

TO AMUSE CHILDREN. Many Ways Mothers May Co-operate with the Kindergarten.

Dr. Jennie B. Merrill, supervisor of kindergartens in the public schools of New York, thinks that the Park Department ought not to keep all its animals in Bronx and Central parks. Talking to the Mothers' Club at the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday afternoon, she said: "One of the things that we will have to get the authorities to do before long is to put a few animals in each of the small parks so that the children can see them. Children naturally love animals, but in a large city they are shut off to a great extent from association with them. Parents should make a special effort to supply this lack. They should take the children to see animals, and call their attention to the birds and the doves. They can supplement the animal plays of the kindergarten at home, where every child, instead of only a few, as in the kindergarten, can have a chance to be a bird or a bear. Then if father will get down and be a bear, it will do both him and the children good. To keep pets in a city home is a matter of much difficulty, but we have found in the kindergarten that a rabbit is easiest to take care of."

Dr. Merrill also suggested many other ways in which parents could co-operate with the kindergarten. "Let them have plenty of materials for drawing and painting," she said. "Don't give them a little bit of paper and a hard pencil when they ask for drawing materials. Give them a large sheet of paper and a good thick crayon. Children do their talking with brushes and pencils. Don't be afraid to let them have scissors if the points are blunt. In all my kindergarten experience I have never known a child to injure itself with scissors. And don't think that a sand pile is an impossibility in a city home. I don't know anything that brings more pure joy to a child. One mother to whom I suggested the sand pile, said it seemed to solve all her troubles with her little girl. "Try also to give the children some garden privileges, if only in the form of a flower pot or a box of flowers. "Don't keep them out of the kitchen. They will learn more there than you have any idea of. My mother never kept me out of the kitchen, and I have delightful memories of baking days and preserving times."

In conclusion, Dr. Merrill urged the mothers not to keep the children out of the Christmas preparations in the kindergarten," she said. "The children trim the tree and make the presents, and it is a great joy to them to enter into the giving instead of being only recipients."

5,000 CHRISTMAS BASKETS. Salvation Army to Send Them to Poor Homes.

Instead of gathering its beneficiaries in one vast building to enjoy in common their Christmas turkey and mince pie, as in years past, the Salvation Army will this year make up its dinners in individual hamper and distribute them to its poor families for consumption at home. This departure from the Army's precedent is due to a realization of the fact that there are many who would prefer to eat their Christmas dinner with their own family, rather than to leave their homes to journey to the middle of the city. The distribution will take place on Christmas morning at the Grand Central Palace, 43d street and Lexington avenue, and will begin at 10 o'clock. Five thousand hampers, each made up to suit the needs of a family of five members, will be distributed under the personal supervision of Miss Booth, who will also preside over the Christmas tree, which will be held for the children at 1 o'clock Christmas afternoon when besides the toys, etc., a large amount of clothing will be distributed. Last Christmas the Salvation Army dined twenty thousand. This year it hopes to beat its own record and send twenty-five thousand. Each of the baskets will contain a chicken, average weight four pounds, a can of soup, half a pound each of turkey, ham, beef, and corn, and 25 sacks will be distributed in all, supplies 625 barrels in all, and two crates of fruit.

A YULETIDE MARKET. A Yuletide market in aid of Five Points Mission will be held at Breton Hall, 96th street and Broadway, Thursday and Friday of this week, from 2 to 5 o'clock. All sorts of useful and fancy articles, especially suited for holiday gifts, will be sold, and at 3:30 o'clock the children of the mission will give an entertainment. Five Points Mission is situated at No. 63 Park street, where a building conducted a work for destitute and unfortunate children.

BOTTOMS MEMORIAL BAZAAR. The bazaar in the interest of the Frank Bottoms Memorial, for which the late Margaret Bottoms had been working all summer and which was to take place at her home, will be held to-morrow, from 10 to 12 m., at the home of Mrs. F. Vinton Smith, No. 227 West 75th street.

