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TAKE NOTICE.

Intending to reduce my stock I will offer
IMMENSE VALUES
FOR CASH,
so that you will save Big Money by calling on me before making your purchases.

All persons indebted to me will please settle at once, as I want to close my books.
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Most appropriate gifts. Our stock is very complete, chosen with a view of suiting all tastes and fancies. Linen backed ones that won't tear, for the little tots, beautiful bright colored stories for the boys and girls and the more solid substantial ones for the older folks.

Prices range from 1c to 50c and all at a saving.

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Not exactly Christmas Goods, but very acceptable this weather. Here is a chance of a life-time.

Extra large, heavy, part wool White Blankets, weight 5 lbs., 6 ozs., very soft and fleecy, beautiful colored borders in blue or pink, in every way a **$3.00** Blanket. Yet we say **$1.95.** We must get them out of the way, hence this ridiculous price,

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dy with a matchless collection of Christmas Gifts that will make the eyes of every child who t. Ready with a stock gathered from the greatest markets of the world, and bought in a n ever before.

Many of the lots were captured at prices way below prevailing valuation, and will be turned over to you at proportionately LOW PRICES, effecting you a considerable saving.

Some Hints to Gift Givers.

TOYS FOR BOYS.

Boys will be boys, and shame on the person who would try to dampen their enthusiasm on thi , to them, the greatest of all great Holidays.

Express Wagons, iron ones for rouch use, wooden ones for those who want something cheaper; Hobby Horses, Wheelbarrows, Carts, Iron Trains, Horns Trumpets, Tops, Drums, Boats, Noah's Arks, Grocery Stores, in short everything needed to make happy the heart of a real live wide awake American Boy.

Christmas Tree Ornaments.

The many beautiful things made for trees these days at little prices is truly marvelous. All the newest and prettiest are here. Fairies of every size and shape, from 1c to 10c. Glass Balls of every size, so brilliant they almost dazzle the eyes; candles and candle holders, and all the multitude of paper and wax ornaments that beautify a tree, yet are unbreakable and inexpensive.

TOYDOM IN FULL BLAST.

The world's newest and best Toys are here. Truly a great collection, containing so many quaint and curious things, which will not only delight the children, but interest the fathers and mothers too. Another point to remember is, that only the worthiest sorts of Toys are here. The skimpily-glued-easily-fall-apart kind are not admitted to this stock. Then all are so manifestly underpriced as to command the attention of every prudent gift giver.

ABOUT DOLLS.

The motherly instinct, born in the heart of every girl, makes her long for these little darlings. They are here in all their glory—a veritable fairy land. Dolls that sleep, dolls that cry, dolls that stand alone, dolls that are pretty, and some that are homely, comical brownie dolls, that represent all nations, and cute little fur covered Esquimaux, that look as if they just came from the Klondike. All priced in a way to please, to the most economically inclined.

THINGS TO KEEP YOU WARM.

Hoods and Facinators, Wool Mittens or Gloves, heavy Caps for the boys, Rubber Boots—these things are not luxuries now they are necessities. Then that special bargain in Children's fine Underwear, about which we told you last weeks should greatly interest you these chilly days. Extra heavy fleece lined Shirts, or Pants, or Drawers, sizes 24 to 34, worth up to 35c,, any size for 19c. The greatest bargain of the season.

GRAND OPENING OF OUR
Toys and Holiday Goods Display,

TAKES PLACE ON

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 1898.

THE FINEST IN WESTERN MARYLAND.

Our great stores will be transformed into a most marvelous HOLIDAY BAZAR, with shelves and tables packed with

Toys, Dolls, Books, Games, &c.,

that will gladden the hearts of thousands of children; with XMAS suggestions lurking in every nook and corner; with the most remarkable collection of

Beautiful, Useful and Ornamental Christmas Gifts

ever collected under one roof here, in the history of our beautiful city.

Bring the Children to view this Wonderful Scene.

REMEMBER, (AS IS OUR CUSTOM,)

WE WILL HAVE A REAL LIVE SANTA CLAUS

the week before Christmas, and he will present all our little frends with a Christmas Present the day before Christmas.

Watch our ad. next week for further announcement.

Any Holiday Goods purchased now will be laid aside and delivered when you say the word.

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Select Poetry.

MEPHIBOSHETH.

SECOND SAMUEL, CHAPTER IX.

BY W. H. P.

O helpless, lame Mephibosheth!
My sovereign speaks-to thee he saith:
"Come to the royal table, come,
And make the king's abode thy home."

