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A most complete stock of Fur Muffs and Collarettes, and marked at the lowest possible prices.

Black Marten Collarettes, $6.50, $8, $9, 14, and $22.

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Stone Marten Muffs to match, $5 and $30.

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Astrachan Collarettes, $7.50 and $12.

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Astrachan and Persian Lamb Collarettes, $27.50 and $37.50.

Seal Collarettes, $5, $8, $10, to $25.

Astrachan and Seal Muffs, $1.50, $2.75, $3.50, $4, and $5.

CHILDREN'S SETS.

Muff and Collarette in Angora, Thibet, and Chinchilla, $2, $2.50, and $3 set.

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Real Seal Combination Purse and Card-Case, 50c. to $10.

Alligator Combination Purse and Card-Case, black, brown, and green, $1 to $6.50.

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for Ladies and Gentlemen, in all leathers, and in sizes and prices to suit everybody.

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Our goods are all of the very best quality, 925-1000 fine, and also have the necessary weight, which gives satisfaction to the purchaser.

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Full-Size Bevelled-Edge French-Plate Handle-Mirrors, $8.90, $9.90, and $10.50.

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Hair-Brushes, hand-chased, best bristles, none finer made, $2, $3.50, $4.25, and $6.50.

STERLING-SILVER

Puff-Boxes, hand-chased, $10 and $15.

CUT-GLASS

Puff-Boxes, sterling-Silver tops, $5, $7, and $8.90.

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Vinaigrettes, sterling-silver tops, all shapes and designs, $1.

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Hand-Chased Handles,
Nail Files,
Shoe Hooks,
Cuticle Knives,
Ink Erasers,
Shoe Horns, and
Curling Irons, 75c.

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Nail Files,
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Entirely new patterns, shell and beaded-edge patterns, exclusive patterns, price $1.65 to $2.

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Bicycle and Satchel Tags,
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Stick and Hat-Pins,
Match and Soap-Boxes,
Combs, Cloth, Bonnet, and
Shaving Brushes, &c.

Prices range from 25c. to $2.

JEWELLED HAT-PINS.

with Topaz, Rhinestone, Turquoise, Amethyst, Emeralds, Opals, and Sapphires, entirely new, 75c.

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Our stock of Fans suitable for Holiday Gifts was never so complete, only the very newest ideas being shown by us.

Gauze and Silk-Covered Fans, Ivory Sticks, inlaid with gold and spangles, heavily decorated, artistically painted, and spangled covers, $2 to $20.

Gauze and Silk-Covered Fans, Pearl Sticks, $7.50 to $10.

Real Lace Fans, Bone Sticks, $6 to $10.

Gauze and Silk-Covered, Inlaid Wood Sticks, $1 to $5.

Gold and Silver Fan Chains make a Fan Present entirely complete, 75c. to $10.

GARTERS,

Sterling-Silver Clasps, best silk elastic, ribbon bows, $2 to $5.

Silk Elastic Garters, ribbon bows, 50c. to $1.50.

CUT-GLASS.

Atomizers, silk balls, $1 to $5.

Atomizers, colored glass, $1 to $3.50.

Atomizers, Dresden china, new designs, $2 to $8.50.

CUT-GLASS

Salve-Boxes, white and colored, $1 to $3.

BASKETS.

Stand Work-Baskets, $1 to $3.

Infants' Baskets, with and without stand, $1 to $5.

Infants' Basket Trunks, with tray, $5.75.

Fancy Silk-Lined Work-Baskets, with and without tops, 50c. to $8.

Scrap Baskets, new shapes, plain and colored straw, 50c. to $1.50.

SMOKING JACKETS.

Gentlemen's Smoking Jackets and House Coats in tweed, cloth, corduroy, velvet, and fancy mixtures.

$20 Coats, now $15.
$15 Jackets, now $11.
$12 Jackets, now $9.
$10 Jackets, now $7.50.
$8.50 Jackets, now $6.25.
$7.50 Jackets, now $6.
$5 Jackets, now $3.75.

BATH ROBES.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Terry Bath-Robes, fast colors, $3.75, $4, and $5.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Terry Bath Slippers, $1.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Wool Bath-Robes, extra-good values, $5, $6, $7.50, $8, $10.

