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## Christmas Christ. Presents mas presents are or-For The Whole namental and are useful, but some are only ornamental; we do not handle the latter kind. If you want useful as well as ornamental you cannot find them so easily and at such moderate prices as you will at the Hardware Store.

## Christmas Present for Your Wife, Mother, Daughter, Your Best Girl

Can be selected from our line of Cut Glass, Rochester Nickled Plated Ware in Coffee Pots or Tea Kettles, Cream and Sugar Sets. If you want something very elegant, one of our Nickled Plated Serving Dishes is the proper thing. If you want Silverware, we have anything in the staple articles that you may need-in ROGERS.



A Woman Owning Even a Single Piece of

### COMMUNITY SILVER

will not be happy until she has a full set of this beautiful plated ware. We have a full line in the "Avaand "Flower-de-Luce" patterns. Every piece of Community Silver is plated heavier than triple and will wear a lifetime.

DIAMOND EDGE SILVER. We guarantee the price lower than you can buy elsewhere. We will save you money on a Haviland Dinner Set, or anything in Fancy Vases, Fancy Lamps, Shaving Mugs, Cake Plates, Bon-Bon Dishes, Chocolate Sets. Nothing could be nicer or better than a pair of

### Clauss Scissors or Shears

Every pair of these warranted to give entire satisfaction in every respect.

Do you know of some one who would like to have a

## Nice Carving Set?

something to carve the Christmast Turky with. A Diamond Edge Stag handle, Sterling Silver Ferrule carving set is the proper thing. The Lisk or Savory Roaster for this season also, would be very much appreciated as a suitable casket in which to bury the Christmas Turkey.

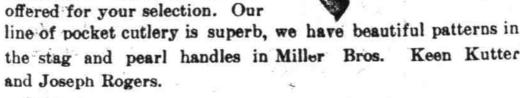
## Suppose "The Best Girl"

wants to present a nice present, would you allow us to suggest

A Clauss Razor

### Kutter Safety Razor

They are guaranal to produce that smooth clean shaven cheek with the velvety softness so much appreciated. A beautiful line of lap robes are also offered for your selection. Our



### For The Boys

we have all kinds of hunting coats and leggins. Breech Loading shot guns at \$3.65 Rifles at hard times prices.

Toy wagons, Velocipedes and Irish Mails at less prices than anyone. We have a big stock of these and do not wish to carry over a single one.

Try any other store in town on these and see us last.

BLALOCK HARDWARE CO.

### "" MAS DECORATIONS. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT MAD

(McCall's Magazine.) "Again at Christmas did we weave The holly round the Chfistmas hearth."

Christmas without Christmas

laurel, is poor indeed. Christmas cheer and Christmas severe rebuke to Joseph Pulitzer, greens go hand in hand. Without Editor of the New York World them we should lack the chief in- and other newspaper men who spiration—the true Christmas have appeared to think there was spirit—which their presence invari-something rotten about the Canal ably brings. And so, as the great purchase. In defense of the deal, festival approaches, let us look the President transmitted a long well to the matter of decorating message to Congress in which he our homes gaily with the beautiful goes into the details of the Canal evergreens which bring with them always the atmosphere of peace say concerning the stories chargand good will. And when you ing fraud: send out your Christmas gifts do not neglect to add a spray of holly poked beneath the red ribbons with to my attention as published in a home. As soon as he learned that

the church—should be tastefully be believed by nobody; unfortu- mother were heard by the husband 2. What had become of the sevdecorated for its great festival. mately, thousands of persons are one-half mile distant, who ran to en other sons of Saul? (2 Sam. 21) Although there has been a great ill-informed in this respect and beadvance in late years in the ideas lieve the statements they see in Leffer, another citizen of the vil- ed? (2 Sam. 19: 16-30) that govern church decoration, yet print, even though they appear in lage, had also been attracted by the there is a limit that must always a newspaper published by Mr. screams and was fighting for his be respected; certain devices which | Pulitzer. may or may not be used, certain These statements sometimes showed fight from the start and it for sin necessary? (Lev. 5:5; 26:40) rules which must not be infringed, appeared in the editorials, some- was necessary for Mr. Leffer to and only certain colors which are times in the news columns, some- break down a door to get into the David have during his time of to be used at each special festival. times in the shape of contribution. Fighting with their fists, waiting? (Ps. 51) Because of this, many churches tions from individuals either unare decorated under the superin- known or known to be of bad part of both Mr. Moss and Mr. another confessed sinner? (Luke tendence of a man of experience— character. They are false in every Leffer to drag the pegro, heels 18:9-14) one who knows what to use and particular from beginning to end. first, from the home into the yard, what to avoid in the decoration The wickedness of the slanders is where he was securely tied and David work. But there are also many only surpassed by their fatuity. held until Sheriff Green, of Stanly churches dependent upon loving So utterly baseless are the stories county, arrived, two hours later, and willing help rendered to make that apparently they represent in and with the assistance of several the place of God worthy of Christ- part merely material collected for deputies started with his prisoner mas—that Birthday of birthdays. the campaign purposes and in part to Albemarle jail, reaching there Most of us are glad to give some stories originally concocted with a at a late hour this afternoon. Mr. simple tribute to this festival or view of possible blackmail.

