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ISAAC EICHBERG'S DRY GOODS STORE.

**READ**

I. EICHBERG'S

SPECIAL ADVERTISE-

THE HOLIDAYS CLOSE

AT HAND.  
We are fully prepared to offer to our numerous friends and customers the most complete stock of

**DRY GOODS**

over offered before in Alexandria.  
Our stock has been entirely replenished and is all fresh and new, bought at the lowest net cash bottom prices, and will be sold at the smallest profit.

Having done an exceedingly satisfactory business, we wish to close the year with as small a stock as possible, and hence have concluded to run this day to run off our entire stock at

**ASTONISHINGLY LOW PRICES.**  
All our goods are marked in plain selling figures, and we would respectfully call the attention of all lovers of a good and genuine article at a cheap price to give us a call and examine our immense stock.

I. EICHBERG,  
(Succ'r. to Slaymaker Co.)

**CALL**

**LOOK**

WE FIND IT TOO NUMEROUS to mention every article we keep on hand, but simply and politely request you to call and examine our stock and prices.

Our cellar is stacked with

**Domestic Goods,**

such as Canton Flannels, Bleached and Unbleached Cottons, all Wool Plain and Twilled Red and White Flannels.

**BLANKETS,**

in great variety, from a Cradle Blanket up to a 14 Blanket.

Ladies', Gents' and Misses' Underwear, Corsets, Notions and Sundries on first floor.

A general assortment of

**Dress Goods,**

Trimmings, Linens, Cloths, Cassimeres, White Goods, Tartans, Crapes, Crape Veils, Mourning Goods, &c., on 2nd floor.

A full and complete line of Carpets, Oil Cloths, Rugs, Hoses, Crumb Cloths, Lace Curtains, Stair Linens, Curtain Linens, Carpet Bindings, &c., &c.

I. EICHBERG,  
(Succ'r. to Slaymaker Co.)

**BUY**

GREATEST AND MOST

ATTRACTIVE

SALE OF THE SEASON.

Large and splendid variety of

**Cloaks and Shawls,**

DRESS GOODS,

HOLIDAY GOODS,

GLOVES,

HANDKERCHIEFS,

HOUSEFURNISHING

GOODS,

TABLE AND

PIANO COVERS,

MEN'S AND

BOY'S WEAR,

CARPETS,

OIL CLOTHS,

RUGS,

MATS

CRUMB

CLOTHS,

And a full line and general

stock of

**DRY GOODS**

AND

**DOMESTICS**

AT

**BOTTOM PRICES.**

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

**AN ACCEPTABLE CHRISTMAS GIFT** for every body, would be a bottle of **JANNEY'S EXQUISITE ORANGE BLOSSOM COLOGNE.** Put up in bottles of three \$2.25 at 25 and 50 cents, and \$1.00 respectively.

JANNEY & CO., No. 145 King and N. W. cor. King and Royal sts. dec 21

**M. BOSSART,**  
No. 21 south Fairfax street,  
Has on hand a full supply of CHRISTMAS GOODS of all kinds, such as Candies, French and Plain, Nuts of all kinds, Raisins, Havana Organes, Lemons, Malaga Grapes, California Pears, Albemarle Pippin, &c. Also CAKES, Plain and Fancy, which he is constantly making, and may be had fresh every day.

Rockets, Roman Candles and Fire Crackers, from the smallest to the largest size, and every description of Fire Works at low prices. dec 20-1w

**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.**—Perhaps the best and most lasting present that can be made to a mother, wife or sister is a first class **SEWING MACHINE.** This we have in the "DOMESTIC" SEWING MACHINE.

We also have a few **SECOND HAND MACHINES**, in good order; also Toilet Bottles, Soaps, Hair Brushes, Chamis Skins, Tooth Powders, &c., all at lowest possible prices. dec 19

E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

**AN ACROSTICAL ADVERTISEMENT.**

**By BRENGLE.**  
CONCERNING CHRISTMAS CONFECTORY.

Christmas comes but once a year;  
Habit makes a pleasant time;  
Run riot every kind of cheer,  
Into every land and clime.