DEATH OF MRS. A. W. BURHANS. Mrs. Augusta Westerfield Burhans, widow of John H. Burhans, who died at her home in Paterson, N. J., on December 8, had lived in the house in which she died for nearly sixty-five years, and had seen Paterson develop from a straggling village of a few thousand souls into a busy, thriving city. She was, however, born and reared in New York, where her father, William Westerfield, was a leading merchant where Engine Company 29 is now located, and later in Washington and Canal streets. Mrs. Burhans was greatly beloved for

Christmas Gifts in Shops.

- A set of electric lights for illuminating a Christmas tree or table costs \$1.75. The ten small bulbs are in the form and color of different fruits.
- Children's mittens of gray kid lined with a soft wool cost 50 cents.
- A jade Mandarin chain set with silver links and enamel danglers costs \$2.50.
- A tea carriage (which is a tea table on wheels of mahogany) costs \$22.
- Springs of natural looking holly, to be used in fancy work or for table decoration, sell for 15 cents a spray.
- Travelling cases for men's toilet articles are made of silk lined with rubber cloth. These are shown this season in the various colors, colors decorated with the college flags, and sell for \$2.25.
- Cost hangers covered with a generous supply of Christmas red ribbon, cost \$1.00.
- Unique little Christmas cards come in the form of a Jolly Santa Claus carrying a small red satin gift containing a real evergreen tree, bearing a gift greeting.
- Garters made of satin ribbon decorated with tiny painted garlands cost \$2.25.
- Artistic picture frames that resemble bronze, set with imitation jade, sell for 25 cents.
- A novelty shop offers brass trays for from 65 cents to \$7, according to size.
- A bracelet made of carved silver and lapis lazuli settings costs \$7.50.
- Flannel petticoats of dainty colors trimmed with lace, ribbon and eyelid embroidery finishes sell for \$1.75 to \$2.50.
- Quilted plumes in all colors, arranged in attractive boxes, make most welcome holiday gifts. The prices range from \$4.75 to \$10.00.
- For baby's dressing dolls, the little "baby caps" of fancy lace are to be bought for from 25 cents to 75 cents.
- A little leather affair called "my books" is made

HER HIGH CHARACTER. She leaves three sons—William, Charles and John—of whom the two latter made their home with her. The funeral will be held to-morrow from her late home, Burhans and Hamburg avenues, at 2:15 o'clock.

SUNSHINE SOCIETY. Don't let your heart grow cold, and you may carry cheerfulness and love with you in the years of your second century, if you can last so long—Howells.

FOR CONSUMPTIVE HOME. Mrs. George Ashley, in response to the appeal for the Sunshine Consumptive Home, has sent \$10 toward the last payment, and Mrs. Frank Churchill \$1 for the same purpose.

PASSING ON. Miss Clark, the president of the Manasquan (N. J.) branch, writes: "We have helped the poor in our own locality, sent fruit and flowers to the sick in and out of hospitals, also to the Bowery Mission, and a barrel of reading matter to Captain Binn, of the yacht Mission, in New York. Our next prize party to an aged woman, which proved so cheerfully that she said it added ten years of pleasure to her life. In our little way we are trying to give the light and make the most of our small opportunities."

CHRISTMAS GIFTS. Requests for some little gifts at Christmas time are received daily at the office from all quarters. Clothing, toys, games, dolls and books are the things most commonly asked for. It is stated in several of these letters written by members, that they would be glad to have a box of inexpensive gifts and comforting cheer to distribute among the neighborhood invalids and children who are not likely to be remembered on the one festive day they have all others when sunshine and joy should find their way into their shadowed lives and give them a ray of hope. One writes: "I come to plead for the 'shut-ins' who live in the country. People in health rarely realize how many lonely hours 'shut-ins' spend. A cheer letter, a trifling gift, by the postman who brings the news, is a comfort that cannot be overestimated." While many branches have already been packed, and some have given the occasion to express our appreciation of their contributions to supply these wishes which come pouring into the office daily.

FOR THE BLIND. The T. S. S. is especially desirous that Christmas cheer may reach the destitute blind in the home in Amsterdam avenue, Manhattan, in such form as they can enjoy. Will some of the members make fragrant sachets or contribute Christmas cards, aprons, neckties, boxes of candy, etc., that a Christmas box of real sunshine may be sent to these afflicted people?

