

John Thomas Co.

THE OLD RELIABLE

CLEARANCE SALE

Suits, Costumes and Coats

High Class Garments, Excellent Values at Closing-Out Prices:

Suits

New Fall Suits—About 200, in Pony, Blouse, Fitted and Long Coats, Broadcloths, Cheviots and Panamas, plain and mixtures, all man-tailored, trimmings and finishings of the highest character.

Costumes

Last season's evening dresses, in light shades, soiled in showing, practically given away. One costume of a kind, all with silk drops. The materials are of the best crepes and silks, and with slight expense can be made up-to-date garments.

Coats

Long Black Coats—Every coat in the house, Broadcloths, Kerseys, Cheviots and Montagnacs, lined with Skinner's satin or high grade silk.

Children's Coats

Our entire line, sizes 8 to 18 years, in plain Cheviots, Meltons, Kerseys and Mixtures; light and dark shades. They are warm and sensible coats for all winter wear.

Coats

Our stock of Fur Lined Coats is very large. The outside are made of the best of fabrics, some plain, others trimmed. The furs are of various kinds, varying in price according to quality.

Small Furs

A nice line of Neck Pieces and Scarfs, in mink, beaver and blended marten, lynx, Persian, natural and blended squirrel, and other popular furs, at FAVORABLE PRICES.

Umbrellas for Christmas

We have the largest and best selected stock of Umbrellas we have ever shown and have bought with Christmas gifts in view. We have many beautiful handles, good silks, especially appropriate for presents.

LANDS SET ASIDE FOR TO INSTRUCT YOUNG

VALUE OF LANDS SET ASIDE FOR PURPOSE IS \$45,000,000.

Agricultural College Maintained at Brookings, Which Stands Third in the Union for Number of Students—Great Work for Education Accomplished in South Dakota.

Special to The Journal. Brookings, D., Dec. 14.—People in the older Eastern and Northern states look with a great deal of pride upon the educational advantages which they possess in their public and private schools, academies, colleges and universities, but probably no state can boast of any finer provision for the necessary funds to support the schools than South Dakota.

Steady Increase in Values. The value of these school lands is steadily advancing in the same proportion as other land owned by the state or by private individuals.

In addition to the endowment for the common schools there were special grants of land made to several colleges and universities, as well as various other state institutions.

Results of Fruit Growing. One very striking example of what this great college is accomplishing is in the matter of fruit growing.

The federal government not only assists this agricultural college by its contributions of valuable seeds and pamphlets on agricultural conditions all over the world, but gives the sum of \$40,000 annually for its support.

Brookings county is crossed by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway and by two branches of the Chicago & Northwestern railway.

There is some raw land still on the market in Brookings county at prices ranging from \$13 to \$25 per acre. Improved land brings from \$22 to \$50, and the prices are increasing steadily.

Prices of Raw Lands. There is some raw land still on the market in Brookings county at prices ranging from \$13 to \$25 per acre.

Pictures for Presents, Immense Stock. Beard Art Galleries. Fourth Floor.

See the new things for Christmas in Table Dainties Room.

Newest Christmas Candies

Beard Art Galleries 4th Floor

OUR TEA ROOMS ARE A PLEASANT PLACE TO LUNCH.



Christmas Slippers

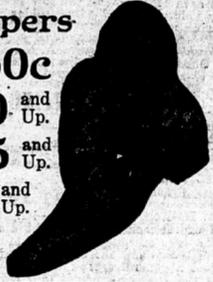
Women's Bed Slippers, pair, 50c

Women's House Slippers, pair, \$1.00 and Up.

Boys' Slippers, pair, \$1.25 and Up.

Men's Slippers, pair, \$1.25 and Up.

Special Prices on School Shoes.



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What better than a box of Nice Stationery

Beard-Dayton Society Stationers 1st Floor

MAIL ORDERS FOR HOLIDAY GOODS ARE FILLED PROMPTLY.

Boys' \$12.50 Overcoats, \$6.98



SATURDAY, in boys' clothing department, second floor, we shall place on sale one hundred long belted overcoats for boys of 9 to 15 years, comprising every long overcoat in our stock, at \$6.98.