Silvan scenes delight no more,  
Turning cold the northwinds blow.  
May bird lives on milder shores,  
And all the folks to BRENGLE'S go.

**SANTA CLAUS** waits there, you know.  
Read the second letter of the first line, the third letter of the second line, the fourth letter of the third line, and so on, and you will find the place where all good children go, and where Kris Kringle awaits them with the largest stock of CAKES ever made in this market.

Also French and Domestic Candies, Cakes, Pies, Fruits, Nuts, Confectionery, Oysters, Ice Cream, Water Ices and all the delicacies of the season. 129 King street. Christmas, 1877. dec 18-1f

**LOW PRICES**

**TO SUIT HARD TIMES**

**FOR HOLIDAY GOODS AT**

**RAMSAY'S.**

RAISINS OF ALL KINDS,  
CITRON,  
CURRANTS,  
FIGS,  
NUTS OF ALL KINDS,

PRUNES,  
ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING,  
MINCE MEAT,  
FLORIDA ORANGES,  
MALAGA GRAPES,  
LEMONS,  
PRESERV. CITRON,

CURRENT JELLY,  
QUINCE JELLY,  
APPLE AND PEACH BUTTER,  
OLIVES,  
PRESERVED and  
CONSERVED GINGER,

PINEAPPLE CHEESE,  
EDAM AND SAPSAGO do.,  
CHINESE PRESERVES in glass,  
FINE FRENCH PRESERVES,  
(in handsome bottles—just  
the thing for presents.)

ENGLISH PICKLES,  
SARDINES,  
BOSTON BAKED BEANS,  
LOBSTERS,  
CANNED GOODS CHEAP.

NEW CROP NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES,  
GOOD BAKING MOLASSES CHEAP.

FINE CIGARS,  
HANDSOME JARS OF PICKLES,  
TEAS, COFFEES and SUGARS,  
AT VERY LOW PRICES.

dec 12-1J1

**GEORGE R. HILL & CO.,**  
**STEAM CRACKER & CAKE BAKERS**  
35 NORTH LEE STREET,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

First in the field to offer to my patrons

**HOLIDAY GOODS!**

For a holiday present nothing is more useful than a nice Overcoat or a good Suit of Clothes.

**OVERCOATS FROM \$3 TO \$25**  
(Cinchilla, Beaver and Cloth, of all styles and colors.)

**SUITS TO FIT A THREE YEAR OLD CHILD TO A MAN WEIGHING 300 POUNDS.**

**CALL AND SEE THEM.**

My stock of

**GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS**

**TRUNKS VALISES;**

**HATS, CAPS, &c.,**

is complete.

**MY SIX DOLLAR SUIT**

Cannot be excelled this side of Philadelphia.

**TO MY FRIENDS AND PATRONS—**

All I ask is a visit to my Clothing Emporium, and if I do not satisfy you in what I have said I ask you not to buy. I hope my former career of business transaction will be sufficient for the future.

**HENRY STRAUSS,**  
NO. 86 KING STREET  
Opposite Market alley.

**BOOTS AND SHOES!**

PREPARE YOURSELVES,  
FOR THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING

Now is your time, for

**HENRY STRAUSS**

is selling at his

**BOOT AND SHOE EMPORIUM,**  
66 KING STREET

Boots and Shoes at prices that will dazzle your eyes.

**BOOTS FROM \$1.50 UP TO \$6.**

A Baltimore Home Made Boot \$3.87.

Ladies' Shoes from 75c up to \$2.50.

Ladies' Foxed Button \$1.62. This Boot cannot be equalled in this city.

Misses' and Children's Shoes at the lowest prices.

