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A row of stockings o'er the bed;
Unrased each sleepless little head
To catch the slightest sound or stir.
What noise was that? The clock's faint whir?
A gush of wind? The fall of sheet?
The pitter of a reinder's feet?

In the parlor, with suppressed glow,
They decorate the Christmas tree;
On top, a star its bright beams sheds—
An angel its white wings outstretches;
Sweet voices Christmas carols sing—
Each joy the dawn of day will bring.

The memory of that fair morn
When Babe of Bethlehem was born;
The Son, through whom a fallen race
May see their Heavenly Father's face!
Pardon and Peace! Eternal bliss!
A fairer world than this!

Well might a star point out the way
To where the Infant Saviour lay;
Well might wise men to such a king
Myrrh, spices and frankincense bring!
Or we to Him all honor give
When we have but to—look and live!

EVA.

The wind whistled and moaned drearily,
and the cold was intense. Men drew
their mufflers more closely about them
and hurried rapidly along the icy
streets.

"Will he come, mamma? Do you really believe he will ever come?"
"My child, he said he would, and I have always believed him a good and true man."

"Did you tell him how much we have longed to see him again?"
"Yes, dear Eva, I told him all; how your poor papa was lost in the steamer with all we had in the world; how hard we have worked in our new position in life, and how badly your sister Rachel was hurt by her fall while coming home from her music class."

"And did you tell him Rachel cries over his picture every day?"
"Hush, hush, Eva! Cry, indeed. What makes you think I cry over any one's picture?"

"Because I've seen you when you thought I was asleep, and because your eyes are red every day. But I don't see why he cannot come. Tell me, mamma, where you saw him; tell me again."

"Dear Eva, if I talk too quiet you, and at the same time supply our needs, I could talk for hours. I have told you it was some distance from here on the street where we lived so many happy years. Rachel does not seem singular that he should have expressed so much interest in our welfare—even to writing down our address, and then never coming to see us or sending any word?"

"Mother, we are poor now. Our brown-stone mansion has given place to these humble apartments. So do not blame William; it is not natural that he should prefer the acquaintance of those who move in his own circle. Probably he seldom thinks of us now, possibly has entirely forgotten us."

"No he hasn't either, 'cause he loves you, Rachel; I know; and I love him, too; and I wish I knew where to find him; I'd bring him right here, this minute."

"My poor child, little you know of the chilling breath of winter—little of the cold charity that abounds even in Christian communities. Of all the friends who gathered about us in the summer time of our prosperity, not one in the distress of winter is found to darken our doors."

"But, mamma, we moved right away and never told any one where we were going."

"True, Eva, and perhaps I am unjust. God knows we need friends, but I cannot run after any one, even though he did owe it to your father that he obtained the position which added immensely to his wealth. Nor would I have told him all I did, only he insisted on knowing everything."

"Well, mamma, you just ought to go and find him. Rachel wants to see him and so do I, and he will make us all so jolly!"

"Eva, the family has left this part of the city, and I do not know where they now reside. I met William by the merest accident."

"Well, I could find him, couldn't you, Rachel, if you could walk so far?"
"You little chicken! Your heart is in the right place, but you know very little of the world. I guess it is time you were in bed. Old Santa Claus will not visit us if you sit up all night. He may not come at all, for we are poor people, you know. So, my little darling, you must say your prayers and get ready for your night's rest."

It was Christmas eve. The great clock in a neighboring town had just tolled the hour of eleven, and still the busy market of the great city, where beautiful things from all the world over were offered for sale, was thronged with related purchasers. Hurrying hither and thither, they had no time to answer the inquiries or heed the tears of a little child who threaded her way along the icy pavement. In vain the little thing plead for some one to tell her where to find Mr. Westward. If some listened for a moment to her cries they thought it but a new plan for extorting money, and left her struggling with the bitter cold, almost despairing, yet never relinquishing her hope of finding him whom she sought.

At length, overcome by her emotions and worn out by suffering, she crept into the entry of a large establishment, which, once a fashionable residence, had now been converted into the uses of a business, and then kneeling in a corner, she raised her heart and voice with simple, trusting faith to heaven for help:

"Oh, Father, help poor Eva; oh, I am so cold; and bless my mamma and Rachel, and help me find William, for Christ's sake. Amen." Her prayer was short, and it was heard in heaven

or not, it was listened to with profound astonishment by a gentleman who had just emerged from the picture gallery within, unobserved by the child.

With the hasty exclamation, "Why, Eva!" William Westward caught the child in his arms and hurried her to the comfortable rooms he had just quitted. Hastily summoning assistance, he soon discovered that she was in a dangerous condition, but by a few well-timed inquiries learned all that it was essential to know, and with all haste he ordered his carriage and drove to the number indicated, which was not many blocks distant.

Great was the consternation when near the hour of midnight Rachel, who had been enacting the part of Santa Claus for the benefit of her little girl, discovered the absence of Eva. The child it appeared had not gone to bed at all, but evidently had taken her hat and shawl and left the house, and knowing her impulsive nature, mother and sister were not long in surmising what had become of the missing one.

