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See the big lot of new goods just opened at McDonald's. Splendid Dolls that will rejoice the heart of the little girl; mechanical toys for her brother; sparkling ornaments for the tree.

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Central Ave. Candy Kitchen.

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At this holiday season of the year, I wish to express my thanks to my friends and patrons, especially the church trustees, and to assure them that for 1908 I will make good my motto.

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WHAT D'YE LACK?

The Delta office is always ready to handle that little job of Printing, NEATLY AND PROMPTLY.

Do not wait until you must have it immediately. Order Now.
THE DELTA.

ANDERSON & HOLM,

Call your Attention to their Holiday Poultry, Chickens, Turkeys, and Geese at the best prices to be had anywhere.

LOOK AT THESE STAPLES:

Hams Skinned, at Per pound 12c
Pigs, 60 to 100 lbs., At 8c

It pays to buy in quantity at this time of year.

ANDERSON & HOLM,

Eighth and Delta.

CHRISTMAS DAINTIES

Christmas candy Per lb. from 10c to 40c
Walnuts Per lb. 20c
Brazil's very large Per lb. 17c
Filberts very large Per lb. 17c
Mixed nuts Per lb. 17c
Christmas candles Per box 10c
Oranges large size very nice Per doz. 35c
Bananas Per doz. 25c
Grapes Per lb. 18c
Dates Per lb. 10c

We have a nice line of chinaware for christmas gifts; we would like to show them to you in selecting your christmas presents.

ELOF HANSON

Get your

CHICKENS AND TURKEYS OF

HACA & GREEN.

We shall have a large quantity of fine, fresh killed, fat fowls, and the price will be right.

Common Sense Gifts ARE THE BEST

In our large stock of goods of all kinds you can find some useful and desirable article for any member of your family.

We have everything that is needed in the house and ALL our Goods are Reliable.

REMEMBER THE STORE OF

HACA & GREEN, KIPLING, MICH.

Call up Phone 69-4 rings.

The Press

The Munising-Whitefish ship canal has fallen into the hands of the Calumet News, which deals it a coup-de-grace. The dear old legend has rejoiced the heart of Gladstone and haunted the dreams of the Look City for many years, but it has gone to join Symmes' hole.

You read occasionally of the man who didn't get in on the ground floor and repents it ever afterward. But a case more frequently occurring is mentioned more rarely. "Four months ago a Manistique business man was tempted to purchase a thousand shares of stock in a promising mining scheme. He made the purchase (in his mind) and has kept track of the proposition. Had he invested he would have lost \$950 at the present price quoted on the stock."

Good Roads Commissioner Horatio Earle holds his \$2,500 a year job by appointment of Gov. Warner. Asked if he thought the administration liked to have him constantly shooting sarcastic darts at Warner, he replied: "And it's immaterial to me what they think. I am a free-born American citizen, exercising my inalienable right to speak my opinion of men and things at all times and all places, by gum." Horatio reports that his campaign for the republican nomination for governor is progressing amazingly.

On the Superior division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, the curtailment of the lumber industry is being felt quite severely. A considerable number of employees—principally brakemen—have been laid off. Their places are being filled by the younger conductors, while engineers have gone back to the shovel. What is known as train No. 193, running between Channing and Ontonagon, has been taken off. It was a way freight.

A Massachusetts banker has drowned in his bath tub. Prof. Weary Willie, of the college of Pedestrianism, is justified at last in the claims he has made for many over.

A band of gypsies are being driven from pillar to post in the peninsula. The police have successively ordered them out of Superior, Houghton, Calumet, the Soo, Marquette, and Negaunee.

Beaver Island enjoyed a bad reputation in the days of King Strang, and the warden thinks it has not improved. The game warden lost a gasoline launch there lately, which he accused the fishermen of burning; he is planning a raid.

Michigan mines yielded 232,222 ounces of silver in 1906; looks suspiciously like 232,323.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon has both a level head and a civilized nose. The other day he had the clerk read the rule which forbids smoking in the house, and directed the sergeant-at-arms to enforce it. Unofficially he modified the order thusly: "I do not care a cuss about who smokes or where any man smokes, if he smokes good cigars. Some of you fellows are using up your Christmas presents in advance or you are getting in training to burn up the smokes your female relatives put in your socks, with a Santa Claus card. Smoke good ones and you won't go to jail."

Fool not with Uncle Sam. A man who stole a diamond pin on a passenger boat was arraigned as a pirate, before Judge Swan in Detroit. He pleaded guilty, and the court mercifully refrained from imposing the full penalty of the law, and sentenced him to life imprisonment.

Mepomine county farmers, who, during the deer hunting season complained of their poor luck, are now rejoicing over the fact that the rabbit hunting at least is better than it was last year. Reports from Hermanville, Faithorn, Spalding and Harris, state that the game is being found in abundance. Many city sportsmen have made short rabbit hunting trips and during the next two weeks it is expected that many more will visit the woods. The flesh this year is spicy and tender and even in the city has been a common dish. The recent snow fall has enabled the hunters to track with the game much more ease and in one district near Hermanville it is stated, that over two hundred rabbits have been shot in the last ten days. To many rabbit hunting is more popular than is the pursuit of the larger game, as the element of danger is eliminated to a great extent.

A concrete shaft has been sunk at the C. C. L. Co's Smith mine on the west branch of the Escanaba river. It is a new idea, and the first on the range, although the Mesaba has two. The shaft was sunk through quicksand and the entire

distance. It is rectangular in shape. The concrete is three feet thick, reinforced by steel rods set horizontally and perpendicularly, six inches apart. The work was superintended by F. W. Adgate. The shaft was this week sunk to a point a few feet below the ledge, the total depth being about sixty-five feet. The shaft is perfectly dry, as no water entered it while the work was going on. The method of sinking the concrete is similar to that used in putting down bridge piers in rivers. The weight of the concrete forces, the mass downward, the earth between the walls of the shaft being removed either with buckets or a grip device. The water is kept back by compressed air maintained in the bottom by a tight enclosure. Despite the fact that water is reached within a few feet of surface at the Smith the shaft will not be wet, as the concrete walls are so thick and well constructed that it will be impossible for water to work through.

The absurdity of maintaining great navies is testified to by Richard Buldon Halldane, British secretary of state, speaking at Henley, who dwelt on the ever-increasing difficulty of Great Britain maintaining a two-power naval standard against Germany and the United States, whose combined population was approaching 100,000,000. In the future, he said, Great Britain might find it impossible to rely so completely and absolutely upon the navy as it did today, and would then would have to trust more upon its defense forces. Too much of the industry of the world is wasted in a futile endeavor to out-rival other powers in armament. A nation might far better be conquered at once than be eaten to the bone by its military and naval defenders. For the greatest power is sure to be overcome at last, if not by a single one, at least by a union of its enemies.

TU QUOQUE.

Says the Detroit News: "One of the main miseries of our time is that so many people in this country during the past few years have had little to do except to tell other people how to conduct their affairs." The News should introspect, and relieve the strain.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

The Brown County Ministerial Association at a meeting held in Green Bay recently voted to do away with pomp, flowers and public viewing of the dead at funerals, and the action will meet with the approval of the good sense of the people. There is a tendency all over the country toward greater simplicity in the conduct of funerals. The gift of floral tributes to the dead has become a positive abuse. If you have flowers to give, give them to the living—it is far more appropriate. The exposure of the remains to public view at funerals is not only highly unsanitary, but it is harrowing to the feelings of the mourners, smacks of the barbarous past, and is calculated to create unseemly scenes.—Sturgeon Bay Democrat.

LADIES.

We have something new in hand bags which you must see in order to appreciate them. Watch our window.
STEWART'S PHARMACY.

LODGE OFFICERS

The I. O. O. F. at their last meeting elected the following officers:

J. J. Farrell N. G.
A. Everingham V. G.
A. Marshall Rec. Sec.
M. W. Lancaster Fin. Sec.
George Pense Treas.
District Deputy M. W. Lancaster.
The officers elect of the Eagles are:
Past. Pres. Charles Jacobson
President E. G. Fisher
Vice Pres. W. J. Francis
Chaplain John Murphy
Secretary W. E. Gaufin
Treasurer Charles Walz
I. Guard Peter Mooney
O. Guard John Paulson
Physician M. F. Stever

The aerie now numbers about 155, and will strive to increase this largely this winter. A grand ball will be given on New Year's Eve.

Gladstone Hive, L. O. T. M. M. on Wednesday evening elected.

Past. Com. Amy Clark
Lady Com. Clara Huber
Lieut. Com. Esther Jacobs
R. K. Mary Henke
F. K. Henrietta Murney
Chaplain Anna Filkins
Sergeant Ollie Potvin
M. at A. Lydia Walz
Sentinel Elizabeth Pare
Picket Ingeborg Pare
Installing Officer Margaret Mackin
Supt. Floral Fund Amy Clark

The Royal Neighbors last night re-elected their old officers for the coming year.

BOYS WANTED.

A few boys between the ages of 16 and 20 can find steady employment in the factory of the Marble Safety Axe Co. tf.

JUST LOOK

At that fine display of China at Olson's. In the whole city you can find no larger, handsomer or lower priced line of staple and fancy

GLASSWARE AND CHINA.

For your holiday merry making you will find the accessories all at the store of

OLSON GROCERY CO.

WEAR YOUR BEST SMILE.

