

New Year Wishes

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ASSURANCE

WHAT'ER the year may bring
Of things not understood,
We certain are that everything
Will have to serve our needs, the eye,
We may go on with joyous tread
And not a single thing to dread

SOMETHING NEW

AMID the false, amid the true,
Between the laurel and the yew,
Thank God for something young and new!
And may this new leaf of time's page,
This fair addition to our age,
Be filled with sunny wit and sage!

NINETEEN TWENTY-THREE

MAY the New Year be threaded through
With strands of blue and gold for you;
Things high and precious, far and fine,
To serve, to inspire, delight and shine!

New Year's Eve

And here we stand to say "Good-by!"
Brief words—and yet we scarce know why,
They bring a moisture to the eye,
And to the heart some quiver and ache;
We speak them very tenderly,
With half a sob and half a sigh—
"Old Year, good-by! Old Year, good-by!"
—W. K. Burleigh.

HERE we stand again on the
borderland of Welcome and
Good-by. There is so little be-
tween them and so much either
side of them.

When the great bell of time
strikes the midnight hour, and
1922 passes into the land of long
ago, there is one simple resolu-
tion that we can all make with
pretty good surety that we can
keep it till the next midnight
chimes—that we will be a better
man or woman in the next year
than in the last.

That won't be a hard resolution
to fulfill in some degree, and if
everyone is even a little better,
there will be a heap more good-
ness, kindness, success and love
in the world when 1923 rings out
that there is now.

The untried year brings with it
another chance for all—a chance
to make good where we have
failed—a chance to benefit by
what we have counted as failures
in the year that is passing out.

The old year has been a difficult
one for many. Some have lost
heart. The new year, which gives
promise of so much that is better,
will bring new courage and hope
to them.

If we can let the unhappy part
of the past year go with it, and
only remember the good, it will
help toward all that is best in the
new.

One of the best things that we
can hope for the untried year is
that it will be a busy one for
everybody. Work is the best pro-
moter of goodness and happiness,
and the best cure for trouble and
sorrow that there is.

When the solemn, happy bells
"ring out across the snow," let
them ring out with them the bad
things and ring in all that is good
and true and beautiful that is
within the power of each one
of us.

ANIMALS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

Oxen, Cows, Sheep, Goats and Pigs
Blessed in Churches of Italy,
Spain and France.

IN ITALY, Spain and France more is
made of New Year's day than
Christmas and on St. Sylvester's eve, as
the last day of the year is called the
utmost joyousness prevails. Even the
animals are blessed in the churches.
A correspondent who attended one of
these quaint ceremonies, writes:

The priest lifted high the host and
said some words of benediction at
which the people fell on their knees
with a response. An acolyte with a
holy-water sprinkler passed through
the columns of animals deftly throw-
ing the sacred water upon them. The
oxen and cows were thus blessed first,
then the sheep and goats and lastly
the pigs. A moon nearly full glittered
high above the mountain stones and
combined with the light from the can-
dles revealed the long, polished horns
and heaving sides and sleek coats of
the oxen and cows and the white
woolly skins of the sheep. The acolyte
passing among them, incensed them
and their bellowing, bleating and
squealing arose to a tumult. But, high
above all, the voice of the priest was
heard, as he chanted these words:

"My children, God in his goodness
sends me, his unworthy servant, here
to bless your flocks, according to an
ancient custom of our mountains, so
that these animals by whose aid you
live may join in our religious cere-
monies which usher in the New Year.
Let us then sing a loud hosanna of
praise to the ever-merciful Lord so
lenient to sinners."

NEW YEAR CALLS PASSE

The American custom of New Year
day calls, so prevalent in the social life
of this country in the Nineteenth cen-
tury, is little practiced today.

New Year Greetings

Wilson Grain Co.
Grain, Feed, Flour and Coal
Tawas City

Stephen Ferguson
Groceries and Meats
Tawas City

C. H. Prescott & Sons
Hardware
Tawas City

Henry Kane
Ford Sales and Service
Tawas City

H. N. Butler & Co.
"The Leading Store Along the Shore"
East Tawas

Lakeview Bakery
Baked Goods of all Kinds
Tawas City

W. C. Davidson
Insurance
Tawas City

Jas. E. Dillon
Prescription Druggist
East Tawas

Long & Rapp
Garage
Tawas City

A. Steinhurst & Son
Electric Shoe Repair Shop
Tawas City

The Spirit of 1923



AS the New Year steps from behind
the curtain and starts us off on
another cycle, it is with much pleasure
that we, the business men of the Tawas,
extend to our friends and patrons the
heartiest good wishes for the coming
year.

¶ We also wish to express our appreciation
for the business given us during the year
just closing, and to assure you that in the
future as in the past our best efforts will
be given to serving you in a manner that
will be mutually pleasant and profitable to
you and to us.

¶ As the bells ring at midnight on Decem-
ber 30 and herald the beginning of another
year, so may they also herald the advent
of an even closer feeling of partnership
between you whom we serve and we, the
business men who serve you.

Tawas City Filling Station
JOHN L. SWARTZ, Proprietor
Tawas City

Wm. Hatton
Barber
Tawas City

Moeller Brothers
Groceries and Meats
Tawas City

Eugene Bing
Hardware and Implements
Tawas City

L. L. Johnson
Jeweler
Tawas City

M. E. Friedman & Sons
Dry Goods, Clothing and Shoes
Tawas City

W. A. Evans Furniture Co.
Furniture, Wall Paper, Paints, Varnishes
East Tawas and Tawas City

Ray Smith
Barber
Tawas City

Red Cross Pharmacy
Mrs. O. M. Wuggazer, Proprietor
Tawas City

Iosco Mercantile Co.
"The Store That Appreciates Your Trade"
Tawas City

F. F. Taylor & Co.
Dry Goods and Shoes
Tawas City

E. H. Buch
Groceries and Meats
Tawas City

C. H. Prescott & Sons
Live Stock and Real Estate
Tawas City

