

A Tremendous Price Reduction

On January 7th, 1926, Dodge Brothers, Inc. will announce a tremendous reduction in the prices of their complete line of motor cars.

These reductions will apply on all cars bought after midnight December 15th, 1925.

When the new prices are made known on January 7th, the full amount of the reductions will be immediately refunded to purchasers since December 15th.

These revolutionary reductions are made possible by recently completed \$10,000,000 expansion program---new buildings and equipment that will nearly double the capacity of Dodge Brothers factories in 1926.

There is no change in the policy upon which Dodge Brothers established their leadership 11 years ago---the policy of constant improvement without yearly models.

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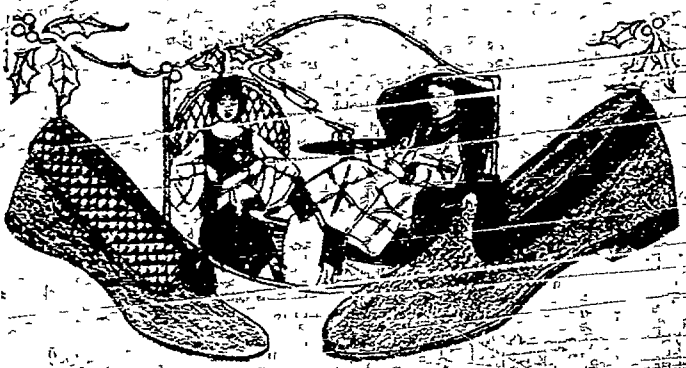
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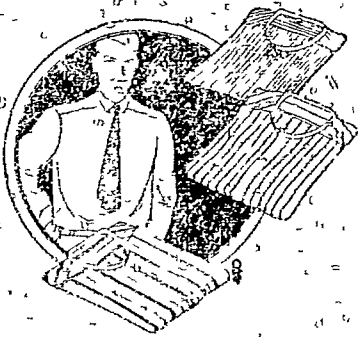
THEY'RE THE BEST CHOICE FOR ALL CHRISTMAS GIVING

For all the family, for all your friends, for any price selection, you cannot beat a gift of comfort Shoes or Slippers.

You'll find them here in varied groups—felts, easy fitting leathers—for little tots and old, as well.

We shall be glad to show you our very complete assortment of Footwear.

Furnishings for Men and Boys



We have a fine assortment of—
Neckwear, Hosiery, Gloves, Scarfs
Suspenders, Handkerchiefs—

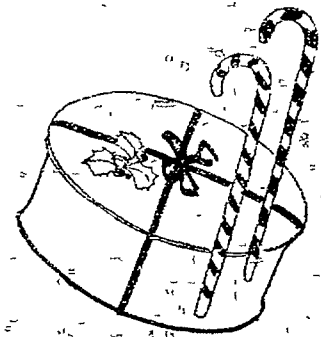
things that all men and boys like and never have too many.

USEFUL GIFTS ARE MOST APPRECIATED

STARK BROTHERS

NORTHVILLE. THE SHOEMEN

Fancy Box Candy



We are offering the biggest values in town in Fancy Box Candy. Look in the window.

Choice Bulk Candies, Nuts, of all kinds.
Big Line of Vegetables and Fruits.
Get A Fancy Basket Free.

To each customer trading at this store to the amount of \$1.50 will be given a handsome basket FREE.

CIGARS—TOBACOS.

Buy Here and Save Money.

Fruit and Confectionery Store, Main Street

SPAGNUOLO & SPAGNUOLO, Props.
NORTHVILLE, MICH.

Community Tree, Thursday Night, Dec. 24th
Bring The Children

JOHN V. COUCH KILLED BY AUTO BANDITS

John V. Couch, a former resident of this village, was recently killed by auto bandits. No particulars of the crime are given, but it is believed that the young man's life was taken by a band of robbers who were on the lookout for a large sum of money. Mr. Couch was a resident of Northville when the World War broke out and he volunteered his services in behalf of the great cause. He entered the U. S. Marine Corps in April, 1917. He was in the second company to go overseas and was in command of the largest banding of the war. He was seriously wounded at Belleau Woods and was in the hospital for several months. He was mustered out of service on June 15th, 1918. He was soon afterward sent to Peoria, Ill., where he worked under government supervision. At the time of his death he held a responsible position with the Peoria Railway Company, being employed in his electrical department. On February 21st, 1925, he was united in marriage to Miss Florence Swart, who survives. Besides his wife he leaves his father and mother and two sisters—Mrs. Maudie Barron of Peoria and Mrs. Annabelle Dage of Detroit. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and he was buried with full military honors, the Knights Templar acting as escort. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and was held in high esteem by all who enjoyed his acquaintance.

ANY WRITABLE STATEMENT

Newspapers have the relative and interlocking interests of government and business more concretely and more honestly than in the address delivered by President Coolidge at the annual banquet of New York Chamber of Commerce.

"It is noteworthy," he said, "that where government is back business is dead." That in itself is justification for business taking a lively interest in government.

It is equally noteworthy that when business conditions are demoralized when production and distribution have ceased, a nation of men is threatened. Government cannot govern itself in ignorance. That is justification for the executive and legislative departments of the government taking a lively interest in business.

Business cannot exist without government, and government cannot exist without business. They are inseparable.

ALPHONSO'S PLACE WAS RAIDED AND WRECKED

Alphonso's place, located on the corner of Main and Second streets, was visited by a party of men who were looking for a quantity of liquor in the house after battering down two doors. Upon a couch in an adjoining room was one of Wilson's customers sleeping on a jag. He was told to get out and Wilson was placed under arrest.

Wilson had a very attractive looking bar and the room was fitted up with tables and chairs—so his customers might be comfortable while imbibing his stuff. It was a sorry looking place when the officers had completed their raid. Redford officers were very much surprised when Wilson was taken to their village to be arraigned before Justice Carley.

Wilson was arrested by federal officers a few weeks ago.

SHELTER FOR THE NIGHT

HE came to this world as a little child. Who needed a mother's care, While He took of a mother's sacrifice, He heeded a mother's prayer; No mansion ever offered home so fit As her tender love's embrace, Nor had costly bed for His tiny head, Like those arms, fit resting-place. And so must He ever enter in, The Babe of Bethlehem, Else had means heart never room for Him, The Lord of a boundless realm; And the King of Kings seeks no better things Than the "child of the lowly" sure part, Who cradles the Babe with His throne-room made, For His kingdom is thy heart. —Lilla Van Stryker, in Living Church.

