HOLIDAY SHOPPING.

THOUGHTS ABOUT THINGS WHICH THE SEASON BRINGS.

WHAT TO BUY AND WHERE TO GET THE BEST.

A Directory of Dealers Who Display Their Wares and Present Their Claims to Gold Leaf Readers—All Tastes, All Wants, All Purses, Catered to by the Enterprising, Progressive Spirited Merchants of Henderson.

CHRISTMAS! How the heart thrills at the thought! With what delight old and young welcome this joyous season of good cheer and gift-giving. In keeping with its custom the GOLD LEAF wants to help its friends to the full and proper enjoyment of the occasion. We can do this no better than by directing them where to do their Christmas shopping—by pointing out the places where they can buy to best advantage such as they want, no matter what the character of the article.

In the array of advertisements presented a diversity of lines will be found represented. Special provision has been made to meet every reasonable demand, and we are sure that among such splendid stocks buyers cannot fail to find what they want and at the right price. It is not too much to say that no better or more extensive lines of goods can be found than those carried by our dealers, and nowhere are there any cleverer or more liberal merchants than those in Henderson.

The GOLD LEAF asks its readers to carefully look the list of its advertisers over, see who invites your patronage and the special provision made to meet the wants of the holiday trade and bargains that are offered in goods of every day demand and then give these enterprising dealers a call.

Taking them in the alphabetical order of their names we have pleasure in presenting the following representative and reliable business houses:

ALLEN-MOSS HARDWARE CO

Honest goods at honest prices and a straight deal every time is the motto of the Allen-Moss Hardware Company. They carry a complete stock of everything in hardware, paints, oils, varnishes, &c., being exclusive handlers of some lines, and bid for patronage on the grounds of merit. Here you will find a good line of table cutlery, silverware, chafing dishes, carving sets, builders' hardware, farming implements of all kinds, kitchen ware, pocket knives, razors, scissors, shaving sets, Benjamin air rifles, hunting coats and leggings, etc., George Wostenholm's pocket knives and carving sets, Monarch enameled ware, copper nickel-plated coffee pots and kettles, Universal meat choppers, bread and cake mixers, coffee percolators, Lisk's roasters, and a variety of other articles suitable for holiday presents or furnishing the home. South Bend Malleable ranges, Franklin and Oak heaters, Perfection oil stoves (heaters and cookers) grates, fire sets, &c. Special agency for Devoe's paints. A full line carried in stock, all colors in all sizes. No matter what you want in their line the Allen-Moss Hardware Company can supply it—and at a reasonable price. An inspection of their stock is invited.

J. W. BECK.

Not content with supplying the best of fresh meats—beef and pork, veal and mutton—as he has done for years, J. W. Beck has added to his business and is now in position to cater to his customers in the line of fancy groceries as well. He carries a good stock, everything fresh and seasonable, and sells at conservative prices. Butter, eggs, cheese, cakes, crackers, canned and bottled goods, candies, baking powders, toilet and laundry soaps, fruits, vegetables, etc. In fact everything you can think of almost, and the stock, though not as big as some others, is up to the times, varied in character, desirable in quality and reasonable in price. Choice country butter a specialty—the best that can be had, made by careful hands, and an article that can be vouched for. Tarbell cheese, Melrose flour—you know what these goods are. Foreign and domestic fruits, apples, oranges, lemons, bananas, country produce and fresh vegetables of all kinds. Special display of candies for Christmas.

BURROUGHS-ALSTON CO.

The Burroughs-Alston Company, O'Neil Block, have the best line of stuff in farmers' supplies they have ever carried. Also big line of shoes and general merchandise of all kinds at lowest prices. They deal in the substantial things of every day requirement—things to eat and wear and of utility in the household and the farm. Dry goods, notions, white goods, clothing, shoes, trunks, and heavy groceries, flour, meat, meal, sugar, coffee, molasses, syrups, hay, grain, feedstuffs. Messrs. Burroughs-Alston Co. also sell Hackney buggies, Tennessee wagons, and other makes, harness, etc., and are special agents for leading brands of fertilizers—Powhatan Chemical Company's, Virginia-Carolina, Burton's Best, (Miller Fertilizer Company's goods.) Henderson Oil Mill fertilizers, (Uneedit for Cotton and Special for Tobacco,) Royster's guanos and other leading brands. Agents for Ed. V. Price of Chicago, and Isaac Hamburger & Sons Baltimore, merchant tailors. Suits made to order and fit and satisfaction guaranteed.