The year is nearly done; only once more in 1907 will The Delta greet its friends, and then another chapter in the lives of men will begin. It is now full twenty years since Gladstone has had a name on the map of Michigan. For the twenty-first time the winter holidays are celebrated in our little city, and never under happier auspices. It is true that the financial sky appears somewhat clouded, but as yet all our dwellers are fairly prosperous, and the prospect abroad is gradually growing more sunny. There is nothing to prevent those in health from enjoying a happy christmas tide, for the future seems secure. Throw aside the petty cares and drink deep of the gladness that comes to all who have spent the year in the path of duty. Trust in the year to come for only so can it be made to bear its best fruits.

Half the pleasure of the annual holiday, especially to the older folk, is the remembrance of the holidays of the past. Think on the bright spots in the years that have gone and make this one still brighter. Get all the joy there is while you are here to get it, for sorrow and trouble will come unbidden hereafter.

Put away the bitter feelings engendered by the daily strife for bread and keep a truce with all the neighbors until after the new year has come; perhaps it will not be worth while to renew the old troubles.

Look around you and see the happy faces that the thoughts of Christmas have brightened and try to get one yourself.

Keep smiling, and perhaps the smile will reach your own heart by and by; at any rate, it will help your friends.

The school board met Wednesday evening and transacted routine business.

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CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior.
LAND OFFICE AT MARQUETTE, MICH.
Nov. 25, 1907.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Joseph Anderson, contestant, against Homestead entry No. 9051, made Nov. 26, 1898, for sw 1/4 of nw 1/4, section 26, township 40 north, range 21 west, by Wilhelm Lindgren contestee, in which it is alleged that Wilhelm Lindgren has wholly abandoned said land and changed his residence therefrom for more than six months since making his entry and next prior to the date herein; that said tract is not settled upon, improved or cultivated by said entryman, as required by law, and that said entryman has not resided upon, improved or cultivated said land for a period of five years, as required by law; and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or marine during the war with Spain, or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 9, 1908, before Clerk of the Circuit Court for Delta County, at Escanaba, Mich. and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 16, 1908, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Marquette, Mich.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed November 25, 1907, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

JAMES J. DONOVAN,
Register.
JOHN JONES,
Receiver.

WHAT SHALL I GIVE?

The most satisfactory gift to give and one that will be most appreciated by a friend is one of

Marble's Specialties for Sportsmen.

A dependable axe or knife or matchbox or compass may be the means of saving life. The knowledge that they never fail in a pinch is worth more than the difference in cost between Marble's Specialties and inferior makes. All Marble's Specialties are made to secure the highest efficiency coupled with the greatest possible degree of beauty. Money refunded if not satisfactory.

SAFETY POCKET AXE No. 2—Small enough for the pocket and large enough to fell a tree. Guard folds into groove in handle. Nickel plated steel and hard rubber handle, \$2.50.

IDEAL HUNTING KNIFE No. 42—Genuine stag handle, 5 inch blade \$2.75; 6 inch \$3.00. Laminated leather handle, 50c less. Sheath furnished.

SAFETY HUNTING KNIFE—Guard folds into handle and locks blade open. German silver fittings, 4 1/2 in. blade \$3.00; 5 in. heavy blade \$4.00; with leather case.

WATERPROOF MATCHBOX—Absolutely air and moisture proof. Size of 10 gauge shell, 50c.

IMPROVED FRONT SIGHT—1-16, 3-32 or 1-8 inch beads. Ivory or Gold, \$1.00.

REVERSIBLE FRONT SIGHT—Same size beads as Improved, \$1.50.

JOINTED RIFLE ROD—Brass sections with steel joints. Cannot break, \$1.00.

RIFLE CLEANER—Brass gauze washers on spirally bent, spring steel wire, 50c.

FLEXIBLE REAR SIGHT—Always in position unless locked down. The lower sleeve locks the elevating sleeve and holds the stem rigid. \$3.00.

STANDARD FRONT SIGHT—Beads same size and colors as Improved, \$1.00.

HANDY COMPASS—Fastens to coat. Always in sight. Jeweled needle, \$1.25.

Sold by all Dealers, or Direct Prepaid from the Manufacturer,

MARBLE SAFETY AXE COMPANY,

VISIT OUR FACTORY. GLADSTONE, MICH.

Doings of the Week in and About Gladstone

News Items That Are of General Interest to Our Local Readers.

The Gladstone Delta

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\$1.50 per Year in Advance.

The Delta's price for publishing notices of entertainments given by religious or other societies, to which an admission is charged, or from which a profit is expected, is FIVE CENTS PER LINE. Resolutions of any society or organization will be published at the same rate. CHARGES OF THANKS WILL BE CHARGED FOR AT TEN CENTS PER LINE.

If you want your Christmas presents which go through the mail to be delivered safely, then be sure that they are registered, and the sooner they are sent out the better. It is a common practice, during the holidays, for persons to send valuable packages through the mails with no other protection than would be given to an ordinary piece of mail. The safe course to follow is to register all packages of value. The government is not at all responsible for the delivery of mail unless it is registered, but if a registered piece of mail is lost the loser may receive its value up to \$25.

Game Warden DeBell of Menominee has answered Ole Harstad's article on headlight wolves in a communication offering \$25 for information to convict any such and criticising sportsmen who know of such depredations and complain without making an effort to stop them. He also comments on the large size of the territory which one warden is supposed to guard.

Miss Emily Collick sang at the Negasonic theater last week. It is safe to say that after hearing the lady sing some nice young man will get the—oh, it's too obvious.

On the divorce question the consensus of the competent is divided; the clergy who argue a priori say it is an outrage on morality, while the bench which pronounces on the facts, say it is a moral necessity.

Furnished room for rent, one or two gentlemen. Inquire corner Eighth and Michigan. Mrs. J. P. BARRETT.

John Kelly arrived in the city from Round Lake Saturday evening with the carcass of a hundred and sixty pound bear he killed. The meat was purchased by M. Weinig, and the bear was on exhibition at the meat market for some time. Mr. Kelly retains the skin for himself. He also collected the \$35 bounty on a wolf he slew. For the winter, he has accepted a position at Marble's factory and will live in town.

The council failed to meet Monday, and the water board has not been in session yet; so that there will be no proceedings until next month, unless something turns up.

If you want a first class piano, from \$75 to \$150 less than the ordinary dealer can sell them for. Call and see the pianos in Scott's store. Cash or on time. 38

Thursday was the day of the funeral of King Oscar; and in most of the cities with a large Swedish population memorial services were held for the departed ruler. None were held here, however, as the Lutheran church is closed.

Grand Chancellor Carlton, of the Soo, and Past Grand Chancellor Hampton, were the guests of Gladstone Lodge, K. P., Tuesday evening. Work in the third rank was performed. Hon. A. P. Burrows, the present chancellor, presided over the meeting, which closed with one of the lodge's Dutch banquets. The grand officers proceeded to Escanaba, and thence on the following evening to Marinette. They were accompanied by Messrs. Mason and Burrows.

The Marquette city council went into "executive" session Monday night. When the doors were re-opened, it was declared that the proceedings would be kept secret. The question before the house was that of reducing the number of saloons to be licensed, according to the Gordon act. This was intended to limit the number of the Queen City's third parlors to twenty-five, but left it optional with the council. The temperance men support the measure, as well as every saloon man who thinks he can be one of the twenty-five. It was announced the question would be voted upon January 6.

A large fleet of ice boats will sail the bay soon, if the weather permits. Last year but two were registered out of this port, but it is expected that there will be nearer a dozen this year, if the premises hold good. There is no speed limit on these flyers, and they will be a pretty spectacle some Sunday afternoon.

A large number of Gladstone's representatives in schools and colleges will be here within a few days for the holidays. Some of them have promised to bring with them college songs and reminiscences which will be interesting to their less experienced brethren in the paths of learning.

An exchange thinks congress has a good opportunity to show what it can do with a financial emergency. Perhaps the best way to restore the circulation would be to make it penal for any man to keep any currency over night. Good spenders are what the country needs. Wild tales are told of bank vaults so full of bales of bills that the doors can scarcely be closed, while others have to skin along with scrip. Truly, Cannon's crew must work overtime to relieve the congestion.

A Christmas service will be held in the Episcopal church at 3 p. m. next Sunday. Rev. F. C. O'Meara will bring with him his choir from St. Stephen's, Escanaba, to render the Christmas music.

16 inch Hemlock wood, full cord \$2.75, 16 inch Maple and Birch mill wood \$1.75 per single cord, \$5.00 per full cord delivered to any part of the City. Call up C. W. Davis, phone 7. 40

The United States forester says that while some four million Christmas trees are used every year, the amount is trifling compared with the waste in other ways, and could all be grown on one large farm. He says "I have thought a good deal about this Christmas tree matter, and have finally reached this conclusion: Trees are for use. There is no other use to which these trees could be put which would contribute so much to the happiness and good of mankind as their use for the children and family on Christmas day."

The celebrated calf case has been rivalled at Bessemer. Two prominent young Chicago men, belonging to a family which has had much unpleasant notoriety, were arrested by a warden for having killed deer out of season. The state failed to prove the case. The hunters then sued the game warden for trespass and confiscation, and got judgment. Then they were arrested for having hides out of season. And the expenses so far is over \$1000.

There have been some ingenious illuminated signs in the window at Victor Place lately, that have a habit of catching the eye.

Architecture will be on the boom this winter. Many new and palatial residences will be erected on the placid bosom of Bay de Noc, where the patient anglers may spend their leisure hours.

Forty five young Finlanders, laid off by the Oliver Mining company, left Ishpeming Saturday for Europe. It is expected that a hundred or more will join them during this month. The rush for Europe is heavy at all the Atlantic ports.

