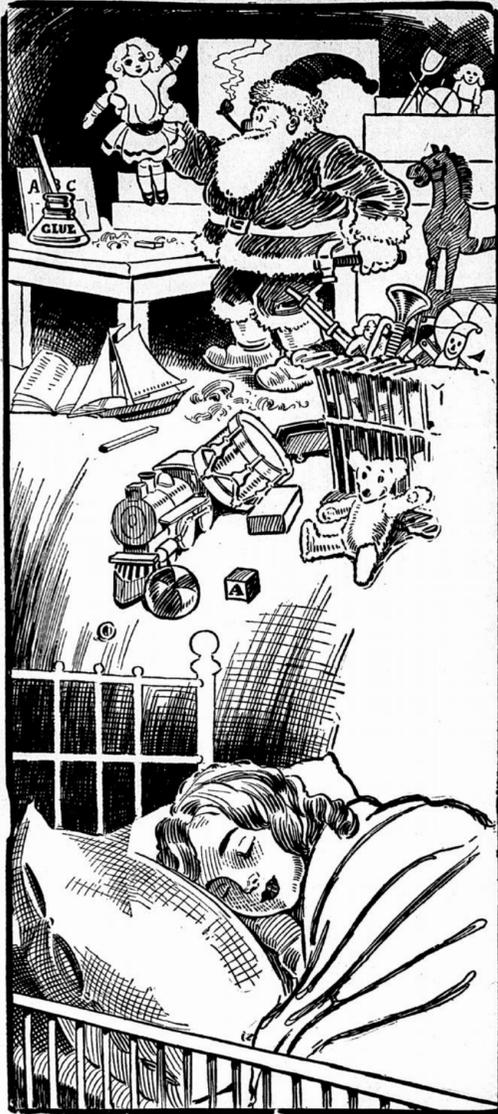


CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Will find this page brim full of suggestions as aids in making selections, yet these are but a few. If you are looking for articles of comfort or ornamentation we have them here. You will surely find what you want--and at lower prices than asked for same quality anywhere else. Comparisons prove.



SWEATER COATS

For Ladies, Gents and Children. Are acceptable gifts. A large and varied assortment in different colors and weaves. Prices
\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.75, \$5.00

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We show a big line of hand bags in velvet near seal, walrus, patent leather and Morocco. The prices exceedingly low at
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In colors, values at \$5.00 for **\$3.98**
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Black Satene Petticoats, \$1.25 values go at **95c**

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Is there anything more welcome than an umbrella. Every member of the family would appreciate a remembrance of this kind. We invite comparison of values.
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You will find our display of new neckwear the most comprehensive in the city.
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TREMENDOUS REDUCTIONS OF Coats, Suits and Skirts

LOT 1—Children's Possum Coats, at \$2.38. Coats worth up to \$4.50.
LOT 2—Children's Black Plush Coats at \$2.98. Coats worth up to \$6.00.
LOT 3—Ladies' Kersey Coats, extra good quality, cut to \$6.75. Coats sold up to \$10.00.

Ladies' Extra Fine Broadcloth Coats, lined throughout with Skinners satin and sold up to \$27.00, all go at \$18.00.

All Suits at Half Price

All Ladies' Tailored Skirts sold up to \$6.00, will go at \$3.98.

APRONS FOR GIFTS

Tea aprons made of lawn dotted Swiss, trimmed with hemstitched ruffe, embroidery and lace are shown at
19c, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25

GIVE HER A GOOD CORSET

A practical gift at any time. Warner Bros.' Rust Proof Corsets. There is nothing comparable to the ease, the grace and the freedom enjoyed by the wearer.

RUGS AND ART SQUARES

A new rug or two won't come amiss perhaps. They help to make the house look more cheerful these long winter evenings. The prices are low enough to astonish all who have bought similar rugs elsewhere.

Rugs 30x60 at 90c and up to \$5.00. Art squares \$6.50 and up to \$38.00 for the best Royal Welton 9x12.

SILKS AND DRESS GOODS

Including every fashionable fabric of the season, ask for attention of gift buyers. You can't imagine what a few dollars will buy in a stylish, serviceable gift until you see the great values we offer in our dress goods department.

