

The Grapeland Messenger

Grapeland, Texas

Dec 18 1913

WE ARE HEADQUARTERS FOR

CHRISTMAS GOODS

Old Santa Claus has been very generous in leaving quite a large selection of his things at our store for distribution.

We have a large selection that will suit any member of of the family.

In this department we are giving away a beautiful life size doll. With every purchase of 50c we will give you a chance at it. The drawing will take place Christmas Eve Day.

We wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Traylor Brothers

"Keep the Price Down"

Grapeland, Texas



A Message from Santa Claus!

North Pole, December 15, 1913

The Variety Store,
Grapeland, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I will arrive in Grapeland in a few days with more toys and Christmas goods for the Variety Store. I want you to publish this letter so all the little folks will know where to go to get their toys.

I have many nice toys and gifts this year which I will distribute to the good little boys and girls in the Grapeland community, so please tell them that the Variety Store will be my headquarters.

Yours truly,

SANTA CLAUS



HOLIDAY BARGAINS



HOLIDAY GIFTS of useful presents is urged at our store, and we invite each and every member of the family to visit our store and see the values we offer you

HIS GIFT

Never before have we placed so many valuable and useful gifts at your very door. These items will make for many one a happy and pleasant Christmas by giving their friends gifts from our store.

- Men's suits from \$5.00 to..... **\$16.50**
- Men's Curlee pants from \$2.50 to..... **\$5.00**
- Men's Kelley-Buckley shoes (none better) from \$3.50 to..... **\$4.00**
- Men's dress gloves from \$1.00 to..... **\$1.50**
- Men's ties in pretty Christmas boxes, with hose to match, for..... **\$1.00**
- Men's set with tie, hose and supporters..... **\$1.00**
- Men's linen handkerchiefs..... **15c**
- Men's Iron-Clad hose, silk and cotton, 25c and..... **50c**

We have Trunks, Suit Cases and Traveling Bags for all the family, so see them and get our prices before buying.

HER GIFT

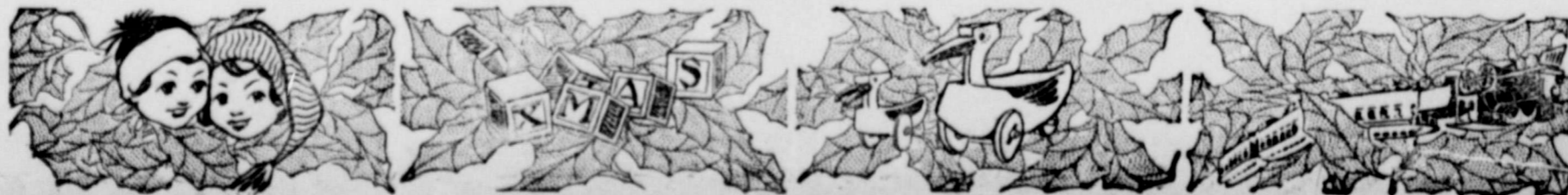
We are showing for this season the latest in ladies coat suits at prices from \$5.75 to..... **\$13.50**

- (See them)
- A pretty 3-4 length coat would be very pretty. \$5.75 to..... **\$13.50**
- Ladies Selby shoes—the high class shoe—prices from \$2.25 to..... **\$4.00**
- Ladies kid gloves, pair, each..... **\$1.00**
- A pretty silk kimona at prices from \$2.75 to..... **\$5.00**
- Ladies Juliettes in black only and plenty of house shoes in blue and pink at \$1.25 to... **\$1.35**
- Dresser scarfs, price was 75c, now..... **50c**
- Also some table center pieces at 25c and..... **50c**
- Iron-Clad hose in merceized and silk at 25c and... **50c**
- Silk scarfs from 25c to..... **\$1.50**

These scarfs make beautiful Christmas presents. We have many other articles that would be good presents to give. Visit our store and see them.

We feel sure that you will be pleased with any of these items you buy, and for this reason we offer you these goods for your presents. We wish for one and all a Merry Christmas and feel that they will be pleased to give or receive any items named in our list.

KENNEDY BROTHERS THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY

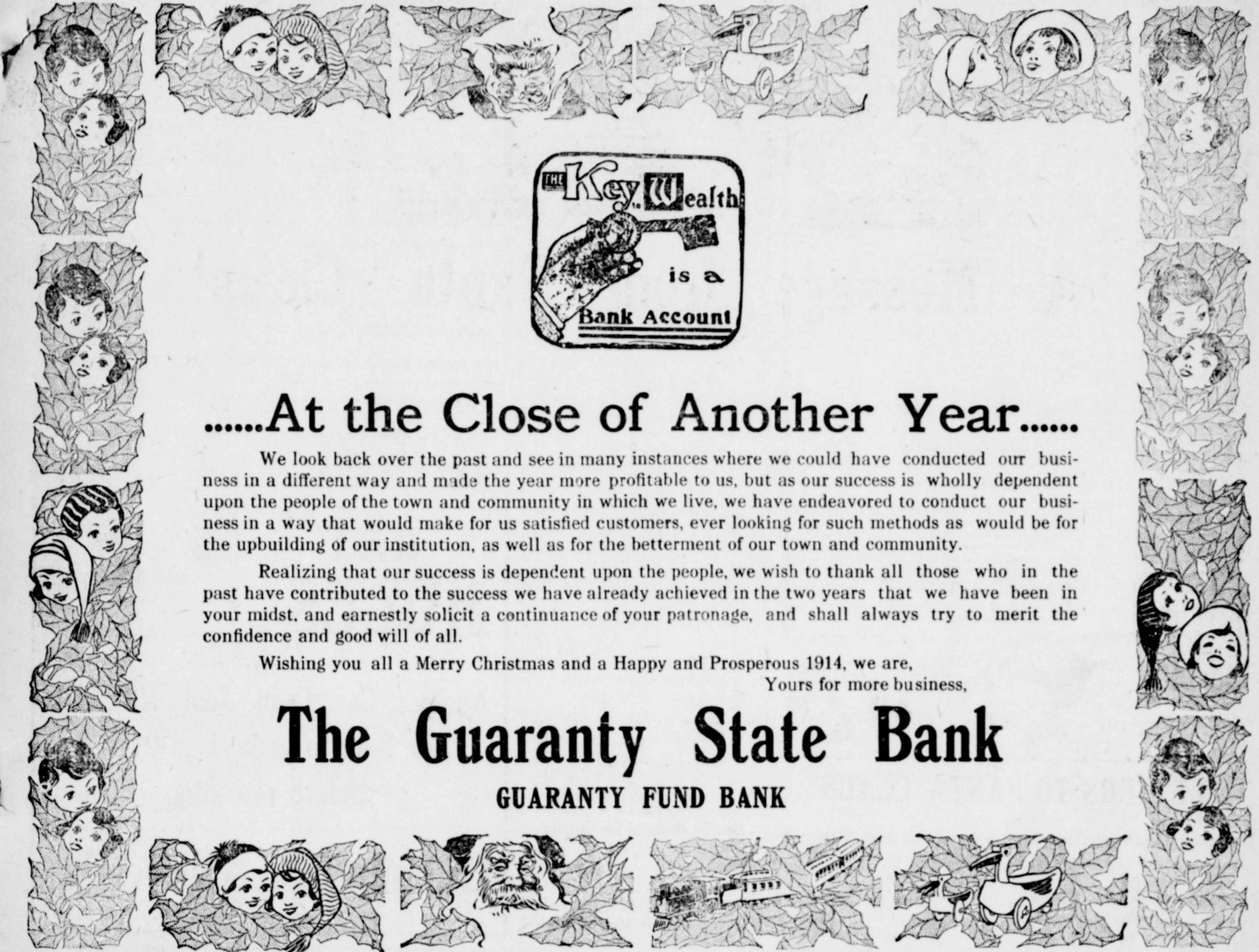


The Grapeland Messenger.

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GRAPELAND, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DEC. 18, 1913

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.....At the Close of Another Year.....

We look back over the past and see in many instances where we could have conducted our business in a different way and made the year more profitable to us, but as our success is wholly dependent upon the people of the town and community in which we live, we have endeavored to conduct our business in a way that would make for us satisfied customers, ever looking for such methods as would be for the upbuilding of our institution, as well as for the betterment of our town and community.

Realizing that our success is dependent upon the people, we wish to thank all those who in the past have contributed to the success we have already achieved in the two years that we have been in your midst, and earnestly solicit a continuance of your patronage, and shall always try to merit the confidence and good will of all.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 1914, we are,
Yours for more business,

The Guaranty State Bank

GUARANTY FUND BANK

GRAPELAND POSSUM WALK IN MOVING PICTURES

Texas is Receiving Some Valuable Advertising Through the Agency of the Moving Picture People. A List of the Pictures Which are Being Shown

Edmund Burton Steene, camera correspondent for Pathe's Weekly, who was in Grapeland picturing the 'possum walk, has been ordered by his house to the camp of General Carranza in Mexico, where he will go the latter part of this month. While in Texas, he secured a motion picture of a number of Texas events, and their circulation by Pathe's Weekly will give wide advertising to the state. This concern serves nine thousand licensed houses in this country, also a large number abroad, and a long list of unlicensed exhibitors. An average of nine million people see each picture that is placed with all the house's customers, so that it gives an event so pictured and circulated a much wider audience than even the largest of our national magazines. The following Texas events are now being exhibited:

1. The Austin Young Men's Business Club Good Roads Day, November, 14, in which the President of the State University and the Governor of the state participated.
2. The Woman's Day Parade

- at the Cotton Palace, which made a picture, so Mr. Steene says, of oriental splendor.
3. The Cuero Turkey Trot, the title to which appears as follows on the billboards: "The Original Turkey Trotters, arrayed in the garb that nature gave them parade through the streets of Cuero, Texas, unashamed before a curious populace," which is a catchy, if somewhat misleading title, for a picture of Governor Colquitt and uniformed staff leading a parade of five thousand turkeys in the YEK-RUT carnival at Cuero.
4. The No-Tsu-Oh parade at Houston.
5. The Inner Circle at the No-Tsu-Oh carnival at Houston.
6. The San Angelo Fair showing broncho busting and other typically western scenes.
7. The auto races at San Antonio.
8. The Grapeland 'possum walk, showing 150 opossums leading a parade, making a charming and novel motion picture.

When the pictures of these events have been exhibited, they are returned to New York and

destroyed. The negatives are kept in the so-called library for five years, however, and reexhibited if there is sufficient call for them. Motion-pictures of big historical events are kept permanently in humidors, so that they may be reproduced on a days notice any time in the next hundred or so years. For instance, it will be remembered that upon Mayor Gaynor's death, there were for several weeks following motion pictures of events during his life and in which he participated exhibited all over the country. The old negatives were taken from the library, reels made from the same and distributed over the country, the same being rendered timely by his death.

The dispatch with which these views are handled was well illustrated the other day by H. A. Wroe, Vice-President of the American National Bank of Austin. Six days after he participated in the Good Roads event near Austin, he happened into a moving picture theater on Broadway, New York, and saw himself driving a large span of mules as realistically as he appeared the week before in the Shippe gravel pit.

Rev. J. E. Bean requests the Messenger to announce that he will preach at New Prospect Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

NEGRO KILLED AT REYNARD

Jim Smith shot and killed Ben Carroll at Reynard Friday night. Both are negroes. The killing took place after dark near Pat Fulgham's store. The weapon used was a shot gun loaded with buckshot. The negroes had some trouble, and it is said that Carroll threatened to kill Smith. The gun Smith used belonged to Carroll, which was left outside the house. When the trouble came up Smith beat Carroll to the gun, and the shooting took place. Smith went to Crockett and reported to Bully West what he had done. Mr. West went down to notify the officers and when he returned to the house Smith was gone. He had not been found at a late hour Saturday night.

For Flood Sufferers

The Wells Fargo Express Co., through their agent, J. O. Edington, announce that they will receive and transport free of charge packages for the flood sufferers. Just at this time many points in the lower flooded districts are in need of assistance, and clothing and food would be gladly received.

Wherry's stock is not the largest in town, but his prices are the lowest. Adv.

Entertainment at Salmon

The Messenger received a pleasant call Tuesday morning from Mrs. R. R. Claridge of Salmon, who requested us to announce an entertainment at the school building at Salmon on Christmas eve night. The entertainment will consist of a box supper and a play by the children. No admission fee will be charged, but money will be raised by the supper. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school. A general invitation is extended to all to attend, and a pleasant evening is assured.