mas), stars, crowns and wreaths. I do not believe we should concern arrogate such power to himself. and triangles, as well as cut-out news columns. The real offender law, officially proposes to use all very cheaply and save a deal of proprietor of the World. While ment on earth to cripple the freepainted green before the foliage is injury done is in blackmailing the ment. put on, and designs should be good name of the American peocovered first in crimson twill, ple. otherwise the plain wood will show It should not be left to a private the Panama canal affair which rein a most undesirable way through citizen to sue Mr. Pulitzer for sulted from William Nelson Crom-

the spaces between the leaves. becomes more scarce year by year, thorites. In point of encourage- paign to prevent the publication seemingly, and for these there is a ment of iniquity, in point of in- of a story which was said to be in 9-15) cheap artificial substitute in a famy, of wrongdoing, there is the hands of the Democratic home-made artificial berry, made nothing to choose between a pub- National Committee. It was Mr. by steeping dried marrowfat peas lic servant who betrays his trust; a Cromwell's action which raised edge? (Jer. 6:10) overnight, threading them and public servant who is guilty of the issue in the campaign. passing the string through melted blackmail, or theft, or financial It is true also that when Mr. red sealing wax. The peas must dishonesty of any kind, and a man Roosevelt made his attack upon be well covered and the strings guilty as Mr. Joseph Pulitzer has Delavan Smith the World called hung up where they will not be been guilty in this instance. It is attention to certain statements touched for a while. The final therefore a high national duty to which Mr. Roosevelt must have hint is to be careful that a harmo- bring to justice this vilifier of the known to be false or misleading, nious effect is gained by keeping American people, this man who and appealed to Congress to end

corative clusters of cones, is very reputable private citizens and to of it. much used for massing and forms convict the Government of his Mr. Roosevelt's lamentable haba desirable background for other decorations where detail is not civilized world of wrongdoing of it impossible to accept either his ple. considered. The bittersweet ber- the basest and foulest kind, while indgements or his conclusions. In ry, with its trails of orange and he has not one shadow of justifica- his message he does not state corred fruit, also the everlasting tion of any sort or description for rectly even so simple a matter as flower, when dyed a brilliant red, the charge he has made. The At- the pretended causes of his grievare both used where a dash of color torney-General has under considerance. is desired. An effective green is eration the form in which the prothe long-leaved or Southern pine, ceedings against Mr. Pulitzer with its long, drooping needles of shall be brought. vivid green, sometimes more than a foot long. The young tree. when cut, is about a foot in height, and is then a veritable plume.