ART NEEDLEWORK

Japanese drawn work. A complete assortment in all sizes, from the small doilies to the large covers and scarfs. Lunch cloths with plain hemstitchings as well as a very large variety of fancy stitches in both corner and border designs. Prices 10c and up to **\$6.50**

CHRISTMAS HANDKERCHIEF

Never have we had so beautiful an assortment of Ladies' and Men's Handkerchiefs in plain and fancy at prices from 1c and **\$3.00**

LADIES' UNDERWEAR

50 dozen Ladies' velvet-lined, fleece-lined underwear, sold by a number of firms for 75c per garment. Our prices have been 50c for regular sizes and 60c for extra sizes. Now you can have your choice in all sizes for only

39 Cents

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WILLMAR, MINN.

SVEA SIFTINGS

Svea, Dec. 11—The new lights which have been ordered for the church are now being installed by Carl Lundberg.

The Y. P. S. held their annual meeting last Friday evening. Miss Hildur Rydin visited in Willmar the first of the week.

Misses Tilda Johnson and Clara Anderson were afternoon callers at A. O. Nelson's Saturday.

A few from this vicinity attended the play given at the opera house in Willmar last Friday evening.

Miss Telma Norling entertained the R. A. E. C. Thursday afternoon.

Miss Amy Johnson is assisting Mrs. E. R. Swenson at present.

Miss Clara Anderson and A. P. Johnson and family, P. P. Johnson and family, J. P. Johnson and family, Swan Nelson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Nelse Anderson attended a party at Willmar Sunday, given by Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Johnson.

Mr. Thunstedt of Olivia was visiting in Svea Saturday afternoon.

A baby girl arrived at Peter Strandberg's Sunday to gladden their home. Congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Swenson and Misses Clara Anderson and Tilda Johnson visited with P. A. Johnson's Sunday.

A tart temper never mellows with age, and a sharp tongue is the only edged tool that grows keener with constant use.

(From another correspondent)

S. M. Swenson entertained a few of their relatives to an oyster supper last Thursday evening.

The Young People's society held their yearly meeting last Friday evening, Dec. 8. The following are the officers for the next year: Rev. A. J. Ryden, president; Miss Julia Johnson, vice president; Miss Edith Westberg, sec.; Mr. Axel Johnson, treasurer.

Miss Elsie Lundquist spent a few days of last week at Oscar Lundquist's.

Mr. Aug. Norman spent Sunday with his family at Willmar.

The Sunday school pupils practiced their Xmas festival last Saturday.

Mr. Gust Tunstedt from Roseland was a Svea caller last Saturday.

A few young people from Svea attended the "Sock Social" in Dist. 57 last Thursday evening.

The Ladies' Aid society will have their yearly meeting Wednesday, Dec. 13 at the church.

Miss Mabel Gibson went to Oliver Blomquist's last Sunday to do some dressmaking.

Misses Mayme and Edith Westberg and Harold Nelson called at the

latter's home on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mayme Westberg is the assistant saleslady at the Co-operative Co.'s store during the holiday rush.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Swenson left on Monday for Minneapolis where they will spend a few days.

A few young people from Svea called at the E. R. Swenson home last Monday evening.

Grue, Dec. 11—A surprise party was sprung on Mr. and Mrs. Ole Dengerud on Saturday evening. They all enjoyed a good time.

M. C. Gunderson left on Sunday for Harrison where he has enlisted at Ed Feig's for the winter.

P. A. Erickson finished threshing last Tuesday, Dec. 5, putting in 70 days which seems to be just as long a run as the other "fellows."

The Young People's meeting held in our school house last Thursday evening was well attended, also the program took the record over the season's programs.

Miss Agnes Nelson and Mrs. Ed. Carlin spent a few days visiting at the home of John Carlin.

Carl C. W. Peterson spent Sunday at R. Kleven's.

Miss Helen Gunderson is doing some dressmaking for Mrs. F. A. Hanson in Willmar.

A. B. Kleven spent his vacation at his parental home the latter part of last week.

A few from here attended the "Red Hot" social in Dist. 33 last Saturday evening. A good time is reported.

Miss Agnes Erickson took the train to Willmar on Saturday, returning the same day.

August Dengerud of Irving attended the party Saturday evening.

Ole Anderson of Willmar visited in this neighborhood yesterday.

