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Mr. and Mrs. John Scales have re-ceived their Christmas present in the form of a letter from their son, C. Wriston Scales, Chief Petty Officer, U. S. N., headquarters, London. The letter was written November 29.

Mr. Scales said: "After the down-fell of the Huns we celebrated for six days and nights. Such rejoicing has never been seen in this world before. I was on duty every night of that week, but the feeling of relief and contentment was noticed everywhere. It is almost impossible to realize that there is no war going on now, but it is dawning upon me slowly. We are demobilizing very fast and getting things in shape rapidly to pack up and come home. The Navy Air fleet has already sailed. The battle fleet goes in the next few days, with all submarines and subchasers. Thousands of navy men will be there for Christmas. "Tis sad, but true that I am stuck here for several months. Hope to see you in the early spring. It will be a wonderful home coming for me. When I left home I gave up hope of ever returning. It all seems like a dream. My promotion to a chief radio electrician is a big promotion. I am very proud of it. The big legged trousers are no more. I wear a double

tons. In other words, I look like 'Capt. Johnson, on No. 20.' It's a relief to change uniforms. "Am sending you a menu of the Rotary dinner. Some of the Charlotte Rotarians might like to see it. We had a lovely dinner, ending with a big ball at the Royal Albert Hall, given by the enlisted personnel of the American Naval Headquarters to the officers and men of the allies. The hall is a wonderful place. Holds 10,000 people. We had a navy band two admirals, their staffs, and officers. Officers and men were brothers once again. It was an immense affair and one of the most democratic I have ever seen. We had a grand march and in it were sailors, soldiers, admirals and generals, all led by a man dressed as Uncle Sam, and as we fell in, about 50 abreast, and marched up the hall the spectators cheered for several

breasted blue serge, with brass but-

minutes. I have seen some wonderful to hell with the Kaiser.

"Lots of love, "WRISTON." The menu card sent by Mr. Scales had the ensignia of the Rotarians—the wheel with the words: "The Rotary Club-London," on it and above the wheel, the American and English flags. The wording on the front of the card reads: "Thanksgiving Din-ner, November 28, 1918, in honour of American Brothers-in-Arms, be held at Selfridge's Palm Court Grill Room, Oxford Street, London. • Reception at 6:30. Dinner at 7 o'clock. The interior of the card had a Thanksgiving scene. The order of the menu was this: "Grace: For these and all Thy mercies, we bless and praise Thy name. O Lord; may we receive them with Thanksgiving, ever trusting in Thy word; to Thee

alone to honour and glory, now and henceforth, for evermore-Amen."
"Menu: Soup, Roast Turkey, Cranberry Jelly. Potatoes, baked and boiled, vegeatbles, celery, sweet corn,

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"To Our Guests;" "The American Forces;" "Thanksgiving Day Address."
The dinner closed with the singing of the International Anthem:
"God save our gracious king."

"God save our gracious king,"
Long live our noble king,
God save our king.
Send him victorjous,
Happy and glorious,
Long to roles over Long to reign over us God save our king."

"My country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty. Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died! Lard of the Pilgrims' pride! From every mountain side Let freedom ring."

The tune to the anthems is the ame. America having appropriated the English tune: "God Save the the English tune:

Good Christmas Gifts.

"Saw in an exchange an article on "Saw in an exchange an article on the test, or character of Christmas gifts, said Rev. J. R. Bridges, D. of The Presbyterian Standard of ingratitude so great that it smacks that it smack yesterday. I pass it on to you, through The Standard:

"These tests are always safe, but especially should Christmas gifts in this year of war sorrows be free from frippery, mere temporary worth, the solely worldly or material value. This is the first test-Genuineness.

The Second-A

should be in keeping with one's purse-Unostentation. A Christmas gift should display

good taste—Carefulness.

A Christmas gift should confer a real benefit—Thoughtfulness.

A Christmas gift should produce unfeigned pleasure—Interest.

A Christmas gift should be someyou would wish associated thoughts of yourself-Friendthing you would with

At Christmas gift should, if possible, be something that can be shared with others—Kindliness. A Christmas gift should, as long as it lasts, give as much delight as city. It is as follows: on Christmas morning—Quality.

A Christmas gift should be some

thing you yourself would be glad to -Sincerity. A Christmas gift should be something you have selected, not something picked up by chance-Hearti-

A Christmas gift should be something you take pleasure in thinking of afterward as having been given by you to your friend .- Satisfaction."

Christmas Carol Formerly Sung New York Children wash my face in a golden vase, folden vase, golden vase, wash my face in a golden vase, pon a Christmas morning.

wipe my face on a lily white towel, Lily white towel, lily white towel, I wipe my face on a lily white towel, Upon a Christmas morning.

Two little ships were sailing by, Were sailing by, were sailing by, Two little ships were sailing by, Upon a Christmas morning.

Guess who was in one of them, One of them, one of them, Guess who was in one of them,

The Blessed Virgin and her Son, And her Son, and her Son. The Blessed Virgin and her Son,

Guess who was in the other of them, Other of them, other of them, George Washington and his son Upon a Christmas morning.

