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## G. A. TAYLOR'S BAKERY

FOR A FINE LINE OF

### Christmas Candies

### FRESH BAKED GOODS

A Merry Christmas to all Our Patrons.

PHONE NO. 27. **Geo. A. Taylor**

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS

*write following numbers*



## Shoe - Repairing

Have your Shoes Repaired while you wait if possible. No more waiting two or three days for it. Two men at work from 7 a. m. until 7 p. m. Always good leather used. Also agent for the

## Wear-U-Well Shoe Co.

The Best Shoe ever made for the money.

Phone 105 **JAMES ADAM**  
Successor to the Plymouth Shoe Repairing Co.

## We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Everybody is buying presents for Christmas, but what would the holidays amount to without something to eat. See us and buy some nice eatable presents for your stomach's sake. We will have

### Turkeys, Ducks, Chickens

that will make nice sweet presents. Don't forget we handle REDWING FLOUR.

Try a sack and if not satisfactory your money will cheerfully be refunded

We give and Redeem People's Legal Trading Stamps.

Phone 12 Free Delivery **Todd Bros.**

## What Kind of Coal Do You Use?

If you have a base burner you should use our No. One Chestnut at \$7.75 per ton. If its a furnace, use our No. One Stove Coal at \$7.50 per ton or our genuine Massillon Lump, (rescreened) at \$5.00 per ton. If you want it for a cook stove or range use our genuine Massillon Washnut at \$5.00 per ton. If you want good coal try one of these.

**H. J. WOODS & SONS**  
STARK, MICH.

## A. J. GEER'S STORE AT NEWBURG, IS HEADQUARTERS

FOR

### Christmas Candies, Assorted Nuts, Staple and Fancy Groceries

Don't forget our store when making your Christmas purchases. We can surely please you.

## Christmas Is Coming!

So are you Coming to Stark!

Are you Open to Conviction? Can you be Convinced?

Many people think it impossible to find a first class store in a town the size of Stark. There is one here, however, and if you will come and see us, we can satisfy you of the fact. We have a large and first class stock

Dry Goods, Prints, Muslins, Crash and Notions, *etc*  
Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers,  
Rubber Boots, Felts and Rubbers,  
Socks and Rubbers, Acrtics, Overshoes  
of all kinds for both Old and Young

AT REASONABLE PRICES.

Your patronage is always appreciated and will have our best attention

**GEO. KUHN,**  
STARK, MICH.

## At The New Meat Market

You Can Get the Choicest Cuts of

### Fresh and Salt Meats

Try our Home-made Sausage. It is fine.

Try our Pure Home-rendered Lard and you will use no other.

PHONE US YOUR ORDERS.

**WILLIAM STRENG**

Local Phone Free Delivery

## Central Meat Market

Call Central Meat Market,  
phone 23, for

### Choice Meats,

Smoked Meats of all Kinds,

Home Made Bologna and Sausages,

Try them and you won't eat any other.

**FRANK RAMBO**

BOTH PHONES FREE DELIVERY

# The Store for Home Made ...Candy...

Our Store on Main Street is now Open

Peanut Crisp 10c. lb.  
Cream Candy Mixed 10c. lb.  
Chewing Taffy 15c. lb.

A large supply in package and bulk of  
Lowney's Chocolates fresh from  
the factory.

Calendars and Calendar Pads and Post Card Albums  
La Preferencia, Champion, Chief Battle, John T., Lillian Russell  
and Woodhouse Cigars, 25 in a box for \$1.00.

The largest and most up-to-date stock in the state outside of Det-  
roit. New stock just received.

We have a nice line of Christmas Decorations

Sherbets, Ices and Brick Ice Cream Our  
...Specialties...

## H. W. MURRAY

### CHRISTMASTIDE

CHRISTMAS hath a darkness  
Brighter than the blazing moon;  
Christmas hath a chilliness  
Warmer than the heart of June;  
Christmas hath a beauty  
Lovelier than the world can show.  
—Christina Rossetti.

HEAP on more wood! The wind is chill;  
But, let it whistle as it will,  
We'll keep our Christmas merry still.  
—Walter Scott.

BING out, ye crystal spheres! Once  
bless our human ears,  
If ye have power to touch our senses so.  
And let your silver chimes move in melo-  
dious time,  
And let the bass of heaven's deep organ  
blow,  
And with your ninefold harmony make up  
full consort  
To the angelic symphony.  
—John Milton.

IT is the Christmas time,  
And up and down 'twixt heaven and  
earth  
In glorious grief and solemn mirth  
The shining angels climb.  
—D. M. Mulock Craik.

SHEPHERDS at the manger  
Where the Babe was born  
Sang with many a change  
Christmas carols until morn.  
—Henry W. Longfellow.

THE star which they saw in the east  
Went before them till it came and  
stood over where the young Child was.  
—Matthew.

"MERRY Christmas!" hear them say  
As the east is growing lighter.  
May the joy of Christmas day  
Make your whole year gladder, brighter.  
—Margaret Deland.

AGAIN at Christmas did we weave  
The holly round the Christmas hearth.  
—Alfred Tenyson.

SING the song of great joy that the an-  
gels began:  
Sing of glory to God and of good will to  
man.  
—John G. Whittier.

### THE LEGEND OF THE MIS- TLETOE.

Why is mistletoe always sus-  
pended in our homes? The rea-  
son is traced back to an old  
myth of the Norsemen. The  
mother of Baldur, the god of all  
good things, exacted a promise  
from the vegetable, animal and  
mineral kingdoms to preserve  
his life from harm. From some  
cause, however, she did not  
make an appeal to the mistletoe.  
The god of mischief and pater-  
nate of the earth, Loki, became  
jealous of Baldur's great popu-  
larity and, fashioning an arrow  
from a strong branch of mistle-  
toe, gave it to old blind Hodur,  
showing him how to aim it, and  
in this way Baldur met death.  
However, he was restored to  
life, but the mistletoe, placed  
under the care of Friga, was  
never again to be an instrument  
of evil till it touched the earth,  
the empire of Loki. This is why  
the parasite is, in our homes and  
churches, always suspended  
from ceiling and chandelier or  
in windows. When persons of  
opposite sexes pass under it they  
give each other the kiss of peace  
and love in the full assurance  
that the epiphany is no longer an  
instrument of mischief.

### The Taffy Pull

THE best pulled taffy is made  
with granulated sugar and  
should be cooked in small  
batches. To two pounds of  
sugar allow just enough water  
to dissolve the sugar. One will  
find that taffy is better if made  
in an old fashioned iron or steel  
skillet than in porcelain, as there  
is less danger of scorching. Taffy  
should boil rapidly. In test-  
ing use very cold water, dip a  
teaspoonful from the center, but  
do not stir the boiling taffy or it  
will turn to sugar. Have butter  
ed plates to pour the taffy into  
and grease the hands with but-  
ter to handle it. The best pulled  
taffy turns chalky if kept a few  
days and is then very delicious  
if rolled in unsweetened choco-  
late.