Makes for Humility

He that well and rightly considereth his own works will find little cause to judge hardly of another.—Thomas a Kempis

MAKE IT A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR THE LITTLE ONES

Children and mothers whose children know what it means to be warm, have a full stomach, are receiving an education and training, and realize what it is to have a Merry Christmas, should not forget the War Orphans of the United States this Christmas. It would like to see every Michigan father and mother who has not subscribed to the American Legion Endowment Fund, the income of which will be used to educate, feed, clothe and train the 5,000 World War orphans of the United States, so that they may have an opportunity to live and become self-supporting, give a dollar or five dollars to this fund," said Harold H. Emmons, chairman of the Wayne County Legion Fund committee that raised more than \$175,000 in Wayne County for war orphans.

YOUNG OF R. NEIGHBORS

With a highly developed sense of responsibility the Redford Young Men's Club is planning to hold a Christmas party for the children of the neighborhood. The party will be held at the club on Friday, December 19th, at 7 o'clock. The children of the neighborhood are invited to bring a gift for the children of the neighborhood.

Wanted: A person to have organized a Redford club for the purpose of holding the club in order that they may promote the general welfare of the town.

With the 3rd reg. of the Michigan Exchange, Miss Margaret Smith, and Miss Mary Smith, a night of the Redford Free Press on every important portion of the town has been held. The evening session was held at the Grand Hotel.

Conservative officers of the Redford club were elected to the Ford Street Garage in South East, where they are engaged in being displayed. The garage is a fine building, the garage is a fine building, the garage is a fine building.

The Redford High School band gave a concert in the school auditorium, the proceeds of which were donated to the Redford Woman's club, to be used for Christmas charity.

Preston's Bakery in Brighton caught fire in the early morning by a coal which had dropped from the stove and burned through the floor. Fortunately it was discovered before much damage had been done and what might have been a dangerous blaze was quickly put out by the aid of chemicals.

Try Northville first.

Give Something for the Car

Practically everyone of your friends and relatives now own their car. What could be more appropriate than giving accessories that will be enjoyed and appreciated? We suggest:

- A Spotlight
- A Heater
- A Bumper
- A Set of Chains.
- A Motorimeter
- A Spare Tire.
- A Good Horn
- A Battery
- A Stop Light
- A Cigar Lighter.

Or any of the countless little things that go to make complete riding comfort.

Let us supply you with Gas and Oil. Just sound your horn and we will be with you in a jiffy.

Pathfinder Tires and Tubes.
Gas, Oils, Accessories
Lester D. Stage, Sr.
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For
HEALTH and HAPPINESS
FOR YOUR CHILDREN
Use
FARMINGTON DAIRY MILK and CREAM
For Sale at
Hills Brothers' Market, A. & P. Store,
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Christmas Gifts for Men

Are always a safe bet when bought at the John D. Mabley's Corner.

Silk and Good Host Robes, Silk Underwear, Silk Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Silk Shirts, Silk Suits, Patamas, Fanny Gests, Sweater Coats, Auto and Dress Gloves, Walking Sticks, Leather Bags, Knitted Jackets, Hats and Caps, Underwear, etc.

JOHN D. MABLEY
Mabley's Corner DETROIT. Grand River and Griswold



Something FOR THE CAR for Christmas

When giving a gift you want something that the receiver knows is good as well as yourself.

- Rear View Windows.
- Flashlights.
- Ash Trays for Closed Cars.
- Headlight Lense.
- Spot Lights
- Vulcanizers.
- Running Board Mats.
- Weed Tire Chains.
- Stop Lights.
- Clocks.
- Parking Lights.
- Motor Meter Locks.
- Horns.
- Sponges.
- Luggage Carriers.
- Steering Wheels.
- Locks.
- Casing Reliners.
- Foot Warmers.
- Rubber Door Mats.
- Electric Cigar Lighters

JIM'S TIRE SHOP
Opposite Postoffice. F. L. Boyd, Propr.

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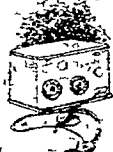


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Something for the home—something that every member of the family will enjoy—that is what we offer you in our array of Electrical Appliances. We have an endless variety of articles which will prove a valuable addition to the equipment and furnishings of any home, and a visit here will reveal them.

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- Fruits, Vegetable, Celery, Lettuce
- Nuts, Candies, Cranberries, Oranges
- Lemons, Fancy Bottled Goods, Jellies
- Preserves, Mince Meat, etc.

In fact about everything you could desire for your Christmas feast. Make it a joyous one this year, and permit us to supply the "fixings."

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In Bulk and Package.

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RECORD LINERS—THE BEST RESULT GETTERS.

Nothing Else Can Say as Much as a Letter

"NOBODY will buy you a laughing 'Red poinsettia' at a girl-looking pad of paper. You have been on the counter so long you look positively dog-eared. Besides, you're not Christmas at all. Why they don't shove you out of sight I can't understand—you don't belong on a Christmas counter."

The red poinsettia flaunted her brilliant petals under the electric lights and felt that everyone was admiring her.

The pad of paper said nothing. There was nothing to say.

Finally there came along a poorly dressed young man. He touched the velvet petals of the poinsettia. "It would like that," he murmured. "It would dress up her room real pretty."

"Mercy!" breathed the poinsettia in disgust. "I hope I shan't have to be disgraced by being sent to some shabby little place. That would be unbearable."

The young man looked longly at the red flower. "I could not say it to her very well," he at last decided, "but I can write her a good long letter. She would like that, I guess. Here, I'll take this paper pad, please, miss. It isn't handsome, but my mother will like some of the words I'm going to put on it. Only five cents? Well, well, I'll buy her something else. The poinsettia is mighty pretty, but it can't say what my letter will. My name is Benjamin Thomas. I live at—"

Old Pa Sauer and the Red Christmas Candle

OLD PA SAUER emerged from his little house, which was pure like a hermit's cave, and looked out. There was a crisp odor of frost and frozen things in the air. People hurrying along the snowy sidewalks made a loud crunching noise. Automobiles decorated with little red wreaths and holly leaves past, whisking up snow and dirt. Almost every window had its holly wreath. Gas lamps flared Christmas trees and lighted angles shone out from balconies. Down the narrow street the "whitechick" stamp of out-of-town automobiles. The houses were pharisees. "Adele! Adele!"

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SAVES PENNIES FOR CAPITAL CHRISTMAS

"MRS. HULL has a capital plan of saving and giving Christmas capital which she calls her 'fancy fund,' because she uses it exactly as she wishes, with no drawing on the regular family income." Mrs. Ross exclaimed enthusiastically to her friends at an afternoon tea.

