

### THE LEXINGTON

PINEHURST, N. C.

Pleasant Location, Excellent Table, Hot and Cold Baths, Electric Light, Steam Heat.

MRS. E. C. BLISS

SUMMER: Bethmer Inn, Bethlehem, White Mountains, N. H.

## NATIONAL STATE AND CITY BANK

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Capital, Surplus.

600,000

Dobbin - Ferrall Co.. 123-125 Fayette-wille Street, North Carolinas Largest and Leading

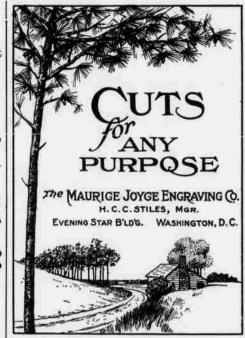
DRY GOODS STORE.

Dry Goods of All Kinds and Readyto-Wear Garments. The Best.

### COTILLION FAVORS

Large Assortment of Hats, Costumes, Oddities and Imported Novelties. Reai French Serpentine and Confetti. Write for Samples for Selection.

MARKS & MEYER IMPORTATION COMPANY 11 West 20th Street, New York



#### Christmas

### NEEDLEWORK NOVELTIES

HOLLY INN

Exhibition Room

Manicure, Shampooing, Chiropody and Marcel Wave Scalp, Facial and Body Massage with Vibrator. LAURA AGNES WALKER-Room 2 -THE CAROLINA

## BLOODED DOGS

FOR SALE

Pinehurst Kennels, Pinehurst, N. C.

# FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS

for Chinese Boys and Girls



MONDAY will be new years in China, but not the New Year, for February 6th is the day when Father Time introduces the newcomer to the Celestials and a merry time they make of it, at the gala season.

Everywhere lighted lanterns, gay in color and fantastic in design, are seen swinging in countless numbers. All business is suspended, shops closed and streets as well as homes and public buildings are made showy by gay festoons and decorations. Dressed in their best the young and old Chinese disport themselves in jovial mood about the streets, all having a jolly good time.

But before the merriment begins the Chinese men and boys must pay their respects to the memory of their ancestors. Early on New Year's morning they may be seen hurrying to the burial places of ation of many strange ingredients.

February New Year is Gala Season | fullest their few privileges. It is not uncommon for the little girls to go out and indulge in kite-flying and games, but after a certain age they are forced by custom-a custom as old as their race-to remain indoors and leave outdoor fun and exercise to their brothers. At night the Chinese boys gather in bands, donning fantastic gowns and false faces and carrying stringed musical instruments with them as they parade the streets, stopping now and then to serenade some particular friends with their queer, weird music.

> The Japanese calendar marks the date of their New Year on January 1st-the same date as our own. On that day the little Japs are treated to a visit from the beloved mochi-man, a great personage, whose position in Japan corresponds with that of Santa Claus in our own land. This great mochi-man comes the night of the old year's death, bringing with him charcoal cooking stoves, and earthen vessels in which to prepare the much relished dish called mochi, which is a sweet, sticky rice cake filled with a conglomer-



the dead, carrying sheets filled with silver and gilt paper, which is used to decorate the grave mounds under which sleep their honored ancestors. Here the worshipers burn incense sticks, then prostrate themselves before the mounds, beating their foreheads in the dust. After this they slowly rise, singing a weird chant, which implores their gods to be merciful to them during the ensuing year. Then, after exploding a bunch of firecrackers to frighten away the evil spirits, they go, and it is a pleasing sight to see they betake themselves to their homes, and all manner of street games.

But the Chinese women and girls have no part in the public demonstrations, remaining indoors and looking after the comforts of the male members of the family and the entertainment of guests.

There being no chimneys in the Japanese houses the mochi-man is forced to come in boldly through the door. This he does the very instant the new year is born. In order that the little ones may not behold this wonderful and mysterious personage the Jap mamma or papa must be watchful that all are asleep at the hour of midnight. If, however, a single eyelash quivers over the beady-black eye of one of their children the parent must quickly throw a handful of rice in his face, whereupon the shocked little one ducks his head beneath the covers, shuts his eyes tightly and does not dare to peep forth till the good mochi-man has quickly entered, deposited stove, vessels and sweets and made his silent exit.

The Japanese parents are fond of taking their children with them wherever the little ones, happy-hearted and chatwhere they prepare for the day's festivi- tering, accompanying their mammas and ties, which consists of feasting, visiting papas on their round of formal New Year calls. And how they all throw rice and beans at the passerby! And how the passerby throws back at them-sometimes a toothsome bonbon passing from sender to receiver, to be grabbed at by a hundred hands as it flies through the However, they bedeck themselves in their air. To throw rice and beans on New best on this, the greatest day in their Year is an expression of good wishes, calendar, and pass the time in visiting, hoping that the person on whom they gossiping, feasting and enjoying to the are thrown will be blessed with good