No Paper Next Week

Following our usual custom the Messenger will issue no paper next week. The week will be devoted to recreation, and getting things straight for the new year. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Junior League Bazaar

The Junior Leaguers are conducting a bazaar and have their goods on sale at the Guaranty State Bank. They extend you an invitation to visit them. They have many things that will make excellent Christmas gifts. Adv.

County Attorney Ben Dent was here Saturday on court business.

WHEN CHRISTMAS TIME COMES ROUND

S.E. KISER

When Christmas time comes round it seems
As though the long, long years
Roll back and take away our cares
And dry up all our tears:
I don't know why it is, but when
The great day comes along
I get to feelin' young again,
And kind of turn to song,
And whistle and go on just like
A boy would. I'll be bound,
The old world seems to brighten up
When Christmas time comes round.

I'm tickled at the Jumpin' Jack
And all them kind of things:
I like to watch the toys that play
By windin' up the springs,
And somehow—don't know why it is—
Love seems to fill the air,
And I forget I've enemies
Or troubles anywhere;
And every little while I sort
Of listen for the sound
Of voices that have long been still,
When Christmas time comes round.

I wish that I was Santa Claus
And had a magic sleigh,
To visit all the children who
Look forward to the day—
The orphan and the cripples and
The poor folks everywhere—
All children that are good and kind
And don't forget their prayers:
I'll bet you that they'd all be glad
When they got up and found
Their stockin's fairly bustin' out,
When Christmas time come round.

Oh, happy time of jinglin' bells
And hills all white with snow;
Oh, joyful day that takes us back
To care-free long ago!
I wonder if up there above
Where happy angels roam
They do not get to thinkin' of
The happy times at home,
And turn, in fancy, back once more
To listen to the sound
Of voices that have long been still,
When Christmas time comes round?

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Little Folks Make Known Their Wants to their Patron Saint Through the Columns of The Messenger.

Dear Santa Claus: We want you to come and bring us a nice doll apiece, a tea set and some nuts, oranges and candies. Be sure and don't forget to bring little baby brother something nice too.

Florence Ellen Walling,
Jewel Myrtle Walling.

Dear Santa Claus: How are you? I hope you are well and come to see me Christmas. Please bring me lots of fire works and all kinds of fruits and an airgun and a story book and a baloon and a horn and a dancing frog. I'll hang my stocking up for you and go to bed early.

Your Little Friend,
Otha Lewis Lively.

Dear Santa: I want you to please bring me an air gun, a story book, all kinds of fire works, fruits and nuts. Santa, I will be glad to get anything you bring me.

Your Little Friend,
Otha Brooks.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a good pocket knife, some gloves, a toy pistol, some fire-works and some fruits and candy, and oblige.

Killough Richards.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll and a doll bed and a doll buggy and a set of dishes, some toys, some candy, apples, oranges, raisins, nuts of all kinds. Please bring my little brother some candy and apples, some toys, a little wagon and anything else you can spare, and think alright for a baby. Be sure to come.

Your Little Girl,
Ruth Richards.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a wagon, some toys, some apples, oranges, candy, nuts of all kinds. Please bring my little sister a doll, some doll dishes, a little table, some apples, oranges, candy, raisins and nuts. Bring my little baby brother something too. That will be enough for this time.

Your Little Boy,
Estes Laseter.

P. S. I am living about ten miles west of Grapeland. Be sure to find us.

Dear Santa Claus: As Xmas is almost here, I will write you of a few things I want you to bring me. As times are hard I won't ask for much. Please bring me some apples, oranges, candy and nuts of all kind, a nice story book, a pair of vases, and anything else you have to spare, I will appreciate it.

Your little girl,
Callie Mae Laseter.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a little Indian suit, a Humpty Dumpty set, a toy pistol, an automobile and some fruits, candy and fireworks.

With love,
DeWitt Richards.

Dear Santa Claus: As it is most near Christmas I will drop you a few lines. Will you bring me some fruits, nuts, fire-works, some funny toys, an airgun, a knife and a savings bank.

Your Friend,
B. W. Sewell,
Augusta, Texas.

My Dearest Santa Claus: I am a little girl not quite two and I haven't seen much of you. Will

you please bring me a little wagon full of apples and other fruits, a doll in a little doll buggy, a few real nice toys and a little bracelet.

I Remain Your Friend,
Dorris Odell Lucas,
Augusta, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: We are two small boys age ten and three. Will you please bring us some fruits, fire-works, candies, nuts, two toy pistols, two air guns and ammunition, little wagons, tricycles, and anything else that is nice for a little boy to have.

Your Friends,
William McLecan,
Harry McLean,
Augusta, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to be sure to come to see me in the brown cottage around the corner. Please bring me a gun, an Indian suit, a humpty-dumpty set, a drum, a horn, some fire crackers, Roman candles, sky rockets, some billy 'possums on a Xmas tree, and all kinds of fruits and nuts, and don't forget my sister, bring her something nice too, and cannon crackers too.

Your Little Boy,
Starling Boykin.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a doll, doll bed, doll trunk, a bible and a story book, also some fruit, candy and fire-works.

I'll hang up Edward Stewart's stocking,
So don't you forget,
Our dear little dimple-eyed darling,
Who hasn't seen Xmas yet.
Dorothy Madeline Darsey.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a train, a toy pistol, a pop gun, tool chest, automobile, some candy, fruit and fire-works.

Willie Gray Darsey.

How To Bankrupt The Doctors

A prominent New York physician says, "If it were not for the thin stockings and thin soled shoes worn by women the doctors would probably be bankrupt." When you contract a cold do not wait for it to develop into pneumonia but treat it at once. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds, and has won a wide reputation by its cures of these diseases. It is most effectual and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Honor Roll For Month Ending December, 12th. 1913

1st. Grade—Mildred Traylor.
2nd. Grade—None.
3rd. Grade—Dimple Cromwell.
4th. Grade—Louise Selkirk.
5th. Grade—none.
6th. Grade—Adabel Leaverton, Frank Murchison.
7th. Grade—Adelaide Selkirk, Mable Boykin.
8th. Grade—Adelia Duitch, Prewit DuBose.
9th. Grade—Robert Saddler, Clinton Parker.
10th. Grade—Winnie Davis.

IRREGULAR PUPILS

Ben Keen, Preston Morrison and Audrey Campbell.

Fit His Case Exactly

"When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablets in the papers that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Ft Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefited by them." For sale by all dealers. Adv.



IMPORTANT Announcement

To Our Customers and the General Public:

Beginning January 1, 1914, the following prices will prevail:

Loin and round Steak, per lb.	17c
Chuck, per lb.	16c
Roast, per lb.	13c

This slight advance in price is due to the continued increase in the price of cattle.

THE CITY MEAT MARKET

J. B. LIVELY, Proprietor.

BOTH PHONES.

FREE DELIVERY

HORSES and MULES



Another Car Load Just Received.
Be Sure to Look them Over
Before you Buy

Calhoun & Leaverton

STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die. I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good. I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try Thedford's Black-Draught, and quit

taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it.

I have now been taking Black-Draught for three months, and it has cured me—haven't had those awful sick headaches since I began using it.

I am so thankful for what Black-Draught has done for me."

Thedford's Black-Draught has been found a very valuable medicine for derangements of the stomach and liver. It is composed of pure, vegetable herbs, contains no dangerous ingredients, and acts gently, yet surely. It can be freely used by young and old, and should be kept in every family chest.

Get a package today.
Only a quarter.

California Woman Seriously Alarmed

"A short time ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and caused me a great deal of annoyance. I would have bad coughing spells and my lungs were so sore and inflamed I began to be seriously alarmed. A friend recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saying she had used it for years.

I bought a bottle and it relieved my cough the first night, and in a week I was rid of the cold and soreness of my lungs," writes Miss Marie Gerber, Sawtelle, Cal. For sale by all dealers. adv

Dr. Sam Kennedy
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
Office in Leaverton's Drug Store
Main Street

Better Biscuits Baked

With

You never tasted daintier, lighter, fluffier biscuits than those baked with Calumet. They're always good—delicious. For Calumet insures perfect baking.

RECEIVED HIGHEST AWARDS

World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago, Illinois.

Paris Exposition, France, March, 1912.



"Doctor" M. L. Clewis, Clothes Specialist. All troubles of any kind of wearing apparel carefully treated. Give him a trial. adv.

BUILDING A HOME FOR INVESTMENT.....

requires careful planning, for an investment to be gilt edge must be easily negotiable. We've found that a little thought and attention given to original plans works wonders when it comes to selling a house. Buyers like style and individuality and these are the things that pay big dividends because they can be secured usually with little more first cost than the plain square designs. Doubtless you have often wondered why some houses sell more readily than others—that's the answer. If you are contemplating a new home maybe we can help you out with a suggestion if you'll bring us your plans. We've helped a lot of our townsmen save money on building and are also conceited enough to think that some of our suggestions on plans have later helped the sale of these homes. Let us help you.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER COMPANY

GAS IN THE STOMACH

Is a symptom of impaired digestion. To neglect digestive trouble is to bid high for disease in the kidneys as these diseases all start in bad digestion. Take

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is a corrective medicine for all disorders in the digestive organs. It quickly checks sour stomach. Gas or wind in the stomach or bowels, heartburn, bloated feeling, belching, bad breath, dizziness, headaches and a constipated habit. If you have any weakness in your digestion, take Prickly Ash Bitters. It relieves all distress immediately and if used for a reasonable period it cures permanently.

Sold by all Dealers in Medicine.

Price \$1.00 per Bottle

Prickly Ash Bitters Co. Proprietors St. Louis, Mo.

A. S. Porter, Special Agent

Stop a cough before it develops something more serious.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup

Is The Remedy That Does the Work.

It relieves coughing immediately, eases soreness in the lungs, loosens phlegm and clears the bronchial tubes. It is a fine family remedy, pleasant to take and good for children and adults.

Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

Buy the \$1.00 size. It contains five times as much as the 25c size, and you get with each bottle a Dr. Herrick's Red Pepper Porous Plaster for the chest.

James F. Ballard, Prop. St. Louis, Mo. Stephens Eye Salve Cures Sore Eyes.

SOLD AND RECOMMENDED BY

A. S. PORTER

ABSTRACTS

You can not sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the

ONLY COMPLETE UP-TO-DATE ABSTRACT LAND TITLES OF HOUSTON COUNTY

ADAMS & YOUNG
CROCKETT, TEXAS

THE DEVIL'S PARAGRAPHS

JOHN R. OWENS, EDITOR

SANTA CLAUS

The thoughts of girls and boys Now turn to Christmas joys; They all will welcome Santa Claus; They know he's good, because— He always comes and ne'r forgets, He never grumbles or regrets, That he must come once a year, To fill the little hearts with cheer.

He comes in weather, good or bad, With a heart that's always glad; Down the chimney he will creep, After the kiddies go to sleep; He fills each and every stocking, How he does it is quite shocking; But the good he won't forsake, Unless they stay awake.

Good people make good towns. That's why Grapeland is such a good town.

Encourage more people to build homes and you will see a great difference in the town.

The mounds and tombstones in the cemeteries increase more every year on account of the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Even if there should be a fifty per cent increase in the Messenger's business next year, the boss would be apt to "raise the Devil." Here's hoping for the increase, anyway!

Some men live to give, but most men live to take. Give someone a Christmas present and you will feel better for it. Besides it will help those who have presents to sell.

Read the many Christmas ads in the Messenger this week, and patronize those whose ads appear in it's columns. They are the ones who deserve the Christmas business.

In deciding what New Year resolutions you are going to make next year, don't forget to make more advertising in 1914 than you did in 1913, Mr. Business Man!

A bad liver robs you of energy, strength and ambition; you feel half-sick all the time and, moreover, you are an easy mark for pneumonia, chills, yellow fever, typhoid fever, or some other serious disease. You need a good liver tonic and regulator and Herbine fills the bill completely. Try it: You can't help noticing how quickly you feel its beneficial effect. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv

For Sale

Two desirable corner lots in Sycamore Addition. Three new residences have been completed near them. For price and terms apply to JNO. R. OWENS.

When children cough a great deal it is time to take notice or something serious will develop. A few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup may ward off a spell of sickness. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

Dr. McCarty reports the birth of a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Dock Weisinger

Don't forget to use a little Prickly Ash Bitters whenever the stomach or bowels are disordered. It quickly corrects such troubles and makes you feel bright and cheerful. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

ALL THE NEWS FROM DALY'S

Dec. 15.—The year 1913 is drawing to a close and it has in some respects been a year of calamities; so many floods and the loss of so many lives and poor crops, but still we have much to be thankful for, and to make our hearts merry at Xmas, tide.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely. Attendance is very good in spite of the unsettled weather.