The day after Christmas Mrs. Hull began saving pennies that come into her hands through the year. She places them in a 6% bank and adds six per cent interest at the end of the year. If she has saved ten dollars in pennies she adds sixty cents, which she says pays postage on her Christmas parcels.

She always has a fund for Christmas. For she has never acquired the penny habit of giving to church activities. Last year she divided the "fancy fund" among her nieces and nephews, with instructions that the small amount was to be placed in saving and to be added to or used as capital to compile more capital. The results were interesting for each recipient must always keep that amount in reserve for a future saving account.

One Mrs. Hull purchased seeds and bulbs and distributed them where they would be appreciated. Once she subscribed for magazines which reached some large number of readers in public institutions. Another time she ordered two games for the children's home and another year she procured dozens of small dolls which furnished for the school. She sent hundreds of greeting cards and bouquets of inspiring messages to places where such things are seldom seen. Her mother one year received a fresh bouquet of a plant every few weeks during the year. This year her husband, who promised her his pennies, has added to her "fancy fund." She has over twelve dollars with the interest, and she has budgeted the year in saving two weeks of saving Christmas cheer. As ideas of opportunities present themselves each week she will be able to find a gift for her home to spend the year.

It seems to me that Mrs. Hull is a painstaking saver than most. Her plan is simple, but it is a plan of possibilities. You may not have a fund of pennies, but you can have a fund of possibilities. You may not have a fund of pennies, but you can have a fund of possibilities.

Christmas Present for the Shop Girls

Every woman made a laborer in the vast outspread of Christmas goods then turned to the girl behind the counter.

"You must have a Christmas feeling in here," she congratulated. "How many you are for? The shop of John P. Smith did seem to have a good Christmas feeling."

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Give Them Life's Precious Gift

Your family will think most of an insurance policy for Christmas. It is such a gift as a thoughtful man gives his family. Phone us for a representative to call and talk it over.

A Peoria Life Policy protects you and yours—in sickness and health—death.

Come in and let's talk it over.

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NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN.

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- Silverware, Skates, Wagons, Kiddy Cars
- Flashlights, Pocket Knives, Shears
- Carving Sets, Pyrex Baking Dishes
- Round and Square Dishes, Bean Dishes
- Pie Dishes, Bread Dishes, Custard Dishes
- Mechanical Toys, Pyrex Covered Roasters

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Santa and His Calling List



Dorinda and Her Christmas Locket

She Decides to Reveal Mysterious Picture Back of Tiny Glass

By MARTHA BANING THOMAS

DORINDA'S hair was so pretty that you could not forget to look at her face but when you came to look at her face you would find a picture back of the tiny glass.

Sandy McQuinn had and he ought to know, if anybody, a thorough study of Dorinda at all seasons when it was possible. In fact his research work would have gone credit to a student.



Strode About the Room Like a Pirate.

One never knew which Dorinda, of her many selves, one would find. "And," declared Sandy to his mother, who had gently inquired about his restlessness, "she keeps wearing that silver locket. She won't say who gave it to her and she won't let me peek in side. If she's got some other chap in there I'll just drop her. She need not think she can lead me around by the nose."

a little party to her sons it ends. It was done quietly for Dorinda, so Sandy's mother would have the opportunity of holding the girl's charms for her. Sandy was earnest and soon about all the arrangements, and even went to the point of asking his mother if she had dated the back part of the picture - was she sure?

"Yes, my son," answered his mother. "I'm sure it is like a picture of a child." She was the last to arrive. Immediately she became the lively center of a laughing group. But she had not forgotten her multipurpose mission. She was going to get the picture away, she went up to Sandy's mother and captured her in half a minute. Mrs. McQuinn did not even know when she surrendered. "No wonder," she ceased aloud, when the locket girl had returned to the girls, "no wonder your son is temporarily out of his mind - he's a little bit out of his mind."



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GROCERIES

They will also be wise if they visit our Grocery Department and select from our very complete assortment sufficient Groceries, Vegetables, Fruits, Canned Goods, Jellies, Preserves, Pickles and other table necessities to provide the Christmas Dinner. Our stock was never so large, and it would be impossible for us to offer you goods of higher quality--for they are not produced.

NUTS

In Nuts we offer you English Walnuts, Filberts, Almonds, Brazil Nuts, Peacans, Peanuts. These are all fresh stock from this year's crop.

Bakery Specials

If you desire anything special for Christmas or the Holidays, please let us have your orders as early as possible. Our ovens will be very busy supplying our regular trade.

The days preceding the great festival will be especially busy ones for wife and mother, unless they plan just a little. If they are wise they will leave their orders here for their Christmas Baked Goods and thus be relieved of a whole lot of work and worry.

LARGEST ASSORTMENT OF CHEESE IN TOWN

Cigars and Tobaccos Pipes

This department is very complete this year and you will find here an assortment of Cigars in special Christmas Boxes. Just tell us whether you enjoy a light or dark cigar and we will gladly aid you in selecting a box HE will enjoy. If he prefers a Pipe, why we have some very choice patterns from which you may select.

Elliott's Special Blend Coffees

No Christmas dinner will be complete without coffee, and if you desire to serve the BEST, take home a pound of our Special Blend Coffee.

Vegetables and Fruits

If you prefer Fresh Vegetables we will have Cabbage, Celery, Lettuce, Onions, Squash, Ruta Bagas, or if you prefer to make your selections from our large stock of Canned Goods you will find about everything you can desire.

In Fresh Fruit we will have Oranges, Grapes, Grapefruit, Lemons, Apples, Dates, Figs, and Cranberries, and in Dried Fruit we will have Apricots, Prunes, Peaches.

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FLOWERS MAKE BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS. A CHOICE OFFERING OF CUT FLOWERS, PLANTS, WREATHS, AND HOLIDAY DECORATIONS.



