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# ANNOUNCEMENT

**Beginning Monday, December 28th, we will receive New York stock prices at short intervals during the day. Same being furnished by T. E. Allison & Co., Real Estate Trust Bldg., Philadelphia.**

HARRY L. BOYD,

NEWS BUILDING, - - - CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND



# BUY USEFUL PRESENTS

Presents that have distinct value—that not only please the receiver, but that are of practical use.

Shoes, for instance—Rubbers, Arctics—every one of these articles that people need—and how much more sensible than glittering jimcracks that fall apart before New Year's.

Once more let me say—BUY USEFUL PRESENTS. This list will point out a few—read it.

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| Ladies' Shoes | $1.00 to $3.50 | Men's Stylish All American Shoes | $4.00 |
| Misses' Shoes | $1.00 to $2.50 | Men's Shoes | $1.25 to $4.00 |
| Children's Shoes | 50c to $1.75 | Men's High Cut Shoes | $2.00 to $4.00 |
| Baby Shoes | 25c to 85c | Misses' and Little Gent's Shoes | $1 to $2.50 |

Rubbers, Arctics and Rubber Boots for warm, dry feet.

## Interesting Values In Xmas Slippers

There's a charm to a pair of cozy Slippers that's hard to surpass. They speak of warm fires, comfortable rooms and toes toasting at the grate—of home-like cheer and all the rest of the stage fittings that make Yule Tide a season of happiness and good will to men.

There's a world of information in the following descriptions, and you will find these worth while:

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| Men's Tan Kid Romeos | $1.50 to $2.00 | Ladies' Grey Felt Slippers, fur trimmed, for | $1.50 |
| Men's Black Kid Everetts, kid lined | $1.50 | Ladies' Wine Felt Slippers, fur trimmed, for | $1.50 |
| Men's Russia Calf Opera, kid lined | $1.50 | Ladies' Black Felt Slippers, fur trimmed | |
| Men's Tan Kid Everett | $1.25 | Ladies' Black Felt Slippers, fur trimmed, for | 50c |
| Men's Black Kid Opera | $1.25 | Ladies' Warm Lined Kid Shoes | $1.25, $1.50 |
| Men's Brown Kid Opera | $1.50 | Boy's Tan Kid Romeos | $1.50 |
| Men's Imitation Alligator Everett | $1.00 | | |
| Mem's Carpet Slippers | 50c | | |
| Men's Vel. Fancy Trimmed Everett | 75c | | |

**C. C. JONES, The Shoe Man,**

**Under Stam's Hall, Chestertown, Md.**



# VANSANT & NEWSOME

Gent's Furnishers and Shoers.

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# THE ETERNAL QUESTION?

"WHAT SHALL I GIVE FOR CHRISTMAS?" Every article in this splendid holiday stock is an answer. For hurry-up perusal we offer this GIFT LIST.

Handkerchiefs, silk and linen, with or without initials in fancy boxes. Suspenders, in individual boxes. Ties, in individual boxes, suitable for mailing purposes. Silk Mufflers, both black and white. Gloves, Kid Gloves, Mocha Gloves, Cape Gloves, Dressing Gloves and Gloves of every description. Umbrellas. 3 Pairs 6 Months Sox, $1.00.

*A BINDING GUARANTEE*

*That these SIX PAIR of SIX MONTHS SOX will wear HALF YEAR without darning, if not, we agree to replace them with new ones upon the surrender of this ticket with each pair and coupon, provided they are returned to us within a half year from date of sale.*

The above is a fair and unconditional guarantee. We cannot make it too strong. AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Coat Sweaters for Men and Boys, 25c to $2.50.

The Maxim Hat for $2.00. A dog-on good hat.

**VANSANT & NEWSOME**

Out-Fitters to Men

CHESTERTOWN, - - MARYLAND


## BETTERTON NEWS.

Mr. Frank Clarke has returned from a trip West.

Mrs. Gertrude Rament is the guest of Mrs. Arthur Emerson.

Miss Jones has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Arthur Brice.

The Ladies Aid will hold a social at the "Atlantic" New Year's night.

The Christmas entertainment will be given Thursday evening in the church.

Miss Helen Crew has returned home after spending some time in Baltimore.

Mrs. Clarence Newsome has been spending the week with Baltimore relatives.

Mrs. William Pennington and children of Philadelphia, have been the guests of her sister, Mrs. Frank Clarke.

Miss Bessie Leigh who has been spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Leigh, Baltimore, has returned home.