The young people were delightfully entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kyle Saturday night.

Miss Ezell White of Elkhart is visiting her friend, Miss Mary Kyle this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Laseter visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Laseter a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spence and Mr. and Mrs. Hill Huff of Hays Spring spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Huff.

John M. Warren and Arthur Brooks of Rock Hill, also Leland and Pledger Chiles of Reynard visited our Sunday School Sunday.

Mrs. W. P. Kyle has been on the sick list for the past several days, but is better at this writing.

Mrs. Josie Taylor of Grapeland is visiting her sister, Mrs. Annie Dailey.

Mrs. Callie Mae Laseter who is attending school in Grapeland spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Huff delightfully entertained their friends Saturday. Everything good to eat was on their table and all enjoyed themselves, as they always do at Mrs. Huff's home.

Well, here's wishing the Messenger and it's many readers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. CHARLOTTA.

A coated tongue, foul breath and clogged condition in the bowels suggests the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is just suited for such ailments. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

NEWS ITEMS FROM AUGUSTA

Dec. 14.—Since our last writing we have had the pleasure of attending the "Possum Walk." We are glad to say it was a grand success and was enjoyed by all.

We have had some big rains lately, which we regret to say has done great damage to some of the large cities of the State.

Mr. Frank Newman and family have moved to our little city and we are glad to have them in our midst.

Mrs. Butts is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jim Newman. BLUE JAY.

Land For Sale

We have several thousand acres of cut-over land that is now being offered to actual settlers at low prices and on liberal terms. Will sell in tracts of forty acres or more. Located in Cherokee County and within one hour to two hours drive of Alto, the best market in East Texas. Good farms all around our lands and schools and churches nearby. Write us what you want and we will give you full description, prices and terms.

Blount-Decker Lumber Co., Adv. Alto, Texas.

PORTER'S Drug Store

AGENT

Galveston Daily and Semi-

Weekly Farm News.

Houston Daily Post and

Semi-Weekly Farm and Fireside.

RENEW WITH US

CHILDREN CRY

Frequently and for no apparent reason when they have worms.

WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE

Is the remedy needed.

It destroys and removes worms, strengthens the stomach and restores healthy conditions. A few doses brings back rosy cheeks, vigor and cheerfulness.

Price 25c per Bottle. Jas. F. Ballard, Prop., St. Louis, Mo.

SOLD AND RECOMMENDED BY

A. S. PORTER.

J. W. CASKEY

TONSORIAL ARTIST

Your Business will be Appreciated

Shop in Lively building just around the corner off Main st.

Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

I. N. Whitaker

WATCHMAKER and PHOTOGRAPHER

You will find me at my office in Grapeland every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

I repair watches, clocks, guns and sewing machines.



FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS

for Backache, Rheumatism, Kidneys and Bladder.

Sluggish Liver

All your liver, stomach and bowel troubles will speedily vanish when you start to take Hot Springs Liver Buttons from the famous Hot Springs of Ark. They never fail to banish dizziness, headache and malaria.

Better than Catmel. 25 cts.

Free sample Liver Buttons and booklet about the famous Hot Springs Rheumatism remedy and Hot Springs Blood Remedy at

A. S. PORTER, DRUGGIST

THE BEST SHOW WINDOW IN TOWN IS AN AD IN THIS PAPER

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice at Grapeland, Texas, every Thursday as Second Class Mail Matter.

SUBSCRIPTION — IN ADVANCE

1 YEAR.....\$1.00
6 MONTHS---.50
3 MONTHS---.25

Subscribers ordering a change of address should give the old as well as the new address.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE—Obituaries and Resolutions of Respect are printed for half price—2 1/2¢ per line. Other matter "not news" charged at regular rates.

Our advertising rates are reasonable and quoted upon application.

OUR PURPOSE—It is the purpose of the Messenger to record accurately, simply and interestingly the moral, intellectual, industrial and political progress of Grapeland and Houston county. To aid us in this every citizen should give us his moral and financial support.

Phones—Farmers Union System

Office.....27
Residence.....67

THURSDAY, DEC. 18, 1913

**This is a Good Town
LET'S ALL PULL TOGETHER**

HEAVY BUYERS

In our town, these days, we see faces that are strangers to us, faces that are not familiar in our town.

People from distant parts of our county, from other towns, and other localities, some near, some far—drive in to inspect and ascertain personally the worth and reliability of the pledges that are made from time to time to the public, by means of extensive advertising, by poster notices, and in the Messenger.

Generally these strangers are heavy buyers, and return homeward well satisfied with the result of their long trip.

This is the finest and highest recommendation that can be given to our business men and should be the source of their keenest pride and gratification.

It proves that they have backed up their promises, and redeemed their pledges, and that they were able to, as they hoped, meet the expectations of those who respond to their invitations, and took them at their word.

It proves further, that these messages to the public, in one form or another,—newspaper "ads" and poster notices,—are bringing them the hoped for results, in the form of increased popularity, increased number of customers and increased business.

If it were not so, why then these many strange faces in our town these days?—Why then the rush of business these days?—Why then do people travel so far, from distant localities, to do business here?

Here and there in localities, are still to be found little miserly business men who have not yet learned the great lesson of business progression, but generally they lean against deserted counters and sooner or later go to the wall.

Business progression these days is activity—expansion. The business man must speak to the people or they will not speak to him.

He owes it to the people, and the people are entitled to know what he has to offer them; if he will not keep in touch with them and keep them enlightened regarding his business, they will reciprocate his slight. They will not keep in touch with him

and he does not deserve it.

The new and just demand of the people, to be recognized by the business man, and to be informed from time to time regarding his activities, constitutes the most desirable, the most legitimate kind of advertising.

It is directly in opposition to trick and wild cat advertising, has the usefulness and brawn of sincerity,—and finds stability in sound reason, in justice, and in good business principle.

Another reason why this is the best country on earth is because it is above the high water mark.

We care not how quickly the year 1913 passes out. It has been a year of calamities and misfortunes in many sections of the country. We hope for better things in 1914.

The Grapeland Messenger grows boastful and exclaims from the top of its office building that a people who can make a 'possum walk can do anything. We are agreeable.—Palestine Herald.

The Grapeland (Houston county) "Possum Walk" must have been a sight worth seeing. Think of two hundred fat possums walking down main street and everyone wearing a smile.—Menard Messenger.

The merchant who advertises occasionally is the one who does not get the results he expects. It takes continuous advertising to get the desired results. "Faint heart ne'r won fair lady." Keep up the campaign and you will surely win out in your business career.—Jacksonville Reformer.

When a newspaper prints the news, treats everybody square and helps in every it can to advance the interests of the town and works for the betterment of conditions along all lines it is on the right road, and will have the support of the right kind of people and need have no fear of the habitual knocker.—Kilgore Chronicle.

The marketing question will be near solution when the producer and consumer get closer together and the dealers are willing to give the best possible service at the least cost. There is profit enough for the producer, the copsumer and the dealers who render useful service if the waste can be eliminated.—Farm & Ranch.

Grapeland pulled off her 'possum march to perfection last week, and now that progressive little city is talking about how it is going to increase the affair for next year. They are well pleased with the way everything turned out and will try and make the occasion twice as large another year. That is the right spirit and we believe they will succeed too.—Jacksonville Reformer.

The time is coming, and it is not far in the future, when East Texas land—land right here in the Grapeland country—will be hard to get at any price. If you have your eye on a piece of property you had better get it and freeze to it. It is advancing in price every year and getting scarcer. You know the old saying, "God has quit making land, but He has not quit making people."

The Messenger wishes its many readers a Merry Christmas.

It is a natural characteristic for the American people to dodge jury service and cuss high taxes.

A great deal of cotton has been coming to town for the past two weeks. Nearly six thousand bales have been shipped from this point. That's not so bad after all. Next year we are going to double that amount.

Here's hats off to Grapeland! She's on the map! Her live-wire citizens do the "Possum Walk." We venture the opinion that Editor Luker was the first in the planting of the little grain of mustard seed that brought forth such a bountiful reward. Anyway, it's world-widely known.—Elkhart Record.

You are wrong in your surmise that the editor sprung the "Possum Walk." The credit for this stunt is due to our fellow townsman and progressive merchant, W. R. Wherry. However, the credit for the success of the "Possum Walk" can be charged to the citizens of the town, every one of whom worked hard to make it successful.

We had our mind fully made up to attend the possum walk at Grapeland last week, but when we was all ready to start found that transportation was not available. It was a great shock to us, for we had already asked Luker to save a possum leg and 'tater for us, but if it is all the same to him, we will ask him to throw it away now, as we can't come over. That is another thing we have to grieve over the rest of our born days, unless they have another one next year, and we can come.—Houston County Herald.

Notice

All parties interested in the Parker Grave Yard meet me there Tuesday, December, 23rd. There are many graves which need attention since the heavy rains. Let's meet, fix them up and clean off the yard.

R. D. Parker.

Cypress shingles, \$1.75 per thousand. Let us show them to you.
Adv. T. H. Leaverton Lbr. Co.

Junior League Program

Subject.

Leader—Balis Edens.

Opening Song.

Prayer.

Reading—Mary Lou Darsey.

Recitation—Dorothy Darsey.

Song—Melba Brock, Bess

Howard, Evagene Murchison.

Reading—Alta Kershner.

Recitation—Thelma Lee Clewis.

Reading—Adelaide Selkirk.

Roll Call.

Business Session.

Closing Song.

Benediction.

John B. Selkirk and Miss Edna Driskell were quietly married Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Driskell, Elder J. J. Brooks officiating. These young people have a host of friends in Grapeland, who will join the Messenger in extending hearty congratulations and best wishes for a married life of uninterrupted bliss. Mr. Selkirk is a Grapeland boy, but is now making his home in Onalaska, where he has a railroad position. Miss Edna came to Grapeland from Elkhart with her parents two years ago, and has made many friends here. They left on the night train for Onalaska.

Booth Lowery, the lecturer, who was billed to speak at the school auditorium last Thursday night, was unable to reach here on account of the floods. Mr. Lowery was in Marlin and was unable to get through Valley Junction, as the I. & G. N. at that point was washed away. Those holding season tickets for the Lyceum Course will not lose anything, as an effort will be made to get Mr. Lowery here at some future time or substitute some other attraction in his stead. The next number of the course is the Hawkeye Glee Club, a male quartette, which will be here Dec. 26th. You want to be sure to hear this quartette, for you know you like to hear good singing.

Peas Wanted

I am in the market for peas, and will pay \$27.00 per ton in the hull. See me if you have any to sell.

Adv. J. W. Howard.



THERE ARE Only A Few More Days Left

For you to do your Christmas shopping.

You can do your shopping at our store in much less time. We have most anything you want for a Christmas present, from the very youngest to the very oldest member of the family.

This together with our big Unloading Sale which will continue to the 25th of December, will make our place a very desirable one for you to do your Christmas shopping.

We thank everyone for the patronage this year and wish you all a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Traylor Bros.

"Keep the Price Down"



Christmas Sale

Men's 15.00 Suits for 12.50

5.00 Boys' Suits at - 3.75

Boys' 2.75 Suits at - 2.10

Men's 3.00 Hats at - 2.50

Boys' 1.25 hats at - 1.00

2.00 hats at - - - 1.50

1.00 hats at - - - 75c

1.50 hats at - - - 1.25

\$3 hats at - - - 2.50

All shoes at a reduced price.

BOYS' OVERCOATS

All 5.00 Overcoats for 4.00

All 8.50 Overcoats for 7.25

MEN'S OVERCOATS

All 10.00 Overcoats for 8.00

All 15.00 Overcoats for 12.25

All 10c Lace for 5c per yd.

All other Dry Goods at a REDUCE PRICE.

W. F. MURCHISON

Hot Springs Liver Buttons are in Town

People Coming for Miles Around for Wonderful Constipation Remedy that is Better, Safer and Surer than Calomel.

Tone up your liver; clean your bowels of foul waste; drive out poisonous gases, end constipation and feel fine and full of energy in twenty-four hours.

Throw away calomel; it's dangerous; you know it; everybody knows it.

HOT SPRINGS LIVER BUTTONS are different. They are harmless; act gently yet surely on the bowels and do not cause a particle of after misery.