THE BEE-HIVE DEPARTMENT STORE.

"Gus Roth on the corner, sells the cheapest." So reads the card in our Christmas page. Few words, but they express a great deal. The Bee-Hive Department Store is what its name implies—a busy place where is kept a little of everything in general merchandise. Since cutting out the partition and occupying the entire store with entrances on both Main and Montgomery streets Mr. Roth has better opportunity to classify the stock and carry a more varied line, thus enabling him to more fully meet the demands of his growing trade. To give added activity to business and extra pleasure to customers at this holiday time a big reduction has been made in all lines of goods from the already low prices that obtain at the Bee-Hive Department Store. A rare opportunity is thus offered to buy clothing, overcoats, hats, caps, shoes, ladies' and gents' underwear, furnishings, white goods, ribbons, fancy goods, blankets, comforts, trunks, valises, etc. Mr. Roth has a big stock and it will pay prospective purchasers to examine his goods and compare his prices. Many things suitable for Christmas presents—useful as well as ornamental.

BEACOM SUPPLY COMPANY.

"Bring in another horse." This used to be a favorite saying of the late John Lowlow, the famous clown, when one act in the circus ring was finished and another was to come on. The Beacom Supply Company do this and then some—they bringing in horses by the car load. Their sales stables are kept constantly "stocked" with just the kind of animals that the people want—Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee raised horses and mules—acclimated and "sound in wind and limb," as the dealers say. No matter what kind of a horse you want, for riding or driving purposes, to work on the farm or pull wagon, the Beacom Supply Company can furnish it. And they can sell you a buggy or wagon also. They are agents for the Oxford Buggy Company's buggies—"the vehicle with a pedigree." In the line of general merchandise—doing a general supply business—the Beacom Supply Company are in position to meet every demand made upon them. Staple and fancy groceries and plantation supplies a specialty. Their line of dry goods and notions, boots, shoes, hats and household goods is large and complete and their prices reasonable. Hay, grain, shipstuffs, flour, salt and meat they buy in car load lots. Country produce of all kinds—butter, eggs, etc.—bought and sold. They are also ginners and cotton buyers, operating one of the best equipped ginneries in the country and pay highest market prices at all times for cotton.

THE CITY GROCERY CO.

We may live without a great many things in this life that we think are necessary to our comfort and happiness, but eating is not one of them. This being a fact the City Grocery Company supply a real necessity in our public economy. They carry a first-class stock and can please patrons in the quality of the goods handled and the prices at which they sell. Everything that's good to eat and that of the best is their motto. Fancy and staple groceries, canned and bottled goods of all kinds, foreign and domestic fruits, nuts, mince meats, fine candies, cakes, crackers, cheese, butter, eggs, fresh sausage, vegetables, etc. High grade family and patent flour, sugars, syrups, molasses, country cured hams, breakfast bacon, hominy, grits and cereal foods of all kinds. The City Grocery Company make a specialty of Chase & Sanborn's celebrated coffees and teas, than which there are none superior. Special agency for Lowney's fine candies—chocolates and bon bons in fancy boxes for Christmas. All size packages. Nice line of stuffed dates and figs. Recently removed to the store room next to the postoffice, where Robert E. Shotwell, manager, and Wesley Allen, salesman, will be pleased to see and serve you or take your phone order.

MELVILLE DORSEY.

There is satisfaction in dealing at Dorsey's Drug Store—whether purchasing some article or having a prescription compounded—you know what you are getting. And so folks got in the habit of going there for other things beside drugs and medicines. In deference to the popular demand for years past Dorsey's Drug Store has been noted for carrying a select line of Santa Claus goods in connection with its always complete stock of drugs and druggists' sundries; and this year is no exception as a visit there will reveal. Among other things for Christmas is a fine line of cut glass and Pickard's hand-painted china. Also a good stock of solid presents, embracing a variety of articles suitable for holiday gifts, such as celluloid, aluminum, and plush goods, books, games, albums, novelties, perfumeries, handkerchief extracts, toilet waters, soaps, combs, brushes, shaving sets, hand-bags, cigars, pipes, etc. Nunnally's and Royster's fancy box candies. Mr. Dorsey carries one of the largest and best assorted stocks of drugs and medicines to be found in any retail drug store, and it is a matter of common pride with him to be in position at all times to supply every public demand in his line and that of the best and most reliable goods to be had. Prescription work a specialty.

DANIEL & CO.

