

Mrs. Burroughs the day before Christ-mas wrapped her \$800 worth of diamonds in a chamois and tucked them away in the toe of a well worn shoe beonging to her small son. She then

called, Mrs. Burroughs' sister threw the shoes away with other rubbish. Mrs. Burroughs returned and her sister incidentally mentioned the ash man's visit. "I gave him those old shoes of Willie's." she said.

found and the diamonds recovered.

has given a prize to be contested for a the Waldorf-Astoria under the au**spi**ces of the alumnae of St. Joseph acad-emy of this city, on the evening of Jan.

New York, Dec. 29 .- The year which is rapidly drawing to a close has been on the whole a good one for British trade, says the Tribune's London cor-respondent. Although the boom which was predicted as the result of peace in Sauth Mode as the result of peace In South Africa has not yet put in an appearance, still John Bull ship-owner, ship-builder, manufacturer, mer-chant, engineer, colliery-owner, banker and financier, can afford to look back upon 1902 with a certain sense of satisfaction. John has at last "woke up" to the necessity of keeping him-self abreast of the times in regard to the methods. Amalgamation and reconstruction have been the order of the day and even the railway panies have begun to take in hand the re-organization of their mineral and geods traffic. Revenue is coming in well in excess of estimates and shows a year, after making allowance for ad-

six months have elapsed since the ter-mination of the Boer war the national expenditure has not yet begun to show the reduction which tax-papers would like to see, and it is probable in conse-quence of increased demands for vari-ous purposes in South Africa, for reorganization of the army and navy and in this side of the national account

Chicago, Dec. 28 .- Pletro Mascagni the Italian composer, will appear in Chicago as temporary director of the Thomas orchestra. It also was deter-mined todestra. mined today that he will resume his tour of the United States, and he is now looking for a manager with sufficient capital to insure a successful journey. So many Chicagoans requested

down the levee on to the ice formed along the river shore opposite Olive street toright Mary Galleano, aged 15.