LOOKING FOR SANTA CLAUS. There are two little boys in West Virginia who are afraid Santa Claus will forget them. The older one, of eleven years, goes to school. The other, a scholar, makes fun of his shabby clothes, but he is a brave little boy and tries hard not to mind it. He is only six years old, cannot go to school because of his infirmity, and his need of home cheer is great; he must have some playthings, and he needs shoes and stockings.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION. President of the T. S. S.: We note your kindly mention of the needs of the United States Soldiers' Christian Aid and Library Association in the Tribune Sunshine column, and feel greatly obliged for the excellent notice. We are persuaded it will prove a powerful help to us in securing books for the soldiers. We have the occasion to express our appreciation of the work of the Sunshine Society. No estimate can ever be made of the silent influence of the society in the homes of our soldiers and in waiting hearts. Fraternally yours, Major JOHN B. KETCHUM, No. 23 Park Row, New York.

SUNSHINE GIFT. Mrs. G. Ashley has given \$5 to the Chelsea branch to aid in its Christmas work. It will be expended for outfitting flannel, to make up into nightdresses for poor children. A generous part of the material will be passed on to the South Ferry branch of Little Mothers, and the sewing class will make it up.

ANNIVERSARY OF ALPHA SIGMA. With many pleasant reminiscences of the early days of the organization and the "giants" who flourished in it then and later, the Alpha Sigma Society celebrated its semi-centennial anniversary yesterday at the Hotel Martha Washington. This organization of Presbyterian, Reformed and Congregational ministers has had many illustrious men—college presidents, professors, editors and authors—in its membership since it was founded in 1856 by Dr. John M. Krebs, for thirty-seven years pastor of the Rutgers Street Presbyterian Church. Dr. Nathaniel Hewitt was first president. In 1882 it changed its name from the Ministers' Association to the Alpha Sigma Society, the initials standing for "beloved fellow workers." The membership is limited to fifteen. At the luncheon yesterday the Rev. H. G. Mendonhall was toastmaster. The Rev. Joseph Sanderson, eighty-four years old, the only survivor of the original members, responded to "our dear members," the Rev. George H. Payson to "Alpha Sigma as an Educator," the Rev. W. W. Atterbury to "The Social Side of Alpha Sigma" and the Rev. W. W. Knox to "The Ladies." There were historical addresses by the Rev. Henry M. Cox and the Rev. William P. Bruce. Others present were the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas W. Campbell, Mrs. Cox, Alfred Duncombe, John C. Gardiner, Mrs. Mendonhall, Louis O. Rotenberg, Judson Swift, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Bruce, the Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Shearer, the Rev. J. Milton Greene, the Rev. John G. Fagg and the Rev. Adam McClellan.

JEWISH GIRLS' HOME. Exercises Next Sunday to Dedicate New Quarters.

Undaunted by a mortgage of \$17,000, the Young Women's Hebrew Association will dedicate its fine new quarters at No. 1578 to 1582 Lexington avenue, near 101st street, next Sunday at 3 p. m. There will be addresses by the Rev. Dr. H. Pereira Mendes, Percival Menken, Daniel P. Hays and Isadore Levy. Mrs. I. Unterberg, the president, will formally accept the building at the hands of Henry M. Toch, chairman of the building committee.

For four years the association has been carrying on work at No. 1578 Lexington avenue. It has recently acquired the two adjoining houses and remodeled them at a cost of \$15,000. The new quarters of the society is a dormitory, situated on the top floor and capable of accommodating about twenty-five girls, thus making the institution a residential club for working women. The new home will be run on the lines of the Margaret Louise Home. The ground floor is occupied mainly by an assembly hall, capable of seating 350, that can be used as a "gym." On the second floor are the "social room," the library and the parlors, well as tables, and an effort has been made to have everything homelike and pretty. Any respectable, self-supporting Jewish woman or girl is eligible. This home is said to be the only one of its kind for Jewish girls in the city.

