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Godsey's Arm-Chair.

GODEY'S FASHIONS.—What shall we say of this Fashion-plate? What will our contemporaries say? and what will our subscribers think of it? Need we say that nothing ever has appeared that can in any way approach it? We are proud of it; the figures are larger; there are more of them, and they are better grouped and colored than any fashions we have heretofore published, or ever have been published in this or any other country. Remember that other fashion magazines give but two figures; here are seven. The extra cost for these fashions will be nearly \$10,000 for one year, and we shall commence the year 1861 with fashion-plates of this size. "Brides and Bridesmaids!" Bachelor editors, beware!

Two splendid steel engravings also grace this number. Match plates, designed expressly for Godsey. No other magazine has plates engraved from original designs made expressly for the magazine.

"Have your pavement cleaned," and "The Toy Shop," are reasonable plates, well designed and well engraved.

We make no especial promises for next year, but our subscribers know us, and know that we have the means and the disposition to keep the *Lady's Book*, where it always has been, at the head of American magazines.

In the January number we shall commence a story, by a Lady of this City, entitled "Sunshine and Shade," which will be very attractive. It will run through some nine numbers of the *Book*, and will be the *Story of the Season*. The author of "Miss Slimmens" also commences a humorous story, "Mr. and Mrs. Rasher." Look out for it.

We cordially wish our readers a Merry Christmas. May all the genial and blessed influences of the season be showered upon them! How many old recollections and dormant sympathies does this season awaken! How many then meet who have but scanty intercourse at other periods of the year? and though Christmas pastimes appear now to be neglected by society in proportion to their polish, still, in many parts of our country, Father Christmas is invited to reign with a little of his former spirit. Look at the contrast between "Christmas in the City," and "Christmas in the Country."

In our literature of this number, some amusing articles will be found. "B. Umber, Artist," by Metta Victoria Victor; and "The Prince of Wales at Pennytown," by Mary Martin, a new contributor. "Two Ways of Keeping a Wife," by Marion Harland, is concluded in this number; and we are sure that every one will read and like Mrs. Haven's beautiful story. Miss Townsend also furnishes one of her graceful stories.

We will send a copy of the *Lady's Book* one year, and the *Atlantic Monthly* one year on receipt of \$4 50.

RIVAL CLAIMS.—CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY AND COUNTRY.

The suburban life of our great cities is a marked social feature of the day; the taste for the quiet domestic pursuits, which naturally spring up in the abundant leisure of the country, contest their place warmly with the fashion and gayety of the town. Every year more families give up their city residences, and save a month or two at some hotel, or with friends who are glad enough to return the compliment when summer comes, pass the year out of the sight of bricks and mortar. They certainly have fewer excuses, if they do not live "a sober, righteous, and godly life," than those who are drawn more or less into the vortex of "society," under which we include party-giving and party-going, shopping, calling, the opera, the concert—all that environs people sum up with the convenient title of "city dissipation."

City people, in the mean time, shrug their shoulders, and wonder what people can possibly find to do with themselves, and look on their "country cousins" as the victims of routine, and narrow-mindedness, and general stupidity!

We present these rival claims in what may be supposed to be the chief enjoyment of each separate life. Christmas, the general holiday, has its charms for each. In town there is much consultation as to toilet, for though the children absorb the morning, and it is proper to be seen at church, it is not less certain that the intimate gentlemen friends of the family will make their appearance by the time a demi-toilet can be dispatched, a little rehearsal of the general reception that marks the New Year. There are symptoms of it in the well spread lunch table of the luxurious drawing-room, in the *impromptu* grouping of ladies of the house with the first tinkle of the door bell, and its enjoyment culminates in the entrance of "the coming man," who "takes the liberty of bringing his friend Marks," already well known in society as "superb in the German."

Their country consins, meantime, have already dined!—unfashionable creatures!—and enjoyed with keen appetites the ample bountiful Christmas dinner the barn yard, and the garden's latest gifts of crisp celery, winter vegetables and fruit, have contributed to. The air is keen and clear, the sky unclouded sapphire, the roads in their prime of sleighing from yesterday's travel over the last cheerful snow storm. They, too, have "gentlemen friends" who are only too happy to pay their *devoirs* in the clear open air, and in much merriment the sleighing party is made up, to dash along with chiming bells, and song and laughter. An upset now and then is counted in with the amusements of the day, so that no one is hurt, and who ever is?—by a fall into a yielding snowbank!

We leave our lady friends to choose for themselves in which scene lies the best opportunity for amusement and—a proposal!

ARTHUR'S HOME MAGAZINE.—We recommend this magazine to the attention of families as the best \$2 magazine now published. We club it with the *Lady's Book*, only asking \$3 50 for both publications, or it can be introduced in any of our clubs in place of a copy of the *Lady's Book*. See advertisement in this number.

FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF MOUNT VERNON.—We will receive, as usual, subscriptions for this purpose, but decline to receive any money the whole of which is not to be devoted for that purpose. \$1 constitutes a membership.