### Time—After Christmas

Scene—A Department Store.  
Girl Clerk—Mame, where's the poetry  
books? A lady here wants to ex-  
change a cookbook her husband gave  
her for a book of poetry.  
Nervous Uncle—Here's a toy trumpet  
my nephew got Christmas. Sure it  
blows. That's the trouble. Gimme a  
rubber ball for it.  
Floorwalker—They can't keep that  
old chap home nights by giving him  
a smoking jacket and slippers. He's  
brought them back to exchange for a  
corkscrew, a dress shirt and patent  
leather shoes.  
Miss—Gramma gimme a set of Miss  
Alcott's improvin' books for girls. I  
wanna know if I can't exchange 'em  
for a silver vanity box.  
Bald Man—Here's a pair of military  
hairbrushes I got.  
Father—Some one gave me pink silk  
pajamas for Christmas. I want to ex-  
change them for something a self re-  
specting man can wear without blush-  
ing.  
Mamma—My little boy got this set of  
toys for Christmas. I want to ex-  
change them for a new center table.  
He sawed the legs off the one I had.  
Willie, stop your crying.—Pack.

## The Plymouth United Savings Bank

# A Thought for Xmas.



## Start a Bank Account for that Boy or Girl of Yours

A bank book from this bank will be one of  
the most acceptable and altogether desirable  
gifts you could possibly bestow upon your  
child.

It will serve to start him on the road to  
wealth and imbue him with the habit of sav-  
ing which in after life, will bring him the re-  
spect and confidence of his fellows.

Speak to your wife about it. See what she says  
—then come to this Bank and we'll do the rest.

## The Plymouth United Savings Bank

# Xmas Gifts

Holiday buying will be easy in our store. The question of "what to give" is  
solved when you see our stock. Our counters and shelves show a great variety of  
things suitable for Christmas presents at prices that will please. We can mention but a  
few items here. Come and see for yourself.

## A Few Suggestions

Ice and Roller Skates  
Carpet Sweepers  
Electric Irons  
Silver Ware  
Table Cutlery  
Aluminum Ware  
Granite Ware  
Enamel Ware  
Nickel Plated Ware

Air Guns  
Pop Guns  
Sleds  
Pocket Knives  
Tool Chests  
Chafing Dishes  
Razors  
Scissors and Shears

We will be glad to have you come in  
and look whether you buy or not.

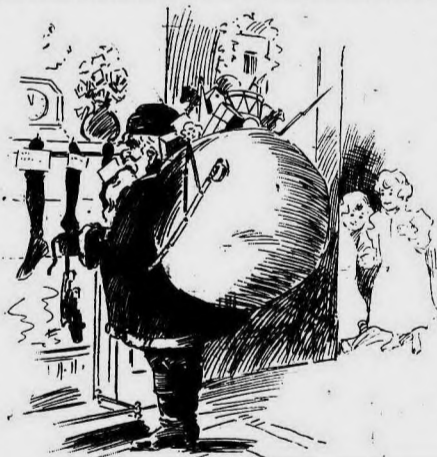
# Huston & Co.

Plymouth, Mich.

## GALE'S

FOR  
Xmas  
Toys

GO TO GALE'S  
Dolls and Doll Heads  
All Kinds and Sizes.



In the Toy line we have Tops, See-saw, Aero Flyer, Pacing Joe,  
Assorted Banks, Tin Animals, Pitch-a-Ring, Locomotives, Telephones,  
Printers Sets, Tricycles, Freight Cars, Sand Toys, Steam Engines,  
Child's Sets, Monkey Climbers, Hot Air Toys, Simplex Spellers, Blocks,  
Horse and Rider, Stables, Comical Ladders, Checkers, Lotto, Drums,  
Tool Chests, Circus Car, Pan Drums, Violins, Rocking Horses, Drawing  
Slates, Swings, Smoke Sets, Shoo Flies.

Cigars by the box, 25, 50 and 100.

Pipes, 25c., 75c. and \$2.00.

Christmas Candy, 10c, 15c, 20c, 30c

LARGE STOCK OF

## CHINA AND GLASSWARE

AT A PRICE TO PLEASE EVERYBODY

## Lamps and Lamp Fixtures

Fruits of all kinds. Nuts and Walnut Meats.  
Fresh Butter and Eggs. Everything in  
new Groceries.

# JOHN L. GALE

## Christmas Gifts for Everyone

You can't dispute the fact that we have a fine line of Christmas Gifts. Everything kept in a Drug Store and just a little more, also **Our Prices are Right.**

### Just Eleven More Days Before the Big Contest Closes

Now is the time to do your Xmas shopping and also boost your favorite Contestant.

### Extra Special Votes for Four Days

From Saturday, December 20th, until Wednesday night, December 24th, on the following lines:

## CANDY

The famous Brooks and Lowney's Box Chocolates. Prices from 25c up: Same Free Votes as before.

## Tobacco and Cigars

All the leading brands of Tobacco put up in glass and tin Humidors. Also a very complete line of Cigars put up in Xmas boxes of 10's, 25's, 50's and 100's. Prices ranging from 50c. 50,000 Votes Free with every 50c purchase.

## BOOKS

All the new and latest Books. 50c popular copyrights and children's books, prices from 25c up. 50,000 Votes Free with every 50c purchase.

## Perfumes and Toilet Waters

The famous Daybrook's, Vogue and Colgate lines. 50,000 Votes Free every 50c. purchase.

## Toilet & Manicure Sets

Our line consists of sets in Circassian Walnut, Persian Ivory and Ebony. 125,000 Votes with every \$1 purchase.

## Ivory Pieces

Hand Mirrors, Nail Buffers, Nail Files, Cuticle Knives, Pin Trays, Vanity Boxes and Clocks. 60,000 Votes Free with every 50c purchase.

## Stationery

Beautiful Xmas Boxes ranging in price from 50c up. 50,000 Votes with every 50c purchase.

Also Fountain Pens, Military Brushes, Hair Brushes, Clothes Brushes, Pocket Books, Purses, Playing Cards, Smokers Sets, Cigar Humidors.

With these lines we will give 50,000 Votes with every 50c purchase.

## Extra Votes Free on Columbia Grafonolas

In fact on all of our Xmas Goods we are giving extra Votes Free during these Four Days.

Trade where you can do just a little better than elsewhere and also help your favorite win the Piano.

# PINKNEY'S PHARMACY

"VAL DONA STORE"

Where you get what you ask for.

The Biggest Little Store in Town.

## Young Lad Commits Suicide

Edward Hirschlieb, aged nearly 17 years, son of Wm. Hirschlieb of Perrinville, hanged himself in his father's barn late Monday afternoon. Edward, with his father and brother had been working on a barn at the farm of John Snyder a neighbor, during the afternoon and he was in his usual good spirits. About 3:30 o'clock his father sent him home to look after the cows, and told him that after caring for them he might return if he wished to, but he did not do so. On the return home of the father and brother after supper at the Snyder home, and finding that Edward had not been to his supper and the chores had not been done, a search was instituted for the missing lad, which resulted in the finding of his lifeless body hanging from a beam in the barn at about 7 o'clock. No explanation can be given why the boy should have taken his own life, as he was always of a cheerful disposition and was a general favorite in the neighborhood. The family have the deepest sympathy of the entire community in their great sorrow. The funeral was held from the home yesterday afternoon. Interment in the Livonia Center cemetery.

## Patronize the Home Merchant

The merchants of Plymouth have called the attention of the people of the village and vicinity to the many fine and useful Christmas presents that may be purchased in the local stores. The Christmas stocks are so complete that the wishes of all can surely be gratified by patronizing the home people. No need of going out of town or of sending away for your Christmas presents when the merchants of our own town have provided such a wide selection to be made. Help the merchant who helps the town and in turn helps you, by doing your shopping at home. The Christmas store news that will be found in the Mail this week should be of as much interest to the readers of the paper as any other department. Read what the merchants have to say in their holiday advertisements to get a suggestion of what to buy for your friends and then go to Plymouth's up-to-date stores to get your supply of gifts. You will help them now and their increased prosperity will make the city just that much better the whole year round. By all means patronize the home merchants.