Swenson Bros.' ad on the cover has a ring of good sense. The Christmas present may be lasting as well as pleasant.

If you send Christmas presents mail your parcels early—don't wait until the day or two before Christmas. The mails are extremely heavy and prompt dispatch and delivery are practically impossible. Allow not less than three days extra time over what you would usually give, if you wish to make certain of prompt delivery.

The immigration into the United States last year, was, as usual, a record breaker, 1,298,413 applied and less than one per cent were rejected. Austria and Russia show an 18 per cent increase, the Balkan state and Japan 50 per cent, Canada and Turkey, over 200 per cent. France, Germany, stationary, Ireland and China, decreasing.

Read Stewart's ad for big cut in prices.

A young man came home from the Wild West drama at Manistique, and finding a man in his yard, fired at him with a shotgun, with intent to disable. The intruder fell and soon after succumbed to his injuries. It is claimed his character was good and motives innocent.

P. M. G. Von Meyer has at last found dear old Santa Claus' real address, and the government has withdrawn the fraud order which cruelly kept that old white-haired philanthropist from getting his mail. The persecution of the saints is done.

New baggage rules of the W. P. A. call for baggage checks on dogs, over fifty pounds excess weight and no more than two at a time. Alas, poor Fido.

Billy the Kid transferred his death dealing career to the Gladstone Theatre last Saturday, after preliminary revolver practice had rejoiced the heart of Young Gladstone. The display of artillery showed that Evans did not take all the cannon and ammunition west with him.

The Marquette council has allowed \$2,840 damage claims to parties who suffered through flooding their premises on June 23 last. They claimed the city's sewerage was defective.

Anton Mathey, of Trenary, has sold out and will move to Wisconsin.

Some interest was aroused at the Soo depot Monday, when inquiries were received concerning a certain refrigerator car. It was returned empty from Boston, via the Soo line, and after the usual shifting and changing, passed through here. When it was cleaned in the stock yards, a large sum of money, said by some to be \$12,000 in coin, was found upon the floor. It was supposed to be the hidden booty of thieves, who had concealed it here, intending to return at leisure. There are railroaders here, however, who feel their nerves giving way, as they think how many Christmas presents that amount would buy.

The Bloodberry Gum Co. has been incorporated with John M. Hartnett at its head and will do business at 23 Fifth avenue, Chicago.

The big fleet is off to the Pacific amid the cheers of the multitude; let us hope it may not prove another Jamestown exposition.

Walter Wellman says Roosevelt will take a third term, when the pinch comes. Wellman is the airship expert.

Leslie & Greene have a suggestion in their ad that is good not only for Christmas but for any of these clear, crisp winter days, when the sleigh bells jingle merrily and it is a pleasure to be about.

The delegates to the constitutional convention have expressed a decided preference for Taft as a presidential candidate. But the delegates were not elected for that purpose. Not even the respected Mr. Mead, of Delta. The electors of the thirtieth district cordially supported Mr. Mead as a constitution maker; but may not endorse his candidate for the White House.

The county medical society met last Friday evening in Escanaba. The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: C. L. Girard, president; D. N. Kee, vice president; A. J. Carlson, secretary and G. W. Moll treasurer. Dr. Laing, as president, was toastmaster at the banquet, and among those responding was Dr. Bjorkman, to the theme, "Our Visitors." Drs. Kee, Miller, and Bjorkman were the Gladstone contingent.

In its ad a Manistique bank calls attention to the fact that a single man a few days ago lost more money (he was robbed of \$60) than all of the national bank depositors in upper Michigan since it was settled; for none of them ever failed with loss to the depositors.

N. J. LaPine is fitting up his undertaking parlors in the Kratze block this week.

BIG FIRE.

Manistique was visited late Saturday night by the most disastrous fire in the history of the city. It appears that the flames broke out about 9:30 o'clock in the Chicago Lumber company's three bandsaw mill, totally consuming the plant, valued at \$100,000, and burning to death two men—Henry Hamell, aged fifty-two years, night foreman of the mills, who leaves a wife and two grown children, and Andrew Norton, also employed nights, aged sixty-five years, who leaves a wife and four children. The fire started between band mills Nos. 1 and 2. It was caused by the friction feed becoming overheated. The mill was one of the old landmarks of the city, having been built in 1876, and was one of the largest of the sort in upper Michigan. It employed over 200 men, and the town was largely dependent upon it. The mill was to have closed Saturday night for the winter. A special meeting of the directors will be held there or at Tonawanda, N. Y., to consider plans for the future. Martin H. Quick, who is a large stockholder in the company, says the logging camps will not be closed. The company will probably rebuild a smaller but more modern mill on the old site. The future of Manistique depends largely upon what is done at the forthcoming special meeting of the board of directors. The company carried no insurance whatever upon the mill. Over \$500,000 worth of lumber piled in the yards was saved by the fire boat.

Letters to Santa.

Two of the many letters mailed to Santa Claus last Christmas read as follows:

Dear santy kloss. If you don't come to my haus befor you come to wille Dorgin's I'll never speak to you in my life. Dear Santa Claus. Tel me your telephone number so I can order a ortomobbel for a poor boy what ain't got no father on our street. MINI BORMAN. —New York Times.

The Christmas Guest.

Whoso shall come my way this night, By moor or hill or shore, For him the blessed candles' light, For him the open door. (Oh, Mary, this for thy Son's sake, Though mine comes in no more!)

My hearth is swept, my Yule logs burn, My board is decked and spread; For any who may come in turn Are warmth and wine and bread. (Oh, Mary, grant my son this night Be housed and comforted!)

Bid banned or beggared come for guest, My heart shall share his woes, And on his head my hand shall rest To bless him ere he goes. (Oh, Mary, grant my son this night That blessing and repose!)

This night for thy one Son's dear sake Wait light and warmth and wine. Oh, Mary, we be mothers both, Take these my tears for sign, And this I do for thy sweet Son. Wilt thou not do for mine? Theodosia Garrison in Broadway Magazine.

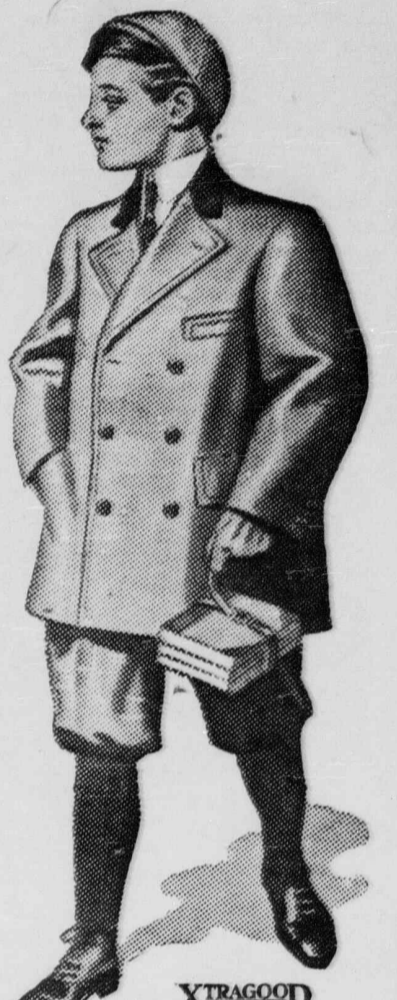
Have You Seen?

The Seasonable and Appropriate Line of Holiday Goods at Victor's Place?



"VICTOR"

Look at our windows and you surely will find a suggestion. We have as complete a line of Men's and Boy's Wearing Apparel as can be found in the City. We want to call your attention especially to our line of Neckwear, Mufflers and Novelties for the Man.



"BOB"

VICTOR'S PLACE

The Last Call For HOLIDAY SALE at

ROSENBLUM'S

TAKE A LOOK

At Our Ladies' and Men's Ready-to-Wear Apparels, Silk Waists in the New Advanced Styles, most any prevailing shades desired, \$3.95 up to \$10.00.

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AT A GREATLY REDUCED PRICE.

SABLE FOX DYED BOAS

With Muffs to Match at prices that make competition impossible.

MEN'S SUITS and OVERCOATS that cannot be beaten for Style from \$10.00 to \$25.00.

Neckwear and Cravats in individual boxes for both Ladies and Men, direct from the Importers, thus Saving the middle man's profit, gives us the Advantage of Our Competitors.

H. ROSENBLUM,

BEST GOODS FOR LEAST MONEY.

ODD FELLOW'S BLOCK, TWO FLOORS.

SANTA CLAUS will be at GOLDSTEIN'S

Store Monday and Tuesday. He will arrive Monday Morning at 10:00 With

SOMETHING FOR THE CHILDREN.

THREE SPECIAL BARAINS

On Base Burners that have been used.



One No. 165 Sparkling Universal, 15 inch Fire Pot. In Good condition, no cracks or burned out parts.
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One No. 15 Brilliant Peninsular, a very heavy, durable Stove in the best of condition and cheap at
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Merry Christmas

FROM HABERMAN BROS.

As usual, you can get the things that make Christmas Merry at Haberman Bros.

Stocking, Table or Tree, our store will furnish you with Fruits, Nuts, Christmas Candy, Cigars, Ornaments, and other things more staple.

HABERMAN BROS.,

Central Ave., next Neff's Hardware.

Full line of Baker's Goods, Fresh Every Day.

BIG CUT * IN PRICES

As this is my last season to handle Toys I have decided to Cut the Price so as to close it out as nearly as possible.