"If you can't get it at Daniel's you will not find it in Henderson." This is a common saying when it comes to looking for anything in the hardware line. And you will find this to be mighty near correct. If it's anything in hardware, building material, cooking and heating stoves and ranges that you want, Daniel & Co can very likey supply it. They carry a big stock and the price is always low enough for the quality of the article. They buy in large quantities and keep strictly posted on the market, thus enabling them to give customers the benefit of the saving in first cost. There is no better appointed hardware store to be found anywhere, the systematic and business-like way of keeping stock being a subject of favorable remark by observant persons—and when you want a thing it does not take them long to get it. Daniel & Co. are sole agents for the celebrated Buck's Stoves and Ranges, which are all that could be required in point of perfection in heating and baking qualities, ease of operation and economy in fuel. And when it comes to keeping warm there is nothing better than Buck's Radiant, (self-feeding base burner,) Buck's Hot Blast, Trilby, Wildfire and Wilson heaters. Big line of table and pocket cutlery, scissors, guns, rifles, ammunition, farming implements, oil stoves, builders' hardware, carpenters' tools, paints, oils, varnishes, etc.

HENDERSON BOOK COMPANY

Suggestive of Christmas are the things you will find at the Henderson Book Store. Old Santa Claus seems to have made his headquarters there judging from the countless numbers of toys, dolls, novelty goods and things in general for children and grown folks. Nothing has been omitted—no desire overlooked by Mr. Stevenson in the selection in his goods for the Christmas trade. His offerings this season are more varied and more extensive if possible than ever. He has a big line of toys of every description, and dolls without number almost; wheel goods in great variety, fancy articles and novelties of all kinds, pictures, picture books, standard works in prose and poetry, hand-painted china and exquisite cut glass, fancy pottery, gold pens and pencils, fountain pens, novelties in silver, brass, aluminum, celluloid and leather, lamps of beautiful design, etc., to please old and young. Special agency for Eastman kodaks and Y. & E. filling devices. Grand electrical display all this week in the show window.

HENDERSON FURNITURE CO.

A visit to the store and inspection of the stock is necessary to form any idea of the extent and variety and the superior quality of the goods carried by the Henderson Furniture Company, H. R. Satterwhite, manager. And no less astonishing is the very reasonable prices at which they sell goods. A little money goes a long ways there and even persons of moderate means can afford a comfortable home. They have a complete stock of fine, medium and low price furniture for parlor, bed room, dining room and kitchen; leather couches, lounges, rockers, chairs, tables, hall racks, writing desks, book cases, pictures, lamps, wash-stand sets, mirrors, clocks, carpets, rugs, art squares, mattings, linoleums, oil cloths, felt mattresses, bed springs, cooking and heating stoves. Special agency for Cole's original hot blast heating stoves, and Schultz pianos. A high class piano for little money. A Bissell carpet sweeper would be an acceptable Christmas gift to wife or friend. And there are others. It goes without saying that in the extensive stock of the Henderson Furniture Company may be found many articles suitable for Christmas presents. All tastes can be gratified and all purses readily adjusted to.

H. J. HARTMAIER.

Christmas comes but once a year but man must eat the other three hundred and sixty-four days just as if there had not been the one feast day. And what we shall eat and where we may get it—to say not a word about the "how" in these strenuous times of "high cost of living" concerns us more than the Christmas turkey. For years Reavis' meat market has done its full share toward solving the problem of where to get the best fresh beef and pork. And since H. J. Hartmaier succeeded to the business it is still keeping up its reputation, always helpful and ready. There has been no change in management—only a change in ownership. The business has been conducted by Mr. Hartmaier for a long time he having charge of the buying, butchering and selling and he knows how to cater to the public in his line. The best is not too good for his customers he argues and he is content to provide nothing else.

HUGHES-SMAW FURNITURE CO.

Everything in the furniture line from medium grade and low price goods to the most elaborate and expensive sort, you will find in the extensive and varied stock of the Hughes-Smaw Furniture Co[illegible]. And in a line so ge[illegible] are many artic[illegible] mas presents. [illegible] priate and a[illegible] gift could be imagined [illegible] rocking chair, Morris [illegible] easy and comfortable, a [illegible] couch, lounge—a hundred and one things you'll find at Hughes-Smaw's? Their stock of furniture and house furnishing goods of every description is complete in every detail—brass and iron beds, felt mattresses, springs, tables, chairs, reed goods, hall racks, dressers, writing desks, mirrors, mattings, linoleums, carpets, druggets, rugs, art squares, lace curtains, window shades, Christy pictures, trunks, valises, suit cases, etc. Since moving into their present store Hughes-Smaw Company have added largely to their already extensive stock and no demand can be made upon them that they cannot supply, and that at the most reasonable prices. For the holidays a special 10 per cent. cut will be made on all goods sold. Watch the display windows and then "enquire within" when you want anything in the line handled by these live exponents of the furniture and house furnishing trade.