THE ART OF CHRISTMAS GIVING

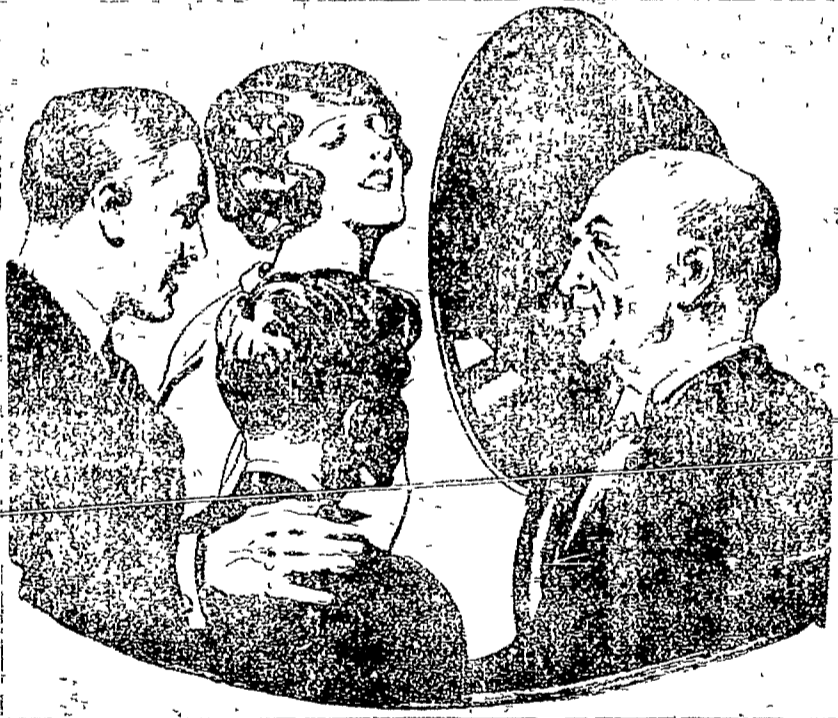
A wise man has said: When thou givest presents, let them be of such things as will last long, to the end that they be in some sense immortal, and may frequently refresh the memory of the receiver.

Again: He gives not best who gives most; but he give most who gives best.

No gift, it may be suggested, can be more acceptable, or last longer, or more often recall the giver, than a beautiful, and always useful, electrical device for housekeeping.

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Everybody Listen In!

This is station NLCY broadcasting its best best wishes and kindly greetings to all who have made our success during the past year possible.

You know the service you have received here. You know the quality of the merchandise we have supplied you. You know that our prices have always been reasonable and that the quality of our goods have always been high.

That has been the foundation upon which this business has been builded and it is our aim and ambition to fully measure up to all these ideals in business and service.

Without your co-operation our success could not have been so great. With your good will and continued patronage we hope to make the New Year THE BEST year in our business life in Northville.

Coal—Lumber—Building Material.

Northville Lumber & Coal Yard

Phone 30.

W. R. SEYFANG, Manager

Shop at home! Shop early!

Perfume's Many Uses Throughout the Ages

Perfume, which we define as a sweet fragrance, was one of the most useful and interesting of ancient commodities. It was used for innumerable things, but mostly for religious and medicinal purposes.

The queen of Sheba is said to have given to King Solomon an abundance of spices and a wood of which perfume was made. These were reported as being of very high value.

In the ruins of Pompeii were found large, costly bottles of perfume. Oriental ladies also used great quantities of costly perfume to preserve their persons in bloom. When the lights came home from the crusades, they brought their sweethearts expensive bottles of perfume from the East.

During the reign of Charles IX, the French monarch, his portrait was engraved and continued to be fashionable for over 200 years.

The perfume was so popular during the reign of Louis XV that a certain perfume was used each day in great quantities.

Some of the perfumes were first introduced during the fourteenth century. Elizabeth queen of Hungary, introduced the celebrated Hungarian water which she is said to have retained her beauty until she was past seventy years of age.

Perfumes were often used for other than their sweet, fragrant odor. Spicy perfumes were used by the ancient Egyptians for fumigating their beds and embalming dead bodies. People were executed on piles of burning aromatic wood. In India perfumes were used in the form of incense. They were offered as sacrifices in their temples and upon their altars. It was the custom, or priests to color their faces with a mixture of saffron.

The use of perfume for medicinal purposes was very widely practiced. A water formed the basis for many remedies, while purifying plagues, perfume was used extensively as a preservative.

The sweet and barbarous nations of the world, and the refined and civilized nations of the world, have used perfume for the purpose of beautifying their bodies with it.

Oldest Known Pen

The oldest pen known to man is the quill pen. It is made from the feathers of a bird, and is used for writing. It is the oldest pen known to man because it has been used for thousands of years.

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Improves Value of Pelt

The value of a pelt is improved by the use of certain substances. These substances are used to preserve the pelt and to make it more valuable.

Appropriate

When a sublime one is needed, a temporary resort from the North. The following quotation of yonder for such things as will last long, to the end that they be in some sense immortal, and may frequently refresh the memory of the receiver.

Oil From Locusts

A page of locusts brought a new industry to Northville, Michigan. The locusts have been gathered by the ton and are used for airplane motors. The oil is used for airplane motors and is particularly adapted for water flying because it does not congeal in low temperatures.

Coconut Just Missed

My narrowest escape, as far as I know, occurred last winter when I was at West Palm Beach, Fla. I was passing under a coconut palm tree when one of the nuts fell immediately behind me. Coconuts weigh about seven pounds and one falling from a height of 25 feet and striking one on the top of the head might mean serious injury.—Chicago Journal.

BISHOP MADE CHIEF OF AFRICAN TRIBE

High Honor Conferred on Missionary Explorer

Bishop Owers of Liberia, who, as a young missionary explorer entered African forests where the face of a white man had never before been seen, and for 80 years braved the perils and hardships of life among the savages, while a guest at Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, recently related the story of how he was once made a chieftain by a tribe of Africans.

Few white men in all time have experienced the ceremony and received the honor of African chieftainship, said Bishop Owers. "Henry M. Stanley, the great explorer, was made an African chief and a member of the British parliament was made a chief because of what he had done for the African in England. But certainly I never anticipated that the honor would come to me."

One morning I received a call from the king to appear before the council of chiefs. When I went to answer the call I found the king seated on his throne dressed in his gaudiest costume, and the chiefs around also in gala attire.

I was taken to a box in front of the throne. The king then told me how much the chiefs and the people appreciated what I had done for them, and the only thing in the way of reward that they could give me was the honor of chieftainship. They told me that if I would express my willingness to be made a chief they would confer this honor upon me.

I had not the slightest idea of what it means to be an African chief or of the ceremonies through which I would have to pass, but I determined that as I had taken so many chances in Africa, and had come through all right, I would accept the offer.

One of the ceremonies through which I passed was the ceremony of blood brotherhood. Blood was taken from my arm and also from the arm of the king. In a most impressive manner and with much ritualistic ceremony the blood was mixed, and thus the white man was made a blood brother to the African.

In another ceremony the floor was strewn with the skins of animals and the king and each chief and I were then sprinkled over our heads and faces. The king said that this sprinkling was a "blessing" for the future and that it was a sign of the king's approval of me.