of the Christmas greens and the on his part can alter our determin- as does this President, who be- Prince of Peace. (Isa. 9:1-7) weaving of the wreaths and the ation to treat him with judicial smirches Congress, bulldozes yards of green used in the decora- impartiality and scrupulous fair- judges, assails the integrity of Jesus to Egypt? (Matt. 2:13-23) tions of our churches, before the ness, we repeat what we have all courts, slanders private citizens, invasion of machinery for that ready said, that the Congress of and who has shown himself the purpose, was largely a labor of the United States should make a most reckless, unscrupulous demlove and the scene of many a jovial thorough investigation of the agogue whom the American peogathering among the young people whole Panama transaction, that ple ever entrusted with great powduring holiday time. It used to the full truth may be known to er and authority. be given out regularly by the the American people. minister, a week before Christmas, The World fully appreciates the sincere sorrow. The World has go to \$500 a piece," said Mr. T. that "a meeting would be held at compliment paid to it by Mr. immeasurably more respect for E. D. Starnes of Jackson townthe church to tie greens" upon a Roosevelt in making it the subject the office of President of the ship. Mr. Starnes said he never certain evening of the coming of a special message to the Con- United States than Theodore bought a pound of meat nor a week. This gathering was always gress of the United States. interested, and a party was usually the importance and significance of tained a reign of terror and vilified work. Mr. Starnes pays no mule made up to go into the deep woods Mr. Roosevelt's statement when he the honor and honesty of both tax, as he has the mother and in quest of the necessary greens. declares to Congress that the pro- public officials and private citizens grandmother of all the stock he Fingers tingling with cold tugged prietor of The World "should be who opposed his policies or thwart- works, and he pays no smokebravely in the snow-covered moss prosecuted for libel by the govern- ed him in his purposes. for the feathery sprigs of princess ment authorities," and that "the So far as the World is concern- thing he is going to cut out is the pine, while the men gather the Attorney-General has under con- ed, its proprietor may go to jail if guano tax. Of the 21 bales of hemlock boughs and laurel. Then, sideration the form under which Mr. Roosevelt succeeds, as the cotton made on his place this year with wagons piled high, they the proceedings against Mr. Put- threatens; but even in jail the one-third, he finds, goes for fertili-

Puts a Number of Newspaper Men in the Annias Club-Hot Reply

Referring to the Panama Canal purchase which certain members green is not half a festival, and the of the Senate think should be in- spected lady of that place, is to- erbs 4. where a bit of holly or mistletoe, have been intimations of fraud a wreath of ground pine or of among high officials, President purchase and has the following to two small children, aged 2 and 4

These stories were first brought

render some aid in decorating the Now, these stories as a matter bitten off by the negro in the fight. of fact need no investigation what-

### Mr. Patlitzer's Reply.

cannot muzzle The World. As has been well said, the tying While no amount of Billingsgate grossly libeled the United States

looked forward to eagerly by all The World likewise appreciates the years in which he has main- that a year when he was unable to

away gathered to "tie greens." | ever asserted the doctrine of lese free press and a free people. | will be largely abolished.

proceedings and maintactives. Thursday and law of December, 190

Woman Foully Assaulted in Her Home Near Albemarie.

(Spencer Special, 15th, to Charlotte Observer) From Joseph Pulitzer. Criminally assaulted in her own home this afternoon at Moss' sid-

Mrs. James R. Moss, a highly rehouse that does not show some- vestigated and about which there night in a precarious condition on Golden Text. - "Keep thy heart account of an attack made upon with all diligence: for out of it her by Henry Young, colored, are the issues of life."-Proverbs aged about 25 years, who was late 4:23. this afternoon landed in jail at Bible Search. Here are three years old, is the wife of Mr. J. R. ture passages Moss a well-known merchant at 1. David Brings The Ark To Moss siding. Together with a Jerusalem. number of farm hands, Mr. Moss left home at 1 o'clock this after- and the tabernacle after the denoon, leaving with his wife only struction of Shiloh? (1 Kings 8:4;

Twenty minutes after the party had left, Young was seen seated on a railroad track near the Moss which the parcel is tied, as it al- paper in Indianapolis, called the the men were all out of sight he ways makes the gift doubly wel- News, edited by Mr. Delavan slipped up to the rear door of the Smith. The stories were scurril- house and made an effort to enter. There are many simple schemes ous and libelous in character and Passing around the house he tried had David often consulted? (1 Sam. by which the home can be decor- false in every essential particular. another door which had been lock- 23: 9) ated effectively. By allall means Mr. Smith shelters himself behind ed by Mrs. Moss when she dis- 2. How did Nathan later show purchase a few holly wreaths for the excuse that he merely accepted covered that the negro was trying great moral courage? (2 Sam. 12) the dining-room windows. Fill the statements which had appeared to enter the house. Finding him- 3. How would God discipline the vases on the mantel with sprigs in a paper published in New York, self locked out, Young broke open the family of David (2 Sam. 7:14) of holly and above each picture the World, owned by Mr. Joseph a window, bounded into the room III. David's Kindness to Jonastick branches of holly, pine or Pulitzer. It is idle to say that the where he had seen Mrs. Moss, laurel. But if the home should be known character of Mr. Pulitzer threw his arms around her and atdecorated, how much more impor- and his newspaper are such that tempted to do his diabolical work. tant is it that the house of God— the statements in that paper will The screams of the wife and bosheth? (2 Sam. 4)

