

**OLD CITY HALL CALLED
FIRE-TRAP AND A MENACE**

Demand is Made for Restoration of Historic Building
The restoration of the old building on the southwest corner of Fifth and Chestnut streets, which housed the first Supreme Court of the United States, is being "strongly urged."
"It is, in its present dilapidated condition, a decided fire-hazard," said George Cuthbert Gillespie, former secretary of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution.

"If a fire should start in the immediate neighborhood," continued Mr. Gillespie, "and if sparks should fall on any of the windows, the masses of which have fallen out, it would very likely menace the state house, as well as the many business offices in the vicinity."
"Speaking from a purely antiquarian point of view, it is only right and proper that the historic building, which after the Supreme Court had left it, was sold as the City Hall of Philadelphia, should be restored and placed in the same condition as Congress Hall and the State House."
Sunday "Movies" illegal in Texas. Austin, Tex., Dec. 9. — Sunday motion-picture shows and Sunday baseball where admission fees are charged are illegal in Texas, the state court of criminal appeals declared yesterday.

**For CHRISTMAS Gifts
SLIPPERS
From HALLAHAN'S**

Hallahan's Christmas Slipper Sale is an event to which thousands of people look forward to as the solution of the "What Shall I Give?" problem. We can't begin to describe them all—but there are slippers here that will please Mother, Dad, Sister, Brother, Uncle, Aunt, Cousin, Mother-in-law, Father-in-law, Grandmother, Grandpa—and any pair will be as if you guess wrong on the size.

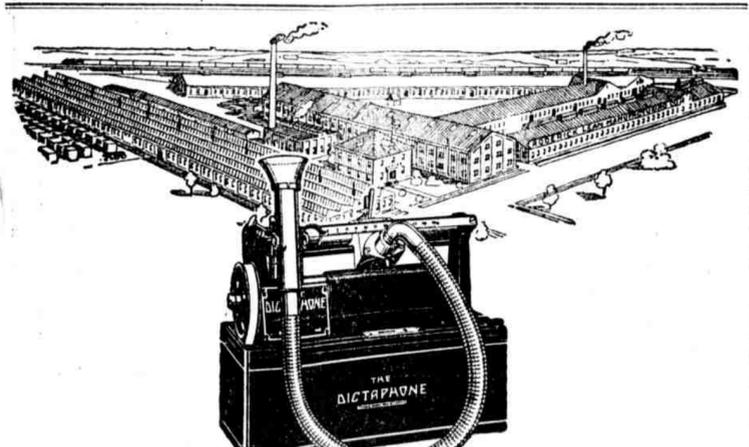
SLIPPERS FOR MEN
Felt Hyla Slippers, they can be buttoned snug and warm over ankle and instep; in heavy oxford gray felt. With comfy padded sole. . . . Special **3.45**
Felt Slip-on Slippers Everett Cat, of fine heavy felt, in brown, piped with tan or green piping with red; padded comfy sole, or in oxford gray with leather sole. . . . Special **2.95**
Felt Slip-on Slippers, made by Daniel Green, of fine felt in brown piped with tan or green piping with red; padded comfy sole. . . . Special **2.95**
Girls' Juliette, Daniel Green make, in red felt with leather sole, or in pink or light blue with comfy sole. . . . Special **2.45**
The Big Special Women's Felt Moccasins, ribbon trimmed, with soft padded cushion sole in all the colors. Special **1.95**

SLIPPERS FOR BOYS
Boys' Slip-on Slippers, made by Daniel Green, of fine felt in brown piped with tan or green piping with red; padded comfy sole. . . . Special **2.95**
Girls' Juliette, Daniel Green make, in red felt with leather sole, or in pink or light blue with comfy sole. . . . Special **2.45**

SLIPPERS FOR WOMEN
Fur-trimmed Juliette, of fine felt with flexible leather sole and leather heels in old rose, light blue, lavender, French blue, orchid and purple. Special **3.75**
Hyla Slippers, the slippers with the collar that can be buttoned over ankle and instep when extra warmth is wanted. Of fine Daniel Green felt, with Comfy sole in orchid, old rose, lavender, Alice blue and French blue. Special **2.95**
Quilted Satin Comfy Slippers, in pink, blue and black with quilted satin lining and real comfy sole. . . . Special **3.45**
High-back Felt Moccasins, in brown, old rose, taupe, lavender and French blue; ribbon trimmed, padded cushion sole. . . . Special **2.25**
Satin Comfy Slippers, of finest quality felt in old rose, oxford gray and lavender; with satin cut and lining of the same shade. Real comfy sole. Special **3.75**

