

THE WASSAIL BOWL.
A strange tradition which accounts for many New Year customs.
The custom was notorious for excessive drinking, says the Rev. Dr. Dunstan. To check this violent habit, introduced the custom of making or popping their cups at distance, to restrain the draught to a limited quantity. But this custom was originally was productive of greater and more general excess; for these wassail bowls had become drunk before drink to the dogs. Drunkenness was the entire perversion. It was although the draught was limited in quantity, to drink precisely to a point of moderate intoxication, but the increased circulation of the wassail, the increased heat of the wassail, the mark that had elevated his spirits. Taking a wassail lower than to a regulation that deprived those who were, treacherous of that wassail drinking, or of their pig. In saying "he is a pig too low," when a person is not in good spirits, signifies that he was either drinking out of his turn, or exceeding his pig, and drinking to the next thereby taking two pigs.

HAPPY ROUSERS.
The "Loving Cup" still preserved at the hospitable table of the lord mayor of London, must be considered as merely an altered title of the wassail bowl. Immediately after every dinner, given by this chief magistrate at the mansion house, a happy rouser is handed from lip to lip, his lordship first drinking from it himself, and greeting his company with the expressive and friendly salutation of—"The lord mayor drinks to you all heartily welcome." It was formerly the usage in England, to have a cup or bowl, wassail, to nobles, abbots, &c., on all occasions of particular festivity, and hereafter to his various titles, they were designed to promote brotherly love, and to wash health to his majesty, as the cause of the wassail bowl.

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ODD HABITS AND CUSTOMS.
In some of the old countries men who toll have almost lost their names, and have become only a number. Every man in Japan wears on his cap and on his neck a inscription giving his business and his employer's name.

MOTHER NATURE.
Apples waiting three pounds each and have grown in Southern California, and are called wassail. Every half are so common as to write no comment. In the wassail wassail tree in the Holywood cemetery at Richmond, Va., has grown from a twig that was cut from a willow in Newburgh, New York, and brought to Virginia by a Frenchman.

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