> life with the negro. The negro Leffer lost a finger, which was

A very useful idea where there ever. No shadow of proof has majeste, or proposed, in the abare large plain walls to be decorat- been, or can be, produced in be- sence of specific legislation, the ed is to make a very open trellis- half of any of them. They con- criminal prosecution by the Govwork of plain wooden laths, tacked sist simply of a string of infamous ernment of citizens who criticised together, and cover it with holly libels. In form, they are in part the conduct of the Government or or, if this is too expensive, with libels upon individuals, upon Mr. the conduct of individuals who ropes of ground pine. Other de- Taft and Mr. Robinson for in- may have had business dealings vices suitable for a church are the Greek cross (for, of course, a Len-ly, and in form partly, a libel up-the king of Great Britain or the ten cross is out of place at Christ- on the United States Government. German emperor would venture to Combination of the trefoil and ourselves with the particular indi- John Adams' attempt to enforce triangle are usual, but shields, viduals who wrote the lying and the sedition law destroyed the crowns and the harp are more un- liblous editorials, articles from Federal party in America. Yet common. Wire circles, crosses correspondents, or articles in the Mr. Roosevelt, in the absence of letters for texts, may be bought is Mr. Joseph Pulitzer, editor and the power of the greatest governlabor. Immortelles are cheap, and the criminal offense of which Mr. dom of the press on the pretext almost invaluable in church decor- Pulitzer has been guilty is in form that the Government itself has ations. Trelliswork should be a libel upon individuals, the great been libeled—and he is the govern-

It is true that The World printed the public reports concerning libel. He should be prosecuted well's appeal to the District Attor- day Holly with many scarlet berries for libel by the Governmental au- ney's office during the recent cam-

to one idea throughout, and avoid frivolous or too profuse decoration. wantonly and wickedly and with- all scandal by a full and impartial out one shadow of justification investigation. If this be treason The evergreen pine, with its de- seeks to blacken the character of let Mr. Roosevelt make the most

If the World has libeled anybody, we hope it will be punished but we do not intend to be intimi- [11-14] dated by Mr. Roosevelt's threats, or by Mr. Roosevelt's denuncia-Mr. Roosevelt is mistaken. He tion, or by Mr. Roosevelt's power. No other living man ever so

Roosevelt has ever shown during bushel of corn but one time, and

drove to the church, and in the litzer shall be brought." World will not cease to be a fear | zer tax. But he is ordering his evening everyone who could get This is the first time a President less champion of free speech, a work so that hereafter this tax

Comment of the Con

**Sunday School Department** 

Conducted by Special Editor.

### ing, near Whitney, Stanly county, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 Quarterly Review. Read Prov-

Albemarle charged with the crime. questions on each lesson. The Mrs. Moss, who is about 40 answers can be found in the scrip-

1. What had become of the ark

2 Chron. 1:3) 2. What had been the state of

David's mind before the ark was found?(Ps. 132) 3. How should the ark have been carried? (Num. 4: 15: 7:9)

II. God's Promise to David 1. What friend besides Nathan

1. What had become of Ish-

IV. The Joy of Forgivness 1. Why was public confession 2. What other experience did 3. How did pardon come to

V. Absalom Rebels Against

1. What judgment rested on David even after his forgivness? (2 Sam 12:10)

2. How had Absalom been born? (2 Sam. 3:3) 3. What reputation did Ahithophel have? (2 Sam. 16:23) .

VI. David Grievs for Absalom 1. Why was David not permitted to go into battle? (2 Sam. 18:

2. What had Ahimaaz already done for David? (4 Sam. 17:16-22) 3. How did David at last receive is soldiers? (2 Sam. 19:8)

VII. The Lord Our Shepherd 1. In what way is God the shepherd of the nation? (Ps. 78)

2. How does Jesus speak of nimself as shepherd ?(John 10) 3. In what way is Jesus our shepherd? (Phil. 4: 13-19)

VIII. Solomon Anointed King 1. What kind of oil was used for the anointing (Exod. 30:23-32) 2. Who was Benaiah? (2 Sam. 3. Tell something about the

horns of the altar. (Exod. 27:2; IX. World's Temperance Sun-

1. What did the people of that time think of Samaria? (Amos 3:

2. What other prophet was scorned because he offered knowl-

3. What did Paul say about

X. Solomon Chooses Wisdom

strange tongues? (1 Cor. 14:21)