It's a joyful laxative and more, it's fine for dizziness, biliousness, sick headache, sallow skin and malaria. They make everybody feel good because they act as a general tonic, driving impurities from the blood and making the entire intestinal tract clean and antiseptic. 25c at all druggists, and money back if dissatisfied. Free samples and 100 of our 17,000 testimonials from Hot Springs Chemical Co., Hot Springs, Ark.

ASKING ALMOST TOO MUCH

Strong Probability That Jack Podger Declined the Service He Was Asked to Do.

Jack Podger was the most obliging man that ever lived. His services were given gratis to all applicants. He could mend a clock, repair a puncture, drown a kitten, paper a wall, and, in fact, perform any operation known to mortal man. In consequence Jack's services were in constant demand.

A week or two ago after cobbling a neighbor's boots, lancing his cousin's gumboll, sweeping the vicar's chimney and writing a testimonial for his charwoman's nephew, he retired to rest. He was awakened by a terrific bang at his front door, and immediately rushed to the window.

"What's the matter?" he bawled irritably.

"You'll excuse me for troubling you at this time of night," came the reply, "but the fact is, our baby is so very cross, and we would like you to come and pacify him. He always laughs when he sees your funny nose."

To Make Cloth Waterproof.

Take eight ounces of sugar of lead, eight ounces of powdered alum and two and one-half gallons of lukewarm water. Mix in a tub and let stand for twenty-four hours. Stir thoroughly when first mixed and occasionally for the first hour, to dissolve the ingredients. Take any garment of woolen or cotton material, brush thoroughly and let soak in this mixture for twenty-four hours. Take out, let drip until almost dry, hang in the air until dry, then press as usual. Water will not penetrate garments thus treated, and the fabric is not injured by this treatment in the slightest degree.

The fellow who is all wrapped up in himself is generally a bundle of conceit.

WIFE WON

Husband Finally Convinced.

Some people are wise enough to try new foods and beverages and then generous enough to give others the benefit of their experience. A wife writes:

"No slave in chains, it seemed to me, was more helpless than I, a coffee captive. Yet there were innumerable warnings—waking from a troubled sleep with a feeling of suffocation, at times dizzy and out of breath, attacks of palpitation of the heart that frightened me.

(Tea is just as injurious as coffee because it contains caffeine, the same drug found in coffee.)

"At last my nervous system was so disarranged that my physician ordered 'no more coffee.' I capitulated.

"Determined to give Postum a fair trial, I prepared it according to directions on the pkg., obtaining a dark brown liquid with a rich snappy flavour similar to coffee. When cream and sugar were added, it was not only good but delicious.

"Noting its beneficial effects in me the rest of the family adopted it—all except my husband, who would not admit that coffee hurt him. Several weeks elapsed during which I drank Postum two or three times a day, when, to my surprise, my husband said: 'I have decided to drink Postum. Your improvement is so apparent—you have such fine color—that I propose to give credit where credit is due.' And now we are coffee-slaves no longer."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Postum now comes in two forms:

Regular Postum—must be boiled.

Instant Postum is a soluble powder.

A teaspoonful dissolves quickly in a cup of hot water and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage instantly. Grocers sell both kinds.

"There's a Reason" for Postum.



GRANDPA SQUELCHES A CANARD

By Wilbur D. Nesbit

Now Alferd Potts, he say he know
There *isn't* any Santy Claus!
He say his pa he tell him so
An' that he tell him so buhcause
He say that Alferd's old enough
Not to buhlieve that kind o' stuff.
But grampa say that Alferd's wrong,
And grampa has lived awful long.

My grampa he just laugh when I
Tell him what Alferd Potts he said.
Grampa say: "Ain't a Santy? My!
I hadn't heard that he was dead.
W'y, Santy's whole lots older 'n me—
He came to my first Christmas tree."
So Alferd Potts tell what ain't so,
Buhcause my grampa ought to know.

My grampa take me on his lap
An' say: "I mind as plain as day
When I was just a little chap
About your size, how some one say
There ain't a Santy Claus, an' how
It make me feel like you do now.
An' for a while I purty near
Buhlieved it, too, but it seemed queer."

My grampa say 'at Santy Claus
He's fond o' little girls an' boys
That always minds their pas an' mas
An' never makes un-seem-ly noise.
An' he say he has seen him—Yes!
O, most a thousand times, I guess.
"How does he look?" he say. "Let's see.
Well, what if he looks some like me?"

I ast my grampa after while
If Santy Claus is *rully* so.
An' then he look at me, an' smile,
An' say: "When you're my age, you'll know
That what is *good* is *always* true."
So now, then! Alferd never knew
So much; him nor that pa o' his
Is *half* as old as grampa is!



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DERIVED FROM THE HEATHEN

Custom of Decorating With Greens at Christmas Time Once Was Under Church's Ban.

Did you know that the custom of decking our houses, shops and churches with greens at Christmas-time is derived from a practice which prevailed centuries before the birth of Christianity? The ancient Romans, the Druids, the Scandinavians, the Celts, and even the Jews, used evergreens in their religious ceremonies, and while, for a time, such decorations were under the ban of the church—the love for them was so universal that it was not long before they were again in use. Some of the ecclesiastical writers of that day found a deep religious significance in the practice.

The favorite decorations for the church at Christmas time have long been the holly, bay and laurel. In the home the ivy and mistletoe combine with the holly as the popular decoration.

If one desires to be true to the ancient customs, all Christmas dec-

orations must be put in their proper place before the beginning of Christmas eve, otherwise the sylvan sprites who are abroad that evening, and who may be enticed to the house by an abundance of greens, will not enter to bless the inmates with their protecting presence. Important as it is to have these green things in readiness by Christmas eve, however, it is quite as necessary that they should be removed before the end of January, for it has always been held to be a most evil presage to permit a single green spray to remain until the dawn of Candlemas day, or February 2.—Dellencator.

CHRISTMAS ON THE OCEAN

Every Passenger Steamer Out Then Carries All Requisites for Celebration of the Feast.

On a steamship carrying passengers and particularly those on the transatlantic runs, the celebration of Christmas is scrupulously observed. This is partly because the keynotes of the policy of the big steamship lines is to make the passengers as

comfortable as is possible, and partly because among seamen the celebration of Christmas is always popular. Every steamship that sails from American or European ports late in December, with the certain knowledge that her schedule will keep her at sea over the 25th, carries among the other tons of good things in her hold a full complement of Christmas trees for the passengers of every class, and for the different messes of the crew. Turkeys, mince pies, geese, plum pudding, and the "fixings" that go to make a Christmas dinner what it ought to be, are stored in the larder. After dinner, Christmas trees are dismantled, games are played, and there is a Christmas concert. In this connection it may be mentioned that not infrequently passengers form bands of waits among themselves and wake their fellow passengers on Christmas morning by singing popular Christmas carols and songs. Altogether, Christmas at sea is not at all dull or dreary.

"A grand opera is a tragedy set to music. The music is on the stage, and tragedy is in the box office."

Get Out "of the Rut"

Don't continue day after day, in that half sickly condition—with poor appetite, sallow complexion and clogged bowels. You can help Nature wonderfully in overcoming all Stomach, Liver and Bowel troubles by taking a short course of

HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters

TRY A BOTTLE TODAY AVOID SUBSTITUTES

Young, Inexpert Fish.
Tommy, new to the country, went fishing in the creek with Luke, the hired man. Tommy returned in the late hours in true fisherman's style, empty-handed, but with an excuse. "It wasn't our fault," he said. "We had some bites, and got three fish right up into the air, but they were little ones and didn't know how to hold on."

A SURE CURE FOR ITCHING PILES
And all forms of skin diseases is **Tetterine**. It is also a specific for Tetter, Ringworm, Eczema, Infant Sore Head, Chaps and Old Itching Sores.

"Enclosed find one dollar for which please send me two boxes **Tetterine**; this makes five boxes I have ordered from you, the first one only being for me. I suffered with an eruption for years, and one box of **Tetterine** cured me and two of my friends. It is worth its weight in gold to any one suffering as I did. Everybody ought to know of its value." Jesse W. Scott, Milledgeville, Ga.
Tetterine at druggists or sent by mail for 50c. J. T. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga. Adv.

Womanlike.
Ethel (impatiently) — Oh, why doesn't Billy come; he's kept me waiting a whole half hour.
Her Brother—I always told you that fellow had effeminate traits.

Causes Further Talk.
Because so many people are telling their experience with Hunt's Lightning Oil for Headaches, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, etc., others are led to give it a trial, and are convinced immediately of its merit as a pain killer. Are you yet to be convinced? Ask the druggist. Adv.

The Result.
"He declared he burned with love for Lucy."
"What happened?"
"Her father put him out."

COLDS & LA GRIPPE
5 or 6 doses 666 will break any case of Chills & Fever, Colds & LaGrippe; it acts on the liver better than Calomel and does not grip or sicken. Price 25c.—Adv.

A Tip to the Dwellers.
Biggs—How is your flat heated?
Diggs—By tipping the janitor.—Boston Evening Transcript.

USE ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE,
the Antiseptic powder to be shaken into the shoes for Tender, aching feet. It takes the sting out of corns and bunions and makes walking a delight. Sold everywhere, 25c. *R-fuse substitutes.* For FREE trial package, address A. S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y. Adv.

The man who makes friends must have either money or magnetism.

Dr. Peery's Vermifuge "Dead Shot" kills and expels Worms in a very few hours. Adv.

Even the self-made man, when he marries, is apt to be made over.

Mother Knows What To Use



HANFORD'S Balsam of Myrrh

For Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Sprains, Strains, Stiff Neck, Chills, Lame Back, Old Sores, Open Wounds, and all External Injuries. Made Since 1846. Ask Anybody About It.

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ECZEMA. Check up. Good for FREE SAMPLE "ECZEMA" Cream. Eucrosol Chemical Co., G'no., Phila., Pa.

MAGNIFYING OUR TROUBLES.

Undoubtedly, the troubles of today look large and cause us sorrow, but after a while many of them are lost sight of and finally forgotten. We all have our troubles, and while at first glance they may appear to be out of proportion to our deserts, and we wonder why we are called upon to bear them, in reality they are but the ordinary incidents of life magnified more or less by conditions, says the Charleston News and Courier. Of course, there are many trials that come to us from time to time which are necessary parts of our existence, and these, as a rule, are deep and poignant enough to leave a lasting impress upon our characters. They reshape our lives, as it were, and mature us into men and women better fitted to undertake life's responsibilities. It is not these great sorrows, however, that prove harmful to us, but, rather, the smaller and more trivial ones with which we are all beset. A trouble that happens to befall us today may seem of much larger proportions, perhaps, if we are not in the proper spirit to meet it than if it came to us later on, when we are beginning to realize ourselves. A great deal depends upon our mental and physical condition, for if we should happen not to be in perfect control of our feelings, we are very sure to magnify any trouble that may come to us. We lack the strength of character to fight against it or to crush it down, but accept it resentfully and allow it to prey upon our minds. If, on the other hand, we were to dissect such a trial in order to gain a better knowledge of its true character, the chances are we should realize the folly of giving way to our feelings.

That the fly is responsible for that dread disease of children, infantile paralysis, was demonstrated more than a year ago. Now a St. Louis physician claims to have traced it still further and finds that the flies themselves are infected in the larva stage through infected fowls, says the Philadelphia Press. We all know that the fly is to be dreaded, but we would be loath to believe that the domestic fowl is a source of danger to the health of young children. It cannot be if the children are protected from flies and if the flies themselves can find no waiting hen manure in which to deposit their eggs. In other words, cleanliness is the sovereign preventive of infantile paralysis, as it is for many other diseases. Sweep up promptly and cover securely all kinds of foulness in which flies breed and there will be no flies, and the diseases which they communicate will die out. Cleanliness is not only next to godliness, it is a condition of health, while foulness is the direct agent of sickness and death.

The latest novelty in the adaptation of moving pictures to educational worry is reported from Boston, whence comes the announcement that the successful stroke taught by Coach Jim Wray of the Harvard varsity crew may be shown to college and university crews all over this and foreign countries by means of motion picture demonstrations. "The work do move," and moving pictures are helping its progress, notwithstanding the fact that there are abuses connected with some phases of the business which cry aloud for remedy.

In a New York factory loft the other day the proprietor announced a half-holiday for his employes, and they scampered out to find that the building was on fire and burning so briskly that their means of escape would have been cut off in a short time. Had they been informed of the fire there might have been panic and delay and consequent casualties. The proprietor was a man of tact.

The ratification of the extradition treaty between the United States and Paraguay closes the last of the refugees for crooks and defaulters fleeing from this country. But there is a dissatisfied element which fears that our jails will be overcrowded when there is no longer any place for the undesirable persons to fly to.