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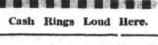
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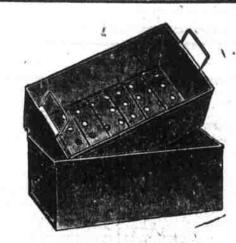
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which you preside. I notice in year terday's (Sunday's) issue, an item which somewhat shocked my state pride and patriotism. A solder writing in The Caduces with the nerve and monumental gall which would make a characteriess denisen of the Bowery hide his face in shame, made a bold attack on Southern hospitality. "While there may have been a house closed to soldiers I could speak in patriotic praise of the thousands of homes in Charlotte and surrounding tewns which were thrown open to the boys. What was the matter with this soldier? A soldier, bearing the same name (Lindquist, Portland, Ore.), with a pai were picked up in Salisbury by Mr. W. J. Swink and taken to China Grove, where they were royally entertained by this hospitable and well-to-do gentleman and his family. A touring car was placed at their command and as they were leaving a coordial invitation was extended to come again. Lindquist named the time when they would return. Great preparations were made for their entertainment. They 'not only did not keep their appointment but never wrote a word of explanation or thanks for having been housed and dined. We were under the impression he was in France until we saw your in tem. He was entertained in my home, and I most vigorously resent his insinuations, and present a charge of

"ONE OF THE JURY." Concord, N. C., Dec. 23, 1918.

Mecklenburg Boys Were in Division Written Of.

Charlotte, N. C., R. F. D. 6, Dec. 21. 'Dear Mrs. Caldwell: "This clipping from The Greenville Christmas gift News has been sent me by a friend. and thinking it may be of interest to other relatives and friends of the county boys in the \$1st division. some of whom are in regiment 323,

would you mind publishing it? "Yours truly. "MRS. J. O. GLUYAS."

"The strenuous days for the army receding the armistice are pictured in a letter from First Lieutenant Furman Berry of the Three Hundred Twenty-Third Infantry, Eighty-first Division, in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Berry of this

'Somewhere, "Nov. 13th, 1918. "My Dear Homefolks:
"Well there is not a bit of use of

trying to explain, for it would take too long and then you might get a bit scared of what I have been through with. I will tell you this that I have been much, though, through enough to know what war not tell it one half strong enough, I had no idea that a man could stand what the soldiers have stood, I can say this and will not be boasting a bit, 'The American soldiers are the most courageous men in the world. They have proved it in several instances and then they are always ready to keep going, I have hiked mile after mile and thought that we would never get to the point at which we were assigned. The rain ground and trust to the good Lord to let me rest in peace for the remainder of the night. I have gone

and at 11 o'clock on the eleventh ceased. I can assure you all that it was a magnificent sight to notice ington and the quiet that took place, the big his regiment. guns that had been playing on us "Lieut. State all the day, and for the past days, all until they have seen what I have been fatal to thousands and still we pressed forward and not a man fal-tered. We had been driving for a period of 72 hours and not a soul had had a wink of sleep. I think everyone laid down where he was and took a good nap after it was all over with. I tell you I would not take the world and all for it, but at the same time I don't want a bit more of the excitement. Shrapnel, gas and high explosives falling everywhere, and then the machine guns in every hôle accord a little protection. The man that invented the thing called war should certainly sell

"Well the hardships are not all over by any means for we will have many long hikes before our dreams come true, but there is not a single man here that is not willing to keep on the move and has his mind set on the New York harbor and then to be mustered out of the uniform and be a civilian once again. I for one am very willing for all of that to come

"I am as always your devoted, "FURMAN. "First Lieutenant, Three Hundred and Twenty-third Infantry, A. P. O. 791, American Expeditionary

in the following letter from Major ham.

William A. Clarkson to his kinsman Mr. Heriot Clarkson: "Rentgen, Lorraine, Nov. 28, 1918.
"Just a few lines to wish you and yours a very merry Christmas, and to let you know the heart of the control of the contr through the 'big show' without get-

ting a scratch. "My division, the third, which train-"My division, the third, which trained at Charlotte, has been worked to the queen's taste. Frankly, I think we have almost gotten the record for continuous service in the field. We helped stop the Boche at Chateau Thierry, June 1. We stopped him on the Marne, July 15, and then followed him to Fismes on the Vesle the Guthery apartments later but lowed him to Fismes on the Vesle the Guthery apartments later but and fought there August 5. Septem- have decided to remain at the Churchber I we were thrown in the St. Mihiel hill for the winter. put into the battle of the Argonne on September 26. November 1 we were relieved, only to be put into the Army of Occupation, November 11.

ther. Mr. C. R. Withers and Mr. and We are now on the way to the Rhine, stopping off here a day or two to get equipped. I understand that in the rear they call us 'shock troops,' "During the Battle of the Argonne we were on the right flank of the First."

we were on the right flank of the First army, which rested on the Meuse river. It was over this territory that the Crown Prince tried to take Ver-dun in 1915, and where the French pollou said, to him, Thou shalt not

pass.'

"This letter paper was taken at Brieulies in the Meuse river, just about 10 miles north of Vordun, October 20. Am also enclosing a souvenir of the Second Battle of the Marne—a lapel from the coat of a Boche soldier. It was taken on the Marne river just north of Chateau Thierry, August 15, 1918.