**HALLAHAN'S
FOR SLIPPERS**

921 Market Street
4028 Lancaster Ave. 2746 Germantown Ave.
5604 Germantown Ave. 60th and Chestnut Sts.
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The Pictorial Life of Christ, Special—\$1.25
With 80 reproductions of sculptural reliefs, by Dominico Mastroianni. The first sculptor to depict the passage of events from Bethlehem to Golgotha. A wonderful gift book!
Second Floor, Filbert Street, West

More Than \$50,000 Worth of Oriental Rugs at 25 to 50 per Cent. Under Price

From a famous importer we received about \$50,000 worth of fine Persian and Chinese Rugs, in carpet sizes, to be sold at from one-third to one-half less than regular retail prices that have been asked recently. To this collection we add our own stock of both Persian and Chinese Carpet-size Rugs, at reductions of from 25 to 50 per cent. A rare opportunity, indeed. Please bring floor measurements when you come.

— Strawbridge & Clothier—Fourth Floor, Market Street, West

Many Fine Gifts for Men in the Leather Goods Store

One thing certain—an article of leather that lasting quality of utility which insures a hearty welcome, if a man receives it. There are hundreds of such useful gifts here—

Wallets, Bill Books, Bill Folds, Letter Cases and Card Cases, in many different good leathers—such as pin seal, levant seal, cordova tooled leather, willow calf, morocco, pigskin, shark-skin and walrus—ranging in price from 75c to \$18.50.

If you desire we can furnish the METAL MONOGRAMS for these, in plated gold, sterling silver or 14-kt. gold, at \$2.00 to \$7.00; or handsome gold corners or beadings of 14-kt. gold, at \$2.25 to \$12.00.

Cigar or Cigarette Cases of leather or silk, \$1.75 to \$11.75. Leather Match Cases, \$1.25 to \$3.25. Sturdy Boston Bags of black and brown cowhide, \$5.00 to \$20.70 (including U. S. tax). Brown or black Cowhide Brief Cases, \$7.25 to \$34.00. Traveling Bags of cowhide, walrus seal, pigskin or goatskin, also the roomy Kit Bags, \$10.50 to \$89.35. Cowhide Suit Cases, in many styles and sizes, from a bellows case at \$13.50, to an exceedingly handsome case at \$50.96. (These prices include U. S. tax).

Fitted Traveling Cases of various handsome leathers with rich ebony fittings, \$4.75 to \$91.00. Fitted Pads for the traveling bag, holding military brushes, tooth brush holder, clothes brush, comb, etc., \$8.25 to \$22.00. Vacuum Bottles, including Thermos and other well-known makes. Pint size, \$2.50 to \$4.75; quart size, \$3.50 to \$7.00. Stanley Unbreakable Bottles, pint size, in black enamel case, \$7.50. In leather-bound case, \$8.50. Quart size, in enamel case, \$10; leather case, \$11.00. Two-quart size, in enamel case, \$15.00; leather case, \$16.00.

— Strawbridge & Clothier—Aisles 8 and 9, Centre

**A Worth-while and Lasting Gift
FURNITURE**

Here are just a few of the many handsome gift things to be seen in our great, spacious Furniture Section—

Tapestry and Velour Chairs and Rockers
Imitation Flower-filled Wicker Ferneries
Decorated Breakfast-room Suits
Living-room Suits in various styles
Wicker and Willow Chairs, and other pieces
Living-room Cabinets
Smokers' Stands
Candlesticks
Hall Chairs
Davenport-End Tables
Silver Boxes
Mahogany Wood Boxes
Sheet Music Cabinets
Music Roll Cabinets
Windsor and Colonial Chairs
Hall Racks
Ferneries
Telephone Tables
Sewing Stands

Cellarettes
Nests of Tables
Log Racks
Hall Mirrors
Console Tables
Sewing Cabinets
Writing Tables
Foot Stools
Foot Rests
Spinnet Desks
Tilt-top Tables
Secretaries
Desks and Lamps
Book Cases
Davenport Tables
Library Tables

— Strawbridge & Clothier—Third Floor

Boys' Stockings Now 35c a Pair

Three Pairs for \$1.00
Sturdy Black Ribbed Cotton Stockings, heavy weight, with extra-strong reinforced heels and toes. Sizes 6 1/2 to 10. Now is the time to buy Boys' Stockings at a saving—35c a pair.