A police dog at a show in Philadelphia tried to seize the judge of the class by the throat. This should have disbarred him. For a police dog to try and throttle justice is a particularly bad showing.

CHRISTMAS FOR TWO

By THOMAS L. MASSON



IT IS a common mistake to suppose that we are creatures controlled by reason. In reality, we are the children of impulse. Our environment often forces us to conclusions which seem to be based upon reason, but are due to a multiplicity of outward sensations impinging upon our minds.

If I had been a reasonable being, I should never have fallen in love with Miss Galbraith. It was an illogical proceeding, because it made my presidency of the Bachelors' club, which I had formed three years before, extremely uncertain—or, at least, it seemed to make it uncertain.

Nothing was more desirable than my club. We had every comfort, in addition to good fellowship; and the fact that we were all members did not preclude us from the society of women. Indeed, it gave a zest to that society, for it seemed to surround us with an additional safeguard.

Miss Galbraith's father had left her several millions. She owned the building in which our club was quartered. The agent had called on me only three weeks before Christmas to tell me that we must either sign another three years' lease, or vacate on the 1st of January. There were twenty-two of us, and we had already agreed—it was in the constitution—that the club should be immediately disbanded if any member got married. We all knew Miss Galbraith, and we were all in love with her; but as yet no man had been sufficiently disloyal—or successful—to break the spell.

I caught Fenson, our vice-president, calling on Miss Galbraith one night; and afterward, in the club rooms, we had it out.

"Look here, old man," I said, "it seems to me that you are taking chances. Of course, you don't care about the money; but you can't play around fire. Why, the future of this club depends on your keeping away from that girl!"

"You're a nice man to talk," said Fenson. "What in the world are you doing around there? You ought to set a better example."

"Of course, you ought," repeated Van Olcott, coming up. "Why, I had some sense of honor about it myself; but when I saw you going, I made up my mind that I might as well go, too."

"That's the way you fellows all reason," I said hotly. "Why, during the week, the entire club is around at Miss Galbraith's! The other night we couldn't get a quorum to discuss the renewal of our lease. At any moment some member may get her."

I said this without much fear. I had reason to believe that if the club was disbanded, it wouldn't be anybody's fault but my own.

"She's bothered to death," I added. "It's a shame, fellows, for able-bodied men like you to annoy a young girl like that!"

I felt so sympathetic about it, indeed, that the next afternoon I called on Miss Galbraith to learn the facts.

week during the year. Anything to keep you here!"

"Oh, I'm only going away for Christmas!" she said, "just for a rest. Dear old New York! I hate to leave it at this season, but I know how it will be. They never could keep away, and I shall break down if I don't get a few days off."

The thought made me boil. "By Jove!" I exclaimed. "This is a pretty mess, isn't it? Here's a bachelors' club, sworn to remain single, and all of us working nights to go back on ourselves and to bother the life out of you. We're actually driving you away from town at the best time of the year. It's a shame!"

"Never mind," she said softly. "I need a change, anyway. I am going to open up my country place, and have a real country Christmas." She looked at me appealingly. "How would you like to run down there for the holidays?"

Her words went through me like an electric shock. So I was the chosen one! I had suspected it for some time.

"Do you really mean it?" I asked. "I could see even then the magnificent stretches of country surrounding her beautiful estate, and the stately mansion in the center. Everything was there that the mind or heart could wish, and I was to be lord of it all. Not that I cared for the money—I felt that she knew that."

"Certainly I mean it. You can run down the day before and stay over for a few days. My aunt will chaperon us. Now, you must go, as I have some business to attend to."

It seemed too good to be true. For the next week I went about as one in a dream. Luck was with me, even to the elements, for the day before Christmas dawned unclouded, and gave me the opportunity to run my car down to Miss Galbraith's instead of taking the train, which I detest.

It was only a seventy-mile run. I arrived at six o'clock. As I stepped into the hall, I noticed an unusual commotion. Suddenly, from behind a pillar, a form sprang forth. It was that of Fenson.

"Hello, old man! All the boys are here!"

"The boys!" I exclaimed. "What the deuce do you mean?"

At that instant I gazed around me. The hall was piled with merchandise, like a warehouse. Boxes of candy of every conceivable shape mounted to the ceiling like a pyramid. A mass of the latest holiday books towered aloft on the other side, and in the center were flowers, ranged in geometrical masses. Her Christmas gifts.

"Good heavens!" I cried again, as from all the four corners of the establishment there issued, one by one the twenty-two members of my club. "Can it be?"

They sorrowfully grouped themselves about me, and Fenson, burying his head on my shoulder, almost wept as he replied:

"Yes, old fellow, it is too true. She has invited every man Jack down here to spend Christmas with her, and an hour ago she skipped back to town all by herself!"

There was a solemn pause. The truth was painful, but we felt that we must meet it like men.

"Boys," I whispered, "we could follow her back; but, inasmuch as we are all in the same boat, I move that we stay here for the holiday and have a ripping old time, and that the secretary be immediately empowered to telephone her agent that we will take another three years' lease."

"Second the motion," said Fenson. And it was carried unanimously. (Copyright, Frank A. Munsey Co.)

In the Sunny South. A Christmas hunting party is picturesque in a high degree. Gathering in a prearranged meeting place, all the planters in that section of the country will appear dressed for the festival, each with his hounds trailing after him in the order of their enthusiasm. The presence of some planters who hunt on Christmas only, and who have never been known to hit anything, offers the wags of the party a rarer sport than deer could afford.

About this company, there is a spirit of irresponsibility, of holiday laxity that southern hunters, who take their sport seriously, do not usually indulge in. As they ride away under the pines, to the winding of horns and the barking of dogs, they appear like some cavalcade of old, riding away in the shadows of the past. Into the woods they go, the wonderful woods of the southern coast country, a company of merry gentlemen, light-hearted and—since the day is a festival—perhaps a little light-headed, too.

This Is Vital to Every Owner

OF A

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SOME ODD THINGS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

IN Greece the kalikantzaroi are generally represented as mere tricky sprites who live, as a rule, underground, appearing to men only on the nights of the year between December 25 and January 6. They pass the days during this period in dark caverns, where they subsist on serpents and lizards, and come forth to dance in the moonlight, either alone or in company with the nereids, and also with mortal women, if they can lure any to join them.

INDIANS say the best time to catch a deer is on Christmas night at twelve o'clock, when they believe the deer kneels.

ROMANIAN girls can learn, during the Christmas season, whether or not they are going to be married within the coming year. At midnight they enter the stable and strike the foot of the first ox they come across, saying: "This year; next year." If the ox gets up at the first stroke the girl will marry within the year; if it gets up at the second stroke he marriage will take place the year following; if it does not get up at all the gods have not yet decided on her wedding date.

IN many countries where they go by the old calendar Christmas is celebrated January 6, the celebration beginning twelve days before.

CAKES weighing from one to twelve pounds are made in Friedrichstadt. They place them in exalted position and play to them, representing, as they say they do, St. Nicholas. Of rye bread they make a boar or hog, six or seven inches high, with gilt snout and tail, with gold rings around its knees. The business men put goods they have exhibited for sale on a revolving disk and raffle them off.

KLINGEEST (Kind Jesus or Child Jesus) presides over all Christmas celebrations in Schleswig-Holstein. He is supposed to bring presents to the children, and sometimes punishes naughty ones.

ON Christmas day in Dittmarsh the cattle get an extra allowance of fodder. The cats and dogs, too, get better meals. At times the cattle are admitted to the higher joys to the extent that a candle is placed above the trough from which they feed, just as each member of the family has his own candle, made by himself. These candles must be heavy and big, for the one that goes out first will die first.

SOME of the Germans believe that those born on Christmas day have the power of seeing spirits, and even of commanding them.

THE after-dinner dishes must not be washed at once. They must be left until ten minutes before midnight, when the young folks take them outside to a well and wash them, for in the water they can, at midnight, see the faces of their future lovers and sweethearts.

OXEN kneel in the stall at midnight on Christmas, says English tradition. They kneel as if in adoration of the Nativity.

WHEN Christmas draws near every French family in easy circumstances sends for a cask of wine and lays in a stock of southern fruit. Those who have been enemies pardon each other; marriages are fixed; married pairs who have been separated are reunited.

A POPULAR saying in Spain for Christmas day is "the bird of dawn singeth all night long to frighten away all evil things."

CHRISTMAS celebrations in Mexico begin December 17 and continue until December 24. Each night a festival is held, nine in all, an invitation being sent out to these "posadas." "Posada" means "inn," typifying the day the holy travelers, Joseph and Mary, sought in vain for rest and shelter.

THE young Armenians, on Christmas day, pay "hand-kissing" visits to their elders.

TO learn the qualities of her future husband the Roumanian girl, on Christmas eve, partially disrobes, loosens her hair, bandages her eyes, and braving the cold goes into the courtyard, where she commences to count the stakes in the hedge. When she reaches the ninth one she binds it with ribbon or with threads of hair and re-enters the house. The next day she examines the stake; if it is upright and sound, her husband will be young, strong and handsome; if bent, her husband will be old and ugly.

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"Some one left an umbrella with an engraved handle in my office," said Dr. Willis. "A few days later a young woman patient asked to borrow an umbrella, and as I did not think the umbrella would be called for I lent it to her. She returned it after a few weeks.

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"Well," he said, "you probably would be surprised if I told you that umbrella was mine."

"How can that be?" I asked him. "The initials on the umbrella are 'W. S. J.," while your initials are 'S. M. D.'"

"Oh," he replied, "the umbrella was left in my office about a year ago and I guess I left in your office."

S. M. D. got the umbrella and still has it, so far as Dr. Willis knows.—Indianapolis News.

Youth.

Arthur T. Hadley, president of Yale, said of youth at a tea in New Haven: "I find youth modest, almost over-modest. I don't agree with the accepted idea of youth that is epitomized in the anecdote.

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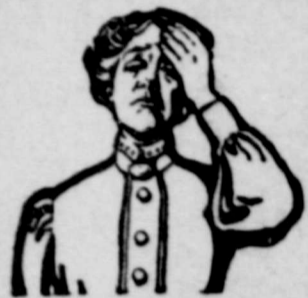
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"That's a too high. Wait a minute!"
"Hark, the herald—"
"That's better. Now, Seraphina! Now, Thad!"
"Hark, the herald angels sing. Glory to the newborn King—"

"Seraphina, can't you take that piece of candy out of Thad's mouth? He nearly choked himself just then. You can have it back, Thad, when you've sung two verses. Don't be such a baby! Now, good and loud!"
"Hark, the herald angels sing—"
Schuyler bellowed lustily and beat time with a drumstick. Seraphina sang with much fervor and many false notes; while little Thad followed the tune manfully, and substituted a "la-lala" when the words proved elusive to his four-year-old memory.

The second verse brought to a successful issue. Schuyler dismissed the chorus and turned to the door.
"You see if you can't teach Thad the words of that second verse while I go downstairs and get some joss-sticks for the censer," he told Seraphina.

Schuyler Van Brunt was working under difficulties. Doctor Post had told him of the old English custom of singing carols in the streets on Christmas morning. It had taken a strong hold on the boy's fertile imagination—so strong a hold that he had planned to smuggle Seraphina and Thad from the house, when Christmas came, and to sing a carol out-of-doors in true English fashion.

Then, just when he needed Doctor Post's advice most, there had been some vague trouble between the doctor and Aunt Margaret. Aunt Margaret no longer wore the diamond ring on the third finger of her left hand, and Doctor Post came no more to the house. It was very disheartening. Schuyler wanted to ask Doctor Post a score of questions about the carols. Did the people who sang them wear surplices, like the choir boys in the Christmas procession at St. Jude's? Did they stand still or march around while they sang? These and other points sadly taxed his eight-year-old intellect. But his determination to sing that carol in the street never faltered. Hence the secret rehearsals in the nursery.

After much deliberation, he decided that surplices would lend dignity to the occasion, and this decision was furthered by the thought that night-gowns would make very passable surplices. Then, a tomato can suggesting possibilities, he added a censer to the properties. A tomato can punched full of holes, swung on the gilt cord that comes about candy boxes, and filled with burning joss-sticks, would make a beautiful censer.

It was Christmas Eve, and Schuyler's plans were complete. He felt sure they would put up a very creditable carol in the morning, even if Doctor Post's advice had not been obtainable. As he crept upstairs with the joss-stick, which he had begged from Agnes, the second girl, he felt that the last obstacle had been surmounted.