Miss Lillie Crownhart has returned from Moorefield, W. Va., and will spend the winter at her home, "The Ericsson."

## OBITUARY.

In loving rememberance of our dear daughter and sister, MARTHA EMMA BRYAN, who departed this life four months ago, August 16th, 1908.

Hour by hour we saw you fade
And slowly fade away;
Yet in our hearts we often prayed
That you might longer stay.
BY HER LOVING FATHER.

She is gone, but was so young and fair,
She slumbers sweet but knows no care.
Her heart was true, her life was young,
Yet not our will but God's be done.
BY LOVING MOTHER.

In the graveyard softly sleeping,
Where the flowers gently wave,
Lies the one we love so dearly
In her lonely silent grave.
Farewell sister, may your slumber
Be as gentle as your love,
And when God shall call us homeward
May we meet in heaven above.
BY SISTER CARRIE AND BRO WILL.

Dearest Sister you will never be forgotten;
Never shall your memory fade;
Sweet thoughts will ever longer
Around the grave where you are laid.
SISTER RACHEL.

THIS county was visited by a veritable blizzard Tuesday but travel was but little inconvenienced Six inches of snow fell and a white Christmas is the result. Sleighing was enjoyed Wednesday.

## ROCK HALL NOTES.

The inseparableness of "go" and "do" as promulgated by the bible was the theme of another excellent sermon on Sunday by Pastor Richardson. His text was "He that goeth forth and weepest bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him." Quite a large congregation enjoyed the discourse. The reverned pastor will preach a Christmas sermon on the coming Sunday morning.

The young folks of the Sunday School are rejoicing because of the return of the time honored Christmas exercises which was abruptly forbidden one year ago. The school did not recover from their disappointment as was plainly shown through the year.

There has been no evidence this week of going behind the record of previous Christmastide. General business activity and joy of this section, a God send of fine weather and plentious crops has made it possible for all to have well filled stockings and a bountious spread of good things. Of course a few are sorely afflicted but even they are not cast down for like Simon of old, their eyes have seen the Lord's salvation and they are ready to depart in peace if it is so willed.

The M. E. Sunday School holds its entertainment and treat on Christmas night. The program is a highly interesting one.

The wild rush in egg buying has caught some of our merchants napping and they are out considerably by the fall in city prices.

Joe Lerner has been located at the post office the past week and doing a rush in clock and watch repairing, &c. He is mastering his trade and up-to-date in his line.

Rev. Mr. Downey is still unimproved but is not suffering any pain. He is entirely unconcerned as to whether he recovers or dies and is as happy as one could wish to be.

We were all banking on a green Christmas but, alas! we are now in the midst of a howling snow storm and at this writing the end is no where in sight.

Capt. C. R. Kerr has just finished a first class foot way in front and south side of his dwelling composed of cement brick.

## SASSAFRAS ITEMS.

We wish for you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and many, many returns.

The Rehoboth M. P. Church Sabbath School gave its Christmas entertainment Wednesday evening, Dec. 23rd. The program comprised the Cantata, "The Coming of Santa Claus." Our choir rendered special music.

Miss Alice Dreka has been visiting Philadelphia for the past fortnight.

Mrs. William Spry moved from Sassafras to Middletown on Wednesday last which was an ideal day for winter, but we were all very sorry to see Mrs. Spry leave among our midst, yet, no doubt she will find better markets, fruits, etc.

The funeral of Mrs. Robert Cann, of Glasgow, Del., formerly a Miss Maginiss, of lower Kent county, took place Monday. The remains were buried in the Rehoboth M. P. Cemetery here. Mrs. Cann's mother, Mrs. Maginiss, was only buried here the past summer, in the same cemetery and it seems a very sad death of both. Mrs. Maginiss was a relative of Mr. Isaac Gibbs, of Massey's.

Mr. E. Marsh, a student of Annapolis, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Dreka for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Alex. Hastings has been quite sick for the past week suffering from a severe case of rheumatism.

The Misses Cullums and Miss Durea, of Warwick, visited Miss Grace Sylvester Sunday afternoon.

The supper held under the auspices of the Jr. O. U. A. M. on Friday evening last (owing to Thursday evening being so stormy) was most successful in spite of the postponement.

Mrs. Royden Caulk and two daughters, little Misses Margaret and Dorothy, were entertained by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Toulson, of New Castle, last week.

Mrs. Frank Sylvester and daughter, Miss Grace, visited Wilmington on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Atwell, son and daughter visited her parents here for the day Sunday.