FANCY GOODS.

Japanese-Silk Lambrequins, all shades, $3, $3.50, $4, and $5.

Japanese-Silk Tidies, 75c., $1, and $1.25.

RENAISSANCE LACE.

Tidies, Doylies,
Centres, Trays,
Scarfs, and Table-Covers,
all sizes, 38c. to $15.

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Lace Bureau Sets, entirely new designs, $1.50, $2, $2.50, and $3.

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Our stock of Ladies' Kid Gloves embraces all of the most standard makes, and these we carry in all lengths for evening wear, and all shades for street and evening wear, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, and $2.

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS.

Ladies' Hemstitched All-Linen Handkerchiefs, 12 1-2, 16 2-3, 25, and 50c.

Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 16 2-3, 25, 50, 75c., and up to $2.

Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs, all linen, 25 and 50c.

SPECIAL.

We engrave all our Sterling-Silver Novelties and Umbrellas
FREE OF CHARGE.

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Our stock of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Umbrellas is the largest and best assorted ever shown in Richmond. Our assortment embraces all the newest ideas in trimmed sticks, horn, Dresden, balls, knobs, jewelled, and pearl-deposit work. Prices range from $1.25 to $25.

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See our line of Very Tight-Roll Ladies' and Gentlemen's Umbrellas, guaranteed silks, handled exclusively by us.

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SPECIAL.

Gentlemen's Hemstitched, All-Linen, Handkerchiefs. A fortunate purchase enables us to offer some extra-cheap values.

All-Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, $4 and $4.50 quality, $3 dozen.

$5 and $6 quality, $4.50 dozen.

$9 and $12 quality, $6 dozen.

Gentlemen's White-Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, 50 and 75c.

Gentlemen's Hemstitched White-Silk Handkerchiefs, 50, 75c., $1, and $1.25.

Black and White Brocade Silk Mufflers, $2 and $2.50.

GENTLEMEN'S GLOVES.

Gentlemen's Scotch Wool Gloves, 25 and 50c.

Gentlemen's Silk-Lined Kid Gloves, dressed and undressed, all the new shades, $1.50.

Perrin's Celebrated Gloves, all shades, $2.

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ACROSS THE BORDER.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED IN THE NORTH STATE CAPITAL.

First Sleet of the Season—Forms on Blooming Roses—Court Items—Dockery Denies—The Episcopal Church—Personal and General.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 20.—(Special.)—The first sleet of the season made its appearance this morning, and was in sharp contrast to the roses in bloom.

The holiday trade is not so good as usual, the merchants say. This is due to sympathy with the low price of cotton, which so greatly depress the farmers.

The negro Shadrick, from Rowan, who was reported to have escaped from the penitentiary, did not get out. He was found late Saturday night, and had been hiding in one of the buildings.

The Supreme Court will adjourn Thursday afternoon for the term. To-morrow it will hear argument in several criminal cases docketed since the call of the districts ended.

Rev. Dr. B. F. Dixon yesterday preached at the Oxford Orphan Asylum to the teachers and the pupils. Of the latter there are 200.

Claudius Dockery, chairman of the Penitentiary Board, is here. He declines to give an opinion as to the change in superintendents from Smith to Mewborne. He declares he will not take any position in the Revenue Department here. It had been rumored that he was to be chief clerk or cashier.

Alfred Upchurch, for many years a leading carriage-maker here, and for eighteen years an alderman, died suddenly yesterday of heart disease; aged 75.

The negro Charis, who was arrested at Baltimore for the murder of Mahala White, near here, is in jail. He has made a partial confession. Though the roads were guarded, he escaped directly after the murder, and made his way to Nashville, Tenn., and thence to New York, remaining at the latter place until two months ago, when he went to Baltimore. He is a brutal-looking man. The negroes hate him, and all say they will be glad to see him hanged.

Bishop Cheshire yesterday preached a sermon in Christ Episcopal church on the subject of State Missions. There are twenty white Episcopal missionaries in this diocese, serving sixty-two congregations. In 1867 the total membership of the Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina was only 2,000, now it is 9,000.

So far North Carolina has entirely escaped the small-pox. It is said that in no State is this dreaded disease more infrequent than in this.

The Lynchites, or Sanctified Band, who have been keeping rather quiet lately, are now branching out in that part of the State.

