

Christmas Gifts for All

We offer you the most desirable line to choose your presents from. Our carefully selected display of Holiday Attractions will impress you with its worth, beauty and reasonable prices. Every department is filled with the newest and best of the season.

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In our Book Department you will find hundreds of Books for Boys and Girls at 25, 30, 35 and 50 cents. The latest and best of the copyrights at 50c each. The best of the new books at popular prices. Books for the Children in linen and paper, 5 cents to 50 cents each. Dainty Gift Books, Poems and Birthday Books.

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The latest and best from Eaton, Crane & Pike and other leading manufacturers. Beautiful Holiday packages 10c to \$2.00 each. We have just received an assortment of Delft Initial Correspondence Cards and Stationery—Very nice, 25 cents per box.

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A large assortment of Novelties in Brass and Copper, both useful and ornamental.

Waterman Ideal Fountain Pens, the best made, plain or gold mounted, \$2.50 to \$8.00. Other makes at lesser prices.

A good assortment of Mirrors, Toilet Cases and Novelties in the new PARISIAN IVORY—a little expensive but very nice.

Chocolates PARK & TILFORD AND APOLLO in Xmas packages, 1-2 pound to 5 pounds each, 25c to \$3.00.

Cigars in Xmas packages; an acceptable present for the smoker.

Perfumes and Toilet Waters. The best odors from Palmer, Hudnut, Roger & Gallet, Harmony, and Colgate.

Dolls, Toys and Games. We are always careful to have a fine line of these goods that appeal to the little folks. This year's stock is the best ever.

KODAKS, KNIVES, SCISSORS, BIBLES, TOILET AND MANICURE CASES, BRUSHES, MIRRORS, POST CARD ALBUMS AND BOXES, POST CARDS, BOOKLETS, SEALS AND TAGS and many appropriate gifts that cannot be here enumerated.

You will find our Christmas Offerings are in harmony with your Christmas Needs. Our prices in harmony with your pocket-book. From inexpensive articles to more costly gifts, we offer for your selection the newest and best of the season. Let us show you our Holiday Attractions. A hearty welcome, no matter whether you come to see or buy at the Pharmacy of

Chas. H. Howard Co.

The Rexall Store

SOUTH PARIS, MAINE.

Christmas and Christmas Shopping

fill the thoughts now. What to give is the perplexing thing now. If it's a gift for a man or boy, you'll find this store the place. Stocks were never better than now. This store is full of new novelties. You'll find here just the things he would buy for himself. Just the things he would be pleased with. We advise early selection. If you are not ready to buy, we'll gladly lay aside anything you want and have it ready when called for. Just a few of the many things are mentioned below.

Hart Schaffner & Marx

Suits and Overcoats make one of the best gifts. It's the make of clothes he would prefer because, they're all wool, the styles are correct and the prices are reasonable.

Handkerchiefs

In white, 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c. Initial handkerchiefs, 10c, 15c and 25c. Black and white silk, plain or initial for 50c.

Christmas Neckwear

New and attractive holiday colorings. All shapes—tricks, four-in-hands, bows, strings and other shapes.

Combination Sets

of hosiery, necktie and silk handkerchief in fancy box, blues, blacks, purple and other colors for \$1. Combination boxes of hose and tie, all colors for 50c and \$1.

Holiday Umbrellas

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Bath Robes

Several times the largest assortment we have ever carried. Blues, greens, reds, tans, etc. The better grades have slippers to match, free.

\$3.50, \$5.00 and \$7.00

Gloves for Holiday Giving

Dress gloves, lined or unlined, 50c to \$2.00. Fur lined dress gloves, \$2.50 to 3.50. Heavy fur lined driving gloves, \$2.75 and 3.00. Full and complete stock of boys' gloves.

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All good wearing goods, attractively boxed, 25c and 50c. Suspenders with garters to match for 50c. All colors in fancy arrandis, 25c and 50c.

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AMONG THE FARMERS.

"SPREAD THE FLOW."

Correspondence on practical agricultural topics is solicited. Address all communications to Editor, THE COMMERCE, Agricultural Editor, 100 Main Street, South Paris, Me.

