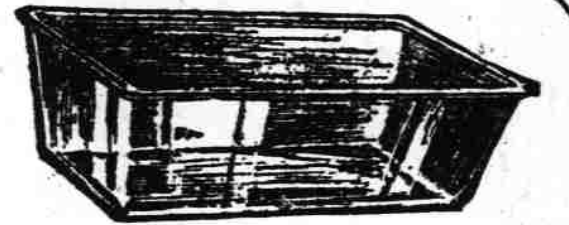


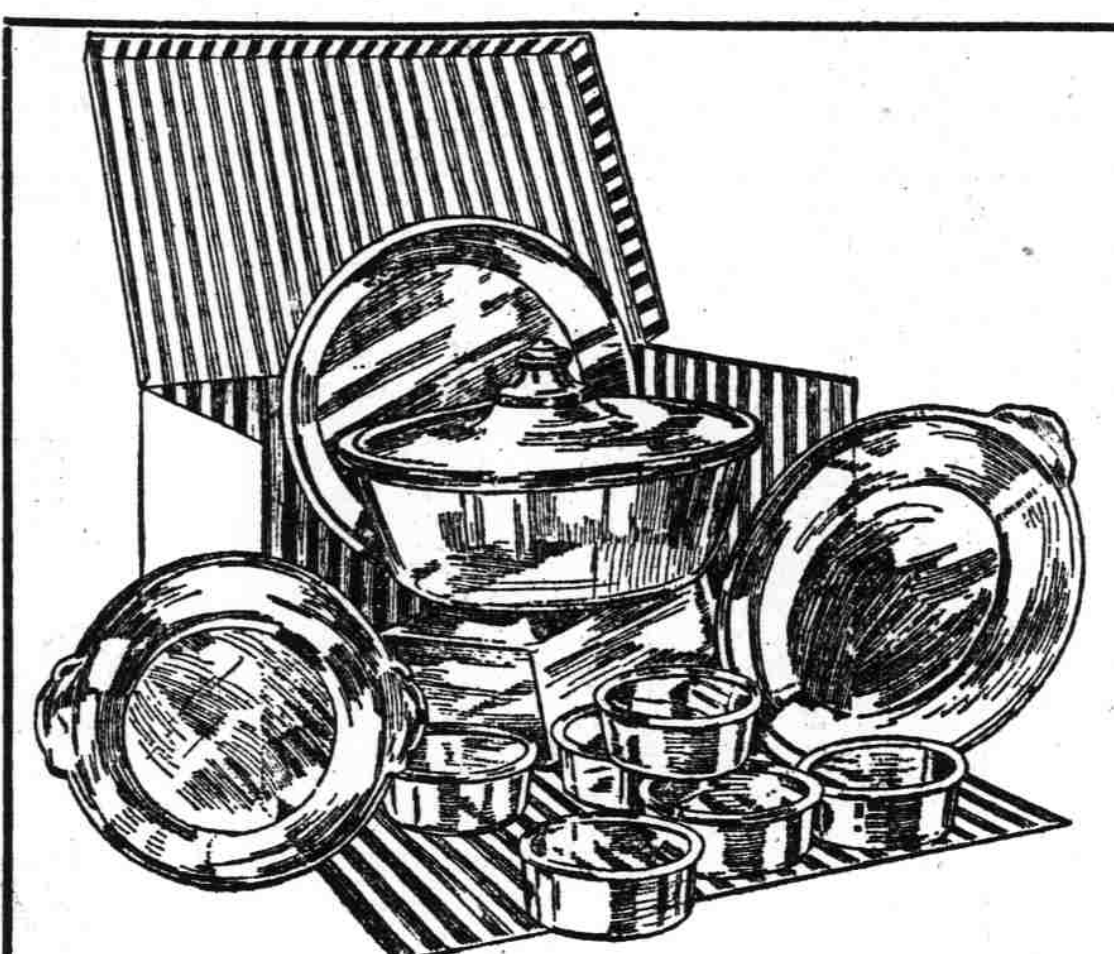
CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

Every Holiday Shopper Will Find Useful Gifts From the Complete Stock Assembled at Jacobi's and They Are Gifts of a Practical and Permanent Value