For a Christmas present to your wife, husband, mother, father, sister, brother, or anyone, call on HENRY STRAUSS, 66 King street, and get a pair of his

**BEST HOLIDAY SHOES.**

P. S.—Sole agent for the WALKER SADDLE SEAM BOOT. This boot will be guaranteed for its fit and wear. Call and examine them. dec 4

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

**BEAUTIFUL GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS AT**  
**FRENCH'S, NO. 95 KING STREET.**

I am now opening one of the handsomest stocks of Christmas and New Year's goods ever offered in this market. Prominent are Bibles and Prayer Books in rich binding, Novelties in Russia Leather, The finest Russia Leather, Paper Maché Desks, very handsome. Beautiful vases in gilt and cut glass. Hand painted Glass Vases, very beautiful. Russia Leather and Cut Glass Handkerchiefs and Glove Boxes. Russia Leather Satchels. Ladies' Pocket Companions. Japanese Cabinets, Boxes and Trays. Writing Desks. Fine Gold Pens and Pencils in gold and pearl cases, put up expressly for holiday presents. Fine Bronze Glass Inkstands. Scotch-wood goods. Smokers' sets. Sugar Cases, great variety. Work Boxes in Russia and Vienna Leather, beautifully made and furnished. Hand-some Chromes. Statuary also the celebrated Pictures of Pfanz & Co. These are the finest in this country. Christmas and New Year cards. For the little folks I have the largest and best assortment of juvenile books in the State. The stock embraces the best American, English and German authors. As for Games of all kinds, Alphabet, bridging and other blocks, Banks Steam Engines, and a thousand and on other things to instruct and amuse the young, time and space forbid further enumeration.

Any information respecting this stock will be cheerfully furnished by mail to those living at a distance. To the residents and sojourners in Alexandria it will afford me pleasure to show these goods at 95 King street. dec 18-1d

**GEO. E. FRENCH.**

**HEADQUARTERS**

**HOLIDAY GOODS.**

Let me remember that **MRS. S. K. SNIDER** Had the largest and most select stock of CHRISTMAS GOODS

in the city last year, and her stock this year is a great improvement over last. She also has a large assortment of beautiful and cheap Lamps, and every variety of Housefurnishing Goods. All are invited to call at No. 6 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., and examine for themselves. dec 12

**BELMONT PEACHES AND PURE WINE.**

We are special agents for Mr. R. LLOYD'S EXTRA BELMONT PEACHES, by the case or at retail, in 2 and 3 lb cans. Also for his CONCORD and CATAWBA WINE of 1870 and 1871, in bottles or by the gallon. dec 19

JANNEY & CO., 145 King st.

**CHRISTMAS GOODS**

We have just received a large assortment of NEW AND USEFUL ARTICLES, SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

CONSISTING OF

HOUSEHOLD GOODS,  
PLATED, WOODEN  
AND WILLOW WARES,  
WRITING DESKS,  
WORK BOXES AND  
BASKETS, TOYS, &c., &c.,

to which we invite the attention of purchasers and an examination of our stock before purchasing elsewhere.

**McLEAN & UHLER,**  
107 KING STREET.  
dec 11-1J1

**TOYS! TOYS!**

LARGEST ASSORTMENT IN THE CITY

Also a full line of

**CONFECTIONERY.**

**TH. GERHARD,**  
nov 30-1f  
10 North Royal street.

**FANCY GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.**

English, French, German and American Perfumeries, Lubin's, Piver's and Palmer's Extracts, Genuine Florida Cologne, Orange Blossom Cologne, Violet Cologne and Sachet Powders of various odors; also Cologne and Perfumery Bottles of various styles, including the "Rustic Bottle," something new and very attractive. dec 14

**CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS!**

FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. Call on C. C. BERRY'S, where you will find a beautiful line of goods for ladies, gents and children. Call and examine, as they are very cheap, before buying elsewhere. dec 13

