

"Gastonia's Leading Clothiers"



What Shall I Give This Christmas?

THIS is the Season of the year when we always have the pleasure of waiting on an Army of Lady Patrons!

We enjoy it, too. With there were more Holiday seasons—for the Ladies can't come too often!

We are aware that good old "St. Nick" finds it very hard work filling Men's Sox with suitable gifts---gifts they'll appreciate.

A MAN LIKES SOMETHING HE CAN WEAR!

Get his presents where he always buys his wearables. Get them here, and then you can't go wrong. He doesn't want "bargain counter" stuff!

This whole store is a veritable Christmas Tree of gifts for men and boys' Suits, Overcoats, Raincoats, Slip-ons. Beautiful Neckwear, Faultless Shirts, "Just right" Underwear, Substantial Half Hose, Fine Handkerchiefs, Good Collars and Cuffs, Handsome Umbrellas, Cuff Buttons, Silk Suspenders, Smoking Jackets, Bath Robes, Leather goods and combination sets of various kinds.

When Christmas shopping come here with your troubles and you'll be surprised and gratified to see how easily and satisfactorily we can fit "Him" out.

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THE HOME OF GOOD CLOTHES



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Follies. Detroit Free Press. Some men skate where the ice is thin; Some rock the boat on summer days; Some cannot swim, but jump right in. Oh, there are many, many ways By which men quit this vale of tears And go to meet untimely doom! Unloaded guns for years and years Have cut off men in life's full bloom.

A few thaw out dynamite In ovens and are heard no more. A gas leak with a candle light Still others seek, and life is o'er, While others, groping in the dark For something that will cure a cold, Drink acid, and life's gentle spark Goes out before it's very old.

All these are tricks that folly breeds, And repetition dulls them not; Men still perform such silly deeds And quit this bright and festive spot.

But there's one other bid us pause, It ends full many a worthy's days Some men while playing Santa Claus Still let their whiskers find a blaze.

Where Christmas Things Come From. Children all enjoy the ever-greens and ornaments that are seen each Christmas, but how many of them know what parts of the country are ransacked in order to furnish these things for their pleasure and delight? Practically all of the evergreens appearing in American homes for the holiday season are grown in the United States. The Christmas trees come for the most part from northern New England, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. There are some growing farther south, but the bulk of the trees are from the far north. The black spruce, pine and fir on the higher land. Not only are the little trees cut, but tops of larger trees and limbs if they are of the proper shape.

The holly comes from the woods of New England and the Allegheny mountains. In the north it is a shrub, but in the south the holly grows into great trees, sometimes fifty feet high. With its red berries it is a most picturesque tree. Mistletoe is a parasite that takes root in the bark of other trees, such as the maple and poplar. It is not found in the northern states, but mostly in the middle and southern states.

What are known as Christmas greens or ground pines are very like the ferns and mosses and grow in shady places on the forest floor.

Christmas Boxes an Old Custom. The bestowing of Christmas boxes is of great antiquity and was formerly the bounty of well disposed persons who were willing to contribute something toward the industrious. Later the gift came to be demanded as a nuisance. In England the day after Christmas is known as "boxing day" from the Christmas boxes which used to be in circulation. In British museums can be seen boxes

covered with green glaze, with a slit in the side for money and presents.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite. The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILTONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure Appetizer. For adults and children. 50c.

"Spug" Movement Spreading. The "spug" movement originated several years ago and has grown very rapidly recently. This name is derived by using the initials of an organization formed in Chicago. It is the Society For the Prevention of Unnecessary Giving. Some members of this society give no presents at all, while others confine their gifts to the immediate family.

To Prevent Blood Poisoning. apply at once the wonderful old reliable DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL, a surgical dressing that relieves pain and heals at the same time. Ret. 5c. 25c. 50c. \$1.00.

CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM. No place in all the world has a greater interest in the Christmas season than Bethlehem. The normal population of the town where Christ was born is less than 5,000, but during Christmas week it becomes a great cosmopolitan center of 50,000 or 60,000 souls, all eager to pay homage to the place hallowed by the Saviour's birth.

In Bethlehem people are brought face to face with the wonderful scenes which are but feebly known to the rest of the world. Here they may see the place where the three wise men of the east halted after their long journey. Here they worship the shrine inclosing the manger in which Christ was born.

They walk along the same road followed by the Virgin Mary in her journey to the ancient city. They see buildings and ruins which the eyes of the infant Christ rested upon. The tiny city, crescent shaped and beautiful to look upon, teems with the realities which the rest of the world celebrates.