Apple Growing in Northwest.

HIGH PRICE OF LAND AND DISTANCE FROM MARKET FACTORS WHICH AFFECT COMPETITION WITH EASTERN ORCHARDS.

(E. H. Thomson, Washington, D. C., in Tribune Farmer.)

We can learn from the experience of others, and especially from the true in farming. Many of the most difficult agricultural problems that confront the American farmer to-day are being worked out by a study of the experience of farmers in different regions. One of the most interesting, as well as of great importance, is the development of the fruit industry in the different parts of this country.

Successful farming is, as a rule, based on well grounded experience, but in the case of the apple growing industry, as found in some of our newly developed regions, this is not true. The most successful growers of this paper are well acquainted with conditions in the fruit growing districts of our Eastern states, and a brief discussion of this same industry in the Pacific states may prove of interest.

Many persons fail to understand the true proportions of the present fruit growing business, particularly of apple production. This type of farming has developed very rapidly within the last ten or fifteen years, and is now one of the most important industries in the West.

For the year 1909 the last census gives the total production of apples in Washington and Oregon as 1,000,000 bushels, or 100,000,000 pounds.

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LUCKY PETERS

He Deserved the Name

By CLARISSA MACKIE

The men standing around the general store smiled knowingly as Frank Peters stepped to the postoffice window.

"Any mail for me, captain?" asked Frank pleasantly.

"Same as usual, Frank," returned the postmaster, showing a huge pile of mail matter through the narrow opening. "Beams to me your crowding here around my store—how I'm run for representative while Hannibal Flamm tries to get the postoffice! When I'm defeated on the state ticket what'll I do without my postoffice job, eh?"

There was an embarrassed silence among the voters of Little River, while Captain Lemming surveyed them from the window, followed by a sign of relief as the door opened and the postmaster stepped out.

He tossed the catalogues on the seat of the light wagon and sprang in. The sorrel twitched his ears, waved his scanty brush of tail and started off. Frank turned to shout back at the spectators, "Anybody going my way?"

Hannibal Flamm detached himself from the group and waved a restraining hand. "You can take me along, Frank," he said, and laboriously lifted some pounds weight on to the seat beside the younger man.

They drove down the village street and turned into a road that bordered the winding river. The trees arched overhead and the hot sun beamed through the leaves of the open trees and late summer flowers.

"Mighty pretty weather," murmured Frank Peters, his gray eyes contentedly resting on the scenery.

"Hum," returned Hannibal reflectively. "Too bad how you were stung on getting this mail, Frank."

"Never mind," returned Peters cheerfully. "Better luck next time."

"It's all right to say that, but how long are you ever going to get rid of her?"

"I'm not going to get rid of her. She suits me all right."

"I guess you're the first Peters that ever drove a spavined horse."

"Hannibal Flamm was Frank's brother-in-law, and he took advantage of the relationship to make snide and complimentary remarks regarding the shortcomings of Mr. Peters and to remind him with stinging emphasis of the many times that unlucky gentleman had been bitten in various business ventures."

"You can't even plant early June peas without having 'em come up rowdy," he ended complacently.

"I bought those last early June peas from you, Han," reminded Frank mildly. "You oughtn't to have been surprised if they came up early."

But Hannibal Flamm, who had not been successful in his efforts to oust Captain Lemming from the postoffice, swung Frank's hand and said, "Hum, very significantly."

Resting a Model.

Adolphe Mausel, the German painter, at one time was engaged on a work of mural decoration and kept a man posed in an exceedingly fatiguing position on a scaffold for two hours. The great painter was so tired that he fell from the scaffold and died.

"Certainly, my dear sir. Come down right away and you shall have your reward."

As the model was descending from the scaffolding his limbs assumed a position which was one for which the artist had long been looking.

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Here and There.

"Jury of women convict a woman," says a newspaper heading. Well, what do you expect?

A report from Somerset County says the apple crop has been disappointing there on account of the worms which infest nearly all varieties. And yet those worms are practically eliminated by up-to-date orchard methods.

In a recent football game for the benefit of a hospital in Pennsylvania, eight players were seriously injured and three others less severely. At any rate that gave the hospital the benefit of a number of patients, if nothing more.