- FOR MOTHER**
- AND IRONS
 - ALCOHOL STOVE
 - ALUMINUM WARE
 - BATH ROOM SCALES
 - BREAD KNIVES
 - NUT BOWLS—with CRACKS and PICKS
 - CASSEROLES
 - CASSEROLE PIE PLATE
 - BUTTER KNIVES
 - BAKING DISH
 - FERN DISH, With Flowers
 - GRAPE FRUIT KNIFE
 - JARDENIERES
 - PERCOLATORS
 - NICKEL COPPER TEA TRAYS
 - "PYREX" OVE NWARE
 - DAZEY CHURNS
 - SILVER SPOONS
 - SILVER FORKS
 - SILVER KNIVES
 - THERMOS BOTTLE
 - THERMOS CARAFE
 - SUGAR SHELLS
 - SHEARS

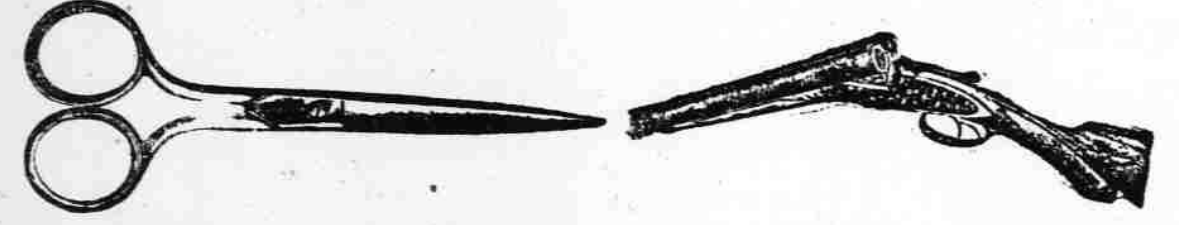
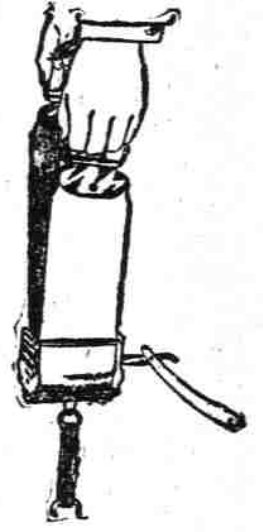
- SCISSORS**
- RAMEKINS
 - SANDWICH PLATES
 - STEAK PLANKS
 - UMBRELLA STANDS
 - TAPE LINE
 - DUTCHESS WATCH
- FOR FATHER**
- ASH TRAYS
 - BRASS CUSPIDORE
 - ELECTRIC STAND LAMPS
 - CARVING KNIVES
 - HOUSE MAIL BOX
 - THERMOS MOTOR OUTFIT
 - SHAVING BRUSH
 - GILLETTE RAZOR
 - GILLETTE STROPPER
 - SHOT GUN
 - REVOLVERS
 - SMOKER STANDS
 - SMOKER SETS
 - SHAVING MIRROR
 - TOILET CLIPPERS
 - EARL WATCH



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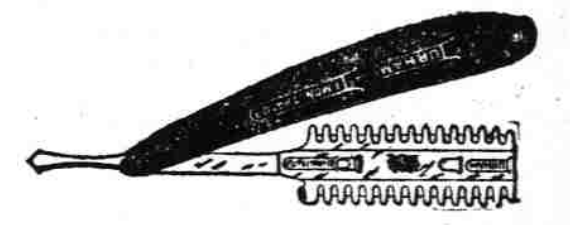
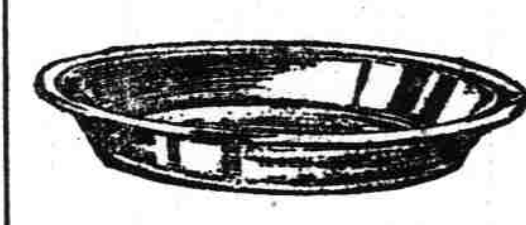
- FOR BROTHER**
- AXE
 - THERMOS SUIT CASE
 - HUNTING COATS
 - GUN CASE
 - LOADED SHELLS
 - PATHFINDER WATCH
 - POCKET KNIFE
 - EVER READY RAZOR
 - FLASH LIGHT
 - FISHING TACKLE
 - LEATHER PUTTEES
 - RAZOR STROP
 - SHOT GUNS
 - SKATES
 - SMOKING STAND
 - STEWART HANDY WORKER
- FOR THE CHILDREN**
- POP GUNS
 - BOY SCOUT KNIFE
 - BRACES AND BITS
 - HAMILTON 22 RIFLES
 - LITTLE SCOUT RIFLES

