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Made from pure cream of tartar.

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To "Advertise Judiciously," use the columns of the HENDERSON GOLD LEAF. A progressive, wide-awake newspaper, it circulates extensively throughout Vance and adjoining counties, among an intelligent and prosperous people whose trade is well worth seeking and having.

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1 wk.	$ 100	150	200	450	800	1200
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3 "	200	300	400	800	1300	1800
4 "	250	350	500	900	1500	2000
5 "	300	450	600	1000	1800	2400
2 mos.	350	525	700	1100	2000	2800
3 "	475	650	850	1500	2500	3500
4 "	600	900	1200	2000	4000	5000
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Obituary notices, resolutions of respect, etc., will be charged for at the rate of one cent per word; and the cash must accompany the manuscript. In cases where friends and patrons of the paper are concerned no charge will be made for the first ten lines—about 75 words—or articles not exceeding that in length.

TALK OF THE TOWN

For Low Prices
On Lime, Laths, Shingles, Doors and Windows, call on
JOHN B. WATKINS.

Christmas GIFT

Christmas is almost here, happiest time of the year.

Several marriages are announced to take place early in the New Year.

Mr. R. J. Allen has returned from Littleton where he has been for some weeks.

A Merry, Merry Christmas the GOLD LEAF wishes to its friends and patrons, one and all.

The sweet boy and boy is very near by, observes the paragraph man of the Orange *Observer*.

Consult the advertising columns of the GOLD LEAF before starting on your holiday purchasing tour.

Blood money is the cash you pay to have your family lineage looked up, says a bright paragraphist.

Rev. H. M. Tuttle, the newly appointed pastor, will preach in the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday.

There was a partial eclipse of the moon Saturday night, visible throughout the United States. Did you observe it?

J. R. Carroll gives notice of having qualified as administrator of James R. Carroll, deceased. See advertisement elsewhere.

Mrs. Jennie Brodie and Mr. James Broddie are home from Suwanee, Tenn., where Mr Brodie has been attending college.

Mrs. R. J. Wyche returned last week from a visit to Newport News and Manchester, Va., and is stopping at Mr. J. E. McCraw's.

The cards on the first page are neat and attractive and with the accompanying illustrations present quite a striking appearance.

Bear in mind the real estate to be sold on Thursday next, Dec. 28th, by S. H. Allen, trustee. For particulars see advertisement elsewhere.

Mr. Frayser, of the Globe Photograph Co., has gone to Richmond to spend Christmas and will be away until about the fourth of January.

Miss Mary Young will assist Hight & Co. in dispensing holiday goods, of which they have a handsome display. She will be pleased at all times to see her friends.

Read carefully the cards on the first page of the paper this week and then go and see those live, progressive, reliable merchants who thus invite your patronage.

Was ever finer weather seen at this season of the year? Not uncomfortable to sit with open doors and out in the sunshine it is warmer than in the house where there is no fire.

The President's message to Congress will be found printed on the fourth page. It will repay a careful reading lengthy as it is on account of the important questions dealt with, our foreign policy especially.

Holiday shoppers are getting a move on them and merchants are busy. Consult the GOLD LEAF's advertisements and you will know where to go for what you want. And the advertiser is the bargain giver.

That our friend Mr. Wm. Buchan has been killing hogs we have reason to know. Some genuine home made sausage the gift of his good wife which the GOLD LEAF household enjoyed, is what we judge by. And there was never better—just "like mother used to make."

The old folks are waiting for you Christmas, so is the Seaboard Air Line. One and one-third fares round trip. Tickets good for two weeks, if purchased December 22nd.

Nelson Willis, who went to Newport News, Va., a few months ago, has returned to his old post in the GOLD LEAF office. Nelson says after all there is no place like Henderson and no girl like his Henderson girl.

J. R. Carter, the baker, has added a handsome nickel plated coffee boiler of improved pattern, and serves therefrom hot coffee and chocolate at all hours. Go and see him when you want a stimulating, delicious drink of this kind.