It is said to be a fact that a Saco factory is making an order of a thousand woodpecker nests, which are to be used in Massachusetts orchards to attract the woodpeckers and induce them to stay for the purpose of getting rid of the pests which make food for them. This shows something of progress in one direction at least. Not so many years ago a great many people looked upon woodpeckers as birds which damaged the trees, and were legitimate game for the hunter.

The big fourteen-inch gun which has recently been installed by the government at Sandy Hook for coast defense, at a cost of \$130,000, and which was regarded as the latest word in big gun building, burst the other day when being tested. Singularly, in accordance with the pacific character given to the gun by the army officers through the nickname of "Aunt Jane" which they applied to it, no one was injured, though it is almost miraculous that such should be the case.

A New York man in court charged with oversteering his automobile, made the peculiar appeal to the court that he would lose \$50,000 if he was convicted. By the terms of his father's will he would receive \$50,000 if at the age of 30 there were no court convictions against him. It is said that he had a good chance to find out what his fellow governors and the rest of the decent people think of his anarchistic ideas. But that will probably only foster his insane vanity.

Congress has had time to get well under way for the session, and will now adjourn and go home for two weeks.

This controversy between Commissioner of Agriculture Buckley and the Maine Dairymen's Association doesn't make the commissioner look any better to the man on the street; but it does disclose the fact that he should have turned his attention to law and not to agriculture. He says that the dairymen's association is a "trust" and that it is a "monopoly." It is a fact that there are a whole lot of lawyers in Maine who would never have thought of that quibble.

Maline Automobile Association.

Logan Waller, Jr., director of the United States Office of Public Roads, and considered the greatest road authority in this country, today is to be principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Maine Automobile Association to be held in Portland on Friday evening, Dec. 20. In addition to Mr. Waller, the Executive Board of the American Automobile Association, and the man to whom the wonderful success of that organization is due, is to be the second speaker.

Mr. Waller will take for his subject, Highway Legislation Needed in Maine, and his address will represent the good roads side of the Maine Automobile Association. Mr. Batcher, chairman of the Growth of the Automobile, and will represent that side of the Association's platform.

The meeting at which these speakers are to be held in the City Council chamber of the new City Hall, and will be open to the public, ladies included.

The annual meeting of the Association is to be held at the new Fairmount Hotel, beginning at 7 o'clock. At this session, the annual election of officers will take place, and the annual reports will be read. The Association has had a marvelous growth during the past year, and from a membership of 250 at the last annual meeting, has grown to over 2,000, and is now considered to be one of the most active and influential civic bodies in the State.

The report of the treasurer will show that nearly \$7,000 has been expended during the past year in the good roads and automobile cause in this State.

The public meeting will follow the annual meeting, the latter adjourning in season for the members to go to the City Hall to listen to the address.

The membership of the Maine Automobile Association is now over 2,000, and is expected that a big delegation will be present.

Mr. Page, the principal speaker at the meeting, was born in Richmond, Va., in 1870, and is known the world over as an eminent geologist, authority on highway construction, inventor and writer on scientific subjects. He has been a member of the Massachusetts Highway Commission, was director of the testing laboratory of the Department of Agriculture from 1900 to 1905, and was chief of the division of roads in the United States Department of Agriculture from 1905 to 1908. He has held the position since that time. He is the author of "Testing of Road Materials" and of numerous bulletins and papers on road construction.

Mr. Page is the inventor of both the Page Impact Machine used in testing road material, and is recognized as having developed and standardized all of the modern road material testing apparatus except the Deval abrasion machine. He has especially developed the Dorry Hardness Machine, as now used, and the Page Impact Machine.

Under Mr. Page, the office of Public Roads has developed from a statistical bureau to one of the most important divisions of the Department of Agriculture.

This will be Mr. Page's first visit to Maine to deliver a public address.

A. G. Batcher, chairman of the Executive Board of the American Automobile Association, is one of the founders of that great organization, which now is one of the greatest automobile associations in the entire world. He has been its executive head ever since its establishment.

