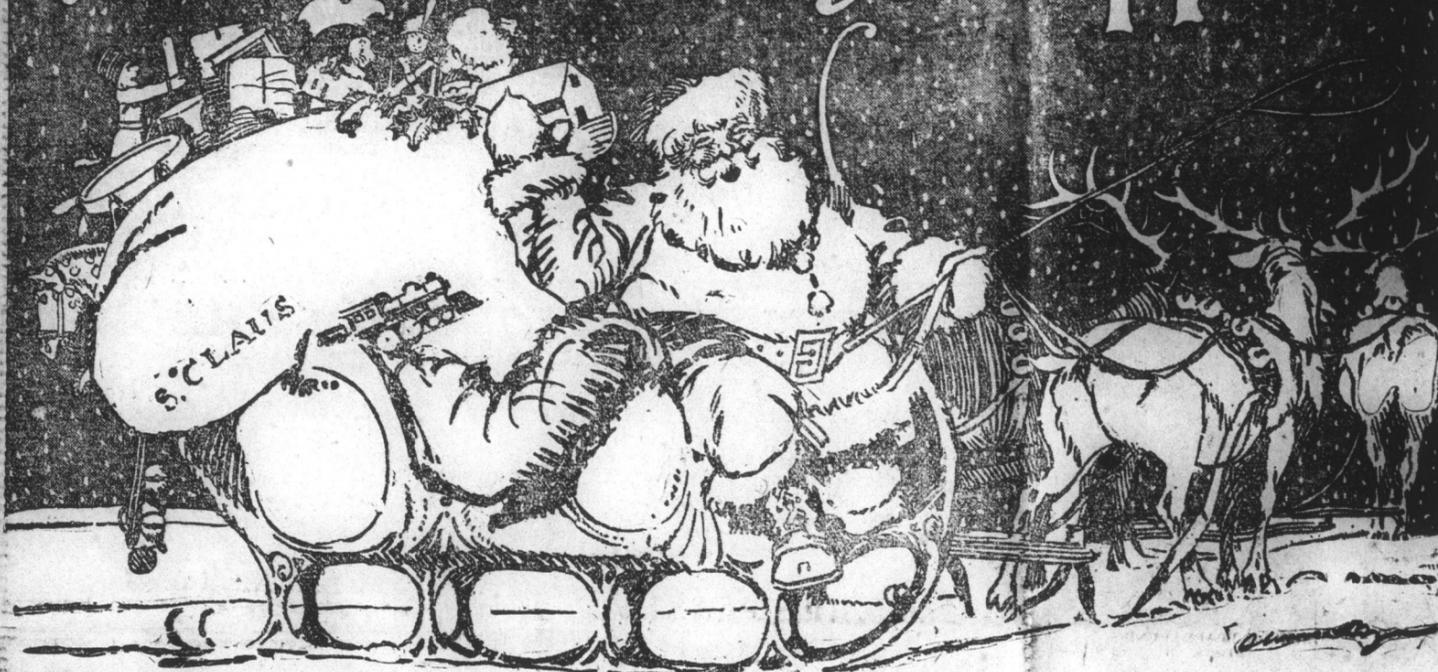


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A STORE so filled with gifts, it fairly sparkles like some great Christmas Fir, alight with festive treasures! A store whose stocks have come, these last twelve months, from all the marts of all the world of gifts, for your delighted choosing. A Store which is, in truth, the STORE OF GIFTS!

Yet Yuletide stocks are but the smaller half of all our Yuletide preparation. For this great store, with service as its loftiest ideal, has bent its greatest effort—yes, and finds its greatest pleasure, too—in planning for your service in the "little things" with that helpfulness which is the very spirit of the Christmas season!

What shall I give? Books, Toys, Lingerie, Jewelry, Lamps, Silver, and numberless other things are so assembled that you can view them with a glance of the eye. And as to price, each and every gift item throughout our Christmas stocks is delightfully low—Charles' prices always are.

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A PUBLIC HOSPITAL

Some Things the Duke Foundation Offers and What They Would Mean to the Poor.

Albemarle Press.
Just at the time when opportunity is taking a knock at our local doors to the up with one of the benefactions of the late Mr. J. B. Duke, it is of interest to note that counties all over the state are looking forward to making steps of like nature.

In Salisbury, it is noted that \$1,800 appropriated by the county commissioners for the care of charity patients. A like sum must be appropriated by the town of Salisbury. The county is looking out for its poor—giving them treatment whether they have money or not. The main point is that the poor shall obtain treatment when treatment is needed.