Through its classes and other activities this association reaches about eleven hundred young persons, of whom four hundred are children who attend the religious school and seven hundred working girls. The Hebrew school, on Tuesdays, has an attendance of three hundred children, and a class of the great charitable societies. There are a mammoth sewing class of one hundred and fifty and an embroidery class of one hundred, also a free employment bureau, a many providing for the needs of the unemployed. Miss Beatrice Kromback is the superintendent.

DEFENDERS OF LITTLE ONES. School Principal Tells of Charitable Society's Good Works.

To the Editor of the Tribune. Sir: Will you permit me to express through the columns of your paper my appreciation of the good work done by the great charitable societies of this city? The organization to whose excellence I desire to bear witness is the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, known among its many friends more briefly as the A. I. C. P.

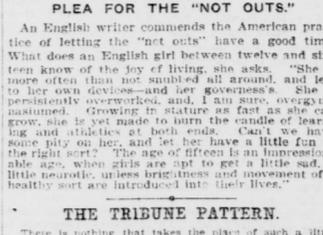
I have not the honor of a personal acquaintance with any of its officers, nor, so far as I am aware, with any of its members, but I can testify to the admirable efficiency and kindness with which the difficult tasks of the association are performed. The teachers of the public schools situated in certain quarters of the city learn to understand with sorrow and sympathy the hardships and struggles of those who endeavor to support and to educate properly families upon small and uncertain incomes. Children who are denied the comforts and simple pleasures of life must always awaken tenderness in us of the older generation, but the parents who sacrifice themselves cheerfully in order that these children shall at least obtain the necessities of life deserve the honor in which we hold them. When a child, through loss of work or death of such a household, however, an appeal for outside aid can often be no longer avoided. It is usually made by some friend who knows the sad circumstances, for those most deserving of aid are always the most unobtrusive. I have seen it, and only too often, that the child, when suffering is not to be endured. The association responds at once to a request to send a representative to the home of the child believed to be needed, and its agents act with the utmost tact and consideration, and immediately there is some relief. The child is taken into the investigation while suffering wait, for the society's visitors are empowered to use their judgment in giving relief. The child is taken into the home and women of great experience in this work are very unlikely to be imposed upon, and the child is usually made comfortable with a clean, well-furnished and empty cupboard, and a convincing language to those who behold them personally. These agents are usually women, and their secure employment for the members of the household capable of performing it; food, clothing and other necessities are known to the agents engaged for the sick, and, wisest policy of all, the child is usually taken into the home of the child, and the neighbors of such a family need never know of the child's existence. It is a horror of the self-respecting poor, "charity," I knew of one case where actual material aid was not necessary, but merely a little human interest and kindly sympathy. This was given in the person of a friendly encouragement of the busy woman who found time to give her duties as a district visitor to call upon the sixteen-year-old girl who was trying to fill her dead mother's place. Her little brother, who had been in the hospital, told for the daily bread of the family. The society, through its agents, and do deal strenuously with ill doers in a household. Such discipline seems necessary, and they are not to be cheated by willful shirkers. (and this is in children) they are ever the good friends and wise defenders of the little human interest. A report upon every case is made at once to the person requesting that aid be rendered to an individual or family. The agent is given a certain amount of time to call upon such a person in order to discuss with kindly interest the best way of continuing the assistance which may be thought advisable. In my opinion much of the efficiency and excellence of the work of this organization is due primarily to the discretion with which these agents are selected and then to the wisdom of the policy which permits its representatives to exercise their own judgment and a certain freedom of action in relieving immediate needs. Yours very respectfully, Principal of Public School 32, Manhattan, Dec. 7, 1906.

PLEA FOR THE "NOT OUTS."

An English writer comments the American practice of letting the "not outs" have a good time. What does the English girl between twelve and sixteen know of the joy of living, she asks. "She is more often than not snubbed all around, and left to her own devices—and her governess's. She is persistently overworked, and her days are unvariedly unvaried. Growing in stature as fast as she can grow, she is yet made to learn the same lessons over and over again, and let her have a little fun of the right sort. The age is free from the restrictions of the school, when girls are apt to get a little sick, a little nervous, unless brightness and movement of a healthy sort are introduced into their lives."