Another ceremony which I experienced was the ceremony of the king and the chiefs. The king and the chiefs were seated on their thrones and I was seated on a stool in front of them. The king then spoke to me and I responded.

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Many Cows in Calf

Many cows in calf. The number of cows in calf is increasing. This is due to the fact that the cows are being kept in better health and are producing more milk.

Requirements for Culture

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, outlined five traits that distinguish a man of culture. They are: first, a command of the mother tongue; second, a refined and gentle manners; third, standards of appreciation of beauty; fourth, power and habit of reflection and efficiency; and fifth, the power to do. To these requirements for the cultured man, a European woman educator has added to make the "complete woman" the following: cultivation of a lively imagination; untiring energy and wholehearted devotion to an ideal, idea or a person.

Service Without Blemish

Manuel Asorga Y. Soperinas chief of the claims department of the United Railways of Havana, recently completed 30 years of service with the company without being absent a single day. As a reward, three months' leave with pay was granted him and he and his wife have gone to England to place their son in school. Soperinas, a Cuban, started in 1894, as a clerk when fourteen years old. He will be pensioned when he becomes fifty years of age.

This Parrot a Songster

A parrot belonging to Mrs. C. E. Williams of San Antonio, Texas, sings the complete choruses of both "Tipperary" and "Silver Threads Among the Gold." For variation he whistles the tunes after singing the words.

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NORTHVILLE TIME TABLE

Eastern Standard Time Effective Nov. 27, 1925

Northville to Farmington and Detroit Also Orchard Lake and Pontiac. Cars leave Northville for Farmington and Detroit at 6:35 a. m. and 6:55 a. m., and every two hours until 4:50 p. m. and 5:50 p. m. and 8:50 p. m. and for Farmington Junction only at 6:30 p. m., 10:30 p. m. and 10:50 p. m.

Cars leave Detroit for Northville at 7:15 a. m. and every two hours to 3:15 p. m. and 4:50 p. m., 5:00 p. m., 6:50 p. m., 8:50 p. m.

Northville to Plymouth, Wayne and Westland. Cars leave Northville at 6:30 a. m. and every two hours to 5:00 p. m. and 5:50 p. m. and 9:00 p. m.

Leave Westland for Northville at 6:00 a. m. daily except Sundays and holidays 8:30 a. m. and every two hours to 10:00 p. m.

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NEW SHOES FROM OLD

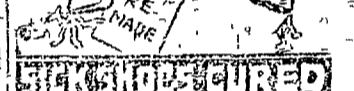
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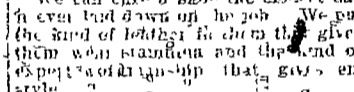
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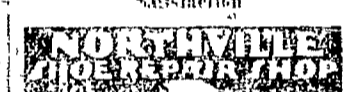
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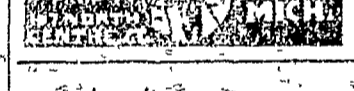
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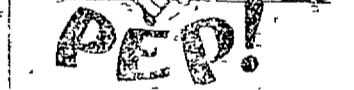
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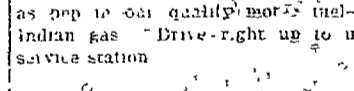
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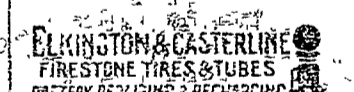
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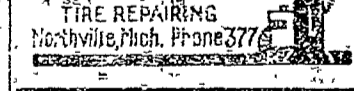
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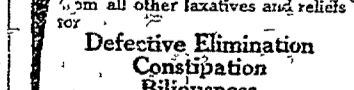
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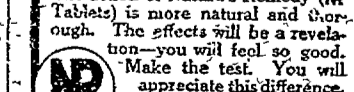
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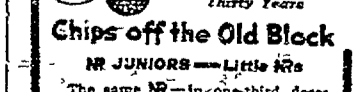
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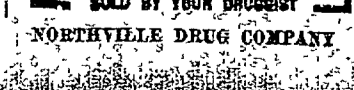
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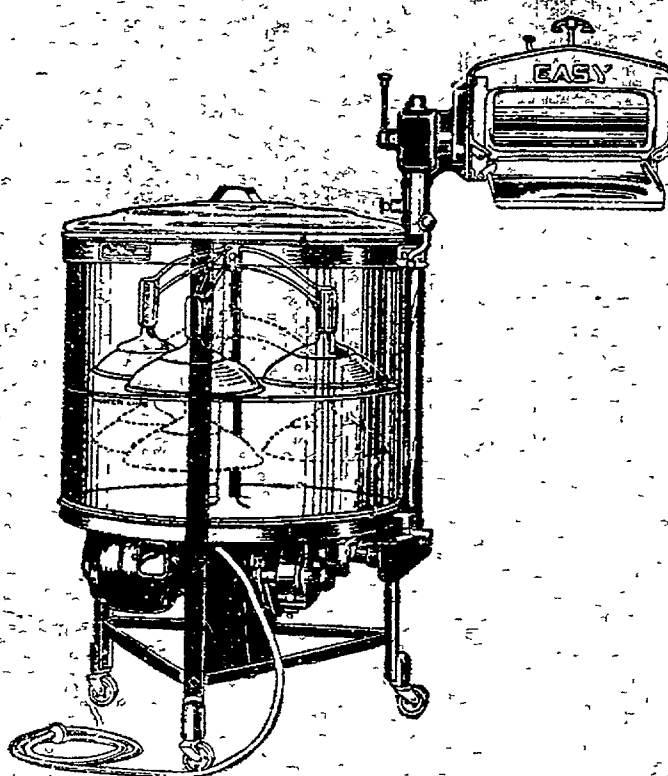


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Special Christmas Offer

\$5.00 Down

Brings to your home the latest model EASY completely equipped during the period of our Special Christmas Offer.

There's no need to postpone any longer the purchase of the gift that she has long been wanting. Our Special Offer enables you to make this Christmas a memorable one in her life by a gift of the EASY.

You now have the chance to get it on the easiest of easy terms—a payment of only \$5.00 down—with nothing more to pay until January—and a whole year to pay the balance.

A WHOLE YEAR TO PAY FOR IT

She Would Rather Have an "Easy" Than Any Other Electric Washer

Shafer Electric Shop

Live Stock Of All Kinds

We are in the market always for Live Stock of all kinds, not just one day now and then. We are in the market every day and we will pay you the highest market price for anything you have to sell. We want your Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Calves and Poultry, and if we buy your products you are sure of a square deal—full weight and the top price.