To those in comfortable circumstances Christmas affords a special occasion for the exercise of practical religion, by sending a part of their turkey and other good things to some family to which such luxries are strangers.

Mrs. C. McNair and son Mr. Wm. R. McNair have returned from Madison, Fla., where they have been staying for some months. Their friends gladly welcome them home and are pleased to note their improved condition of health.

Mr. H. B. Hardy, traveling agent and correspondent of the *News and Observer*, was an agreeable caller at this office Friday afternoon. Mr Hardy at one time lived in Henderson and has many friends here who are always glad to see him.

Think of a first-class, up-to-date magazine for only $1.00 a year. That is what *McClure's Magazine* is and it's only one dollar a year or ten cents a copy. Cheap, isn't it? You'll think so when you see it. Send and get a copy. See advertisement in this paper.

Christmas is near at hand and holiday shopping is in vogue. Intending purchasers will find it wise to begin their rounds at once and make their selections before the rush begins. By adopting this plan they will be able to secure first choice and also get through their shopping with much less inconvenience and greater satisfaction.

Read the advertisement of Philip Werlein, Limited, 614 Canal street, New Orleans, La., the oldest and largest music house in the South. Dealer in all kinds of musical instruments, music, etc. Latest coon and rag time songs, all 50 cent music, at half regular price—sent postpaid for 26 cents. Send for catalogue and price list.

Turkey or no turkey we are fixed for Christmas. Our ever thoughtful friend Mr. John A Fleming brought us a basket of spare ribs, backbone and sausage Tuesday. Not that he thought that we might not have the turkey, but as an evidence that he had been killing hogs. And when he has a good thing like that he has at least one friend he always wants to help him push it along.

Go to BARNES' CLOTHING STORE and see their immense stock. They have the goods and will make the prices lower than the lowest.

Every feature of economy, durability or convenience that an experience of 20 years has shown to be desirable will be found in the "Garland" cook stove. Sold by the
WATKINS HARDWARE CO.

Fur rugs, linen matting, table scarfs, etc., at
A. T. BARNES' FURNITURE HOUSE.

Honor Roll.

Following is the roll of honor for the Third Grade, Miss Bertie Watson teacher, for last week: Gus Zollicoffer, Eugene Powell, Juliett Kearsey, Annie Watkins, Aileen Lewis, Alvin Barnes, Robert Lee Hart, Henry Jenkins, Helen Lamb, Edwin Clary, Kennie Dunkley, Edward Butler, Mabel Engelberg, Wesley Allen, John Garlick, Callie Brame.

Dorsey Drug Co. guarantees every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and will refund the money to anyone who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for la grippe, coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendendy of a cold to result in pneumonia.

"Garland" stoves and ranges have been sold here 5 years nor have we had a call for a piece of repairs. What other make could show a like record? Sold by the WATKINS HARDWARE CO.

Roman chairs, clover leaf odd dressers, brass and iron beds, window tables, etc., at A. T. BARNES'.

True Meridian Established.

A government expert, Mr. J. B. Baylor, of the U. S. coast survey, working in connection with the North Carolina geological survey, has just visited Henderson for the purpose of establishing a true meridian. In the court house square two granite posts are set by which surveyors' compasses may be tested for the purpose of determining their correctness.

Mr. Baylor has been in 77 counties of the State having been engaged in this work a part of last year and a part of this. It was at the instance of Prof. Holmes, State Geologist, that this work was undertaken and to him Mr. Baylor says the credit is mainly due.

The Modern Mother

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy, than by any other. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

Students, go home by the Seaboard Air Line, and get your cetificates signed by Superintendent, Principal or President of your Institution.

Entirely new, odd and beautiful is my line of dressing tables, music cabinets, combinations, &c. A. T. BARNES.

Shot Removed.

About three years ago George W. Dunkley was shot in the corner of the eye, close to the nose, with an air rifle carelessly handled by another boy. There the shot (turkey size) has remained imbedded an inch or two back from the point of entrance. Doctors examined it and as it didn't cause any particular trouble they thought it best to let it alone. Recently, however, the desire to have the shot removed possessed George anew. He consulted Dr. Bass and was told that it could be removed without danger to the eye or other organ. The operation was undertaken and successfully performed by the Doctor, delicate and difficult as it was. Instead of carrying the leaden pellet around in his head George now has it in his pocket, whereof he is proud.