First Come Get the Best.

At the very lowest prices. We have re-marked our Goods Down in Plain Figures. Come in and take one look before you buy. Our Prices are commencing, our Goods are the Finest Selected Stock in Delta county.

BEAUTIFUL LEATHERETTE WALL POCKET FREE.

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BUY SOMETHING USEFUL.

You wish to Save Money, don't you? I can help you in this. I have the largest and best assorted line of Holiday Goods in the city. They were bought right and priced right; no useless advertising expense has been added to the cost. Instead of charging you for advertising we allow you a valuable premium when Your Purchases Amount to \$20.00.

The Line Embraces:



Pin cushions
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Pictures
Embroidered linens
Perfumery
Dolls
Go-carts
Mens' ties
Mens' suspenders
Velvet rugs 9x12
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Toilet articles
Fancy aprons
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Gloves
Fine furs
Dressing sacques
Kimonas
Bath robes
Hand-painted china
Lunch cloths
Sofa cushions

AND MANY OTHER USEFUL AND DESIRABLE ARTICLES.

You are invited to call and inspect the line whether you intend purchasing or not.

THOMAS O'CONNELL.

Personals

Michael Bellaire, for many years a resident of Gladstone, died Monday at his home in Grand Rapids, from paralysis. His death grieves a wide circle of Gladstone friends who knew him well.

David Kratza was in the city on business Saturday.

Floyd Raymond returned Tuesday from St. Paul to spend the holidays in Gladstone.

John Geraldson returned Monday from McDonough's.

J. A. Forsberg left Tuesday for Norway to spend the holidays. Miss Forsberg also goes to Norway from Rock Island for her vacation.

A daughter was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson.

August Kinne returned Tuesday morning from the state of Washington, after a couple of years in the west. He met a large number of former residents of Gladstone, most of whom looked with regret upon their leaving the old town. Mr. Kinne will remain here.

A baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nelson Saturday passed away within a few hours of its birth.

Peter Zimmerman, of Manistique, called on his friends and customers in Gladstone Monday.

Miss Clara Hartlerode returned Tuesday morning from Minneapolis.

Charles Jacobson has less trust in the honesty of his neighbors than before. Two weeks ago one of his shirts disappeared from the line, but he set it down as an accident. The other night there disappeared from the Jacobson clothes-line, in full view of the house, a doily, made by his wife, and highly prized. Mr. Jacobson would like to interview the present possessor.

Miss Hetty Goldstein returned Wednesday from Minneapolis to spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Jewel Brown returns next Sunday to her home in Canton, O.

Gust Johnson returned Monday evening to West Superior after a visit here.

Joseph Bellin will return soon from California, where he spent the last few months. He sustained a bad cut on his arm in sawmill work a couple of weeks ago.

John Hampel and daughter will spend the holidays visiting his parents in Bransford, Ont. whom he has not seen for eleven years.

Edward Eaton returned Wednesday from Glenwood, N. D.

A son was born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newman.

Mrs. Charles Gogarn is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. James Laidlaw is on the sick list.

Earl Bates has recovered from a siege of typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Marble have been delayed on their eastern tour, but will return soon.

Wesley Robins jammed his foot severely between two logs at the Buckeye last Friday.

Richard Nebel will return to the city Sunday to spend the holidays.

Ald. Clark made a business trip to Seattle, Wash. Sometime ago he received a serious injury, which disabled him more than a month.

Supt. Willman has been confined for a few days by a severe attack of rheumatism.

Henry Lemieux will spend Christmas at his home in Quinnesec, for the first time in six years.

Principal and Mrs. Wisner will spend Christmas at Clayton, Mich.

Charles Peterson made a trip to the Soo Wednesday.

J. A. Stewart, the druggist is presenting to his customers a beautiful leatherette wall pocket (not given to children) with cut-out deer figures.

P. R. Legg made a trip through southern Alger county this week, and visited the Cliff's school.

Mrs. M. J. Magoon is visiting her sister, Mrs. Zimmerman, at Wausau.

R. E. Beach writes friends from Crystal Falls that he is doing well and satisfied with his new location.

R. B. Baird and H. J. Krueger attended the Pythian convention in Escanaba Wednesday evening.

S. Claus, Esq., will arrive in this city Monday. Notice top of this page.

INVITED.

You are very kindly invited to see the finest Santa Claus gift line ever displayed in this county. See them and get the prices before you go elsewhere. STEWART'S PHARMACY.

MERCHANTS, ATTENTION.

Wanted, by the Marble Safety Axe company, several hundred shipping cases. We can use Dry Goods, Boot and Shoe, or Hardware Boxes, steadily. If you have a surplus, call us up and tell us what you have. It will pay better than burning them.

Christmas In Cactus Center.

WOMEN'S scarce in Cactus Center, and there ain't no bargain stores. Fer to start them Monday rushes that break down the stoutest doors, But we had some Christmas shoppin' that the town ain't over yet, Jest because of one small woman and a drug store toilet set.

She was Cactus Center's teacher, and she hadn't left the stage 'Fore she had the boys plum locoed, and I don't bar youth nor age. She was cute and smart and pretty, and she might 'a' been here yet if it hadn't been for Dawson and his drug store toilet set.

It was old and scratched and speckled, fer 'twas in his case fer years, But old Dawson, sharp and clever, put a whisper in our ears— 'Loved he'd sell that set at auction, and he says, "Now, boys, you bet This'll make a hit with teacher—this here swell new toilet set."



IT WAS THEN BEGUN THE SHOOTIN'.

Well, the biddin' started lively, and it got to gittin' hot, Fer every mind in Cactus on that single thing was set. Purty soon I'd staked my saddle, worth two hundred dollars net, Just to own fer one short second that blamed drug store toilet set.

It was then begun the shootin', no one seems to know jest how, And 'twas lack of ammernition that at last broke up the row, And thirteen of us was hurt, but the worst blow that we met Was in findin' that some bullets had gone through that toilet set.

But we plugged the punctures in it, and we plugged the wounded, too, And agreed we'd arbitrate it, and the bunch 'd see it through, So we sent a gift committee, but they came back sorer yet, Fer the teacher 'd flutter eastward, so we have that toilet set.

—Denver Republican.

CHRISTMAS NEAR THE POLE.

Where Seal Meat and Whale's Blubber Take Turkey's Place.

"I think Christmas, 1883, was my most memorable one," said General Greeley, the arctic explorer. "With my command I was proceeding southward in the hope of obtaining help, and about the 20th of October we encamped ourselves in a little hut at Cape Sabine. Our supply of food was running very low, and we were on very short rations, every one being allowed just food enough in each twenty-four hours to sustain life. Under these depressing circumstances and amid the awful silence of the polar night the cheerfulness that we continued to maintain was remarkable.

"Christmas day came at last—Christmas in the arctic regions! At 6 o'clock we had our breakfast—thin soup made of peas, carrots, blubber and potatoes. Our Christmas dinner was served at 1 o'clock—first course, a stew of seal meat, onions, blubber, potatoes and breadcrumbs; second course, served one hour after first, a stew of raisins, blubber and milk; dessert, a cup of hot chocolate. One of our party had some tobacco still left, and he very kindly made a cigarette for each one in our little party.

"I will wager that in all Christendom that day not another present was given or received that gave such intense delight to the recipients as did those little rolls of tobacco and paper. They were quickly aflame and being puffed away at for dear life, and thus my most memorable Christmas—a Christmas near the north pole—ended in smoke."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Vacations as Christmas Presents.

In a letter to the employees of the Bourne mills of Fall River, Mass., announcing the regular profit sharing dividend on Dec. 24 last, Treasurer George A. Chase said: "The board of directors has unanimously authorized me to announce to you the experiment of a vacation week in August, 1907. The mills will close Aug. 24 and reopen Sept. 3, thus allowing you ten days of rest and recreation. In lieu of regular pay you will get an extra dividend on your wages, payable just before the vacation, to the amount of 50 per cent of the average weekly wages." This promise was faithfully kept.

SUNDAY LAWS.

The test of laws for compulsory observation of Sunday is their reasonableness, says the Minneapolis Tribune. If such laws be held reasonable by the general opinion of the community, they can be enforced permanently whenever anybody will take the trouble.

If they be held unreasonable by the general opinion of the community, they can be enforced just as easily because they are laws. But in that case the general sentiment of the community will either bring about their alteration or wear out the patience of the champions of law enforcement with continually accumulating dead weight of passive resistance.

Does anybody suppose that the metropolitan city of New York is going to endure closing of all houses of amusement and entertainment on Sunday? Does anyone suppose that the large cities of Nebraska, Kansas and perhaps Iowa are going to submit permanently to closing, not only of theatres, but of shops dealing in daily necessities and to stoppage of street car lines?

We do not know whether this attempt to enforce extreme laws is made by friends or enemies of reasonable Sunday closing. If by friends, the gods have doomed them to destruction. If by enemies, they know jolly well what they are about.

The inevitable result of extreme and unnecessary prevention of business and enjoyment on Sunday is reaction, which may easily reach the other extreme of debauchery and disorder.

PETER MATTHEWS DEAD.

Peter Matthews, one of the oldest residents of Delta county, died at his home in Escanaba last Tuesday morning. He had been ill for some weeks and his death was not unexpected through not so soon.