- POCKET KNIVES**
- FLASH LIGHTS
 - HAMMERS
 - HATCHETS
 - LEGGINGS
 - LEAD PENCILS
 - HAND SAW
 - SKATES
 - PANTHER WATCH
 - DRINKING CUP
- SWEETHEART AND FRIENDS**
- ARMY and NAVY RAZORS
 - HANGING BASKET
 - LUNCH KITS
 - TABLE KNIVES
 - LEATHER PUTTEES
 - DURHAM DUPLEX
 - UNCLE SAM KITS
 - EMBROIDERY SCISSORS
 - MANICURE SETS
 - WRIST WATCH



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SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO MAIL ORDERS



HOOPER CAN'T EXPLAIN CUBAN SUGAR CONTRACTS

Senate Investigating Committee Blocks His Story Upon Advice From the State Department.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Efforts of the food administration to bring out before the senate investigating committee its side of the story of Cuban raw sugar contracts were blocked today by an announcement that the state department deemed it inadvisable to discuss further the negotiations which resulted in these contracts.

This ruling of the committee virtually ended an attempt by H. Curtis Lindley, counsel for the food administration, to question through members of the committee, Claus A. Spreckels, who during three days on the witness stand had vigorously attacked the administration.

The committee had agreed to permit Mr. Lindley to suggest questions after ignoring a previous request by Food Administrator Hoover for an opportunity to reply to Mr. Spreckels' attacks.

Mr. Lindley tonight laid the situation before the president. He would not discuss the visit.

Soldiers Are Thrifty.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 17.—Reports from approximately half of the 37th division at Camp Sheridan today showed that \$57,587,000 was subscribed in the first week of the war risk insurance campaign.

ROCKEFELLER'S CLEVELAND HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

Police Believe the Blaze Was of Incendiary Origin.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 17.—Fire broke out late tonight in the home of John D. Rockefeller, at Forest Hill, in East Cleveland, a suburb, and it was destroyed.

The fire spread with such rapidity through the four-story building that police expressed the belief that it was of incendiary origin.

It was impossible to save any of the furnishings of the house and many valuable paintings, bronzes and tapestries were destroyed. The home was exquisitely furnished throughout its 45 rooms.

The loss on the building alone will be more than \$50,000.

Mr. Rockefeller bought the building a number of years ago and has added many extensions. He has resided in it every summer since its purchase.

KUEHLMANN LEAVES TO TAKE PART IN PEACE DISCUSSIONS

Amsterdam, Dec. 17.—Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, says a Berlin dispatch, is proceeding to Brest-Litovsk during the course of the week to take part in peace negotiations with Russia.

Wins In Two Rounds.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 17.—Sam Langford knocked out "Kid" Norfolk, the Panama heavyweight, in the second round of a scheduled 20-round boxing match here tonight. Both men are negroes.

JURY FAILS TO AGREE IN TRIAL OF GEORGE BARWICK

Kinston, Dec. 17.—George Barwick, charged with killing his brother, D. M. Fields, at Falling Creek, must stand trial again as the result of a mistrial in superior court here. Reporting that they could not agree, the jury were sent back to their anteroom by Judge W. P. Stacy, only to return later with the statement that it was utterly impossible for them to get together on a verdict. The jury stood eight for conviction and four for acquittal. A juror was withdrawn and a mistrial ordered. The Barwicks, bachelors, lived on the best of terms at their Lenoir county plantation prior to the altercation which resulted in D. M.'s death. They were drinking then. The victim in a dying statement asserted that he was advancing on his brother with a hoe when he was shot. He turned as he saw George level a shotgun at him, and received the lead in his back. The plea set up by George Barwick was self defense.