L. T. HOWARD.

The names of some men naturally suggest their business. It is just as natural to associate harness, saddles, bridles, collars, whips, lap robes, horse blankets, etc., with the name of L. T. Howard as it is to think of money when banks are mentioned. Because Mr. Howard has been in the harness business so long and his reputation as a skilled workman and reliable dealer is so well established. Whatever you may want in his line he can supply you. He has a good stock of his own and other makes, and his prices are always reasonable. If you want the best article for the money, with a large stock to select from and esteem it an advantage to deal with a man who makes the manufacture and sale of harness his business, and who thoroughly understands that business, Mr. Howard's is the place to go. Then too there is satisfaction in knowing that when you get an article from Lee Howard you can rely on its being all right and as represented.

HENDERSON CANDY KITCHEN

"The sweetest place in town." This may in truth be said of the Henderson Candy Kitchen. At least there are more "sweet" goods at L. A. Dames & Company's than any other place in town. And it is one of the most popular places of resort for old and young, summer or winter. The soda fountain where are dispensed all kinds of hot and cold drinks and the ice cream parlor, choice home-made candies and foreign and domestic fruits, always fresh, and nicely kept and temptingly displayed—of course folks go to Dames'. They make their own candies and have them always fresh. The cream is delicious and the service the best. Fancy fruits of all kinds from California, Florida and New York—imported. Crystalized fruits and chocolates and bon bons in fancy boxes of assorted sizes suitable for presents. For the holiday trade Messrs. Dames and Company have made special preparation. As a Christmas gift they are going to present ten dollars in gold to five persons, two dollars each. This is the way it will be done: 300 boxes of candy have been put up in 5 of which there are $2 00 in gold each—$10 00 in the 300 boxes—and the persons who happen to buy the five boxes will get the money.

D. W. HARDEE FURNITURE CO

Exacting and hard to please would be the man or woman who cannot find in the large and attractive stock of goods offered by the D. W. Hardee Furniture Company what they want. With the largest and best assortment they have ever carried they are in better position than ever to accommodate their large and growing trade. Their line is varied and embraces everything in high grade, medium and low price furniture, carpets, rugs, art squares, brass and iron beds, springs, mattresses, tables, bookcases, desks, office chairs, &c. Messrs. Hardee & Company carry a big line of cooking and heating stoves representing the best makes. Aetna hot blast and Wilson heaters head the list, and the Favorite steel range is queen among cookers. In their stock the Hardee Furniture Co. have many articles suitable for Christmas presents which an inspection of will readily suggest to propective purchasers. Mr. Hardee is prepared to take care of the dead as well as the living, carrying a very handsome line of burial goods of all kinds, from the finest metallic caskets to the most moderately priced wood cases. Artificial flowers in various designs. Non rusting indestructible burial vaults—the only vault on the market that will not corrode—kept in stock also.

THE JONES-STONE CO.

Good work and more of it, is the motto of the Jones Stone Company, artistic job printers. They are constantly adding to their already excellent equipment to better enable them to meet the demands of a steadily growing business. With increased facilities, modern machinery, new type faces and electrically driven presses this enterprising firm keeps abreast with the times and their work speaks for itself. It has individuality, neatness and satisfaction about it that denote the skilled workman. And their prices are as low as is consistent with good stock and first-class service, leaving no excuse for going away from home to get your job printing done.

THE KERNER-MCNAIR CO.

With two such popular young men as Clarence Kerner and William R. McNair conducting the business, it is but natural that "the drug store on the corner" should be the popular place that it is. Nothing pleases them better than to please their customers and they spare no efforts to give the best service possible; and the excellent patronage and business standing they have gained for themselves is a reasonable result of personal worth and commendable endeavor. They carry a well assorted stock of drugs and patent medicines, druggists' sundries and toilet articles, brushes, perfumeries, extracts and toilet waters, cigars, tobaccos, etc. Both are registered pharmacists, careful and accurate in all they do, and make a specialty of prescription work, using only the best and purest drugs and chemicals. Their fountain where is dispensed hot and cold drinks of all kinds is a popular resort at all times. Huyler's fine candies always fresh. Nice line in fancy boxes of assorted sizes for the Christmas trade.

