. A certal way of blazing and sing-ing, new pushing; a crunching ound burner is a crunching ound burner.

Christmas. Holly and mistletoe in decorations; egg-nog and Christman greetings; this stocking for the chim-ren; the Christman tree and exchange of gifts from one to another, with all

remembered and nobody neglected, emanated from the blazing Yule log.
In practical meaning, it is a huge back log, that will burn all night, keep There were no presents. There was that comes in night robe and slippered feet, and for the children bouncing no fragrant cone of winter-green tufted with cotton-wool and unsel in cheerful mimicry of the snow and ice outside. There was neither snow nor out of bed before good daylight, saving the bother of anybody having to take ice nor cold.

time to kindle a fire.

If the open fireplace has given way to grates, a huge piece of coal will answer the purpose; but nothing is like to, and exactly what the big back log is, on an open fireplace. Under whatev r conditions, remember, Christmas morning is apt to be cold, and young folks are apt to be up early, and like all regular work, let the good old Anglo-Saxon custom of lighting the Yule log prevail. Light it " the night before Christmas" and let it burn slowly till Christmas morning, and have it large and solid enough to burn

well on through the day.

There is sentiment, good cheer. rholesome meaning and wisdom in the Yule log.

There is difference in the wood for the log; poplar is unadvisable, it pops and may set fire to the room; walnut is too valuable to cut, pine burns too fast, hickory has few objections, oak none. Oak is my preference for the Yule log, but hickory will answer the purpose.—Mrs. G. T. Drennan in Southern Cultivator.

THE COURSE OF COTTON

The coton market has been in ather an uncertain state since the publication of the government crop eport with its sensationally low estinate of the crop, says the Augusta Chronicle. The trade has not been able to decide what to think of the government report. Its record in the past and its growing reputation for accuracy, do not permit the cotton men to be unmindful of the government's estimate even though they believe it too low, and those who do not accept it have lowered their own previous nigh estimates of the crop. A month ago the estimates ranged around 11, 000,000 bales. The government's re port has brought them down between 10,000,000 and 10,250,000.

If the receipts of cotton had failer off after the government's report, prices would have strengthened sensationally, but the fact that the crop has continued to be marketed up to the present time as heavily as it was last year, makes it difficult for dealers in the steple to believe that the present crop can be as low as the government has predicted. It is generally believed that the late winter and spring months will show a great falling off as compared with the movement last year, out there is nothing to entire this view in the present heavy shipments. A prominent conton man said the sit uation had been well stated by a reliable New York house as follows :

"The future course of the market vill depend very largely on the atti tude of the holders of cotton in the South. If the cotton remaining in the hands of farmers and merchants is pressed for sale at this juncture it will have a double effect, both as calculated to delay the acceptance of traders the world over of a conviction regarding the real Fize of the crop, and also of causing buyers to hesitate in accepting orders. The volume of the movement o date is so nearly qual to last year hat its continuance on a scale equal "Dearest Catherine: —I have been so unhappy ever since we parted. Won't you try to forgive me, darling, and take me back into your heart once more?"

"My heart aches for you in your great sorrow, and if you will but let me, I will love you so much that you will forget all the unhappy past. Bend me one little word of forgiveness, and let me come to you, darling, for I am so guired to advance values, but it is the quired to advance values, but it is the present status which is affecting the speculative world and incidentally the

CHRISTMAS.

On the winds that moaning sigh Angels songs go drifting by, Heavenly voices fill the sky. From the radiant heaven afar, Through the midnight's silver bar, Steals away one wandering star;
Steals away one wandering star;
Floats and lingers where he lies,
Child of holiest mysteries,
'Neath the bending Bethlehem skies.
Swift, what eager questions start!
In His coming have I part?
Can I hold him in my heart?
Can my inn, so rude and wild,
Make him room, the undefiled,
Find its Master in this Child?

Troubled soul, where'er ye be, Who this sacred morning see,
Christ is come for thee, for thee.
Thine the song the angels sing,
And no sceptered Eastern king
Hath such gifts as thou mayet bring
To thy living love intense,
To thy suffering penitence,
What are gold and frankincense?

To thy burning thoughts, that stir Tenderly for those who err.
What the fragrance of the myrrh? Thou art His and He is thine! Thine, hurts untold, in tears — In labors manifold —in fears — Thine for grand eternal years;
Thine for rod and staff, and wine
Till beneath His love divine,
There is no more thine or mine.
Life of self and sin o'erthrown;
All the kingdom is his own. All the kingdom is his own.
And the Christ child takes his throne One is with us where were twain,
That one God! Ring out again.
Christmas bells, your gladdest strain,
Christ the king is come to reign!

Gen. George H. Stewart, an ex-Confederate, has just had returned to him by Abram Smith, of Long Beach, Cal., Bible which he carried through the civil war. Smith took the Bible from a Confederate wagon a few days before the surrender of Lee's army.