Blaine Emerson has proved that the valuable fur-bearing animals are more plentiful around Skowhegan than in the woods of upper Somerset. Within three weeks he has caught nearly a hundred dollars' worth of skunks, minks, foxes and weasels. He sold to J. Palmer Merrill this week \$750 worth of skins and furs from these animals and within three weeks he has trapped one fox, one mink, one weasel, eighteen skunks and twenty-two weasels. The first of the season he spent several weeks in the hunting field of upper Somerset and captured only two mink.

Christmas Eve.

Dream, little child! The shadows fall.
O'er the land the mystic veil
That hides the morrow from our eyes
Is swaying in the starlight pale.
Dream, little child! 'Tis Christmas eve.
Dream while the magic hours glide by.
Each wind that blows the snowflakes wild
Is laden with sweet mystery.



Dream, little child! The glowing coals
Are painting pictures on the wall.
Out from the quivering shadows there
You almost hear the thrilling call
Of "Merry Christmas, little maid!
I hope I've brought your heart's desire."
And Santa's shadow just above
Grows like life by the leaping fire.

Dream, little child! The Christmas air
Is glowing with your visions bright,
And all the joys tomorrow holds
Are shining on the page of night.
Dream, little child! And may the years
To you their richest treasures leave,
And may all happy dreams prove real
That come to you this Christmas eve!

CHRISTMAS WITH THE TOILERS OF THE SEA

LANDLUBBERS that you are, did you ever reflect that there is a world where Christmas is as meaningful a day as the 24th or 25th of December? Did you ever think far enough beyond the spicy vapors of your own plum pudding to realize that the seafaring folk were living their Christmas day as if they knew naught of its name? Do you know what it means, however, as well as ever do you, but winds lash and waves thump on the 25th as on every other day, and it's a foolish sailor man who counts on turkey or holly berries. The chances are he'll see little of them.

Christmas is disabbling enough to come in the very beginning of the maddest weather, and the weather never gives way one inch. The pilot boat people and the life savers make pathetic little attempts at holding holiday, but ten to one they will be nothing more than attempts. If the sea chooses to make merry in its own way the sea commands and must be obeyed.

The caplins of the life saving stations along the beach try each year to celebrate with their men, a turkey is always brought to the headquarters and a good meal prepared around it as a star attraction. But anywhere from dramatics to nuts and raisins may come the signal from the coast guard. Perhaps a crab fishing boat has captured, perhaps it is a big ship going down—the result is the same. The Christmas turkey is left to grow cold, the mince pie is forgotten, and it's off to launch the lifeboat and then to the oars and away. Night or day the summons may come. If at night there are a flashing of lights on the beach and a light man against storm, in the blackness of the surf.

On the lightning provision is made for a good dinner, but there the pleasure of the Christmas dinner is lost. The anchor ten miles off shore. Always the clanging of the fog bell heard and the lights are watched, and break in the monotony there is none, save for a better bill of fare to eat when the fog lifts and the lights again, and men forget what Christmas celebrated or that it was celebrated at all.

It was during the carving of the last turkey that the bells rang fiercely, for a fog was driving in past the beach, and lights were being enveloped in it. Two men were among the crew, and they sprang, frightened, away from the table. The old sailors assured them that it was no trouble out of the ordinary, but they could not be induced to come back to the dinner. They are blue now, but are laughing at other new men, but their companions have not forgotten to mention the dinner that they missed by gazing stupidly into a winter fog and expecting the death of themselves or some one else every moment.

Christmas is a lottery to the pilots. No man of them knows when his turn is coming to guide a ship into port, and captains must be guided when it is their captain's will. So the pilots may have a match of the day at home in the midst of Santa Claus gump and tin turkey, but he gets a seedier and over the other pilots may be, they are on the water with a good dinner stowed away awaiting its opportunity, which may or may not come. If a ship is suddenly sighted, then never mind the dinner.

The life on the great steamers and sailing vessels is more systematic, and it is worth while to prepare for as much merriment as the homesickness of empty sea view will permit. There may be a Christmas tree and music and dancing, but, be you a seeder or a landlubber, it's all the same—you would rather be at home over a table that does not roll and spend a Christmas Christmas with all its traditional nonsense. San Francisco Call.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN BETHLEHEM.