The necessity for immediate action was just forcing itself into their dazed minds when a knock was heard at the door, and bearing his precious burden the young man without ceremony strode into the room.

The mother was the first to speak: "Why Eva, what does this mean?"
But the poor child was speechless, the question was answered by Wm. Westward.

"My dear madam, all I can say is that I found Eva freezing to death over the avenue, and brought her home. Give her immediate attention if you would save her life."

Christmas morning. The bells are jingling in the streets and crowds of merry children are laughing and shouting with glee in the bright sunlight on the city streets. But in one household there is fear and trembling. Eva the hope of a fond mother, the joy of a loving sister, is hovering on the verge of the better land. All that anxious care can suggest or wealth procure has been supplied, the wisest medical aid has been summoned, and now her friends can only hope and pray that her darling, who never had a selfish thought in her generous breast, may be spared.

"Poor Eva! Her anxiety to serve the one she loved so well had caused her to brave over the night and the bitter cold the dangers of the extreme winter, and kept her up until strength was almost completely wasted, and she sank rapidly. Speaking to her mother, she said:

"Mamma, please forgive me for running away. I felt so sure I could find him that I could not help going out to try; and now having heard why he did not come to see us—how he just came home from Europe last night—oh, I'm so glad I went and found him! William says you will all be happy in your old home, and I, well, mamma, I shall be a happy too." And to Rachel and William, her strength failing, she whispered: "Love one another as I have loved you," and this gentle spirit, too sweet and pure for earth, sped away to its eternal rest. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The Captain General.

WHAT LIEUT. GEN. SHERMAN HAS TO SAY ABOUT IT.

In a private letter, General Sherman, referring to President Hayes's proposition to make Grant a Captain-General, says: "When Gen. Grant was nominated for President in the first instance, in 1868, he volunteered to me the opinion that when his term was out he would not desire to regain command of the army, as it would be unjust to me. I have never heard him since say a word to indicate a change in that opinion, and I do not believe he or his friends suggested to the President the idea of the Captain-Generalcy, or of regaining a place on the army retired list."

As to my retiring, you know that I will not be sixty-two years old till 1882, and the rumor of my intending voluntarily to retire grew out of an expressed desire to manage so as to bring Lieut. Gen. Sheridan to Washington, and thus to leave the three military divisions for the Major-General Schofield, that pressure has passed, and I am in no measure committed as to my future action. The service is embarrassed already with too much rank for our small army, and I don't know what a Captain-General will find to do. There never was such an officer in the United States, and it will need legislation to create and define such an office. I will take my own time and course of action when the emergency comes.

THE PLACE HE WANTED.—A Galveston millionaire was asked recently by a delegation of his friends if he would not consent to allow his name to be used in connection with the United States Senatorship. He replied that he never had meddled in politics before, but just now he had made up his mind to apply for a position other than the Senatorship. "A. I suppose you want to get to the Supreme Bench," said one of the committee. The heavy property-owner shook his head and toyed with his \$5,000 diamond ring. "Perhaps Garfield is going to offer you a place in his Cabinet?" "No. You haven't guessed it yet."

"Foreign mission?" "Gentlemen, I'll be candid with you. For years I have been trying to get the city authorities to have the slop-barrel at my back gas emptied once a month and have it filled with water. I am determined to have that done, and I have applied to the City Council for the position of a scavenger cart."

CHRISTMAS AT MUD FLAT.

She had been in camp four days. Where she came from, why she came, or who she was, no one could tell. But she was in camp, and had come to stay, there was no doubt. She was quiet, modest and simply clad—three qualities which commended her to the residents of Mud Flat, as a change from the ordinary run of females who from time to time invaded the precincts of that classic settlement.

Nor were these the only points that had been noted by the boys. As Andy McCorkle had gallantly handed her from the lower step of the mud-battered coach to the portico of the hotel, every boy saw that she clung almost convulsively to the little child whose arms were twined about her neck. They observed also that her features were pale and bloodless to an extent that was almost painful. By that delicate intuition which sometimes exists under the roughest exteriors, the sturdy miners of Mud Flat understood that the strange lady was suffering from mental as well as physical illness. Their sympathy was aroused in her behalf from that instant, and every man in the place immediately constituted himself her champion and friend.

A day later, when she had rented a cabin near the outskirts of the town, without disclosing to any one her intentions for the future or her story of the past, their interest was increased, and they began to show their friendship in substantial ways. A great heap of firewood was mysteriously deposited within easy reach of the first night. Bags of flour, quantities of coffee and sugar, a whole ham, and a quarter of fresh venison likewise made their appearance from some unexplained source the third morning.

Little was seen of the recipient of these treasures, however. She had only been on the street once, and then only to purchase a few necessary articles. Upon that occasion she met the reverent gaze of a score of loungers, and turned her head away, pretending not to see, when the jovial Bill Carter smuggled a huge package of candy into the child's capacious pocket. But aside from that she had remained hidden from view, and the miners knew little about her on the fourth day as they had on the first.