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Not the sort of Christmas the

American boy knows was this one.

correspondents nor the demons de-

picted by those ignorant persons who

I sat in front of my quarters, an old

and has had, many like him; and in

this war, thank God! Virginia and

"In solemn praise

Her silent groves of palm "

We talked on and on in the starlight

long past taps,—talked of the things a fellow does talk about when he's

hundreds of miles away from home,

Su denly, " clear upon the midnight

Forty-ninth lowa the challenge of

tents of that same regiment there rose

the music of an old, familiar hymn.

and one clear baritone voice led the

chorus that quickly ran along those

Another voice joined in, and another

and another, and in a moment the

whole regiment was singing, and then

the Sixth Missouri joined in, with the Fourth Virginia and all the rest, till

Then they sang "Nearer, my God, to thee," and "Coronation," and, of

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord!"

sentinel, "Number ten; twelve o'clo

It was Christmas morning.

and i''s Christmas Eve.

and all's well!"

moonlit fields:

was singing:

course, " America."

the siege of Boston.

and Gomorrah in every army post.

Christmas Eve at the close of the war since the days when America. I fought no foreign for but each other, is almost the oldest Christmas music known to the Roman Catholic Church, the Portuguese Hymn, familiar Latin words begin, " fideles, lasti triumphantes." The English words the boys saug to that ancient music will be found in wellnigh every Protestant hymu-book of the old New England days.

The Northern soldier knew the hymn as one he had learned beside his The Seventh Army Corps, on the evening of December 24, 1898, was nother's kuee. To the Southern soldier it was that and something more; it was the favorate hymn of General Robert E. Lee, and was sung at that great commander's fineral. encamped on the long lines of hills at Quemados, Cuba, a bare half-score of miles from Havana. The men were Protestant and Catholic, South and American volunteers, neither the demigods drawn by the newspaper

North, singing together on Christmas Day in the morning, -- that's an American army! The American soldier is no saint.

from their imaginations create a bodom He is no better, but no worse, than other Americans. Yet at least this may be said, -that, since Oliver brown tent in a sweet-potato field, with my best friend, Major Robert E. Lee Michie. Major Michie was our assistant adjutant-general,—a speci-men of West Point education and gromwell ted his Ironsides to war, there has never been a nation whose victorious soldiers, like ours, have celebrated the dawn of the first Chris-American manhood. Virginia has, tian year on new and foreign soil, not with debauchery and drunkenness, not even with sports and games, but with Massachusetts stood in they did when Morgan's riflemen one with Washa voluntary, almost an involuntary, Christian service of prayer and praise.

ington to aid the mir ite-men of Massachusetts against a crumon enemy at LIBERTY BELL AT CHARLESTON. The Chicago American says that Amerca's most valued rehe, the old It was a beautiful tropical night. Liberty Bell, will be sent to Charles with the clear, starlit sky and soft air ton on January 3 next, to be exhibitof a New England June. From great garden near by "the scent roses was wafted ab oad," and abov ed in the Pennsylvania building, at the exposition there. This will make the beli's fourth trip our heads another Sharon waved

ut of Philadelphia within little more than a quarter of a century. Preparations for its removal have already begun. The work will be attended with all the dignity that national and civic pride emands, and the bell, dear to the heart of millions, will go out of Philadelphia to the music of bands and the march of men.

air," there rang from the camp of the The parade will not be imposing for its size, but it will be important on account of those who will have the hon or of participating in it. An escort of councilmen has already been appoint-Scarcely had the cry of the sentinel died away, when from the bandsmen's

Columbia, Newberry & Laurens R R. A local safe building company bave the contract for removing the bell to Charleston. The truck on which it will be hauled from the State house to the Pennsylvania railroad yards will be decorated with the naional colors. Six or eight horses will be attached to the truck, on each side of which will stand a cordon of police. A dozen reserves, all more than six feet in height, will take their places beside the bell when it is secure on the ruck, and the procession will move up lhestnut to Broad street. The flat car on which it will be

there, on the long ridges above the great city whence Spanish tyranny blaced will have a railing built around once went forth to enslave the New it. At one end of the car there will World, a whole American army corps be a cabin to be used as a shelter by the guards. Cabin and railing will be decorated with gay colors and an in-scription on the side of the car will "Fear not, I am with thee; oh, be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid!

A long line of police will form a guard when the bell is being loaded on the A long line of police will form a guard thee aid!

1'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand" when the bell is being loaded on the

The car will then be attached to a special train containing the council-men, city officials and other prominent persons who will accompany the bell on its journey.

