

HURRY! ONLY 15 DAYS TO CHRISTMAS, AND 2 OF THEM ARE SUNDAYS

Shop Windows Are Teeming With Brilliant Things, Diamonds, and Even Things That Are Cheap

BEGGARS WHO WEAR FUR

Including today, there are only thirteen shopping days before Christmas.

There is no question about this being a heavy shopping and an early shopping time. The streets seem to sing with the excitement, especially as the afternoon gets so late and so dark that it's really still in the thin disguise of being before 6 o'clock and not after 6 o'clock, when you'd surely call it night.

But when the dark comes on the brilliant things in the windows take on so much more brilliancy and sheen that new words have to be trotted out to describe it all. The whole show seems to be moving, not only the crowds but the store windows, with their festoons of tinsel, and round, and diamond ta-ra-ra's, or whatever they are, which are full of motion, scintillating from a million facets and winking and blinking, as if impatient to encircle fair fingers, wrists and throats.

Also the small mechanical toys which walk across the sidewalk and which do not cost as much as a diamond, but which many a young person would rather have, saving in regard to the diamonds, in the words of Shakespeare, that "they are to my purpose nothing."

There is a certain phase of charity which considers the needs of the South African diamond miners and the people who have to go to the opera, and so while one is doing his Christmas shopping early it would be advisable to take home several handfuls of jewels, paying for them.

Beggars never have had much of a standing in this country, except at Christmas time. They beg, and become quite fashionable, and even ladies in furs from head to foot do it.

In the old country beggars have a respectable standing all the year 'round. There is not much sentimentality about them there; a beggar gets supplied with odd pennies, in a matter-of-fact way, just as letter boxes get supplied with letters. They lounge about the Cathedral steps, with dirty, cupped hands and picturesque faces, and it's part of religion to share with them. They swarm upon the Irish roads, and John Synge, the poet, says he stole many of his colorful phrases from "the beggar women and their fine people" on the roads out of Dublin.

Here beggars are pitied and sobbed over and consequently rarely get any money. But the respectable beggars are holding up the tradition in fine style, and when the day of earnest charities is gone over thoughtfully it would seem that there was a great deal of quiet work going on that bears none of the marks of ugly mechanical "charity."

Particularly that band of anonymous Delaware County young men and women who go about in autos and leave baskets and—nobody knows who they are. Only one man, David Leppelmeier, of Collinsdale, comes before the public, in order to receive donations and money help for the work.

They, however in the Prison and Hospital Evangelists' Association, baskets distributed through Mrs. A. S. Smith, 3225 Fawcett avenue; the Blind Relief Fund of Philadelphia; coal, groceries, warm clothing, especially coats, for the needy blind, distributed through Dr. L. Webster Fox, 617 Witherspoon Building, and various Santa Claus ladies, among whom are Miss Olive May Wilson, of 551 Morris street, Germantown, and Mrs. Millie Cliff, of 221 St. Alban's place, South Philadelphia, whose specialty is dolls for little girls.

There remain, however, the plain unvarnished beggars who walk the street or stand and watch the early shoppers pass and the late shoppers, too. Sometimes with a whitening and rather fishy story, sometimes just standing, letting their old clothes and terrifying shoes tell the story; sometimes clanking at your feet, especially when you are in a hurry, I want is the money for a drink; I'll be honest with you."

They are the one fixed point in the varying phases of the Christmas season. They are the final judges of Christmas success. They are inscrutable, especially the underserving, for it must be a terrible series of misfortunes that makes a person thoroughly undeserving. They are the reason for Christmas.

Christmas Suggestions

Another new design in dressing table and bureau fixtures is on the market. These make an ideal gift if you want to select something more elaborate than the ordinary remembrance. One stunning set is the final judge of Christmas success. They are inscrutable, especially the underserving, for it must be a terrible series of misfortunes that makes a person thoroughly undeserving. They are the reason for Christmas.

A 12-piece set of striped ivoryware comes in black and white, or white and blue and white, to match milady's boudoir. The articles of this set are fairly large, and include all the wanted pieces, comb, brush, mirror, hair restiver, perfume, nailbrush, soapbox, shoebrush, etc. They sell at various prices individually, but the set costs \$19.75. The same style set in all white ivory costs \$16.75.

An odd finger ring is a happy thought for the young man who is selecting a gift for his fiancée. One shop showed a stunning model in the newest green gold. With its antique finish which is so sought after just now, the stone was a lovely aquamarine, brilliant enough to pass for a diamond, with a pierced setting of the gold. The whole thing was unusual, and priced \$22.

Another unusual and highly acceptable gift for a girl is a miniature lorgnon. This isn't the regulation lorgnon, by any means. It is a very small version of it, made in sections, so that it may be worn up and slipped into the handbag if it is not worn on a chain. The price is \$2.