The 23d of December was unusually cold, even for that locality. As the frozen morn came up over a distant range, cutting with chilly hands the dusky gloom, one might have fancied that he had suddenly been transplanted into the Arctic regions. The ground was covered with a thin layer of snow, which glistened like burnished silver in the pale light. Here and there along the sides of the gulch, grand pines, standing like ghostly sentinels, threw spectral shadows across the white expanse. The roar of Potato Creek, wrapped in the icy arms of winter, was subdued to a tiny, muffled trickling. And the wind, gently sighing through the pines, played Zofenian melodies among needles of pine and tassels of hemlock.

In the main apartment of the Magnolia Saloon, a party of the boys were sitting around a table, upon which steamed large bowl, emitting a fragrant and aromatic odor.

"Whoever she might be," observed a tall and rather angular personage known to his companions as Long Tom Rollins—"whoever she might be, she's alone, barrin' that kid, and unperturbed besides. She's sickly, too, and orter her a doctor. This ain't no sort of a place for a—imperial," he concluded, hesitatingly, revering his heavy boot from the table, and helping himself to a liberal allowance of the punch. Then, after a pause, he continued, "I wonder what ails the critter, anyhow?"

"A man's at the bottom of it, gentlemen, you hear me," observed Judge Gashwilder from the other side of the table, nodding conviction at each of his hearers in turn. "Take my word for it, there's a man in it, as she alters in it, as my deivlity as robs some poor woman's cheek of its bloom and her eye of its light."

The Judge was eloquent at all times. But when his round pate glistened from the effects of good punch, and his theme was woman, he was thought by the men of Mud Flat to have few equals. Therefore the little party seated around the table were considerably startled when, just as their favorite orator had thrust his right hand into his breast as a preparatory gesture leading to a more extended tribute to the sex, Long Tom Rollins leaned forward and exclaimed:

"See here, old man, how do you know all this?"
For a moment everybody was aghast. Whether they were astonished at the suddenness of the interruption, or at the half-savage tone of the speaker, or whether it occurred to them that the Judge might possibly have so far outstepped the bounds of prudence as to have attempted "pumping" the interesting stranger, may never be known. But it is certain that they were astonished into silence. Even Judge Gashwilder was observed to lose his usual presence of mind. For an instant his naturally serene countenance wore an expression which in another would have been mistaken for guilt. If the confidence which the others had always placed in him was a trifle shaken at that instant, it was quickly restored when, after a moment's hesitation, the old gentleman explained his peculiar position.

"You see, gentlemen," he said, gradually resuming the attitude from which he had been surprised by the abrupt speech above quoted, "I was prowlin' round her cabin last night, when all of a sudden I heard voices inside. The door was open a leetle bit, and by standin' where I couldn't miss a syllerbul, I will here explain," he continued, thrust-

ing his red bandanna handkerchief into his breast, as was his wont when speaking publicly, "that I was here for the purpose of findin' out, if possible, whether the gal was in need of anything that I could help her to."

"Which accounts," observed a bystander, "for that chicking which was hung up alongside the door when I came by this mornin'."

"I heard her talkin' with the kid," continued Judge Gashwilder, not noticing the interruption, "and I couldn't help it'seem. As near as I could make out, the talk was like this:

"When shall we see papa?"
"Heaven knows, my baby. We have sought him long, and when God is ready He will restore him to us."

"Is Christmas comin' soon, mamma?"
"Yes, baby-darling. But there won't be no presents for my little one this time. We are away from home, and poor. When we find papa we will go where there are lots of pretty things, and then baby shall have plenty."

Here the Judge leaned forward and whispered in a mysterious voice, telling his companions that he had heard the mother repeat to her child the sad story of how her father had gone West four years ago to seek his fortune; how for two years his letters, containing money for her support, had come like rays of sunshine through the clouds; how they had suddenly stopped, and no answers were received to her agonized appeals; how for two more years she had supposed him dead; how, at last, the Post-master in the little village where she lived had, upon his dying bed, confessed to have stolen the letters from her husband so as to get the money they contained, and suppressed her missives to him, for fear of discovery; and how she had started out with her little one to find the lost husband, who had been last heard from in Mud Flat.

All this the Judge told to the few friends he could trust, speaking in a whisper, lest the precious secret should be passed to others in the room.

"And now," he added, resuming his rhetorical attitude and voice, "I axes you, as gentlemen and representatives of Mud Flat chivalry, shall this gal and her kid, being too poor to have a Christmas of their own—shall they go without it, or not? Remember, gentlemen, that kid is the first one as ever came into this place, and 'papa she's our luck. Let us nurture her, my friends, and let her know her mother that we ain't so lost to virtue an' principle as we used to be, when we have a good woman and an innocent kid amongst us. Let us give 'em a Christmas. I will now proceed to head the subscription."

So saying, the gallant old man moved the punch-bowl to one side, and emptied the contents of his breeches-pocket upon the table. Others followed suit, and when the last man had placed his contribution there the pile contained a goodly sum.

"Now, gentlemen, some one of us has got to take that money, right to Denver, and spend it for 'em. Who shall it be?"

"Let me be your agent," responded a deep bass voice.

Turning, they saw a tall stranger near by, who had just entered in time to hear the Judge's call for contributions. One or two in the room recognized him as a miner who had come from the diggings that afternoon, having found it too cold to work longer in the mountains.

