

### ON DAY OF RAIN IS TIME TO SHOP

Stores Less Crowded Than During the Clear Weather.

### PRACTICAL GIFTS BETTER FOR GIRLS

Purse or Gloves Are Often More Welcome Than Are Candy Or Books.

### FEWER IN SHOPS DURING A RAIN

The rainy day is the best for Christmas shopping.

Because this is not generally known, you will be likely to find the shops less crowded, and the clerks able to give you their undivided attention on such a day as this.

The days before Christmas are the season of real giving. It is in the planning for others, and in the consideration that you give to the men and women behind the counters by finishing up your shopping promptly, that you really give of yourself.

Many girls prefer to books and candy some practical gift, such as a new purse, a lace handkerchief, or gloves.

If in doubt as to what to select for a man friend, go to the novelty shops, or to a man's clothing store.

The ideal day for shopping is surely the rainy day.

With the sun shining, and the world calling to those who love the earth, and sky, and wind, what wonder is it if the feet take a truant turn? But the rainy, dreary day! Surely the weather man conspired with the Christmas Saint, and made such a day to order. For then the brightness and cheeriness of the stores, the lights and warmth and rows upon rows of gifts, contrast so pleasantly with the inclemency without, that the heart warms to the too oft despised task of Christmas giving.

And, this, the week before Christmas, is the season of real giving. It is in the selection, and planning, and forethought, in the consideration that we give the men and women behind the counters, that we really give of ourselves.

#### Useful Gifts Better.

The giver of a useful gift is more blessed than he who bestows a useless piece of bric-a-brac. And a little thoughtful attention will sometimes enable you to discover the very Heart's Desire of the girl and boy and man and woman whom you are anxious to please. One girl I know declares that she always receives an overflow of books and candy and pretty meaningless trifles, when her soul longs, above other things, for some new visiting cards, a much needed purse, some neckwear, and some new gloves.

"Not that I mean to be absolutely mercenary, or even inexcusably practical," she declares naively, "but just you think, now, how many of these things a girl has to have. Useful bags and purses may be purchased at from \$1.50 up. Good, serviceable gloves are to be had as cheap as \$1, and \$2 buys an elegant pair of visiting card plates in the fashionable English script are \$1.75, which price also includes 100 cards. The displays of neckwear for women are always appropriate for men. The jewelry stores show necklaces in leather cases embossed in silver. Military brushes, with ornate sterling silver backs, range in price from eight dollars up.

#### Dainty Writing Paper.

Every woman likes dainty writing paper, and no counter could be more suggestive to the man in a dilemma than that in a stationery shop. Here one may buy by the pound beautiful writing paper containing the initial letter or monogram of his lady. Several large stores are also showing handkerchief displays that almost make one dizzy. Thousands of handkerchiefs, of every size, quality, and price give wide scope for the selection of a gift that cannot fail to be as useful as it is pretty and pleasing.

For the schoolboy, the crocheted mufflers or chestpieces, which are to be had for 50 cents each, will make a most acceptable gift. In the leather stores one finds at very reasonable prices beautiful monograms for the traveling bag, and these are always appropriate for men. The jewelry stores show necklaces in leather cases embossed in silver. Military brushes, with ornate sterling silver backs, range in price from eight dollars up.

For the man who enjoys his camera there are shown most attractive photograph books with flexible leather backs, and made to hold pictures of all sizes. To the woman who is faced to face with the dread problem of "what to give a man," a visit to the trunk store, a man's clothing store, or to some of the novelty shops on E-street will prove a balm to the soul.

#### THE WISE SHOPPER.

#### LOCAL MENTION.

Rosaries, 14k Gold Filled, In Emerald, Ruby, Sapphire, Amethyst, Pearl, Turquoise, Garnet, Jade, Jet, and Topaz. Will make a suitable present. Voigt's, 725 7th.

We Make a Specialty of Xmas Boxes. Jas. D. Donnelly, 14th & Eye Sts. N. W.

Solid Gold Sacred Hearts, 75c and \$1.25. Voigt's, 725 7th.

25c. Try Our Famous Stews. 25c. Phila. Oyster & Chop House, 613 11th n.w.

Fourth Degree K. of C. Emblems. For sale only at Voigt's, 725 7th st. n. w.

Diamond Rings, \$15 Up. Watches, jewelry at cost. Account proprietor's death. ROSENFELD, 1134 7th St. N. W.

Gas Ranges, Water Heaters, 616 12th St. C. A. Muddiman & Co., 1304 G St.

Knights of Columbus Watch Charms, Buttons, Rings, Cuff Buttons. Voigt's, 725 7th st. n. w.

Caverly's plumbing, 1331 G St. N. W.