MRS. J. L. H. MISSILLIER.

Full of the Christmas spirit and more attractive than ever with its pretty goods and seasonable decorations, is Mrs. Missillier's—the ladies' store. To the informed—and who among women of taste and judgment is not informed on this point?—it does not need to be said that Mrs. Missillier's selections are always the best and her prices reasonable. Beside the usual line of ladies' dress goods and trimmings, notions, belts, neckwear, ribbons, hosiery, etc., there is a pretty line of fancy goods suitable for holiday gifts. Hand bags, purses, umbrellas with fancy handles, combs, hat pins, perfumeries, lace handkerchiefs, extracts, fine toilet soaps, Warner's Rust-proof corsets, Centemeri kid gloves, Burson hose, &c. A nice line of coat suits and silk hose especially. Everything in ladies' wear in fact—quality and prices making a bargain combination. A few more cloaks and skirts left which will be sold at a figure to close them out.

H. W. MIXON.

When you receive or give an article from H. W. Mixon's jewelry store you know that it is all right. And in a stock so varied and extensive you cannot fail to find what you want. The assortment of gold and silver watches, jewelry, silverware, dainty china and cut glass is especially attractive. French, bronze and onyx clocks, gold and silver handle umbrellas, sterling silver toilet sets, military brushes, electroliers, lavatiers, fobs, chains, gold and filled bracelets, cuff buttons, finger rings, stick pins, gold pens and pencils, and fountain pens. In short a pretty and complete stock from which to make selections for holiday gifts or other purposes, from the finest diamond to the most common place article—beside repairing and engraving in all its branches. Every reasonable demand in his line can be supplied at the well appointed establishment of H. W. Mixon, jeweler and opitician. He carries a stock that in extent, excellent variety and the quality of the goods handled is all that could be desired. Mixon's jewelry store is an attractive and inviting place, and together with the line of goods carried is a credit to the town as well as the proprietor.

W. W. PARKER.

A special friend of the children and the children's patron saint W. W. Parker is prepared to give old Santa Claus a warm welcome as he has been accustomed to do heretofore. A visit will convince you that Parker's Drug Store has much the appearance of a toy shop or doll factory, so generous is the display of such. A big line of wheel goods and fireworks of all kinds; toilet and fancy articles, novelties, decorated china, glassware, cups and saucers, fine soaps, perfumeries, extracts, stationery goods and writing materials, brushes, combs, pocket knives, pipes, druggists' sundries, fine cigars, etc. Mr. Parker has a big stock of holiday goods of every description from which to make selections for old and young. No more suitable Christmas present can be suggested than a Waterman's ideal fountain pen or Parker Lucky curve fountain pen. A sensible, serviceable gift to lady or gentleman, and a constant reminder of the giver that would be valued and appreciated in excess of its intrinsic worth.

GOERGE E. PERRY.

While making no claims to being Santa Claus' headquarters dealing in the every day things of life—articles of daily use and consumption—rather than the once a year, George E. Perry has a nice line for the holiday trade in which may be found many suitable Christmas presents. He carries a complete assortment of general merchandise, staple and fancy groceries, farmers' supplies, confectioneries, fruits, vegetables, meat, meal, flour, molasses, cheese, crackers, cakes, butter, eggs, etc. Also dry goods and notions, shoes, hats, caps, etc. Battle Axe shoes a specialty. Mr. Perry deals also in hides and furs, for which he will pay highest prices.

Nor is it alone as a merchant that Mr. Perry serves the public. As proprietor of the Henderson Steam Laundry he conducts an enterprise that is a public necessity. Occupying his own building erected especially for the purpose, equipped with modern machinery and employing competent help, Mr. Perry is doing more work and better work all the time, giving prompt and careful attention to same—and that means satisfied customers. And besides good work the question of sanitation counts for much. People who know anything about the matter know that a steam laundry insures perfect sanitation—every piece of work thoroughly sterilized.

THE GEORGE A. ROSE CO.