A Phone will bring us to your place.

Chas. E. Holmes

Phone 7142 F-2, Northville Exchange.

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Why Not?

Why not let us install an up-to-date Bath Room Outfit in your home for Christmas?

Can you think of anything that the family would enjoy more? The expense need not be great for an outfit that will meet every requirement and need of your household.

We shall be glad to talk the matter over with you and to submit estimates.

R. G. LANG

Phone 12-M. Rogers Street.

CHRISTMAS MORNING—THE MAGIC PILLOW

THE serene, hushed silence of the hospital was of utmost contrast to the turbulent, rushing, noisy, jostling crowds crowding their way along the well-lit thoroughfare. The comfortable, even temperature of the hospital contrasted singularly with the blistering, crisp, wintry, typically Christmas weather outside.

The silence of this huge, white building was broken now and then by the soft, though swift footfalls of three or four busy young men. The patients in the free ward who were well enough to wander what it all meant. Two youths in particular were interested in the rolls of wire and dopes of these men. They secretly hoped that they might be up and bustling about, shortly, as these lads were. It is not strange that two normal boys would be interested in being up and busy with the crisp Christmas air and inspirations floating about. A free ward is a bit dull.

Bill occupied the last cot in the south end of the room and Jack was on the cot at Bill's left. The next morning, Christmas morning, Bill woke, listened a moment, then ran for the floor nurse. In his excitement he roused Jack.

"Jack, are we alive? I hear bells chiming, singing."

"Well, I hear it, too, when I had my head on the pillow, but now that I have lifted my head up, I don't hear it."

The nurse arrived, bending with a smile. When questioned by the excited boys she answered, "The boys in the radio class at the high school in back of us here thought they would surprise you and I guess they did. The head phones worked fine. Perhaps you would like to talk to those boys who installed your set. They are waiting in—I will get them."

Jack and Bill could not contain themselves. "A radio, how wonderful! The days won't be half so long."

—Eleanor E. King

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CHRISTMAS

A STORY in two parts. The Aurora of a new heralded by angels in the wonderful light from a star. The career of a man whose life indicated love and good will.

With the East, God came to earth in the Man. He walked and communed with men. In both, the divine and human are beautifully interwoven into the love which Christmas personifies.

Let us send the light above the spruce and feel the warmth of the love which has hallowed the day since first the angels brought their annual message. May Christmas bring you joy.

—W. D. Pennybacker

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SEASONABLE WISDOM



She—I find a little nearly where the mistletoe grows wild. He—Lead me there 'Til 'tis wild.

Everybody's Tree Is the Community Tree

CHRISTMAS means so much that one day cannot contain it. It began about December 1 and continues until New Year's Day. Crowds of evergreen trees move into town in advance. Burdened express men and overloaded postmen serve Santa Claus as heralds, and the tide of joyful excitement rises higher and higher until it reaches about the roots of the sparkling and beautiful community Christmas tree.

It was a glorious tree last year. The moon looked down from a peaceful sky. The fingers fled the air with sweet sounds. The people who crowded about were from every land. They all translated the carols into their own tongues and made them bring back the gladness of past days. All nations and all denominations were for a moment unified as they stood in front of the courthouse and looked up past the summit of the tree that stood for all and saw the flag of America shimmer in the spotlight and swarming in the tree air of our great democracy. The tree that grows on American soil is Everybody's Tree. It sheds its light and us gift of liberty upon us all.—Crispinger G. Hazard

To Get and Give Most Pleasure at Christmas

THERE is Christmas generosity and Christmas charity.

But there should always be Christmas tact.

When you are giving to those who have not as much as you have do not give your presents with condescending manner or with a patronizing air.

Do not act as though you were superior because you could give. Do not attach a cold, haughty speech to your gift.

Sometimes people can give so that all the glow that comes from the gift is theirs. They themselves receive pleasure, of their own feeling of having been charitable. Sometimes such a speech can extract all the real pleasure out of the gift to the one receiving it.

Christmas is the time for true charity, for that charity which comes from the heart, which loves one's fellow men and wants to do all that is possible to bring joy wherever possible.

Give as though it were a pleasure to give—not as though you were being noble.

Do not give as though you thought by giving you had the right to assume a certain attitude of disdain toward those who were somewhat beholden to you.

If you are more fortunate in worldly goods than your opportunity to have the great pleasure that is derived by giving. There are few greater pleasures when you give with the real Christmas spirit.

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But there should always be Christmas tact.—Mary Graham Bonner

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CHRISTMAS

CHILL air, the brilliance of encrusted snow, carols, evergreens and feasting. These constitute Christmas to the senses. But deep within man there is something which the brightest of carols cannot, in itself, awaken.

A sense of kinship with all the world that expands and blossoms into a spirit of real brotherhood—and this is Christmas.

—W. D. Pennybacker

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Saved to Buy Christmas Present for Her Daddy

THE eldest of the four children was ten, their mother had been dead three years. How the father had kept such a young family together was a miracle even to him, but with the help of the day nursery, he had managed very well.

For the third Christmas now the widower tucked the children snugly to bed with a promise to call them at daybreak. Then he slipped to his own room.

Half an hour later when the house was quiet Santa Claus entered the tiny kitchen and proceeded to fill the four little stockings hanging in a row behind the stove. Then suddenly he remembered that he had forgotten to bring a present for the father of the house. How disappointed the little ones would be to have their father overlooked like this! Why, then, would they be so good? But it was too late now, so get out anything, anything could be done.

Shortly after the house was quiet once again, the little girl stole into the kitchen and hung a stocking with a package in it near the others. For minutes she had not her father's so that when Christmas came she would be able to play Santa Claus a day. "How surprised he'll be," she thought, as she crept back to her room.—H. Leagus Cook

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Burning the Yule Log

The burning of the Yule log, at Christmas time, in parts of England and the continent is a survival from an ancient festival annually held among the northern nations to celebrate the return of the sun after the winter solstice (December 21). The Yule logs thought to bring good fortune, and frequently part of it is saved to light the new one in the following year. The Italians regard the charred Yule log as a preventive against lightning. "Yule" is an old word for Christmas, and is still so used provincially.

Chocolate-Caramels

Use one pound of brown sugar, one-fourth pound unsweetened chocolate, shaved, and one-half cupful of water. Boil same as fudge and, before removing from fire add a generous lump of butter and one cupful of walnut or other nut meats or they may be omitted. After it is poured into a buttered pan cut it in squares before it gets hard.

What to Give?