Tickets on sale for the Christmas holidays by the Seaboard Air Line, December 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, also December 30th and 31st, and January 1st, 1900, good until January 4th, inclusive.

Closing Out Sale At Cost!

Dry goods, notions, shoes, hats, caps, trunks, valises, crockery, wood and willow-ware, all must go before January 1st, 1900.

I am going to make a change in my business, and will close out my entire stock of dry goods and notions at cost.

Those who come early will reap the benefit, by getting the goods before they are picked over.

Respectfully,
J. A. KELLY

Henderson, N. C.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Sometime ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25-cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited.—THOMAS C. BOWER, Glencoe, O. For sale by The Dorsey Drug Co.

Newest styles in leather goods, such as corner and window seats, rockers, couches, &c., at
A. T. BARNES' FURNITURE HOUSE.

For the cheapest and best Felt Mattress go to WATKINS'.

Marriage Announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilkerson, of South Boston, Va., have issued cards announcing the marriage of their daughter Miss Willie Thomas, to Mr. Walter Thomas Clayton, Wednesday afternoon, December 27th, at half after one o'clock, Methodist Episcopal church, South Boston, Va. Mr. Clayton is a Vance county young man and lived in Henderson for a while previous to going to South Boston. His friends here and elsewhere will cordially congratulate him upon the happy event announced.

Christmas is the time for coming together. Go home by the Seaboard Air Line. One and one-third fares for the round trip.

You'll look as well in one of Watkins' $15 business suits as you would in a custom-made $25 suit. And you will feel a great deal better, for you'll have that $10 in your pocket.

At BARNES' CLOTHING STORE they are looking for you and will sell you a suit just like mine at half the price.

A Bouquet for the Cold Leaf.

The Henderson GOLD LEAF of last week began its nineteenth volume. Eighteen years ago Thad R. Manning flung his banner to the breeze, and gave our sister town a bright, clean, newsy weekly and the growth and improvement of his enterprise has been constant ever since. It is a source of gratification and pride to any town to have such a journal. His work has been laborious and much of the way has not been strewn with flowers. His brethren will rejoice in his success and hope that when he sits down to his Christmas dinner, he may have all his heart desires, and the coming year be full of blessings and prosperity, despite the paper trust, and their constant rising to remark on prices.—Durham *Sun*.

The "Garland" cook stove is sold with the absolute guarantee of being the finest and best construction of its kind made for the price asked. Sold in Henderson only by the
WATKINS HARDWARE CO.

Special Christmas privileges to College Students by the Seaboard Air Line. Tickets good for three weeks if bought December 15th, at one and one-third fares for the round trip. Tickets on sale December 15th to 21st, inclusive, good until January 4th, inclusive.

Mr. Shannon the Winner.

The George D. Witt Shoe Company, Lynchburg, Va., one of the largest wholesale shoe houses in the South, has 22 traveling salesmen. Recently they offered a prize of $25 in gold to the man doing the biggest business in a given time—16 days. Our townsman, Mr. W. O. Shannon, was the winner, his house just notifying him of the fact and congratulating him thereon. Mr. Shannon is a hustler and the GOLD LEAF banked on him.

The total amount of orders sent in during the time the contest was in force amounted to $188,192. Pretty big business that, and yet it is not an exceptional half month's business for the George D. Witt Shoe Company.

We congratulate Mr. Shannon upon his success and the house upon having such a capable and successful man in its service.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnston, of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and paining me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me. For sale by The Dorsey Drug Co.

Felt, Pine Fibre, Hair and Cotton Down Mattresses for sale by
S. WATKINS.

Parker's Headine

is an exhilarator.

The Royal Elastic Felt mattress has no equal. Sold at
A. T. BARNES' FURNITURE HOUSE.

