

# OUR BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We want to thank our friends and customers most heartily for their support and patronage of the past year. It has been another remarkable year in the history of this store—a year of rapid strides—of sure and steady progress. We are thankful that our hard and earnest efforts have been appreciated.

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## EXPLORER COOK IS EXPELLED

### Rejects His Claim He Ascended Mt. McKinley.

New York, Dec. 21.—The board of governors of the Explorers Club met today in executive session and, standing in silence, voted with bowed heads that Dr. Frederick A. Cook be dropped from the rolls of the club for frauds practiced on its members and on the public.

Coming hard upon the heels of the crushing verdict lately rendered by the University of Copenhagen, the action of the Explorers Club today is the result of independent investigations which, in no way, touch upon the polar controversy and the weight of its disapproval thus becomes cumulative.

Preliminary to its vote of expulsion the board met to pass upon the report of its committee which has been investigating the validity of Dr. Cook's assertion that he reached the summit of Mount McKinley.

This committee, in concluding an exhaustive report, recommended that "Dr. Cook's claim that he ascended the summit of Mount McKinley in 1906 be rejected by the Explorers Club as unworthy of credence." The committee's recommendation was based on its finding that "Dr. Cook had repeatedly made statements that have not been in accord with the facts, and that he had entered into agreements which he has failed to keep and that the misstatements and broken agreements dealt not only with the matters pertaining to discovery, but to ordinary financial transactions, so that no evidence can be given to statements made by him."

### OIL LAMP EXPLOSION FATAL

#### At Least Eight Persons Are Dead and Two Others Seriously Injured.

Hillsville, Pa., Dec. 26.—At least eight persons are dead and two others were seriously injured today as the result of the explosion of an oil lamp in the home of Santano Clerbo.

The house occupied by Clerbo and family has been wiped out. Clerbo kept boarders or roomers. Of the five boarders, three perished in the flames, while the remaining two received slight burns. The fire was caused by the breaking of a lamp in the hallway that had been left burning. In some manner the lamp dropped from a shelf and exploded. The house was completely destroyed.

### HAS APPENDICITIS.

Mr. Frank Paul, the senior member of the firm of Paul Bros., was operated on at the Washington Hospital Christmas day for appendicitis. His many friends will be glad to learn he is getting on very well and strong hopes are entertained for his recovery.

### A CARD OF THANKS.

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## THREE GOOD REASONS

### The lecture was finished. Chattering groups of enthusiastic women were discussing the ideas, just advanced by the latest exponent of "Thought Control"; others were hurrying away to street cars, for it was getting late. Among the latter was Carolyn Deering, so absorbed in discussion with her companion she signalled a car regardless of its destination, before they had even begun to say good-by.

Firmly grasping the handle, she turned a flushed face to the conductor. "Does this car pass Piedmont avenue?"

"Yes, madam," the conductor walked.

"Well, good-by, dear, good-by—"

"If we don't stay here all night," he interrupted, and an indignant little person, mounting the steps, flashed an angry glance at his number as she passed to her seat, while the passengers audibly smiled.

The conductor did not smile, but stoically called several streets; then came for her fare.

"You were impudent," she could not resist saying in a low tone.

"I know it, I'm sorry," he returned. "It is the 50th time I've had the chance to-day and didn't take it up."

Such a frank apology turned Carolyn's resentment upon herself, the more since the lecturer had expounded the advantages of mental control, and that was why her hand trembled a little as he took it in kindly helping her down at Piedmont avenue.

"I am sorry I was angry," she faltered.

"Oh! don't mind," he said. "This is my last trip to-night. I'll feel better after a rest"—and his car moved away out of sight.

There were years of happiness for both unlooked in that apology and next morning a little note thrilled in Carolyn she had not discovered there before. She was scarcely aware of it, however, until glancing at the morning paper starting headlines arrested her attention.

"Crash of caps. Motorman killed, conductor not expected to live."

She read on. Yes, it was he. Conductor 1234 was either now dead or dying at the Lansing Hospital.

It seemed as if she could scarcely breathe, but she read the article through. The little note of the morning paper had become a tumultuous chord and her whole being trembled in its power. All day her thoughts turned to the sufferer, and she fancied the kindly eyes that smiled for her closed in death. The night was long, and on the succeeding morning she secretly telephoned the hospital.

"Yes, that conductor had been brought there. In Ward K, madam. He is conscious."