Mrs. John F. Ernest visited her mother, Mrs. J. Gunkie, on Wednesday.

**Minstrels.**—The old sweet songs of the south are pleasingly commingled with the latest and best of modern day ballads and a splendid quality of clean, laughable comedy, and exhibition of clever stage dancing of the buck and wing variety in "The King's Minstrels," which will be presented by McGuire & Paul at Stam's Hall, on Wednesday, Dec. 30th.

In their company they have included a big contingent of clever comedians, among whom may be mentioned Len Gordon, Harry Wade and Harry Zink, a strong corps of sweet voiced singers, including the famous Delphi Quartette, and the biggest and best band of buck and wing dancers ever seen on any stage. The production takes in the evolution of minstrelsy from its inception up until the present day and is one to start the spectator to whistling and his feet to going in between the laughs induced by the comedy features. The big Concert Orchestra is another of the hits of this big all-star show.

**A Correction.**—We learn that the report of the arrest of two young men on Mr. J. L. Deputy's shore, Worton, is a mistake, and that one of the young men is still there respected by Mr. and Mrs. Deputy and all who have met him, while the other gentlemen were called home on business.

The News wishes all its readers a healthy, hearty, happy Christmas

## DEATH OF W. R. COCHRAN.

Acute indigestion brought about the death of William R. Cochran, a retired farmer of Middletown, and a director of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company. Mr. Cochran had complained of feeling ill for several days, was out Monday, but was stricken suddenly about six o'clock Tuesday morning and died within an hour. He was the son of former Governor John P. Cochran, was 72 years old and is survived by a widow, three sons, John P. W. R., Herman and two dauhters, the Misses Miriana and Lydia. Mr. Cochran was a member of the Episcopal Church. He owned the farm tenanted by Mr. John Clendaniel, near Kennedyville.

## PROF. TOPPING'S FINE HOME

Prof. Thos. H. Topping, the successful owner and manager of the flour mill near Chestertown, removed into his elegant new home last week. The site of the home was made by filling up the small pond leading to the mill wheel, a feat which surprised everyone, and the house itself is built on common sense ideas and is a model in conveniences. Messrs. W. S. & A. M. Culp erected the building according to the owner's plan and it was richly furnished under direction of the tasty professor's wife.

The front porch, for instance, is nine feet wide affording plenty of room to pass without climbing over anyone who might be in a chair. There is a new system of heating in the house, unlike anything else in the town. It is known as the Vapor System, and its great utility is the automatic arrangement for the heating and cooling process. It was installed by Mr. H. S. Orem, of Chestertown. Another great convenience is the lighting system. The entire house is lighted by acetelyne gas, manufactured from a plant in the cellar. The tank is so located as to render the system absolutely safe and the light produced is beautiful. So pleased with the light are Messrs. A. L. Sparks and J. L. Bartley, two of Chestertown's largest merchants, that they have decided to install plants in their big stores.

The water supply is another ingenious arrangement. A well about eight feet deep was dug at the kitchen door, and by a system of pipes and storage tank the machinery in the flour mill is made to supply the force for pumping the water through the entire house. Not only is the supply of water from the well pure and good for all purposes, but the force with which it is sent through the house is such as to make the system as effective as the system in any home in Chestertown. A pipe is also connected with the mill pond so that for fire or washing or any other purpose extra water may be obtained. The Professor is now working on a plan to clean the house by means of his vacuum pump! He has not tackled the cooking problem *yet*.

## CATTLE QUARANTINE RAISED.

### Authorities Also Notified of Removal of Restriction on Hay.

The quarantine against Maryland for the foot-and-mouth disease has now practically been raised and the trouble is at an end.

The State Live Stock and Sanitary Board yesterday received the official notification from Washington taking off the restrictions against the movement of cattle into and out of the state, and the only districts where the quarantine is still being enforced are those in the upper end of Baltimore and Carroll counties, where the outbreak was first discovered.

These districts, however, are close to the Pennsylvania line, and the State is now practically free from all restrictions.

President Bastable, of the Union Stock Yards Company, was at the meeting of the Live Stock Board and left for Washington to confer with Secretary of Agriculture Wilson in reference to the handling of the live stock. The members of the State Live Stock Board believe they were exceedingly fortunate in being able to have the quarantine raised in so brief a period.