Guilford is maintaining her own county tubercular hospital. Cabarrus county is getting in line. Other counties are stepping forward.

Because we have some very wide-spread physicians, foundation plans are well advanced. A building is nearly ready. These physicians have worked long and faithfully against a

dead sentiment, a contented indifference, and even against prejudice to place a building under way and to establish a hospital of dimensions which could care for the sick of our county.

It has been their object at all times to make it a county institution. Public funds have not been available, but they have gone ahead with their plans to make it as nearly as possible a hospital to meet the broadest public needs.

But Stanly county is not needing the purely private institution. Such an institution may meet needs of private cases that are able to pay, but the history of such hospitals show that there is not even private gain to justify a profitable investment. If charity cases are taken in (and they always are), unless the paying patients are taxed with the upkeep of the non-paying debts or patients.

The late J. B. Duke was a man of vision. He saw in advance of his time, and the great heart of human interest cried loudly within him for the suffering people who get sick, pine away, and die. That class of patients who need the best treatment at the right time, instead of allowing

them to become dope addicts and users of all sorts of nostrums and drugs under class of patent medicines, the hand of charity and fatherly concern is being extended them. The state spends a large sum for the protection of swine and cattle but so nearly nothing for the sick.

To qualify for the Duke endowment, it becomes necessary for the hospital so qualifying to operate with-out possibility of private gain, and to be at all times under control of the county or the public. The foundation appropriates \$100 per day for each charity bed. There is an estimated cost per day for such beds of \$1.75 additional, which is either appropriated by the county itself or towns, or else one-half is borne by the county and the other half by the public. Less than \$100 per day is involved under either plan, and Mr. Duke's plan is so flexible that social and civit clubs, churches, classes, and organizations of whatever nature may take a share in making up this cost of maintenance for thirty or more charity beds.

It is not sufficient to any county that it has going private hospital.

This does not come within the meaning of all of the great plan here involved. And only prejudice or narrowness itself would allow this as an argument against the larger plan of providing for charity patients on a definite scale.

To be considered along with such a move is the fact that your graduates and established physicians seeking new locations are not seeking places which do not have a public hospital. This is understood when it becomes known that a physician of today must be readily equipped for all X-ray work, for making expert diagnosis and analyses, and an outlay of funds which in itself is nearly prohibitive make demands which the average physician is not able to encounter.

A hospital on the Duke plan brings to the use of every physician in the county or community co-operating with the plan the very best equipment and expert treatment.

Furthermore, if Stanly is taken as an example, our physicians are not old men as yet; but they have passed the middle period of vigorous work, and the age average indicates that there must be successors in the field at

no long time hence. These points are not advanced argumentatively. The Press would urge our people to become thoroughly informed on the question before the Duke endowment is allowed to pass us by. Dr. Rankin will be in Albemarle some time in January to lay the matter fully before our people, and they should at least maintain open minds until he comes.

Our mills, our business men, and our county officials should get at the heart of the matter immediately and be ready to act.

Radio Play Contest Aims to Get Better Programs.

Writers in every part of the country are wielding their pens to produce the best radio play ever written, to do for radio programs what scenario geniuses have done for the movies. This is the result of the announcement of the first radio play contest launched through the joint efforts of the Drama League of American and W. L. S., Sears-Roeburg agricultural foundation station, Chicago. George Jukin, field secretary of the Drama League, chairman of

the contest committee, worked out the plans in conjunction with D. D. Richards, assistant director of W. L. S. The victor receives \$500 and a silver loving cup. A second prize of \$250 will be awarded. The third will be \$100. Any man, woman, or child is eligible. The contest will be conducted under the direction of the league. W. L. S. furnishes the prizes. The winning play will be produced and broadcast by a special company from W. L. S. and other stations during drama week February 14 to 20. All manuscripts must be sent to radio station W. L. S., Hotel Sherman, Chicago, on or before February 1st next.

Big Change in Face Powders

A new French process powder that is not affected by perspiration—will not let an ugly shine come through; stays on until you take it off; fine and pure; makes the pores invisible; looks like beautiful natural skin; gives a soft velvety complexion. Get this new wonderful beauty powder called Mello-glo. Porter Drug Co.

RUDOLPH VALENTINO'S WIFE SEEKS DIVORCE

Petition For the Decree is Filed in Paris—To Be Simple and Expedient Course.

Paris, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Rudolph Valentino has filed a petition for divorce against the moving picture star, whose real name is Rudolph Guglielmi, but Valentino today seemed upturned by the news that the petition had finally reached officials in Paris. He nonchalantly refused to reply to inquiries who had divined his identity although he was cited under the name of Guglielmi. He dined at a fashionable hotel this evening and after that left with friends to explore the diverting quarters of the capital.