Mr. Matthews was 66 years of age, having been born at Guelph, Ont., Nov. 8, 1841. When 21 years of age Mr. Matthews left Canada and came to the states settling at Fond du Lac, Wis., where he entered the employ of the North-Western road. In 1864 he came to Escanaba continuing in the employ of the railroad company and a short time later was made foreman of the car repair department at the local shops which position he held up to the time of his retirement. He retired from the employ of the North-Western in August 1905 after having been continuously employed by that company for a period of 43 1/2 years. In June of the following year he was placed on the company's pension roll. In 1867 after coming to Escanaba, Mr. Matthews was married and of the marriage five children were born, two of whom survive the father. Mrs. Matthews preceded her husband in death having died Dec. 3, 1905. S. M. Matthews and Irving P. Matthews, both of Escanaba, are the surviving children. Mr. Matthews was the youngest of a family of eight brothers, Robert Matthews and the Rev. Henry Matthews of Toronto, Ont., surviving him.

Peter Matthews was largely interested in lands in this peninsula and held a large interest in Gladstone real estate. He was a Mason and his funeral was conducted by that order on Thursday.

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TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 8, 1878.
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
MARQUETTE, MICH.
October 12, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, William Klotz, of Perkins, county of Delta, State of Michigan, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 1826, for the purchase of the nw 1/4 of section No. 4, in Township No. 41 north, range No. 23 west, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Clerk of the Circuit Court at Escanaba, Mich., on Friday the 27th day of December, 1907.

He names as witnesses:
Adelard Leduc, Fred Gerou, John Gerou and Frank Klotz, all of Perkins, Mich.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 27th day of December, 1907.

JAMES J. DONOVAN,
Register.

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TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 8, 1878.
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
MARQUETTE, MICH.
October 17, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Arthur Menard, of Groos, county of Delta, State of Michigan, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 1827, for the purchase of the nw 1/4 of section No. 1, in Township No. 41 north, range No. 23 west, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Clerk of the Circuit Court at Escanaba, Mich., on Friday, the 27th day of December, 1907.

He names as witnesses:
Moses Garner and William Garner, of Newhall, Mich., and Napoleon Jeatecart and Nephthie Menard, of Groos, Mich.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 27th day of December, 1907.

JAMES J. DONOVAN,
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For the convenience and as a special inducement to those who desire to avoid the great afternoon and evening rush, we offer a special Discount of Five Per Cent. on all holiday goods when purchases are made before eleven o'clock in the forenoon

The crowds are growing greater every day for THERE ARE ONLY FOUR SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS and we earnestly advise the early morning hours for comfortable shopping. Here's a good thing for hurried shoppers to remember—the name FAIR SAVINGS BANK is a guarantee of the very highest standard of merchandise—a personal pledge of satisfaction, and no matter how hurried you are, errors are not likely to occur. We'll right your mistakes as well as ours. This, with the fact that our prices are at all times absolutely lowest in the city, quality considered, makes this

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ONE FOURTH OFF FROM REGULAR

One table of odd pieces of French and Royal Austrian China, closing out at one fourth off from regular prices

See the new arrivals of pieces of American Cut Glass. Buy your cut glass gifts here at a saving of one third.

Rapid River Locals.

Mrs. P. Denny and Francis returned home Friday. She has been visiting for two months in Indiana; and Francis is taking a Christmas vacation from Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Wicklander and Mr. and Mrs. James Callahan came down from the camp this week to spend Christmas here.

Kurz Bros. transacted business here this week.

The U. and I. club feature the event of the Christmas season next Friday at Hooks' Hall. It is a masquerade, with good music and prizes for the best characters.

Richard Busch is visiting his parents for the holidays. The Crapo or Crapaud (spelling not guaranteed) club will meet at Kniskern's Sunday evening.

Mrs. Joseph Savoie was in Gladstone Wednesday.

A basket social and concert will be given for the Catholic church at Hooks' Hall, Dec. 30. The famous Escanaba male quartette will sing. Admission, children 10 cent, adults, a quarter.

Miss Alice Ambrust visited Cavill's camp Wednesday.

Mr. Berton sold out his store this week at reduced rates and will move to Ludington, Mich.

The ladies of the Congregational church did well Saturday with their fair in Maccabee hall.

Miss Clancy visited friends in Rapid River Saturday and Sunday.

Capt. Jack O'Connell started on his jewelry tour Monday, going first to Kipling.

M. Goldman visited friends in Rapid River Wednesday.

Claude Akeley returned Monday from Montana.

BEAR WATCHING.

The Marquette county school commissioner has issued a warning to the country school districts against an agent selling school supplies, especially pendant globes, atlases and charts, at prices double those for which they could be obtained from reputable wholesalers. He sold these by inducing the purchasers to buy hurriedly, without investigation. In Gladstone he endeavored to make a sale to the school board but was looked upon with disfavor and turned down by Pres. Miller.

Wise Little Willie. "Mamma," said little Willie as he held up a big bundle in the car, "what's in this box?"

"Nothing for you, Willie," said his mother.

"Well, where's my Christmas?"

"Santa Claus will bring that."

"Well, if he gives me anything big like this box I'll know it's you."

CAME TO STAY.

Return of the Prodigal with Money and a Large Check.

Old home week had come, and the returned sons and grandsons were gathered together. One after another they rose and told with pardonable pride their achievements in the great world, impressing their importance on the stay at home. At length Mr. Jameson spoke:

"I went away from here twenty years ago a poor young man, with only one solitary dollar in my pocket. I walked the four miles from my father's farm to the station, and there I begged a ride to Boston on a freight car. Last night I drove into town behind a spirited pair of horses, and my purse—guess how much my purse holds in money today, besides a large check," and Mr. Jameson looked about him with a smile.

"Fifty dollars!"

"Seventy-five!"

"A hundred!" shouted the boys, filled with admiration.

"No," said Mr. Jameson, drawing a large, flat purse from his pocket when the clamor had subsided, "none of you has guessed right. When I had paid the 25 cents to Ozyz Boggs for my refreshing drive in the coach I had, besides my trunk check (which I retained for financial reasons), exactly 4 cents. I have come back, my friends, to stay. Any little jobs of sawing and splitting will be gratefully received."—Woman's Home Companion.

Suspicious. Horse Dealer—"E jumps well, 'e trots beautiful, 'e's as quiet as a lamb, and I'll let you 'ave 'im cheap. Possible Purchaser—Why, what's wrong with him?—London Answers.

Woman is a thing of beauty and an expense forever.—Life.

The Easy Part. "The doctor says you must stop eating meat and drinking whisky." "Well," replied the major, "meat never did agree with me."—Atlanta Constitution.

The best farming lands in Siberia are those nearest to China.

TAX NOTICE

The tax roll for 1907 has been delivered to me, and the taxes are now payable at the office of Mrs. J. W. Pennock, who is authorized to issue receipts. All taxes not paid before Jan. 10, '08, will incur a penalty of 4 per cent.

40 ANDREW MARSHALL City Treasurer.

The transfer car at the coal dock has been set up. This conveys the clamshells from the front to the rear trestles.

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TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Marquette, Mich., Nov. 23, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892, Andrew M. Skaug, of Stonington, county of Delta, state of Michigan, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1884 for the purchase of the Lot No. 1 of Section No. 28 in Township No. 40 north, range No. 20 west, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Escanaba, Mich., on Tuesday the 4th day of February, 1908.

He names as witnesses: Hans Simonsen of Milwaukee, Wis., Christian Skaug of Stonington, Mich., Peder O. Pederson, of Stonington, Mich., Charly Johnson, of Stonington, Mich.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 4th day of February, 1908.

JAMES J. DONOVAN, Register.

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First publication November 9, 1907.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, MARQUETTE, MICH., November 2, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892, Ludvig Brandsoe, of Escanaba, county of Delta, state of Michigan, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1882, for the purchase of the nw ¼ of section No. 14, township No. 43 north, range No. 25 west, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Register and Receiver at Marquette Mich., on Thursday, the 10th day of January, 1908.

He names as witnesses: John A. Metzger, of Masonville Mich., William Luce, of Rapid River, Mich., Patrick Lambson, of Escanaba, Mich., and John Nilsen of Escanaba, Mich.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 10th day of January, 1908.

JAMES J. DONOVAN, Register.

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THE LATEST

A new breakwater will be constructed soon at the Squaw Point lighthouse. Work will begin after the first of the year.

Otto Haberman has purchased M. M. Elder's electric theatre and good will, and will take charge Monday. Mr. Elder returns to Grand Rapids.

The Michigan College of Mines circulates collections of mineral specimens of the state. These are lent to the high schools of the state for scientific study. At present the demand outruns the supply. The Gladstone school has had an application in for some time.

The Buckeye sawmill, after undergoing necessary repairs, will reopen Jan. 6 for a winter's run. The battery of boilers will be increased to six. The cedar mill is closed.

The beautiful cantata, "Flowers of Hope" will be rendered next Thursday evening by the Congregational Sunday school. All are invited. A collection will be taken to assist in defraying the expenses of the annual Christmas tree.

The laws against inclosure of writing in third and fourth class matter provide a penalty of \$10. The exceptions are the name and address of the sender, a designation of contents, and a simple "Merry Christmas" or "Best Wishes" without farther personal communication.

You will notice by Soren Johnson's advertisement in this issue that there will be something doing at the Ice Palace during the Holidays. The buffet will be supervised by the experienced chef, Monsieur Pot de Vin, and everything will be served in either the French or American style, as it may be called for. Ici on parle francais, Norwegian or United States.

The schools close today for a full two weeks' vacation, to the relief of pupils and teachers. Many of the latter welcome an opportunity to revisit their homes.