AT this season of the year probably no city of the ancient world presents a more picturesque or attractive aspect than Bethlehem, whose population is many times multiplied by the presence of a vast army of pilgrims from every part of the globe. Mecca, in the height of the great annual Moslem festival, or Hardwar, in upper India, at the season of the sacred festival, may have much greater but they cannot be said to have more devout or more cosmopolitan crowds than those that flock to the city of David in the Christmas week. Shaped wonderfully like a crescent, yet the only thoroughly Christian town in all Syria, Bethlehem puts on its gayest garb as Christmas approaches. At all times a pretty and attractive place, it is then a thousand-fold more so. The thrifty townspeople, their handsome wives and dark-eyed daughters, prepare for the festivities weeks in advance and are ready to welcome the first arrivals.

No words can adequately describe the grandeur of the Christmas services at the Church of the Nativity, which is the center of interest for the pilgrims. These services are kept up the entire week. On the way to church the visitors are beset by peddlers, who insist on pushing under their very noses little ornaments of olive wood and mother-of-pearl. The Church of the Nativity is one of the oldest structures in existence, and although it has been repeatedly repaired, it still retains much of its original form and character. In the side aisles at different altars priests chant the service in tones that swell and die amid the tall columns that support the roof.

At the shrines groups of pilgrims kneel in reverent adoration, while still other groups are guided across the church by monks, who point out the rich relics and sacred places, the most venerated of all being the shrine of the manger, beneath the church, which, it is claimed, incloses the actual birthplace of the Saviour. During the Christmas festivities this manger shrine is resorted to by great multitudes, who crowd each other in their pious eagerness to kiss the marble slab on the floor with a silver star in the center.

So fervid and enthusiastic are these worshippers that the marble slab has been repeatedly kissed away in places, rendering a new slab necessary. The same experience has occurred with the stone covering of the crypt in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem.

While the ladies were waiting and their lordships were debating there were other gentlemen going on. It is hardly worth while stating that acoustical engineering had been called in to assist.

The sacredness of the manger shrine has always been respected, particularly by the Britons and the Scandinavians. It was a part of the religion of the druids, and they regarded it with the utmost veneration, but restricted their worship of it to the plant when found growing on the oak. The oak was the favorite tree of their divinity, Yulane, which the books say appears to have been the same as the Phoenician god Baal, or the sun, was prayed to under different names by the early pagans.

At the period of the winter solstice, which was about Christmas time, a great festival was held in honor of Yulane. When this anniversary arrived the Britons, accompanied by their priests, the druids, went forth with glorious pomp and jollity to gather on the mistletoe, which they believed to possess wonderful curative powers. With them they took two white bulls and sometimes human beings to be sacrificed.

Upon finding the oak with the mistletoe clinging to it the chief druid, clad in white, the emblem of purity, and dressed in a robe of gold and purple, cut the vine. As it fell it was caught in the folds of the robe of another priest. Then the bulls and sometimes the humans were offered to Yulane, and various festivities followed.

The mistletoe thus gathered was cut into small portions and distributed among the people, who hung it over the entrances to their dwellings to notify the sylvan deities that they were welcome to shelter during the season of frost and snow.

These rites were retained throughout the Roman dominion in Britain and for a long while under the Jews, Saxons and Angles.

The most beautiful legend regarding the mistletoe and the one from which it derives its mystic powers is of Scandinavian origin. Balder, the god of poetry and eloquence and second son of Odin and Freja, had a dream in which it was intimated that he would be killed in battle. He communicated this dream to his mother, who was very fond of him, and she, to protect him, invoked the powers of nature—fire, earth, air and water—as well as animals and plants and obtained an oath from them that they would do him no hurt. With his invulnerability assured, as he thought, he entered the combats of the gods and was very successful in slaying all who came forward to engage him. They struck him with their arrows, but he plucked them out and dived his antagonists as they fell mortally wounded before him.

It was about time for Loke, his arch enemy, to challenge him or suffer the ignominy of cowardice, but Loke was a schemer.

