

Ring out the old year, Ring in the new



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prosperous New Year!***

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The *Bell-Ringers*, Broadway at 35th St., across from the eastern entrance to Macy's Herald Square, is also known as the the *James Gordon Bennett Memorial*. Bennett founded the *New York Herald*, notorious for its sensationalistic approach to the news but also for its pioneering use of modern technology - railroads, steamships, telegraphs - to gather news. In 1894 Bennett's son moved the headquarters of the *Herald* to an Italian-Renaissance-style palace at what's now known as Herald Square. On the roof, Minerva (Athena) oversaw two burly men who marked the hours for those too poor to afford a pocket watch.

The eyes of the owl atop the bell once glowed green.