The juvenile moving picture theatre, which Philo Burt, Jr., has conducted in the rear of the plumbing shop, has closed for the winter, after playing to large and interested audiences.

The board of supervisors will meet on Monday, January 6, to transact the business that will come regularly before them.

The juvenile court system has received its first test in Delta county. Two boys were brought before Judge White this week, for robbing chicken coops. All persons under seventeen are amenable to this tribunal for their misdemeanors, and the judge has great latitude of discretion in these matters.

The cat story that gained such circulation is a cause of considerable annoyance to all who know the facts. Spread broadcast, it encouraged a superstition which should have died out long ago. The physicians of the city unanimously scout the possibility of any animal's drawing a child's breath.

W. H. Fuller sustained injuries Saturday through a fall from a runaway rig, but they did not prove as serious as feared. He is again about.

A. Z. LeBlanc is out again, after a severe recurrence of his illness.

The little daughter of Ed. Sharkey is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

J. T. Whybrew, who has about three hundred thousand poles to transfer from the beach to South Gladstone, has been making an ice road up the hill with the city sprinkler, which he borrowed. With the present light snowfall, there are places on the streets where it might do good work.

Sam Bushnell leaves for Menominee tomorrow night, to spend Christmas with his parents.

Haga & Green have an ad on the third page that is worth reading. They deliver all through the city, as well as at Kipling.

The clear crisp, weather of the past few days has produced good ice, to the joy of skaters and ice boat men. Tomorrow and next day will be joyful to youth.

A daughter was born Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Pearson.

A son was born Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schram.

Milton Buchanan has been suffering from injuries to his knee received by stepping into a culvert.

A son was born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. John Eligert.

The Misses Bushong returned Friday morning from Ohio to spend the holidays.

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Prophecied the Phonograph.
An electrician of New York has a col-
lection of prophecies about the phono-
graph. It is interesting to note that
Emerson prophecied the phonograph's
advent. He said:

"We make the sun paint our por-
traits now. By and by we shall organ-
ize the echoes as we now organize the
shadows."

Maury, in 1844, prophecied more
clearly than Emerson, saying:

"What a pity it is that M. Daguerre,
instead of photography, had not in-
vented a process of writing by merely
speaking through a trumpet at a piece
of paper. Instead of saying, 'I wrote
you a letter last Monday,' the phrase
would have been, 'I spoke you a
ream.'"

Tom Hood prophecied in his Comic
Annual for 1839:

"In this century of inventions, when a
self acting drawing paper has been
discovered for copying invisible ob-
jects, who knows but that some future
Daguerre or Henshall may find out
some sort of Henshall writing paper to
repeat whatever it hears?"

John Chinaman's Joke.

All around Chaotung lies abundance
of silver, copper, coal and iron, but
the Chinese have very primitive ways
of getting the minerals. They admit
foreigners are the best at that kind of
thing, because they have the power of
seeing underground. Some years ago
two Japanese went to Chaotung explor-
ing for silver. The authorities wanted
to test their powers. They buried some
silver nuggets on the parade ground.
Then they took the Japanese a walk
that way. "Is there any silver about
here?" they asked. "No," said the
Japanese, "this is not the kind of soil
in which silver is found." Then the
buried metal was produced from un-
der their feet, amid the loud hilarity
of all Celestial on-lookers, since which
time the Chaotungese have had a pro-
digious contempt for foreigners.

Old Fats.

A member of the school board of
Cleveland was once addressing a class
when he touched upon the beauties of
friendship.

"Friendship, boys and girls," said he,
"is a thing to be cultivated and prac-
ticed by all of us. Read and ponder
the stories of the great friendships of
sacred and profane history. Take them
for your models—David and Jonathan,
Damon and Pythias and Scylla and
Charybdis." Harper's Weekly.

Game of "I Am."

A new puzzle game is called the
game of "I am." Here are several ex-
amples: 1. I am a rainbow. 2. I am an
radical. 3. I am exceedingly cold. 4.
I am an object of worship. 5. I am a
climbing plant. 6. I am surrounded,
yet alone. 7. I am a valuable article
of commerce. 8. I am a thought. 9. I
am a poem. 10. I am perfection. 11.
I am idolatrous. 12. I am a very small
quantity. 13. I am used in medicine.
14. I am an animal. 15. I adore a
culinary delicacy. 16. I know who
others are. 17. I ridicule others. 18.
I am angry. 19. I am Greek. 20. I
am brief. 21. I am the middle of the
month.

The answers are: 1. Iris. 2. Icono-
clast. 3. Icicle. 4. Idol. 5. Ivy. 6.
Island. 7. Ivory. 8. Idea. 9. Idyl. 10.
Ideal. 11. Idie. 12. Iota. 13. Iodine.
14. Ilex. 15. Icing. 16. Identification.
17. Irony. 18. Irate. 19. Ionic. 20.
Item. 21. Ides.

BOOTH'S BLOODHOUND.

A Christmas Gift Which the Great
Actor Did Not Appreciate.

"I remember a Christmas I spent in
Edwin Booth's company many years
ago," said the theatrical manager.
"He had bought a summer residence at
Cos Cob, Conn., the previous summer
and invited me up to play Santa Claus
and do the chimney act. His property
was a fair sized little promontory of
land bounded on one side by the Con-
necticut river, on the other side by
Long Island sound, and the New York
and New Haven tracks formed the
base line. If there is any road affect-
ed by tramps it is that same New Ha-
ven road, and when I arrived, two or
three days before Christmas, there was
a line of them waiting their turn at
the gate that reminded me of a highly
successful advance sale, one tramp
near the gate even offering to sell his
advanced position for 10 cents. Booth
was much worried about the danger-
ous looking fellows, and it struck me
that a dog would be highly appropriate



THE DOG WAS DISAPPEARING IN THE MOON-
LIGHT.

as a gift. I wired to a friend in New
York, and the day before Christmas
the biggest Siberian hound I ever saw
was waiting at the little station for
me. Booth was tickled to death, and
we managed to chain that dog just
inside the main gate near the lodge,
and then we shook hands. It was an
awful big dog, bigger than a little don-
key that arrived on the next train with
a gocart as a present to Booth's little
daughter Edwina.

"Well, we fixed up the presents that
night. I dressed up in fur rugs and
traps as Santa Claus and had arranged
to drive the donkey into the reception
room and distribute the gifts from the
well laden gocart.

"The dog was to remain in the little
shed we had extemporized for him,
but he didn't. He was there on busi-
ness, and he attended to it promptly.
The chain broke like a piece of twine,
and I broke for the balcony, which I
just managed to reach from the cart.
Of course there was a racket, and I
got into the window, and by the time
we had armed ourselves with antique
swords and a Revolutionary musket
the noise had subsided sufficiently for
us to venture forth.

"The dog was just seen in the moon-
light disappearing over the stone wall,
hundreds of dollars' worth of presents
were scattered in the deep snow, and
donkey meat and fur were an inch
deep all over the premises."—Buffalo
Express.

John's Christmas Cake.

The wife of a Los Angeles physician,
active in foreign missionary work of
the Methodist church, was asked by the
women of the congregation to contrib-
ute a large cake to their holiday festi-
val and bazaar. She consented to add
her mite to the enterprise and called
in her Chinese cook, a converted orien-
tal.

"John," she said, "I am going to
send a cake over to the church to be
sold, and I want you to bake it. You
know all that the missionaries have
done for your people in China and
how glad you are that they have saved
you from darkness. I want you to
show your gratitude by making the
nicest and biggest cake you can."

The Chinaman got to work, and next
morning the cake was sent over to the
church. He tied the package up so
neatly that the physician's wife did
not think it worth while to undo it to
look it over. That afternoon she re-
ceived a telephone message from one
of the women in charge of the festival
saying there were doubts among the
committee whether she would be satis-
fied to have the cake go into the baz-
aar in the condition in which it was
received.

Much annoyed, the donor hurried
over to the church. The cake was large
and savory. The icing was marked with
colored sugar, in elaborate and intri-
cate designs of oriental art. Across the
top also in large letters was the in-
scription:

"From Mrs. Jessop to Jesus."—New
York World.

Everybody's Nice.

The janitor is courteous now.
The bellboy too.
Obsequious is the barber's bow
When he gets through
His fussing o'er your raven hair.
On every side
You meet with truly loving care
At Christmas-tide.

The bootblack piles a busy whisk
On unseemly dirt.
And every one is prompt and brisk
And never curt.
Politeness is with all the rule.
For they whom
Devoutly hope and trust that Yule
Remember them.

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

QUEER CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Some of the Things Found by the
British Dead Letter Office.

During the ten days preceding Christ-
mas about 190,000 parcels are handled
every twenty-four hours by British
postoffice officials, or approximately
1,750,000 for the entire ten days during
which the rush lasts.

The contents of many of the parcels
are, to say the least, somewhat curi-
ous, says the Pictorial Magazine. A
hamper of live leeches, for instance,
seems a strange sort of Christmas
gift. So does an artificial leg. Yet
both of these were among the parcels
"treated" last Christmas. Another long
coffin shaped box excited suspicion on
account of the odor emanating there-
from. On opening it, however, nothing
more dreadful was found than a young
alligator in a dormant condition. An-
other evil smelling hamper was found
to contain no fewer than 300 dead
mice, while yet a third inclosed a de-
funct puppy consigned for postmortem
purposes to an eminent surgeon.

Christmas presents of live animals
are constantly being sent through the
post notwithstanding the fact that the
practice is strictly prohibited. Pigeons,
rabbits, white mice, rats, ferrets, silk-
worms, lizards, snakes, guinea pigs
and even on one occasion a pet lamb
have all been dealt with at some pe-
riod or other.