## Christmas Fire Don'ts

State Fire Marshal Gives Warning Regarding Decorations

Under the head of Christmas Don'ts State Fire Marshal Winship gives a timely warning regarding Christmas decorations. He says:

Let us not mar this season of mirth, good-will and good cheer by bringing into it mourning and sadness caused by carelessness.

If the people of our state would observe the following simple rules there would be no recurrence of the holiday fires which are reported to the department every year.

Don't forget that a resinous tree, decorated with cotton batting, tinsel and varnished toys, together with lighted candles form a dangerous combination.

Don't let currents of air blow in from open windows or doors on the tree while the candles are lighted.

Don't select inflammable decorations for the tree.

Don't put the presents on the tree; put them under and around it.

Don't let gaudily dressed Santa Clauses get too close to a blaze.

Don't fail to have a pail of water handy.

Don't put cotton and paper decorations too close to lamps, stoves or stovepipes, either in houses or stores.

Don't have defective electrical conditions.

Don't lose your head, if there is a fire. It is far better "to be safe than sorry."

In using cotton or paper decorations attention should be paid that they are placed a proper distance from stoves, stovepipes and open lights.

Merchants or others utilizing electrical displays should have them installed by competent electricians.

See the changes in our windows for 10c. a dozen at 3 o'clock, Saturday. Central Grocery.

## A Men's League Organized

A number of men met at the Baptist church Monday evening, and organized a Men's League. The object of the association is to get together and discuss questions of the day, and for mutual good fellowship. At the next meeting of the League, January 12, 1914, they will discuss the question, Resolved, that certificates of freedom from infectious disease be required before marriage. And at the next meeting following, Shall the bible be read in the schools? Later announcements will be made as to speakers on the subjects. Men desiring to become members of the League may apply to the chairman, S. E. Campbell or secretary, L. Dean. This League is undernominational.

## Truesdell-Reddeman

Frances Truesdell and Ernest Reddeman were quietly married at the bride's home in Canton last Wednesday evening by the Rev. D. C. McNair of Wayne. In the presence of a few relatives and friends. The bride is the youngest daughter of the late Lee Truesdell and has resided in Canton all her life, and the groom is one of Canton's estimable young men. The happy couple have the best wishes of many friends for a prosperous wedded life. Mr. and Mrs. Reddeman will reside on the Truesdell homestead.

## Memories of the Past

In This Paper Twenty-five Years Ago Today.

Robert Birch has purchased the Frank Hodge place, about one and one-half miles south of this place, and will take possession on or about April 1, 1889.

The young ladies F. U. N. club give their fourth leap-year party at the Berdan house, on Monday evening, December 31. The parties previously given by these ladies have been very successful and this one is certain to be. No better place can be found to spend New Year's eve than at this party.

The Xmas entertainment in the Baptist church to be given on Christmas eve, Dec. 24, promises to give both pleasure and profit in abundance. Among the chief attractions, apart from the excellent program of music and recitations, a beautiful evergreen arch with its Christmas cheer to old and young. An oriental Santa Claus, with his three helpers and a telephone by means of which constant communication will be kept with Santa Claus, so that the very moment of his arrival in Plymouth will be known and the thrilling events of his journey will be communicated to the audience from time to time. No entrance fee, no collection.

In coming from Wayne, Monday forenoon, we noticed farmers ploughing. Before the day was out however, it began getting colder and since then we have had winter weather.

The "oldest" inhabitant fails to remember another such an open winter as the present has been, up to the first of this week. There have been numerous times when farmers could do ploughing on or about the first of January, but it was on account of January thaws. This season the ground had scarcely been frozen up to Monday of this week.

Burglars made another raid on our village on Thursday night of last week, visiting several places and getting about twenty dollars in all. At Miller & Westfall's saloon they entered the back window and secured about eighteen dollars. At the postoffice they pried open the west window by means of a bar secured at Geo. Wills' blacksmith shop, and got about one dollar and fifty cents for their trouble. At Bennett's meat market they pried open the front door and robbed the till of \$100.00. They then entered the back room, opened the rear door and passed out, neglecting to take a couple of boys with them who were sleeping in that room.

## The Meanest Man in Town

In the one who is always open, disagreeable, short and sharp in his answers. In time comes out of ten it is not the poor fellow's fault, his liver and digestion are out of order and he feels miserable. Are you getting into that condition? Then start at once taking DR. FERRICK'S SUGAR-COATED PILLS for your liver. They will show you out, stiffer, more food and give your digestion in good order. Price 25c. per box. Sold by J. W. Blackman & Co. and Boyer's Pharmacy. Adv.

## Masonic Lodge Elects New Officers

At the annual meeting of the Masonic Lodge held last Friday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- W. M.—M. H. Ladd
- S. W.—Karl Hillmer
- J. W.—C. H. Rauch
- Treas.—Geo. Richwine
- Sec.—E. C. Lauffer
- S. D.—J. J. Travis
- J. D.—Stanley Chambers
- Tyler—John Smith

## K. O. T. M. M. Elect New Officers

At the annual meeting of the Sir Knights of the Macabees held Monday evening, Dec. 8th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- Commander—John Quartel, Sr.
- Lieut. Com.—Wm. Felt
- R. K.—Frank Dix
- F. K.—Frank McGraw
- Chaplain—Louis Schaal
- Physician—Dr. A. E. Patterson
- Sergeant—A. M. Kinyon
- M. at A.—Will Korabocher
- 1st M. G.—E. E. Rucker
- 2nd M. G.—Emory Hix
- Sentinel—Thomas Biswell
- Picket—J. W. Tyler

Special for 3 o'clock Saturday. Oranges 10c. a dozen. Central Grocery.

## In and Around Plymouth

C. J. Ball's brick building at Northville was damaged by fire last morning to the extent of \$100. The Oldenberg's grocery store located in the building was damaged to the extent of \$2,500. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

The A. J. Phillips manufacturing plant at Fenton has been sold to Henry S. Koppin Co. of Detroit. Just what disposition the purchasers will make of the plant is not stated but Fenton people are very much in hope that it will be again put in operation.

One hundred of the younger business men of Howell have organized a business club. They put business above the social activities of the club and will go in to secure street paving, annual meetings in the school, a city charter and other things for the betterment of the town.

Miss Myrtle Phillips of Northville, well known here, and Sergt. McLaughlin of the Highland Park police force were married at the bride's home in Northville last Wednesday. After a five days wedding trip. Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin will move into their new home at 97 Buena Vista Ave., Detroit.

Howell owns its own lighting plant and it pays for itself, for all the power lighting and furnished considerably more than half the money for the purchase of the new city building. Howell people pay 8 cents per kw. for house and business lighting with a sliding scale downward if more electricity is used, and a normal rate for power. Howell paid 12 cents per kw. for commercial lighting when the plant was owned by a company. Howell Republican.

## GREAT HOLIDAY CLEARING SALE

—OF ALL—  
**MILLINERY**  
—AT—

### One-Half Price AND BELOW TRIMMED HATS AT 49 CENTS

COME AND SEE THEM.

Also don't forget we have the "LaTONA" Front Lace Corsets, the only perfect fitting Corset now on the market.

## Mrs. F. J. Tousey

NORTH VILLAGE.