These answers gave her unreasonable happiness, but she explained to herself: "I was so unjust to him, poor chap." Then she sent a box of fresh flowers with a card, "From a friend on Piedmont avenue."

Day followed day and fresh flowers were always by the sufferer—but one day a new girl at the phone could give no information regarding a victim in Ward K.

"One of the sufferers in the accident had just died, it might be he." Then something very close to Carolyn seemed to go.

The winter gayeties helped to dispel the melancholy that seemed settling upon her and as spring came her father's health failed, for the wool firm of which he was a member had struggled hard during the recent panic and a European tour was advised for its senior member.

Another year passed and the old man did not improve; anxiously they watched him when he asked for "the boy" or "son" until one day a member of the firm said: "It is Rantoul, his secretary, he wants; let me send him down."

Carolyn met him with the motor at the station of the north shore resort and as the tall, handsome young fellow came toward her, she felt an forgotten chord vibrate through her whole being for there were the same kindly eyes and smile of Conductor 1234.

"I am so glad," she said, seeing his smile of recognition.

"And so am I," he replied.

"I mean," she continued in some confusion, "that you did not die."

"Oh! I didn't die. That was my last trip, though, as I told you. Wool business is more to my liking. I want to thank you for the flowers; they did more for me than you can think."

It was Rantoul Mr. Deering had wanted, and so it came about that the young man spent many days with them by the sea; and so it was that Rantoul and Carolyn took long walks where little salt breaths from the Atlantic came up to them; and so it was one moonlight night when she had playfully called him her Conductor 1234 he said: "Ah! dear little girl, how could you remember that number so many years?" And she stood very close to him when she answered: "Well, sir, for three good reasons."

"First, you were impudent to me, sir, and I took it to report you; secondly, it is the number of my motor, and thirdly—the little blush was covered by the moonlight. 'I have loved you from that very night.'—FLORENCE SCRIBNER.

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### TEN GREAT CHINESE WALLS.

#### Dr. Gell Makes Interesting Discoveries of Pigmies North of Tibet.

Dr. William Gell of Doylestown, Pa., has arrived in London after an expedition in China, the main feature of which was tracing the Great Wall for 1,800 miles from the coast of Shan-hai-kuan to Kiasukun, on the northern border of Tibet. He discovered about 200 miles of the wall that has not hitherto been mapped. There was little of the masonry remaining.

Dr. Gell's investigations convinced him that there were at least ten great walls apart from the famous one. Among other things he was able to confirm reports of the existence of a race of Chinese pigmies, wild creatures covered with hair, whose ancestors, according to tradition, were driven up the mountains in the north when the wall was built. The descendants have dwelt in the same mountains for twenty centuries.

In the construction of a new road through an open country the usual custom has been to excavate ditches with the material into the centre of the roadway, thus making what is often called a turnpike. The objection to this method is that the most important part of the roadbed, the foundation, is composed largely of soft material which does not easily become consolidated. A better way would be to remove all soil from the portions excavated and use it for filling in the low places where it can be covered with at least three feet of earth. After the soil is removed the road grade can be properly used for carrying up the earth into the roadway, and the entire roadbed is formed of solid material which in its future settlement is compacted uniformly, and will be less likely to develop soft spots, as would be the case if soil is thrown into it indiscriminately. On a level or nearly level prairie the roadbed should be built up a foot or two above the original surface to provide suitable drainage from the center of the roadway to the ditches and the crown of the road should be sufficient to allow the water from rainfalls to be quickly drained off.

### SHERIFF'S CALL FOR TAXES.

The States taxes must be settled in full by 1st Monday in January. The school vouchers will be coming in daily; the people want their children educated and the teachers must be paid. The current expenses of the county must also be paid. Now it takes money to pay these bills and it has to be raised by taxation. Your taxes have been due since September 1st, and I will thank all who have not paid, to come forward and settle at once. Your taxes are due and there is no better time to pay than when you have money.

Very respectfully,  
**GEO. E. RICKS,**  
Sheriff, Beaufort Co.  
December 6, 1909.

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December 4, 1909.

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### A Store of Gifts

Our store has the Christmas appearance, gaily bedecked in many suitable gifts for the Men's Folks.

We can make a number of suggestions, but a visit here would be more convincing.

If it's a gift for the Men Folks we have visit. Get something useful, such as Handkerchiefs, silk, plain or initial; Hose, fancy and solid colors; Ties in all the leading styles; the latest Collars in all sizes; Suspenders in the best makes.

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