If you had chosen for yourself you could not have selected the very thing that you want better than the George A. Rose Company have done it for you. In their splendid stock your every want has been anticipated in meritorious merchandise. Everything in an up-to-date department store—dry goods and notions, ladies' coat suits, cloaks, men's furnishings, millinery, white goods, blankets, trunks, valises, shoes, hats, groceries, provisions, farmers' supplies, feedstuffs, etc. Gratifying as has been their trade and difficult of belief as it may be that they have improved upon the past in any way, this enterprising and progressive firm confidently assert that they have this season the largest and finest stock of goods that they have ever carried. Their business this year has been the best in the history of the firm, showing that the people appreciate their efforts to please their customers in supplying what they want—goods of quality at reasonable prices. Messrs. Rose & Co. do not forget that their increasing trade and greater prosperity is due to the loyalty of their friends and patrons and in grateful appreciation of such evidences of confidence and good will they are encouraged to redouble their efforts to serve their customers to better advantage if possible, than they have ever done before. It is a rule of the George A. Rose Co. that the money will be refunded in every instance where an article bought at their store is not as represented or satisfactory in every way.

THOMAS BROTHERS.

Besides their regular stock of drugs and druggists' saundries, fine cigars, tobaccos, pipes, etc., Thomas Brothers have a big line of Christmas goods—a nice assortment to select from—such as dolls, toys and novelty goods, fancy china, celluloid, aluminum and plush goods, albums, picture books, fine stationery, perfumes, extracts, etc. A big line of fireworks, special provision having been made to contribute to the pleasure of the boys. There is such an extensive and varied assortment it is difficult to particularize. They invite the public to call on them when looking for Santa Claus goods. Thomas Brothers have a very nice stock, varied in character and extensive in proportions, and the quality and price cannot fail to satisfy. There are many pretty things that will please the eye and conform to the pocketbook of the most careful buyer at Thomas' drug store.

THOMAS & NEWCOMB.

If you are looking for things of a practical and serviceable nature, Thomas & Newcomb can supply your wants. They have a nice stock in which are things suitable and serviceable for Christmas presents, or articles of every day use that cannot fail to appeal to practical buyers. Messrs. Thomas & Newcomb conduct a first-class furnishing store—for both sexes—and the character of goods handled by them is of the best. They have a varied and well selected line and their prices are as reasonable as the goods are desirable in quality. Eerything in ladies' dress goods and trimmings, notions, white goods, underwear, collars, cuffs, handkerchiefs, ties, gloves, shoes, hats, coat suits, cloaks, furs, rugs, trunks, umbrellas, etc. Men's shoes and furnishings a specialty. Weber shoes for men, Porita and Southern Girl shoes for women, and C. & E. shoes for boys and children are their leaders. No better shoes sold for the money anywhere. Cut prices on a nice line of ladies' cloaks and furs in which are offered some bargains that are worth while to close out stock and make purchaser happy for Christmas.

N. D. WELLS.

"A brand new store and a brand new stock"—this is a combination that should win backed by a reputation already established. N. D. Wells, jeweler and optician, makes this announcement and will have his "opening" days on Saturday and Monday, December 17th and 19th. But do not infer from this that Mr. Wells is a new comer to Henderson. He has been in business here for some years—long enough to become well established in the confidence of the trading public. The meaning is that he has moved into a new building with more room, more light and better facilities every way, with a new new and better stock, select and up-to-date embracing such articles as are usually found in a first-class jewelry store—reliable and honest goods which can be sold with perfect confidence backed by a guarantee, and at reasonable prices. For the holiday trade Mr. Wells has "laid himself out." The best to be had in fine jewelry, watches, diamonds, silverware, gold and gold filled bracelets, plain sterling silver toilet sets, dinner chimes, electroliers, gold and silver handle umbrellas, Belscript monograms—"made in a minute"—while you wait.) Waterman fountain pens, etc. Special appention is given to repair work, Mr. W. S. Thomson, an expert watchmaker and graduate optician, who has had more than twenty-five years successful experience, being in charge of this department. First-class work very promptly executed and satisfaction guaranteed in every instance.

WATKINS HARDWARE CO.

What more appropriate Christmas present to yourself or friend could be suggested than one of those carving sets at Watkins' Hardware Store? Or some silver or nickelware, a pair of Closs scissors and dozens of other useful and inexpensive articles requisite to the home. They have a nice line of these goods and selection is easy. The Watkins Hardware Company (wholesale and retail) carry an immense stock—everything in their line—special attention being directed to the celebrated Majestic Steel Range, Isaac A. Sheppard's Excelsior stoves and Garland stoves. Also oil stoves for bath room and hall, Franklins of all kinds, sheet iron stoves—heat producers and fuel savers. Kitchen utensils, meat choppers, sausage mills, pocket knives, scissors, razors, table cutlery, Rochester silver nickeled ware, Delf and Chrysolite ware, blue and white enameled ware, tin and woodenware, shot guns, repeating rifles (Stevens Arms and Tool Company's make) ammunition, leggings, game bags, builders' hardware, everything that goes in the construction of a house, in fact; edge tools, nails, wire, belting, paints, oils, varnishes, glass, farming implements, and labor-saving machinery. State agency for Cyclone feed cutters—the best thing of the kind on the market—corn shellers, pea hullers and fan mills, Pittsburgh well fixtures, floor paints, household stains, wagons, harness, etc.