THE TRIBUNE PATTERN.

There is nothing that takes the place of such a little suit as this one for the small boy. It is always becoming, and it can be made from a great variety of materials, while it is just sufficiently masculine in effect to please both the wearer and his parents. This one is made of cast blue serge, with trimming and belt of wide black braid and solid white. The combination being an exceedingly effective one, but dark blue serge is perhaps the most serviceable of all things, while mixtures are greatly used for the very suits, and the same model in velvet or in silk or in white serge becomes exceedingly effective. The pattern is in New York Tribune, and some of the favorable plates that we so well find.



NO. 5,513—TIESE PAPER PATTERN OF BOY'S RUS-SIAN SUIT, FOR 10 CENT.

The quantity of material required for the six-year size is 2 1/2 yards of 36 inches wide, with 3/4 yard wide for the belt and 3/4 yard wide for the collar. The pattern is in New York Tribune, and some of the favorable plates that we so well find.

NEW YORK MAN HURT IN TRAIN WRECK. PUDUCK, Ky., Dec. 10.—The fast Memphis-Louisville passenger train, northbound, on the Illinois Central Railroad, crashed into a light engine near here to-day. The brakes on the passenger train failed. Five were injured, none fatally. Among the injured were John Drummer, New York City.

At the Center: Wanamaker's. The Center of Wanamaker's: Music. Wanamaker's Will Close Daily at 6 o'clock Right Up to Christmas. Shopping earlier in the day will mean greater comfort for purchasers. And shopping this week, instead of next, will make Christmas less of a worry than putting off purchases until the last moment.

The second floor of the Wanamaker Building, with its exquisite surroundings, holds the greatest assortment of high-grade Pianos ever offered in any American store. Three great Piano builders are disputing for the first place at the top, and two of them are represented here. Also on the Second floor, the beautiful and elegant Music Hall, with the Austin Organ, which capable critics pronounce the best organ as yet built in this country. Today in the Music Hall: MORNING RECITAL: Vocal Quartet—Mrs. Dutton, Soprano. Miss Polgeiser, Contralto. Mr. Duffit, Tenor. Dr. Duffit, Bass. Organ, Mr. DEPEW. Piano, Mr. HIMMELREICH. Angelus, Mr. VAN YORK. AFTERNOON CONCERTS at 1:30 and 3:15 P. M. Wanamaker Orchestra (32 Pieces.) Conductor, Mr. ARTHUR DEPEW. Madame NOLDI, Solists. These musical features are dignified and properly associated with the high-class—including the highest—pianos, self-playing pianos, and the Angelus, that combined have created the unmatched Wanamaker Piano business. As an extra inducement for Holiday Sales we will, during the month of December, make especially liberal terms of settlement on all approved credits. Deferred payments are carried at a very low rate of interest.

The Central Jewelry Store. In the Stewart Building, corner Broadway and Tenth street, we have prepared the one complete and extensive Jewelry and Silverware Store of the vicinage. With enlarged premises, elegantly furnished, and stocks to correspond, our Jewelry Store has entered the front rank of the trade. The movement is recognized by greatly growing sales, especially in precious stones. The cheaper Silver-plated Wares and Clocks are in the Basement.

ORIENTAL PEARLS. From the Straits of Manaar, India. PEARLS are supreme among gems today in the favor of fashion; and it is but fitting that the superb Wanamaker Jewelry Store should possess them in adequate supply for the most discriminating purchaser. We have for inspection a notable group of Pearl Necklaces composed of perfectly matched and graduated gem pearls from the Straits of Manaar, with the very exquisite and desirable pink tint. These superb Necklaces have diamond clasps, and are priced at \$380, \$455, \$700, \$970, \$1160, \$1500 and \$3300; and we recommend them to those who are seeking the perfect examples of these favorite gems. We also show many beautiful pieces of Jewelry with pearls and diamonds in combination. For instance, there are Pearl-and-Diamond Crescents at \$83 to \$190; Pearl-and-Diamond Rings at \$85 to \$360; Pearl-and-Diamond Scarpins at \$26.50 to \$95; and Pearl-and-Diamond Brooches at \$25 to \$87.50. Jewelry Store, Tenth street and Broadway, Stewart Building.

