

# Attractive Assortment of Holiday Gifts!

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## Great Christmas Stock of Handkerchiefs, LADIES' FANCY CAPS, AND NECKWEAR

Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered in corners, ..... 18c, 25c up  
 White Handkerchiefs, embroidered in colors, 10c up  
 Three Cotton Handkerchiefs embroidered in corners, ..... 3c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 18c  
 Children's Fancy Handkerchiefs, from ..... 1c up  
 Ladies' pure linen initial Handkerchiefs, ..... 10c  
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Ladies' Boudoir Caps, fancy figured Voile lace trimmed, ..... 25c  
 Ladies' Boudoir Caps, in Silk, beautifully trimmed, ..... 50c  
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 Complete line of UMBRELLAS for ladies and gentlemen, ..... \$1.00 up

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New line of popular priced MUFFS just received ..... \$1.98 up  
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 Gents' opera Slippers, ..... \$1.25, \$1.50  
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FANCY TURKISH TOWELS, with colored borders, ..... 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c  
 FANCY HUCK and DAMASK TOWELS at ..... 25c, 50c, 75c  
 Fancy Crib Blankets 39c and up

## Coats! Coats! Coats! Coats!

We are still showing some of the best styles of the season in Corduroy, Plush, etc., in three of the best factory lines

Ladies' Coats priced from \$4.98 up; Children's Coats, \$1.98 up; Infants, \$1.49 up

A big line of carried-over Coats to choose from at \$1.98 and up

Complete Line of GLOVES AND MITTENS for Ladies and Children from 10c up. Everything in Shoes and Rubber Goods

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#### GETTING AN EDUCATION.

After the Age of Thirty is the Time to Start in Earnest.

According to the Saturday Evening Post, the best time to get an education—perhaps the only time—is any time after one has passed thirty. The stuff that one learns before twenty is not meant to be remembered. It is only a placing of the chutes and an arrangement of the bins for the permanent contents. From twenty to thirty one is all torn up with courting, marrying and getting a foothold in life. After that is the time for education—from then on until death or senile debility.

A man or woman past thirty is exactly at the most favorable period for mastering knowledge, training the mind, forming the taste. Some systematic effort is all that is necessary. Notice the silly and tiresome ways in which enormous numbers of people spend some of their holidays. They know what to do with their working hours, but not with their leisure.

Most of them by a little direction and a little systematic effort might develop some special interest. Boys quickly tire of mere aimless and painless play. Naturally they want a method and a goal in it. Having a goal is exactly what gives zest to the game.

And having a goal is both easy and delightful. To study anything with interest, from logarithms to caterpillars, gives one fun and profit at the same time. Try it.

#### PROVED ITS WORTH.

Dramatic Test That Was Made With a Bullet Proof Shirt.

"A well known war correspondent, who is a personal friend of mine," writes a correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, "tells an amusing story. While in Paris at the beginning of the war in 1914 a French inventor persuaded him to obtain an opportunity for demonstrating the usefulness of a thin chain armor shirt, which he claimed would resist any bullet or bayonet.

"A sample shirt had been hung up and fired at with satisfactory results, but it was with a certain journalistic skepticism that my friend attended the official demonstration at Hendon later. Anyway, to oblige the inventor he put on one of the shirts to show its comfort and flexibility. It was then that the French inventor achieved a dramatic effect, for he whipped out a Webley automatic and blazed away straight at my friend's chest.

"He is still alive to tell the tale," adds the correspondent. "Before he had recovered breath a war office official grasped him warmly by the hand.

"'Sir,' he said, 'you are a brave man!'

"My friend disappeared with becoming modesty. He had gone where he could get a stiff brandy and soda!"

#### The Calaveras Skull.

Of interest in connection with tertiary gold bearing river gravels of California is the story of the Calaveras skull. For a time this skull attracted much attention not only from the people in California, but from scientific men the world over. It was reported to have been found in 1896 near the town of Angels, Calaveras county, at a depth of 130 feet, in tertiary gravels underlying tertiary lava. The finding of a human skull embedded in such deposits was for a time believed to indicate that man had been in existence in North America longer than had been supposed. Strange to say, the skull is of a higher type than skulls which, although known to antedate historical times, are known also to be much younger than the tertiary. Although Professor J. D. Whitney, then state geologist, accepted the skull as a bit of genuine scientific evidence, it is generally believed by students of the antiquity of man that the Calaveras skull, while undoubtedly old, probably did not come from the auriferous gravels at all.—Argonaut.