Messrs. Charles England & Co., grain and hay dealers, received a dispatch from Secretary Wilson saying that the quarantine on hay in Maryland had been lifted except for limited sections in Carroll and Baltimore counties, where the hoof-and-mouth disease in cattle is supposed to still exist. The Secretary said he had mailed the order for the removal of the restriction on hay.

## STILL POND NOTES.

Miss Lelius Walters has returned home after spending the holidays in Baltimore.

Mr. Caleb Jarvis, living near Galena, moved on the Watts farm, near here, one day the past week.

The Still Pond Sunday School will hold their Christmas tree entertainment on Tuesday evening, the 29th. Don't fail to come and bring the children to see Old Santa Claus, as he is expected to be here to distribute the presents.

Mr. Elwin Ford has been visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Splendid congregations greeted our pastor last Sunday and the services were very interesting and helpful. Next Sunday morning our pastor will preach a Christmas Sermon and the choir will have special music. Do your best to be present. Evening subject, "Retrospect and Prospect." A welcome awaits you.

The Epworth League held its monthly business and social meeting at the home of Mrs. Ida Schofield on last Thursday evening. Much business was transacted after which the fourth vice-president Miss Mabel Norris gave a very pleasing entertainment, drama entitled "Murder Will Out." Refreshments were served and all present report a splendid evening.

Good old winter time visited us this week and the merry, merry chimes of the bells, tells us that Christmas is here and glad to think that Old Santa could visit young and old in his sleigh. Wishing all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Those at home for the holidays are Miss Anna and Jennie Bowers, Mr. Baynard Harper and Holton Parr and others.

Mrs. Jelda Atwell and little daughter Abigail of near Chestertown have been visiting her sister, Mrs. John Boulden.

## TONY PASTOR AS SANTA.

### Veteran Actor Was the Friend of the Stage Children.

There are at present engaged in different capacities on the stage and in the theaters about 400 children to whom the holidays usually are days of toil, and many of these little folks are breadwinners for younger brothers and sisters. It was for them that the late Tony Pastor and his wife, Mrs. E. L. Fernandez, and "Aunt Louisa" Eldridge, now dead, inaugurated the Christmas festival which has become a perennial affair.

The little ones, all less than twelve years old, provide the stage entertainment on these occasions, and there never is any interference by the authorities. Christmas, 1907, was Tony Pastor's last appearance as the children's Santa Claus, and this year they will miss his genial face and kindly attentions. Last year he was master of ceremonies and introduced his tiny "top liners." At the end of the act he presented to each of the girls a beautifully dressed doll and to the boys boxes of candy or appropriate toys.

Admission was by invitation only, and when the programme began the house was crowded to the doors, the balcony being given up largely to poor children of the east side. Some of the actors were mere babies, but they went through the business like veterans, and the gravity of most of them when singing their comic songs was immensely amusing.

One of the players was presented as Baby Esmond, a perfect cherub, who piped a love ditty and danced with one foot held in the air. Mr. Pastor said she was of "this year's crop," and when she had ended the performance he asked her to tell the audience her age. Without shrinking from the question, as her fellow actresses do, she lisped, "I'll be four next January."

Another of the same mature years was "Miss Miriam Jackson," if you please. She came out with a Teddy bear in her arms, sang a song and did such clever capering that every woman in the audience wanted to hug her.

Lillian Tobin, herself no bigger than a doll baby, sang "Poor John" and invited the audience to join her in the chorus, which it did with a will. At the end of the programme Mr. Pastor announced that a banquet was awaiting the children in the basement of Tammany hall.

After the little ones had been satisfied in that respect they were sent up to the main hall of the building, and there the really big feature of the evening took place. On the stage stood three Christmas trees, bending over from the weight of pretty things, while the stage itself was heaped with toys.

After that there was a second distribution for stage children only in the committee room of Tammany hall. Most of the children had written requests for certain articles, and as they appeared one by one and gave a name corresponding with that on Mrs. Fernandez's list the present asked for was delivered. Some of these were of costly quality, having been purchased with money donated to the cause. Mrs. Fernandez said the children of the stage nowadays ask for useful things rather than for playthings. Since these events were inaugurated it is estimated that more than $50,000 has been spent for gifts.—New York Herald.

### A Christmas Warning.

"In giving Christmas presents to children," said Mrs. Frederick Schoff, the president of the National Mothers' Congress, "our first aim should be to transport, to overjoy, to enrapture.

"I once knew a little girl who, on fire with excitement, rushed in from her bedroom to see her presents on Christmas morning and after one look burst into loud sobs of disappointment and disgust.