Janvrin Gains Signal Corps.

Boston, Dec. 17.—Harold Janvrin, utility infielder of the Boston Americans, became a member of the 301st signal corps at Camp Devens today. His enlistment leaves Larry Gardner and Everett Scott the only infielders on the team.

Debate on Land Lease.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Debate on the Walsh coal and oil land leasing bill continued in the Senate today with administration leaders confident of its passage tomorrow before adjournment for the holidays.

MISS VARNEY ACQUITTED

Was Charged With the Murder of Mrs. Pauline Keyes.

Dedham, Mass., Dec. 17.—Miss Harriet A. Varney, a nurse of West Upton, was found not guilty of the murder of Mrs. Pauline Keyes, the ten-months' bride of George H. Keyes, a Boston real estate man, by a jury in the Norfolk county superior court here early today. The jury deliberated more than four hours.

Miss Varney burst into tears when she heard the verdict. She recovered herself quickly, however, and turning to the jurymen said:

"I want to thank the jury for all they have done for me. Everybody has been so kind to me."

Miss Varney decided to spend the remainder of the night at the jail. Tomorrow she will go to her sister's home in West Upton.

HOUSE MAKES PERSONAL REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT

Washington, Dec. 17.—Col. E. M. House, back from Europe where he attended the great inter-allied war conference as head of the American mission, came to Washington late today and drove directly to the White House to make a personal report to President Wilson.

Bout Declared a Draw.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 17.—The 12-round fight here tonight between Johnnie Erie of St. Paul and "Kid" Williams, of Baltimore, bantamweights, was declared a draw by the referee at the end of the final round.

Scores Technical Knockout.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 17.—Benny Leonard, of New York, champion lightweight boxer, scored a technical knockout over Chick Brown, of New Haven, here tonight in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round bout.

Callahan Gets Decision.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—Frankie Callahan, of Brooklyn, was given the popular decision over Willie Jackson, of New York, in a six-round bout here tonight. Callahan weighed 131 3/4 pounds and Jackson 133.

Lewis Beats Downey.

Columbus, O., Dec. 17.—Ted Lewis, of England, welterweight title holder, had a shade the better of Bryan Downey of Columbus in a hard 12-round fight here tonight, in the opinion of fight critics. No decision was given.

Lake Steamer Is Sunk.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 17.—The steamer Henry Cort was sunk off Bar Point in the lower Detroit river late today in a collision with the steamer MI dave. All the Cort's crew were taken off. The MI dave sustained little damage.

Small Fire Last Night.

The building at Eighth and Princess streets, known as Gibben lodge, was slightly damaged by fire about 1 o'clock this morning, caused by hot ashes left on the second floor of the structure. The blaze was quickly extinguished by firemen.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The administration to increase the number of cadets at the Annapolis naval academy was passed late today by the house without debate and now goes to the senate.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Former President Machado, of Portugal, deposed by the recent revolution, has been escorted to the frontier by armed guards and sent on his way to Madrid and Paris in exile, American Minister Burch, at Lisbon, reported today.

QUARRELS AT BETHLEHEM.

Bitter Rivalry Always Causes Trouble at Christmas.

(Harold J. Shopstone, in Wide World Magazine.)

Although must have been written upon the subject of Christmas in Bethlehem and we have had glowing accounts of its gorgeous processions and ceremonies, no one appears to have been bold enough to tell the world of the distressing scenes which may be witnessed in the one spot on earth where man would expect peace to reign at the gift season of the year. Christmas is a long business at Bethlehem. First come the Latin ceremonies, which take place December 25, followed thirteen days later by the Greek services, while thirteen days later comes the Armenian Christmas feast. The services are held in the Church of the Nativity, one of the most remarkable edifices in the world. The Holy of Holies of the church is the Grotto of Mangar. It is a small underground chamber said to be the actual site of the stable where the Saviour was born. Just in front of the altar is a silver star, let into the marble floor, said to mark the exact spot of the Nativity. In the various ceremonies the bitterest rivalry exists between the various sects, and even during the ordinary services Turkish soldiers have to be on guard day and night in the church to prevent strife on special occasions in the world. At times, an extra force of soldiers is necessary if order is to be maintained. It is during Christmas festivities that the church is cleaned. To prevent quarrels among the rival priests, the authorities many years ago set down definite rules as to what portions of the walls, pillars, floors, etc., this or that body may clean or sweep. Despite these elaborate precautions, however, trouble often arises. During the Christmas festivities of 1913 a deplorable scene was witnessed in the sacred building. Two sects disputed the right to clean a certain portion of the church. They went to the governor of Bethlehem and he decided a certain sect possessed the right to do the work. When they started to sweep, however, the rival priests flew at them and the soldiers had to hold one sect back while the other did the sweeping.