The plan for the Braxton-Craven memorial hall at Trinity College, Durham, is accepted. The seating capacity will be 1,200.

Several members of the staff of General Miles are in Davie county, partridge shooting.

SCOTLAND NECK.

Death of a Lady—Post Office Robbed. A Marriage.

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., December 20.—(Special.)—The community was greatly saddened yesterday by the death of Miss Maggie Johnson, daughter of Mrs. A. V. Johnson. She died of consumption. She had been an invalid for two or three years.

The post-office at Spring Hill was robbed Friday night. Only about $10 was taken. It was in money and stamps. No clue to the robbers.

Mr. R. J. Shield's store, at Hobgood, was cut into by robbers a few nights ago. They bored through the door, and attempted to unbolt it from the inside, but dropped some of their implements, and so had to give up the job.

Miss Jake Whitehead, of this place, was married a few days ago to Mr. Patrick Cooper, of Martin county. At night an old-time wedding supper was served at the home of the groom.

Mr. C. L. McDowell, who has been living in Norfolk a few months, came home a few days ago for a rest.

Old Capital Locals.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 20.—(Special.)—Rev. C. C. Cox, the pastor of the First Baptist church of Newport News, has consented to deliver two lectures here this week before the students of the New Era Institute.

Dr. W. T. Oppenhimer, Health Officer of Richmond, has been here on a gunning trip.

Commander James T. Christian, of the local camp of the Sons of Veterans, returned last evening from a trip to Norfolk, where he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lamb.

Mr. Wilmer Sweeney, son of Mr. H. M. Sweeney, returned from New York city last evening, where he has resided for the past two years, to spend Christmas with his parents. Mr. Sweeney was accompanied by two of his New York friends. The party will return next week.

Mrs. Lyon G. Tyler, who has been sick so long, continues to improve slowly. She is yet confined to her room, and has a trained nurse from Richmond to look after her.

Mr. John W. Jones (R. H.) went down to Newport News this morning, and Mr. Hartwell Macon, a representative of the Patterson Tobacco Company, of Richmond, but who resides here with his family, went up to meet the members of the firm for a final settlement.

Weldon Mention.

WELDON, N. C., December 20.—(Special.)—Little Ida, the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Rowe, died at the home of her parents here Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe are late of Richmond, Va., where they have many relatives and friends.

Miss Maggie Friend, of Manchester, Va., is visiting friends here.

The Tramp Question.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Many of us have been watching with deep interest and serious misgivings the "tramp ordinance" proposed in this city. That not only our city, but our civilization, is threatened by this thing we call "tramps" is too manifest and serious not to be recognized with just alarm. But that back of the "tramp" is a far more dreaded something, that goes steadily on making, if not increasing, tramps, and when once a man is made into a tramp works with regular and powerful force to hurry him into ever-deepening degradation, widening the gulf between him and his brother men, blighting, crushing, and destroying hope in his bosom, and creating out of him a factor that defies law, respects no rights and casts a terror and dread over the land, thinking men are bound to see. The tramp is not a tree, but the fruit of a tree. Not a cause, but the result of a cause or of many causes.

Then, too, the word "tramp" covers a very long line in life. It begins where the honest, loving, brave, noble man of glorious toil starts out with bleeding, yet brave, heart to find work, in which he can maintain his nobility and sustain and support those dear one dependent upon him. Such men used to have it said of them, "They are going forth to seek their fortunes"; but, alas! conditions are so changed, the shrewd and avaricious have so adjusted the wires and tightened the bands that prevent the honest daily toiler from making a fortune, that we now hardly ever hear the expression, "He is hunting work." Yes, and for days, weeks, and months seeking for it in vain in this world, where there is so much to do. The hope within him meets disappointment after disappointment; sending chill after chill through and through him; deepening the ache in his heart that is there because of the suffering and unhelped ones he loved and left, until at last hope dies; shame of failure comes and takes possession, filling his bosom with a despair that cannot face home and suffering ones. A deep sense of wrong in the condition of things that forces him helpless and protesting out into the world, a worthless wanderer, gradually changes into mistrust of humanity, and a fearless disregard of its favor or frown; a resentful preyer on its life, and adder to and mocker of its shame, wandering hopelessly and bitterly on towards its graves of oblivion. That such a man is dangerous is too mild an expression; he can become as heedless to all that other men love and cherish of nobility and appreciation as the mad-dog becomes to all the instincts of master loving, chase enjoying, or fellowship. He can reach the point where Milton shows us Satan, when he says, "Farewell, hope; and with hope farewell fear."

