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Of our holiday Books you will not find dull page. This should be the happiest season of the year, and we are doing everything to make it so that we can.

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MISS MAGGIE REESE.

Winter Millinery

OF ALL KINDS.

A FULL LINE OF CHILDREN'S CAPS

AT ALL PRICES.

NOVELTIES IN FANCY GOODS.

Zephyr, 7 cents. Wool, 18 cents.

SLIPPER SOLES 25cts., at

Miss Maggie Reese's.

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To show you our stock of sweet meats for Christmas. Every article new.

We have the best CITRUS, CURRANTS, MINCE MEAT, ALMONDS, WALNUTS, &c.

Our PURITAN OATFLAKES in 2-lb. cartons or in bulk are not excelled by any brand.

Don't forget also that we keep constantly on hand ALL PORK FRESH SAUSAGE put up for our trade especially. Only 12 1/2 cents per pound.

We offer today a small lot of sugar cured hams for 11 1/2 cents per pound. Don't postpone your purchase as we have only about 300 pounds of them left.

J. G. BALL & CO.

SHERWOOD'S.

THE ETHICS OF CHRISTMAS

Love is the underlying law of Christmas time, just as justice is, or ought to be, of all the times. Cynics call the interchange of the season "The Annual Game of Swap."

TO SOLVE THE ANNUAL QUERY WHAT TO BUY

WE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

FOR WOMEN.

Tailor-made Coats, Capes, Fur Capes, Black or Fancy Dresses, Kid Gloves (all colors), wove and silk Gloves, Gossamers, white and colored hemstitched Handkerchiefs, Initial Handkerchiefs in silk, Silk Mufflers, Embroidered Lawn and Linen Handkerchiefs, Embroidered Silk Handkerchiefs, Fancy Hair Pins and Combs, Hair Brushes, Garter and Dress Buckles, Feathered Fans, Painted, Gauze and Silk Fans, all-wool Skirts, Umbrellas, all-wool Vests, any size and price; small wares and notions, Pocket Books and Purses, and a pair of Sherwood's Solid Service Shoes.

FOR MEN.

White Dress Shirts, White, Gray, Red and Camel's Hair Underwear, Half Hose, in cotton and wool; Collars and Cuffs, Silk Scarfs, Tees and Four-in-Hands, Suspenders, Canes, Umbrellas, plain and trimmed Sticks, white and colored bordered Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, Gloves in wool, kid, castor and dogskin, Silk Hemstitched and Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, Black Bows, Silk Mufflers, and a pair of Sherwood's Solid Service Shoes.

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Collars and Cuffs, Windsor's Embroidered Silk Handkerchiefs, Capes, Tam O'Shanter's, a box of Misses' or Toy's Hornsdoiff's Hosiery, Misses' Jackets and Long Garments, Gloves, in wool and kid, a school Umbrella, Hoods, Pocket Books, Combs, Hair Brushes, and a pair of Sherwood's Solid Service Shoes.

SPECIAL.

Dress Patterns, Trunks, Blankets, and a pair of Sherwood's Solid Service Shoes.

OPEN EVENINGS

C. A. SHERWOOD & COMPANY.

LATE NEWS NOTES.

Gathered From All Parts of the World.

The American baseball association project has resulted in failure.

Congressman Bland, the silver champion, will offer a free silver substitute for the Carlisle bill.

The students of Richmond college, enraged at the election of Mr. Boatwright as president, last night burned him in effigy.

The citizens of Dedham, Mass., will celebrate on new year's day the establishment of the first free school in that borough, January 1, 1844. Governor Greenhalge will deliver an address.

It is the belief that three national trade assemblies will soon secede from the ranks of the knights of labor. They are the mine workers, the glass workers and the brass workers. They represent 75 per cent of the membership of the knights.

The first and second Japanese armies are marching direct on Tien-Tsin, China. They are now north of New Chang, which has been captured. Several other cities have also been taken, all without serious fighting. The force of the two armies combined amounts to about 72,000 men.

In the course of the investigation of New York police yesterday the question was asked an officer: "Can you tell me why it is that police officers will get on this stand and swear to an untruth. Is it through fear of their superior officers?" The reply was: "Yes; that is it."

Eugene Kelly, well-known New York banker, died yesterday, aged 87 years. He was born in Ireland, and at the age of twenty came to this country. His first position was that of clerk in a dry goods store. He next tried gold mining and later started a San Francisco bank. At death he was worth \$15,000,000.

