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Silverware.
THAT GIFT BEAUTIFUL
 Durability and beauty have made this ware famous for many years. It affords the longest service and satisfaction.
A Gift of Silverware.
 Is a gift that can be repeated over and over again.
 Set of Knives and Forks\$3.00 to \$12.50
 Set of Tea Spoons75 to 2.35
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 Set of Salad Forks\$2.75
 Set of Pie Forks\$2.75

A Large Assortment of SCISSORS & SHEARS
 Scissors and Shears containing everything from a Child's Scissor at 10c, to the best trimmers at 85c and \$1.00.
 A pair of Fancy Scissors or Shears is an excellent gift for a lady. Our stock contains over thirty patterns, consisting of Child's Scissors, Embroidery Scissors, Manicure Scissors, Pocket Scissors, Buttonhole Scissors, Ladies' Scissors, Straight and Bent Shears and Left Hand Shears.

Lustre Oil Mops.
 Your wife or mother would appreciate a "Lustre" Oil Mop with an adjustable handle. Price with 1 bottle of Cedar Oil \$1.50.

- Note the following list of useful and sensible gifts.**
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| Silverware | Pocket Knives |
| Aluminum Cooking Utensils | Razors and Strops |
| Chafing Dishes | Shaving Sets |
| Mounted Casseroles | Embroidery Scissors |
| Mounted Baking Dishes | Manicure Scissors |
| Mounted Vegetable Dishes | Manicure Sets |
| Mounted Pie Servers | Carving Sets |
| Coffee Percolators | Air Guns |
| Wafer or Sandwich Plates | Rifles |
| Cut Glass Salt and Pepper Sets | Shot Guns |
| Argentine Cream and Sugar | Flashlights |
| Crumb Tray and Scraper | Skates |
| Bon Bon Tray | Ash Trays |
| Souvenir Spoons | Brass Cuspidors |
| Dresser Trays | Handkerchief Boxes |
| Vacuum Cleaners | Glove Boxes |
| Carpet Sweepers | Bath Room Fixtures |
| | Nulite Reading Lamps |
| | Oil Floor Mops |

A Carving Set as a Christmas Reminder is Always Acceptable.
 We are showing a most complete line of O. V. B. Carvers with several styles of handles. Price \$2.00 to \$6.00

The Most Popular Gift of the Season.
 No matter what your desires may be, we can please you in O. V. B. Pocket Knives. More than 100 different styles in many shapes to select from. Price 10c to \$2.50

The Domestic Vacuum Sweeper.
 A labor saving present. It is a Carpet Sweeper and Vacuum Cleaner combined. You do not soil your clothes using a Domestic, a 3-bellows machine, priced \$8.50.

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A FEW NUGGET TRUTHS.
Little Sermons in Two Lines—Gathered Apothegms from All Corners of the World.
 The apothegms which follow have been gathered from so many sources and modified by so many persons, including the present writer in some instances, that it is difficult or impossible to give formal credit for them to anybody in particular. Hence, it has seemed best to omit the conventional quotation marks. Let them stand on their own merits and pass for what they are worth. There is abundant food for thought in these brief, pointed, instructive statements. They will be found both compact and comprehensive, suitable for reflection, discussion, expansion. There is wisdom here with the guidance of life. There are precepts which will strengthen the soul.
 He does not really believe who does not live according to his belief.
 The sky is not less blue because the blind man does not see it.
 One should break his arm to save his neighbor's neck, but not vice versa.
 Tell not all you know, believe not all you hear, judge not all you see, do not all you can.
 Chasing an ideal is better than chasing a dollar; and the two things are not compatible.
 Men cannot learn what they are not prepared for; to force the teaching avails nothing.
 Everybody's friend and nobody's friend is all one. Be everybody's friend but nobody's fool.

He is not good himself who speaks well of everybody alike.
 Good manners are made up of petty sacrifices.
 The man who never makes any blunders seldom makes any good hits.
 To be thoroughly good natured and yet avoid being imposed upon shows great strength of character.
 It is a great art to be superior to others without letting them know it.
 It is cruelty to the innocent not to punish the guilty.
 He that will not be ruled by the rudder must be ruled by the rock.
 We have not failed until we cease trying. Defeat is nothing but education, the first steps to something better.
 All virtue lies in the power of denying our desires when reason does not authorize them.
 There are a thousand ways to miss the white; there is but one to hit it.

Facts for Sufferers.
 Pain results from injury or congestion. Be it neuralgia, rheumatism, lumbago, neuritis, toothache, sprain, bruise, sore stiff muscles or whatever pain you have yields to Sloan's Liniment—brings new fresh blood, dissolves the congestion, relieves the injury, the circulation is free and your pain leaves as if by magic. The nature of its qualities penetrate immediately to the sore spot. Don't keep on suffering. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment. Use it. It means instant relief. Price 25c and 50c. \$1 bottle holds six times as much as the 25c size.

