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Fresh Beef, Pork and Sausage.
All-Pork Sausage a Specialty.
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POLICEMEN PARDONED.

C. J. PRATT AND ASSISTANTS WILL NOT GO TO JAIL.

GOV. CARR INTERVENES.

Were Convicted of Using Undue Force in making an arrest at Edenton.

Officer C. J. Pratt and his assistants, John Harris and William Leggett, who were convicted at the Fall term of Chowan Superior Court, of using unnessary force in arresting the negro, Neil Skinner, accused of breakinto the store of A. C. Mitchell at Edenton, some months ago, have been pardoned by Governor Carr. In granting the pardon the Governor gives the following reasons:

These men (officers of the law) were sentenced for assault and battery in their efforts to arrest a supposed criminal. It was abundantly proven that there was no excessive force used in makeing the arrest, the prosecutor alone swearing they did. Competent medical examination failed to corroborate his declaration. But had they used more force than was necessary, there was much to excuse them. A store had just been broken into, as several had recently before. Pratt, the policeman, was informed that the prosecutor was the guilty party, and went in pursuit of him. When caught he desperately resisted arrest and fought the officers, who called others to his assistance. If, under these circumstances, human beings do not exactly measure their acts they ought not to be too severely comdemned. Innocent men are not apt to resist an officer of the law and it was a very natural conclusion to arrive at, that the more desperate the resistance the more certain were they that they had caught the right man. They were only doing their duty as they knew it. In my opinion, it would be little less than a public calamity for these men, who thought they were doing their duty, and would undoubtedly have been censured and punished had they failed to arrest this man, should now suffer humiliating punishment and the alleged felon go free, under the direction of the court. The crime of resisting an officer in the discharge of his duty is much too frequent. A complete pardon is hearby granted the three officers."

Still Believed in Santa Claus.

Faith in the Santa Claus myth hasn't entirely faded out of the juvenile mind, thought even the very youngest representatives of the present generation are apt to be skeptical. The proof:

Little Bettina, three years old, has a rag doll with whom her relations are particularly tender and sympathetic. A morning or two ago this doll was discovered near the fireplace in a shocking condition. She was black in the face and, in fact black all over, and the smell of soot about her was very strong. It was a mystery until Bettina was interrogated. The condition of the doll made her a little rueful, but she brightened up, and said:

"I whispered to Patty all the things I wanted for Christmas and sent her up the chimney to tell Santa Claus!"—*Exchange.*

It is not so much what you say as what you do.
E. C. BURT & Co's.,
Ladies' Fine Dongola Button Boots.
We are offering the above line of
Shoes At Cut Prices
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Only a limited number of Pair. Prices are less than the cost of the shoe.
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Hang up the Baby's Stocking.

"Hang up the baby's stocking,
Be sure you don't forget,
For the dear little dimpled darling
Has never seen Christmas yet.
But I've told her all about it,
And she opened her big, blue eyes,
And I'm sure she understands it—
She looked so funny and wise.

"Dear dear, what a tiny stocking!
It doesn't take much to hold
Such little pink toes as baby's
Away from the frosts and cold.
But now for the baby's Christmas,
It never will do at all.
For Santa wouldn't be looking
For anything half so small,

"I know what we'll do for the baby,
I've thought of the very best plan:
We'll borrow a stocking of grandma,
The longest and best that we can:
And you'll hang it by mine dear mother
Right here in the corner—so
And you'll write a letter to Santa,
And fasten it on the toe.

"Write: "This is the baby's stocking
That hangs in the corner here;
You never saw her, Santa,
For she only came this year.
But she is the blessedest baby!—
And now before you go
Just cram her stocking with goodies,
From the top clear down to the toe."

Givers of Gifts Should Remember

That uselessness is not synonymous with attractiveness.

That it often causes a breech in friendship for one to return by mistake the gift she received the year before.

That there are cases when a half dozen handkerchiefs are more acceptable than a string of gold beads.

That the mother of the family has not entirely outgrown the feminine fondness for pretty things.

That the father cannot be expected to grow enthusiastic over a gift of lace curtains for the parlor.

That it is exceedingly bad taste to give gifts of such monetary value that the recipient is weighed down by a sense of financial indebtedness.

That a bald-headed man will probably take umbrage if presented with a pair of brushes bearing his monogram.

That the cost of a cut-glass decanter does not make it a suitable gift for the temperance agitator's family.