SAMUEL WATKINS.

Santa Claus has not established headquarters at Samuel Watkins' big department store, but it seems to be headquarters for about everything in the general merchandise line—and many articles will be found there suggestive of the children's patron saint. They have a great stock—each department of the three-floor building complete in itself—full to overflowing with the best goods and most attractive styles in their line. There is the quantity and quality, the variety and the finish, the moderateness of price and the solidity of value combined. The stock of dry goods and notions, ladies' dress goods and trimmings, coat suits, cloaks, furs, furnishings, fine shoes, etc., is large and up to the times. Then there are the departments of men's clothing, overcoats, shoes, hats and furnishing goods, and furniture, carpets, rugs, fine crockery and glassware—in short, any and everything to wear or fit out a house from bottom to top. In a stock so varied may be found many articles suitable for Christmas presents; but special attention is directed to a beautiful line of cut glass, decorated china, rocking chairs, lounges for cozy corners, leather couches, art squares, writing desks, tables, book cases, etc.—and a special price has been made for the holiday trade. The people say, "If you want a good article, trade at Watkins'" and the promise is your money's worth every time.

The Little Toy Dog.

John Kendrick Bangs in Harper's Weekly

My little toy-dog is covered with dust,
Like the dog in the dear poet's song.
My little steel-cars are covered with rust—
They've lain in the garret so long!
The marbles are there, and the soldiers of tin,
Lie hid in the old oaken-chest,
And there is the drum, and the trumpets whose din
I loved in the ages of rest.

Each rare little toy, as it comes to my hand—
My hand that is withered with years,
Brings back to my spirit that beautiful land,
Now veiled in the mist of my tears,
The beautiful land of the Long, Long Ago,
The scenes of the playtime of yore,
When deep in my soul with its radiant glow
Shone the sunlight of days now no more.

The little toy-dog! Stop, stranger, and hark!
What cherished remembrance it brings!
My Daddy—dear Daddy—ah, how he could bark!
What laughter that memory brings!
It echoes, re-echoes, it sounds in my heart,
That bark and those yelpings of glee,
When Daddy came home from his toil on the mart,
And played with my doggie and me!

Ah, little toy-dog! Ah, little steel-car!
I've treasures of mind and of soul,
But 'mid all my prizes, too many by far
To reckon the sum of their whole,
Not one of them all would I take for the joy,
That now through my memory comes
Of days that are past, when each little toy,
And I, and my Daddy, were chums!

The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger from pneumonia and other serious diseases. Mr. B. W. L. Hall, of Waverly, Va., says "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market for colds. I have recommended it to my friends and they all agree with me." Sold by all dealers.

If the farmers in any county in the State would stand up and demand good roads they would get them, but it seems a hard matter to get them sufficiently interested.—Durham Herald.

How's This?

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HOW WE'VE GROWN.

Population of North Carolina as Announced by the Census Bureau—2,206,287 as Against 1,617,947 in 1900—Increase of 16.5 Per Cent.—Guilford County Leads the State.

Thomas J. Pence in News and Observer.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—The census figures for North Carolina were made public today, and the old Tar Heel State passes the two million mark. The new population of the State is 2,206,287 as compared with 1,898,810 in 1900 and 1,617,947 in 1890. This shows an increase of 312,477, or 16.5 per cent. during the last ten years as compared with an increase for the preceding decade of 275,863, or 17 per cent.

The gain made is a very healthy one and is more than a hundred thousand over that made by the neighboring State of Virginia. It is also sufficiently large to put North Carolina ahead of the neighboring State of Tennessee, which commonwealth is now a few thousand shy of the population accredited to our State. However, the ratio of gain does not equal that of the States profiting from foreign immigration. For instance both California and New Jersey forge ahead of North Carolina in the matter of population by reason of the acquisition of foreign immigrants.