Status of the Small Pox.

George Wyckoff has entirely recovered from the small pox and is no longer under quarantnie regulations. However, he will not come into town until after New Year's, not that there is any danger but to prevent apprehension on the part of any one. Mr. Wyckoff has had the sympathy of his friends during his sickness and they congratulate him upon coming out of the trouble all right.

Beler Wortham is getting on all right his sickness being so slight as to cause little concern to himself or others. He has not been sick enough to take his bed, nor has he stopped work even. Mr. Wortham it will be recalled has a mild case of varioloid. He lives about three miles from town.

AUGUST FLOWER.

"It is a surprising fact, says Prof. Houton, "that in my travels in all parts of the world, for the last ten years, I have met more people having used Green's August Flower than any other remedy, for dyspepsia, deranged liver and stomach, and for constipation. I find for tourists and salesmen, or for persons filling office positions, where headaches and general bad feelings from irregular habits exist, that Green's August Flower is a grand remedy. It does not injure the system by frequent use, and is excellent for sour stomach and indigestion." Sample bottles free at The Dorsey Drug Co's.

Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.

Chairs, Hall Racks, Tables, Lounges, Couches, Bed Room Suits and in fact everything in the furniture line at
S. WATKINS'.

SAMUEL WATKINS SOLE OWNER.

Bought Out His Associates in the Hardware Business—An Up-to-date Establishment of its Kind.

As will be seen by advertisement published elsewhere Mr. Samuel Watkins has purchased the entire capital stock of the Watkins Hardware Compay, also the stock of hardware, goods, merchandise and other property of same. He will continue the business at the same place, under the name of the Watkins Hardware Company, Samuel Watkins, proprietor, and solicits a continuance of the same liberal patronage accorded them heretofore. The stock of goods, already large and varied, will be greatly added to at once and it will be the aim of the proprietor to have in Henderson one of the most complete and up-to-date hardware stores to be found outside the large city wholesale houses.

Everything in hardware and everything of the very best quality for the money asked is the motto. In a stock so extensive, in a line so varied it would be impossible to enumerate even if it were necessary, but special attention is called to the line of Garland stoves and ranges, "the worlds' best," and the celebrated Majestic steel ranges, the leaders in their class. There are no better goods made. They are the pride and satisfaction of the housewife, the joy and comfort of the cook.

Garland Juniors are quick bakers, simple in operation and the best of their class on earth. That's the claim of the manufacturers and they are sold with a written guarantee. The oven door is lined with Garland alluminum plate, and is opened by a tap of the foot on the "kicker." The oven top is extra thick and is cemented, and the oven is more nearly square than in most goods. The reservoirs are porcelian-lined cast iron, and can be lifted out for cleaning. They can be detached or added at any time. Grates can be replaced without interfering with the water connection. Get a Garland and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have the best cooking apparatus that mechanical skill can devise or that money can buy.

You can't to save your life get a prettier and more useful Christmas gift than the selection now offered at
A. T. BARNES' FURNITURE HOUSE.

This is thicker clothing weather, and the stock to select from is at Watkins'.

Sportsmen will find ammunition of all kinds, at H. THOMASON'S.

Desirable Real Estate for Sale.

J. L. Currin, chairman, and Geo. A. Rose, secretary of the public school committe, advertise the property known as the white public school house, situated on Chestnut street, in the Western edge of town, to be sold at public auction on Monday, January 15th, 1900. House has three large rooms and hall and is suitable for residence purposes. Two acres of land which may be divided into four good building lots. See advertisement in this paper.

There are others—but the line of neckwear at Watkins' is the one you want to select from. There are reasons for this, among them being price and style. Those two reasons are the convincing ones.

Parker's Drug Store

for Bicycles and Bicycle material.

New Cream Cheese at
HORNER & POWELL'S.

A Fine Lecturer.