JAPAN'S PRICE FOR PEACE.

China Must Pay Between \$1,000,000,000 and \$5,000,000,000.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—In formation has been received at the state department to the effect that peace between China and Japan will soon be declared upon the condition of the payment by China of an indemnity of from \$4,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000.

The question which affects the financial condition of the world is metal in which this payment is to be made. The payment of the war indemnity by France to Germany in gold led to the demonetization of silver by the latter country. This induced the Latin union to suspend the free coinage of silver, and practically placed all Europe upon the single standard.

The far east still maintained the silver standard with free coinage until last year, when India closed the mints to silver and attempted to close upon it the gold standard. The effect in connection with the repeal of the purchase clause of the Sherman act by the congress of the United States was to depreciate the market value of the silver bullion to a lower point than had ever been reached in the history of the world.

If Japan demands from China payment of the war indemnity in gold where would China procure the gold and how much would it cost? On the other hand, if Japan should accept payment in silver, which is the money metal in current use in that country, what effect would the demand for so many million dollars worth of silver have upon the market price of silver bullion, and where could the bullion be obtained?

Whatever method may be devised the effect upon the finances of the United States must be far greater than can now be estimated.

To my Customers.

From Saturday night December 22d, to Thursday morning, December 27th, the Oak City Laundry will be closed in order to repair and fit up the machinery for the coming year. Those having work will please send in as early this week as possible. I would add that the work done now is equal if not superior to any work ever sent out.

Respectfully, L. R. WYATT, Proprietor. Phone 57

HIGH WATER MARK.

1,000 SHARES.

\$100,000 Worth Sold to Raleigh Citizens.

How does this strike you? A member of the Raleigh Branch of the Southern Building and Loan Association had five shares of stock, on which he had \$171.00. He raised \$200 in cash for the same. Why? Because he is a sensible man, and knew that in about two more years he would get \$300, and don't you forget it.

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THESE ARE BARGAINS

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FRESH NEW GOODS

Exactly Cost,

To make room for other goods.

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For your daughter,

A fine OAK, ROLLER TOP DESK for your son's office,

AN EASY CHAIR for "grandma" or anything in the Furniture line, we will be pleased to have you call.

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CALL ON

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IRON EXPRESS WAGONS for the boys.

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California Layer Raisins, in whole and quarter boxes.

Cooking Raisins, 10c. pound.

Florida Oranges,

"Hurlbut Brand." These are among the sweetest grown, and are sent to me direct from the grove. I offer them by the box or retail.

Fancy Red Apples

Arriving twice a week. These are bought expressly for the Xmas trade and are fine and sound.

New Crop Nuts.

Walnuts, Almonds, Pecans and Brazils, mixed or separate.

COCOANUTS by the bag or at retail.

CANDY, Plain, Cream mixed and fancy.

RITTER'S Pure Fruit Preserves and Jellies, in glass and tins; small packages.

D. T. JOHNSON, AGENT.

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DO NOT PUT OFF

Do not put off the selection of your Christmas Presents until the last few days before Xmas.

If a gift is wanted for either a man, woman or child, that gift should be bought until a visit has been made to

Tucker's.

SALESMAN WANTED

To sell the S Rapid Dish Washer to the wholesale and retail trade. Washes and dries the dishes in two minutes without wetting the fingers. \$75 a week and all expenses. Easy position; no hard work; can make \$100 a week. Address W. P. Harrison & Co., Clerk No. 14, Columbus, Ohio

Ru-Kien's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by JOHN Y. MARRAS.

Thomas & Maxwell has just received a large lot of pine fiber mattresses for people suffering with bronchial or lung troubles.

J. T. J. JOLLY, the Jeweler.

See his line of novelties before making your holiday purchases.

Any one who has children will rejoice with L.B. Mulford, of Plainfield, N. J. His little boy, five years of age, was sick with croup. For two days and nights he tried various remedies recommended by friends and neighbors. He says: "I thought sure I would lose him. I had seen Chamberlain's Cough Remedy advertised and thought I would try it as a last hope and am happy to say that after two doses he slept until morning. I gave it to him next day and a cure was effected. I keep this remedy in the house now and as soon as any of my children show signs of croup I give it to them and that is the last of it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by J. Hal. Babbitt, druggist.