Boys' Knickerbocker Suits, gray or brown mixtures, double-breasted or Norfolk styles, \$5 values, for \$2.98

Russian Overcoats for boys of 2 1/2 to 9 years, in plain or fancy mixtures, \$5 and \$6 coats, Saturday for \$3.98

Glasses for Gifts

OUR DR. GERTRUDE STANTON will sell Eyeglasses and Spectacles at special prices from now until Christmas, and will exchange without extra charge after the holidays.

SILK WAIST AND DRESS PATTERNS NEATLY BOXED MAKE ACCEPTABLE GIFTS.

Oxford Bibles

To say that a Bible is an "Oxford" is sufficient. Yet the "Oxford" keeps improving.

Oxford Teachers' Bibles, with New Twentieth Century Helps, arranged in an alphabetical order. "The most complete and best arranged of all the helps in various Bibles."

Saturday Sale of Bibles

We have arranged for special display and sale of Bibles for Saturday.

Prices to Suit All Purses.

While We Have Bibles at \$10, \$9, \$8.50, \$7.50, \$7 and all along the line down to 35c, yet we want you to see the exceptional good value we offer in a genuine Oxford Teachers' Bible—Twentieth Century Helps—Latest Edition, for \$1.35.

If a Bible is on your list of gifts come Saturday.

MCCARTHY BOOK ROOMS. Second Floor

Books Make the Best Gifts

In our beautiful Book Rooms, Second Floor, we are showing a tempting array of inexpensive books, suitable for Christmas gifts.

THUMBNAIL CLASSICS

Exquisite little volumes bound in embossed leather, each in a box. "The Man Without a Country," "The Proverbs of Solomon," "Friendship and Character," "Poor Richard's Almanack," "Ivings' Old English Christmas," "Dickens' 'The Chimes,'" "Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam," "Tommyson's 'In Memoriam,'" "Browning's 'Sonnets from the Portuguese,'" and others in this beautiful and choice edition; our price is \$1.75

Dainty Gift Books

Gift Books, illuminated in several colors in imitation of old missals. This series is all that can be desired from an artistic standpoint, bound in half white, decorated covers. 10c

Beautiful New Christy Book Free

By special arrangement with the publishers we are able to offer "The Christy Girl" free. The Christy Girl is the new Christy book and is quite the most artistic book of the year. The price is \$5 net.

New Christmas Fiction

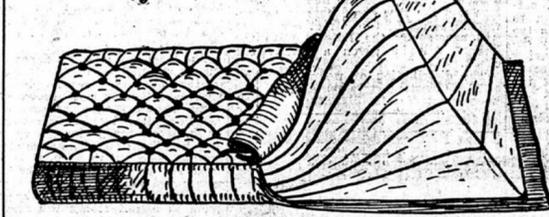
Ralph Connor's New Book, "The Doctor"; Winston Churchill's "Coniston"; Jewel Weed, "Half a Rogue"; "Red Saunders' Pots and Other Critters"; "Henry Northcote"; "The Opened Shutters"; "Awakening of Helena Richie"; "Saul of Tarsus"; "Loves of Lady Arabella"; "Rosemary in Search of a Father," and many others, published at \$1.50; our price \$1.18

GLOVE BONDS, SOROSIS CERTIFICATES AND GIFT CERTIFICATES ARE GOOD GIFTS.

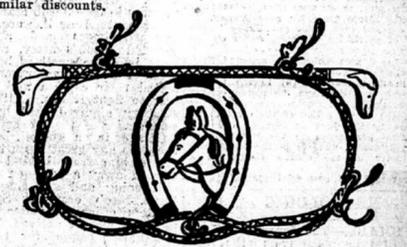
Furniture for Christmas Gifts

OUR MR. COPPAGE says that he will give Christmas purchasers a chance to buy Brass Beds at prices low enough to satisfy anybody. He is showing on the third floor nearly one hundred different patterns in brass beds of the various finishes.