The soul all lame, and halt and blind,
In Jesus full relief shall find;
The sorest ills but serve to prove
The depth of his redeeming love.

His body, broken on the tree,
Is bread of life for thee and me;
His blood the wine that brings no woe,
But richest blessings doth bestow.

Come fellow-sinner, taste and see
What Christ hath done for thee and me:
Mephibosheths by sin cast down,
Shall rise to wear a kingly crown.

New Windsor, Md., Nov. 29th, 1898.

Select Story.

THESE WOMEN ENLISTED.

It may be safely assumed that no woman is wearing the blue and shouldering a rifle with the American volunteers in the present war. The methods of physical examination employed in the selection of volunteers preclude such a possibility.

Physical examinations during the civil war did not amount to much more than the recruiting officer's eye measurement of the applicant's inches. If the applicant approximated five feet in height, and was not obviously blind, halt, lame, or deaf and dumb, instant admission to the ranks was given. The wonder does not, therefore, seem so great that a considerable number of women actually soldiered as uniformed men during the civil war. A majority of these adventurous women enlisted on the Union side, and their sex in most cases was only revealed when they were wounded in action. There were no doubt a great many more women who enlisted in the Northern army as men than the records show—women who, having escaped wounds nd detection, were mustered out at the close of their enlistments or at the conclusion of the war without their sex becoming known to their officers or comrades. It seems almost incredible that some of these women, whose cases are well authenticated, should have carried out their deception with such success under difficult circumstances, but the fact remains that very few of them were discovered to be women through their poor acting of their soldierly roles.

A Washington man who has been in the War Department for forty years and during the civil war kept a record of all the cases that came to his notice wherein women were discovered under arms in both services, Federal and Confederate, gave the reporter access to his "Women Soldiers" scrapbook the other day, and the following stories are presented as showing that the girls of the early sixties aspired to more venturesome work in war than that of nursing sick or wounded soldiers.

A girl of twenty-two, named Frances Hook, who is described as of "about medium height, with dark hazel eyes, dark-brown hair, rounded features and feminine voice and appearance," enlisted, with her brother, in the Sixty-fifth Illinois Home Guards shortly after the beginning of the civil war. She and her brother were orphans. In enlisting, the girl assumed the name of Frank Miller. She served three months and was mustered out without the slightest suspicion of her sex having arisen. Her brother was killed in action soon after he enlisted. After receiving her three months' discharge the girl, Frank Miller, enlisted in the Union Army, this time in the Ninetieth Illinois. She was taken prisoner in a battle near Chattanooga. In attempting to escape she was shot through the calf of the right leg. The Confederate soldiers who picked her up searched her for papers and discovered her sex. The Confederates respected her sex and gave her a separate room in the military prison at Atlanta. The girl claimed that during her captivity she received a letter from Jefferson Davis offering her a lieutenant's commission if she would enlist in the Confederate service. This, however, was not established. The girl had no home and no relatives, but she said she preferred the Stars and Stripes than to accept any commission up to that of Lieutenant General in the Confederate Army. She was finally exchanged. She said, upon reaching the North, that her captors tried to extort from her a promise she would go home and not enter the service again.

"Go home?" she replied. "Go home, and my brother, the only relative I had in the world, killed by my side at Pittsburg Landing? I've got no home to go to, and I would not go to it even if I had one, until the war is over."

The betrothed of a young Ohio girl had enlisted and she determined to join him. She was inspected, accepted and sworn in with the rest of her company. The company marched to Camp Jackson, Ohio, and drilled there for several days, when the girl was sent with the Third Ohio Regiment to Dennison, near Cincinnati. Here she assisted in all the duties of forming a new camp, handling lumber, doing sentry duty, etc., for a couple of weeks, when, ascertaining for the first time that there were two Camp Dennisons, and that her betrothed was stationed in the other one, near Lancaster, Pa., she went to her commanding officer, Col. Morrow, and requested to be transferred to the Camp Dennison in Pennsylvania, giving as her reason that she preferred to associate with Americans and that most of the men in the outfit to which she was attached were foreigners. Col. Morrow, a shrewd man, discovered the girl's sex and dismissed her from the camp.