"I am asmajor now. Have been in command of a battalion since October, while on the Meuse front. Many thanks for your long letter of August 8. Wish you and all my relatives and friends there in Charlotte, a very merry Christmax."

Letraly in a few months. He came home several days ago to spend Christmas with his mother.

Miss Mary Owen Graham, president of Peace Institute, arrived home yesterday for the holidays. She and her father, Mr. Archibald Graham are at the Selwyn. Miss Graham will be here for a few days.

To spend Christmas at Fayetteville.

O. L. Dunn and Roy Cook will spend Christmas with friends at Fayetteville.

A Bone for the Ordnance Sergrant to Capt. (Dr.) James W. Squircs, of This, Giner. City. Critically III in France With

ready to leave for New York at a moment's notice. She and the chil-dren are with Mr. and Mrs. Julian Jeffries, parents of Mrs. Squires.

Miss Millner, of Morganton, Army Nurse, on Leave From Camp Wads-worth Base Hospital.

Miss Marion Millner, of Morganton, enjoying a few days leaves at home with her parents after four months service at Camp Wadsworth base hospital, Spartanburg, S. C. Miss Millner was among the first

to answer the call of the government last summer for young women to take the course of training at the newly established army schools for nurses. She was assigned to the base hospital at Camp Wadsworth joined her class just before the out-break of influenza. The epidemic took a heavy toll there, as elsewhere, and owing to the scarcity of graduate nurses, the students saw much hard

service on the wards.

Miss Milner was one of three young women from Morganton who entered army hospital work during the war, and the two others, Miss Etta May Perkins and Miss Bessie Roper, gave their fives during the epidemic, making the supreme sacrifice for their country as much as any sol-dier who fell on a French battlefield.

Miss Millner has many friends in the state. She served as physical di-rector and teacher of swimming at the Winston-Salem Young Women's Christian Association during the year 1916-17, and her associates there as well as class mates of Fassifern, and Maryland College, Baltimore, Md., is and I tell you that Sherman did where she was educated, will hear of not tell it one half strong enough, I her war work with interest.

Lieut. Phil Stafford, Well Known in Charlotte, Killed in France.

Many in Charlotte will regret to hear that First Lieutenant Phil Staf-ford, a member of the famous Fourth Engineers, and who spent last winter in Charlotte, he and Mrs. Stafford making their home with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thomas, 704 Sunnyside avenue, was killed in France in September never stops us and I have been glad The Sacramento Bee, received yestermany times to lay down on the wet day by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, contained a notice of the death of Lieut. Stafford. It said: "First Lieut. Phil Stafford, a member of the famous all night long and then keep on the move all day the next day. When that was in the thickest of the fight the armistice was declared I was at Chateau Thierry, at St. Mihiel, and day of the eleventh month the firing front line, according to an official telegram received by his wife from Washington and from different officers of

"Lieut. Stafford was killed September 29. In a letter from his Colonel finally ceased and let us catch a it was stated that he was slated for a good breath. No one can imagine it captaincy and would have received captaincy and would have received his promotion as soon as operations seen, and endure what I did. We were over. The shell that killed the had undertaken a drive that had lieutenant burst about 30 yards in front of three Americans as they stood talking in front of a hospital,

just back of the town of Cuisy. "Lieut. Stafford was born in Vermont and was 33 years old. He came to Sacramento many years ago and before his enlistment was a member of the engineering department of the Southern Pacific railway. He was above the draft age but volunteered for the service and received his training and commission at the Vancouver Barracks. He went to France or June 28, and after spending a few weeks with the British Royal Engineers, was transferred to the Fourth American Engineers. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Marion Upson Stafford, of Oakland, who was formerly a Sac-ramento girl. His mother, three sisters and a brother, in the south, also survive him. He was a graduate of the University of California and was identified with the Phi Gamma Delta and the University clubs.'

Lieut. Stafford was exceptionally popular in Charlotte. He and Mrs Stafford came in November and left in July.

Piano for Canteen Hut.

Miss Lucy Oates is on the still hunt for a piano for the canteen hut. One Major Clarkson's Division has Record for Continuous Service.

Many in Charlotte will be interested in the following letter from Mark No. 100 a plano for the canteen nut. One is very much needed to contribute to the pleasure of the soldiers passing back and forth. If any one has a plano for the canteen nut. One is very much needed to contribute to the pleasure of the soldiers passing back and forth. If any one has a plano for the canteen nut. One is very much needed to contribute to the pleasure of the soldiers passing back and forth. If any one has a plano for the canteen nut. One is very much needed to contribute to the pleasure of the soldiers passing back and forth. If any one has a plano for the canteen nut. One

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Messrs. Guy and Walter Withers, of New York, will arrive in the city to-day to spend Christmas with their fa-

Mrs. Robert S. Young and son, Mr. Robert S. Young, and Mrs. Luther T. Hartsell and the latter's son. L. T. Hartsell, Jr., of Concord, apent yesterday in the city, motoring over in the forenoon, Mr. Young will complete his medical course at Columbia Uni-

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