Now it is plain that there are as many kinds of tramps and degrees of tramplism as there are conditions of human hearts and hopes between the day that this man left home "seeking work," and that in which he disappears in a pauper's grave, we all know, and must never forget. The disease is progressive, and society must deal with it as such. You cannot lump it and treat it wholesale. It is peace work, most delicate, tender peace work, needing ofttimes the best doctor and most skilful trained nurse, if there is to be recovery, and society is to have her child restored and glad and helpful and true to her highest life. I think this view of the case, if it is true (and true it does seem to be), shows us at once that while "Shockoe creek" may be a sort of pen for the extreme cases, it is no place for your brother and my brother, seeking with dying hope yet to be a man, and to stand in a man's place, side by side with his fellowmen, and do his part, and bear his burdens and those of his loved ones.

Do we ask why there are so many tramps? Who are they? What makes them now, when we know they used not to be made? You ask big questions, that go to the very root, and it may be wrongness of our social and industrial organizations—questions the Christian Church must study and answer, either as the Good Samaritan did, or as that "priest" and "Levite" will have to do at the day of judgment. A true answer to these in the life and living of Christians is far more acceptable to God, and grateful and saving to man, than mere eloquent sermons, exquisite singing, magnificent church buildings, and ease-loving congregations. Eloquence, music, architecture, and assemblings are right and grand only in so far as they aid in and press towards the purposes that carried Jesus to the Cross—that is the saving of this world, and the bringing of God's lost and wandering children back to His love, His home, and to each other. I say, and say most unhesitatingly, that all churches of all denominations are agreed as to the importance of thus saving men from degradation and shame and wrong and despair down here, and that they should study and pray and suffer to do it, until they can come together as with the heart of one man just where the Good Samaritan stood, by his fellow in the midst of his misfortunes, to obey the undoubted, and undisputed command of our Lord—"Go thou and do likewise." We want practical religion with eyes, ears, heads, hands, and hearts, just as well as with creeds. Not only do we want it, but we must have it, or something like it, that Jesus called "salt," if we are to escape being thrown out and trampled under the feet of coming men, on their way to a truer, more godly, and more human and Christ-like faith; the faith that is not trying so hard to go to Heaven as to bring Heaven down here and set up the kingdom of the "Man Christ Jesus" on earth, where homes are being blighted, hearts broken, and hopes dying for the want of that sympathy and purpose that finds the expression of its life in making man in the image of God, rather than by greed pressing the worth of his being into gold and gain, wherewith to poison our own souls and degenerate our own humanity. The fact that we had nearly as many murders in 1896 as we had in the twenty years from 1870 to 1890 tells how alarmingly fast we are going the wrong way. Conditions that go to produce the tramp are multiplying with a geometrical ratio. Machinery gathers its workers to great centres, and in mighty armies, producing a state of congestion; the closing down of the machines throws thousands out of employment in a lump, and the community cannot assimilate nor support them, and so they are forced out on the world, wanderers. More than this every day the genius is inventing more and more machinery, simplified, that can be run by the unskilled and cheap laborer, to the exclusion of the higher type and nobler man, trained and character endowed by his training; thus instead of men climbing to vaster manhood and nobler living, the trend of invention is to make them ever smaller coks on bigger wheels, and more complicated machines. This is alarming, and shows how vast, strong, and deep reaching the forces of redemption must be to handle such productions, when they become tramps by the hush at the mills, the close of the shops.

This much I have written, Mr. Editor, with the hope of getting more people to thinking and praying hard. For I frankly confess the battle is so vast, wide, far-reaching, and growing, that I do not see even a gleam of the end; but I see what I think is better—i. e., duty of to-day—God will show to-morrow's children to-morrow's duty if they are true.