1. What charge had David given Solomon? (1 Chron. 28: 9) What was the character of Solomon's wisdom? (1 Kings 3: 28; 4:

3. Who had already commended Solomon's natural wisdom?(1Kings

XI. Solomon Dedicates the Tem-

1. Where had David put up the tent to hold the ark? (2 Sam. 6:17) 2. What about the cloud that had once hovered over the tabernacle? (Exod. 40:34)

3. What was the theme of the music of the choir? (2 Chron. 5

XII. Christmas Lesson 1. What can you tell about the visit of the wise men? (Matt. 2) 2. Tell the prophecy of the 3. Why did his parents take

### Real Farming (Monroe Journal)

"I've got some of last year's

cotton that couldn't be bought at We say this not in anger, but in ten cents, and I don't care if mules house tax, and he says the next

## THE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

A RE FULLER and longer drawn out if you buy something of some intrinsic value—an article with enduring qualities and one that will be constantly used by the person receiving it. I have built up a reputation for reliable dealings in SILVER and GOLD JEWELRY. I aim to fully inform you as to what you are buying, and you are thus saved embarassments that sometimes come when you buy of a cheap mail order house or unreliable firm. Below I mention some appropriate articles for presents; in gold, goldplate, silver Etc.

### IN STERLING SILVER



### FOR MEN

Scarf Pins...........25c

### FOR LADIES Bonnet Brushes \$1.75 to 2.00 Hat Brushes....\$1.50 to 1.75 Cloth Brushes.. 1.95 to 4.75 Puff Jars..... 1.50 to \$2.25

Whisk Brooms......1.95 Toilet Sets.....6.75 to 22.00 Manacure Sets. . 2.25 to 6.75 Military Brushes 4.00 to 6.50 Mesh Bags ... . \$4.50 to 6.50 Brush and Comb Sets ..... Jewel Cases ..... 1.50 to 7.00 .....\$3.25 to 5.75 Teaspoons (set) . . 4.00 to 5.50 Shaving Sets..... 5.00 Call Bells......50c to 1.00 Scissors . . . . . . . . . . . . . 75c to 2.00 Bag Tags..... 1.75 Match Boxes...\$1.00 to 2.65 Cuff Buttons......50c Tooth Brushes . . . 50c to 75c Hat Pins......25c to 75c

Brooches ..... 35c to 60c



Cuff Buttons . \$1.75 to 10.00	Bracelets\$3.25 to 12.06
Carrier and Carrie	Cuff Pins 65c to 3.00
Scarf Pins 75e to 8.00	Veil Pins 1.25 to 8.00
Signet Rings 2.50 to 7.25	Brooches 1.40 to 9.00
Organet 1111gs 2.50 to 1.25	Lockets 2.25 to 10.00
Watches 3.50 to 60.00	Chains 2.25 to 9.50
T-1- 0 ** 0 **	Watches 16.50 to 35.00
Fobs2.50 to 8.05	Fobs 1.25 to 5.00
Watch Chains 1.20 to 13.00	Rings 1.90 to 8.00
500	Crosses 1.75 to 5.00
Tie Clasps 1.75	Hat Pins 1.75 to 2.25

FOR THE LI	TTLE FOLKS
SOLII	GOLD
Chains and Hearts \$2.15	Rings75c to \$2.00
STE	RLING
Sewing Sets	Brush and Comb Sets 1.25 to 3.00
Napkin Rings75c to 3.00	Child's Table Sets 2.25 to 3.50
Separate Spoons 75c to 1.25	Baby Spoons 1.25 to 1.50
GOLD	FILLED
Scarf Pins35c to 75c	Cuff Buttons1.25 to 1.75
Brooches50c to 1.50	Veil Pins30c to 1.00

### R. L. BOWMAN

Cuff Pins...... 25c to 1.00

# Buying Christmas Presents

Is easy here. Prices right and assortment complete in many lines. We have tried to make it a pleasure to come here and select what you want. Below we give a list that will help you select what you think somebody else would like:

### For Your Lady Friend

Pretty line of jewel cases, Leather Goods, Fine Stationery in pretty boxes, Christmas Candies in Fancy packages, Classic Books in best bindings, Cut Glass, Fancy China, Toilet articles, Souvenir Postcards.

**Buy Your Gentleman Friend** Some of these: Collar and Cuff Boxes, Shaving Set, Purses, Smoking Set, Cigar Cases, Pipes, High Grade Pocket Knives, Books Etc.

Come and see what we have before you buy. Pee Dee Pharmacy

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ay salah 14 silan iy dana ay bal yakarada yadi. Salad