## Smyth's Optical Parlor.

DEALER IN  
Watches, Clocks, Jewelry & Silverware  
All Goods Warranted. Prices Right.

You will find it to your advantage to purchase  
**HOLIDAY PRESENTS**  
—OF—  
**W. E. SMYTH,**  
Watchmaker & Jeweler, 120 Main St., Plymouth.





# HOLIDAY GREETINGS:-

Once again the happiest and most welcome of all holidays draws near and the question of the hour is "What about Christmas?" The children are asking it with wondering and hopeful expectations of what Santa Claus is likely to bring them. The older people are asking it not so much as to what Christmas will bring them, but rather as to where Santa Claus will be likely to find satisfactory gifts without too heavy a drain on his time and purse.

## OUR HOLIDAY STOCK

This season with its many innumerable features and unlimited variety IS A MARVEL OF BEAUTY. We extend a cordial invitation to all to come and see for yourself without feeling the slightest obligation to purchase unless you find it to your best interest. If you do not see what you want, please ask for it, as we have lots of goods we are unable to show on account of space. Come early, avoid the crowd and make your selection. On making a small payment we will lay away any goods selected.



### CHINA AND CUT GLASS.

We are making a very handsome display of goods in these lines and they must be seen to be appreciated. The new pieces are exceptionally artistic, comprising selections from Picards, and Buchanan's Studios of hand-painted China, Japanese hand-painted China, Nippon and Royal Bayreuth, Austrian and Hayland China, 50-piece Haviland Dinner Set, \$36.00.

Several new patterns in cut glass.

### TOILET ARTICLES AND NOVELTIES.

Don't forget to ask to see those Manicure Sets in leather rolls or cases. They are the most practical and useful outfits made. Prices from \$1.25 to \$12.00. We also have a fine line of Brushes, Combs, Mirrors, Purses, Pocket-books, Manicure Sets, Military Sets, Shaving Sets, Gilt Photo Frames, Sterling Silver Trinkets.

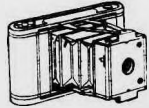


### WATCHES.

We have the right kind of Watches at the right kind of prices.

There is nothing better than the best, and we offer you as good as you can get, as cheap as it can be sold.

- Boy's Watches.....\$ 1 to \$ 5
- Girl's Watches.....\$ 2 to \$10
- Ladies' Watches.....\$10 to \$25
- Men's Watches.....\$ 1 to \$50



### EASTMAN'S KODAKS AND SUPPLIES.

Just the thing for the boy or girl. It is both practical and instructive. Brownie Cameras, from \$1 to \$12; Premo Cameras, from \$1 up. Call and get special holiday prices. A full line of supplies always carried.

### FINE JEWELRY.

We carry a fine line of Jewelry for both Ladies and Gentlemen of the latest styles, comprising a large assortment of

Set Rings, Pins, Chains, Charms, Locketts, Pin Sets, Bar Pins, Emblem Pins, La Va Leers, Pendants, Fobs, Gold Beads, Plain Rings, Bib Pins, Pearl Beads, Tie Pins, Signet Rings, Bracelets, Brooches, Cameo Pins, Hat Pins, Tie Clasps, Cuff Links, Eyeglass Chains.

### SILVERWARE.

Our Silverware must be seen to be appreciated. Our styles are the latest and the quality of our goods cannot be questioned by anyone who is a judge of first-class goods, and you will agree with us that you have never seen such good values for the money.

- Sterling Tea Spoons.....75c to \$2
- Sterling Baby Spoons.....\$1.25 to \$2
- Child Sets.....\$1 to \$2



### CLOCKS

All kinds, all styles, and all prices, but each and every one good value for the price asked. They make useful and appropriate gifts of the practical and lasting kind, and are much appreciated by the receivers.

- Office Clocks.....\$5 to \$30.00
- Mantle Clocks.....\$3 to \$10.00
- Dresser and Desk.....\$1 to \$5.00
- Nickel Alarm Clocks.75c to \$2.50

### BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

Our line of Books is very complete, considering the room we have to show them. We have taken great care in making the selections. It consists of—

- Books of Poems, Bibles, Gift Booklets, Popular Novels, Birthday Books, Boy's Books, Girl's Books, Children's Books, Post Card Albums, Drawing Books; also Water Colors, Crayons, Fountain Pens, Fancy Box Stationery, Fancy Tablets, Pound Papers, Dennisons, Decorations, Crepe Papers, Stickers, Cards, Napkins, Table Spreads, Calendars, Christmas Boxes, Tissue Papers, Christmas Candles.

You will find our Christmas offerings are in harmony with your Christmas needs. Let us show you. All are invited. You are welcome, whether you come to see or buy.

## C. G. DRAPER, Jeweler & Optometrist

### THE PLYMOUTH MAIL

F. W. SAMSEN  
L. B. SAMSEN, Editor and Manager  
SUBSCRIPTION RATES.  
One Year, payable in advance.....\$1.00  
Six months......75  
Three months......50

**Tragedy.**  
A woman's life is bound to be a tragedy, for she can only really love a man she respects and can never wholly respect a man who loves her.  
—The Tattler.

**British Columbia's Timber.**  
With the exception of Siberia, Brazil and the northwestern United States, British Columbia's timber wealth is reported to be unparalleled in any other country.

**Greasey a Busy Man.**  
After a fire that destroyed Barre's museum, the proprietor consulted his friends as to his wisest course. He told them he had a fortune, and would easily retire from active business. Among his friends was Horace Greasey. "What shall I do?" asked Barre. "If I were you," replied Greasey, "I would go fishing. I've been trying for 10 years to go fishing, and have never been able to do it."

**Life New Store Fronts.**  
Shaking over store fronts is an industry which has found so many patrons in New York that a number of firms have found it profitable to set aside all other forms of building and devote themselves wholly to helping New York merchants improve the appearance of their establishments by putting a new face on the matter. All changes of merchants, from the small dealer in the suburbs to the great dry goods store, indicate in the luxury of a new kind of front to their business houses every once in so often.

**Keep the Babies' Feet Warm and Their Heads Cool**

An important point in guarding babies from colds and their best efforts is to see that their little heads and feet, their hands and faces, are kept warm, and their heads cool. Repeated colds and frequent attacks of "snuffles" may result in chronic bronchitis, pneumonia, measles, mumps, and other serious ailments. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will help them.

### Woman's Club Hold Interesting Meeting

The Woman's Literary Club held an open meeting Wednesday evening in Grange hall. Each member was permitted to invite one guest and about 100 members and guests were present. The subject of the evening was the "Public School." The meeting opened with singing by the high school girls' glee club. Miss Florence Easter read an interesting paper on "Play Grounds and Public Parks." Miss Isabelle Handford gave a talk on making the school more of a social center, and she told of the work that has been done along that line in some of the larger cities. Mr. Isbell gave an instructive talk on the "School of Today," and in a brief way compared the school of yesterday and the school of today. He spoke of the great thought that is being exercised for the welfare of the pupils today, mentally, morally and physically. Rev. Joseph Dutton was present and gave an impromptu talk. The program closed with a couple of fine selections by the ladies quartet, after which light refreshments were served.

C. H. Bennett has purchased a fine new Cadillac car.

Miss Blanche Gantz visited friends in Detroit over Sunday.

J. D. Horan of Saginaw, visited relatives in town Saturday and Sunday.

Howard Hall of Marquette, was renewing old acquaintances here last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Reber and little son Edwin were guests of friends in Detroit last Sunday.