He disguised himself as an old woman and, determining to discover the secret of Balder's immunity from death, called upon Freja. He addressed the mother with complimentary remarks upon the valor and good fortune of her son, and the goddess replied that her son was safe from harm, as all the productions of the world had sworn not to injure him. Loke was very much discouraged by this assurance, but he thought of a plan. He was one of the gods and he was not to be deterred by a woman's assurance. He thought of a plan. He was one of the gods and he was not to be deterred by a woman's assurance.

The Christmas festivities, however, are not confined to the Church of the Nativity. The week is a general festival in the town and a season of financial harvest for its citizens. Like all the orientals, they are thrifty to avariciousness, and the sight of the splendid gifts that are brought year after year to the church and especially the Grotto chapel, by strangers from afar widely excites their curiosity. Among these presents are living temporarily in tents, or it may be, quartered in the more comfortable convent, there are many rich who can be easily persuaded into generosity when under the supernatural influence that seems to pervade everything at Bethlehem—Philadelphia Record.

BORN ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Some Famous People Who First Saw the Light on About Dec. 25.

There is some uncertainty about the year and date of the birth of Clara Barton, founder of the Red Cross and famous philanthropist, who died this year, more than twenty years ago, but it is generally believed that she was born on Christmas day in 1821 or 1822.

Lord John Morley, the celebrated British author and statesman, Gladstone's lieutenant in the House of Commons, was born on Christmas eve, Dec. 24, 1838. Seven years later to the day King George V. of Greece first saw the light.

Lord Marcus Beresford, brother of the famous British admiral, was a Christmas day baby, as were also Lady Grey-Egerton and the Countess of Rothes, one of the survivors of the wreck of the Titanic.

Among those who were born on Dec. 25, "just too late for Christmas dinner," were Admiral George Dewey, the Earl of Lonsdown, Sir James Lindsay, the painter; the Duchess of Leeds, Sir James Rankin, member of the British parliament, and James D. Stephens, representative from California in the American congress.

Christmas Morning



THE LEGEND OF THE MISTLETOE.

THE hanging of the mistletoe at this coming Christmas invites the usual tour across the mystic, mystic pages of the past. This branch of the holiday's decoration treasures within it sweets and secrets, to the young people are most tempting. It was the same ten centuries ago, and so it will be for centuries to come.

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WHEN WAS THE CHRIST CHILD BORN?

IT is not generally known that there is a grave question as to the actual date of Christ's birth.

For many centuries we have celebrated Christmas on Dec. 25 and have not troubled ourselves with chronological inquiries. That course is no doubt reasonable and proper, for the churches have sanctioned it.

As a matter of fact, few modern theologians and chronologists agree as to the date of the birth of the Saviour. What most of them agree in, however, is that it did not occur on Dec. 25.

A point on which there is still more unanimity is that Christ was not born in the year which we call 1 A. D. He was born at least four years earlier.

The present method of counting the years was introduced by the Roman abbot Dionysius Exiguus in the sixth century and came into general use two centuries later, during the reign of Charlemagne. He placed the Nativity on Dec. 25, 754 A. U. C., or, after the founding of Rome. Nearly all chronologists agree that he was wrong by about four years. Christ, according to them, was born 750 A. U. C., or 4 B. C., if not earlier.

Much evidence is offered in support of this. According to Matthew 11, Christ was born in the days of King Herod I, or the Great, who died, according to Josephus, at Jericho A. U. C. 760, just before the Passover. This date has been verified by the astronomical calculations of the eclipse of the moon, which took place on March 13 in the year 750 A. U. C., a few days before Herod's death.

Allowing two months or more for the events between the birth of Christ and the murder of the innocents by Herod, the nativity must be put back at least to February or January, 750 A. U. C. or 4 B. C.