The Little Fellers. Atlanta Constitution. I. When you see the snowflakes flyin' an' the winter's come t' say Watch out fer the little fellers-- make the Christmas come their way. II. Some o' them in lowly places, where the sky is always gray. Win a smile from their little faces-- make the Christmas come their way.

Bein' friends to little fellers makes ol' winter seem like May. Watch out fer 'em on the life road-- make the Christmas come their way.

CHRISTMAS IN HOLLAND. In Holland Santa Claus pays his annual visit to all good children twenty days before he comes to this country. Dec. 5 is the feast day of St. Nicholas, alais Santa Claus. He has nothing whatever to do with Christmas, and his visit there is an Anglo-Saxon anachronism. As their

patron saint, children were taught to look to Nicholas for care and protection. In England the custom was abolished with the worship of saints at the reformation and re-established in the American guise of Father Christmas in the middle of the last century.

But in Holland Santa Claus continues to make his visits on the right day, Dec. 5. The Dutch children do not hang up their stockings, but place their shoes, filled with hay or straw for the donkey on which St. Nicholas rides, in front of the fireplace.

A Custom Well Forgotten. Children used to be reminded in an uncomfortable manner that Dec. 25 was innocents' day, for it was considered wholesome on that morning to give them a good cuffing or other form of punishment, presumably to remind them of the sins which were not committed by the innocents whom Herod ordered slain on that day. Fortunately every vestige of this fashion is now blotted out.

Helping Things Along. Mrs. Crabshaw--What's that you're blowing on your buckle, dear. Bobble--The call to arms, ma. Sister's young man has he runder the mistletoe.

SIGNIFICANCE OF HOLLY. Why holly at Christmas? The pagan Romans dedicated the holy to Saturn, whose festival was in December, around Christmas. The early Christians, to escape persecution, decked their homes with holly and other Saturnian emblems. The Romans sent their friends holly sprigs during the Saturnalia with wishes for their health and prosperity.

Pop's Christmas. Christmas comes but once a year, But it's sure to come. Some are feeling pretty gay, Others looking glum.

Some are blowing in the cash; Others pay by check. Some will get theirs in the sock, Others in the neck.

Ma will get a bunch of things; Brother'll not get much; Sister will get pretty gifts; Pop will get--a touch! --Yonkers Statesman.

A Dainty Holiday Dish. Scoop out yolks from two hard boiled eggs, add one teaspoonful of butter, half a teaspoonful of anchovy paste, a few drops of lemon juice, half a teaspoonful of white pepper and fill the whites. Coat with liquid aspic jelly and parsley. Place on tomato slices seasoned with olive oil and tarragon vinegar, adding salt. Garnish with chopped aspic and parsley.

Saddening. "What makes little Tommy so sad on this happy Christmas day?" asked Fosdick. "His presents are all unbreakable," replied Keedick.--Town Topics.

IN FRENCH CHURCHES.

Christmas Mass Always Well Attended--Services Are Unique.

In Paris Christmas day is kept as a religious festival, and many who never dream of going to church on any other day in the year make it a point of attending mass on le Jour de Noel, and the blaze of the tapers falls on crowded congregations, men, women and children, kneeling, sitting and standing in the wide area of the Madeleine and Notre Dame.

Midnight mass is held on Christmas eve. A waxen image of the infant Saviour lies upon a little hut of real straw in a cave built of miniature stones. The Virgin mother kneels over the child, and to quote a verse from one of the quaintest old carols:

St. Joseph, too, is near to guard the child. To watch him and protect his mother mild.

Often the tree wise men are added, bearing offerings in their hands.

Dr. Hobson's Ointment Heals Itchy Eczema.

The constantly itching, burning sensation and other disagreeable forms of eczema, tetter, salt rheum and skin eruptions promptly cured by Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Geo. W. Fitch of Mendota, Ill., says: "I purchased a box of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Have had Eczema ever since the civil war, have been treated by many doctors, none have given the benefit that one box of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment has." We're so positive it will help you we guarantee it or money refunded. At all Druggists or by mail. 5c.

Pfeiffer Chemical Co. Philadelphia & St. Louis.

A Christmas Menu.

- Here is a suggestion of a menu for a Christmas dinner: Raw Oysters. Clear Soup Fried Smelts With Butter Sauce. Chicken Patties. Roast Turkey With Oyster Stuffing. Rice Croquettes. Sweet Potatoes. Green Corn Pudding. Cranberry Jelly. Celery Salad. Salted Almonds. Pumpkin Pie. Mince Pie. Plum Pudding. Ice Cream. Christmas Cake. Small Fancy Cakes. Fruit. Coffee.