"Come on now, once more," he said as he entered the nursery door. "Elsa will be up with supper in a minute. We've just time before she comes. Stand up, Thad. Yes, I'll let you have a piece of the joss-stick if you'll sing good and loud. Now!"

Very early in the gray of the Christmas dawn Schuyler awoke, bounced out of bed, and began to rouse his cohorts. He tiptoed to Seraphina's little white cot and indulged in a series of vigorous shakes and punches.

"Get up!—Get up, Seraphina! It's time to go out and carol," he whispered hoarsely.

Seraphina arose, and, sitting on the side of her bed, blinked at him reproachfully. Little Thad was already awake and ready for anything which savored of exciting novelty. The two

elder children dressed hurriedly, and between them they managed to put on little Thad's clothes. Then Schuyler crept noiselessly to the hall below and returned with coats and hats and mittens. When they had bundled themselves into these outer garments, each donned a "surplice." At the last moment Schuyler bethought him of the brilliant cord on his father's bathrobe, and at the imminent peril of discovery he stole into Mr. Van Brunt's dressing-room and returned with the coveted cord encircling his small waist. This finishing touch, he felt sure, made him quite like the altar boys at St. Jude's. He fished beneath his bed and drew out the tomato can censer filled with the joss-stick.

"Come on!" he whispered, and led the way down the wide stairs.
With a caution worthy of better things, he shot the bolts and opened the front door. The three grotesque figures stole silently out and stood on the stoop in the cold Christmas dawn. The air was still and biting; the silence of the streets appalling. Seraphina's mind reverted to the luxury of the bed she had just quitted.

"O-o-oh!" she chattered. "It's cold—awful cold to be out in your nightie!"

Schuyler snorted scornfully.
"Haven't you got enough on underneath it?" he demanded angrily, and Seraphina was silenced.

"O-o-oh!" echoed little Thad, and then, evidently thinking the sooner he caroled the sooner he would be back in the house, he began in his piping voice:

"Hark, or herald dangel—"
Schuyler thrust a hand over his mouth.

"Shut up!" he said disgustedly. "Do you want Elsa to come out and sneak us back into the house? Come on, now!"

He led the way down the steps and around the corner, where he paused to light the joss-stick in the tomato can. When they started again, little Thad tripped on his night-gown surplice and went sprawling into the gutter. He was rescued, howling; but not until he had been promised unlimited candy could the march be taken up again.

"Who are you going to sing your carol to?" demanded the practical Seraphina.

"Ninny! To no one in particular," said Schuyler.

"You ought to sing it to some one," she persisted.

"Well, who?" he challenged; but Seraphina was unable to defend her point thus specifically. "I'll tell you," he compromised, "we'll go to Doctor Post's. We'll sing it on the way, and sing it to him, too."

Through the deserted suburban streets they marched; Schuyler in the lead, swinging his smoking censer valiantly; Seraphina ambling along in his wake; and little Thad bringing up the rear, his strange surplice bearing unmistakable evidence of the gutter from which he had been recently fished. And on the still winter air rose the three childish voices in the old, old hymn.

Doctor Post heard them carolling on the lawn, and came to the door in his bathrobe. The three strangely garbed figures met his astonished gaze.

"Good Lord! What have we here?" he gasped.

"We're herald dangel," piped little Thad.

"We're Christmas carolers," corrected Schuyler with much dignity.

"I'm frozen," chirped Seraphina.

The doctor made a heroic effort to maintain his gravity.

"Come in, come in and get warm." he said. "Merry Christmas to you!"

They filed up the steps into the warm, wide hall, the tomato can sending out its reek of burning joss-stick.

"I would like to ask if carolers generally wear surplices and carry censers?" Schuyler questioned doubtfully.

The doctor's eyes twinkled.

"The best I ever heard did," he said gravely.

At that moment the telephone bell whirred wildly, and this is what they heard the doctor say:

"Hello! Yes, this is Doctor Post talking. Who? Oh, it's you, Margaret!"—he lingered affectionately on the word—"Yes. Now don't be alarmed. They're not lost. In fact, they're here with me this minute.

They came to sing me a carol in good old English fashion. No, don't trouble to send Elsa; I'll send them home in the carriage as soon as I can get Dan up. Not at all! Good-by! Oh, Margaret, merry Christmas! Perhaps, if you don't mind, I'll drive over with them. Thanks. Good-by!"

Half an hour later a carriage drove up before the Van Brunt house, and from it emerged Schuyler, Seraphina, Thad and Doctor Post. Mrs. Van Brunt and Aunt Margaret met the cavalcade at the door.

"Oh! Oh!" said Mrs. Van Brunt, gathering the three strange little figures in her arms, while tears of merriment ran down her face.

Doctor Post had turned to Margaret. "I thought I'd come with the herald angels," he said laughingly, "and let them plead 'peace on earth and mercy mild' for me."

Her eyes softened. A hesitating smile trembled on her lips a moment uncertainly, the next moment with no uncertainty whatever. And then he knew that the herald angels had accomplished an unwitting mission.

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"MALIHINI" CHRISTMAS TREE

How Americans in Honolulu Introduced Yuletide Festivities Which Are Now Observed Annually.

SEVERAL years ago a number of tourists who were spending the winter months in Honolulu wanted to celebrate Christmas in some way. They could hardly realize that it was the wintry season, as the trees and grass were green, and crowds of people were on the beaches and swimming in the ocean every day; and so they thought of a novel idea; they would have a Christmas tree out of doors, and in they procured a very large tree, and after having set it up in a park in the center of the town, they decorated it lavishly with popcorn, tinsel and all other ornaments that are used for the purpose. Cotton was strewn freely over the branches to imitate snow, which has never been seen by the little folks in Hawaii. The decorations complete, and everything in readiness, the children were all notified of this wonderful tree through the newspapers, and on Christmas morning thousands of little ones of all nationalities represented in these islands made a picturesque sight, dressed in the costumes of their parents' home country. They eagerly watched Santa Claus as he untied the dolls and the jump-ropes and jack-knives from the heavily laden branches and distributed them freely to every one. It was evident by the happy little faces that the day was a huge success, and ever since then this idea has been carried out by the community, and is called the "Malihini," or strangers' Christmas tree.—Dorothy M. Hoogs, in St. Nicholas.

They came to sing me a carol in good old English fashion. No, don't trouble to send Elsa; I'll send them home in the carriage as soon as I can get Dan up. Not at all! Good-by! Oh, Margaret, merry Christmas! Perhaps, if you don't mind, I'll drive over with them. Thanks. Good-by!"

A STARTLING TOTAL.



Winks—I felt sorry today that I ever learned the rudiments of arithmetic.

Dinks—What were you doing?
Winks—Adding up the number of my relatives who expect Christmas presents from me.

German Christmas Custom.

In Germany—the home of folk-lore, sentiment and family love—the inevitable Christmas tree not only glitters from the laughing, living children, dancing beneath it, but even spreads its mild radiance over the cold and cheerless graves in bleak and wintry cemeteries. No mother who has such a little mound out there in the "God's-Acre" will, while providing Christmas cheer for her happy, noisy, living brood, entirely forget that lonely little spot in the dark and the cold; but will find a moment in the busy day—a half-hour between the dusk of Christmas eve and the dawn of Christmas morning—in which to visit the cemetery; there to plant on Baby's grave a small candle-bearing tree or branch, and to stand beside it until the tiny lights have all gone out. It is a pathetic sight to meet with in almost every German cemetery; for even in those Berlin, Leipzig, Bremen and Magdeburg there will be some such little Christmas graves.—Suburban Life.

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LOCAL NEWS

Plenty brick at Darsey's.

See those nobby fall samples
at Clewis' tailor shop. adv.

Drop in at Wherry's and get
your money's worth. Adv.

W. R. Campbell has the editor's
thanks for a lot of nice collards.

Just arrived, one car of cypress
shingles at \$1.75 per thousand.
Adv. T. H. Leaverton Lbr. Co.

Hulls and meal are POSITIVE-
LY CASH—NO CREDIT. Don't
ask it. J. W. Howard. adv

C. W. Bishop of near Grape-
land has purchased the Bright
Light restaurant from M. B.
Thomas.—Oakwood Oracle.

Wood For Sale

I have some 2-foot wood, stove
wood and heater wood for sale.
See me for prices.
Adv. BEN BROOKS.

Car of brick at Darsey's.

Don't forget that good flour at
Wherry's. Adv.

Save Money! Buy your fruits
from the Cash Gro. Co. Adv.

Ladies' work a specialty.
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For the highest quality and the
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If you desire satisfactory
work, carry your old clothes to
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The Cash Grocery Co., head-
quarters for fruits, candies and
nuts. Adv.

Dave Driskell and family of
Crockett were here Sunday to
attend the Selkirk-Driskell wed-
ding.

The Suffragette's Husband

Your mother, wife, daughter
or sweetheart will "vote for you"
for being the best dressed man
in town if you let us make your
next suit. M. L. Clewis.
(Advertisement.)

For Sale

I have a big lot of frost proof
cabbage plants for sale; price
\$2.00 per thousand delivered
at Grapeland. Place your orders
at once. J. R. LUCE,
Adv. Grapeland, Rte. 2.

Strayed

Roan mare, about 7 or 8 years
old, wire cut on front foot, also
hind foot, had on head stall when
left home, brand on hip. Reward
paid for information leading to
recovery. Notify,
Adv. F. M. M. Smith, Salmon.

Notice Of Meeting

The stockholders of the Farm-
ers Union Telephone Co., will
hold a meeting tonight (Thurs-
day) at the courthouse. Import-
ant business to transact. Every
member is urged to be out.
W. R. CAMPBELL, Pres.

Business Lots For Sale

I offer for a limited time a few
business lots in the coming busi-
ness district of Grapeland.
These lots will be sold on easy
terms and if you are interested
it will pay you to see me at once
as only a few lots will be sold at
present prices.
Adv. Geo. E. Darsey,
Grapeland, Texas.

K. Of P's. Elect Officers

Grapeland Lodge No. 410, K.
of P., met last Monday night and
elected the following officers:
Sid Boykin, C. C.; W. F. Mur-
chison, V. C.; C. R. Taylor, Pre-
late; J. W. Jones, M. W.; M. E.
Darsey, K. R. & S.; J. R. Rich-
ards, M. F.; C. L. Haltom, M. E.;
Bob Spence, M. A.; T. H. Leaver-
ton, I. G.; M. L. Clewis, O. G.;
D. N. Leaverton, Trustee.
The new officers will be in-
stalled in January.

Get your fruits, candies and
nuts from us. We can save you
money. Cash Gro. Co.
(Advertisement.)

Mrs. Pack Traylor of New
Waverly visited relatives here a
few days, leaving for Palestine
to visit her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Geo. Scarbrough.

Frank Denton and family and
Leslie Middleton and family, who
have been living near Crockett,
have returned to Grapeland to
make their home. Mr. Denton
was formerly proprietor of a
hotel in this city.

Rub the joints with Ballard's
Snow Liniment to relieve rheum-
atism. It penetrates the flesh to
the bone conveying its soothing
and restorative influence to
the spot where the pain exists.
Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bot-
tle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

W. T. Taylor was a pleasant
caller at this office Saturday eve-
ning. Mr. Taylor contemplates
making a change the first of the
year, and has under consideration
moving to the Stevens-Butler
farm on Trinity River. Mr.
Taylor is a good farmer and will
do well wherever he goes. We
would regret to see him leave
the Grapeland community.

A full line of fireworks, roman
candles, giant fire-crackers,
small fire-crackers, automatic
toy pistols, pistol caps and tor-
pedoes. We can fill your bill
complete on fireworks.
Adv. Cash Gro. Co.

During the floods the I. & G.
N. railroad was put out of com-
mission on the west end, conse-
quently a great deal of their traf-
fic has been diverted to the
south end. Many trains a day
have been going through Grape-
land, and it was necessary to
put on extra operators at the
depot. Three have been work-
ing for the past ten days.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Craven
and little daughter left Wednes-
day night of last week for their
new home at Fairfield, where
Bro. Craven will take up his
duties as pastor of the Method-
ist church. Bro. Craven served
the church here as a faithful
pastor for three years, and dur-
ing this time he endeared him-
self to the people in such a way
that it was hard to give him up.
They have the best wishes of
the Messenger and the people
of this community for their hap-
piness and contentment in their
new home.

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Xmas Greeting From The Cash Grocery Company

We wish to thank each and everyone
for your business the past few months we
have been open. Our business was far
above our expectations.

Remember us in the future. We will
do our best to please you.

A Merry Xmas and a happy New Year
to all.