No longer ago than last Christmas
eve a box was intercepted containing
150 live frogs, and a short time before
twelve healthy young adders were dis-
covered in an innocent looking hamper
which was supposed to contain poultry.

Some of the inclosures are decidedly
sarcastic. Of this class was a two foot
long cane bearing the indorsement: "A
Christmas present for Johnny. For
outward application only. To be well
rubbed in."

KING HEROD'S ROOSTER.

The Legend of St. Stephen, First of
the Noble Army of Martyrs.

Ever since that first Christmas eve
the cock has crowed all night long on
the anniversary to keep away evil
spirits, for the cock is a holy bird and
a knowing one. There is a pleasant
tale of him and St. Stephen, the first
martyr, whose day is Dec. 26, close by
his dear Lord's.

St. Stephen was King Herod's stew-
ard, it seems, who served him in the
kitchen and at table. One night as he
was bringing in the boar's head for his
master's dinner he saw the star shin-
ing over Bethlehem. Immediately he
set down the huge platter and ex-
claimed:

"No longer, Herod, will I be thy ser-
vant, for a greater King than thou is
born."

"What aileth thee?" cried the king
wrathfully. "Do you lack meat or
drink that you would desert my ser-
vice for another's?"

"Nay," answered Stephen; "I lack
neither meat nor drink, but the Child
that is born this night is greater than
all of us, and him only will I serve."

"That is as true," quoth Herod, smit-
ting the table with his fist, "as that this
roast cock on the platter shall crow be-
fore us."

Hardly were the words out of his
mouth when the cock stretched his
neck and crowed lustily, "Christus na-
tus est!" At this proof that Stephen's
words were true Herod was so angry
that he made his soldiers take Stephen
outside the walls of Jerusalem and
stone him to death. And this is the
reason why unto this day St. Stephen
is the patron of stonecutters.—Abbie
Farwell Brown in Lippincott's Maga-
zine.

THE NEWSBOYS' PIE.

It Took Man Who Looked Like Bing-
ham to Find It.

Tramp! Tramp! Tramp! Two hun-
dred and fifty pairs of little feet, keep-
ing step, are marching to dinner in the
New York newsboys' lodging house.
Five hundred pairs more are restlessly
awaiting their turn upstairs. In prison,
hospital and almshouse the great city
is host and gives of her plenty.
Here an unknown friend has spread a
generous repast for the waifs who all
the rest of the days shift for them-
selves as best they can—turkey, cof-
fee and pie, with vegetables to fill in.
As the file of eagle eyed youngsters
passes down the long tables there are
swift movements of grimy hands, and
shirt waists bulge, ragged coats sag
at the pockets. Hardly is the file seat-
ed when the plaint rises: "I ain't got
no pie! It got swiped on me!" Seven
despoiled ones hold up their hands.

The superintendent laughs—it is
Christmas eve. He taps one tentatively
on the bulging shirt. "What have you
here, my lad?"

"Me pie," responds he, with an inno-
cent look. "I was scart it would get
stole."

A little fellow who has been eying
one of the visitors attentively takes his
knife out of his mouth and points it at
him with conviction.

"I know you," he pipes. "You're a
p'lice commissioner. I seen yer picture
in the papers. You're Bingham!"

The clatter of knives and forks
ceases suddenly. Seven pies creep
stealthily over the edge of the table
and are replaced on as many plates.
The visitors laugh. It was a case of
mistaken identity.—Century.

Where Bells Ring Underground.

Near Raleigh, in Nottinghamshire,
England, there is a valley said to have
been caused by an earthquake several
hundreds of years ago, and it is now
usual on Christmas morning for old
men and women to tell their children
and young friends to go to the valley,
stoop down and hear the bells ringing
merrily in the ruins of the church un-
der the ground.—Tit-Bits.

**The Kaiser's
Christmas.**

PROBABLY no European court
gives Christmas presents on so
extended a scale as the kaiser's.

Every one gives presents to ev-
ery one else, and for weeks before
Christmas secret inquiries are made
about the most suitable gifts to be-
stow. The empress and her seven chil-
dren mysteriously dash about Berlin
and Potsdam, visiting jewelers, toy-
shops and other establishments where
something new or striking is to be had,
and they hold a levee every morning
of tradesmen whom they have no time
to visit.

The kaiser does no shopping him-
self, but he is the greatest Christmas
box giver of all. His presents in
every case exactly fit the wishes of the
happy recipient. Last year, for in-
stance, he makes a list of the people
he intends making presents to, he
heads the list, and at the same time
ly some old pensioner, a house-
keeper who has seen his son, a
henzoellers for half a century.
Soon before Christmas the kaiser
sends the kaiser a bag



HE BELLOWED OUT THE ONE WORD "MA-
JESTAET!"

gold twenty and ten mark pieces and
another of silver five mark pieces. His
majesty fills his pockets when he goes
walking in the parks at Potsdam, and
the little children and old men and
women who are fortunate enough to
meet him or soldiers standing sentry,
stamping in the snow, are certain of a
gift, accompanied not infrequently by
a joke.

The kaiser's best side is seen at
Christmas. There is a story current
that once near the palace of Sans
Souci the kaiser came upon a half
frozen sentinel with very red nose and
eyes. The sentinel, with stiff fingers,
brought his rifle to the salute.

"Cold day," said his majesty. The
sentinel did not reply, but his teeth
chattered.

"How long have you been on duty?"
asked the kaiser. Still no reply.

"Stupid!" said his majesty. "Why
don't you speak when I address you?"

The sentinel moved his jaws and lips,
but no word escaped. The kaiser burst
out laughing and, turning to his ad-
jutant, said:

"Take this chap into the palace, put
him before a fire, thaw him out, par-
ticularly his jaws, see he gets a big
hot drink and a big feed, and, here,"
turning to the sentry, "take this and
drink my health and the empress'!"

The soldier found voice at last. He
bellowed out the one word "Majes-
taet!"

The empress is always practical with
her gifts. Every year her majesty
grows more popular among the best el-
ements of the people. Her unassuming
ways, entire freedom from hauteur,
consideration for servants and kindly
interest in the welfare of the poor and
helpless endear her in ever wider
circles of Germans. She is fond of pre-
sented ladies with costly lace.

The young princes, headed by the
crown prince, show little discrimina-
tion in their gifts—scarfpins, rings,
dogs, cigarette cases, matchboxes, and
so on, being their staple gifts, varied
sometimes by a book, a picture or a
statuette. Victoria Louise's gifts of
dolls to her friends are numerous. To
favored friends she does not mind pre-
sented kitchen ranges and furnished
dolls' houses. She is in close asso-
ciation with the matrons' and soldiers'
orphanages at Potsdam, and the num-
ber of little girls who receive her gifts
is enormous. Stores of oranges and
honey cakes are collected by her for
distribution on Christmas eve.—New
York World.

An Old Christmas Custom.

A century or two ago there was a
custom in Germany for all the parents
in a town or village to send the pres-
ents they designed for their children to
one chosen individual, who called at
each house clad in a motley robe, a
mask and a huge flaxen wig. Knock-
ing on the door, he called in a loud
voice for all the good children to ap-
pear and receive the gifts which the
Christ Child, the Christ-Kindlein, had
sent them. This was the primeval
Kriss Kringle. Coleridge describes this
custom and records that the bad little
children had a red left for their cor-
rection.—Brooklyn Citizen.

The Breast Pin

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"Is he deserving?" said Powers. "Deserving?" exclaimed Rogers passionately. "Am I deserving of the brain and the self control which permit me to make money where other men starved? Do I deserve the thousand luxuries that I enjoy? Why, Powers, there are fifty men in Sing Sing tonight who have tried harder to do right than ever I have tried and who have failed because of inherited weakness and a vicious environment. All I dare ask is, 'Is he in need?' And when I have given him a few pieces of paper made magical by the name of Uncle Sam I chuckle to myself, like the egotistical old ass I am, because I have got it to give."

Secretly had Rogers ceased speaking when Jimmy Reagan was ushered in by the clerk. He was eight years old. He wore a pair of trousers which had evidently been made for a grown man. Upon his red head was perched a glazed cap. His faded coat was buttoned about his neck with a horseshoe nail. Constant exercise in the open air had crimsoned Jimmy's cheeks and

howl. Rogers ran to the hall. When he found two lusty waiters he began to eject a small red-headed boy. He was fighting like a wildcat. When Rogers appeared he tore himself loose from his captors and ran to his benefactor. "They wouldn't let me come in," he sobbed, "en I only wanted to tell you dat I couldn't find Sandy, but I got de Krismas present fur a lonely ole joker-meself."

Rogers took Jimmy into the brilliantly lighted parlor and quieted him with soothing words, while the members of the club to the number of fifty gathered around the strangely assorted pair.

"Well, Jimmy," said Rogers, "what did you get for my Christmas?"

Jimmy took from his pocket a small pasteboard box and, lifting the lid, displayed a gleaming red glass stone set in a framework of brass. It was a tawdry horror, a frightful burlesque on art, but not a man smiled as it was passed around for inspection among the club members.

"How much did you pay for this beautiful jewel?" asked Rogers.

"Ain't it a corker?" said Jimmy, with shining eyes. "I knowed you'd like it. It cost a quarter, en I beat de dago down 10 pence. I showed it to de big copper Mahoney, en he said it was just



KREIG SPREAD HIS THIN HANDS OUT TOWARD THE GLOWING GRATE.

made his eyes shine with diamond-like luster. He was gnawing on a big red apple.