### The Young Lady Across the Way



Thinking to stimulate her interest in the great questions of the day, we asked the young lady across the way how she thought the currency ought to be secured, and she said for her part she generally pinned it in the front of her dress with a big safety pin.

#### RECITAL AT BELASCO.

Mrs. Susan Oldberg will present the Misses Nellie and Frances de Grossart in a song recital at her studio in the Belasco Theater, Friday, December 17, at 4 o'clock.

#### PAPER BY MRS. FOSTER.

A meeting of the Columbia Historical Society will be held tomorrow evening at the Shoreham Hotel. "Early Chapters in the Development of the Potomac Route to the West" will be the subject of a paper by Mrs. Corra Bacon Foster.

### PICTURE OF "HELL" SHOWN BY HOLMES

It's a Real Town in Norway, and Among Places Visited by Lecturer.

It may not be just the thing to say aloud, but nevertheless it's true. Guide Burton Holmes, who has been conducting a series of world tours by means of some excellent pictures at the Columbia Theater, last night took his party to now it's the name of a town in Norway, so it's all right—he took them to Hell. That's its real name. It's printed in large letters on the station signboard, and by virtue of its distance upward from the sea, it is as bracingly cool as the other place is rumored to be not. This, the last of Mr. Holmes' travelogue lectures, which will be repeated this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, proved one of the most interesting and educational as well as the most attractive one of those who revel in the landscape beauties of a mountainous country. Had not the pictures been shown the lecture would have been well worth attending alone for the statistics and data Mr. Holmes gave of this wonderful country which is ruled over so successfully by a Danish King and an English Queen.

### CUTS HIS THROAT AT SIDE OF WIFE

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 12.—The body of John Miller, superintendent of the Mellon National Bank building, who committed suicide yesterday while seated beside his wife in a Pullman car of a Pennsylvania train near Frazer, was brought here this morning for burial. Miller was on his way home from an Eastern sanitarium when, without warning, he slashed his throat with a razor, dying two hours later.

### PRESS AGENT FOR CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Alderman Foreman has introduced into the city council an ordinance providing for the appointment of official press agent for Chicago. The ordinance provides for the establishment of a department of information and publicity, and embraces the appointment of "a commissioner of information and publicity, a librarian, a chief statistician, and such investigators, assistants, and employees as may be approved by the city council."

### BLERIOT BETTER; INJURIES SLIGHT

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 12.—Louis Blériot is rapidly recovering today at the French Hospital from the injuries he sustained yesterday in the fall of his aeroplane. It was feared the famous aviator was internally injured, but the doctors attending him say that aside from shock and bruises he is uninjured.



## Woodward & Lothrop

New York—WASHINGTON—Paris.

JUST at this season of the year there's many a person who is wondering "what to give a man for Christmas."

The man can't tell you, probably he doesn't know; but the chances are that inside of two weeks after Christmas he'll be coming in here to buy something he wants that you could have given him for a present.

#### Suggestions for Christmas

One of our Hart Schaffner & Marx evening or dinner suits; every man wants one or both; \$32.50 and \$35.00.

Or perhaps a Hart Schaffner & Marx fine overcoat, for dress, for business, for storm wear; a liberal, useful gift; \$18.00 to \$35.00.

You might think well of a good business suit; Hart Schaffner & Marx make the right kind and we sell them right; \$20 to \$32.50.

If you decided on such a gift the question of fit can be easily solved; bring us an old suit or overcoat; or tell us his size; afterward, if the clothes don't fit him right we'll change or alter them free.

There are many other things for men in a store like this; not so costly as clothes; quite as acceptable and useful.

Fine neckwear; rich silks of the best quality; many fine colorings and patterns; from 25 cents to \$2.50.

A great stock of good gloves from the best makers, \$1.50 to \$3.00. And heavier, cheaper gloves for other than dress wear.

Walking sticks and umbrellas; imported fancy woods, some finely silver mounted; a good variety from \$1.00 up.

Sweaters and sweater coats are always acceptable; good things here from \$2.50 to \$8.00.

Fancy waistcoats for all occasions—for dress or business wear; some very smart novelties in imported and domestic fabrics, from \$1.50 up to \$6.00.

Men's jewelry sets of all sorts; cuff links; dress and dinner studs; sets in cases, cuff links and pin to match; full sets with shirt studs and waistcoat buttons alike. Prices from \$1.00 as high as you please.

These are only a few suggestions; we can't catalogue the whole stock; come in and see. We issue gift certificates for any amount you say, or for any merchandise; the recipient of your gift can do his own choosing.

This store is the home of Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes.

WOODWARD & LOTHROP.

## Lansburgh & Bro.

420 to 426 7th Street

417 to 425 8th Street

Shop Early in the Day

Shop Early in the Week

Seal All Xmas Packages With Red Cross Christmas Stamps

Owing to the inclement weather, all merchandise advertised in Sunday papers will be on sale tomorrow.