Illustrated Gift Books. Our new Book Store is almost twice as large as it was a year ago; and, in addition, there is a Supplemental Book Store in the Basement, almost as large. In both places will be found remarkable collections of holiday gifts. Books for young and old. Fiction, history and every other field of literature. Here are some suggestions for those who do not have time to look over the collections themselves: The American Girl, as Seen and Portrayed by Howard Chandler Christy. Illustrated in colors, and black and white. \$2.50. Child's Garden of Verses. 12 full-page drawings in colors and numerous sketches in pen and ink. \$1.50. A Japanese Blossom, by Onoto Watanna. Colored illustrations. \$2. The Jessamy Bride, by Frankfort Moore. With pictures in color by C. Allan Gilbert. \$2. The Last Ride Together, by Robert Browning. With 6 full-page illustrations. \$1.35. In red leather. \$2.25. Low Wallace, an autobiography—the story of "The Prince of India." 2 vols. Illustrated. \$5. Glimpses of Italian Court Life. Happy days in Italia Acorta, by Tryphosa Bates Batchelor. Large octavo, illustrated. \$4.80. On books marked (\*) there will be no charge for postage or expressage.

Antiques--Doubly Interesting. THE Wanamaker Collection of Antiques and Curios, newly opened on the Fifth Floor of the Stewart Building, has twofold claims on the interest of lovers of things artistic. In the first place, it presents a rarely beautiful group of Paintings, Wood Carvings, Ecclesiastical Embroideries and other articles that will repay careful study as types of the art of various periods from medieval times up to the XVIIth and XVIIIth Centuries. In the second place, these objets d'art, which are all for sale, are priced in a purely commercial basis—quite at odds with the prevailing fashion of marking such things at as high prices as the customer may be expected to stand. The collection, therefore, offers exceptional opportunities to collectors, artists, architects, and interior decorators to obtain works of undoubted authenticity at unusually low prices. We have just added a goodly number of smaller articles, such as replicas of Tanagra figures, old china, and glass prints, and Sheffield plate, priced in the same moderate way, that will make delightful holiday gifts for the artistically inclined. The exhibition is distinctly worth a visit.

Oriental Rugs. Substantial Holiday Gifts. WE have planned largely and with expert care in assembling this vast collection of Oriental Rugs for holiday selling. The exhibition is one that cannot be overlooked by any one who has purchase in mind at this time. There are hundreds of small and medium sizes in the various worthy qualities of Persian and Turkish Rugs, which have just been added within the last few days. In the stocks there are about two thousand Rugs in sizes from 3 to 6 feet wide, by 4 to 13 feet long, at prices ranging from \$8 to \$850. There is a wonderful collection of fine specimens of Peshawar, Kurdistan and Daghestan Rugs, at \$50 to \$300. There is a superb collection of Turkish and Persian Silk Rugs, in small and medium sizes, at \$25 to \$850. And among the large Rugs in room sizes there is a still more elaborate collection. Sizes range from about 6 x 9 feet up to 17 x 25 feet. Here are included the higher grades of Persian weaves—Kirmanshah and Serapi, at \$175 to \$2500. There is a special group of Kazak and Mosul Rugs, at \$15, \$18 and \$20, regularly worth \$20 to \$30. Fifth floor, Wanamaker Building.