— Strawbridge & Clothier—Aisle 4, Market Street

\$6.00 and \$7.00 Wool Plaids, \$4.00

ALL-WOOL WORSTED and VELOUR PLAIDS, in the most fashionable styles and color-combinations of the season, and 54 inches wide. A skirt length makes a very acceptable gift.

— Strawbridge & Clothier—Aisle 7, Centre

Men's \$10.00 Velour Hats, now \$4.95

A Fine Gift for the Fastidious Dresser

We have taken several hundred of these luxurious Velour Hats, direct from our regular stock, and have marked them at about one-half their former prices.

— Strawbridge & Clothier—Second Floor, Market Street, East

Still Good Choosing Among the Men's Neckties at 50c

Several thousand Neckties, which could not be accommodated by the display space at the beginning of this unusual disposal, have been brought forward to augment the collection. The variety of handsome patterns, therefore, is as broad as at first.

— Strawbridge & Clothier—East Store, Eighth Street

STRAWBRIDGE & CLOTHIER

The Christmas Store

Buy Christmas Seals here for your gift parcels and letters—and help in the great health campaign.

Gift Candy at 70c

Two thousand of these SPECIAL GIFT BOXES, containing one pound each of delicious Candy. Holly Boxes are packed with assorted Chocolates; Poinsettia Boxes with Bonbons and Chocolates—all from a famous candy-maker. The special price is 70c a pound.

\$4.50 Five-pound Boxes of Mixtures—\$3.75
\$4.50 Five-pound Boxes of Assorted Chocolates—\$3.35
Sugar Candy Toys, 70c and 80c a pound
— Strawbridge & Clothier—Basement

THE entire Store is now a Christmas Store! Every department is as busy as a beehive in June! The time has come when we must ask you to shop early in the day, if possible; to be patient if you cannot come until afternoon; to keep to the right in the crowded places; to ASK FOR INFORMATION when in doubt as to location of the merchandise desired—ask any floor-usher or call at the NEW INFORMATION BOOTH on the Market Street Cross Aisle; and when giving your name and address to salespeople, please be sure it is correctly spelled.

— Strawbridge & Clothier—Second Floor, Market Street

Women's Dresses Special, \$22.50

SMART JERSEY DRESSES, in beaver, brown, Burgundy, navy and black, made in tunic styles and embroidered. Long sleeves and collarless neck-line.

Special at \$15.00

BRAIDED AND BEADED SERGE DRESSES, in navy, plum and Burgundy, made in long-waisted effect, or in surplice style with normal waist-line.

— Strawbridge & Clothier—Second Floor, Market Street

Women's "Gift" Umbrellas, \$7.50

They are "special" at this price and would otherwise cost much more.

The coverings are of excellent satin glorio, with tape edge, and are mounted on sturdy paragon frames.

They are made with the new stub ends, and white tips, with ring-finished, full-length handles of bakelite—very smart and gift-like.

— Strawbridge & Clothier—Aisle 7, Market Street

Men's Madras Shirts at \$2.50

The handsomely-colored stripes woven clear through the fabric.

Judging by the way these Shirts have been selling daily ever since we first began their disposal at this new low figure—late comers will have to hurry if they wish to profit by the savings this made available.

A good assortment at yet—but choose early to-morrow.

— Strawbridge & Clothier—Aisle 8, Centre

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TOYS

Everybody wants to visit this brightest and best Toy Store, of course—and everybody will be here, early or late. What we wish to suggest is that you TRY TO BE HERE EARLY—BEFORE NOON. Early morning shopping is easiest, both for shopping and for sight-seeing with the children. Santa Claus has a STORY BOOK for each boy and girl.