Dr. William Edwin Hall, of New York, one of the foremost platform lecturers in this country, has again gladdened Henderson (those who heard him) by his matchless eloquence. Dr. Hall had been here before and those who had heard him knew what was in store for them when a lecture was announced. He delivered a free religious lecture at Cooper Opera House Sunday afternoon, his subject being "Yesterday, To-day and Forever." Sunday night he preached in the Methodist Episcopal church on "The Resurrection." Both were very fine efforts and greatly enjoyed by those who were fortunate enough to hear him.

Monday night at the Opera House Dr. Hall delivered his popular humorous lecture "How to Get Married and Stay So," to which admission was charged. There was a combination of fact and fancy, pathos and poetry, wit and wisdom, satire and sentiment, humor, logic, eloquence rarely equaled. Dr. Hall is a master of pure English and it is a rich treat to hear him.

Overcoats! Well, this weather suggests them, and there is no use to try to make that last winter garment do service this winter, when prices are as low as they are at Watkins'. Comparison tells the story—and the comparison shows that the stock at the big store is about the finest you ever looked upon.

A Certain Cure.

RHEUMACIDE removes the cause of rheumatism by neutralizing the acids in the blood and driving them out of the system. All druggists.

You will feel more comfortable if your underwear is right. The kind that is right is the kind sold by Watkins. The prices are right, too, and if you will look you will be convinced that the place to buy is there.

The Soldiers' Have a Supper.

The annual supper of the Vance Guards came off Friday night. About 50 members of the Company were present and besides these there were a number of invited guests, preparations having been made to entertain one hundred persons. The menu consisted of oysters, turkey, ham, breads, pickles, olives, celery, etc. The cooking was of the highest order everything being perfectly prepared. Never were oysters finer stewed nor better coffee brewed. And everything else was equally well served. It was an elegant affair and was sumptuously enjoyed by every person present.

Where so many had a part in making the supper a success and contributing to the enjoyment of their guests we cannot particularize, much as they may merit individual praise. Suffice it to say it was a successful affair in every particular, characteristic of the Vance Guards on occasions of this kind.

Short and appropriate speeches were made by Col. Burgwyn, Rev. A. McCullen, Chaplain Third Regiment, Maj. Jones, Third Regiment, Col. Macon, Quartermaster General, J. H. Bridgers, Esq., Capt. Smith, Capt. Poythress, and others.

Bargains in Drummer's Samples Hair and Tooth Brushes at
PARKER'S DRUG STORE.

GREAT FOUNTAIN PEN SHOW.

Waterman Stock Drawn Strongly Upon for Christmas Gifts.

Ten years ago the fountain pen was looked upon as a luxury. But its power of utility grew, and every year added to the thousands who found it a necessity, until to-day in counting room, on the merchant's desk, the clergyman's study, in the scholar's "den," in newspaper offices, in colleges and schools, and also in the pockets of the multitude, you will find the fountain pen. And nine times out of ten it's a Waterman Ideal.

The credit for this revolution is due mainly to the Waterman Ideal Fountain Pen, which stands unrivaled, the fountain of perfection. The Waterman pen never disappoints. It mechanism is perfect. It writes better than any steel pen. You don't have to shake it, because the ink is always ready and flows evenly and smoothly. If any one is in doubt as to the utility of the Waterman Fountain Pen, let him use one for a week and then try to give it up. Then see what cruelty there is in the old style ink pot and corroded pen.

The Waterman Fountain Pens are made in many styles to fit many purses. Some are mounted in ornate gold and silver designs; others in a variety of styles to please any fancy. Especially attractive for a Christmas offering is a mounting of overlaid silver, which is popular for the holidays.

The Waterman Ideal Fountain Pen is for sale by all dealers, and especially in book shops and by stationers, and it may be had in great variety in the headquarters, No. 157 Broadway, New York.

Biggest line of Furniture and the most up-to-date styles and finishes at
WATKINS'.

For Rent.

A 3-room cottage residence on Andrews Avenue. Good kitchen, garden and well of water on the premises. Terms reasonable. Apply to
S. P. ALLEN.

Rev. A. McCullen.

