

Emmitsburg Chronicle.

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Miscellaneous.

FAREWELL TO THE OLD YEAR.

BY SARAH DOUDNEY. Farewell, old year, we walk no more together; I catch the sweetness of thy latest sigh, And, crowned with yellow brake and withered heather, I see thee stand beneath this cloudy sky.

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LAST DAY OF THE YEAR 1000.

It was believed in the Middle Ages that the world would come to an end at the expiration of one thousand years of the Christian era. This expectation in Christian countries was universal. The year 1000 was a period of suspense, terror and awe.

"When the last day of the year 999 dawned the madness had attained its height. All work of whatever kind was suspended. The market-places were deserted. The shops were shut.

"As the day wore on, the number of those who sought admission grew greater and greater, until every corner of the sacred edifices, large as these were, was densely crowded, and it became impossible to find room for more.

Humorous.

LEGAL. A question for the bench is whether a blind man can be made liable for a bill payable at sight.

A LITTLE girl who wanted to describe the absentmindedness of her uncle said: "His remember is so tired that he has to use his forget all the time."—Boston Journal.

"MA," said a little girl, "if you'll let me buy some candy I'll be good." "My child," solemnly responded the mother, "you should not be good for pay; you should be good for nothing."

It takes two months to prepare for Christmas and three to recover from it; but we must remember that there are seven months in the year which are arranged for solid comfort.—Judge.

A NEW pair of shoes came home for little five-year-old. He tried them on, and finding that his feet were in very close quarters, exclaimed: "O, my! they are so tight I can't wink my toes!"

A CHILD in one of the public schools, the other day, had occasion to parse the word "angel." Coming to the gender she stopped, dismayed, and asked her teacher "if there are any men angels?"

An exchange speaks of a Philadelphia young man who was hurt in the "locomotive works." This is a portion of the human anatomy that is not often mentioned, but it must be a "tender" spot.—Pittsburg Chronicle.

SHE—James, do you know you put three buttons on the plate in church to-day? HE—I knew what I was about. SHE—James, perhaps you don't know that I bought those buttons yesterday for my new dress and paid fifty cents apiece for them.—The Gem.

A SMALL Hartford child just home from Sunday school informed his father that he could name the first five books of the New Testament. They were, he said, "Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Hatched."

An old woman unable to read, on receiving a letter from an absent son, asked a friend to read it to her. The writing was so bad that the friend, hardly able to make it out, read stammeringly: "Dear mot—mother, I ta—take" whereupon the old woman cried out gleefully: "It's from dear Jamie, sure enough. He always stutters!"—New York Ledger.

A WASHINGTON woman was riding in an avenue car. Among the passengers was a young colored swell. A young woman of his own color entered, and he immediately rose and offered her his seat. She gracefully demurred and said: "I do not like to deprive you, sir, of your seat." "Oh, no depravity, miss," was his reply—"no depravity at all; I prefer to stand." You can imagine the effect upon the passengers.—N. Y. World.

BISMARCK doesn't like to be outdone. While he was riding not long ago he came to a hunting-lodge, where he was offered a drinking cup that had belonged to an old-time king. The old-timers were heavy drinkers, and the cup was capacious. Nevertheless, it was filled with champagne, and handed to Bismarck, with the expectation that he would be unable to imbibe the quart which it contained. He placed it to his lips, and, having exhausted it without a drop falling upon his white vest, exclaimed: "Bring me another."

SPEAKING of children, we have this from the South Side. A family over there, subscribers to the Derrick, have among their household treasures a three-year-old daughter. Sometimes the mother goes out on the porch in the morning to get the paper and at other times the father gets it. Recently the father and the little girl went out for the paper, and as he picked it up he remarked: "The early bird gets the worm?" The following morning the father did not make his appearance when breakfast was ready, and a member of the family inquired where he was. Little Tol answered up promptly: "Papa is out on the porch reading the worm!"

UNREASONABLE. An exchange asks, "why so many mothers go on journeys with their infants in their arms?" Does our contemporary expect that mothers will carry their babes in carpet bags?

THERE is very little use in making to day cloudy because to-morrow is likely to be stormy.

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