Rare perfumes and scents of refined elegance are always acceptable, but it is a great mistake to select a perfume for a lady if she has a decided preference. A good extract is a personal, individual choice, and if it is not possible to buy what the person uses, select something like gloves or handkerchiefs or books are safe.

EXCELLENT CHRISTMAS GIFT THE LADY GOLD-BLIND NECKLACE—amethyst, ruby, sapphire or emerald, set in gold—\$25.00. Gold watch—\$25.00. Gold watch—\$25.00. Gold watch—\$25.00.

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WAITER, ALSO NAMED CARUSO, HAS HOPE OF RIVALING GREAT TENOR

He's Joe, He Works at a Hotel, He Warbles Sweetly and Loves to Dream of an Operatic Career. His Friends Not So Confident

Joe da Caruso, il tenore da uomo, like Enrico Caruso, alla volta. He sings to please and to gain. And after a while he sings to ears.

Ricciolo, il Trovatore. He sings from all and from some more. Further de Riville, that's what he eat. Does Joe da Caruso "from Napoli's street."

The ambition to become a grand opera star filled the Italian heart of Joe Caruso, assistant waiter at the Hotel Stenton, today as he tossed the dishes around and waltzed a Venetian air. That is, he waltzed until the head waiter cut the flow of notes short by ordering him to "can that noise."

This was done in a friendly spirit, the head waiter suggesting that the patrons might desire to breakfast, as usual, and that it would facilitate matters to postpone the operatic outburst.

This was not unusual for Joe. It is almost a daily occurrence for him to burst into song as he goes about his tasks. He hopes in this way to get the necessary practice which will fit him for the role of an opera idol. The ambition to grace the footlights was ingrained in Joe's nature in early boyhood and has never left him. It's an easy set of doll-lars to doughnuts, in his opinion, that

MEDICAL MEN TO TRY TO PREVENT DISEASE

First Meeting of Physicians to Discuss Problem to Be Held Today

A committee of physicians representing the County Medical Society will meet today to talk over the proposition of establishing in all parts of the city a new kind of dispensary—a dispensary for the prevention of disease. The dispensaries operated at present aim to cure disease after it has made its appearance.

The plans of the physicians are indefinite, and they are merely going to talk over the proposition and then present a report to the County Medical Society. Just now the new dispensaries, if they are established, will be operated, has not been settled. That is a detail to be considered later. But the idea is in line with the spirit of present day social work—that an atom of prevention is worth a ton of cure.

The committee of physicians which is to consider the matter is headed by Dr. H. C. Carpenter. Other members are Dr. William U. Bradley, Dr. Charles Dorwarth, Dr. Brooke M. Anspaugh, Dr. J. Bleckensmidt, Dr. Alice Seabrook and Dr. Alice W. Tallant.

The meeting will be held in the College of Physicians at 4:30. It is expected that representatives of hospitals of the city will be present.

FOOD FISH LOOKING THEIR BEST AT TERMINAL MARKET

Finny Creatures Exhibited on Third Day of Annual Show

Today is being given over especially to the exhibition of fish at the third annual pure food show in the Reading Terminal Market. Many different specimens will be on exhibition and sale. In all there will be 24 different species, among them the fish, recently approved as a food fish by the United States Commissioner of Fisheries. The fish was thought to have been exterminated, and only recently was discovered again in numbers large enough to be valuable commercially.

The fish at the market are dressed in their best. They have been carefully cleaned, and the stalls where they are sold made even more spick and span than usual. The stalls are decorated with greens and flowers, and the fish, too, have been beautified by the decorative use of cranberries and bunches of parsley.

LIBRARY FOR A CAMDEN PARK

Talking Machine Company President the Donor to City

Eldridge R. Johnson, president of the Victor Talking Machine Company, will erect and equip a library building in Cooper Park, Camden, and present it to that city, according to an announcement made by members of the Park Commission.

A meeting of the commission was held last night in conjunction with a meeting of the library trustees of the Free Library, and the offer was accepted, and a resolution to that effect drafted which will be brought before City Council for ratification on December 21.

The new building is to be a two-story structure, 140 feet deep, and with a 90-foot front. It will cost \$150,000.

CLUB TO PLAY SANTA CLAUS

Pen and Pencil Men to Gladden Hearts of 1500 Children

The hearts of more than 1500 children will be gladdened on the afternoon of December 23, when they will receive toys, books, candy and other gifts from the Pen and Pencil Club. The annual Christmas entertainment, which for years has been a feature of the Pen and Pencil Club, will be held this year at the Forest Theatre. The theatre has been donated through the courtesy of Samuel P. Nixon.