**XMAS! XMAS!**

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1877. CLOAKS! CLOAKS! We invite purchasers to call and see a great many new goods just received from New York per express. D. F. BRASHEAR, No. 109 King street, Alexandria, Va. dec 11

**HOLIDAY GOODS.**

Collars and Cuffs, Handkerchiefs, Kid Gloves, Scarfs and Ruffing, in handsome boxes. Wagons, Carriages, Sleighs, Rocking-Horses, Tin animals, Drums and a large assortment of other goods. C. M. ADAMS, 92 King street. dec 10

**HOLIDAY GOODS—Fancy Lunch Baskets,** suitable for school children, Fruit Baskets, Cocoa Mats, various styles, Centennial do., very pretty, woolen bordered and lettered do.; Infant and Toy Pails—all new and cheap. dec 10

**TOYS!**

Just received Christmas Drums, Tool Chests, Wash Tub Sets, with a Chair large enough for a child to sit on, Cradles, Hobby Horses, Wagons, Sleighs, Combs, Brushes, Frames of all sizes, Centre Tables, large size; Scarfs, Ruching, Ribbons, &c., &c., all at low prices. FERGUSON & BRO. dec 3

**HOLIDAY GOODS JUST RECEIVED.**

London Layer, Plain do., Loose Muscatel, Valencia, Mat and Sultans Seedless Raisins, Malaga Grapes; and a general assortment of fresh Nuts, all of which are offered very low. dec 5

**THE BEST PREPARATION FOR THE HOLIDAYS—ATMORE'S GENUINE ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING.** For sale by dec 5

**HOLIDAY PRESENTS.**—A great variety of FANCY CHINA, just received and for sale low. We advise our friends and the public to call and carefully examine the stock. nov 30

**PIANOS AND ORGANS,**

From the most celebrated factories, for sale and rent. Pianos and Organs sold on the installment plan on the most reasonable terms. Tuning and repairing promptly attended to by experienced men at

**C. REICHENBACH'S**  
**PIANO WAREHOUSES,**  
423 Eleventh st., a few doors above Penna. ave. Washington, D. C.  
Sole Agency for District of Columbia and Alexandria, Va., of the celebrated KNABE & CO'S, and McCAMMON'S favorite PIANOS. July 16-1f

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MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 31.

**A Chinese Marriage.**

The marriage ceremony in China differs in many respects from that of our own and other countries. Love before marriage was never the fashion with the Chinese. A Chinaman, if he moves in polite circles, has never seen the lady to whom he is betrothed, and has not the remotest idea of what she is like, whether she will at all resemble the creature his fancy had painted, or whether the first sight of her unveiled face on the day of marriage will cast a shadow over the prospect of his future. He does not understand love; it is no part of the marriage contract. He was probably betrothed by his parents before his infant eyes opened up on the charms of his country. His intended wife has been reared for him in the strict seclusion of her paternal home.

The parents of marriageable children usually engage a professional person, or go between, to negotiate an alliance for their son or daughter. Suitable presents are exchanged, and an astrologer is called in to fix a lucky day for the ceremony. This individual professes to investigate the horoscope of the contracting parties, and to ascertain whether the combined ages of bride and bridegroom and the exact time of birth will create any bad influences if the two are united on a given day.

Should a lady who has been betrothed in the customary manner by her parents die before marriage, the bereaved youth is at liberty to make another engagement; but should she die before marriage, the young lady must go into weeds for the time of her natural life, and should she during her widowhood be held in esteem by her neighbors for perfect chastity, the Imperial Government will erect a stone arch over her grave. There are many who, when in this situation, prefer to commit suicide rather than face the ill of a spinster's or widow's life.