### An Extraordinary Sale in Our Suit Department

Tomorrow We Will Offer You Rare Bargains in Long Silk CARACUL COATS

Tomorrow Women's Long Black Silk Caracul Coats; fully lined throughout; full 52 inches long. Worth \$25.00. Tomorrow..... **\$11.55**

We also have these Coats in 40-inch length..... **\$10.55**

Tomorrow 100 Women's All-wool Coat Suits; black, navy, blue, brown, and mixtures. Worth \$30.00. Tomorrow..... **\$9.90**

Tomorrow 200 Women's Suits. Worth \$50.00 and \$40.00. Tomorrow..... **\$21.90**

Tomorrow any Suit or Dress worth \$85.00, \$75.00, \$65.00, \$57.50. Tomorrow..... **\$29.90**

Women's Finest Quality Genuine Ponymon Skin Furs at prices you'll never again obtain them for.

Women's Full 50 and 52-inch length Genuine Ponymon Skin Coats; finest brocaded and plain best quality satin linings. Worth \$115.00, \$100.00, \$90.00, \$80.00, \$75.00. Tomorrow..... **\$51.85**

Tomorrow 300 Women's Long Coats go on sale—the best of a leading manufacturer's production; coats worth \$30.00, \$25.00, \$20.00, and \$15.00. Tomorrow..... **\$9.47**

Every Woman's Black and Colored Dress in our house worth \$25.00, \$22.50, and \$20.00. Tomorrow only..... **\$8.88**

Tomorrow Finest 52-inch-length All-satin-lined Brown Coney Coats. Worth \$50.00. Tomorrow..... **\$29.50**

### Bath Robe Flannel 25c, 29c and 39c yd.

100 pieces Extra Heavy Double-face Bath Robe Flannel, in fifty different designs and colorings, in stripes, checks, plaids, scrolls, dots and figures; 27 and 31 inches wide. A material that is now greatly in demand for bath robes, kimonos, etc. What can be suggested better to give father, mother, brother or sister that would be more acceptable and serviceable than a garment of these materials, made by yourself? While these last, your choice—

### 25c, 29c and 39c yd.

Flannel Dept.—8th Street Annex.

### \$1.25 White Silk-Embroidered Skirt Patterns, 98c each

This is one of the most ideal gifts for the baby that can be suggested—a Beautiful Silk-embroidered Skirt Pattern, consisting of 1 1/2 yards 36-inch wide wool white flannel in 19 different hemstitched and scalloped designs. Neatly put up in boxes with Xmas bands. THESE FOR ONE DAY AT THIS PRICE, EACH..... **98c**

### Stationery

Pretty boxes filled with 25c Fine Writing Paper, box..... **25c**

Pretty boxes filled with 39c Fine Writing Paper, box..... **39c**

Pretty boxes, filled 48 or 72 Sheets and 72 Envelopes; 1 and 2 sizes paper..... **50c**

Pretty boxes, filled with 24, 48 or 72 Sheets and as many Envelopes; 2 and 3 sizes of paper..... **75c**

Christmas Cards, Tags, Posters and Seals; large variety **5c, 8c, and 10c Package**

Post Card Albums, **10c to \$5.00**

Large variety to select from. Post Card Albums, holding 100 to 1,000 cards.

### \$5 Black Fur Cloth, \$1.98

50 to 52 Black Russian Caracul, Russian Pony, Persian Paw, and a number of other pretty fur effects with the bright luster and a good heavy weight. Remember, these are worth \$4 and \$5 a yard. To be sold at a very special price, per yd..... **\$1.98**

### \$2.00 Imported Broadcloth, 98c

Black and Colors

50 to 54-inch Fine Imported Chiffon Broadcloth, shown in 40 different shades, with plenty of black, with a beautiful, rich, satin luster and permanent finish. Positively \$1.75 to \$2.00 values. To go at our special Broadcloth Sale, price, per yard..... **98c**

### Leather Goods

For Xmas

At 98c We offer Seal Grain Leather-lined 19-1/2 x 11 Bags, with gilt, nickel, and run metal trimmings; round bottoms; regular value, \$1.25.

At \$1.48 We offer 10-inch Genuine Seal Grain Leather Bags; full leather lined; in black only; good value at \$2.00.

At \$2.48 We offer 12-inch Genuine Seal Grain Leather Bags; full made and finished; extra value.

At \$3.48 We offer real Seal Grain Leather; gilt and trimmings; leather-lined throughout; special value.

At \$5.48 We offer Genuine Seal Leather 12-inch Bags, fitted with mirror, puff, and purse; regular value, \$6.95.

At 98c We offer Ladies' Hand Purses, in Genuine Seal, Morocco, and Goatskin; black and colors. Special.