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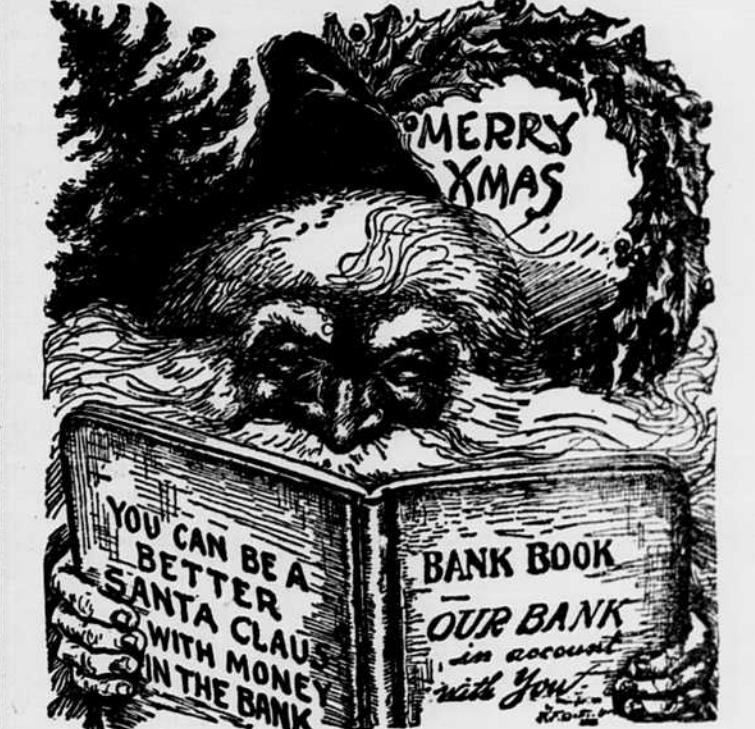
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**THE LAND OF
PUZZLEDOM.**
No. 1960.—Rehearsing.
1. Rehearse that which signifies cap-
ture and leave the rest of a horse.
2. Rehearse the stem of a certain
species of palm and leave that which
boys wear on their faces in summer
time. 3. Rehearse a number of sea ve-
sels and leave a grain.
No. 1961.—Charade.
My first is a dog
Of no special breed.
His name you oft see
In the papers you read.
My second is seen
In a ragged old dream.
But when in a nice garment
It causes distress.
My two form one word—
In all rivers 'tis found
And in other swift waters,
But never on dry ground.
No. 1962.—Curtain-raise.
1. Triple curtain a part of the human
hand and leave.
2. Curtain an implement used by fire-
men and leave to push.
3. Curtain that which is made in
every garment worn by people and get
a very large body of water.
No. 1963.—Diagonal.
This diagonal contains five words of
five letters each. If the words are
rightly guessed and written one below
another, they will spell out a fish
beginning with the upper left hand letter
and ending with the lower right hand
letter, will spell a kind of fish.
The cross words are: 1. A fuscous fruit.
2. To inform oneself. 3. Rabbits. 4.
A somber, dark color. 5. A swampy
place.
No. 1964.—A Hidden Palindrome.
The answer can be read backward as
well as forward.
If we could always quite repeat
The story in this life
We should not find the way as hard
Nor all our days a strife.
Our minds would be alive
To do and dare the great;
The miser, who could not come in
To cheer us up with cheer,
Youth's Companion.
No. 1965.—Puzzle Picture.
What Christmas tree ornament?