Louis Gebhardt is building a new house east of the VanVleet place on Ann Arbor street.

A Christmas Cantata will be rendered in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Several of the young people from here attended the dancing school at Northville last Thursday evening.

Mrs. F. J. Tousey has something to say in her ad on another page of this paper that will interest the ladies.

Lola Chilson who had her tonsils removed at the Ann Arbor hospital last week, has returned home and is rapidly improving.

Mrs. Adele Strassburg Hyde has closed her dancing school here until the first of the year. The class will re-open Tuesday, Jan. 6th. Piano and traps will furnish the music that evening.

### Local Notes.

Vern Pelley is quite ill with pneumonia.

Little Esther Estep who has been quite ill is convalescing.

M. Williams, who has been quite sick at the home of his son Fred, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Walter Holmes of South, and Mrs. Cora Richards of Salem, were visitors at Fred Williams' last Monday.

Mrs. Ed. Starkweather who has been residing at Frank Tousey's for some time past, has gone to Florida for the remainder of the winter.

Dr. W. H. McLaughlin, general superintendent of Universalist churches, was a guest in the home of Mrs. R. C. Safford several days this week.

### Death of Mrs. Rebecca Packard

Mrs. Rebecca Packard died at the home of her son, D. W. Packard, west of this village last Saturday morning at the age of 78 years. Mrs. Packard has been a resident of Salem township nearly all her life and was a lady highly esteemed by all who knew her. Her husband preceded her to the great beyond about thirteen years ago. The funeral was held from the Baptist church at Salem, Monday afternoon. The interment took place in the Lapham's Corner's cemetery.

### OBITUARY

Sarah Parker was born January 16th 1844, in England and died on the farm west of Plymouth where she has resided for nearly forty years, Tuesday, December 9th. She was married to James Powell, May 16th, 1869. To this union seven children were born, William, Lewis and Albert Powell, Mrs. Olive Packard, Mrs. Mary Forabee and Miss Chloe Powell. One son having passed away three years ago.

**How to Bankrupt the Doctors.**  
A prominent New York physician says, "It is not for the thin stockings and thin soled shoes worn by women the doctors would be bankrupt." When you contract a cold do not wait for it to develop into pneumonia — treat it at once. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is indicated especially for colds and grippe, and has won a wide reputation by its cures of these ailments. It is most efficacious and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.—Advt.

### CHURCH NEWS

**CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST.**  
First Church of Christ, Scientist holds services at church edifice, corner of Main and Dodge streets, Sunday morning at 10:10. Subject, "The Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atmic Force?" Sunday-school at 11 a. m. Wednesday evening, testimonial service 7:10. Everyone welcome.

**BAPTIST**  
Rev. Archibald L. Bell, Pastor.  
Baptist church notices for Sunday, Dec. 21. Theme of morning sermon, "The Angel's Song." For the evening service, "The Lodestone."

**METHODIST**  
Rev. Joseph Dutton, Pastor.  
Public worship at 10 o'clock a. m. Christmas sermon and Christmas music. Sunday-school at 11:30. 6 p. m. Epworth League. Evening service at 7 o'clock. Subject, "The Making of a Home," the second of a series of Heart Talks on Home Life.

### PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. B. F. Farber, Pastor.  
Services will be held in this church on Sunday, December 21st, as follows: Morning worship at 10 o'clock. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed and new members received into the fellowship of the church. Sermon theme, "A Star and a Song." Sunday-school at the close of the morning service. Presbyterian Guild at 6 o'clock. Subject, "The Christmas Spirit and How It May Prevail." At 7 o'clock the octet will render a Christmas Cantata. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

### ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL MISSION.

On Sunday, December 21st Holy Communion will be held in above church at 2:15 p. m., administered by the Rev. Dr. McCarrroll of Detroit. Visitors are cordially invited.

The Ladies Guild met Thursday last at the home of Mrs. Sweet and every one reports a fine time. This week's meeting at Mrs. Lapham's, north village.

### LUTHERAN.

Rev. J. J. Roebke, Pastor.  
Services Sunday morning at 9:30. Sunday-school at 10:30. The pastor will preach.

The Christmas exercises and tree will be held in this church, Wednesday evening, December 24. Christmas services Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. All are welcome to the above services. The Livonia church will hold their Christmas exercises Friday evening, December 25, at 7 o'clock.

### BIBLE STUDENTS.

Services again Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. as usual at I. O. O. F. hall. Subject, "The Kingdom of God." Query, is there any difference between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Christ? If not, why at the end of a certain period (the 1000 year reign), does the one (1 Cor. 15:23-25) deliver up his kingdom to the other that the great immortal God Jehova, may still be all in all, and head over all. Where the beginning of Christ's kingdom? Did the one have any beginning? Was it not "from everlasting to everlasting" and did not the other have a definite and fixed beginning? Such beginning announced by John the Baptist about 2,000 years ago. If Christ's kingdom is the in-dividual heart throughout all ages until all are converted, the prevailing thought of today, and there are twice as many heathens now as a century ago, how long will it take for the kingdom to come? All are most cordially invited to come and help us study on such a perplexing question.

Subscribe for the Plymouth Mail now and get votes on the piano.

### TONQUISH.

The Christmas entertainment will be given Tuesday evening, December 23, in the Tonquish church.  
J. H. Fogarty is spending a few weeks with relatives in Canada.  
Wedding bells have got the start of Christmas bells at one Canton home-stead. We wish the young couple many happy years.

Members of the Tonquish Sunday-school met at Mr. Lape's one evening and organized a society which will be known as the Tonquish Twilight Club. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. Harshberger. Vice President, Miss Anderson. Secretary, Miss Harshberger. Treasurer, Miss Mildred Jubeville.  
Herbert Warner comes home from M. A. C. this week for his Christmas vacation.

Douglas and Geoffrey Fogarty spent Sunday with their cousin, Miss Clara Dingledie, it being her tenth birthday.  
Miss Maude Green, Miss Emma Spiets and Baby Ferraie Fogarty spent Sunday at Fred Spiets'.

A CARD—We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kind assistance and sympathy during our bereavement, also the Grange, and Helping Hand Society for their kind wishes.  
Mrs. James Powell and children.

### NOTICE

I will collect taxes for the township of Plymouth every Wednesday at Gayde Bros. store and every Saturday at Brown & Pettigill's until Jan. 10th, 1914.  
Scott D. Cortrite,  
Township Treasurer.

**Notice to Tomato Growers!**  
There will be a meeting of the tomato growers at Grange hall, Saturday, December 20th. All tomato growers are requested to be present.  
Paul Bennett, Secretary.

### NOTICE!

I am now in a position to do family washings at the most reasonable prices. Will call for and deliver. If interested notify O. C. Stewart, Plymouth.

**Auction Sale of Household Goods**  
I will sell at public auction at the Jacob Strong residence near Riverside cemetery, Saturday, December 20, at 2 o'clock, a quantity of household goods. Frank Boyle, auctioneer. Joseph Cabana, Prop.

A CARD—We wish to thank those who so kindly assisted in our late bereavement.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hannon and family.

### Fit His Case Exactly.

"When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablets in the papers that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefited by them." Sold by all dealers.—Advt.

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If we are to have the pleasure of assisting you in getting up

## That Christmas Spread,

You would be justified in inviting Santa Claus himself!  
He is a great champion of Quality.

Try These—They'll Please.