It is with genuine regret to the many friends of Rev. A. McCullen—and they are by no means confined to his own congregation—that he is to leave Henderson. For three years he has been in and out among us and during that time we have learned his worth and come to love him. He has served the Methodist Episcopal church as pastor well and faithfully. The town is better for his having lived in it. While we regret to see him leave it is gratifying to know that the lines have fallen to him in pleasant places for the ensuing year. He goes to Oxford and to the good people of that town we most cordially command him and his excellent wife.

The cheerful and faithful manner in which Mr. McCullen has met the duties and responsibilities devolving upon him and the able and acceptable manner in which he has served his people, has bound him with peculiar ties of appreciation to not only the Methodists of Henderson but to those of other denominations and members of no church as well. His work has been successful and he leaves it in good condition.

Again we say Henderson regrets the removal of Mr. McCullen and he has the sincere wishes of every one for the fullest measure of success in his labors and health and happiness in abundance for himself and his family.

Proud of His Son.

Mr. Thos. Coppinger, Dayton, Tenn., says: I have used Ramon's Liver Pills and Tonic Pellets for years, and cannot say enough of them for the good they have done in my family. I wish to tell you specially what they did for my youngest son. We thought he was too little to take pills, but when he saw the rest of us taking our usual Tonic Pellet at night, he would cry for one also. So we commenced giving them to him regularly, and from a pale, delicate child he improved immediately, and lately he is as robust a lad as ever breathed mountain air, rosy-cheeked, and he looks as healthy as any big fat Irishman you ever saw. For sale by The Dorsey Drug Co.

Prof. Alderman's Lecture.

On Friday evening, December 16th, the chapel of the Henderson Female College was filled with an audience eager to hear the lecture of Mr. Alderman.

The room was beautifully decorated with holly, and the paintings and crayon pictures adorning the wal's drew forth many admiring comments. The pupils rendered a choice selection of music and recitations in a charming manner.

Mr. Alderman chose as his subject "The Opportunities of Woman," handling it in an exceedingly original and striking manner. He stated many callings open to the ambitious woman besides the one pre-eminently her own, the home maker.

After urging upon the young ladies the importance of being well qualified for any position they might wish to occupy, he related, from his own experience, many very ludicrous answers given by applicants for teachers' certificates, showing their utter unfitness.

He presented to them in glowing terms as examples worthy of emulation Queens Elizabeth, Victoria, Florence Nightengale, Clara Barton, and from our own State's history the noble woman who, by her entreaties and persistence, prevailed upon the Legislature to establish an asylum for our unfortunate insane.

The lecture was highly calculated to impress one with a longing for all that is elevating and useful in life and must give to the young a lofty impetus which will result in nobler aspirations.

ATTENDANT.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

A CHRIRTMAS SONG.

BY ANNA D. WALKER.

Ring out, ring out, O Christmas bells!
Ring out your joyous lay!
The word upon the air now swells,
The Christ was born to-day.
In Bethlehem far, where guiding star
Led wise men on their way.

Ring out, ring out a joyous peal!
And may the children sing,
And every soul adoring kneel
Before the Saviour King,
Who came to earth in lowly birth,
Salvation thus to bring.

Ring out, ring out, ay, ring and chime
Upon the blessed morn!
Tell every nation, every clime,
That Christ the Lord is born;
Tell everywhere, King David's Heir
A robe of flesh has worn.

Ring out, ring out, o'er hill and glen,
While we in song unite,
The peace on earth, good will to men,
That came to Bethlehem's height—
The blessed song of angel throng
That shepherds heard that night!

Volcanic Eruptions

Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, cures them; also Old, Running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chilblains; best Pile cure on earth. Drives out Pains and Aches. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by the Dorsey Drug Company.

A BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM.

Christmas Giving—Its True Significance Often Lost Sight of.

THERE IS NO MORE beautiful custom than the time-honored one of Christmas giving, when it is observed in the true spirit; that is, when the gifts are those of love, not of imagined obligation.