They were inclined to resent the interference of an outsider, and probably would not have heeded his request had he not spoken a second time. Drawing near the table, he said:

"Gentlemen, I was once a married man myself, but my wife, God bless her, is dead. For the love I bear her memory, for the affection I have toward the remembrance of my little one buried with her, I ask you to let me aid in this matter."

The sadness in his voice and face was so sincere, and the utility of sending a man who had "been there, and knowed what wimmin folks would like," presented itself so favorably to the miners, that with little hesitation they allowed him to do as he had wished.

In an hour he was gone, and the settlement was lost in speculation as to what he would bring back for the strange lady and child.

The morning of December 25 dawned crisp and cold. The fresh, biting air of the mountains, rushing among the trees right merrily, waiking among the branches with real holiday glee. It was nearly noon when the stranger rode into camp, loaded with bundles. At the Magnolia he met an eager crowd of miners, who, headed by Judge Gashwilder, were soon on the road to the strange lady's cabin. Arrived there, they felt a sudden hesitation about entering. It was like intruding upon some sacred ground, and they were almost tempted to deposit their bundles upon the threshold and fly.

"You take the stuff," said the Judge to the stranger, "and go in fast. You have been familiar with wimmin, and know how to handle 'em. We'll wait outside."

The stranger felt the same hesitation. Perhaps his long absence from feminine society made him bashful. Perhaps a thought of the memory he revered, caused him to hold back.

Finally the Judge consented to take the lead, and doffing his hat, knocked softly. The door was opened by the child, who bade him enter. Beside the fire sat the mother, who rose to meet them. All passed in but the stranger, who stood outside.

"Morn," said the Judge, who somehow had lost his usual ease of speech and gesture, "we—that is, the citizens of Mud Flat, has come to wish you a merry Christmas, and to offer you these few tokens of our respect and esteem."

Having thus delivered himself, the old gentleman deposited the bundles on all the table, and stood smiling serenely on all his companions. The strange lady, completely overcome by this unexpected kindness, could not find words to reply for a moment. Then, in a broken voice, she said:

"This is a glad moment of my sorrowful life. You are good, kind men, and I know God will repay your generosity to the widow and fatherless. I—"

She stopped suddenly, and stood with blanched cheeks and distended eyes, staring toward the door. The miners turned and beheld the stranger, who, with a great stride forward, and a cry expressing the wildest joy, caught the woman in his arms.

They stood thus, heart pressed to heart, and lips to lips for an instant. Then the stranger turned his eyes devoutly toward the ceiling.

"Thank God," he murmured gently. "The wife I had supposed dead, is restored to me."

The miners stole softly away and left the stranger standing thus, with his arms tenderly twined about the woman of his love, and the little child clinging only to his knees.

The air was balmy outside; the sun shone with ineffable sweetness upon the scene; a blue-jay screamed his delight from a neighboring tree, and the wind played a joyful tune among the rocks. Christmas had come to Mud Flat.

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LOCAL NEWS AND GOSSIP.
Days have begun to lengthen.
The Press wishes a merry Christmas to all.
Miss Julia E. Killam returned to New York last Monday.
Mrs. C. will please accept our thanks for a bundle of papers.
There will be a New Year's concert, Sunday evening, Jan. 2nd, in the United Presbyterian church.
We are informed that Rev. J. A. Mulcahy has bought the fast trotter "Golden Girl," recently owned by William Martin.

Rev. M. W. Tabor will preach a Christmas sermon at the First Universalist church next Sunday morning. There will be a Sunday-school concert in the evening.
A literary and musical entertainment will be given by home talent in Franklin hall, on Thursday evening, January 13th, consisting of a drama, farce, pictures, tableaux, solos, etc.

Mrs. J. L. Fairman has a lobster cactus, four years old, now in blossom for the second time, which has 56 blossoms upon it. It is a most beautiful sight and one that is worth a mile walk to see.
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In this issue we announce a return visit of "The Great Dime Show," which exhibited here early this season. This show was so well patronized that they have been induced to return. Although the price of admission is but ten cents, yet they give a good show and one that contains nothing low or vulgar. Note the day and date, Franklin hall, Saturday evening, Dec. 25th.
We are informed that one of our village housewives, who, by the way, must be something of a "chicken fancier," has had a severe case of croup in her flock, by which her pet crower was laid prostrate. She at once resorted to the usual remedy of onion syrup and lard, and much to her pleasure, old chancier greeted her on the following morning with a hearty crow.

Last Friday evening, THE CLUB met at the residence of Hon. J. L. Houston. Mr. David Sanford was the historian for the evening, his subject being the first part of the 14th century. Miss Adella Hunter and Miss Gertie Wilson read selections from Spenser's "Fairie Queen," and Miss Anna Briscoe read a piece entitled "The Widow Green." Music, charades, etc., closed the evening's entertainment. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. James Reynolds', three weeks from to-night.

Lindsey has added a very fine center show case to his well arranged drug store and it is well filled with fine articles particularly adapted for Holiday gifts.
Two very fine upright, metal bound, show cases with glass shelves have been placed on John Hunter's counters this week. Mr. Hunter has also made improvements in his show windows.

