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You Must Come and See Our Many Novelties For Christmas Gifts

We are showing many little novelties that make fine Christmas gifts which cannot be mentioned in detail here—you must come and see them. Gold Cuff Links 50 Cents Gold Stick Pins, 50c to \$1 Handsome Tie Clasps, 25 and 50c And a lot of other novelties and specialties purchased especially for the Holiday trade.



PRACTICAL GIFTS SHOULD HEAD YOUR CHRISTMAS LISTS

MEN ARE PRACTICAL AND THEY LIKE TO RECEIVE PRACTICAL GIFTS. A GIFT OF SOMETHING TO WEAR WILL BE SURE TO PLEASE "HIM" BECAUSE IT IS OF PRACTICAL USE AND OF LASTING BENEFIT. OUR VERY COMPLETE STOCK OF WINTER WEARABLES FOR MEN AND BOYS OFFERS A SPLENDID CHANCE FOR YOU TO CHOOSE JUST THE GIFT HE WOULD LIKE BEST TO GET AND YOU WOULD LIKE BEST TO GIVE HIM, AND THE WIDE RANGE OF QUALITIES AND PRICES ENABLES YOU TO SUIT YOUR OWN POCKETBOOK AS WELL.

THE TIME IS GETTING SHORT NOW AND LATE SELECTIONS ARE ALWAYS HURRIED AND THE STOCKS ARE NEVER AS GOOD. NOW IS THE BEST TIME TO MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS. SO COME NOW AND SEE THE MANY THINGS SUITABLE FOR GIFTS HERE—EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT READY TO BUY JUST YET. WE SHALL TAKE GENUINE PLEASURE IN SHOWING YOU OUR FINE STOCK OF GIFT GOODS.

GIVE "HIM" SOMETHING HE CAN WEAR

Every Wanted Style Of Glove Is Here

There are many styles and shades for you to choose from—silk lined, unlined or wool lined, in kid, cape, mocha or suede. A fine line of wool and fur Gloves, too.

- Wool Gloves 25 and 50 Cents.
- Kid Gloves, \$1.00 to \$1.50
- Fur Gloves, \$1.00
- Gauntlets, \$1.50 to \$2.50

Why Not A Suit?

A Suit of Clothes for Christmas is sure to please. No one could fail to realize beyond a doubt, that this store leads in the presentation of smart styles for men, after having seen our showing of smart Suits.

\$7.50 to \$22.50



A Fine Overcoat

Makes an excellent gift. Our stock is still ample and you will be able to find here just the Overcoat you want for him at a price you want to pay. We will gladly make exchanges after Christmas if for any reason the garment you buy does not please you.

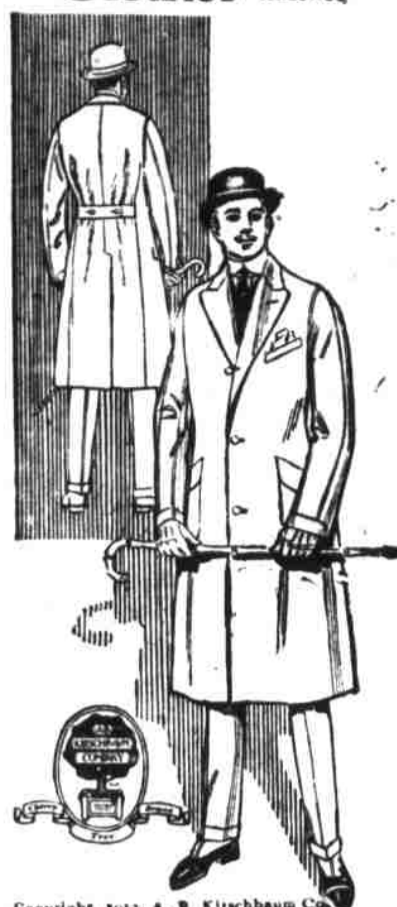
\$10 to \$25

Always a Welcome Gift

Good Handkerchiefs always make a welcome gift. As a modest remembrance, there is no happier suggestion to be offered. You can get them singly or in half dozens or dozens to the box.

5 to 50 Cents.

