NOTES OF THE WEEK.

OF New Year's Day customs, that very old one of going from house to house with a song or carol and asking for pence, is still kept up in rude fashion at Hastings. The fisher folk send round their boys—a pretty rough lot—on the morning of the New Year to sing under the windows. What they used to sing, when Hastings was only a little fishing village lying snug between its two cliffs, I know not. Now that it is a great town, stretching its long lines of terraces for two miles and more along the shore, they are supposed to sing this lovely ditty:

Bun'le him in and bundle him out:
The New Year's in and the Old Year's out.

What they really do sing, because they are now an unruly mob of lads and young fishermen, is "Chuck it out! Chuck it out!" or if the money is not promptly thrown out of window to be scrambled for, "Chuck him out! Chuck him out!" When a good old custom has degenerated into the howling of a rabble, it is best discontinued altogether.

The decay of the ancient customs and ceremonies, formerly so numerous in this country, is mainly due to three causes. First, many of them were connected with the Church, and for this reason were disapproved by the Reformers. Next, the increase of population converted a harmless village merrymaking into a dangerous and uncontrollable assemblage, at which orgies of the worst kind were held. Thirdly, the change of public opinion as regards drinking. These village festivities terminated in the drunkenness of all the men as a regular thing. Many of us can recollect the village fair and the scenes at nightfall. There came a time when the more sober folk began to consider that for everybody to be lying or rolling about drunk was not a seemly thing, and that if the festival could not be held without this termination, it had better not be held at all. Another reason for the decay of the old customs is that many of them fell into the hands of the children, and so gradually became forgotten.

The complete change in opinion as to amusements and temperance is illustrated by the example of the country clergyman in the last century, who, because his living was poor, used every Sunday after service to hold a bull-baiting in the churchyard, while his wife sold beer out of a barrel to his thirsty flock. If one desires to see what the amusements of the people were like, the pictures of Hogarth give a very graphic idea. Brutality, fighting, cruelty, flogging, gambling, guzzling, and drinking in all classes. In some respects, we have improved.

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Organist to the People's Palace.

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Queen of England. It is a spectacle to make those who doubt the power of politics, of war, of money, and of a Republic to come away from the corner and hide their feet. Yet the fault is not with the people; it is with the nature of the system, in which, the natural leaders of the nation, who have forgotten that liberty is a plant of climbing, are too long in coming to the top of the hill. I want to be among the men and women who will take the whole of their state into their hands. They do not always have to be very rich, or very poor, or very educated, or very religious, or even married; and that is to be always

on the look out for the lucky and unlucky times to do as industrious work as possible; and all the world will be better off. But the power of superstition and its terrors would greatly vanish away.

2. I am in The Times a curious illustration of another very wide-spread belief in the power of astrology, and the mistake of the public in it. In Singapore, where there is a large Chinese settlement, the Chinese pretend to keep the records of all the men and women who are born in that city, and who are destined to die there, and to predict the future of all of them. The whole system is built on a theory of the stars, and the Chinese are very fond of it, and they believe that all the fate of each man and woman is fixed by the stars. They even go so far as to make a fortune-teller of every man and woman, and to consult her on all matters of importance. They believe that a man's destiny is fixed by the stars, and that he cannot change it.

3. I have in my hand another illustration. It is an almanack for the whole year; there are directions for the cure of the diseases of cattle, and other agricultural and gardening operations are given in full. The chief thing that can be done for cattle is to be sure that they are well provided with food and water, and to see that they are kept clean. The almanack also gives directions for the cure of the diseases of sheep, and other animals. It is a very useful book for farmers, and it is well worth reading.

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5. There is a pleasant article in the January number of Temple Bar on "Puns." Many of those who read it did not know that there was a "puns" and "wonder-words" club. The article begins with the following: "A very notable collection of "puns" and "wonder-words" was made in the British Museum. A great boast of the Fake must make no coat quilt comfort of the soul. "The connoisseur," says Professor C. H. Huxley, "is a man who sets aside the question of taste, and looks on the coat of arms in a proper light of art."

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PEOPLE'S PALACE PARLIAMENT.

Standing Order.—Mr. WALTER MARSHALL.

Our thanks to the Master of the School for the notice which he has kindly given us of the election of certain Members of the Palace Parliament.—See Notice-board.

PEOPLE'S PALACE PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB.

The society of this club is very much alive and interesting.

PEOPLE'S PALACE CHORAL SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of the Society was held on Friday evening, but the question in the House is whether the choir have performed.

PEOPLE'S PALACE CRICKET CLUB.

On Friday night, the singing-atmosphere in connection with this club, so that the C. J. White, the Hon. Sec., and the Committee, will be able to give us an account of the proceedings.—See Notice-board.

PEOPLE'S PALACE TANGENT CLUB.

The committee of this club have decided to make an issue of the "Tangent" to all Members of the club who have paid their subscriptions.

PEOPLE'S PALACE TALKING CLUB.

The committee of this club have decided to make an issue of the "Talk" to all Members of the club who have paid their subscriptions.

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BEAUMONT SKETCHING CLUB.

The usual Monthly Meeting of Sketchers and designers by Members of the above club with their friends and guests, was held on Wednesday last, and the programme was as follows:

1. Design
2. Figure
3. Landscape
4. Flower

BEAUMONT FOOTBALL CLUB.

