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—London Globe.

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There is something wrong. The simplest way to bring health to the body and color to the cheeks is to correct the faults and weakness of the system. An occasional dose of the true "L. F." Atwood's Bitters gives prompt relief from headache, biliousness, indigestion and kindred ailments. The standard family remedy for constipation for fifty years. 35 cts. a bottle at your dealers.

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No. 730.—Charades.

My first for babies is the place And where they often lie. My second brings to me a trace, Its wearer trailing by. My whole has wrangled almost a race Since first was heard its cry.

To my first responds a boy, Though 'tis but half a name. My second brings to me a trace, With its seed it oft brings blame. My third gives place for both these two. All over the world 'tis found. My whole's a source of wealth, 'tis true, Though lessened within its bound.

III.

Whenever my first draws all things appear Dim, indistinct, and speak of home and cheer. My second oft we need, oft should we give. None is so rich, and none can be so poor As not to want or give it. They who live Always without it hardly can endure. For none that live can ever my whole life's woes If none my second offer 'gainst the foam. —Touha's Companion.

Ribbons

Ribbons of all kinds and widths. Dresden and Holly, several widths. ONE LOT of 10 yds. pieces for 10 cts. Blue, red, white and green. Don't fail to see the new checked for fancy work.

Linens are Nice Gifts.

Any housekeeper would be glad to receive Table Linen. It is always useful, and therefore all the more likely to be appreciated. We are showing a splendid line selected especially for Xmas gift givers.

ONE LOT DAMASK, 70 inches wide, pure linen, very pretty patterns for 50c, 60c yard.

ONE LOT, 70 inch, of good weight linen, large assortment of patterns, 75c.

ONE LOT, 72 inch, of heavy and fine linen in all the desirable patterns such as fern, lily of the valley, snow drop and fancy scroll, \$1.00, 1.25, 1.37.

Napkins to match from \$2.50 to \$4.00 dozen. Napkins \$1.00 to 4.00 dozen.

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Napkins to match, 22 inch, \$5.98.

TEA OR LUNCHEON CLOTHS, large assortment of patterns, extra fine linen, 36x36, \$3.25, 2.98, 2.50, 2.25, all with two inch hemstitched edge. Many others for 75c, 80c, \$1.50.

TRAY CLOTHS, extra fine linen, large assortment of patterns, 21x30 inches, 98c; 19x29 inches, 75c, 80c. Good size, some with drawn work, 50c, 42c, 37c, 35c, 25c. Four lots of Tray Cloths to be hemmed at ends, of fine linen, 36x36, 35c, 25c, 15c.

TOWELS, Figured Huck of fine linen, designed for initial, large size, 75c, 70c.

TOWELS of Fine Huck and Damask, choice patterns, some with fancy drawn work, sizes 27x45, 23x44, 22x24, \$1.30, 1.25, 1.00, 87c and 75c each.

DAMASK AND HUCK, pure linen, fine assortment, 50c, 25c, 15c. Guesta Towels, 25c each.

DOILIES in sets, round centerpiece with Cluny insertion and Mexican work with two-inch Cluny edge, 30 inch, 98c; 24 inch, 75c; 18 inch, 50c.

DOILIES, sets, fine linen Damask, with deep scalloped embroidered edge with fancy snowflake border, 24 inch, 98c; 20 inch, 50c; 16 inch, 25c.

DOILIES, fine linen, with scalloped edge, two lots:

1st lot—	2nd lot—
18 inch 75c,	18 inch 87c,
12 inch 30c,	12 inch 50c,
10 inch 33c,	10 inch 42c,
6 inch 10c.	6 inch 20c.

White and Natural Linen Doilies stamped to be worked, the edge is all worked, 10c, 15c, 25c.

STAMPED LINEN such as doilies, centerpieces, pillow tops, nearly all sizes to be done in Wallachian, Eyelet or braided, 10c to 50c.

Skirts.

DRESS SKIRTS, grey, black and navy, with panel front, section pleating at sides, finished with jet buttons, some with bands and pin tucks around bottom, \$4.98.

PANAMA SKIRTS in blue and black, fancy pleating with jet buttons and bands, \$6.50.

WIDE WAIST WORSTED SKIRTS in blue and black with jet buttons, very stylish, \$6.00.

Umbrellas.

They are acceptable and useful gifts for either sex. You can find what you want among our large line.

LADIES' UMBRELLAS in a wide range of coverings, such as silk, silk and linen, serge and glori, in a choice assortment of handles, gilt, oxidized, natural and fancy wood and horn, ranging in price from 98c to \$6.98. Gentlemen's Umbrellas.

DRY GOODS.

HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

Correspondence on topics of interest to the ladies solicited. Address: Editor HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN, Oxford Democrat, South Paris, Me.

Recipes.

CHICKEN HOT-POD.

Prepare a large chicken. Cut it into as small pieces as the joints allow. Do not remove the meat from the bones. Boil the chicken until nearly tender, then boil the broth left in the kettle when you remove the chicken from it. Cut a pound of lean, raw ham into small squares. Wash and peel and parboil eight large potatoes and slice them. Slice three medium sized onions. Put into a deep baking dish a layer of chicken, a layer of ham, a layer of potatoes, a layer of onions. Repeat the succession of layers until the material is used when arranging these layers strew bits of butter over the layers. Pour the chicken broth over the layers. Season with salt and pepper. Add enough water to almost fill the pot. Cover the pot. Bake the hot-pod in an hour and a half. Be sure plenty of water is in the pot while the baking is in progress. When cooked put the baked chicken and vegetables in a large tureen. Garnish the edges with parsley. Strew parsley and sliced cooked eggs over the top. Serve with a small slice of toast on each plate.

ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING.

Early in December, when the New England housekeeper is preparing the mince meat for the winter, the English and Canadian housekeepers are preparing their pudding, for this, like mince meat, improves with age. The pudding material can be made in several small ones, or into one large one that can be steamed time and time again, the process only improving the material.

Two pounds of raisins, stoned, two pounds of currants, one pound of suet, one quart of grated bread crumbs, one-half pound of mixed peel, (citron, lemon and orange), one cup of flour, four eggs, two cups of sweet milk, one teaspoon of salt, one-half pound of brown sugar, one nutmeg grated, two teaspoons cloves and cinnamon. Steam or boil six hours. This pudding material will make three small puddings, or one large one.

ELIOT PUDDING.

One scant cup of suet, one cup of flour, one cup of sugar, one cup of bread crumbs, two cups of chopped apples, one-half teaspoon of salt, one-half of dried currants, then gradually add egg beaten; the suet and the apples make it moist, and the currants give it color; steam two hours. Eat with hard or liquid sauce. The addition of any further moisture make the pudding soggy. Stir thoroughly.—Good House-keeping.

DRY GOODS.

Thomas Smiley

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Christmas Time with All Its Pleasures brings its perplexities to most people as to how much they can spend for presents and whom they intend to remember. But what to give—that's the question. A visit to this store with its **MANY DEPARTMENTS** will result in a happy solution of the question. This store is ready for the Christmas Shopper, with an enormous stock of practical, sensible and serviceable gifts. You'll travel far and wide before you'll find such an assortment of useful gift things as this store offers.

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You will surely need these to make a Christmas Gift look neat.

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SHAVING PADS, every man needs one of these, large assortment, 25c.

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PYRALIN RATTLES for the little one, 15c.

FANCY PIN HOLDER filled with pins of all kinds, 25c and 50c. Needle cases with needles, 25c.

FANCY POWDER JARS of glass with pretty covers, 25c.

FANCY BOXES with sections for pins, thread, etc., 25c and 50c.

BROOCH PINS, fancy jeweled, and holly in boxes, 25c and 50c.

BELT PINS AND BUCKLES, gilt and oxidized, in boxes, 25c and 50c.

FANCY COMBS AND BARRETTE'S in boxes, 50c and \$1.00. Comb Sets in boxes, 50c and \$1.00.

PILLOW TOPS AND CENTER PIECES of all kinds, the very latest designs, 25c, 50c, 87c.

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Don't let the question of "what to give her" bother you for a moment. One of Smiley's Shirt Waists will please her without doubt.

FLANNEL WAISTS, light and dark shades, trimmed with wide tucks, white laundered collar. White checked Madras waist, tailor made, large tucks front and back, large pearl buttons. Fine assortment of Batiste and Lawn waists with lace and embroidered trimmings. Your choice of these kinds, 98c.

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TEA APRONS, 25 different styles. You want you to be sure to see these, made of fine lawn, lace and Hamburg, trimmed, many with lace insertion, others with Hamburg; some with fancy pockets. Your choice 50c. A large assortment of 25c aprons.

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What is better than a gift of Furs? Pleasing, practical, lasting. A fur piece is the finishing touch which marks the well governed woman.

ISABELLA or SABLE FOX SHAWL COLLARS, soft, fine and fluffy, the most wanted kind, large, trimmed with thick breaks, \$19.00, 15.00, 12.50, 10.00. Muffs to suit these, made of fine lawn, lace and Hamburg, trimmed, many with lace insertion, others with Hamburg; some with fancy pockets. Your choice 50c. A large assortment of 25c aprons.

OPPOSSUM SHAWL COLLARS, warm and durable fur, some trimmed with animal heads, \$20.00, 15.00, 12.50. Muffs to match, \$2.98 to 8.00.

BLUE WOLF, a very popular kind, wide and thick, large brushes, \$12.50. Muffs to match, \$13.50.

FUR THROWERS or scarfs—Opposum, \$2.98, 3.98, 5.98, 9.98. Russian Mink, \$3.98, 5.98. Blue Wolf, \$2.50, 3.50. Grey Squirrel, \$4.98. Coyote, \$1.98.

MUFFS—Fox, \$7.00, 10.00, 12.50, 15.00, 19.00. Opposum, \$2.98, 3.98, 5.98, 7.50. Russian Mink, \$3.98, 5.98. Blue Wolf, \$2.50, 3.50. Coyote, \$1.75, 2.98, 3.50, 3.75.

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Some member of the family may need a coat and there is nothing that will be more acceptable. This department is at its height with a choice assortment.

LADIES' FUR COAT with quilted lining, large fur collar, good ruffs, \$27.50, 32.00. Fur lined with large fur collar, \$12.50, 18.00, 25.00, 30.00.

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WIDE WAIST WORSTED in greys and navy, some with military collars, \$12.50, 15.00, 18.00. Many other styles and colors, some with section pleating on skirt, \$10.00, 12.50, 13.50.

JUNIORS' COATS, 15 to 17 year, in blue, jet and green, trimmed with bands and grey buttons, \$7.50, 10.00, 12.50.

CHILDREN'S COATS, fancy mixtures of all kinds, some handsomely trimmed, \$3.98, 2.98, 4.98, 5.98, 7.50, 8.00.

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