The new census figures make it certain that the State will not gain a new Congressman. If the present membership of 391 is maintained in the House, North Carolina would lose a Congressman as the result of the new census figures, but this is hardly likely. The membership of the House is very likely to be increased, and should it be made 400 or more the State will retain its present membership of ten members of Congress.

Guilford county leads the State in the matter of gain in population. The increase in Guilford is 54 per cent. the county having jumped from 39,074, population in 1900, to 60,497 in 1910. Forsyth gained approximately 10,000 in population; Gaston 10,000; Mecklenburg 12,000 and Durham and Wake, 9,000 each.

The population of Raleigh is not yet available, but Wake has a total population of 63,229, as compared with 54,626 in 1900 and 49,207 in 1890.

Nine counties in the State went backwards and lost rather than made gains in population. These were the counties of Alleghany, Ashe, Caswell, Chatham, Clay, Franklin, Hyde, Madison and Moore. Clay is now the smallest county in the State, her population having receded from 4,532 to 3,909 in the last decade.

One of the results of the new census figures will be that the following counties will each gain a member of the Legislature: Guilford, Durham, Nash, New Hanover and Lee.

The following counties will lose a member each in the Legislature: Edgecombe, Beaufort, Sampson, Wilkes and Randolph.

POPULATION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

COUNTIES.	1910.	1900.
Alamance	28,721	25,063
Alexander	11,592	10,960
Alleghany	7,745	7,759
Anson	25,465	21,870
Ashe	19,074	19,581
Beaufort	30,877	26,404
Bertie	23,039	20,538
Bladen	18,006	17,677
Brunswick	14,434	12,657
Buncombe	49,798	44,258
Burke	21,408	15,930
Cabarrus	26,240	22,456
Caldwell	20,579	15,694
Camden	5,640	5,474
Carteret	13,776	11,811
Caswell	14,858	15,028
Catawba	27,918	22,133
Chatham	22,635	23,042
Cherokee	14,137	11,860
Chowan	11,303	10,258
Clay	3,909	4,532
Cleveland	29,494	25,078
Columbus	28,020	21,274
Craven	25,594	24,160
Cumberland	35,284	29,249
Currituck	7,603	6,529
Dare	4,841	4,757
Davidson	29,404	23,403
Davie	13,394	12,115
Duplin	25,442	22,405
Durham	35,276	26,233
Edgecombe	32,010	26,591
Forsyth	47,311	35,261
Franklin	24,692	25,116
Gaston	37,063	27,905
Gates	10,455	10,413
Graham	4,749	4,343
Granville	25,102	23,262
Greene	13,083	12,038
Guilford	60,497	39,074
Halifax	37,646	30,755
Harnett	22,174	17,988
Haywood	21,020	19,222
Henderson	16,262	14,164
Hertford	15,436	14,292
Hyde	8,840	9,278
Iredell	34,315	29,064
Jackson	12,998	11,873
Johnston	41,401	32,259
Jones	8,721	8,226
Lee	11,376	
Lenoir	22,769	18,639
Lincoln	17,132	15,498
McDowell	13,538	12,567
Macon	12,191	12,104
Madison	20,132	20,844
Martin	17,797	15,383
Mecklenburg	67,031	55,268
Mitchell	17,245	15,221
Montgomery	14,967	14,797
Moore	17,010	23,522
Nash	43,727	25,478
New Hanover	32,037	24,785
Northampton	22,323	21,150
Onslow	14,125	11,940
Orange	15,066	14,690
Pamlico	9,996	8,645
Pasquotank	16,693	13,659
Pender	15,471	13,381
Perquimans	11,054	10,693
Person	17,356	16,025
Pitt	36,340	30,888
Polk	7,640	7,004
Randolph	29,491	28,232
Richmond	19,673	28,408
Robeson	51,945	40,371
Rockingham	36,442	33,163
Rowan	37,521	31,066
Rutherford	28,385	25,701
Sampson	29,982	26,320
Scotland	15,363	
Stanly	19,909	15,229
Stokes	20,151	19,856
Surry	29,709	25,515
Swain	10,463	8,401
Transylvania	7,191	6,620
Tyrrell	5,219	4,980
Union	33,277	27,156
Vance	19,425	16,084
Wake	63,229	54,626
Warren	20,266	15,151
Washington	11,962	10,803
Watauga	13,556	12,417
Wayne	35,698	31,436
Wilkes	30,282	26,872
Wilson	24,969	23,596
Yadkin	15,428	11,464
Yancey	12,072	
Total	2,206,187	1,898,810

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