

AN EXCELLENT ARRAY OF PRESENTS

Our assortment of Xmas goods we would like to have you look over before making your selection. Our stock is paramount to any you may come in contact with. Candies, we have every description, and the finest home-made fudges you ever eat, all kinds of nuts and gum of every imaginable flavor. We carry all the popular brands of cigars, also an abundance of X-mas box cigars which you will find a very suitable present for your gentleman friend. We will give you a trivial part of our magnificent and most Complete up-to-date stock of Christmas selections, as follows:



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A TRIAL ORDER WILL CONVINC

What Kind of Present ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE?

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Chafing Dishes from \$4.50 to	\$10	Coffee Percolators \$2.25 to	\$4
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The finest line on the market of Safety Razors and Shaving Sets, Sleds, Skates, Skies, Carpet Sweepers.

Step in and see if we do not have just what you are looking for.

C. P. BRAINARD

ROOSEVELT TROPHIES ARRIVE.

That Colonel Roosevelt is shooting straight out in East Africa is vided by the large consignment of skins and skeletons of the animals which recently arrived at the Smithsonian Institution at Washington.

The skins are the outer coverings of many wild animals the scientific names of which would be all Greek to the layman. However, to the scientists of the Smithsonian Institution the names of dikdik, hartebeeste, steinbuck, impalla, wildebeeste, eland and gnu, are as familiar as the word dog is to the average American citizen. There are also in the collection skins of lions, leopards, hyenas, giraffes, a black rhinoceros, hippopotami, and several species of the rare wart hog.

If the second consignment of specimens is as large as the first was, it will require more than two years to complete the work of mounting them, and it would require a good amount of space in the new \$3,500,000 National Museum building, which is nearing completion, to accommodate the exhibit. The first consignment consisted of van after van load of barrels and casks and boxes, on each of which some facetious individual had marked in large white letters "T. R."

Many boxes of birds and numerous species of rats and different varieties of rabbits, moles, mice, and other small mammals, came along with the shipment. Some of these specimens, it is claimed, are far more valuable than the larger animals. In this collection the warty rat is considered the rarest specimen. He has two warts on his lower lip, and is considerably larger than the ordinary rat. This is the only specimen ever brought to this country. The animal is carnivorous, and lives on the less hardy members of its tribe. The skeleton and pelt of this animal has been given special care at the institution so as to avoid all danger of a mishap to it. The bird collection was perfectly preserved before it was packed in East Africa, and each specimen arrived with every feather in place. The task of attaching the names and classifying the bird exhibit will have to wait until the experts with the expedition in Africa return to this country.

According to the officials of the Smithsonian Institution a more interesting and well-preserved collection of animals and birds has never before reached this country in a single consignment.—Technical World Magazine.

DR. COOK AS A "GUESSER."

Cedar Rapids Republican: In the mean time the men who say that Dr. Cook merely guessed at the things he put down in his data about conditions at the pole have not explained how he happened to guess it right on every point. For instance, he might have guessed that the pole was located on land. But he said it was a moving sea of ice and Peary made the same report. He might have guessed that the temperature was at least 100 below zero on the supposition that the farther north one goes the greater the cold he encounters. But he didn't. He said the temperature was about 38 below and Peary confirmed him, saying it was even as high as 33 below. He might have guessed that the ice became rougher as they neared the pole. But he said it became smoother and Peary came back and confirmed that statement also.

Cook should have guessed all the essential conditions at the pole and not have missed a single one? His reports of conditions were in no essential respect contradicted by Mr. Peary. A man who described so many conditions so correctly must have been there. We still believe that Dr. Cook reached the pole. We have seen nothing that should shake one's confidence in the achievement which he claimed for himself.

A Cleveland doctor lays criminality to poor teeth. An aching tooth is certainly not conducive to good citizenship.

When you hear some young fellow telling what a snap a farmer has just investigate a little bit, and you will find that about all the agricultural work he has done is to cultivate the acquaintance of some farmer's daughter. Of course, that's pleasant work.

CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

The Department of music at the State Normal School, Valley City, offers special instruction in voice, piano, violin, and all the instruments of bands and orchestra. The school maintains a band for ladies and gentlemen, and two orchestras. Its choral society is one of the best and most successful in the Northwest. Chances to have the leading musicians of the country are exceptional. There are frequent recitals by instructors, as well as students. Students of music have many opportunities to join the classes of the Normal School in literature, languages, expression, domestic science and art, public school music and art. Winter Term opens January 2, 1910. For further information and circulars, address:

THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL
Valley City, N. Dak.

HE BOUGHT IN PARIS.

Then He Found He Could Have Done Better Nearer Home.

Enrico Caruso, the famous tenor, told a curious story once while in conversation with a man prominent in musical circles in Philadelphia. The two were ascending the stairs from the basement of the Bellevue-Stratford when at the first landing they halted, and Caruso pointed to a marble bench of ancient Florentine pattern.

"I am a great admirer of those benches," he said, "and last summer I had a strange experience with them. I had just purchased a villa in Italy and was always on the lookout for something decorative in the way of novel furniture.

"While in Paris I happened to see one of these benches and at once concluded to put a dozen of them about the grounds. I found the dealer and asked the price. He said \$50 apiece. I ordered the dozen.

"A few weeks later I was at my villa looking it over and happened to discover across the hedge at the border a marble yard, and there was the marble cutter working on one of those same benches.

"I climbed the hedge, and after chatting with the man a few minutes and admiring the great care he was exercising I asked if he usually made such benches. "Oh, yes," he replied, "I make many. I have an order now for twelve of them for the great tenor Caruso. He ordered them in Paris.

"When I recovered from my surprise I questioned him and found that he was really the man who supplied the Paris dealer. I asked him how much he would make me some for, and he replied, "Twenty dollars apiece, signor.

"So I was paying \$50 for the privilege of buying in Paris what was being made at my own door, in addition to freight both ways and extra incidental expenses. Now when I want to buy anything for my home I go to the nearest place first."—Philadelphia News.

A Chinese Joke.

There was a man in Oh'angan who was very fond of giving dinners, but the food given was atrocious. One day a guest threw himself on his knees in front of this gentleman and said, "Am I not a friend of yours?"

"You are, indeed," replied his host. "Then I must ask of you a favor," said the guest, "and you must grant it before I rise from my knees."

"Well, what is it?" inquired his host in astonishment. "Never to invite me to dinner any more!" cried the guest, at which the whole party burst into a loud roar of laughter.—North China Herald.

We need a few disasters now and then to keep alive the spirit of charity.

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