Snow Mallow	25c	Hotchkiss Apricots	35c
Best City Sugar Butter, maple flavor	25c	Suider's Catsup	25c
Olives, plain and stuffed	10c to 50c	Table Talk Catsup	10c
Best Preserved Sweet Midget Gherkins	35c	Tarragon Vinegar	30c
Best Pickled Walnuts	35c	G. Washington Prepared Coffee	30c and 50c
Best Mushrooms Ketchup	35c	B. & P. Coffee	30c
Best Spaghetti	10c and 15c	Comprador Tea	30c
Best Pickles, Sweet, Sour and Dill	30c	Good Friday Mackerel	10c
Hotchkiss Blood Pineapple	30c	Salt Salmon, "Red," per lb	12c
Hotchkiss Asparagus Tips	25c	Oranges, Bananas, Grape Fruit, Tangerines, Apples	
Hotchkiss Peaches, heavy syrup	25c	Vegetables of all kinds in season.	
Hotchkiss Plums, heavy syrup	25c	Scalshipt Oysters.	
Hotchkiss Cherries, Royal Anna and black	30c	Open Kettle New Orleans Molasses in bulk.	

## Brown & Pettingill

The White Front Grocery

### A Yuletide Tragedy

WHEN Josiah Gibbs found that his wife had been for him, as he called it and had bought him a box of cigars for his Christmas present he grew wise and, with apparent sorrow, said to her:

"Now, isn't it too bad, my love? I discovered that cigar smoking was becoming so injurious to me that I have quit it and have to content myself with a few walrus now and then on my pipe with mild tobacco. Now, isn't it too bad?"

"I'm so sorry, dear!" said Josiah Gibbs' wife. "But your friends will enjoy them, and I am sure that will please you."

Gibbs smiled grimly and, as his wife departed, winked knowingly at himself in the looking glass. And when he saw his friend Joe Spicer he told him how he had escaped his wife's Christmas cigars—Joe Spicer, the best judge of a good cigar that ever bit off the end of a two-for-a-half. And Joe smiled grimly too.

But every time Joe Spicer called at Gibbs', which was often—he was an old friend of Gibbs—he smoked one or more of Josiah's wife's Christmas cigars.

"Gallant and diplomatic of you, old man!" Gibbs would say to Spicer on opportunity and smile his knowing smile. And Joe would smile his.

And by and by the cigars were all smoked by Spicer, and Gibbs' wife was led to say to Gibbs:

"It's just a perfect shame, Josiah, that you couldn't take any pleasure in those cigars and that your friend Spicer should have had them all."

At which Josiah smiled his knowing smile and said:

"Oh, well, my love, never mind. Joe seemed to enjoy them."

"Yes, indeed!" said Josiah's wife.

"Why shouldn't he?"

Which made Josiah smile more and more and almost chuckle. But he said nothing.

"Yes, indeed," repeated Mrs. Gibbs. "Why shouldn't he? You know, Josiah, you told me that a woman should never choose cigars for a Christmas present to her husband, as a woman knows nothing about their quality, so I asked Joe Spicer, having heard you say often what an excellent judge of a cigar he was, to select a box for me—the best he could get—and he did, and!"

Josiah Gibbs had instant business down at the office, where he tore his hair and fumed his pipe and tobacco out of the window. And he passed Joe Spicer without bowing and without his knowing smile. But Joe still wore his—*Browning's Magazine.*

# ..Christmas.. Home Made Candy Made to your Special Order

Our large show window and cases will be full of the finest HOME MADE CANDIES, in fact our store will be your headquarters for this special line. WHY HOME MADE CANDY? Because it is Pure and Wholesome and will delight the most particular person.

## Made to Your Special Order.

We will make any kind, any color or combination of colors, any design, any flavor, just as you want it. GIVE US YOUR ORDER EARLY.

### A FEW OF OUR GOODIES:

TAFFY—three flavors	MEXICAN PENOUCHE—new
FUDGE—plain and with nuts	NOUGOT—with nuts and fruit
COCOANUT KISSES—4 flavors	WAFERS—any color or flavor
HAY STACKS—very dainty	PUFFED RICE DAINITIES
PEANUT BRITTLE—very fine	CHRISTMAS CANES—all sizes

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## Christmas Table Supplies, Fruits & Nuts GET YOUR ORDERS IN EARLY

Yours for a Merry Christmas,

## Central Grocery

## Gifts for Christmas

Christmas with all its joys is fast approaching, and the question of what shall I get is uppermost in your mind. We are showing a splendid assortment of useful and suitable Christmas gifts. A visit to our store will make your Christmas shopping easy.

### A Few Timely Suggestions

#### For Men

- A new line of Neckwear in fancy boxes
- Suspenders in fancy boxes
- Plain and fancy Hosiery in fancy boxes
- Gloves of all kinds
- Mufflers
- Sweater Coats
- Umbrellas
- Suit Cases

#### For the Ladies

- Aprons of all kinds
- Fancy Kimonos
- Gloves, all the best styles and leathers
- Hand Bags
- Back Combs
- Fancy Collars
- Mufflers
- Umbrellas
- Belts

## Christmas Handkerchiefs

We have a very large and complete stock of Handkerchiefs in all the latest styles. Handkerchiefs for the ladies from 5c. to \$1.50. Gents' Handkerchiefs in sealed packages, sanitary, clean and never handled. Don't overlook our big line before buying.

## A BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY OF Stamped Linens, Dresser Scarfs, Center Pieces, Towels, Etc.

A nice line of Lambs Wool Batts and Lambs Wool Comfortables.

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### The Reindeer

Upon a starlit night,  
The best of horn and hoof,  
Eight noble reindeer stood  
And stamped upon a roof.  
A sudden shot rang out,  
A shot that fell so true,  
Hit in a mortal spot—  
Down fell the eight deer dead.  
Beneath the snow-covered roof  
A man in rutilant cause  
Had told a little boy  
There was no Santa Claus.  
And after they were killed  
Throughout his life's long years  
The little boy saw not  
Another of their kind.  
Whereof the moral is:  
In sport's fair playing name  
Pray let December be  
Close season for the gun.  
—New York Times

### GIFTS FROM HICKORY NUTS.

Hickory nuts and horse chestnuts make quaint little inexpensive toys. Draw pictures in ink upon a wrinkled hickory nut to form the head of a grand-nigger doll, or which give a roll of white cloth for the body. Two short rolls of cloth sewed to the body will make the arms. Dress in a checked gingham frock, white kerchief and apron and a wide ruffled cap, glued to the neck.

With horse chestnuts, a sharp jackknife, burnt matches, and sand silk may be made ducks, chickens, horses and other animals for a toy barnyard. A few nuts to form the shell of the nut shell feathers and horns, the corn silk, plumed on, to form the tails and manes, and the hickory make sturdy, realistic legs for the funny little creatures.

Pay's Christmas.  
Christmas trees had gone a year  
But life was to come.  
Some are still pretty and  
Others look like...

Some are bloated in the bank.  
Others say for them  
Some will not take in the bank  
Others in the bank.

It will get a touch of change.  
Some will get pretty girls  
For all the world  
—Yonkers Statesman

A Dainty Holiday Gift.  
Some are still pretty and  
Others look like...

## BLICKENSTAFF & CO.

# Act the Part of Santa Yourself This Christmas

Buy him any one of these:

Military Set, Smoking Set  
or Shaving Set.

...HER...

A Toilet Set, Manicure Set or a Roll-up, and  
be sure to add a box of Brooks  
or Lowney's Chocolates.

We are selling what Xmas Stationery  
we have left at Cost.

We Invite you to Call.