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The first of the Holiday Sabbath-school entertainments came off last evening at Mechanic's hall, and was a pleasant occasion for all present. The entertainment was prepared by the United Presbyterian Sunday-school teachers, and was intended specially for the Sabbath-school, though older people were gladly welcomed. A holiday express and mail train took the place of the customary Christmas tree. At twenty minutes before eight o'clock the whistle of the New York express was heard, and a moment later the train thundered by, shaking the hall as it passed;

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WILL WORK WONDERS!
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Robert J. Steele's
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For your choice Cuts, where you will always find on hand first-class
Beef, Veal, Lamb,
Mutton, Pork, Lard,
Ham, Sausages,
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HILDITCH'S BLOCK,
Opposite the Depot.
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S. Parsons'
is the place to buy anything you want in the way of
Paints, Oils, Glass,
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Complete stock of
Painters' Brushes
of all kinds.
Paper Hangings, Borders, Window Curtains, Fixtures, &c., at bottom prices.
Hardware, Nails, Pocket and Table Cutlery, &c., as low as the lowest.
House and Sign Painting, Graining, Paper Hangings, &c., done at short notice and satisfaction guaranteed.
Hoping to receive a share of your patronage, I remain,
Yours Respectfully,
S. Parsons,
Main Street.

Attention!
A Thirty Days' Ride Free!
Sallade's Tripple Spring.
WE HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS with the manufacturers to build for us the
Triple Spring,
in connection with
The "Eclipse"
Triple Spring.
We have such confidence in the superiority of these springs that we will build a carriage of any style, either on the Triple or Eclipse Spring, and allow a trial of 30 days, and at the expiration of which time, if not satisfactory, can be returned.
Repairing in all its branches.
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For New Process and St. Louis Flour.
For Teas, Sugars, and Molasses, Fruits and Confectionery, Salt Fish, Tripe, Lard, Kerosene Oil, &c., &c.
For Cigars, Snuff, Smoking and Chewing Tobacco.
For first-class goods, every time, or money refunded.
With thanks for past patronage, I am as ever, at your service,
F. J. Sheldon.
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TAYLOR'S
COUGH BALSAM.
It beats them all for Coughs, Colds, Influenza, Sore Throat, Bronchial Affections, etc. So says John Warner, Granby, Mass.; Mrs. A. Styles, Suffield, Conn.; Mrs. Anna Sturges, Lanesborough, Mass.; F. G. Warner, Suffield, Conn.; Mrs. Austin, Suffield. You cannot speak too highly of your Cough Balsam. Richard Jones, Suffield, Oct. 1st, 1880.
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Five rods South of the Depot.
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WINDSOR LOCKS, - CT.
HENRY CUTLER, PROPRIETOR.
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A GOOD ASSORTMENT TO SELECT FROM.
Desirable Patterns. Warranted to give satisfaction.
Don't fail to examine my stock before purchasing.
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NEWS AND GOSSIP.

ENFIELD STREET. The services at the Congregational church, Sunday morning, will be appropriate to the Christmas season.

The place occupied by R. A. Potter has been purchased by Henry Potter, of Saybrook.

Old Santa Claus had so much to do this season, that he thought he would begin a few days beforehand; so on Wednesday evening, he and a number of the relatives and friends entered the house of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Chapin, they having had an invitation to spend the evening elsewhere.

Prof. Rogers will give his Brice-Brace entertainment at Town Hall, next Wednesday evening, for the benefit of the school.

A new bridge is to be built over Scantic river, near the Scantic powder mills. The old bridge is considered unsafe.

Gordon Brothers have a large quantity of rags and paper stock baled ready for shipping.

Law Brothers are doing a large business in the manufacture of iron powder kegs and canisters.

Ice harvesting is the order of the day. It is saved and loaded for the low price of one cent per cake.

Bridge Brothers are doing a rushing business in holiday goods.

Pierce Brothers' Dime Show is billed the 27th and 28th, at Hazardville Institute.

William Casey & Son are well patronized by owners of horses. They are first-class horse shoers and thoroughly understand the business.

J. T. Stinson is gathering rags and is busy as a bee. Ladies, throw aside your old dresses and make yourself a Christmas present of a new one.

C. G. Tiffany & Son's trade in paints is increasing.

The East Windsor teachers' association at Broad Brook, Monday evening the 20th. The order of exercises was, a talk on the subject of the subject by the teachers, a talk on Mathematics by O. S. Wood followed by discussion, and an essay by A. Pease, on the history and progress of the common school.

We take pleasure in recording a birthday party at Mrs. Sweetland's, mother of F. J. Sweetland of Shaker Station, which took place at her residence, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 15th, it being her 70th birthday.

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Nice, fresh eggs are very scarce at 35

chickens, 17 cts. per pound; geese, 18 cts.; turkeys, 20 cts.; good butter, 30 cts.

Mr. J. T. Coogan arrived home from California yesterday.

The assessors have nearly completed the tax list. It amounts to nearly \$710,000.

Appropriate Christmas services will be held in all the churches.

Mr. Curran McCabe has recovered his team, which was stolen last September.