"Say, Mr. Rogers," said he, "dere is a Sandy Claws, ain't dere? Flaherty says he's only a man."

"Of course dere is, Jimmy," said Rogers. "He was in here a while ago, and he left this overcoat for you."

The coat was lined with red flannel, and it wrapped Jimmy's form like a blanket. He was intoxicated with delight. He walked up and down the room like a hussar on dress parade. As he ran his hand down into a capacious pocket his fingers touched something cold, and he drew out a handful of ten cent pieces.

"Hully gee!" said he. "I ain't never seen so many dimes in me life. Did Sandy put dem in de pocket?"

"Yes, Jimmy, I think he did," said Rogers.

"Sandy is a dago, ain't he?" said Jimmy.

"No; I believe he is a German," replied Rogers.

"Oh, he's Dutch, is he?" said Jimmy. "Didn't he bring you nuttin'?"

"No," laughed Rogers; "he forgot me this year. I suppose he was too busy taking care of de children."

Jimmy looked up wistfully into the face of the big man smiling down upon him; then he said:

"Wouldn't you like to have Sandy bring you a injine or a new pair o' stockin's?"

"No, Jimmy," replied Rogers, patting the boy upon the head, "but if you happen to run across Santa Claus tell him to bring me something that would please a lonely ole joker." And Jimmy vanished into the twilight.

Rogers and his partner were silent as they rode uptown in Powers' automobile. Rogers was thinking of "the names he loved to hear," which had been "carved for many a year on the tomb." There was no loving smile to greet him when he arrived at his luxurious bachelor apartments. No clamoring children clung to his coat as he sat down in solitary state to his dinner. Oppressed by thronging memories, he ate only a few mouthfuls and drove to his club to chase away the blues in light hearted companionship.

It was a gala night at the Atlanta club, and Rogers was the center of the merriment. A huge Christmas tree stood in the parlor, and all kinds of odd and satirical presents were handed to the members. Rogers had been presented with a pair of blue overalls, which he put on over his dress trousers. The air was filled with banter and jollity when the attention of the members was attracted to the hall by the noise of a scuffle and a piercing

de cheese fur a lonesome old joker, en he couldn't go to sleep when de jool was in de room."

This provoked a roar of laughter from the hearers, and in answer to the frantic appeals from all parts of the room Rogers stuck the atrocity in the middle of his shirt front, where it gleamed like a locomotive headlight.

The church bells were ringing in the birth of a new Christmas as Rogers and Jimmy left the club together. As they stepped into the street Jimmy pulled at Rogers' coat tail. The banker looked down at the boy beside him, who seemed to be uneasy. He shifted from one foot to the other and dug his toe into the snow.

"What is it, my boy?" said Rogers kindly.

"I didn't want to say nuttin' to you inside," said Jimmy eagerly, "'cause I was 'fraid de swell guys 'ud be fallin' at me. De teacher in de night school says dat if Sandy Claws don't bring you nuttin' you mus' be a small Sandy yourself. En she giv' me a little piece to speak tonight in de school."

Here Jimmy stopped to fumble in his trousers until he found a piece of soft-edged copy book paper. Holding it up to Rogers, the boy said:

"I don't know it yet, 'cause dere's big words in it."

Rogers smoothed the paper out upon his palm. Then he adjusted his spectacles, and, walking to the light of a drug store window a few feet away, he read aloud:

"I expect to pass through this world but once. If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, for I shall not pass this way again."

Perhaps it was an act of simple courtesy or it may have been a deeper feeling that prompted the millionaire to raise his hat with the courtesy of a Chesterfield as he handed the Earl of Derby's epitaph back to the eager-eyed boy.

"It's all to de mustard, ain't it?" said Jimmy. "En dat's de reason I give you de breast pin."

"And what did the rich man say, Jimmy?" said Miss Williams, the schoolteacher, at 8 o'clock on Christmas night.

"De snow was a-fallin' on his bald head, en he was kind o' solemn, en he says, 'Out o' de mouth o' babies en suckers comes wisdom.' Was he a-guyin' me, Miss Williams?"

The Other Woman's Opinion.

"How well she preserves her youth." "Yes. The stuff she puts on her face must be weatherproof."—Chicago Record-Herald.

CHRISTMAS PAST.

Gladstone's first Christmas, Dec. 25, 1837, was a booming one. The Soo road has just been completed into Sault Ste. Marie. The Milwaukee & Northern was mapped by the promoters entering Gladstone by the Bay's River valley. It was intended to pave Milwaukee Avenue with wooden blocks, and a special election had been called to authorize bonds for the purchase of the fire engine and hose. Few familiar names in our annals appear in the Delta of twenty years ago.

At that time Delta Avenue was lined with scattered buildings, which still exist, but the gaps are filled up by newer buildings. The elevator and the floor docks were just about to be built, and most of the stone's glories were still in the realm of fancy. Some of them are there yet, but as a whole, since the boom days, the outlook has never been brighter.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

Christmas comes but once a year, but it comes every year to children and to prosperous people. So far back as English history extends the close of the year has been a merry time to all in health and with money to spend. You may note by the well-filled columns of The Delta that Gladstone is prosperous; no little city in Christendom is in better case to gather around the Yule log or the coal stove, as the case may be, and make merry with the fat of the land. A glance in the shop windows shows them filled with good things to eat, to wear and to look at. From every part of the world come the choicest productions of the earth and of human industry to add to the joy that comes to all at Christmas.

"It's a poor heart that never rejoices," and there is no season when rejoicing is easier to all than at this time of the year when all hearts are filled with kindly emotions, and even the poorest may hope to partake of Christmas cheer with their more fortunate fellows.

Among the abundance displayed in store and shop there is something for all; a very little suffices to make the children happy, and very little more will please the children of a larger growth if their hearts are free from covetousness and envy.

Gladstone's first Christmas was celebrated in 1837, and there was no lack of good cheer. Not many of the "old timers" remain in the city now; the present fashion of wandering and the ease of travelling have taken most of them who survive far from the shores of Bay de Noc. Those who remain will note that the increasing prosperity of our land has added greatly to the splendor and abundance of successive holidays.

The great stocks of all kinds which our merchants now carry are a decisive proof that America is, indeed, a land of plenty. Note the announcements of the merchants in these columns and then look over the goods they offer; you will find that so far from exaggerating, they do not tell half the story. Every taste and every purse can be suited by the dealers of Gladstone. But these all speak for themselves in The Delta this week, and you will do well to deal with the neighbors whose integrity you know, rather than with strangers at a distance whom you have never seen nor "their adoption tried," as old Polonus hath it.

COSMOPOLITAN CHRISTMAS.

How Philadelphia Celebrates the Yuletide of Many Peoples.

It is not the Christmas of one land, but the Christmas of many, that Philadelphia celebrates.

In no two Christian countries is the great natal day observed with the same rites and customs. In the foreign settlements of Philadelphia these variant forms, transported from the old lands, are kept alive. Indeed, at no other time are the various nationalities so very different as at Christmas.

In Little Italy, for instance, the "sacred Bambino," or Christ Child, is worshipped for nine days before Christmas. In every Italian home a novena is said, and a bagpipe player discourses daily before a Christmas shrine the "nacimiento."

In the city there are German children who, not knowing Santa Claus, look for the coming of Kriss Kringle and Knave Ruprecht on Christmas eve—the Christ Child distributing presents and the Knave leaving switches for the chastisement of naughty little ones.

In the Swedish quarter, in the vicinity of Swanson and Christian streets, sheaves of wheat are placed at windows or on housetops, that the birds as well as people may have a Christmas feast.

In a Chinese church Christmas hymns are sung in the language of Confucius, a most impressive and unusual ceremony.

A colony of Syrians observe exceedingly peculiar ceremonies in Philadelphia, one being enlightened by a dancer who balances a keg of beer on his head.

In the Kensington section the clicking of countless shuttles gives place to the Yuletide customs of merry England, so faithfully observed that the spectator might easily imagine himself transported magically to the "Merry Little Isle" itself.—Philadelphia North American.

Cure For Hiccoughs.

Stretch a clean towel over a glass of water and drink through the towel.

YULETIDE THOUGHTS

We have a few suggestions to make, to those who purchase gifts for others, and for themselves at this HOLIDAY SEASON.

Our stock, the Largest in the City devoted to **MEN'S and BOYS' FURNISHINGS**, is open to the inspection of all, and we court the fullest examination of price and quality. We buy and handle a large stock for this and other stores, and our customers get the advantage of our big scale and prompt dealings.

FOR YOUR OWN USE

OR

A GIFT TO A FRIEND

Look Over This List of New and Attractive Goods.

Smoking Jackets, Neckwear, Fancy Shirts, Silk Mufflers, Silk Handkerchiefs, Initial Handkerchiefs in silk or linen, Fancy Suspenders, Fur lined Gloves and Mittens, Suit Cases and Trunks, etc.

Remember Our Stock of

Men's and Boys' Overcoats, Suits, Hats, Caps, Shirts, Underwear, etc., are all included in the shopper's list as ideas of

APPROPRIATE CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

WE ARE OPEN EVENINGS

UNTIL THE NEW YEAR

AND YOU ARE WELCOME AT ANY TIME.

We are pleased to show you our goods, whether you purchase or not. You will see, however, if you make a comparison that it is satisfactory and profitable to Trade with us.

Wishing you a

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

We are, Yours to Please,

THE HUB

THE DAYLIGHT CLOTHIERS