# The Selfishness of Mrs. Waterby

by George Ade

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## LITTLE CHOIR



HEY, look! The choir boys came out in their new choir clothes. They were blue when Ricky Jackson's brother came into the choir room Christmas eve and said: "Mum! (short for Miffred, her real name) isn't going to have any Christmas!"

The boys stopped right there, some with their choir clothes only just on. If they didn't find out right away what was the matter with the Choir Master, the Christmas eve service would have to go without their singing.

So Ricky told how she had come down that morning with a funny tired feeling, and sniffling and hot cheeks, and had to stay in bed, and how she cried when she thought of the tree she was going to miss.

You can see why that Christmas eve service was not as happy as it should have been for these boys. Al- though, when the tree was lighted with the starlike candles and the Sunday school room was filled with boys and girls opening their presents, each choir boy was thinking of the Choir Master, lying there at home, wishing she could be with them.

Next day people in church thought the boys sang the Christmas hymns better than ever. But the people did not know that just before the boys marched in the Choir Master had told them a plan by which the Choir Master would have a Christmas like they never forget.

At evening the janitor's daughter sang. The Choir Master opened it, and in came the Choir Master and a lot of boys with red cheeks and shining shoes. Back of the other boys of the biggest boys dragged in through the door a small Christmas tree.

They set the tree up in the corner. Everyone was with the tree. They want the Choir Master to sing something about it till it was all ready. Soon the candles were in place, and the trimmings, and they lit the candles, and each boy placed a present under the tree, and then a wonderful thing happened!

The door opened and the Choir Master and the Choir Master's wife came in, carrying between them a stretcher, and upon that lay the Choir Master.

You should have seen her when she could almost see the light of the candles sparkling in it, no longer was she! The boys held their breath, wondering what she would say. Her little cheeks glowed as she set up straight and held her arms out toward the tree. And her eyes sparkled as she cried:

"Oh! my Christmas tree!"

Then she turned to the boys, and said: "Oh! My Dear Choir Brothers!"

Then she cried a little, just because she was happy and happy and crying. Then there was all the fun that goes with a tree.

But soon they were away, was so tired that she fell asleep after they got her back. At last dreamed that she was a tree, with their stockings on a goodly booty there was a green tree above and she seemed to hear singing.

She awoke. The singing had stopped. She arose and opened the door.

There in the corner, the Christmas tree stood with its lights twinkling. The Choir Master's wife was standing by it, and she was smiling. "Thank the Heavens! Thank the Heavens!" she cried.

When the word was given, the Choir Master moved and got down to them.

"Brother, you have been here. Did a ghost bring you here? Christmas is over!"

WATERBY remarked to his wife: "I'm still tempted by that set of Poe. I saw it in the window today, marked down to fifteen dollars."

"Yes," said Mrs. Waterby, with a sudden gasp of emotion, it seemed to him.

"Yes—I believe I'll have to get it."

"I wouldn't if I were you, Alfred," she said. "You have many books now."

"I know I have, my dear, but I haven't any set of Poe; and that's what I've been wanting for a long time. This edition I was telling you about is beautifully gotten up."

"Oh, I wouldn't buy it, Alfred," she repeated, and there was a note of pleading earnestness in her voice.

"It's so much money to spend for a few books."

"Well, I know, but—" and then he paused for the lack of words to express his mortified surprise.

Mr. Waterby had tried to be an indulgent husband. He took a selfish pleasure in giving, and found it more blessed than receiving.

Every salary day turned over to Mrs. Waterby a fixed sum for household expenses. He added to this an allowance for her speaking money. He set aside a small amount for his personal expenses and deposited the remainder in the bank. He flattered himself that he approximated the model husband.

Mr. Waterby had no costly habits and no prevailing appetite for anything expensive. Like every other man, he had one or two hobbies, and one of his particular hobbies was Edgar Allan Poe. He believed that Poe, of all American writers, was the one unmistakable "genius."

The word "genius" has been bandied around the country until it has come to be applied to a long-haired man out of work or a stout lady who writes poetry. In the case of Poe, Mr. Waterby maintained that "genius" meant one who was not governed by the common mental processes, but "who spoke from inspiration, his mind involuntarily taking superhuman flight into the realm of pure imagination"—or something of that sort. At any rate, Mr. Waterby liked Poe, and he wanted a set of Poe. He allowed himself not more than one luxury a year and he determined that this year the luxury should be a set of Poe.

Therefore, imagine his hurt to his feelings when his wife objected to his expending fifteen dollars for that which he coveted above anything else in the world.

As he went to his work that day he reflected on Mrs. Waterby's conduct. Did she not have her allowance of spending money? Did he ever find fault with her extravagance?

Was he an unreasonable husband in asking that he be allowed to spend this small sum for that which would give him many hours of pleasure and which would bring to Mrs. Waterby as much as to him?

He told himself that many a husband would have bought the books without consulting his wife. But he (Waterby) had deferred to his wife in all matters touching family finances, and he said to himself, with a tincture of bitterness in his thoughts, that probably he had put himself into the attitude of a mere dependent.

For had she not forbidden him to buy a few books for himself? Well, no, she had not forbidden him; but it amounted to the same thing. She had declared that she was firmly opposed to the purchase of Poe. Mr. Waterby wondered if it were possible that he was just beginning to know his wife. Was she a selfish woman at heart? Was she complacent and good-natured only while she was having her own way? Wouldn't she prove to be an entirely different sort of woman if he should do as many husbands do—spend his income on clubs and cigars and private amusements, and give her the pickings of small change?

Nothing in Mr. Waterby's experience as a married man had so wrenched his sensibilities and disturbed his faith as Mrs. Waterby's objection to the purchase of a set of Poe. There was but one way to account for it. She wanted all the money for herself or else she wanted him to put it into the bank so that she could come into it after he—but this was too monstrous.

However, Mrs. Waterby's conduct helped to give strength to Mr. Waterby's meanest suspicions.

Two or three days after the first conversation she asked: "You didn't buy that set of Poe, did you Alfred?"

"No, I didn't buy it," he answered, as coldly and with as much hauteur as possible.

He hoped to hear her say: "Well, why don't you go and get it? I'm sure that you want it, and I'd like to see you buy something for yourself once in a while."

But she merely said: "That's right; don't buy it," and he was utterly unhappy, for he realized that he had married a woman who did not love him and who simply desired to use him as a pack-horse for all household burdens.

As soon as Mr. Waterby had learned the horrible truth about his wife he began to recall little episodes dating back years, and now he pieced them together to convince himself that he was a deeply wronged person.

Small at the time and almost unnoticed, they were now accumulating to prove that Mrs. Waterby had no real anxiety for her husband's happiness. Also, Mr. Waterby began to observe her closely, and he believed that he found new evidences of her unworthiness. For one thing, while he was in gloom over his discovery and harassed by doubts of what the future might reveal to him, she was content and even-tempered.

The holiday season approached and Mr. Waterby made a resolution. He decided that if she would not permit him to spend a little money on himself he would not buy the customary Christmas presents for her.

"Selfishness is a game at which two can play," he said.

Furthermore, it was determined that if she asked him for any extra money for Christmas he would say: "I'm sorry, my dear, but I can't spare any. I am so hard up that I can't even afford to buy a few books that I've been wanting a long time. Dear you understand that you like the idea that I could afford to buy that set of Poe?"

Could anything be more crushing as to logic?