P. W. Pederson attended the funeral of Mrs. Estren in Willmar today.

A Jolly Christmas Game.

For a rousing Christmas game provide a number of large, rosy apples and as many trifling presents. Each boy or girl in turn is given a broad bladed knife, with which he or she must scoop up one piece of fruit. Balancing the apple on the knife blade, he must walk rapidly around the room. All those who succeed in carrying the fruit over the prescribed course are allowed to select one of the prizes as a reward, or a peanut may be carried on the knife blade if the stage manager prefers.

Well Connected.

"Yass, Clara. I can claim to be connected with the best families."
"Ah—yes: By telephone?"

DOVRE DOINGS

Dovre, Dec. 12—Lennus Carlson is at present working for Mr. I. C. Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Birkeland entertained a number of friends Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Arhus of Chippewa County arrived here yesterday. She will visit with friends and relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. O. Alvig leaves today for Montevideo where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dokken were the victims of an agreeable surprise some time ago. They were present at a beautiful dining table.

Miss Clara Holland is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Nels Anderson south of Willmar.

Mr. and Mrs. K. T. Rykken and their daughter Emma visited with their daughters, Mrs. Estness and Mrs. Shedeem, from Saturday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Enock Ekblad have moved onto the T. Larson farm. Mr. Ekblad has rented the farm for three years.

Mr. T. Larson and son Peter will leave for Donnelly this week. Mr. Larson will take a carload of grain and some horses with him.

Peter Larson visited with Charles Birkeland from Sunday till Monday.

Messrs. Sondre and Marcus Sondere have been shredding corn in this vicinity for some time.

Andrew Jacobson is husking corn for A. Dokken at present.

Mr. O. R. Sletten and another man in connection with the Farmers' Co-operative store of Willmar, were in this vicinity last week, trying to interest people in that enterprise.

Dickens' Christmas

From Works of Yuletide Author Whose Centenary Comes in February.

An angel, speaking to a group of shepherds in a field; some travelers, with eyes uplifted, following a star; a baby in a manger.

Happy, happy Christmas that can win us back to the delusion of our childish days; that can recall to the old man pleasures of his youth; that can transport the sailor and the traveler, thousands of miles away, back to his own fireside and his quiet home.

After dinner Caleb sung the song about the sparkling bowl. As I'm a living man, hoping to keep so for a year or two, he sung it through.

A merry Christmas and a happy New York to the old man, whatever he is!

He wouldn't take it from me, but he may have it nevertheless.

But my song I troll out for Christmas stout,

The hearty, the true and the bold.

A bumper I drain and, with might and main,

Give three cheers for this Christmas old!

We'll usher him in with a merry din

That shall gladden his joyous heart,

And we'll keep him up while there's bite or sup,

And in fellowship good we'll part.

We're to be together all the Christmas long

and have the merriest time in all the world.

Christmas was at hand in all his bluff and hearty honesty.

It was the season of hospitality, merriment and open heartedness.

The old year was preparing, like an ancient philosopher, to call his friends around him and, amid the sound of feasting and revelry, to pass gently and calmly away.

The tree was planted in the middle of a great round table and towered high above their heads.

It was brilliantly lighted by a multitude of little tapers and everywhere sparkled and glittered with bright objects.

Upon your own hearth, in its quiet sanctuary, surrounded by its gentle influences and associations, hear her, her me, hear everything that speaks the language of your hearth and home.

We all come home or ought to come home for a short holiday—the longer the better—from the great boarding school, where we are forever working at our arithmetical slates, to take and give a rest.

Holly, mistletoe, red berries, ivy, turkeys, geese, game, poultry, brown meal, pigs, sausages, oysters, pies, puddings, fruit and punch.

But hark! The waits are playing, and they break my childish sleep.

What images do I associate with the Christmas music as I see them set forth on the Christmas tree?

And numerous indeed are the hearts to which Christmas brings a brief season of happiness and enjoyment.

How many old recollections and how many dormant sympathies does Christmas time awaken!

Ancient Preservation of the Dead. Herodotus gives a good description of the manner in which the early Ethiopians preserved their dead.

Having thoroughly dried the corpse, they plastered it over with a paste made of gypsum and then painted the face and exposed parts so as to make them look as natural as possible.

Dead bodies served in this manner remained intact for hundreds of years.

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