Imported Easy Chairs. THE maximum of luxury, in Easy Chairs and Davenport, seems to have been reached in the examples shown in our collection of imported London-made Furniture. For several years we have brought from abroad an interesting assortment of high quality English furniture, made up in the shops of the foremost English cabinet makers. We have established a permanent demand for these library pieces, and we offer them as the best examples of morocco and tapestry furniture that have ever been manufactured. The materials used are of the very best throughout, and the workmanship has, up to this time, never been equalled in America. The moroccos are in bright reds, greens and olives, the skins being of a quality that never reaches this country except on the finest furniture. The tapestries are all-wool and of exclusive designs. Our latest importation has just been landed, and we invite an inspection. Chairs, in morocco, are priced at \$105, \$110, \$115, \$125, \$135, \$140, \$150 and \$155. In tapestry, at \$78, \$110, \$115, \$120, \$125 and \$130. Davenports, in morocco, at \$200, \$225, \$300, \$325. Furniture Store, Sixth floor, Wanamaker Building.

Women's Velour Coats. Some Special Values. Knowing that velour was to be the most popular material for dressy coats, we secured from foreign designers a selection that is not only exceedingly large, but one which includes exclusive and authoritative models not found elsewhere. Just now, when dressy coats are especially desired, we offer some imported sample models, in Etons and hip lengths, trimmed with contrasting shades of velvet, silk and braid. At \$50, were \$60 to \$75. Besides these handsome specially priced Coats, we show some other superb models of velour, suitable for dressy wear, and some domestic coats in loose and fitted effects. Three-quarter and Seven-eighth length Imported Velour Coats, \$42 to \$135. Seven-eighth length domestic models, in loose and fitted effects, \$30 to \$75. Third floor, Stewart Building.

JOHN WANAMAKER. Formerly A. T. Stewart & Co., Broadway, Fourth Avenue, Eighth to Tenth Street.

CORNELL STUDENTS' BONES FOUND. Taken from Ruins of the Burned Chi Psi Fraternity House. Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 10.—After three days' search a few charred bones were found in the ruins of the Chi Psi Fraternity at Cornell University, which was burned last week. Some time after the bones were found the following statement was issued from President Schurman's office: The charred remains of W. H. Nichols, the senior, and E. W. Grell, the freshman, who perished in the conflagration of the Chi Psi fraternity house, were discovered about noon to-day. Mr. Nichols' remains were the first to be found. They were found in the sleeping room of Mr. Nichols and Mr. Schurman, who died in the inferno of injuries received in endeavoring to save Mr. Nichols. There were no other sleeping rooms in that part of the building. Along with the remains were found Mr. Nichols' "stunt book" and a picture card, both badly burned, a portion of his camera and other personal effects. Mr. Grell's remains were discovered about an hour later under the tricer, in the southwestern part of the building. The search for the remains was conducted under the supervision of President Schurman, Dr. Kerr, professor of anatomy, and Dr. Dennis, professor of chemistry.

SANTA ON HIS WAY. Toy Departments Begin to Spread—Fine Mechanical Display. Nearly all the stores have put on their holiday trimmings by this time, and the skurkish line of the army of Christmas shoppers is now to be seen in Sixth avenue. Monday is a day sacred to bargain anyhow, but that alone could not account for the sudden influx of customers in all the big stores yesterday. In two or three stores everywhere all the big stores will be clad in Christmas green. One significant fact of the season is that the children's departments in most of the stores already have spread over the space generally allotted to them, and have encroached on the other departments. This is particularly true of the toy departments. Heaped on the counters are dolls and wagons and games and a hundred other things. Most of the new games this year are either variations of the old game of authors for those who have a prejudice against the regular card games, and the hundred and one variations on the ancient paracheute. Every store has a large display of hundreds and hundreds of Teddy bears, from those five inches high to those five feet high, big enough if their owners are good to take out to ride in an automobile. The mechanical toys being shown in the shops are of greater variety, both in kind and in cost than ever before. One can buy a toy engine and a single car for a dime, or can spend \$100 on a complete railroad, run by electricity, from the locomotive to the gates at the "crossings" and with a working block system. Then, there are complete

Park & Tilford. FOUNDED 1840. Richardson & Robbins' plum pudding in sanitary tins—pure, rich and delicious. Their moderate price obviates the necessity for making plum pudding at home. At Park & Tilford's stores. Broadway and Twenty-first Street, Broadway and Forty-first Street, Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street, Sixth Avenue near Ninth Street, Columbus Ave. & Twenty-second St.