Valentino's wife's name was given in the petition as DeWolf, and it was set forth that the couple were married at Crown Point, Indiana, March 15, 1923.

German Knitting Machinery in Wisconsin Mill.

Albemarle Press.
There are two German speaking natives, not knowing a word of English, engaged in the installation of ten German made machines for knitting the higher grades of full fashioned silk hosiery, at the knitting department of the Wisconsin Mills.

Superintendent C. W. Gaddy explained some of the workings of these delicate machines to a Press man, and it is nothing short of wonderful to see just how the man-made machine turns the trick. One of the adjustments must be correct to a three-thousandth of an inch. If it is off more than this, bad results follow.

Each machine is individually controlled with a dual-acting motor, giving speed from one section to a section of the big knitting frame, while imparting yet another speed to a different section. The Germans erecting the machines are master mechanics, and it is needless to say that their lack of knowledge of our language interferes with their work not in the least.

Incidentally, the knitting department of this mill has perhaps the heaviest installation of this type of machinery of any mill in the South, or in the United States. Contracts from this mill supply many of the best brands of hosiery, and much local pride would be aroused if it were known just what standard brands carry labels placed on by this mill. The same is true as well of the Lillian Knitting Mills Company.

The Wisconsin Mills was one of the earliest mills to place in full fashioning machines, sending a man to Germany to learn the business. The son of Mr. Gaddy, young Robert, is now in Chattanooga as instructor in the Davenport hosiery mills for doing this same class of work, after Mr. Johnson of that place spent some four months in Albemarle.

Orvis Bros. Cotton Letter.

New York, Dec. 17.—Under the influence of pessimistic reports from Liverpool with cables lower than due, there was sufficient liquidation in this morning's session of the cotton market to produce the lowest prices of the day. Sales were absorbed well and are thought to be largely for account of mills. Liverpool was a good buyer of March here. It is estimated that the Japanese have already bought 700,000 bales of this year's crop in the United States and it is predicted again that exports of America to Japan will exceed 1,000 bales this season. Exports today were 137,000 bales which brings the season's total up to 4,328,000. Senator Smith of South Carolina, is credited today with the intention of introducing a resolution in the Senate calling upon the government to furnish a report upon the amount of cotton in this crop which is spinnable and the amount too low for delivery on contracts against futures. We think this is a step in the right direction. If it brings an estimate it will be one

of the most important of any of the government reports because all private information indicates the most unusual dearth of desirable cotton proportionate to the stocks on hand that perhaps has ever prevailed. Should the government confirm private reports the effect should be to boost prices. A scapling market is likely prior to Monday's gaining report. January Liverpool due Friday 9.53.

Prudent.

Los Angeles Times.
Judge Bedsoe was speaking about some of the proposed city improvements that are scheduled for the next few years, and incidentally brought up the question of bonds.

"People do not realize that merely voting for bonds does not mean that money is instantly poured into the bank. These bonds must be sold, and just because there is a million-dollar issue for a new highway does not mean that it must be spent before a similar issue is put out for water or some other improvement.

"Too many unthinking people are like Janet.

"Janet," asked her mistress, "have you given the goldfish fresh water?"

"No, mum," answered the economical maid, "they haven't finished what I gave them yesterday."

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Persistent coughs and colds lead to serious trouble. You can stop them now with Creomulsion, an emulsified creosote that is pleasant to take. Creomulsion is a new medical discovery with two-fold action; it soothes and heals the inflamed membranes and inhibits germ growth.

Of all known drugs, creosote is recognized by high medical authorities as one of the greatest healing agencies for persistent coughs and colds and other forms of throat troubles. Creomulsion contains, in addition to creosote, other healing elements which soothe and heal the infected membranes and stop the irritation and inflammation, while the creosote goes on to the stomach, is absorbed into the blood, attacks the seat of the trouble and checks the growth of the germs.

Creomulsion is guaranteed satisfactory in the treatment of persistent coughs and colds, bronchial asthma, bronchitis and other forms of respiratory diseases, and is excellent for building up the system after colds or flu. Money refunded if any cough or cold is not relieved after taking according to directions. Ask your druggist. Creomulsion Company, Atlanta, Ga. (adv.)

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People have coughs and colds mostly because they lack resistance and are not adequately nourished.

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Ah! Santa with his beaming smile and good wishes, is behind this idea of giving Slippers to friends and loved ones. And that means everybody you know. After all, everyone does expect new Slippers. When they cost so little, why not give vent to this most appreciated of gifts.

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