Present giving at Christmas time is of heathen origin. During the yuletide season our heathen ancestors were wont to make conciliatory offerings to their deities, whose personal movements and direct interferences on earth were supposed to be traceable at that period. Later, when the church Christianized the custom, the giving of reciprocal gifts—so beautifully symbolical of God's great love gift of a Saviour to a lost world — was substituted for the heathen observance.

Make the season one of joy supreme. Let the Christmas spirit permeate everything, from the vine-wreathed windows, the yule log on the hearth, the tree laden with love offerings, down to the specially prepared dishes.

But count not your day a success if the Christmas cheer is confined to your own fireside. Forget not those homes upon whose hearths no yule log is burning. Alas! they are all too numerous. Seek out such an one, and transfer to it at least one ray of the sunshine which gladdens your own heart and home.—*Katharine E. Megee, in Ladies' World.*

Elko Vinegar for Pickling. Guaranteed absolutely pure. For sale by
HORNER & POWELL.

GOOD CHEER.

Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
'Twas not given for you alone—
Pass it on.
Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in Heaven the deed appears—
Pass it on.
—*Exchange*

If.

If you need a hat or pair of shoes,
Or a suit of clothes you would choose,—
Overcoat or furnishings at prices low—
Whatever it is you'll find displayed
Of latest syle and size and grade
In the matchless stock at Watkins' store.

The Festival of Motherhood.

Christmas is the festival of motherhood. It calls our thoughts back to our own beginning—to her who gave us birth—to her to whom above every other human being we owe all that we are for good—all that we might have been and are not. We recall her gentleness and patience with us—her aspirations and prayers for us. We pause and think of what we might have been had she been other than she was. We would to God that we were more nearly what she would have us to be. We say: "Would that all children might be so blessed!" —*Exchange.*

My dear Miss Bonds, your eyes pray lift
(If this don't win her I am lost!)
And deign to view my humble gift;
(I hate to think about its cost!)
May it find favor in your sight,
(And bring about the end I seek!)
Although its value is but slight,
(I'll have to fast at least a week!)
—New York *World.*

Your Trade is Wanted
—ON—
Yule Time Goods.
A Splendid Assortment to Select From.
W. W. PARKER,
Druggist.

You Need a Piano or Organ?

If you do not, your home does. Life without pleasure is a living death. Music will make your home bright, keep the young folks about the hearthstone and give pleasure that will mean years of happiness. With the good prices prevailing for your crop, why not spend a hundred dollars and get a piano; you can pay balance next year. An organ will only cost from $20.00 up, and you need not pay but half now. Any instrument shipped on trial and satisfaction guaranteed.

The Oldest and Largest House in the South.

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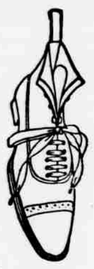

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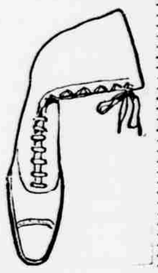

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NOTICE.

BY VIRTUE OF POWER CONFERred upon me by a Deed of Trust duly executed by Toney Thomas and wife Henrietta Thomas, on the 17th day of November, 1899, and which is recorded in Vance county, in Book 19, at page 540, I shall, on

December 28th, 1899,

sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door in Vance county, the following real estate, to-wit. All the right, title and interest of the said Toney Thomas and wife in a lot of land in Henderson, N. C., bounded as follows: Begin at a stone Comodore Young's corner, and run thence S. 5. W. 40 links to a stone at Young's gate; then S. 40 W. 50 links to a stone at the corner of Young's yard; then S. 14 E. 5 poles and 10 links to a stone Young's corner; then S. 5. W. 4 poles to a stone in Young's line; then West 8 poles and 4 to a stone; then N. 5 W. 12 poles and 13 links to a stone; then East 11 poles to the beginning. It being the lot bought by Willis Morris from N. H. Chavasse, 28th July, 1883. Terms cash.

S. H. ALLEN, Trustee.

This the 6th day of December, 1899.

The poor we have with us always and of course we should not wait for any special season or occasion to remember them. But Christmas affords a peculiar and appropriate opportunity for contributing to the needs and adding to the comfort and happiness of the less fortunate ones about us.