A girl named Fanny Wilson enlisted in the Twenty-fourth New Jersey in order to follow her sweetheart, who was a member of the same regiment, into the field. He knew nothing of her action, but she saw him every day, and came near being assigned to the same mess tent with him. The Twenty-fourth New Jersey fought through the first campaign in Western Virginia, the girl soldier carrying herself valiantly. Then the regiment was ordered before Vicksburg. The girl's lover was wounded, and without revealing her sex, Miss Wilson nursed him. She only made herself known to him just before he died. The girl herself became ill when her lover was laid away, and, with a large number of sick and wounded, was sent to Cairo, Ill. Here her sex was revealed, and, upon her recovery, she was dismissed from the service. The girl was thrown upon her own resources in Cairo and for a time she served an engagement as a ballet girl. Then she went to Memphis and enlisted again, this time in a cavalry regiment, the Third Illinois. Her sex was discovered after a couple of weeks. She was stopped by the guard and arrested for being in man's clothing. She was taken to the office of the commanding officer. It being suspected that she might be a Confederate spy, but she made it clear that she was a good, loyal Federal soldier. She was provided with an outfit of woman's clothes and sent back north.

A young woman named Mary Owens, of Danville, Montour county, Pa., enlisted in order to be with her husband. The girl's father was violently opposed to her marriage. The couple were married secretly, and the young wife donned the U. S. uniform, enlisted under the name of John Evans in the same company with her husband, enduring all of the hardships of the camp and the dangers of the field, saw her husband fall dead by her side, and returned home wounded. Her sex was not discovered while she was in the service for about eighteen months, took part in three battles, and was wounded twice, both times in the arms. She dressed her wounds herself in order to preserve the secret of her sex. She was a Welsh girl, and pretty and clever.

A bright little girl but twelve years of age enlisted as a drummer boy in one of the Pennsylvania regiments in the early period of the war. She gave the name of Charles Martin. She was of good stock, apparently, and had evidently enjoyed the advantages of an education, for she wrote an excellent hand, and she made herself useful to the officers of the regiment in the capacity of clerk. She was involved in the chances of five battles, but she escaped unharmed. The officers never dreamed of any question as to her sex. She was finally taken ill with typhoid fever, and was removed to the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. Here one of the female nurses discovered her sex and the brave little girl was returned to her home.

A Brooklyn girl, whose name is not given, tried hard to enlist in several Brooklyn recruiting offices, without success. She went to Ann Arbor, Mich., where she had relatives, and remained with them long enough to ascertain the whereabouts of the Michigan regiments. Then she went to Detroit, where she joined the drum corps of one of the Wolverine regiments. Her sex was not discovered, and she was sent with her regiment to the army of the Cumberland. She survived the hardships of the Kentucky campaign, where so many strong men went down. Her regiment had a place in the division of the gallant Van Cleve, and during the battle of Lookout Mountain she was struck by a minie ball. The surgeon discovered her sex and told the girl her wound was mortal. She dictated a letter to her parents in Brooklyn and died within an hour after after she was shot.

Mrs. Belle Reynolds, the wife of Lieut. Reynolds, of Company A, Seventeenth Illinois Regiment, was with her husband during several heavy battles, including Fort Donelson, and for her gallant conduct was commissioned a Major by Governor Yates of Illinois. Mrs. Reynolds, however, made no effort to conceal her sex.

A young woman nineteen years of age, attending a convent near Wheeling, W. Va., run away from the institution to join the army in 1862. She enlisted undiscovered as to her sex, in the Second Tennessee Cavalery, and accompanied the Army of the Cumberland to Nashville. She was in the thickest of the fight at Murfreesboro, and was wounded in the shoulder. The surgeon who dressed her wound discovered her sex, and Gen. Rosecrans was made acquainted with the case. The young woman was mustered out. Gen. Rosecrans was very favorably impressed with the girl's nerve, and himself saw to the arrangements for shipping her to her people. She did not proceed to her home but went to Bowling Green, where she enlisted in the Eighth Michigan as a regimental bugler. She was a first rate horsewoman and bravely endured the hardships incident to the life of a soldier. She gained some reputation as a [illegible] and was discovered for the second [illegible] and she was mustered out she took good naturedly and went to the home of her parents. This young woman stated that she had discovered a great many women in the army, and that she was intimately acquainted with a young woman who held a Lieutenant's commission. She had, she said, assisted in burying three female soldiers at different times, whose sex was unknown to any but herself.

The history of Major Pauline Cushman, the Federal scout and spy, is familiar to students of the civil war. Miss Cushman resided in Cleveland, O., and, upon going to Louisville to take part in a theatrical entertainment, was arrested as a Southern spy by the Federal authorities. She proved her loyalty by offering to enter the secret services of the Union Army. Her service were accepted, and her achievements are a matter of history. She penetrated the South-

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