Four members of the above club joined in a match on Saturday last, and the programme was as follows:

1. Design
2. Figure
3. Landscape
4. Flower

BEAUMONT SOCIAL CLUB.

The committee of this club have decided to make an issue of the "Social" to all Members of the club who have paid their subscriptions.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

The committee of this club have decided to make an issue of the "Public Notice" to all Members of the club who have paid their subscriptions.

C. J. WHITE, J. H. BURRITT, Dir. Gen.,

H. R. HURST, Hon. Sec.

EAST LONDON CHESS CLUB.

Subscriptions, to be paid before April 18th, to Mr. C. J. WHITE, 35, Chandos Street, C.S.E.

—Members of the Palace, 2, per annum. The Club meets for games and discussions at the other end of the Queen's apartments on Sundays at 3 p.m. in Room 17, Old School-hall. The Huntwise and Cup football matches are played on Saturdays at 3 p.m. in Rooms 11 and 14, the latter being used for games and discussions. The subscription is 5s. per annum. The meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, and the results of the previous meeting are read in the morning of the 2nd Thursday, and the treasurer of the club will be the best of the game throughout. Our Club had by far the best of the game, the "Monte" Eleven playing a good defensive game. The back of Penny's Eleven left the field victorious by two goals to one. The "Monte" goal-was kicked by Messrs. N. Marshall, Smith, and others, and the goal-kick was taken by Mr. Shaw, Mr. W. Marshall, and the left-back, Viels. —See Notice-board.

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Mr. A. W. J. BRADSHAW, Hon. Sec.; Mr. J. H. HUMPHREYS, Librarian.

On Wednesday next, the 16th of January, we shall perform "The Merry Wives of Windsor" at the Palace Theatre, and the programme is as follows:

1. Design
2. Figure
3. Landscape
4. Flower
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**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR’S FÊTE**

**GRAND ARTIC FEST.**

**PROGRAMME OF CONCERT.**

**ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1889.**

**ARTISTS:**
- Miss E. Howard Farmer
- Mr. Arthur Weston

**MUSICAL DIRECTOR:** Mr. J. Bromley

**CONDUCTOR:** Mr. Edward Holland.

**At 6.30 p.m.,**

**A GRAND ORGAN RECITAL.**

**Organist—Mr. E. L. Hiday (Organist of the Parish Church, Sidmouth).**

**Prelude and Fugue in Marche Correge**

**ACCOMPANIST—MR. A. C. MACKENZIE.**

**Miss E. Howard Farmer.**

**At 6.30 p.m.,**

**“Margarita.”**

**EIGHT FEET, 1889.**

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**6. FOLK-SONG.**

**“The Old Guard.”**

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**9. 1889.**

**E.**

**8. SONG.**

**“To sit alane by candle light.”**

**9, 1889.**

**E.**

**7. FOLK-SONG.**

**“The Dragoons.”**

**J. Planquette.**

**10. OLD BALLAD.”**

**“Dear youth,” she cried, “and canst thou haste away.”**

**7. 1889.**

**E.**

**5. FOLK-SONG.**

**“The Anchor’s Weighed.”**

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**4. BALLAD.**

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**“The Old Guard.”**

**J. Planquette.**
began with only one farm: money in the bank, and money
invested and all; everybody talking about your good fortune.
for interfering with the course of business? When the pear
gave 'em a shove off. Your cousin David was such a fool,
great fool, but people said unkind things about her uncle's
money must remain with me, of course—the will did
not generally get such ugly falls when they ride home at
night, the general conclusion was that he must have been
taken. The suspicion of violence or robbery was entertained:
first, because 110 one ever heard of violence at Challacombe;
and, secondly, because he had apparently been robbed.
So, at last, it seemed as if things could not go on:
pockets were full of money and his watch and chain had not
been taken.
spending; while a man "—he heaved a deep sigh and did
not complete the sentence. "Oh, Mary!" he reached out
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Calendar of the Week.

January 1st.—The Emperor Napoleon III. died this day in the year 1873; it is sixteen years ago. Yet it seems but yesterday that the French Empire went to pieces in smoke and flames, with the death of a quarter of a million of its gallant soldiery, and the abandonment of a proud country. Let us never forget that the events of 1870-71 may easily happen again, even in our day. The war was in some respects splendid and splendidly fought, but it was a war of the rich and the noble against the poor and the humble and the weak. The Emperors, who were seen then greatly broken by the disease which afterwards killed him, was never a general at all, and he was surrounded by capable but uninterested, if not really dishonourable men. Let us be led by our memories, always to desire a better thing for the future than for the past. The Emperor of France is now a spectacle of weakness and dishonour. We, in England, had no great reason to love the Emperor, yet he was popular with us in some ways. And now there has been a Republic in France for eighteen years, and the time has come for another change. The power of the first Napoleon lasted for about eighteen years; in fifteen years more from this day another Revolution; another eighteen years afterwards, the Third Napoleon had a run of eighteen years, and the same thing is likely to happen again. Today is the day when in memory of the Emperor of France, we send our2:

January 4th.—Here begin the Hilary Law Sittings.

January 10th.—On this day the Penny Post was introduced: send them open by travellers on the stage coaches: they stretched away at the back, unbroken by houses, to always continue as disinterested and as honourable as Sir Stafford Northcote, a most leigh, better known as Sir Stafford Northcote, a most

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January 24th.—On this day, in the year 1759, the British Museum was opened. The house in which it was established for the reception of Patients from all parts of the Kingdom.

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