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**On All Holiday Goods.**  
 Smoking Jackets, Underwear,  
 Bath Robes, Shirts,  
 Neckwear, Mufflers,  
 Gloves, Suspenders, etc., etc.,

All at greatly reduced prices to close out this week. Nothing to be carried over if low prices will move them.  
 Some wonderful values in Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats this week. Bargains in every department.

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 A Handsome Christmas Present For Old or Young.

We have all the latest styles and finishes. Golden Oak and Mahogany, with Wood, Cobble, Leather and Upholstered Seats. Do not fail to see our special \$2.00 Rocker, Solid Oak, Leather Seat; also our new stock of Dining Room Suits, Parlor Suits, Couches, etc.

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**1-4th Off** This week on Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits and Jackets. We give the trade this opportunity of purchasing Wraps and Dresses they expected to procure at the reduction usually made after January 1. This gives you the advantage of securing them for the Holidays, that otherwise would not be purchased until later.

**Dress Goods.** We also continue to offer the same reduction on Novelty Dress Patterns. We place on sale this (Monday) morning a few high Novelties, ranging from \$19.50 to \$26.50 a pattern, your choice for \$7.50. These are values that must be seen to be appreciated.

**Handkerchiefs.** We call your attention to our complete and beautiful line of Ladies', Gentlemen's and Children's Hemstitched, Embroidered and Lace Handkerchiefs. They range in price from 5 cents to \$15.00 a piece.

**Umbrellas.** A new line just received of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Silk Umbrellas. The latest novelties in materials and handles—Mother of Pearl, Horn, Ivory, Natural Wood and Silver Combinations.

**DRESSING GOWNS and HOUSE JACKETS for Ladies' and Gentlemen—\$5.00, \$7.50 and \$14.50.**  
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**Smoking Jackets.**

From this day on "Every Smoking Jacket" at our store is offered at **50¢ ON THE DOLLAR.**

**D. Gundling & Co.,**  
 34 and 36 Twelfth Street.

**NOTE OF WARNING**  
 Sounded by City Health Officer Jepson, who Advises  
**PHYSICIANS TO DIAGNOSE**  
 Carefully all Cases that may Possibly be Smallpox—An Epidemic of the Disease is now Raging in Many Ohio Towns—If Physicians do their duty there will be no Danger here. A Touch of the Grip here.

City Health Officer Jepson believes in the advice that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and in a circular addressed to the physicians of the city yesterday, he calls their attention to the smallpox epidemic which is now raging in a number of Ohio communities, and calls upon them to diagnose carefully all cases that may be smallpox. Speaking of the matter, Dr. Jepson said that if the physicians were always looking out for smallpox, there would be no widespread epidemic of the disease. The danger lies in an incorrect diagnosis, failure to isolate and the consequent spread of the disease before steps are taken to guard against it. Dr. Jepson's circular is as follows:

**HEALTH OFFICE, WHEELING, W. VA.,**  
 December 22, 1898.  
 To Physicians—During the present year smallpox has prevailed extensively in the southern states. Since the advent of cool weather it has spread rapidly in Pennsylvania. A recent outbreak in Pennsylvania has been recorded in the daily papers. Information reaches me that the disease is in Washington, D. C., Norfolk and other towns in Virginia, from which state it was last summer, but our state, and quite a number of cases occurred among the colored miners. The state board of health gave valuable aid in its suppression.

A private letter from the Kentucky state board informs me that 24 cases have occurred in that state, and Dr. Probst, secretary Ohio state board, reports to me that up to November 20 about 100 cases had been reported in thirty or more towns in Ohio. On the above date the secretary sent to all the local health boards a special circular, in which he says: "Smallpox has already spread to many sections of the state, and there are now so many centers of infection that there is considerable danger of a general epidemic. It is feared that the disease will gain in malignancy as cold weather comes on." Think it proper to lay the above facts before the profession, that physicians may be prepared to encounter this dread disease at any time, and may thus avoid errors in diagnosis, which so often lead to disastrous results.

Although very mild cases, and those modified by vaccination, are sometimes difficult of diagnosis, yet the symptoms are usually so clearly defined that a correct diagnosis should be made, and will almost never occur. If in a doubtful case the physician asks himself the question: "Is this a case of smallpox?" The disease begins suddenly, usually with a chill or chills, nausea, vomiting, without vomiting, intense headache, sometimes prostration, and generally (N. B. Not always) a pain in the back, "stitching ache"—that is, unrelieved by any change of position. Before the characteristic eruption which appears in three or four days, there is frequently a general redness of the skin that may be carelessly mistaken for measles or scarlet fever. Keep in mind the sudden and severe invasion. The papules first appear on the face, wrists, are here most abundant, and are apt to come in groups, unlike any other eruption. Injection of the conjunctiva and mild sore throat, with lymphatic involvement, causing hardness of the voice, are quite common.