He realized that this

and had it all ready for her, as he pictured to himself her humiliation and surprise at discovering that he had some spirit after all and a considerable say-so whenever money was involved.

Unfortunately for his plan, she did not ask for any extra spending money and so he had to rely on the other mode of punishment. He would withhold the expected Christmas present. In order that she might fully understand his purpose, he would give presents to both of the children.

It was a harsh measure, he admitted, but perhaps it would teach her to have some consideration for the wishes of others.

It must be said that Mr. Waterby was not wholly proud of his revenge when he arose on Christmas morning. He felt that he had accomplished his purpose and he told himself that his motives had been good and pure, but still he was not satisfied with himself.

He went to the dining room and there on the table in front of his plate was a long paper box containing ten books each marked "Poe." It was the edition he had coveted.

"What's this?" he asked, winking slowly, for his mind could not grasp in one moment the fact of his awful shame.

"I should think you ought to know, Alfred," said Mrs. Waterby, flushed and giggling like a school girl.

"Oh, it was you—"

"My goodness, you've had me so frightened. That first day when you spoke of buying them, and I told you not to, I was just sure that you suspected something. I bought them a week before that."

"Yes—yes," said Mr. Waterby, feeling the salt water in his eyes at that moment and had the soul of a wretch being at the stake.

He was determined to ask you for your presents. Mrs. Waterby continued.

Do you know I had to save for you and the children out of my regular allowance.

Why, last week I nearly starved you and you never noticed it at all. I was afraid you would."

"No, I—didn't notice it," said Mr. Waterby brokenly, for he was confused and giddy. This self-sacrificing angel—and he had bought no Christmas present for her!

It was a fearful situation, and he lied his way out of it.

"How did you like your present?" he asked.

"Why, I haven't seen it yet," she responded, looking across at him in surprise.

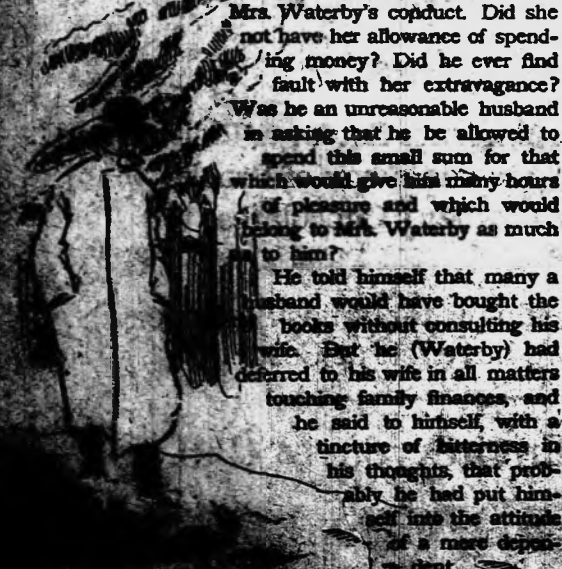
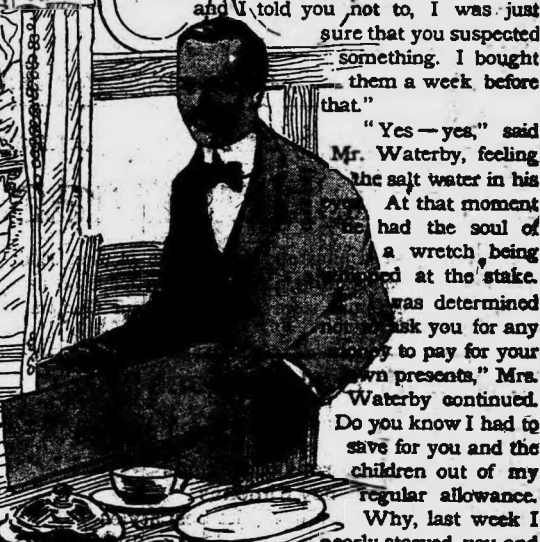
"You haven't? I told them to send it up yesterday."

The children were shouting and laughing over their gifts in the next room and he felt it his duty to lie for their sake.

"Well, don't tell me what it is," interrupted Mrs. Waterby. "Wait until it comes."

"I'll go after it."

He did go after it, although he had to drag a jeweler away from his home on Christmas Day and have him open his great safe. The ring which he selected was beyond his means, it is true, but when a man has to buy back his selfishness, the price is never too high.







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### The Christmas Table

SO many table favors of little bits and pieces are to be had nowadays that it is not difficult to carry out the idea of a table to represent Christmas in an old fashioned village. This is, of course, only possible where a long table is concerned and sufficient space is available to group the set pieces effectively.

Where the dinner table is for a dinner or more covers, however, this can be arranged to make a very novel scheme.

The first investment is that of a sufficient number of little snowbound cottages. Some of these can be altered easily enough so as to look a little different one from the other. In front of one a white pencil stuck in whitened cork—diamond powdered—can, with a little ingenuity, be made to represent a sign-board to face the coaching inn. An advertisement in a paper frame will make a capital sign, sprinkled with "rime" to give the same effect of winter as the rest.

A sheet of looking glass for village pond and two or three tiny toy ducks should occupy the center of the table. Among the many set piece cracker decorations it is easy, too, to pick up lanterns to hold Christmas candles, doves, farm wagons and carts laden with crackers, which will add to the realism of the pantomime scene.

### Japanese Toweling For Christmas Gifts

NUMEROUS attractive Christmas things may be made from Japanese toweling, a novel material, which costs about 75 cents to \$1.25 for a piece of ten yards. This narrow, coarse, white cotton crapy goods is printed at intervals, with the two toned designs, showing single sprays of wistaria—Fujiyama by moonlight, a few scattered maple leaves, flying birds, shaggy chrysanthemums and similar designs.

A bolt or two may be easily converted into presents. A farseeing matron bought the toweling and made it up into tea sets, the crosspieces forming the cloth proper and the dozen small napkins. She fastened the two strips together with a coarse blue floss, then marked the napkins with long, angular Japanese letters, one above the other, with a dash beneath. The marking in blue was done in a corner where the white background predominated. One of her sons, she is sure, will be enjoyed next summer by a hostess who has a veranda furnished in blue and white. Another is to be sent to a young bride in whose simple little dining room blue and white china is used.

This toweling has also been used for a nursery set. A spread of the white cotton crape is bordered with the toweling, and dresser cover and curtains are made to match. This Japanese material is to appear in a set for an invalid's breakfast tray. The oval cloth, shaped to fit the tray, is buttonholed, and it has the napkins to match. A set of fruit napkins made of the blue and white crape will be another Christmas remembrance. The toweling launders perfectly, and fruit stains do not show. A child would enjoy having a half dozen of the marked napkins for her "very own" to use in her school lunch box.

Laundry bags and bags for the table napery to hang in the butler's pantry made with the convenient hoop top are both pretty and practical.

Another gift that will not come amiss is a pair of hemstitched mesh curtains for the small bathroom window.

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"This Christmas we at least," we say, "made kind to some poor soul."

When the Christmas spirit gripped us—and we sacrificed a dollar

Did hearten us, my brethren all, and hearken with a will;

The poor are always with us, and they're broken-hearted still;

They're living by their loneliness, they're wailing in their pain,

and they're calling, calling, calling, and they get your help again;

We gave them cheer at Christmas, they've made our little boys,

and the winter chill is with them still, and who will help them now?

—LARRY IN NEW YORK

There's the day after Christmas, and all through the day,

The air was at least as the birds on the tree,

For they had the life for the present, and they had the life for the present,

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