Ralph Bingham, who inaugurated the children's entertainments 23 years ago, will again be in the role of Santa Claus. He is known to thousands of youngsters in this city, who yearly attend the entertainments. Harry Jordan, manager of Keith's Theatre, will be general stage manager. The program will consist of a high-class vaudeville entertainment. The police band will furnish the music.

"CHINESE NIGHT" AT U. OF P.

Oriental Students to Hear Address by General Hsin

General Hwang Hsin, commanding general of the Chinese Revolutionary Army of 1911, will address the Chinese students of the University of Pennsylvania in their annual "Chinese Night" celebration to be held in Houston Hall tonight. The early part of the evening will be devoted to native numbers by members of the Chinese Club. After the entertainment the members of the club will hold an informal reception, at which time Oriental refreshments will be served.

Le H. Wei, chairman of the committee in charge of the affair, will deliver the opening address and V. T. Maw, president of the Chinese Students' Club, will welcome the students on behalf of the club. Miss Mary Mow, a student nurse at the Presbyterian Hospital, will render a Hawaiian song. Chinese vaudeville "stunts," dances and songs will be other pieces on the program.

Autoist Held for Man's Death

George J. Furst, 46 years old, 4905 Meyer street, was held without bail today to await the action of the Grand Jury on the charge of causing the death of George T. Rainey, 69 years old, 215 East Letort street, who was struck by an automobile at Talp and Norris streets on October 21. At the time of Rainey's death, in St. Mary's Hospital, a certificate, saying that he succumbed to gastritis was given to the coroner. At the inquest witnesses testified that Rainey was struck by an automobile which escaped. The body was exhumed, and it was testified by the coroner's physician that Rainey's death was due to concussion of the brain and hemorrhages. Furst was arrested. He denied his car struck the man.

WILLS BODY TO COLLEGE

Man Makes Strange Bequest and Names Domestic Infelicity as the Cause

The body of George Saxer, an aged Philadelphian, who died several days ago at the Bucks County Almshouse, will go to the Jefferson College for scientific purposes if the provisions of a strange will found today among his effects are carried out. In the will, which is unsigned, Saxer says he bequeathes his body to the college because his wife was "no account." A brother of the dead man, who was notified of Saxer's death, refused the body. It is said, because he alleged that he was "no good" and did not care what became of the body.

REAR ADMIRAL LUDLOW

Retired From United States Navy in 1899

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Rear-Admiral Nicol Ludlow, 73 years old, retired, died at the Hotel Gotham here early today of pneumonia.

Admiral Ludlow was stricken late Monday and had been unconscious much of the time up to the hour of his death. He was retired from the navy in 1898. A brother, Edward Ludlow, will direct the funeral arrangements.

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ATTACK ON STONEMEN CAUSES BIG STIR

Religious Workers of All Denominations Discuss Letter of the Rev. D. M. Steele

Churchmen and religious workers of all denominations are today discussing the attack on the Stonemasons' Fellowship made yesterday by the Rev. David M. Steele, pastor of the Episcopal Church of St. Luke and Epiphany. Doctor Stone called on the non-denominational committee, headed by the Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts, to work for the disbanding of the organization rather than to a certain extent sanction its existence by objecting only to certain forms of ritual used in administering degrees.

Because this attack, which was made in an open letter to Doctor Roberts, comes from one of the leading Episcopal clergymen of the diocese of Pennsylvania and from a man with whom the Rev. H. C. Stone, founder of the Fellowship, was formerly an assistant at St. Luke and Epiphany Church, it has caused much surprise and discussion.

The non-Episcopal ministers are now waiting with much anxiety for Bishop Rhinelander's decision on the invitation to become honorary chaplain of the Fellowship. If the Bishop accepts the position, prominent religious workers assert it would virtually mean that the Episcopal Church in Philadelphia intends to decline the honor, they say the club would have to stand or fall by its own power.

CURTIS ORCHESTRA'S CONCERT

First Performance of Season Attended by Large Audience

The orchestra of the Curtis Publishing Company gave its first concert of the new season last night in the auditorium of the Curtis Building, Independence Square. Conducted by Samuel L. Laclair, of the editorial staff of the Ladies' Home Journal, the orchestra began the program with the overture to Adolphe Adams' opera, "If I Were King." The concluding number was the coronation march from Meyerbeer's "Prophet." Mr. Laclair relinquished his baton to Walter R. Hardly in the playing of Saint-Saens' prelude to "The Deluge," and played the violin obbligato himself. Miss Mabel Elms, of the Journal editorial staff, sang an aria from "Hérodiade," by Massenet. Schubert's Symphony in B Minor was played by the orchestra. Johann Strauss' "Tales From the Vienna Woods" was played. In Titi's "Cenerentola" the flute solo was played by Herman Schimm, of the editorial engraving department, and the horn solo by R. N. Sullivan, of the machinery repair department.