The Cash Grocery Co.

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Big SWEATER SALE at Brooks'

Reduced Prices on Sweaters!

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\$3.75 Sweaters now \$3.00
3.00 Sweaters now 2.75
2.50 Sweaters now 2.00
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\$2.00 Sweaters now \$1.75
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\$1.00 Sweaters now90
.60 Sweaters now50

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\$1.75 Sweaters now \$1.50
1.50 Sweaters now 1.25
1.25 Sweaters now 1.00
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10 per cent off on all ladies and men's heavy underwear

J. J. BROOKS

COUNTING THE MINUTES



SOLVING the SERVANT PROBLEM

Mr. Glenfaddle started out about two weeks before Christmas to solve the servant problem.

"The trouble with women," he said to his wife, "is that they don't go at the thing right. This trouble will never be settled until it is settled by diplomacy, and diplomacy is a thing that, I am sorry to say, doesn't come natural to women. Servant girls are only human—that's a thing which is too often forgotten. Treat your girls kindly and they will stand by you. That's the rule I go by in my business affairs. What kind of a time do you suppose I would have with the men in my office if I tried to manage them as a woman manages the help in her kitchen? Why, I'd always have to keep breaking in new people."

"Now let me give you a few pointers. Get something nice for the girl on Christmas—something that you would be glad to have yourself. Most women give their servants a few cheap trinkets that serve no other purpose than to show the girls that they are put away down in the social scale."

"Instead of getting her a ten-cent comb or a new contrivance to scrape the crumbs off the dining-room table, buy her a nice present this year. Give her something she will be proud to show to her friends. Then, you see, they will get to envying her and comparing their own cheap presents with what she got from us, and what'll be



"Emma Has Given Me Notice."

the result? She'll conclude that this is a pretty good place to work; she'll see that we give her credit for pe-

essing good taste, and we will have no more trouble over the servant problem for awhile anyway."

Mrs. Glenfaddle decided to take her husband's advice for once. If the solemn truth must be told, she has never become addicted to the habit of doing this. But there seemed to be a few gleams of reason in his argument, and accordingly she decided to make her Emma thrice glad on Christmas morning. The girl had been very patient and faithful for quite a while anyway, and it was no more than right that merit should be rewarded.

Among the things in the box which Emma found on the kitchen table when she went down to get breakfast on the morning of the great day were cloth for a fine new dress, a toilet set for her bureau, a glove box with a pair of gloves in it, and a purse made of seal leather.

The next day when Mr. Glenfaddle got home his wife said:

"Oh, by the way, Arthur, I wish you'd put an ad. in the paper tomorrow. Emma has given me notice that she will leave us a week from Thursday. She has found a place where she can get 25 cents a week more than we are paying her."

Lest They Forget.

Hunt out the little lame girl,
The poor boy who is blind;
Hunt out the weary widow
Who thinks the world unkind;
Search down among the hovels
Where gladness seldom strays,
And teach the doubting people
There still are Christmas days.

You have been busy planning
To spread your gifts afar,
To add your fair love-tokens
Where joys and comforts are,
But have you in your gladness
Bestowed one kindly thought
On those who sit in darkness,
Whose crusts are dearly bought?

Your heart is full of kindness,
You hear the anthems sung
And gaze up at the windows
Where ribboned wreaths are hung;
You've heard the sweet old story
With reverence retold—
But there are hungry children
Where all is dark and cold.

Hunt out the little lame girl,
The poor boy who is blind;
Hunt out the weary widow
Who thinks the world unkind;
Go down among the victims
Of chance and greed and crime
And cause them to remember
That this is Christmas time.

Getting the Particulars.

"Oh, have you seen your Christmas present to me, dear?"
"No," he answered, "what did I give you?"

"This beautiful cabinet for the dining-room."
"It's beautiful, isn't it? How much did I pay for it?"

Didn't See the Other One.

In a suburban electorate the candidate was being raucously heckled and, though an amiable man as a rule, he was provoked to the suggestion that the conduct of one man in the meeting at least was astute. "If I am an ass," roared the interjector, "there's two of us here. Ha! He!" "I've noticed you," said the candidate quietly. "I've heard you bray—but I don't see your friend."

TO BE A TIME OF JOY FOR HIM

This Little Story Shows Just What a Lot of Good Things the Bachelor Misses at Merry Christmas Time

"My wife has been questioning me for the past three weeks about what I would like for Christmas."

"Well, I suppose you told her?"

"Yes. The first thing I thought of was an umbrella. I really need an umbrella, because it is quite a distance from my house to the train, and I have to walk it. A nice umbrella would come in handy on rainy days. Then there are some books I would like very much. I gave her a list of them as nearly as I could at the start, and have been adding to it day by day as I happened to think of something else in that line. I mentioned cuff-buttons and studs for full-dress occasions, and I gave her to understand that if she didn't feel like troubling herself over the matter I would be glad to take the money she had set aside for me and buy myself some cigars. Last night I had occasion to look into a closet we don't use much, and there I found my present, all ready to be placed before me on Christmas morning."

"Of course, then, she hadn't adopted your suggestion as to the cigars."

"No. I'm going to be made glad with a beautifully worked sofa pillow."

At Christmas Time By S. E. KISER



Along the road to Bethlehem
Three weary wise men slowly fared,
And wondering shepherds gazed at them
And bowed the heads which they had bared—

Three wise men who had journeyed far
Rode slowly o'er the hills that night,
Still following their guiding star
Whose constant beams were broad and bright.

At Christmas time they heard a voice
That sweetly sounded far on high:
"Rejoice, ye sons of men, rejoice!"
The words rang clearly from the sky.
The trembling wise men paused to hear
The song that angels sang to them,
And ceased to doubt and turned from fear.
That Christmas night in Bethlehem.



We hurry through the busy days
And in the market-place contend;
We strive to win in shameful ways,
Forsaking brother, wronging friend;
We foster greed and cling to pride,
We have no time for being kind,
We rudely push the lame aside,
And give no guidance to the blind.

We madly struggle after gain,
Forgetting all the Master taught;
We worship riches, and disdain
To heed the message that He brought—
Yet, even so, at Christmas, love
Assails our hearts and chastens them
And brings us glad remembrance of
That holy night in Bethlehem.



We cease a little while to hate,
We turn a little while from sin;
We greet the stranger at the gate,
And reaching forth we lead him in,
And, happily remembering
The babe that in the manger lay,
We still acknowledge Him our King,
As they did, that first Christmas day.

Three shadowy wise men slowly fare
Along the shadowy highway still,
And shadowy shepherds watch them there
And see the star blaze o'er the hill,
And men, wherever men may dwell,
Still hear the message borne to them;
That God still reigns and all is well,
The star shines on o'er Bethlehem.



Child's Reasoning.
"Mamma, Santa Claus isn't married, is he?"
"I don't know. Why do you think he isn't, dear?"
"Cause if he was Mrs. Santa wouldn't let him stay out that way at night."

No Room for Any More.
"Goin' to hang up your stockin' Christmas, Mickey?"
"Naw."
"Better. You might git it filled."
"It's filled now."
"What with?"
"Holes."

"SEE MY TREE!"



CHRISTMAS DON'T'S

Don't tell people that you do not expect to receive any presents. You know you do.

Don't forget that the clerk who has been working long hours for many weeks is human.

Don't, if the present you are sending away was expensive, fail to remove the price tag.

Don't hunt for price marks on the presents you receive.

Don't wait till Christmas for the purpose of being kind.

Don't let your left pocket know what your right pocket gives for friendship, for love or for charity.

Don't be grouchy merely because some delivery boy happens to prod you with the corner of a box that is twice as large as he.

Don't let yourself suppose when you crowd into the place where Christmas shopping is being done that you are the only one who is in a hurry.



Don't present your Christmas gift as if you were conferring a favor.

Don't give merely for the purpose of creating the impression that you are generous.

Independence.
"Well," said the good man, patting little Willie on the head, "have you written to Santa Claus?"

"No," replied the child. "I heard papa and mamma talkin' about what they were goin' to give me, one night when they thought I was asleep, and if old Santa doesn't want to stop here w'out gettin' invited he can drive on."

JESTS and JINGLES of the CHRISTMAS SEASON

Dear Santa Claus: My mother she says what she wishes you'd bring me on Christmas is a heart that's kind. And—oh, yes, the wish to mind, and happy smiles for every day, and goodness that won't wear away.

Dear Santa Claus, please won't you bring these all on Christmas—everything My mother wishes that you would? And—and a sled that's strong and good, and I would like to have a gun—The kind that shoots—an iron one.



My father told me if I'd write and ask you for it that you might bring me the wish to study well, and learn to read and write and spell, and thankfulness for limbs that's straight, and youth and health that's simply great.

Friend Santa, bring them all and I'll be good and cheerful all the while; But if I can't have everything My parents say they wish you'd bring, And if I can't have only one, Why, please, I'd rather have the gun. GEORGIE.

A Reference.
"Bobbie, would you rather find your Christmas present in your stocking or on a tree?"

"I'd rather have it on a tree, 'cause there's more room there."

Wise King Solomon.
"King Solomon had a great head, all right."

"Certainly. He was the wisest man who ever lived."

"I guess he was. He had all those wives of his before there was any such thing as Christmas."



The Joys of Christmas

Come from giving gifts that are practical. We have them. Shop now!

In Sterling Silver we have

Manicure Sets,
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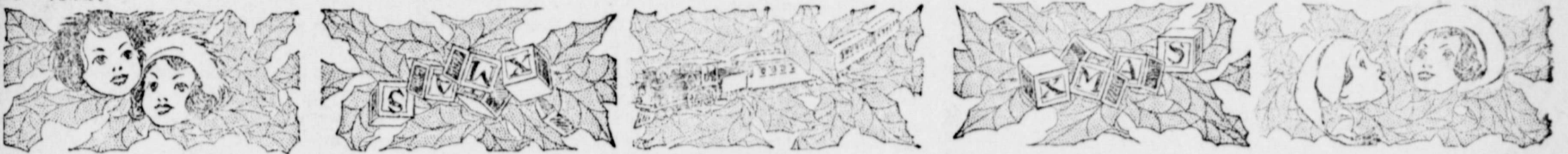
Knives and Forks,
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Sugar Shells,
Berry Spoons,
Cream Ladles,
Cold Meat Forks,

Clocks, Casseroles, Jewel Boxes, Umbrellas, Cut Glass. In fact we have a complete line of nice and useful things for gifts for all.

SHOP EARLY

D. N. LEAVERTON

DON'T RUSH



Community Co-Operation

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Did you ever stop to think that goods of known quality are in nearly every instance trade-marked or branded and bear the maker's name, and the price is the same everywhere? Think of some of the best articles of any line and you will agree that they invariably bear the maker's name, brand or trade mark. There is a reason for this. When a manufacturer puts his name on his goods that name is sponsor to the customer for the quality. When trade-marked, branded goods are brought to trial the burden of truth rests on the producer.

And do not send away or go away from home for any article you may want until you have first ascertained whether your local merchant can supply it at the same price quoted elsewhere. Don't send money away which your community produces unless you are sure that it is to your advantage to do so. If the article wanted bears an established brand look for it in the local market. Get acquainted with the stock carried by your local merchant; as a rule he keeps abreast of the times just the same as you do.

DANGEROUS CALOMEL GOING OUT OF USE

A Safer, More Reliable Remedy Has Taken Its Place In The Drug Store and in the Home

A few years ago, men, women and children took calomel for a sluggish liver and for constipation. They took risks when they did so, for calomel is a dangerous drug. Your family doctor will be the first to tell you this if he discovers you dosing yourself with calomel.

But the drug trade has found a safer, more pleasant remedy than calomel in Dodson's Liver Tone.

A. S. Porter tells us that his drug store sells Dodson's Liver Tone in practically every case of biliousness and liver trouble where calomel used to be taken.

Dodson's Liver Tone is a vegetable liver tonic that is absolutely harmless for children and grown people. It sells for 50c a bottle and is guaranteed to be entirely satisfactory by A. S. Porter, who will refund your money with a smile if it does not give quick, gentle relief without any of calomel's unpleasant after-effects. Adv.

For coughs and colds use Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It acts soothingly in the irritated lungs and throat. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

YOUNG FOLKS ENJOY PARTY

Last Friday night Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Frisby complimented the young people with a party. About twenty young people took advantage of the opportunity to spend a pleasant evening at this pretty home.

The guests were received by Mrs. Frisby and invited into the parlors, where several tables had been arranged for the popular game of "42". After indulging in this pleasant game for some time, they desired something more exciting and engaged in several of the popular reels and ring dances, which continued the rest of the evening.