The Charter Oak House is overrun with boarders, and transient custom is good.

All of the mills stop on Christmas day. Christmas is getting to be the world's holiday.

Deacon Elisha Childs, representative-elect from Woodstock, died on the 15th inst, aged 69 years. He was a prosperous, upright man, and respected by all.

The post-office will close on Christmas day at one o'clock.

139 car-loads of ice have been taken from this place by the R. R. Co. and shipped to Hartford and New Haven. The average per car is about ten tons. It is to be used on the road for the accommodation of the traveling public.

The freight receipts are unusually large this winter. A cargo of 300 tons of coal consigned to the Seymour Paper Company has just arrived, together with large quantities of various kinds of other merchandise. Five extra freight trains, well loaded, passed through here on Tuesday.

The T. Pease & Sons Company's office will soon be connected by telephone with the Thompsonville office; also with Hartford and Springfield. The company have long felt the need of such a convenience and when the line is completed, a direct communication can be carried on between the two offices.

Mr. John Coates, late principal of the high school, is about opening a law office in Thompsonville.

Postmaster A. W. Converse sent about 2,000 pieces of mail matter during the first week of December.

John J. Smith, the violinist of the Wadsworth Novelty troupe, who died very suddenly of heart disease in the office of the Charter Oak House about 9 o'clock last Saturday morning, was in his usual health, sitting in his chair telling stories and expecting to take the 10 o'clock train to meet an engagement for the evening. Mr. Smith was about sixty years old and in needy circumstances. The selectmen telegraphed to his brother in Chicago and he replied that he had no money to pay the expense of coming here, and requested the town authorities to bury the body at the town's expense. Rev. Mr. Goodell offered his services and the funeral was held at the Charter Oak house. Much credit is due to the people of Windsor Locks for their kind aid and Christian sympathy.

The Medlicott Company are already receiving large orders for summer goods, and are running to their full capacity.

Our enterprising druggist and jeweler, Mr. J. W. Browning, has a fine assortment of the better class of holiday goods. Readers of THE PRESS will do well to carefully notice his advertisement in this week's issue.

J. T. Swithenband has finished painting Charles Brisco's carriage shop. It adds much to the appearance of the street.

The freight train due here about half past four p. m., last Monday, on arriving at the depot, found that they had broken in two just this side of Windsor, leaving the caboose, two cars and the conductor. Dickerman's train was delayed by the accident and was obliged to wait in Windsor and follow the freight to this place.

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Mustard,

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Worcestershire Sauce and Catsup,

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Foreign and Domestic

FRUITS, NUTS,

HONEY, ETC.

O. A. Blaisdell & Co.,

Main Street, - Thompsonville, Ct.

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The largest and most complete assortment of

HORSE BLANKETS AND LAP ROBES,

Ever shown in Thompsonville.

We have on hand a large stock of

Trunks and Bags

of the best make, bought direct from the Manufacturers, which we are selling

At Low Prices.

Buggy, Farm and Team

HARNESSSES

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Oak Tanned Leather.

Also a full stock of

Halters, Collars,

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Respectfully Yours,

A. T. LORD,

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AT

BROWNING'S

Drug & Jewelry Store.

A large assortment of JEWELRY, new and desirable. Just the thing for

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

Stone, plain and engraved Rings,

Ladies' and Gent's Chains, Pins,

Studs, Ear Drops, Cuff Buttons, &c.

Pens and Holders, Pencils,

Gold and Silver Thimbles,

Napkin Rings, Fruit Knives,

Silver Cups, Nut Picks,

Spoons, Forks, Knives,

Cake Baskets,

Castors, &c., &c. Also

Watches and Clocks.

Anything wanted in this line different from what I have, I will procure at short notice at less than city prices.

All goods bought of us engraved in the best manner with no extra cost.

Fine line of

PERFUMERIES, FANCY AND TOILET ARTICLES,

Soaps, Powders, Cut Glass Bottles, Paperies, Combs and Brushes of all kinds, Camoils Skins, Sponges, etc., etc.

Choice Confectionery!

Just received a large and complete stock of Meerscham, Briar and other Pipes, Cigar and Cigarette Holders, Cigar Cases and Lighters, Cigars and Tobaccos.

The Largest and Best Assortment to

Select from in Town.

Complete stock of DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND PATENT MEDICINES,

Herbs and Fluid Extracts, warranted pure and of the best quality.

Also, over 600 BOOKS TO LET, by the week, month or year.

Come here and get your money's worth.

COOGAN'S BLOCK, OPPOSITE FERRY,

Windsor Locks, Conn.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

WHEREAS at a Superior Court hold-

en at Hartford, within and for the

County of Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, on the 2d Tuesday of September

A. D. 1880, upon the motion of Frederick E. Ely of Enfield, in said County, receiver of the Thompsonville Savings

Bank, located in the said town of Enfield, said Court hath limited two months from the 10th day of December A. D. 1880,

within which all depositors having claims against said Savings Bank, shall present their claims to the said receiver and all claims not so presented during said time, to wit, on or before the 10th day of February A. D. 1881, shall be forever barred.