#### A Grim Cathedral.

Once the capital of the kingdom of Portugal, Coimbra possesses a number of interesting monuments. Its cathedral dates from the early period when it upon the west, Toledo in the center and Saragossa to the east were the Christian outposts against the infidel. Its color, a deep golden brown, is like that of an old warrior tanned by the wars. Squarely seated upon its platform, its walls pierced only by narrow windows that resemble loopholes, its roofs and parapets embattled, it recalls the day when praying and fighting went hand in hand, and its rough brown stones sheathe it as in a bronze cuirass chased with the delicate tracery of its south door added at a later epoch. Its interior, too, is severely plain, though adorned with the only fine retables that I saw in Portugal, and with side chapels that contain a notable array of old blue tiles.—Ernest Peixotto in Scribner's.

#### Hiding Behind Smoke.

The accuracy of modern naval gunnery is so marvelous that the only hope for a ship to escape being sunk when within range of the guns is to hide itself. That is easier said than done, however, and there is only one way in which it can be done, and that is by means of a "smoke screen." It is hard for one ship to hide herself behind her own smoke unless the wind is favorable, but for a number of ships to put a huge fog of black smoke between them and their pursuers is comparatively easy. The smoke is caused by oil fuel, and it can be turned off or on at will by supplying more or less air to the furnaces. It is so dense and black that it is quite impossible to see more than a few yards through it.—Pearson's Magazine.

#### How American Cities Grow.

Nobody knows how fast an American city, state or town may grow. I recall some twenty-five years ago meeting a friend in Denver. He was an investor from the east. I think Denver had about 30,000 people then. He had come to buy real estate. He said to me: "This place is overgrown. Real estate is too high. None for me!" And he went away. Had he invested wisely at that time he could have multiplied his money ten to twenty fold. I was in Los Angeles about the same time. It had had a serious reaction after a sudden boom. It was a little place, not one-tenth its present size. It seemed like a doomed city. An investment of \$500 then in outlying acreage property, I am told, would be worth \$500,000 today. So nobody can tell what may be the future of any of the new, wideawake cities of Alaska.—Leslie's.

#### Shooting Humming Birds.

To shoot a humming bird with the smallest birdshot made is out of the question, for the finest seeds of lead would destroy the delicate plumage. The only way in which the bird can be captured for commercial purposes is to shoot it with a drop of water from a blowgun or a fine jet from a small syringe. Skillfully directed, the water stuns him. He falls into a silken net and before he recovers consciousness is suspended over a cyanide jar. This must be done quickly, for if he comes to his senses before the cyanide whiff snuffs out his life he is sure to ruin his plumage in his struggles to escape. Humming birds vary in size from specimens perhaps half as large as a sparrow to those scarcely bigger than a bee.

#### Pretty Steady.

Mike Reagan applied to Mrs. Stone for a position as chauffeur and gave the name of a friend as reference. Mrs. Stone sought the friend and asked: "Mr. Brady, your neighbor, Michael Reagan, has applied to me for a place as chauffeur. Is he a steady man?" "Steady!" cried Brady. "Indeed, mum, if he wuz anny stendier he'd be dead!"—Chicago News.

#### Joining Amber.

Two surfaces of amber may be united by smearing them with boiled linseed oil, pressing them strongly together and heating them over a clear charcoal fire. To keep the parts in firm contact it may be well to tie them with soft iron wire.

#### Plenty to Say.

"Your husband is quite a speaker. Very eloquent after dinner." "You ought to hear him when the meal is a trifle late, before breakfast."—Pittsburgh Post.

Temptation does not make a man bad. It merely shows him what he is.—Thomas a Kempis.

#### Ruskin in the Kitchen.

In her book of reminiscences, "Thirteen Years of a Busy Woman's Life," Mrs. Alec Tweedie says that her father, Dr. Harley, a well known London physician, was a great friend of Ruskin and often stayed at Brantwood. One night Ruskin asked Dr. Harley whether he liked tea or coffee before he got up.

"A cup of tea," he replied.

"Why don't you choose coffee?"

"Well, to tell the truth, I have lived so much abroad that I don't fancy English coffee. It is generally so badly made."

His host said nothing. The next morning Dr. Harley was awakened, and a strong smell of coffee permeated the room. Turning to a servant, he asked, "Is that my cup of tea?"

"No, sir; it is Mr. Ruskin's coffee."

"Mr. Ruskin's coffee! What do you mean?"

"The master was up early. He roasted the coffee himself, he ground the coffee himself, and he made the coffee himself, and he hopes you will like it."

#### Growth of Wealth.

The wealth of the world grows very slowly, and the amount of real saving is amazingly small. If, for example, the wealth of the United States when George Washington became president was equivalent to a billion dollars—and that perhaps is not a bad guess—and this amount could have steadily earned a little over 5 per cent every year since, this gain, compounded, would exceed the present estimated wealth of this country. This means that all the rest of the saving and the gains from new enterprises and a rapidly increasing population have only just about balanced the annual waste and loss. True, more than two-thirds of the wealth of nations is still the human machine and not the visible taxable property, but the fact serves to show how slight is the annual gain even in the premier get rich quick country of the world, the United States.—Carl Snyder in Collier's Weekly.