HOMEMAKERS COLUMN.
Where Buffalo Still Live.
Wild Herds Live in the Far North-
west.
(Ernest Thompson Seton in Scribner's.)
What young man of our race would
not gladly give a year of his life to roll
backwards the scroll of time for five
decades, and live that year in the ro-
mantic by-gone days of the wild west?
The "Sage" of Montana, while the
buffalo pastured on its banks, while big
game teemed in sight and the red man
roamed and hunted, untroubled by fence
or blast of white and red rule, when
that rule was represented only by scat-
tered trading posts, hundreds of miles
apart, and at best, the traders could ex-
change the news by horse or canoe, and
months of lonely travel.
For one, would have rejoiced in ten-
fold payment for the privilege of this
backward look in our age, and had
reached middle life before I realized
that, at a much less heavy cost, the
miracle was possible to-day.
For the uncivilized Indian still roams
the far reaches of absolutely unchanged,
unbroken forest and prairie leagues, and
has knowledge of the world only in
bartering furs at the scattered trading
posts where locomotive and telephone
have not yet reached. The "Sage" of
Montana, in the times of Lewis and
Clark. Only we must seek it all, not in
the west, but in the far northwest; and
to him "Moose" and "Glasgow" read
"Peace and Mackenzie River," those
noble streams that northward roll their
mild turbid floods a thousand
leagues to the Arctic sea.
This was the thought which spurred
me to a six months' journey by canoe.
I started at 11 a. m. on a search of
but found, also, abundant and better
rewards than were in mind, even as
Saul, the son of Kish, went seeking
wealth, and found for himself a crown
and a great kingdom.
Where They Should Go.
Singers to Alto, Ga.
Bakers to Coker, Ind.
Jewelers to Gem, Ind.
Smokers to Weed, Cal.
Printers to Agate, Col.
The sleazy to Go to, Pa.
The idle to Rust, Minn.
Cranks to Peculiar, Mo.
Poets to Parnassus, Pa.
Actors to Star City, Ark.
Aparitists to Beville, Ind.
Tramps to Grubtown, Pa.
Bankers to Deposit, N. Y.
Widowers to Widow, Mich.
Lovers to Spoonville, Mich.
Hunters to Deer Trail, Col.
Young ladies to Bangs, Va.
Housewives to Yellow Springs, Ohio.
Cobblerists to Shoe Heel, N. C.
Old maids to Antiquity, Ohio.
Politicians to Dancombe, N. Y.
Toppers to Brandt Station, Va.
Physicians to Doctorstown, Ga.
Puzzle fiends to Riddletown, Ga.
Kodakists to Kodakville, N. Y.
Druggists to Balsam Lake, Wis.
Prohibitionists to Drytown, Cal.
Political orators to Stomptown, Pa.
The team brigade to Cheesecake, N. Y.
Newly married couples to Bliss, Mich.
Nashville, Tenn.
Home Purchase as an Investment.
The more money you send away from
home the poorer your town grows. Is
there any one who doubts it?
Out of every purchase made in your
own town, a certain percentage is set
aside to be added to home capital.
When houses trade increases, new
stores come and old ones do a bigger
business. That means more clerks,
larger profits for the employer. The
inevitable result is the building of more
houses for these people to live in. That
makes more taxable property, and your
tax rate, if public funds are properly
administered, will decrease, and besides
there is more money available for public im-
provements.
A purchase at home therefore is in
part an investment, some portion of the
money returning to you, in increased
values of real estate, better stores to
serve the needs of the people who live in
the city where the purchase is made.
Utilizing the Mirror.
A dentist was called a lady patron's
back teeth. When he had finished with
the first tooth he handed the lady a hand
mirror that she might see the result for
herself. When he had finished with the last
tooth, he handed her the same mirror, and
repeating his performance with the mirror
after each tooth was finished. Finally,
when the job was completed, and she
looked at the back mirror with thanks,
he said:
"Well, Madame, how do they look to
you?"
"How do what look to me?" she re-
turned.
"The teeth I just filed."
"Oh, I forgot about the teeth!" she
exclaimed, and ran to the hand glass.
"What did you look at each time I
gave you the mirror?"
"My hair!"
In Impossible Land.
A newly elected office-holder fulfilling
all his campaign promises.
A "twice author" cheerfully paying
a coal bill.
A suffragette working a worsted mot-
to: "No Place Like Home."
An optimist advertising for a lost
umbrella.
A candidate who isn't saving the
country for himself.
A trust that doesn't want the earth
and the golden streets above it.
Child—What's a stag party, mamma?
Merry Widow—A party where there
are only men present.
Child—And what do you call a party
where there's only ladies?
Merry Widow—I should call it a stag-
nation party.
THE BUSY WOMAN'S DAY.
It begins early, ends late, and is full
of work. She often has kidney trouble
without knowing it. Her back aches,
and she is tired when she goes to bed.
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My first is a dog
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1. Triple curtain a part of the human
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men and leave to push.
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This diagonal contains five words of
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No. 1964.—A Hidden Palindrome.
The answer can be read backward as
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If we could always quite repeat
The story in this life
We should not find the way as hard
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