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A Bag Or Suit Case

Is something everyone, man or woman, is glad to get. The new ones we are showing embody many special features of interest and the qualities are unusually good at the prices we have placed on them, as you will see when you compare them with what you will find elsewhere.

Bags \$3 to \$10. Suit Cases \$3 to \$12.50

Fine Hosiery for Gifts

The newest ideas in attractive Hosiery are now represented here in the attractive showing that we have assembled especially for the Holiday trade. We box them up attractively, too.

Per Pair 25 and 50 Cents.

Hundreds and Hundreds of Beautiful Neckties

WE DON'T BELIEVE YOU EVER SAW SO MANY HANDSOME NECKTIES AS YOU WILL SEE HERE NOW. IT WOULD BE WELL WORTH YOUR WHILE TO SEE THIS DISPLAY EVEN IF YOU DID NOT BUY ANY, BUT NECKTIES ARE A HAPPY SOLUTION TO MANY CHRISTMAS PROBLEMS. NO MATTER HOW MANY A MAN ALREADY HAS, HE IS ALWAYS GLAD TO GET MORE. WE ARE SHOWING SOME BEAUTIFUL SILKS IN EVERY CONCEIVABLE SHADE AND COLOR.

10c—25c—50c

We furnish Gift Boxes with all the smaller articles such as Neckwear, Gloves, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Jewelry, Etc., and make no charge at all for them.

Stowe Clothing and Shoe Company



THE CHRIST CHILD'S MANGER.

Pretty but Obsolescent Feature of the Latin Christmas.

All through the Italian and Hungarian quarters in New York city may be found traces of the manger at Christmas time. The Italians call it the "presepio," which means manger; the Hungarians the "Bethlehem."

The manger is an exceedingly old and interesting devotion in the Catholic countries of south Europe. St. Francis of Assisi, who was born in 1182, introduced it into Italy, and it is still the sign of Christmas in south Italy, as much as holly in the windows is the sign of it in New York. It is not many years since a carpenter could not be had for weeks before Christmas in Naples or Rome. They were all busy putting up mangers in the houses of the quality, while the poorer folk were busy fabricating their own.

This quaint old devotion is fading out of the cities of the mainland, but in conservative Sicily it remains in full force. Every family there still erects its presepio some time from the 1st to the 15th of December. It is not a manger alone, but a whole mountain side, made of the rough, flexible bark of the cork tree. Peaks and crags and precipices abound, with winding trails, houses and castles of colored cardboards, forests of evergreen twigs and sometimes tiny pipes to furnish brooks and lakes.

In the center is the grotto, with the holy family within, surrounded by the cattle. A sky of blue paper is stretched above with the star or Bethlehem upon it. Over the hills come shepherds bearing gifts to the infant, and though they are in Sicilian costume and carry good Sicilian cheese and wine upon their donkeys, they are all the more interesting for that.

Sometimes the presepio fills only a corner, sometimes the whole side of a room according to the means of the family. It is kept year after year until worn out, but it needs to be freshened up each year, always a welcome task to the mother and daughters of the house.

Some Riddles For the Fireside

Christmas Night.
Which are the most contented birds? Answer—Crows, because they never complain without cause.
What is the difference between a spendthrift and a pillow? Answer—One is hard up and the other soft down.

What animal took the most luggage into the ark and what the least? Answer—The elephant, who had his trunk, while the fox and the rooster had only a brush and comb between them.

When is a candle in a passton? Answer—When it is put out or flares up.

When has a man four hands? Answer—When he doubts his fists.

Why is wig like a lie? Answer—Because it's a false hood.

Why mustn't you call an owl a quail? Answer—Because you would be making game of him.

Why did the elderberry whine? Answer—Because he didn't get lemon aid.

Is Your Birthday on Christmas?

There are many predictions concerning the luck of those born on Christmas day. It depends somewhat on the day of the week. An old belief was that those born on this day, when it fell on Sunday, would live to be great lords; on Monday, would be strong and keen; on Tuesday, strong and covetous; on Wednesday, wise, gay, doughty and crafty; on Thursday, wise of speech and reasonable; on Friday, long lived; on Saturday, wealthy and prosperous.

CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY.

While there are few civilized countries in which the plan of giving presents at Christmas time is not almost universal nowadays, this was not always the case. Indeed, the world has acquired many of the customs now in vogue at this period of the year from the Germans, who pay more attention to Christmas than the people of any other nation.