Stomach Troubles Disappear.

Stomach, liver and kidney troubles, weak nerves, lame back and female ills disappear when Electric Bitters are used. Thousands of women would not be without a bottle in their home. Eliza Pool of Depew, Okla., writes: "Electric Bitters raised me from a bed of sickness and suffering and has done me a world of good. I wish every suffering woman could use this excellent remedy and find out, as I did, just how good it is." As it has helped thousands of others, it surely will do the same for you. Every bottle guaranteed, 50c. and \$1.00. At all Druggists. H. E. Bucklen & Co. Philadelphia or St. Louis.

CHRISTMAS IN FRANCE.

Little Ones Over There Use Shoes Instead of Stockings.

Harper's Bazar. French children instead of hanging up their stockings Christmas eve place their shoes before the chimney. In the morning small children will find toys for their rejoicing, but a child who has arrived at the use of reason is more likely to receive a gift of a sum of money and a book. French gift books for children, as much as any one thing I know, mark the vast difference between American and French civilization.

These books, as to contents, resemble those terribly good books that ages ago in the United States formed the substance of Sunday school libraries. They are, if not sermons for the young, then tales of children so impressively virtuous as to be more insufferable than the longest, driest sermon. In appearance these books exhibit a uniformity as tiresome as their contents. They are almost invariably bound in bright red cloth, decorated with arabesque designs in vivid gold, and in size they vary from that of a gospel hymn book to something pretty nearly as large as the family Bible. The size of the book is regulated according to the merit of the child receiving it and also according to the heart of the donor.

BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR

Catarrh That Contain Mercury as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, O., by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.--Adv.

The Christ Child.

An Irish legend tells that on Christmas eve the Christ Child wanders out in the darkness and cold and the peasants still put lighted candles in their windows to guide the sacred little feet, that they may not stumble on the way to their homes. In Hungary the people go yet further in their tenderness for the Child. They spread feasts and leave their doors open that he may enter at his will. Throughout Christendom there is a belief that no evil can touch the child who is born on Christmas eve.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists return money if it fails to cure. H. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

The House Across the Way.

S. E. Kiser in Chicago Record-Herald. There is a house across the way Where last year childish shouts were heard, But all is silent there today Save for the sadly whispered word. No holly wreaths with ribbons graced In yonder window shall appear; No letters in the frost are traced-- They'll have no Christmas tree this year.

There used to be a sliding place There in the yard where children played. By one who had a merry face The loudest noise was always made.

But not a child is sliding now, And all is sadly still to-day. A shadow seems to rest somehow Upon the house across the way.

No child peers from the window there To see the postman come and pass. No toys are piled in corners where The doors last year were locked, alas! Within the house across the way No pleasing festive signs appear. They speak in whispers there today And have no thought of Christmas cheer.

Croup and Cough Remedy.

Croup is a terrible disease. It attacks children so suddenly they are very apt to choke unless given the proper remedy at once. There is nothing better in the world than Dr. King's New Discovery, Lewis Chamberlain, of Manchester, Ohio, writes about his children: "Sometimes in severe attacks we were afraid they would die, but since we proved what a certain remedy Dr. King's New Discovery is, we have no fear. We rely on it for croup, coughs and colds." So can you. 50c. and \$1. A bottle should be in every home. At all Druggists. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Phila. St. Louis. --Adv.

Before and After.

Poston Herald. They say it comes but once a year And when it comes it brings good cheer. Put what it leaves along its trail I try to write, but always fail.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure The worst cases, no matter how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

ALL HAIL THE CHILD.

By David H. Greer. Christmas is the day of the child both in sentiment and doctrine. It is the day when the child is on the throne and when he reigns supreme. Willingly and gladly, with our gifts and presents, we pay our tribute to him. For this one day in the year at least the heart rules the head, and we learn therefrom the lesson which it is the ultimate aim of all theological doctrine to enforce--that we must as little children to enter the kingdom of heaven.

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All Ready For You Christmas Shoppers

And as we've said before, "READY" with us is always spelled with a capital "R." Ready here means having a thoroughly comprehensive display of this, that and the other thing that rightfully belongs in a Jewelry store. We never think we are ready until we have gone "all over" to get things novel, things attractive and exclusive. This year we shopped with particular care when we bought our Xmas goods. We got all we could for our money. And we in turn shall let you people own it on the same terms. You may shop to-day if you wish with all the advantages of stock completeness, and with none of the annoyances incident to the rush that's sure to come later. Buy your Christmas remembrances here, now, and buy in comfort. Always bearing in mind that Jewelry is the gift of gifts.

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