That it is well to learn the size of a woman's hand before sending her a box of gloves.

That there is no time like the present for ceasing the absurd custom of exchanging duty gifts.

THOSE WHO RECEIVE SHOULD REMEMBER

That it is still in bad taste to look a gift horse in the mouth.

That the hideous clock sent by the rich relative from whom one has expectations must be given a place of honor in one's home.

That there is always a blessed possibility of exchanging duplicates.

That all gifts should be acknowledged without delay.

That it is always suspicious to send a present immediately upon receipt of one.

That it is not friendly to search for price tags or to carry one's gifts to the stores to learn their value.

That there are other considerations in the interchange of presents than purely commercial ones.

That it is not an evidence of high Christian spirit to cross from one's visiting list the names of all who have failed to send one Christmas tokens.

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The SYMPTOMS of Liver Complaint are a bitter or bad taste in the mouth; Pain in the Back, Sides or Joints, often mistaken for Rheumatism; Sour Stomach; Loss of Appetite; Bowels alternately costive and lax; Headache; Loss of Memory, with a painful sensation of having failed to do something which aught to have been done; Debility; Low Spirits; a thick, yellow appearance of the Skin and Eyes; a dry Cough, often mistaken for Consumption.
Sometimes many of these symptoms attend the disease, at others very few; but the Liver, the largest organ in the body, is generally the seat of the disease and if not Regulated in time, great suffering, wretchedness and DEATH will ensue.
The following highly-esteemed persons attest to the virtues of SIMMONS LIVER REGULATOR: Gen. W. S. Holt, Pres. Ga. S. W. R. R. Co.; Rev. J. R. Felder, Perry, Ga.; Col. E. K. Sparks, Albany, Ga.; C. Masterson, Esq., Sheriff Bibb Co., Ga.; J. A. Butts, Bainbridge, Ga.; Rev. J. W. Burke, Macon, Ga.; Virgil Powers, Supt. Ga. S. W. R. R.; Hon. Alexander H. Stephens.
We have tested its virtues personally, and know that for Dyspepsia, Biliousness and Throbbing Headache, it is the best medicine the world ever saw. We have tried forty other remedies before Simmons Liver Regulator, and none of them gave us more than temporary relief; the Regulator not only relieved, but cured us."—ED. TELEGRAPH AND MESSENGER, MACON, GA.
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CHRISTMAS IN EUROPE.

Little People Across The Ocean Who Have Santa Claus.

England is by no means the only European country to enter into the celebration of the Christmas festival with a zest. In Germany, in Sweden and Norway, in Russia, in France, and in fact, all over Europe, wherever the Christian religion obtained a foothold, the anniversary of the Nativity is observed with rejoicing and feasting. The ceremonies are not greatly unlike those of the English speaking people, though, of course, modified by the traditions and usages of each country. St. Nicholas under a dozen aliases have become known to the little ones from the Mediterranean to the North sea. In Holland he is Santa Claus, in Switzerland, Samt Klas, and in Austria, Niklo, or Niglo. Everywhere he is the same pleasant myth, the friend of the children, the old gentleman of snow-white beard, benevolent disposition and invisible movements. In some of these countries a dread personage is supposed by the children to follow in his wake, a person, either male or female, who is prepared to lecture bad children on their evil ways or seize them in his visible arms and spirit them away. The myth regarding this dread being is probably a survival of the old pagan idea of the good spirits and the bad spirits, or perhaps, of the legend, about the annual conflict between Thor, the god of the thunder-storm, and Freija, the goddess of spring.

Unexpected Munificence.

"Jane," said Mr. Skinnphlint, a softened light shining in his eyes, "I think I have never given you anything for a Christmas present, have I?"

"No, William," answered Mrs. Skinnphlint. "You never have."

"This Christmas, Jane," said Mr. Skinnphlint, in a voice trembling from unwonted feeling, "shall be a different one from any we have ever had. What would you say to a present of some useful article for the house?"

"I would like it very much, William."

"Something, for instance, that would be both useful and ornamental? Something that you could select yourself? How would that do?"

"It would please me above all things."

"Then, Jane," said Mr. Skinnflint, with an effort to retain his composure, "we need a new boot-jack. Here is twenty-five cents to buy it with. If it costs less, Jane," added, in a broken voice, "you can keep the change."