More Than 500 Lots of Toys and All of Our Dolls at Reduced Prices

Among the Toys that have been reduced from the fair regular prices at which they were marked before the real opening of the holiday season, are the following:

\$8.50 Hand Cars, that go like the wind—now \$6.25
\$3.50 to \$12.00 Mechanical Trains, complete—\$2 to \$8.75
\$4.00 Steering Racer Slides—now \$2.90
75c to \$17.50 Artificial Christmas Trees—60c to \$13.50
\$5.00 Gilbert Machine Guns, for military boys—\$3.50
\$8.00 Carom Game Boards, play 57 games—\$5.75
\$1.50 to \$10.00 Chemcraft Chemistry Sets—\$1.00 to \$7.25
Children's \$18.50 Automobiles, pedal-propelled—\$14.75
Express Wagons and Auto Wheel Coasters Greatly Reduced
\$5.00 to \$18.50 Doll Coaches, many styles—now \$3.50 to \$15.00
\$25.00 Lionel Electric Train Sets, No. 34 complete—\$19.50
\$33.50 Lionel Electric Train Sets, No. 40 complete—\$25

— Strawbridge & Clothier—Fourth Floor

More Under-Price Fur Coats From Which to Select Gifts

A special purchase, at a remarkable price concession, has been added to our collection of Under-priced Fur Coats. All are made in the latest styles with the extra-large collar and cuffs.

Marmot Sports Coats \$190.00 to \$265.00 Values—now \$115.00 to \$215.00
Beautiful models, trimmed and untrimmed, all soft full-furred skins, elegantly lined.

Russian Pony Coats \$250.00 to \$375.00 Values—now \$167.50 to \$295.00
In black and brown, beautifully marked, and trimmed with squirrel, opossum, beaver, skunk and raccoon.

Fine Nearsal Coats \$350.00 to \$495.00 Values—now \$265.00 to \$375.00
Trimmed with natural skunk, natural beaver, Australian opossum and Siberian squirrel.

Fine Nearsal Coats \$290.00 to \$425.00 Values—now \$215.00 to \$350.00
Made on plain lines, with deep collars and fashionable full sleeves.

Many Beautiful Hudson Seal Coats \$595.00 to \$975.00 Values—now \$495.00 to \$735.00
Hudson Seal Coats (dyed muskrat), some with large cape collar of the Hudson Seal, others trimmed with beaver, skunk, squirrel, etc.

— Strawbridge & Clothier—Second Floor, Filbert Street

Flesh Pink Batiste Underwear For Gifts

Beautiful styles in profusion ready to be put in gift boxes. All are of dainty flesh pink batiste, trimmed with lace, satin, crepe Georgette or fancy stitching. Night Gowns—\$2.70 to \$6.75. Envelope Chemise—\$1.35 to \$4.25

OTHER GIFT SUGGESTIONS
White Nainsook Corset Covers, prettily trimmed—\$1.00 to \$4.75
Washable Satin Bodices—\$1.00 to \$4.75
One-piece Pajamas, of flesh-color Windsor crepe in figured effects—\$3.95

— Strawbridge & Clothier—Third Floor, West

Stein-Bloch Overcoats Reduced

Were \$60.00 to \$65.00—now \$33.50
Were \$72.50 to \$80.00—now \$44.50
Were \$90.00 to \$110.00—now \$54.00
ALL OTHER OVERCOATS ALSO REDUCED

\$225.00 to \$350.00 Fur-lined Overcoats—\$175.00 to \$245.00
\$50.00 to \$95.00 Evening Dress Suits—\$25.00 to \$71.50
\$5.00 to \$16.50 Trousers—now \$3.50, \$5.75, \$6.25, \$10.75, \$12.75
Young Men's \$57.50 Leather Coats—now \$30.00
\$75.00 to \$85.00 Reversible Leather Coats—now \$49.00
Entire stock of Youths' Long-trousers Suits Reduced

— Strawbridge & Clothier—Second Floor, East

Irish Linen Kitchen Towels and Toweling

BLEACHED TOWELING—with three-stripe red or blue border, worth 75c a yard—now 40c.

GLASS OR TEA TOWELS—22x34 inches, with "glass" or "tea" woven on side borders in red. Worth \$1.00—now 85c.

— Strawbridge & Clothier—Aisle 12, Centre