There may be those who think that it was by accident that the first hymn In the cities and at their intermediate towns and villages along the route of the journey of the bell will be marked happened to be what it was. There are those who believe that all things by patriotic demonstrations. Appeals happen by accident. Yet there are are already being received by Chief Pierce of the city property bureau, asking that the bell be sent through some of us who do not shout our creed from the house-tops, some of us who believe that even bloodshed is at certain towns on theway to its destitimes a necessary, if awful, evil, yet nation, so that the people may voice who do not believe that this is altotheir reverence in pulic festivities. gether a world of chance and accident. The bell was sent to Chicago in 1893 The hymn the bandsmen played that and to Atlanta in 1895.

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century their magnificent home, nothing was left to them but a few dollars, and the great rose jar. And this Catherine would keep, because the roses in it were the last Richard had ever given

ad that dead summer barst forth from a sepulchre anew.

It happened at a ball and banquet a tand public function in honor of a dis

guished townsman, who had just en elected to a high office. Never had Catherine's lover showed had he seemed so proud of her grace addoveliness, and the very noticeable air of proprietorship which he manifested

started the warm blushes to her delicate distinguished guest of the evening be cause Richard bad requested her to waltz with none but himself.

come so from this on."

The long lashes drooped over the petty brown eyes, and the warm bushes on her cheeks glowed a more vivid crimson, for she knew that this

in the conservatory, darling." said he, drawing one of the long stemmed roses my layorte of all nowers, and I shall never see them without thinking of—

His voice ceased abruptly, his handsome head was suddenly erected, and he sat as if spelt bound, his eyes fixed on a dazzling form in white gauze of "eau de nile" satin which had just passed them in the whirl of the sensuous waltz. On her hear were appraisable in the work was a prayer of income. her bosom was a spray of jasmine flowers, which emitted an intoxicating perfume as she swent past fume as she swept past. And, from that night, the sight or scent of the

"Who is she, Catherine?" Richard in quired, in a voice hoarse with passion-ate feeling. She did not know, and so

At the end of the waltz he sprang to his feet with the impatience of a school boy, and with a slender apology he left her. Presently she saw an acquaintance conduct him to the enchantress and the form of an introduction gone through with, then in a few minutes they whirled next her in the wells. How Catherine lived through that aw

to the floor, and now lay crushed be neath the dancers' feet. He never once neath the dancers' feet. He never once glanced at her throughout the whole evening. He no longer remembered even her existence—and strange to say he was so absolutely the thrall of his passion, that he was unconscious of any

wrong doing on his part.

And that was the beginning of Richard Hartsfield's infatuation for R. sc Carew, and the end of love's young dream for sweet Catherine Gray.

For a long time Catherine half hoped he would return to her, but the long months came and went, and she nevel one time heard from him. She selden went out, she did not read the news papers—she was too busy and too poor—so she did not know even what had become of her old love

"If I could only outlive it," she moaned "But I never shall. Oh, love, ho a could you be so weak? Ah you would have been kinder if you had slain in that bitter night."

While Catherine went on her folded.

While Catherine wept on her folded hands Mabel, ever intent on child'si-mischief came and leaned against her knee, slipped the tiny thimble from her finger and trotted back to dabble in the old rose leaves until her loving nurse mammy came and put her to bed.



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through almost deserted streets.

"Be careful, my pet, don't spill the rose leaves." murmured a sweet voice.

It was Mabel's sister, brown eyed Catherine, who sat sewing by a dimilight and a dying fire. She was furtive ly making a pink dress for a cheap doll, hidden under her apron, for tomorrow would be Christmas and the doll must be put in Mabel's little red stocking.

They were all alone, these two, and Catherine was fighting the battle for both. But though her heart was brave, hope would sometimes fai her, for there were so many things that were needed to keep grim poverty away from needed to keep grim poverty away from the dor, and alas, there was so little that she could do.

Only a few months ago they had been the petted daughters of a wealthy bank er, but failing in business, their father died of the shock, and his heart-broken wife soon followed him to his grave.

And so Catherine and Mabel were left alone. Riches took wings and friends forsook them Of all the splendors of

one had tried so hard to forget, but never a day had dawned since that aw ful night when he left her that she had not awakened from mocking dreams to a realization of unutterable loneliness and desolation Sleeping or waking, in crowds or in solitude, her sorrow was ever with her-a haunting and pitiless spectre, from which there was no respite and no escape. And tonight as little Mader stirred the withered leaves in the old rose jar the wealth of that lost love

She had je t declined a wal z with the

"I have never been so exacting be tore," he said, as he drew her to a sea among the tall palms along the sides of the long salon, "but I am likely to be come so from this on."

eager manner meant that their marriage day was not far off.
"We shall always have plenty of these from the buach at her waist. "They are my favorite of all flowers, and I shall

faintly odorous jasmine flower would turn Catherine faint and ill

ful night, without losing her reason, she never knew. The rose that he had taken from her beit had fallen unheeded

wrong doing on his part.

Christmas morning dawned on a cold gray ky, and quietly falling snow. Make the was very happy with the new doll and sugar plums found in her stocking, and the big yellow orange which Mammy gave her. But for Catherine there was no Christmas token. Sheeprepared

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