And whereas said receiver is directed by said Court to give notice by advertisement in a newspaper, published in said Enfield, and also in a newspaper published in each of the cities of Hartford, Connecticut, and Springfield, Massachusetts, at least six weeks before the said 10th day of February A. D. 1881, of the time limited for the presentation of claims of depositors as aforesaid, as appears by the records of said Court.

This is to give notice to all depositors having claims against the said Thompsonville Savings Bank, to present their claims to the said undersigned receiver at Thompsonville, in said town of Enfield on or before the 10th day of February, A. D. 1881, or be forever barred.

Dated at Enfield, the 13th day of December, A. D. 1880.

FREDERICK E. ELY,

Receiver of the Thompsonville Savings Bank.

THE T. PEASE & SONS CO

LUMBER

Building Materials.

Doors,

Windows,

Blinds,

Nails, &c.

MANUFACTURERS OF

MOULDINGS,

Casings,

Jambs,

Window Frames,

Brackets,

Turned Work,

&c., &c.

WE ARE NOW MAKING

Tobacco Cases

from a nice lot of

Dry, Canada Stock Boards,

and during the next five months shall keep constantly in stock a large assortment of the various sizes.

We will deliver to Packers when wanted, in such quantities as desired,

At the Lowest Market Prices.

WE ARE MANUFACTURING

Clark's Patent

Steel Point SNOW SHOVEL.

A very useful

invention, and one

that will commend

itself to every

Housekeeper. It

cannot be excelled.

Is acknowledged

by ALL to be the

best SNOW SHOVEL

in market.

Orders solicited

from the

Trade.

Lumber Yard and Planing Mill at Thompsonville.

Respect Yard at Windsor Locks.

Bargains for the Next 30 Days.

A few more Cooking and Parlor Stoves left, that we shall offer at Low Prices for CASH.

We have the Good

News, New Empress, Par-

role, Beauty and other

Cooking Ranges,

We also have

The Garland, Good Luck,

Harmony, and other self-

feeding

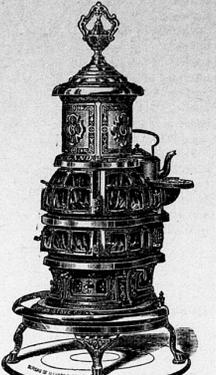
Base Burners,

and a large assortment of

Cylinder Stoves, Sheet-

iron, Air Tight Wood

Stoves, &c., &c.



Garland.

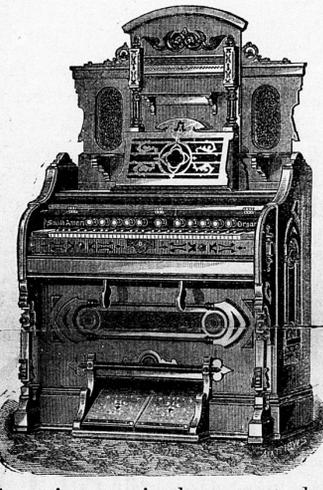
HOLIDAY GOODS. Silver Plated Ware.

Just arrived, a splendid assortment of these goods in new and desirable patterns made especially for the Holiday Trade. A full line of Knives, Forks and Spoons, of Rodgers Brothers' manufacture.

One Dozen Rodgers Bros.' Triple plated Knives, for \$4.50. Guaranteed to be the best in market.

Don't buy Silver Plated Ware of peddlars and pay fifty per cent more for it, and not know who you get. We have heard of some who have done this recently. Come and see what bargains we can give you before you do so any more.

Smith American Organs.



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We have just received a new stock of these unsurpassed Instruments. We are willing to have them tested beside any organ in market, as to their quality of tone, workmanship and also as to price.

What better can a Father do than to buy one of these instruments as a Holiday Present for his family? It is money well invested, and will have a great influence in keeping sons and daughters at home. Try It. TERMS EASY AND PRICES LOW.

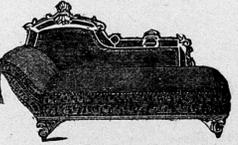
CROCKERY, CHINA AND GLASS WARE.

We have made special efforts to select a fine assortment of these goods for the Holidays and believe we are prepared to suit all who are in want of

Tea Sets, Toilet Sets, Vases, Etc.

Furniture Department.

We have a full stock of LOUNGES, EASY CHAIRS, CAMP CHAIRS, CHILDREN'S CHAIRS, FANCY TABLES, SPRING ROCKERS and a variety of other goods. Suitable for Presents, besides a Full and Complete Stock of All Kinds of Furniture.



More to Follow.

In addition to the above goods, specially mentioned, we have an almost endless variety, which are useful, substantial and needful in every family.

We have the two

BEST CLOTHES WRINGERS

in the market for the price, the

Empire and Favorite.

Husbands, you don't know how the wife will smile if you make her a present of one. Do so, and save her strength and lengthen out her days, so your can have a Silver Wedding when the twenty-five years roll around.

Any goods you buy of us are warranted to be as represented. We pride ourselves on doing business not only for dollars and cents, but to build up a reputation for honorable and square dealing. We believe this to be the most satisfactory as well as the right way to do business. We make special inducements for cash, and will sell cheaper than we can on long time. We take pleasure in showing our goods if customers do not buy. Please to call and examine before purchasing.