It is usual during the marriage week, to engage a procession of coolies to parade the streets with the articles of household furniture; the silks and jewels of the new couple. On the day of marriage the bride is in a flutter as she is being dressed and painted by her female relatives and attendants. The head dress, hung with glittering sprays of pearls, is poised on the head, the last touch is given to the uniform folds of her red silk robe, the gorgeous gilded chair waits at the door; she is gently raised in her brother's arms and held over a fire of charcoal to dispel any lurking devilry that may be about her. She is then carried to her chair, followed by a chorus of weeping females, four of whom are the bridesmaids, who are old married women, dressed in black and red scarfs. Then, amid the deafening din of firecrackers, the shrill tones of native flutes and boom of gongs, she is borne off to the home of the bridegroom, at the door of which she is met by an old woman, the mother of the bride. It is then that one of the most tedious ceremonies begins, wherein the spirits of ancestors have to be worshipped, the parents have to be worshipped, and the marriage contract read. Then they drink the sacred wine-cup, when two wine cups are united with a red silk thread and the contents drunk by the young couple before the assembled guests. The bride and bridegroom are usually seated during this part of the ceremony.

When the ceremony is over the bride takes off her outer robe, and prepares to submit herself to the varied (and what we consider extremely rude) remarks of the gentlemen present, who talk freely of the form of her hands, feet, head, nose, mouth, eyes, etc. A fast follows, and the happy pair don't go off in a chase-and-four on their honeymoon. The lady retires to and keeps the strict seclusion of her new home, while the bridegroom joins in the feast, which is kept up to a late hour.—Exchange.

**A BEAUTIFUL EXTRACT.**—The glory of summer has gone by—the beautiful greenness has become withered and dead. Were this all—were there no associations of moral desolation—of faded hopes—of hair's withering in the bosoms of the living—connected with the decaying scenery around us, we would not indulge in a moment's melancholy. The season of flowers will come again—the streams will flow gracefully as before—the trees will again toss their cumbrous heads of greenness to the sunlight—and by mossy stone and winding rivulet the coming blossoms will start up at the bidding of their guardian. But the human heart has no change like that of nature. It has no returning spring time. Once blighted in its hour of freshness, it bears forever the mark of the spoiler. The dew of affection may fall, and the gentle rain of sympathy be lavished upon it—but the stone of blighted feeling will never again be wakened into life—not the crushed flowers of hope blossom with their wonted beauty.

In the last thirty years Mexico has produced \$702,000,000 of gold and silver, and this country has raised \$400,000,000 in the same period from territory acquired from Mexico. When railroads have penetrated Sonora and Chihuahua, once yielding vast amounts but long deserted owing to Indian and civil wars, and capital is invited by security and labor aided by such machinery as was never known before, the out-pout of an earlier day will be repeated, and gold as well as silver will circulate in a large volume. There are three American roads now aimed at this country, and the conclusion of recent border troubles will rather help their advance.

A reader in the country writes us as follows: "A mule in our village yesterday afternoon inadvertently kicked a can of nitro-glycerine. A barn one hundred yards distant was badly wrecked, and the mule appeared somewhat surprised, whirling around two or three times before resuming work at nibbling grass." We don't believe it—that is we do believe the kicking and wrecked barn part, but we don't believe that the mule was surprised. It is a libel on the mule. A mule is surprised at nothing. *Norristown Herald.*

**ARE YOU TROUBLED** With Biliousness, Sick Headache, Vertigo, Constipation, Dyspepsia, etc., are you dull and languid, feelingaverse to any exertion? If you cleanse the system, purify and renew the blood; take **QUIRK'S IRISH TEA**, the great and cheap remedy; it will relieve you. Sold by Druggists; 25 cent per package, each making a quart of medicine. dec 27

**YOUNG PEOPLE.** Do pay attention to your teeth. Neglect will soon ruin them. Clean them daily with **THURSTON'S IVORY PEARL TOOTH POWDER**, the most perfect dentifrice known. It will keep the teeth white and sound; will harden the gums, sweeten the breath, and prevent toothaches. Sold by all druggists; 25 cents per bottle. dec 27