When one thinks of what to give an old friend for Christmas, the first consideration is, "Now what did I give him last year?" Perhaps that is as good a way as any to open the question of New Year's resolutions.

Santa's Curiosity

Jud Tunkins, says he wishes there were a Santa Claus, because if would be such a relief to have a stranger drive up to the house and not try to sell him something.—Washington Evening Star

Sturdy and rugged for rough going

This rugged construction of Top Notch Corn Belts enable them to stand rough going and severe strain for months and months. We build them of the roughest rubber—and lots of it. Corn Belts have the substantial body and fighting strength that an all-rubber article must have to withstand the rough treatment it gets.

The Top Notch Cross is your guide to durable, dependable rubber footwear for men, women and children. The most reliable stores have them. The Beacon Falls Rubber Shoe Company, Beacon Falls, Conn.

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MERRY XMAS

Roasting Fowls for Christmas

There is one way to be sure that the Fowl you plan to serve for Christmas Dinner will be good—phone 43 and tell us to pick you out one the size you need. It is our business to know Fowls—and we do.

We will have Chickens, Ducks, Geese, and a fine assortment of Fresh and Smoked Meats—representing the very best cuts.

Your Orders will be Appreciated.

HILLS BROTHERS
Main Street, NORTHVILLE.

Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS MORNING

And every other morning throughout the year the children of your household ought to have good Fresh, Rich Milk—the kind we serve. Nothing is better for building children into strong, vigorous men and women.

Choice Cream Any Time

Any time you desire some Cream just put a note in your bottle or phone us. We can supply any quantity desired. Let us help you to make it a Merry Christmas.

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Here Here Here

Sanitary Service Started

This company has started its service and asks for the support of the citizens of this community in its endeavor to keep our village the cleanest in the state. Let's all be boosters for a healthier community. For immediate service call

PLYMOUTH PHONE 356-J

For this service our charges are: Business places, \$1.50; residences, \$1.10; less ten per cent. (10%) if paid before the 15th of each month.

ANYTHING TO SELL? TRY A RECORD LINER.



Community Life---

A COMMUNITY is made up of individual units
---each unit contributing its share toward the
growth of that community.

- Its Schools
- Its Churches
- Its Business Institutions
- Its Financial Institutions
- Its Public and Private Enterprises
- Its Present and Its Future

The better and greater will this community become. We can accomplish much working together for that in which we believe.

During all the years of its existence this Bank has endeavored to do its full share toward the upbuilding of this community and we have grown with the community—prospered as the community we seek to serve has prospered. Our business for the past year has been most gratifying and we face the New Year with hope and expectation. We believe in Northville and its future and we want to be of real service to the people of this section.

THE NORTHVILLE STATE SAVINGS BANK

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NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN



THE FINEST OF GIFTS

THE wise men of two thousand years
age traveled many weary miles to
take precious gifts to the Christ Child,
and as Christian humanity has journeyed
down the lane of time, the custom of
giving gifts has left many a bright spot
in an otherwise drab pilgrimage.

The giving of gifts is a lovely thing,

but finer than that is the
self which is exemplified in
service.

We have tried to make this
vice for the community and our hope
for the coming year is that as a result
of our past experience this service shall
mean even more to you in the future.

A very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous
and Happy New Year to all our friends!

Lapham State Savings Bank

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Builder's Park!

(CORNER FARMINGTON ROAD AND FENDT ROAD)

"A Subdivision Worthy of Its Name"

Let Us Solve Your Christmas Problems

At this time of year there are many hard earned dollars spent for something that will be forgotten soon after New Years. It is always a question of "what can I give my boy or my girl that will be worth while?" And often there are gifts at Christmas that are bought just because it is Christmas and for no other reasons.

If you would make a gift to your son that is really worth while, give him something that will be valuable a year or twenty years from today. Give him something that will increase in value instead of decrease, perhaps to the extent of being discarded.

At this time of the year there is nothing that would be more profitable than to give the down payment on a lot. It would be one of the stones in his foundation for future prosperity. It would prove to him that you are interested in his future. It will enable him by a little sacrifice each month to realize the value of permanent investments, and teach him that the things we sacrifice for are the things that are really worth while. What could you give your boy or your girl that would be better than a down payment on a lot?

In Builder's Park there are many Choice Residents Lots that are priced amazingly low. The price includes sewer, sidewalk, water, electric lights, and gravel streets. The location of Builder's Park is ideal. At the corner of Farmington Road and Fendt Road on the sixth line of the Village of Farmington. Builder's Park is directly in the path of the greatest development in this section of the country. In the next few years there will be a growth in this section that will reach far beyond anybody's expectation.

Be fair to your boy and your girl. Give them something worth while. It will be a pleasure to you and a wonderful benefit to them.



HARRY'S
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FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN

Buy Your Christmas Gifts At



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BIG ASSORTMENT OF TOYS AND CANDIES
 GIFTS FOR EVERYBODY—OLD AND YOUNG
 COME EARLY—STAY LATE
WOODWORTH'S BAZAAR, Main St., NORTHVILLE

SENATORIAL HOSTESS



With the reopening of congress the social duties of Mrs. King, wife of Senator William H. King, of Michigan, assume large proportions as Mrs. King is one of the most charming of the senate's hostesses.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 1927

Figures Show Increase of \$154,420,881 Over 1926.

Washington. President Coolidge's estimates for federal government needs during the fiscal year 1927, beginning July 1, are shown in the following table:

Legislative establishment	\$ 14,495,381
Executive office	441,900
Independent Offices	
Civil service commission	1,001,893
Employees compensation commission	2,148,040
Federal board of veterans	2,710,820
National education	8,216,820
Federal trade commission	897,000
General accounting office	8,715,400
Hoarding corporation	874,294
Interest commission	6,033,309
Public buildings and public art	2,228,850
Public education	639,000
Shipping board and emergency fleet corp.	14,158,574
Smithsonian inst.	858,240
United States veterans bureau	458,865,000
United States veterans bureau	4,572,879
Department of Agriculture	147,717,783
Department of Commerce	24,722,547
Department of Education	250,467,502
Department of Justice	14,337,027
Department of Labor	9,567,405
State department	222,560,430
State department	10,614,502
Treasury department	147,562,713
War department incl. Panama canal	19,754,675
Post office and post roads	35,626,378
Total ordinary	21,018,460,000
Reduction in interest on public debt	616,583,283
Interest on public debt	799,000,000
Total payable from treasury	21,401,876,717
Post office dept. and postal service (payable from postal revenues)	740,077,601
Total, including postal service	22,141,954,318

The estimate of figures for 1927 shows an increase of \$154,420,881 over the appropriations for 1926. This compares with a budget surplus calculation of \$100,043,820. The difference is accounted for by the fact that appropriations made for public debt retirement and interest did not coincide with actual requirements.