For Example—This beautiful Colonial bed, pure in design, polished, or satin finished with five coats of the best French lacquer. Most appropriate for a Christmas present, sold regularly everywhere for \$30. Our price \$19.50



This Laminated Cotton Felt Mattress, made in one or two parts, put up in best Lenox ticking, 45 pounds in weight; sold regularly at \$15. Our price \$9.75



Metal Hat Rack, like cut, a useful and ornamental article; good enough for any hall. Good value at \$3. Our price \$1.75

FREE CAKE BAKING SCHOOL IN BASEMENT CLASSES 2 TO 5 P. M.

Bright Basement Closing Out Toys and Games

10c Toys go at... 8c  
25c Toys go at... 19c and 21c  
50c Toys go at... 39c

\$1.39 for our regular \$1.75 Toy Combination Desk and Blackboards

49c for this hardwood folding Table, 24 inches long, nicely painted

95c for Skis made of Norway pine, larger sizes in proportion.

59c for Lock Lever Club Skates, good steel, all sizes.

69c for Hockey Skates, a variety of others up to \$2.95.

95c for Ladies' Skates, with straps to support ankle.

Can You Keep a Secret?

The new song hit by the writer of "Cross Your Heart" and "Same Old Man," the big New York and Chicago Special introductory price Saturday... 18c

Awakening of the Birds (new reverse), Paddy, Won't You Let Me Put My Arms Around You? You're a Grand Old Flag, Beautiful Land of Bon-Bon, Alice O'Grady, My Irish Maid, John Dough, Cross Your Heart, So Long Mary, Mazie, Reindeer, Beautiful Star of Heaven, Blue Ribbon March, etc., just a Little Rocking Chair and You, Keep on the Sunny Side, Rose Leaves, Waltz Me Around Again, Willie, Bill Simmons, Moon Has His Eyes on You, Meditation, Why Don't You, Try? Falling Waters; your choice, the copy... 18c

Sabbath Echoes Containing Ave Maria, Palm, Calvary, Rock of Ages, Lead Kindly Light and 15 other sacred songs... 29c

39c for all 50c Card Games, consisting of Pat, Block, Wiggs, Bunco, Frenchie Finance, Game of Bid, Flinch, etc.

Toy Printing Presses at very low prices—25c Printing Presses, 19c—39c Printing Presses, 75c—1.25 Printing Presses, 59c.

\$1.69 for this Black Beauty enameled Sled, good size, with spring steel runners.

Child's Rockers, white enameled—50c Rockers... 39c—50c Rockers... 49c—50c Rockers... 98c

49c for this large size Shoo Fly Rocking Horse, worth 76c; others at 98c.

8c for Fire Engines, Hook and Ladders, Iron Bank, Trains, with 2 coaches, etc.; larger sizes at 19c.

39c for all 50c hill climbing friction Toys, Automobiles, Hots & Wagnons, Police Patrols, etc.; 50c value.

\$1.69 for a Gas Lamp, complete with good burner, tubing, shade, etc.

\$2.69 for Gas Lamp, a variety of styles, with Lindsay or Block Light burners, green shade, value to \$4.00. A variety of others at \$5, \$7.50 up to \$15.00.

21c for boy's or girl's Sled, hardwood, painted and varnished, a variety of others at 25c, 35c, 49c up to \$2.50.

The Plymouth Clothing House FINE FUR MERCHANTS

Extensive Display of Furs

In our fur section is assembled a most complete assortment of furs. Small or large, they have all been designed with special reference to the requirements of this climate and are most acceptable as gifts.

Our collection of Chinchilla, Ermine, Sable and Mink contains rare and handsome sets; while in the less expensive furs there are thousands of stylish pieces from which selection is easy.

Fur garments ordered before Tuesday next will be ready for Christmas delivery. NICOLLET AV. AND SIXTH ST.

FURS

Otter Jackets, best made, regular \$175... \$140  
Hudson Bay Beaver, extra dark, regular \$140... \$100  
XXXX Nearsal, genuine beaver trimmed, regular \$85... \$45  
Krimmer Jackets, regular \$60... \$45  
River Mink Jackets, regular \$80... \$45

Neck pieces and Muff, in all furs; also reduced. Get our prices and you will be convinced that we are low. Open Evenings. A. ZEKMAN, Furrier, 23 5TH ST. S., Between Nicollet and Hennepin.