The Crop in the Soft Corn States.
 The bureau of crop estimates has, in its November report, taken account, as in previous years, of quality as well as quantity, and has made some special investigations in the soft corn states, which it regards as including Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota. We give a brief summary, as follows:
 Iowa is credited with a crop of 30 bushels to the acre, as compared with the ten year average of 34.9 bushels. The preliminary report estimated the crop at 310,500,000 bushels. The October estimate reduced this to 288,858,000 bushels, as compared with a final estimate of 389,424,000 bushels in 1914. The quality, however, is only 48 per cent, as compared with 89 per cent for the ten year average. Twenty-five per cent of this corn was fully matured at the time of the first killing frost; 42 per cent was caught in the dough stage, as compared with 10 per cent in the usual year; 24 per cent in the milk stage, and 9 per cent below the milk stage. None is usually caught in this last stage.
 Minnesota is credited with a yield of 23.5 bushels per acre, as compared with 32.3 bushels for the ten year average. The preliminary estimate was 62,933,000; the October estimate was 55,500,000 bushels, as compared with a 91,000,000 bushel estimate in 1914. The quality is reported as 35 per cent, as compared with 87 per cent in the usual year. Only 1 per cent was fully matured at the time of the frost; 44 per cent was caught in the dough stage, 32 per cent in the

milk stage, and 14 per cent below that.
 North Dakota, as might be expected, fared even worse. It is credited with a crop of 12 bushels per acre, as compared with a ten year average of 25.3 bushels. The preliminary estimate was for a crop of 7,200,000 bushels, and the October estimate for 7,800,000 bushels as compared with a crop of 14,000,000 bushels in 1914. The quality is given as 41 per cent, as compared with an average of 81 per cent for the ten year average. Only 8 per cent was fully matured; 35 per cent in the dough stage; 32 per cent in the milk stage and 25 per cent below that stage. The proportions of the crop fit to husk is given at 15 per cent instead of 60 per cent, as is usual. In Iowa, the proportion fit to husk is given as 32 per cent; in Minnesota 28 per cent; and in Wisconsin 24 per cent. South Dakota fared better, the quality being rated at 50 per cent, 26 per cent matured before frost; 24 per cent in the dough stage; 30 per cent in the milk stage, and 10 per cent below that.
 This estimate of quality will to some extent restore the confidence of farmers in the estimate of the department of agriculture. We are sure that if careful examinations were made in Illinois and perhaps in other states east of it, it would be found that in those states also the quality of the corn is not up to the general report.
 The striking peculiarity of this season as far east of the Allegheny mountains, and as far south as the southern line of Iowa, has been not

only an excessive rainfall, but a deficiency of heat. The frosts of October 8th and 9th would have done the corn crop in all these states comparatively little damage, had there been heat enough before that time to push the corn on to the stage of the ordinary season. Four weeks of blistering hot weather in September, to make up for the lack of temperature in July and August, would have given us a bumper crop this year. But the heat was wanting; and if those who reported to the government on the yield of corn had kept an eye on the thermometer or on the government reports of temperature as well as rainfall, the information given to the public would have been much more accurate and reliable. A season that has no hot nights never makes a good corn crop. It was not the early frost but the lack of summer heat, that gave us this deficient corn crop in the corn belt states.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury
 Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials Free.
 Sold by Druggists. Price 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Life Was a Tragedy, Said Iowa Woman
 Mrs. William Litzenberg of Montezuma, Iowa, suffered from stomach troubles for a long period. She grew weak as a result of the failure of her digestive processes. She was always tired.
 "Then came Mayr's Wonderful Remedy and showed her the way back to health again.
 The first bottle, the very first dose, put Mrs. Litzenberg on her feet. She wrote:
 "I have taken four bottles of your Wonderful Remedy. I can't be thankful enough for it. I must say that it is the best medicine that I ever tried.
 "I was so weak that I did not think life was worth living—had no appetite—everything I ate worked against me, but now I can eat anything at all that looks good. I feel so strong—have been able to do a good day's work ever since I took the first bottle.
 Mayr's Wonderful Remedy gives permanent relief for stomach, liver and intestinal ailments. Eat as much and whatever you like. No more distress after eating, pressure of gas in the stomach and around the heart. Get one bottle of your druggist now and try it on an absolute guarantee—if not satisfactory money will be returned.
 When a man sets about proving his love and a woman improving her appearance, the result is a match.