Refreshments consisting of punch and cake were served.

After the hands of the clock had passed the eleventh hour the guests prepared to depart, although it was difficult to convince many of them that it was time to go, as the time had passed so quickly and pleasantly.

The young people heartily thanked Mr. and Mrs. Frisby for their kind hospitality, and declared that they would expect another in the near future.

OLD GRAY'S GOOD LETTER

Jones' Mill, Dec. 14.—The present year is nearing its end and will soon be numbered with the past. It has been one that has brought many hardships to us and many great disasters, but with all of this, we should be thankful that we still live and hope for better times in the future. We cannot always have sunshine, the clouds of sorrow and disappointment will come, and it is with us to make the best of it.

Judging from what we can hear and what we can get from the State papers, Grapeland's two days of merry making was a brilliant success. We are glad to know such is the case and congratulate the citizens of Grapeland on their successful efforts in advertising their town. We regret that we could not be present. Grippe, that dreaded monster, had us hard and for a time we thought we would have to turn loose the willow and float out into the far beyond.

We have recently moved to a new community and will do farm business with Mr. Lam Bedsill next year. We are well pleased with the surroundings. We believe we are among a people that will make things more pleasant. We are still in reach of Grapeland and will be there as usual.

There is but little said about Xmas. Money is too scarce to have much of a time.

There was a box supper at our school house last Friday night. The receipts went to finish seating the school room. We understand they did well and had quite a nice time. We have a very good attendance at school, but many of the children are at home on account of not being able to get books. The teachers will not teach a child unless they have the new books, so says the law. We cannot get books at Palestine, Grapeland or Elkhart. Why is this? Shortage in books? There is some-

thing wrong somewhere and it is doing the rural districts a great injustice.

In conclusion we wish all the readers of the Messenger a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

As ever,
OLD GRAY.

Purify the sewers of the body and stimulate the digestive organs to maintain health, strength and energy. Prickly Ash Bitters is a tonic for the kidneys, liver, stomach and bowels. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

Notice

All those who owe me and wish to settle same will find their account at the Guaranty State Bank. I would appreciate it if you would call there and settle it. Adv. W. B. TAYLOR.

Notice

All children coming to the shop during the week can have their hair cut for 25c, on Saturdays 35c. Come in the week and save the dime. J. W. Caskey. (Advertisement.)

Cured of Liver Complaint

"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a 25c box of Chamberlain's Tablets, and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to everyone." For sale by all dealers. (Advertisement.)

Holiday Excursion Fares via I & G N Railway

Tickets on sale at 1 1-3 fare to all points in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and to Memphis, Tenn., on Dec. 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, 1913 and Jan. 1, 1914; return limit, January 6, and to St. Louis, Chicago, Washington, Kansas City, all points in the southeast, and to certain points in Colorado on Dec. 20, 21, and 22; return limit January 18. For further information see ticket et Agent, I. & G. N. Ry. Adv.

S. C. Spence was up from Crockett Monday looking after some business matters.

THE RESULTS OF ADVERTISING

The editor of a certain Texas newspaper called on one of the merchants of his city for the purpose of selling him advertising space. The merchant refused and said that advertising was alright for some people, but it was not adapted to his business. He furthered his argument by saying that either himself or his clerks knew everyone in the city and that his store did its advertising through personal conversation. The editor inquired if everyone in town traded at his store. The merchant answered in the negative and the conversation soon ended. The editor had won his point and secured a small contract. The merchant soon learned that a little newspaper advertising was alright and that more of it was still better. His newspaper ads now reach thousands of listeners where his conversation publicity formerly had an audience of one or two. Two customers buy where only one bought before and this merchant is convinced that publicity is the thing.—W. Holt Harris.

A CHEAP BALE OF COTTON

To illustrate the effect of the wet autumn on the cotton crop we are informed that Mr. E. F. Archibold, living 4 miles south of town brought in a bale of cotton the other day, and when sold applied the proceeds in the purchase of one pair of shoes and one jumper, and after paying this bill, he had 28 cents left. The cotton had been picked out of a field of cotton that had taken all the rains of the rainy season, and this accounts for the low price. Rather humorous, indeed, is the incident, but it shows, after all, the damaging effect of inclement weather upon ungathered harvests, and also the effect of weather adversities upon the farming interests.—Houston County Times.

Darsey's Store News.

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Darsey's Store, Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 18, 1913

DON'T FAIL TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DARSEY'S BIG SILVER ANNIVERSARY SALE. YOU CAN SAVE MONEY ON ALL OF YOUR PURCHASES

We Want Your Eggs

We are now paying 35c per dozen for eggs, and we advise our customers who have eggs to sell, to bring them this week, as the price is likely to decline next week. We always pay the top market price for country produce.

If you want to give something that will be appreciated and will not be very expensive, look thru our dry goods department.

Boys, don't fail to get one of those iron wagons while we are selling them at sale prices.

There will be no Doubt

about your Christmas dinner being just like you want it if you get your cooking ingredients from us. We say this because our stock of groceries is kept new and fresh all the time. Phone us your order and we will deliver the goods

Currants, Raisins, Nuts, Fruits, Extracts, Cranberries, Coconut, Citron, Baking Powder, all kinds of Canned Fruits, Vegetables and Meats, salad Dressing, Peanut Butter, Catsup and Oriole Flour.

As long as they last we will give a COOK BOOK FREE with every sack of Oriole flour or every can of Royal Baking Powder sold.

FREE—With every sack of Oriole or White Wave flour we will give a 5c can of Calumet Baking Powder.

Darsey's for Fresh Groceries

1913---1914

A few more days, and nineteen hundred and thirteen will be numbered with the years in the past. In looking back through the year, no one can say that he has ever before seen a year of such bright prospects and gloomy realizations. Especially has it been a hard year with Grapeland and her people. The year was ushered in with an accident, which was closely followed by the fire in March. On top of this, we were confronted with the shortest crops in years, which were greatly damaged at harvest time by heavy rains. But, despite all of these set backs, the town continues to grow, and her people keep on working for the future. That is why we like to do business with the people around Grapeland—they won't give up.

This store's one aim has always been, and always will be, to help the people of Grapeland and surrounding country as much as its ability will permit. We have in your bounds, an up-to-date department store, where you can get what you want without leaving the house. Our store is arranged for the convenience of our customers, and with our store service, we try to make your stay with us pleasant as well as profitable. We maintain quality, taking the price as a second consideration, for a store with a reputation and age this one has, cannot afford to lose that reputation and ruin its record of giving the people the biggest values for their money. As we have in the past years given our customers the best and most that money could buy, so shall we endeavor to do in the coming year, thereby making nineteen hundred and fourteen the greatest year that this store and the people of Grapeland have ever seen.

In order to do this, let us forget the many disappointments we have met in the past year, and with everything that is dark and gloomy buried with 1913, let us meet the new year with a

smile and a strong determination to win, and it will be the greatest year we have ever had. Here's best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year,

Come to our store for your Christmas fireworks.

Have you taken advantage of our sale prices yet?

We pay top prices for chickens, eggs, turkeys and hides.

We now have plenty bran, hay and oats.

WIRE!—See us when you need hog wire, barb wire, nails, staples, etc. We have the kinds that give satisfaction.

Give your wife a barrel of Oriole flour for Christmas.

You can always find something new at Darsey's.

Brighten up your home with Acme paints and varnishes.

NOW IS THE TIME to get that piece of furniture for your home. Our low sale prices mean a lot to the careful buyer, and give you the opportunity to furnish your home from parlor to kitchen at a great saving.

Mr. Farmer, now is the time to begin selecting the kind of tools you will use next year. Our line of implements, like every other line, has been selected with the greatest care, and in recommending the line of John Deere

cultivators, discs, plows, etc., we offer you the oldest and best line in the country. Come in and let us demonstrate them to you.

In answer to our advertisement in last week's Messenger we received a large number of applications for tickets to the Cozy Theatre last night and Tuesday night. Although the show was practically rained out Tuesday night, the large crowd in attendance Wednesday night was most highly appreciated, and we feel sure, that ROYAL TAILORED CLOTHES have been favorably impressed on all.

The price of eggs still goes up. We can use all you have to sell.

DID YOU SEE

"That Million Dollar Look"

at the Cozy Theatre?

We have always maintained that a man's clothes are one of the vital factors in his career--that they affect his whole advancement in the game of life. And at the Cozy Theatre, a picture-play, called "That Million Dollar Look" certainly demonstrated our belief.

No man, who saw this unusual picture play, left his seat without feeling a deeper respect than ever for good clothes and their importance to his prosperity

Incidentally, this picture-play showed that the Million Dollar Look is the Royal Tailored Look; that the best "prosperity" clothes are those that are Royal Tailored.

One of the most interesting features of the film were the pictures showing the wonderful Royal Tailor shops in Chicago and New York; pictures taking you behind the scenes in the world's greatest tailoring shops; pictures showing how every Royal garment is cut separately and to the individual order and measures of each customer; pictures of the cleanest, cheeriest and biggest work-shops you ever looked into—a delightful revelation into the perfection of the Royal Tailor System. If you saw these pictures, you probably said to yourself, as scores of others did "No wonder Royal Tailored clothes are considered the best in the world—when they are made in an organization like that."

But please don't think that our object in bringing these pictures to town was wholly selfish. We still say that if this picture-play convinced some of the young men, who have been careless about their clothes, of the importance of good dress in business—we shall feel satisfied. Let them buy the the "next best" to Royal Tailored clothes, if they will—that's a whole lot better than bungling the clothes problem entirely.

But for you folks who want the utmost in custom tailoring; for you men, who want the genuine "Million Dollar Look": for you, who will take no second-best—this is just a reminder that our store is the local home of Royal Tailored to your order clothes. Made to your measure at \$16, \$17, \$20, \$25, \$30 and \$35.

George E. Darsey

Authorized Resident Dealer

THE ROYAL TAILORS

Chicago

New York

What You Give

Is appreciated more highly and affords more pleasure if your gift is something that can be used. The old custom of giving useless trifles is almost done away with, and useful gifts are rapidly taking their places. We have in our many departments, a large number of gifts for Boys, Girls, Ladies and Gentlemen. Things that anyone would feel proud to receive. Come to our store and let us help you decide what to give, for by so doing, we feel sure we can save you money on your purchases.

SANTA IS HERE



THE GOLDEN RULE STORE is prepared for

..CHRISTMAS..

Old Santa has been liberal in leaving a lot of his goods at the "GOLDEN RULE STORE" for distribution.

He has also authorized us to continue our **LOW PRICES** on our Dry Goods, Notions and Shoes, so take advantage of them.

Quick Sales, Small Profits and the Golden Rule applied to Business

W. R. Wherry.

Christmas Presents



Appropriate Gifts at Appropriate Prices

We extend a cordial invitation to everyone to visit our store and let us show you our complete stock of Christmas goods, which we have taken much pains in selecting and marking at a reasonable price. Below we list a few of the many gifts we have suitable for mother, father, son, daughter or sweetheart:

Cut Glass
Gold China
Ebony Back Mirrors
Persian Ivory Mirrors
Box Stationery

Sewing Boxes
French Briar Pipes
Merechaum Pipes
Cuff and Collar Boxes
Brushes

Manicure Sets
Carving Sets
Toilet Sets
Sewing Sets
Military Sets

Water Sets
Dresser Sets
Gentlemen's Sets
Tie Racks
Lowney's Chocolates

We call your special attention to our complete line of Jewelry now on display

Don't forget that our soda fountain service is unexcelled and we will serve a special line of **CHRISTMAS HOT and COLD DRINKS**

A. S. PORTER, The Druggist

Anticipating Christmas Joys



Our Sincere Wish

Is that the realization of your "Christmas Joys" will greatly exceed your anticipation of them. The person who gets the most joy out of Christmas-tide, is the man or woman who makes someone else happy. We advise you not to waste your money foolishly in buying gifts that are easily destroyed and forgotten, but buy some article that the recipient can use. A gift of this kind costs no more than the other and is much more appreciated.

We have a large number of articles in our big stock (too numerous to mention here) that would make suitable gifts for any member of your or any one else's family. Come to our store and let us help you select what to give, for by buying your gifts now you get to take advantage of our 25th ANNIVERSARY SALE prices.

That this Christmas will be the happiest one you have ever enjoyed, and that the New Year be full of prosperity for each and all, is the sincere wish of your friend,

1888 ----- George E. Darsey ----- 1913
Grapeland, Texas