

In the Arena of Sports

William Bingham, Wrestler

Lovers of wrestling were pleased to learn that William Bingham would wrestle against Walter... (text continues)



Photo by American Press Association. WILLIAM BINGHAM is one of the very best in his weight class...

Tuffs May Tour West. The Tuffs... (text continues)

Skating Champions to Tour. Oscar Matheson... (text continues)

Jess Willard's Plans. Jess Willard, who is back home with his family... (text continues)

Athletic Plums For St. Louis. For the first time in athletic history the annual meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States will be held outside of New York...

Polishing Old Pewter. To clean old pewter... (text continues)

- MERRY CHRISTMAS. Merry, merry Christmas day. Every heart is bright and gay. Ruddy faces all aglow. Rushing hither, to and fro.

Bad Teeth Cause Many Grave Diseases

A few years ago when attention was first called to the fact that rheumatism was a result of defective teeth it was... (text continues)

Through the Year. January, cold and grip. Makes the sun look pale and dim. February, snow and ice. Frosty... (text continues)

Light as Chaff

Not Their Fault. A pillar of the colored church, Alexander Jackson was entertaining at dinner the pastor and some of the prominent members... (text continues)

Wishbone Luck. They were dining off turkey in a restaurant. "You say," he explained as he showed her the wishbone...

The Sentry's Orders. The sergeant halted the new sentry opposite the man he was to relieve. "Give over your orders," he said.

A Hard Squeeze. A judge was questioning an Irish man. "He caught you by the throat and choked you, did he?" asked the judge.

Cheer Up For Christmas!

Be cheerful. Christmas is due to its custom, is again with us. Another year has ranged itself with those that have gone before, as happens annually. "Cheer up!" The laws of nature are still in working order.

Christmas In Newfoundland

In the American countries, non-ferrous has many picturesque Yuletide rites than little Newfoundland. Even in isolated Newfoundland is seldom a tourist and the men who come to fish or hunt are apt to aver they know little of Christmas and the winter strangers to their "out post" towns are few and far between...



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DICKENS AND CHRISTMAS.

To English Author We Owe the Familiar Type of Yuletide Story. To the genius of Charles Dickens was due the familiar type of Christmas story. The pioneer of all Christmas numbers was "A Christmas Carol." Thackeray called that tale of Old Scrooge and Tiny Tim a "national benefit." More than that, "A Christmas Carol" was an international benefit, carrying its burden of happiness across the Atlantic and disseminating its cheerfulness in every community in the United States.

much more profitable. Then in later years the Christmas numbers of Household Words, to which the "Christmas Stories" were contributed, sometimes reached a sale of 300,000 copies. In the end Dickens had little reason to complain of the rewards of his efforts in opening up the rich vein of Christmas fiction. He was acknowledged the supreme master in that field. Thackeray published Christmas books, but wisely refrained from attempting anything similar to "A Christmas Carol" or "The Chimes." In their own way, however, "Rebecca and Rowena," an unapproached masterpiece of literary burlesque, and "The Rose and the Ring," a delightful story for children, which retains its charm for their elders, are no less matchless than the two principal Christmas books by Dickens.

Swans For the Christmas Table. The swan as a dinner dish has been seen on English tables within comparatively recent times. "Up till a century or so ago," according to F. W. Hackwood, "swans were prepared for the table in and around Norwich. The young birds were put up to fatten in August, given as much barley as they would eat, and by November they were in prime condition. If kept long they began to fall off, losing flesh and fat and the meat becoming dark in color." Newspaper Interviews. When interviewing first became a feature of journalism in Great Britain, English editorial writers denounced it as the most dreadful form which American impertinence had yet assumed. An Attraction. Mrs. Gillet—So there is a tablet to your transept to her memory. Did she do anything to bring people into the church? Mrs. Perry—Well, she wore a new hat every Sunday for three years.

Bad Oversight. Mary—Please, mum, the casters under master's armchair creak most terrible. Hadn't they better be oiled? Mrs. Moffat (newly married)—Certainly, but I'm afraid we have no castor oil in the house.—London Telegraph.