If called to a doubtful case, isolate at once, and notify the health officer. Do not wait four days, that the eruption may decide the case. In the meantime, a number of other persons may become infected, and later on many cases of chicken-pox, than to allow exposure to one case of smallpox. Delay in diagnosis is most disastrous, and a mistake in diagnosis, unless the patient be rigidly isolated during the first few days, may result in a general epidemic of smallpox, and prompt vaccination of all unprotected persons who may have been exposed, will make inroads of the disease certain. The one physician mentioned said he had his hands full of cases of grip; in fact so many that he could not attend to all. The true story is that his prescription patronage this week has been the heaviest of the season, which would indicate an unusual amount of sickness.

**The Grip Epidemic.**  
 The grip epidemic has not yet struck Wheeling, which is rather surprising, as it has been raging in Pittsburgh, Toledo, Columbus and other neighboring cities for several days. Of eight physicians who were asked as to the situation, all but one said there was not more than the usual percentage of pulmonary affections, but all united in saying that continuing damp weather would make inroads of the disease certain. The one physician mentioned said he had his hands full of cases of grip; in fact so many that he could not attend to all. The true story is that his prescription patronage this week has been the heaviest of the season, which would indicate an unusual amount of sickness.

**Wanted Milk**  
 Remember the Wheeling Creamery, 1006 Main street, the oldest business of its kind in the city, and the most reliable. They sold over 500 gallons of milk last Christmas and have 1,000 gallons and plenty of cream in sight for this. Put in your orders. Telephone 625.

A FINE Golden Oak Cribber Seat Rocking Chair only \$2, at FREW'S, 1208 Main Street.

Men's Silk Lined Kid Gloves, worth \$1.25, for 98c at McFadden's.

**Auction Sale**  
 this afternoon and evening. Goods at your own price.  
**WHITE, HANDLEY & FOSTER.**

**CHAINS in Gold and Gold-Plated.**  
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**Hodshon's Fall Hats.**  
 Hodshon's hat factory has been one of the busiest industries in Wheeling this fall, many extra hands being employed to keep up with the demand for this excellent grade of home made hats. Mr. Hodshon desires to call the attention of the public to the quality of his different grades. He guarantees his \$2.50 hat to be the equal of any \$5 hat, his \$2 and \$3 hat to be the equal of any and superior to many \$3.50 hats. The proprietor of this establishment makes a trip out twice a week and secures the blocks of all the latest styles, and being a practical workman he personally supervises all the details of his factory. Salesroom at No. 1064 Main street. An initial hat mark given with each hat.

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**HERE AND THERE.**  
 I'm going home for Christmas—back to the Per dad's wife quite a letter, an' says that Jim an' Ned. An' Bill, my youngest brother, an' James, with her man. In fact, we'd all be there, the hull caboose an' all. Evad Uncle Lile's days o' fussin' was all past. The quarrel 'bout the boss trade was shure to be the last. But mother was feelin' poorly, yet mebbe if she had us all to cook fer, as in the days gone by.

So I'm going home for Christmas! And I wonder, when I go, if I'll be around like others 'bout the village bein' slow. I know that Abner Barlow, who'd traveled nothin' in the country but a splendid place to sleep. An', as fer him, he wanted some extra dollar's grand. An' ope how—electric lights, an' a park Give him streets ablaze—give him fashion, form an' style. An' the well, mebbe he could find the livin' worth the while.

When Frank Burton ceased calling at the Stanley home the neighbors knew something was up. For two years, at least, he was a regular visitor on Wednesday and Sunday evenings, with a few extra on the side. But all at once the visits came to a stop. Mrs. Stanley, who lived next door, was the first to discover the fact that the young man wasn't keeping company any more with Gerlie Stanley, and she always thought that she would be the first to tell the tidings within the four walls of Mrs. Jerry's home, just across the street.

"You see," opened Mrs. Sharpley after she had added another spoonful of sugar to her cup, "I knew there was something up last Sunday night, when I didn't see no Frank Burton around the clock—never misses being on hand at the hour every evening. Well, Sunday night I happened to be in the front room, doing something or other, and I saw Gerlie go out to the gate, look up and down the street, and then go into the house. I didn't think anything of it, till pretty soon she was out again. First she looked this way and next another way, and I could tell she was worried about something."