**JOUVEN'S INODOROUS KID GLOVE** J. CLEANER will quickly renovate soiled gloves; 25 cents per bottle. dec 27

**RAISINS—EVERY VARIETY—** in full supply, at remarkably low prices. F. J. DAVIDSON, 147 King street. dec 7

**CALIFORNIA CURRANT JELLY,** warranted pure fruit, for sale by the pound at low prices by F. J. DAVIDSON, 147 King street. dec 6

**SMALL HAMS,** best quality, received daily by J. C. & E. MILBURN. dec 10

**J. FERGUSON & BROTHER**

We have opened our stock of GOODS FOR THE FALL SEASON, consisting in part of—Ladies', Gents' and Children's Merino Underwear and Hosiery. Dress Trimmings, in Silk and Worsted Fringes, Gallons, Buttons, &c. Toilet Articles—Hair, Tooth and Nail Brushes, Neck Ties, Sides and High Combs, Soaps and Perfumery. Ladies' Collars, Cuffs, Ruchings, Ruffings, Ties, Lace Scarfs, Linen and Silk Handkerchiefs and Kid Gloves.

Worsted, Germantown Wool, Shetland Wool and Ploss, Saxony and German Knitting Yarns, in all colors, and Embroidery Canvases. HOOP SKIRTS & BUSTLES.

All styles on hand and made to order at short notice. We have also a large stock of Hair Braids, Coris, Puffs, &c., to which we invite your attention. FERGUSON & BRO., 96 King street. oct 3

**NOTICE.**

I have just returned from the North with a full line of the following goods: Ladies' and Children's Hosiery from 12 1/2c to 50c a pair; Kid gloves from 75c to \$1.75 per pair; Handkerchiefs at all prices; Zephyr Worsted, whites 10c, colored 14c per oz; Ladies' Embroidered Collars 15c; a large line of Lace Collars for children; Corsets from 50c up; Black Velvet on the bias; Brown, and all the plain colors; Merino Yarns and Pants of all sizes; Card Board Silver Paper Pictures in great variety; Motto Pocket Books; Steel Purses, new style; Lace and Silk Scarfs; Crepe Laces; all kinds of Knitting very cheap; also Velvet Ribbons and everything in my line as low as can be sold in this or any other city. Call and see for yourselves at C. C. BERRY'S, 72 King st. Agent for SINGER'S SEWING MACHINES. sep 24

**C. M. ADAMS,**  
DEALER IN

**Ladies' & Gents' Furn'g. Goods.**

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.  
Kid Gloves, Hosiery, Underwear, Corsets, Scarfs, Collars and Cuffs, Handkerchiefs, &c.

GENTS' DEPARTMENT.  
Kid Gloves, Collars and Cuffs, Hosiery, Shirts, Handkerchiefs, Underwear, Scarfs, Ties and Bow-ties, &c.

NOTION DEPARTMENT.  
Cotton, Pins, Needles, Thread, Buttons, Edgings, Zephyr Worsted, Shetland Wool, Germantown Wool, Saxony Yarns, &c. C. M. ADAMS, No. 92 King st. nov 8

**EDUCATIONAL.**

**ELUCUCATION AND THE FRENCH LANGUAGE.**  
Mr. SIDDONS, of Washington and Lee Universities, will be happy to receive gentlemen and ladies, youths and adults, who may desire complete instruction in HIGH ART READING complete instruction in HIGH ART READING Terms and CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH Terms very moderate. Address 47 Fairfax st. Alexandria. nov 19-1f

**MORE NEW GOODS FOR DECEMBER SALES.**  
Tuesday, December 18, 1877. Opening fashionable Cloaks to-day; choice Dress Goods at low prices; beautiful Calicoes, new styles; Blankets and Flannels, a choice stock; Ladies' Neckties, very pretty. Our sales to country merchants larger than ever before, and our stock full and complete and well adapted to their wants. Prices as low as Baltimore quotations.