STRANGE BIRD CAUGHT.

Is Long-Billed, Long-Legged and Has an Elastic Appetite.

(Baltimore Sun.)

When one Cape Hatteras a few days ago a strange bird alighted on a British steamer which arrived here from a Gulf port. It was captured by Chief Engineer Niel Patterson, who has since made a pet of the visitor. It is a species of crane or stork, to which latter designation, however, all on board being men, strenuously objected. The await some ornithologist to explain the rights of the long-billed, long-legged and elastic appetite of their pet.

The desire now is to present the bird to the Druid Hill Park Zoo, and efforts in that direction will be started today. Men on the steamer never saw such an ungraceful bird to seek the sea, and all say they have made captures of many in their years of battling with the waves, but this four-foot high awkward bird has them guessing.

TRADES COUNCIL ELECTS.

Officers Named at Meeting Last Night to Serve for Ensuing Year.

At the regular weekly meeting last night of the Wilmington Trades Council, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President—Mr. R. L. Harker.
Vice President—Mr. J. H. Bunn.
Recording and Corresponding Secretary—Mr. G. H. Stone.
Financial Secretary—Mr. Joseph Johnson.
Treasurer—Mr. J. H. Curtis.
Sergeant-at-Arms—Mr. G. T. Newton.

Mail by Clyde Line Steamer.

(Charleston News and Courier.)

Two hundred and sixty sacks of mail, consigned to Charleston and interior points in the Carolinas and Georgia, were delivered to the local postoffice from the Clyde line steamship Mohawk yesterday morning. Postmaster Poulnot personally superintended the transfer and distribution of the two hundred and fifty-two sacks for the interior, and within an hour and a half after their arrival at the wharf they were at the union station preparatory to being sent to their destinations. Mr. Poulnot said yesterday afternoon that more mail was expected with the arrival of the next Clyde liner from the north. This condition has been brought about, it is understood, by congestion in the larger mail centers, that has overtaken the facilities of the railway mail service.

Read Star Business Locals.

What a Man Wants for Christmas

(Printed in the desire to serve woman)

When a man wants to be "dead sure" of the right thing for a woman's Christmas gift, he goes to a woman's store; there he sees what women buy for themselves, and gets the expert advice of other women.

The rule works both ways, and the resourceful woman seeks out a man's store and the advice of other men.

This is a store for men; it sells the things a man enjoys owning; the things he gets for himself. And it's a place for both men and women to buy gifts for men.

Our stock is generous and varied:

Hart Schaffner & Marx suits and overcoats, of course; shirts, hats, a new array of ties, cuff links, and scarf pins; suit cases, bags, robes, smoking jackets, leather novelties, initial and plain linen handkerchiefs, & Etc.

There are many others, some that you will think of at once, others you'll appreciate having called to your attention. That is where we can be of service to you; we can share the advantage of our acquaintance with men. We'll be glad to do it.

The A. David Co.

The home of Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes

YOU NEVER CAN TELL. by F.R. Paul

POOR MRS O'TOOL, I AM AFRAID SHE'LL NEVER GET OVER IT. SHE HAS JUST BURIED HER THIRD HUSBAND!

I FEEL SORRY FOR HER!

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

ONE YEAR AFTER

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Oh, For That Word!

A young Cambridge man who has not long been married usually confides his troubles to a friend whose matrimonial experience covers a period of 20 years.

"Say, old man," he exclaimed eagerly, "can you remember what it was you said?"—Boston Transcript.

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Corner Front and Chestnut Streets