"It was some such experience, I have no doubt, that had befallen a little girl friend of mine.

"'Are you going to give me anything for Christmas?' she said one day to her aunt.

"'Yes, if you're good,' the aunt replied.

"The little girl gazed at her aunt with wistful earnestness. Then she said:

"'Please, auntie, then, nothing useful.'"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

### A Christmas Hope.

We do not pretend to be prophets, but we can all dare to hope. And this is what we hope: That some day the strong will help and not exploit the weak; that some day fraternity will be more than a rhetorical flourish; that some day love will beget justice rather than charity. And Christmas is the one day in the year that such a venturesome hope seems more than a will-o-the-wisp.—World Today.

### A Christmas Hymn.

No tramp of marching armies,
No banners flaming far;
A lamp within a stable,
And in the sky a star.

Their hymns of peace and gladness
To earth the angels brought.
Their "Gloria In Excelsis"
To earth the angels taught

When in the lowly manger
The holy mother maid
In tender adoration
Her babe of heaven laid.

Born lowly in the darkness
And none so poor as he,
The little children of the poor
His very own shall be.

No rush of hostile armies then,
But just the huddling sheep,
The angels singing of the Christ
And all the world asleep.

No flame of conquering banners,
No legion sent afar;
A lamp within a stable,
And in the sky a star.

—Margaret E. Sangster in Collier's Weekly.


**CASTORIA**

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.



The Ladies' Store. Chestertown.

# H. F. JEFFERSON

# PRACTICAL NEW YEAR'S GIFTS

## ARE APPRECIATED MOST.

IT'S time to get New Years Gifts—and we are ready to supply them. The store is filled with an almost endless variety of beautiful, suitable, practical and dependable gifts.

If it is your custom to prepare a list of things you're going to give, bring the list here and we will quickly and satisfactorily meet your requirements; if you have'nt decided on what to give, write the names, so you won't miss anybody, and let us help you select the gifts. This store has helped many with their Christmas perplexities during our business career, and it is better prepared now than ever.

## Everything Here is Dependable

We are proud of the fact that everything in the store, no matter how low it's price, is of satisfactory quality—*Is dependable.* This means a great deal to the purchaser at all times, but particularly in connection with goods intended for gifts. There can always be the comfortable feeling that whatever is given will continually reflect credit on the giver's good taste and good judgment.

## $15 for Women's Tailored Suits Regular $17 Values

Think of the saving of two dollars on a suit, every dollar saved is one made. Fancy suiting in Herringbone, Serge Black, Blue and Brown. Every suit is smart, finely tailored and up to the top notch of good style. We have lots of other good values in higher price suits. We have them here to suit everybody's purse.

## Coats for Ladies and Children At a Saving of About 1-3

Having sold out of nearly every thing in our Coat Department, we made a search of the cities and the result is that we are here with the goods at a saving to our friends and patrons from one-third to one-half. Just think of a long semi-fitted coat either in black or brown lined with satin at $5.00. These values to be appreciated you have to see the goods.

IN OUR CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT we have the largest and best assortment to be found on the shore.

## Best Shoes You Ever Bought For The Money

We say this without the slightest hesitation. Come in and we will prove that the Children, Misses and Ladies can get here positively unmatchable elsewhere for the price. Here's what:

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| For the baby from | 25C TO $1.00 |
| For the Children from | 75C TO $2.25 |
| For the Misses from | $1.00 TO $3.00 |
| For the Ladies from | $1.00 TO $3.50 |

RUBBERS RUBBERS RUBBERS

## Xmas Sale of Handkerchiefs

This Store has stood the test for several years as headquarters for pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs for the Xmas shopping. It is far in advance to any of our previous years.

The Full Holiday Stocks comprise Women's Plain Linen Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, at 5C, 10C, 15C and 25C.

Women's Hemstitched and Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 15C, two for 25C.

Women's Fancy Plaids, Pure Linen, hemstitched and embroidered, from 25C to 75C each.

## TABLE LINEN BEDROOM

"A housewife never existed who had too much table linen in her linen closet," said a lady tenderly fingering a pile of the delicate-trimmed articles fresh from the crash. A good doily, mat, napkin, cloth, etc., washes well, wears well, and is good as long as a particle of it remains.

The same is equally true of the bureau scarfs, centerpieces, stand covers, etc., and our line is—to say the least—the acme of perfection. The assortment equalled by few and surpassed by none.

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The Ladies' Store

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