What are known as "charity organizations" are no new experiments, but the conclusions of the wisest and best men worked out into practical form, and administered for years in many cities, and are, therefore, too well known in this country to be classed as experimental. Richmond is too large and important a city, and its peril is too imminent not to avail itself of such help as has proved a relief, if not a cure, in other places. We are weak and wasteful here for want of mutual understanding and wise co-operation. The Council cannot, the community must handle the tramp and the poor questions. When a tramp becomes a law-breaker—a criminal—then the law can inflict punishment upon him, but to do it before is to harden the tramp, outrage the feelings of justice in the bosom of humanity, and breed contempt for law. Provision, rather than punishment, is what should be sought for the work seekers, up to that point where they drop out of that class into vampires upon the body social. Lawlessness should be dealt with with a strong, just, and severe hand; mauldlin sentiment should be thrown to the winds, and naked right done and home and virtue protected. But discrimination we must have. Righteousness must go with law, or it is no law, but oppression and wrong and ruin. "Man's inhumanity to man" dealt out wholesale in the name of right, endorsed by the people's representatives. No, we must do right if the skies fall.

There should be provision made for the work-seekers to get lodging and food without begging for it. This can be done by having a "Friendly Inn," or place where they can go, sleep, and get a plain meal at the mere cost of the same. The citizens should as a joint stock company organize and conduct this place, under its chosen officers. Tickets entitling a man to a meal or a lodging should be issued, and sold to citizens, say, at $1 for twenty. Upon the application of a work-seeker for food or lodging tickets should be given to this "Friendly Inn," where he could get the same, but would have to give an equivalent of work ere he leaves, so as to see that the "Inn" is not the loser. If the man is honest, he will gladly do this; if he is not, he will destroy the tickets, and the "Inn" is the gainer, and nobody the worse off, and no whiskey drank at public cost. Then there should be a central office, under the care of the wisest and most skilled man we can get, to whom all cases for charity outside of those in our own families and in our own churches should be referred for examination, record, and report. To this office every impostor or dead beat should be reported by every one who happens to find him out at once, so as to checkmate his game and prevent further imposition. Upon such men the police should be turned full head-on, and a through ticket to Shockoe creek issued. Now, along with this system should be an employment agency, and everybody should place in its reach all the possible employment that it is wise to trust to such untried seekers, so as to assist, as far as possible, with work, which is a wiser and greater help than money. These are crude outlines, but if we co-operated no further than this we will have made a long stride forward, and fitted ourselves to take others, as well as thrown safety around our community and a brother's hand and open heart to a brother. C. C. PENICK.

OLD 'BURG AND VICINITY.

Death of a Spotsylvania Physician—Dr. Dunaway's Resignation.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 20.—(Special.)—Dr. William Voorhees died at his home, near Spotsylvania Courthouse, last night, after an illness of more than a year. He was about 62 years of age, and a native of New York State, but has been a resident of Spotsylvania since 1869.

He was a skilful physician, and had a large and lucrative practice up to the time his health began to fail. He was a man of scrupulous honesty, and in his public and private duties always faithful and just.

Dr. Voorhees loved the home of his adoption, and was ever willing to lend a helping hand in anything that was for its good. He was a loving husband and father, and a friend on whom one could rely at all times. Though his disease was known to be incurable, his death is a blow to the community, and there are many who will sincerely mourn their friend and physician. He is survived by his wife and four children—Mr. J. Oorten Voorhees, of Spotsylvania, and Messrs. William M. and Fred. Voorhees and Mrs. Maggie Wilcox, of Harford, N. Y.

His remains will be taken to New York to-morrow for burial.

The resignation of Dr. T. S. Dunaway, which was read out in his church yesterday at the conclusion of his sermon, by the clerk of the church, Captain E. J. Quinn, has been the one absorbing topic of talk here to-day. The members of his church, to whom his ministrations were most acceptable, seem to be as much in the dark as to the Doctor's motive in wishing to surrender his charge as are other citizens of the town. Nor will anything be known until next Sunday, when Dr. Dunaway says he will take final action on the endeavor of the church to prolong the thirty-one years' service he has so efficiently rendered it.

It Rumbled Around Offley.