It is to them perhaps that we owe the inauguration of the giftgiving as well as the beautiful institution of the Christmas tree. The presents equally with the tree have been popular among the Germans from medieval times. With the introduction of German customs (chief among which was the sparkling Christmas tree) into Great Britain at the time of Queen Victoria's marriage with the German Prince Albert in the middle of the nineteenth century the practice of general Christmas giving doubtless began among English speaking people.

Sandy and the Stork.
"But, daddy, is there really, truly Santy?"
"Well, I just guess yes—a regular corker he is too."
"Is he nice?"

"Is he? Well, I should say so! Isn't he, Mary?"

"Humph! Very nice, as Santas go, but not very modest."

"Is he handsome, daddy?"

"Oh, as handsome as a picture—sparkling eyes, fine forehead, beautiful complexion—very handsome, isn't he, Mary?"

"Henry, it's perfectly dreadful the way you deceive that child. You ought to be ashamed of yourself. You're setting him a terrible example."

"But, daddy, where does he live—away off somewhere?"

"Oh, yes; very, very far."

"Away off where the stork lives?"

"The stork! Who's been telling you about the stork?"

"Mummy."—Chicago Tribune.

Mistletoe.

It is high time that something was done about our mistletoe literature that crops up so regularly during the holiday season. It systematizes about as follows: The joke about the girl who wears a sprig of mistletoe on her head.

The joke about the mistletoe that didn't come in time, and the girl asks (always coyly) whether they cannot get along without it.

The church triumphing mistletoe joke.

The sprig of mistletoe that the long lost lover on his dramatic return on Christmas eve always draws out of his pocket at the end of the story.

The fact is that the mistletoe has now degenerated into a chestnut. It no longer serves any useful literary purpose. It should be worn only by mothers-in-law.—Harper's Weekly.

"KNECHT RUPERT" WAS GERMAN SANTA CLAUS.

The Santa Claus idea has grown out of a variety of legends and customs. The festival of St. Nicholas, who was the especial friend of the children, was celebrated in Germany

Let Us Do Your Cake Baking For Christmas

We are prepared. We have been especially particular in selecting our fruits this season for fruit cakes. Out-of-town orders given prompt attention. Do not forget.

"FOR TODD'S SAKE EAT BREAD"

Todd's Steam Bakery

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about the 6th of December. It was easy enough to make this coincide with the later and more general festival. The tangible Santa Claus was called "Knecht Rupert," and usually he was some member of the family dressed up to represent a beneficent gift giver. It was the custom to have a yew bough placed in the parlor of the German home, and on this all the packages containing gifts were placed. On Christmas morning the whole family assembled to claim the gifts, each having to guess the donor. "Knecht Rupert" distributed the gifts to the younger children, but he lectured them also on obedience and good behavior, and if any one had been bad, instead of a gift he or she was given a switch that they might be punished. So the little Germans try hard to be very good before Christmas.

Bad Day For Birds.
The day after Christmas, St. Stephen's day (boxing day in England), is celebrated in a queer way by some of the Manx boys, and Ditchfield says they feel privileged to stone wrens at this time because of a story to the effect that in days gone by a most dangerous siren was finally compelled to assume the form of a wren once a year (on the 26th) and ultimately to be killed by mortal hands. Another tradition furnishes an excuse on the ground that it was a wren that wakened the guard of St. Stephen just as the latter was about to escape from prison.

Enemies of the Christmas Tree.
Not every balsam nor every spruce is a Christmas tree. The expert cutter learns to tell at a glance if the branches grow in perfect rings, which give shape and symmetry to the tree. He must be sure, too, that the squirrels have not eaten the buds from the tips of the topmost branches, and that the cattle and deer have not sharpened their horns in passing.

Broad Realm of Toys.
There is nothing material on earth, animate or inanimate, relating in any way to our civilization, from a simple pin to a complex steam engine, from a single seed to a forest of giant trees or from the lowest observable forms of the animal creation to man himself, that is not represented in our toys.

A Fin de Siecle Catastrophe.
'Twas the night preceding Christmas, And Santa far away, He lacked enough of gasoline To run his deerless sleigh.