Paying a Thousand Kisses for Bryan.

Miss Carrie Osler, of Marshall county, Michigan, is just at present fulfilling a rather agreeable and pleasant campaign wager with a young man. Miss Osler pinned her faith to Bryan in the recent election. So confident was she that the Nebraskan would win that she bet 1,000 kisses with her lover on the result. The couple were making excellent progress toward the payment of the wager when a dispute arose over alleged inaccuracies in the tally, and a recount is now being taken.

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Victoria's Christmas.

HOW THE QUEEN OF GREAT BRITAIN SPENDS HER HOLIDAYS.

Since the death of Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, there has been a marked change in the manner of spending Christmas in the royal household at Windsor Castle. It will be remembered that the Prince died on December 14th, and ever since that event the day has been a sacred one to his widow.

This sad anniversary, coming as it does so near Christmas, has changed the mode of observance of that holiday. For a long time after the obsequies there were no Christmas festivities, but as time went on and the deep wound was healed, the Queen returned to her old life and ways. Christmas, though shorn of many of its former gayeties, still reigns supreme at Osborne, where the Queen always spends her Christmas.

She has always gone there since the death of the Prince, Windsor being too full of sad memories, so that after the services held on the anniversary of the Prince Consort's death the court goes to the Isle of Wight.

The Queen always attends church on Christmas Day and receives the holy communion with those of her family who are with her. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Princess Louise and Lord Lorne, besides Princess Henry of Battenberg, are those of her children who generally spend Christmas with the Queen. Sometimes the Duchess of Albany and her children are also there, and Princess Christian and her daughter and son follow directly afterward, when they have dispensed their own Christmas festivities.

The Joyous Christmas Time.

There are those, no doubt, who find it difficult to understand that it is better to give than to receive, but to the cheerful giver the maxim is not without appreciation, neither is it difficult of understanding. The happy, joyous Christmas time is the season of remembrance, and if the truth were known as between the giver and receiver, the happier of the two is the former. Shakespeare has said, "One touch of nature makes all the world akin," and he might have added that charity is a bond of universal brotherhood.

The star of Bethlehem appeared in the east eighteen hundred and ninety-six years ago, and charity had its origin in the teachings of Him who was born on that blessed day. It was on that day that the world was redeemed from darkness, and error, and uncharitableness, and inaugurated the noble idea of brotherly love which makes the whole Christian world, at least, akin. The greatest giver of all is He who gave His only begotten Son, that peace and happiness might be the blessing of man. There can be no doubt that each Christmastide makes the world better. It always leaves a kindier, a better, a more loving spirit among men, and it is because of this that the season "is associated with all that is tenderest, sweetest and holiest in human life." In all Christian countries this day will be observed with religious ceremonies with feasting and rejoicing. It inaugurated the reign of charity in the world. Let it not be forgotten, then, amid the general joy of the occasion, that there are those among us who are less favored than ourselves. Let us strive to make others happy. Let all rejoice that Christmas was given the world alike for all of God's creatures. He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord."

In this happy, joyous Christmas times the FISHERMAN & FARMER extends the compliments of the season to all its readers and wishes them many returns of the day.

Buy Him A HAT.
Women wonder what present will please a man
Buy him one of our latest block hats. Get it large because his head will swell when he sees it. When he has it on he will look so "swell" that if his head didn't swell it would be out of proportion.
Derbies too, Alpines, Caps, etc.
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Suitable for Xmas presents for Gentlemen friends.
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And you will not find a larger or more complete line of
GROCERIES THAN AT
J. B. FLORA & CO'S.,
A mammoth stock and everything for the housekeeper
FRESH GOODS! PURE GOODS! PRICES UNEXCELLED!
Nice line of Buggies and Pheatons an Robes for same.

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T. C. ALLEN,
An Old Friend To The Little Ones.
—FOR YOUR—
Christmas Candies,
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A Gay Time Christmas Night.

BLACK CAKE SEASON!
We have all that go to make it good.....
Figs, Nuts, Raisins, Currants, etc
Also a large stock of very choice.....
Flour, Butter, Sugar,
Lard, and many other things necessary to make GOOD THINGS
FOR CHRISTMAS
ALL NEW GOODS AND AT THE LOWEST PRICES.
Best Mince Meat 3 lbs for 25c.
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GIVE ME A CALL.
Corner Store, near the market.
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These things must be had
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