OFFLEY, VA., December 20.—(Special.) Those same peculiar and inexplicable rumblings which, on November 27th, were experienced in Ashland and throughout Upper Hanover, and of which, from no mention at the time in the papers of similar "shocks" elsewhere in the State, we seemed apparently to have had a monopoly, were again felt here on Saturday night, commencing at 7 P. M. and continuing at intervals until Sunday morning, with another on Sunday evening about 6 o'clock.

Opinions are much divided as to the probable cause of the noises. Some assert that they have not felt any vibration of the earth at all, and the consensus of opinion seems to be that the sounds are more like heavy artillery, enormous blasts, or prolonged, rolling thunder; but the clear skies and the frosty air of the early part of Saturday night were not favorable to the thunder theory, unless there have been strange atmospheric changes, and snow-storms, too, are to be ushered in in that way. But whether the noises proceed from the heavens or from the earth, we hope our neighbors elsewhere have escaped like disturbances, and would be glad if the Weather Bureau, or any gentlemen of a scientific turn of mind can give through the Dispatch some explanation as to their probable origin.

Mr. Edwin T. Wade leaves to-day for Baltimore, where he goes to confer with large capitalists looking to investments in mines in the West.

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Onx Tables,
Banquet Lamps,
Banquet Globes,
Metal Placques, hand painted;
Framed Pictures, solid metal, finest hand paintings;
Wedgewood China,
Real Dresden China,
Sterling Silver Novelties,
Silver-Plated Novelties,
Carpet Sweepers,
Comb and Brush Sets,
Cut Glass,
Japanese Bronzes,
B. and H. Bronzes,
Pottery Ornaments,
Mirror, Triplicate Stands, hand and toilet,
China, Iron and Bronze Blocks,
Ceal Vases,
Fire Sets,
Carvers and Forks,
Bread or Cake Boxes,
China Salad Dishes,
Chocolate Pots,
Sugars and Creams,
Fish and Game Sets,
Chop Sets.
Chafing Dishes,
5 o'Clock Tea Kettles,
Umbrella tands,
Jardinieres,
Library Lamps, Hall Lamps,

and a large number of other articles too numerous to mention, which are appropriate for Wedding or Holiday Gifts.

Full line Cooking Utensils in metal and genuine agate nickel iron, embracing all things that are useful to housekeepers.

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HAMPDEN-SIDNEY.

The Intermediate Examinations—The College Magazine.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY, VA., December 20.—(Special.)—Intermediate examinations at the college are drawing to a close. Classes in Latin and mathematics are being examined to-day, and those in physical science and English will wind up the term on Wednesday, when the young men will have a respite from study till January 3d. Long experience has convinced the authorities here that ante-Christmas examinations and a holiday of ten days are the best arrangement for the average student.

The faculty of Union Theological Seminary give only one day holiday this year, and perhaps that arrangement is best for that institution, which has only an eight months' session, and whose students are largely from other States than Virginia. Some of the young divines think this rather hard, but it is well for them to learn "hardness as good soldiers."

Rev. Dr. James Murray leaves to-day for a ten days' visit to relatives and friends in Suffolk, Va. He is an accomplished scholar, an earnest Christian, a noble gentleman, and a preacher of a very high order.

The Hampden-Sidney Magazine for December has just appeared, and is a very creditable number. Besides the usual amount of well-written essays, it contains two or three poems of much excellence. It is edited and maintained by the students themselves, and is a good exponent of the thorough training in English afforded in the college. At its last annual meeting the Board of Trustees recognized its importance in stimulating literary effort among the students by offering two prize medals for the best essays—one to be competed for by members of the junior and senior classes, and the other by members of the freshman and sophomore classes, each competitor to publish at least two essays in the magazine during the session. These honors are entirely independent of those awarded by the literary societies, and are to be adjudged by the faculty and awarded by the trustees.

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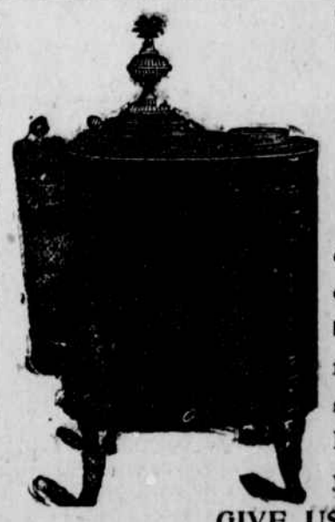

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