"Well, I didn't see her for a few days. Seems like she kept about in the house, but Wednesday night I happened to be in the front room again, looking out of the window at the children skating on the sidewalk, or really forget what I was doing. It's little matter, but I saw Gerlie at the gate again, looking as anxious as she was on Sunday night. "Thinks I, I'll just watch her a little while; not that I was inquisitive or curious, or anything like that, but just that I felt sorry for the poor girl. And as she kept standing there at the gate, looking this way and that, I had a mind to hamme the life out of that Frank Burton to go and shake a sweet girl like her. I'll bet he did it, too, 'cause Christmas was coming on, so he'd get out of buying her a present. You know how moan some men are, Mrs. Jerry. Well, I watched Gerlie go in and out the house two or three times, till she locked the front door again, and maybe it was my ear that felt it, but I could have sworn to it that she was sobbing as if her heart'd break when she was closing the door. I just hated how good she was, and to think of him leaving her that way! The idea, because it was so near Christmas. It's enough to make a person's blood boil!"

Mrs. Sharpley's indignation prevented her from continuing, and her listener, Mrs. Jerry, who strangely had remained silent throughout the recital of the interesting gossip, now felt called on to vent her scorn of any young man who was so mean that he'd give more for the price of a Christmas present than for a sweet girl like Gerlie Stanley. "What does her folks think about it?" she asked of Mrs. Sharpley after the latter had subdued herself so as to review the matter in a calmer mood again. "Why, dear me, Mrs. Jerry, I haven't been in to see, I respect Gerlie's feelings too much to talk to her about it. Besides, the Stanley's sort of think they're above some other people, but I will say that Gerlie is a perfect young lady and not stuck up a bit. For and me, I always love the best of friends, and I intend telling her how mean her fellow's treated her."

"Yes," said Mrs. Jerry, "I'm awful sorry for Gerlie for 've sound of another her married soon. And I never dreamed of Frank Burton being that kind of a young man. He was always a nice boy, but I'm done with him now."

When Mrs. Sharpley heard the capital clock strikes 5, she had to run home, she said, or Sharpley's supper would be late, so she took her leave despite Mrs. Jerry's pressing invitation to stay a little while longer. Their last words to

each other was an expression of sympathy with poor Gerlie's throw-down by Frank Burton, who was too mean to buy her a Christmas present and quit coming around at the dawn of the Yule tide.

Mrs. Sharpley's husband got his supper in due time, and when the dishes were cleared away and "the things rid 10:30 a. m.—Pontifical mass celebrated by Bishop Donahue. At this service there will be music by the choir, accompanied by the Opera House orchestra. The papal blessing will be given at this mass. 7:30 p. m.—Vespers and sermon.

At Vance Memorial church, Christmas exercises will be held at 9:45 a. m. and the usual service follows at 11 a. m. A Christmas praise service will be given at 7:30 p. m.

At the First Baptist church, Rev. Martin W. Buck, pastor, there will be preaching at 10:30 a. m., subject, "Joyful Tidings"; preaching at 7:30 p. m., subject, "Wise Men." Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.

At the First Christian church tomorrow, Rev. C. M. Oliphant, the pastor, will preach, holding a Christmas sermon on "The Desecrated Christ;" evening, "Supporting My Own Church," the fourth in the Sunday evening series on the Christian Endeavor pledge. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.; Mission Sunday School, Thirty-first street, at 2:30 p. m.; Junior Christian Endeavor, 4 p. m.; Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor consecration, 6:30 p. m.; prayer meeting, Wednesday evening. The Sunday School will give a Christmas entertainment, Monday evening. Special Christmas music will be rendered at both Sunday services.

At the North Street M. E. church there will be preaching by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Graham, at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Forenoon theme, "The Incarnation," evening, "The Savior's Growth." Sunday school at 2 p. m. Christmas meeting at 8 a. m., with special Christmas music.

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At Simpson M. E. church, Rev. J. W. Waters, pastor, there will be a sunrise prayer meeting on Sunday morning, and preaching at 11 a. m., by the pastor. At 7:30 there will be a song service by the choir.

Young men's meeting will be held at the Young Men's Christian Association building this evening, at 8 o'clock, and to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. Appropriate topics will be discussed, and the services will be interesting.

Will buy a Mandolin, seven ribs, and inlaid guard plate. F. W. BAUMER CO.

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**IN THE CHURCHES.**  
 The Christmas services at St. Joseph's cathedral Sunday will be beautifully elaborate. The day's services are as follows:  
 6 a. m.—Children's mass.  
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 of what to give becomes simple as you look upon our matchless assortment of Christmas Novelties. There's a royal collection of the useful and the beautiful here for you to choose from. Its size and variety is such that you can't well fail to find something suitable within the price you wish to pay. Remember, the stocks will not again this year be so full and complete as they are just now.



A beautiful Ladies' Writing Desk finished in 1-4 oak and mahogany, with carved front and French legs. Special Holiday price, \$4.98.

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Solid Cast Brass Parlor Stand, Onyx Top, with Underself and a Beautiful Banquet Lamp, with Center Draft Burner, Cast Brass Base and Decorated Globe. Complete. Holiday price Only \$4.98.

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