Export Board Would Control Farm Prices

Washington.—A bill to create an export board to fix prices on farm commodities was introduced in the senate by Senator Shipstead of Minnesota. The bill is similar in principle to the McNary-Haugen bill. It proposes government price control in much the same manner as interstate and state commerce commissions fix rates for railroads, gas and electric companies and other public utilities.

Veterans' Bureau Requires \$314,965,000 for Activities

Washington.—An appropriation of \$314,965,000 is needed for veterans' bureau activities during the fiscal year 1926-1927, exclusive of hospital construction and adjusted services certificate funds, Director General Hines estimated in his annual report. Mr. Hines' report declares that in no other year has "the service of the veterans' bureau been brought to the disabled veterans" as it has in the last year.

Canada's Lumber King Dies

Ottawa, Ont.—Canada's lumber king, Ottawa's grand old man, J. B. Booth, died here at the age of ninety-eight. Princess Lois, his granddaughter, wife of Prince Eric of Denmark, is at present in Denmark.

Feng to Enter Tientsin

Peking.—General Feng Yu-shiang, the Christian general, has taken Yangtsun on the Peking-Tientsin railway and expects to enter Tientsin in his advance against Marshal Chang Tso-Lin.

Americans Guard Train

Peking.—With a detachment of American infantry aboard as a guard, an international train under the direction of foreign officials left Peking for Tientsin.

A Christmas Greeting

By W. E. GILROY
in The Congressionalist

THERE'S not a memory of home, or friend,
 He they so far remote, however lowly,
 No place where new affections richly blend
 That does not grow more beautiful,
 more holy,
 more At Christmas.

There is no laughter of a little child,
 No fiery passion of Youth's rosy morning,
 No treasure-house of Age, benign and mild,
 That is not sweeter for the Christ's
 adorning
 At Christmas.

There is no depth of love, no pang of sorrow,
 No mighty-moving in the human heart
 No comfort for today, hope for to-morrow,
 In which the Christ has not a larger part
 At Christmas.

So, as we send our greeting of affection,
 We share the memory of Him who came,
 In fellowship, in happy recollection,
 Each fervent wish is hallowed in His name
 At Christmas.

For Mother's Christmas

By ETHEL COOK-ELLIOT
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"I'm home for Christmas!"
 "Yes, all of us always go. Great fun seeing each other again and exchanging news. We go back to the farm."

"You must be quite a family man with all the children. But I suppose you'll like to have an extra help of 'em."

"It was not far from home, because I've no more to do than to get my gun and traps and traps. This has been the longest of my trips but I get my pleasure from me. I'll do a couple of insurance and not a cent of it either, but I'll be glad to help you out."

"No, there's no extra help to be gotten these days in the country, and I'm not a bit of a sportsman. I'll be glad to get my gun and traps and traps. This has been the longest of my trips but I get my pleasure from me. I'll do a couple of insurance and not a cent of it either, but I'll be glad to help you out."

Nothing's ready! I've just this hour started to fix for you!"

"We put down our suitcases in wonderment at this unheard-of welcome from mother, our mother!"

"That's just it, mother, dear!" I said. "We didn't want you to do all this fixing alone. We've come to fix for ourselves, and the horse that follows on Christmas Eve."

"Well, at first mother simply wouldn't hear of it. We were to be company and just wait till she got the rooms we were to occupy aired and made up. Since we were all there, well we must stay. But we shouldn't dudge. She guessed we worked hard enough each at our own particular kind of work, all the year, not to have to work when we came home."

"We wouldn't listen. We had come for our own sakes. We laughingly overbore her in all her objections. More than that, we called father in from the barn and got him to handle mother up and take her off to a sleigh ride. A sleigh ride! Who ever heard of a sleigh ride and all the parlor furniture in the hall waiting for the parlor to be cleaned?"

"Well, mother heard of a sleigh ride, and under just those conditions now. She heard of it from her two strong-minded daughters, her youngest and her oldest. Father caught our spirit at once and bustled her away. How merrily the bells jingled as they whirled away through the snow!"

Now for it! Marge and I tucked up our skirts, draped ourselves in our aprons and wound towels about our heads, and fell to. It was hard work, but what a lark we made of it! And we had a good supper waiting for mother and father when they got back.

"And every day that week we did the same. Father whisked mother off in the sleigh to visit old friends in nearby towns, or just for the ride. And while they were gone we hustled!"

By Christmas Eve the house was as shining and tidy as it would have been had mother been left to herself with it. And Marge had proved herself a marvelous cook, too. There were pies and cakes, and even tartlets and the ham (with cloves). The turkey was dressed, too, and the stuffing made. And mother had not so much as put her foot into the parlor door.

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Father spoke up: "You're dead right, children," he said. "Your mother looks like this at the year except at holiday time. Then she'll just be getting ready for you and sort of gets worn out. This year was different. This year she went honeymooning with me instead."

"Marge and I came forth from hiding. "Yes, and hereafter is always to be different," we promised.

"And how it paid! We'll gotten into the way of thinking mother was an old woman. Now we saw her as her neighbors, and father saw her—kerry, bright-eyed, carefree."

"Oh, it seems good to be eating other's cooking," escaped her that night, over Marge's apple tarts. "But you are naughty children just the same. Marge and you shouldn't boss me so! Right in my own house, too!"

(The reproach in her eyes, though mild indeed, was for an instant real. Marge caught it and quicker than I got up and ran around to mother at her place. There she leaned above her and gave her one of her old, injudicious, childish hugs. "Yes, mother dear, it's your own house. But you're our own mother. So, twiss far!")

"And everybody agreed that Marge had justified our high-handedness. However that may be, from Christmas to Christmas mother seems to be growing younger."

Well, another Christmas is here, and this insurance agent must get out her aprons. The other girls have offered to take their turns, of course, but I am too selfish to let them. I look forward to the annual cleaning spree with my jolly little sister, Marge, as to a jollification. And the best part of it all is the sound of those jingling sleighbells as mother and father go whisking out of the yard.

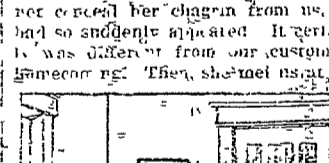
Heigh ho! Merry Christmas!

We Arrived in the Early Afternoon Without Warning

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