NILES PEASE, Thompsonville, Conn.

FRANKLIN HALL. MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 27.

CLEMONS & SANDS' Great COMBINATION

WITH BRASS BAND AND ORCHESTRA.

Fifth year of the World renowned Variety Troupe. Houses crowded everywhere.

15 STAR PERFORMERS! AND THE ONLY

Performing Baby Elephant in America, will positively appear.

The whole entertainment under the immediate direction of DICK SANDS, the Champion Clog Dancer of the World.

Don't make a mistake in regard to date.

Dec. 27, Monday Evening.

Admission, 25 cts; Reserved Seats, 35 cts.</

NEWS OF THE DAY

GENERAL ITEMS. The House Committee on Public Lands has refused to report upon the Senate bill to equalize homesteads. It provides that every person who may have entered under the homestead laws less than 160 acres shall be permitted to enter enough more to make 160 acres.

THE LIME-KILN CLUB. Wants to be a Hero—Miscellaneous Proceedings. "Down on de Central Market de order day," began the old man, "I hear a man longin' for a chance to become a hero. He wanted to perform some brave act. He wanted to lay himself out on smuthin' heroic. He wanted to have himself pinned out as a big gun, and he sorrowed because de day of heroes had passed. I moved aroun' him an' looked him ober. He had on a shirt two weeks old. His hair was long an' greasy. His face an' hands needed soap an' water. I s'pect dat his chillen war bar' futed an' his wife obleeged to take in washin'."

HALF MARRIED. The Little Rock, Ark., Gazette tells this story:—Old Nat, better known on the plantation as Black Nat, was arraigned before court several days ago on a charge of bigamy. "Nat," said the judge, "you are charged with having two wives. Are you guilty?" "Jedge," do fack dat Ise got two wives sin't de truth."

CALENDAR FOR 1881. Wicked for Clergymen. Rev. Washington, D. C., writes: "I believe it to be all wrong and even mean to be led into giving testimonials to quack doctors or vile stuffs called medicines, but when a really meritorious article made of valuable remedies known to all, that all physicians use and trust in daily, we should freely commend it. I therefore cheerfully and heartily commend Hop Bitters for the good they have done me and my friends, firmly believing they have no equal for family use and will speak without them."—New York Baptist Weekly.

PROFITS OF A HORRIBLE TRADE. A newspaper correspondent says: A gentleman of Chicago, who went to Atlanta, Ga., to engage in business a few years since, and is still there, has told me recently of the horrible wrongs to the innocent, or nearly innocent, growing out of the enormous profits to Grodwin, Brown & Colquhoun from this convict labor. Athletic, able-bodied men of color are greatly in demand for this horrible species of servitude, and when one is particularly coveted for his strength or skill he is a marked man, and it is easy to trump up some charge of petty theft against him; and once arraigned, the law shows him no fairness nor mercy. My informant knew of innocent men who were serving these atrocious sentences, whose only crime was the brawny muscle their Creator had given them; and of one particular case where a fine, splendid-looking negro, a prime favorite of his for doing odd jobs around his store, was arrested for stealing a mackerel that had been placed in his way, and given ten years upon the chain gang. He said that his heart bled for that man every time he passed his manacled hands upon the street. You and I are pretty good people, and we keep the eighth commandment, of course; but suppose we were watched and lain in wait for to find some peccadillo, perhaps equally obnoxious in God's sight to arrest us on, and were given a sentence proportionate in severity to ten years of the chain gang for stealing one mackerel. What would life be worth to you and me? But unless we bring these things home to ourselves we shall never be moved to clamor for their abolishment in the case of our black fellow-citizens.

THE DUTIES OF CHIEF MATE. A writer upon nautical affairs in the Boston Commercial Advertiser says: The office of chief mate is by no means one completely strewn with roses. If the second mate has his troubles and discomfitures so does his superior officer have his; but they are of a different order. When the second mate is on deck at night and is uncertain what to do when caught in a tight place, he has but to call the captain and thus relieve himself of all further responsibility. This is perfectly right and nothing is thought of it; but let the mate do the same thing and he would soon become the laughing stock of the entire crew. The big ship rule allows a second mate to take in all light sails down to the daggall sails (top gallant) and the mate to "lay a ship to" without consulting the captain; but neither one seldom gets far as this, the commander usually making his appearance at a much earlier stage of the game. I do not mean to say that it is improper for the mate to consult with the captain or the captain with the mate; far from it; it is their duty to do so, but a mate dislikes very much to waken the captain for an approaching squall, upon the nature of which he is a little uncertain. The mate of course eats at the same table with the captain, and it is usually at the table that he receives his orders regarding the work to be done or that he is given "in hand." The mate (or the captain) never leaves the deck to go aloft in a gale of wind; the captain generally stands upon the quarter deck while the mate remains upon the main deck "in the waist."

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The House of Representatives has passed a bill to equalize homesteads. It provides that every person who may have entered under the homestead laws less than 160 acres shall be permitted to enter enough more to make 160 acres. The bill was passed by a vote of 138 to 100.

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