Two Women Hurt; Hose Cart Hits Car

Two passengers were injured in a collision between a hose cart attached to Engine Company No. 24 and a street car on Girard avenue at 27th street today. Mrs. Elizabeth Bent, of 238 North Robinson street, and Miss Genevieve Seal, of 342 North Robinson street, were cut by glass and were taken to the German Hospital. Their injuries were slight. According to William Coll, driver of the hose cart, the street car stopped in the middle of the block to take on a passenger and got in the way of the hose cart.

PEACE FLAG FINISHED BY BETSY ROSS' KIN

Great-Granddaughter of Famous Woman Put Finishing Touches on Ford's Emblem

CHURCHVILLE, Pa., Dec. 10.—Miss Sara Markley Wilson, a great-granddaughter of Betsy Ross, who lives at Churchville, did the finishing work on the peace flag which accompanied the Ford ark and its peace cohorts in their efforts "to get the boys out of the trenches as Christmas." When she adorned the flag with her handwork, she did not know for what purpose it was to be used. But now that she does know, she lodges no protest. However, at her Bucks County home she did say:

"I have no sympathy with the excursion of Mr. Ford. But if the flag I worked on will do any good, it will be charming. But I am afraid Mr. Ford will accomplish nothing on this foolish mission. If Mr. Ford wanted to do any real good, then why didn't he take the money he is throwing away on the trip and give it to the war sufferers, the Belgians and others who are destitute and starving."

She took a flag at Bryan, and among other things said: "We never had a Secretary of State who went around the country making speeches as he has. I don't believe he can influence any body for peace." The aged Betsy Ross descendant has been making emblems for 18 years. She said her work on the peace flag came through an order from the William H. Horstman Company.

As she discussed the flag incident at her home she sat in a genuine Chipendale chair, a relic from the Betsy Ross home. She has been collecting for the chair by antique dealers. She lives with a sister, Miss Clarissa Sidney Wilson, and a brother, Jacob Markley Wilson. The latter is 63 years old and the youngest of the trio.

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Authorities at the Jefferson College said today that they had not received word that the body had been willed to them. The will, which was signed, was drawn in this city on February 5, 1901, and is as follows: "I, George Saxer, being of good health and sound mind, do in the interest of science bequeath my body after death to the Jefferson Medical College. I was born March 9, 1847. The reason I do this is because my wife is no account. She is always bothering me to get insured and at the same time threatening to put me out of the way, saying I am no good any more. God have mercy on my children, as they are all insured."

Choice Selection in Christmas gifts. EXPERT selection makes the gifts at the Pomerantz store such as to be doubly acceptable. These shown but illustrate the multitude now on display at very unusual values. No. 1206E, Estimote Electric Floor Lamp \$12. No. 1212, Electric Basket \$5. No. 271, Ladies' Dress in Silk \$4.75. No. 2418, Earf Table, very large shown. Price, without glass top, \$12.50. No. 7120, Dish Set, 5 pieces, \$18.75. No. 1160, Book Case—topical letters. Price, \$10.00. No. 1084-V2, Dressing Case, \$12.50. No. 15, Combination Case, \$11.00. No. 1206E, Estimote Electric Floor Lamp \$12. No. 1212, Electric Basket \$5. No. 271, Ladies' Dress in Silk \$4.75. No. 2418, Earf Table, very large shown. Price, without glass top, \$12.50. No. 7120, Dish Set, 5 pieces, \$18.75. No. 1160, Book Case—topical letters. Price, \$10.00. No. 1084-V2, Dressing Case, \$12.50. No. 15, Combination Case, \$11.00. No. 1206E, Estimote Electric Floor Lamp \$12. No. 1212, Electric Basket \$5. No. 271, Ladies' Dress in Silk \$4.75. No. 2418, Earf Table, very large shown. Price, without glass top, \$12.50. No. 7120, Dish Set, 5 pieces, \$18.75. No. 1160, Book Case—topical letters. Price, \$10.00. No. 1084-V2, Dressing Case, \$12.50. No. 15, Combination Case, \$11.00.

33 OF 67 COUNTIES IN STATE FOR SUFFRAGE BY 47,867 Philadelphia the Stumbling Block for "The Cause" Statistics showing the unexpectedly large vote that the Woman Suffrage Amendment received at the polls on November 2, have been compiled by the Pennsylvania Men's League for Woman Suffrage. They show, according to the League, that 33 out of the 67 counties gave an affirmative vote with a majority of 47,867. Nine other counties, combined, gave only a majority of 2,557 against the "cause." Of the 13 western and northern tier counties, every one voted for the amendment. Philadelphia, according to the League, was the stumbling block on which the "cause" fell, this city defeating the

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