#### No Simple Life at Ayr.

The "simple life" finds no sympathetic atmosphere in Scotland and, above all, not in the "Auld Ayr" of Robert Burns—

Auld Ayr, wham ne'er a town surpasses For honest men and bonnie lassies.

George Ferguson Munro is a newspaper person who writes articles for a Scottish newspaper. Munro wanted to live a free, untrammelled, outdoor life. He began last spring. He wandered over hill and dale, doing nothing, finding enough to eat and drink, lying on a shaded hillside reading a good book. He interfered with no one. The earth was his bed, the starry sky his roof. When it rained he went into a barn. Yet for leading this simple life he was taken by the rough hand of the law as a vagabond and sentenced by the magistrate of Ayr to three months' hard labor.—Indianapolis News.

#### Hawking in the Old Days.

Falconry, or hawking, was a favorite sport with the nobility and gentry of Europe down to the first half of the seventeenth century. Hawks were trained to mount and pursue game and bring it to their masters and mistresses, coming and going to the call of the latter with marvelous docility. The hawks were tricked out with gay hoods and held until ordered to pursue the quarry, or game, by leathern straps fastened with rings of leather about each leg just above the talons, and with silken cords called "jesses" to each of these leathern straps, or "beets." was attached a small bell. In the flight of hawks it was often so arranged that the bells made "a consort of sweet sounds."

#### Still Has Friends.

Two retired tradesmen residing in the country were discussing matters generally, when one asked:

"How is your son doing in the city?"

"Oh, he doesn't say much about his business," was the reply, "but he writes me that he's got a lot of friends!"

"That's very encouraging," remarked the other, "for it shows that he hasn't had to borrow money yet!"—Pearson's Weekly.

#### A Much Needed Rest.

"Does your boy take kindly to farm life now that he has finished college?"

"Oh, yes!" replied Farmer Cobbles. "He says that after the strenuous four years he's been through it's a pleasure to loaf around home and watch the hired men at work."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

#### Silver.

The handle of a silver spoon gets hot more quickly than that of a pewter spoon when thrust into a cup of hot coffee. In fact, this is an easy and quick way of detecting imitation silver. Silver itself has been found to be the best conductor of heat known.

#### His Ambition.

"How would you feel if the end of the world came tomorrow?"

"I'd be glad of it. I always wanted to be present at a great historical event."—Detroit Saturday Night.

#### Happiness.

Mankind is always happier for having been happy. So that if you make men happy now you make them happy twenty years hence by the memory of it.—Sydney Smith.

#### Norway's Clear Waters.

In the fjords on the Norway coast the clearness of the water is wonderful. Objects the size of half a dollar may be seen at a depth of twenty-five to thirty fathoms.

We think a happy life consists in tranquillity of mind.—Cicero.

#### Dumas an Enigma.

The elder Dumas was the greatest enigma in the literary world of Paris, for who has ever been able to explain just how and when all the books that bear his name were written? He loved the mysterious for its own sake. He told me how he had dabbled in magnetic and mesmeric experiments. He spoke with absolute conviction of the power of magnetism and declared that the whole of life and society was, to his way of thinking, nothing but a manifestation of magnetic force.

His talk was like the man himself, calm, nonchalant, without a trace of emotion. He was so far above discussion as to ignore it. When he was speaking he seemed to imply by his look and manner that it made no difference to him whether you believed what he was saying or not.—Francis Grierson in Century Magazine.

#### Simply Separated.

The janitor of a hall in a country place was asked by an entertainer from the city if there wasn't a piano that he could use for the evening's entertainment.

"Waal, yes, there is a piano down in the cellar," said the janitor, "but you couldn't play on it—leastways, not as it is, for it's full of books."

Then the janitor bawled to his wife: "Susan, where's the works of that piano?"

And Susan's voice floated down from upstairs: "Ain't they out in the garden?"—Washington Star.

#### Largest Star Known.

Canopus, the largest star known, with a luminosity of 47,000 times that of the sun, is invisible from the northern hemisphere. O. R. Walkley, an English astronomer, adduces testimony at great length to prove it the central sun of the universe about which all other orbs revolve.

#### Appearances Deceptive.

"Thompson has made a discovery." "Indeed?"

"Yes. He says that he has discovered that the more buttons there are on a woman's coat the greater the probability that it really fastens with hooks and eyes."—Puck.

#### Garbage For the Dogs.

Instead of throwing her kitchen refuse into a garbage receptacle the poor Constantinople housewife puts it into a sort of kennel outside her door for the wandering dogs of the city.

#### Notable Exceptions.

Mrs. Bloobumper—Yes, everybody is always ready to give advice. Bloobumper—There are exceptions. "Are there?" "Yes, doctors and lawyers."

Let them obey that know not how to rule.—Shakespeare.