

CHRISTMAS SPARKS

THE GLITTERING GLEM-ADORNED PRESENTS ARE TO BE THE SEASON'S FEATURE.

DIAMOND INITIALS CORRECT.

YOU MIGHT GIVE HER A FAN WITH HER INITIALS DONE IN JEWELS.

PRESENTS FOR BUSY WOMEN.

INDICATOR THAT HER IMPORTANCE IN THE COMMUNITY IS FULLY RECOGNIZED.

SOME GIFTS FOR MERE MEN.

Clever Mechanical Toys in Demand for Boys—Dolls That Possess Wardrobes for Girls.

It is going to be a diamond Christmas. Gems are to sparkle in dazzling splendor and scintillate on flashing beauty on the Christmas gifts that are presented by those who can afford to be generously up-to-date.

From Paris comes the news that the diamond initial is to be all the rage. It is to be woven in fantastic designs on the handles of the fan, it will seek to rival the brightness of its owner's eyes when she holds her smelling salt bottle in close proximity to the tip of her delicate nose; it will gleam and glow on breast pin and watch case, and will radiate in warmth and splendor wherever the art of man fastens it.

But while it is entertaining to read that diamonds are to be lavishly displayed on the presents given during the coming Christmas, to the great majority of the people gifts of a less costly nature are a subject of more practical interest.

A significant indication of the changing condition in the life of lovely woman is the fact that many of the presents intended for the shape of the world take the shape of articles for office use. These are dainty ink stands of cut glass, gold pen holders, silver-mounted blotting paper holders, ivory paper cutters and ivory mounted calligraphs, artistically painted by hand.

It is in the toy shop, however, where children's hearts will be gladdened, that one turns with most satisfaction. Here are concentrated in miniature form all the wild beasts of this and other ages, all the articles of furniture in use and out of use, tables, chairs, desks, beds, but makes a very comfortable chair at a price.

Concerning this latter all-important item in the list for Christmas presentation the greatest novelty is a doll that can be completely dressed and undressed, every article of apparel being as carefully cut and as accurately made as though the great man milliner himself had stepped from his Parisian pinnacled and consulted himself for the nonce chief designer and dressmaker to the doll family of Christendom.

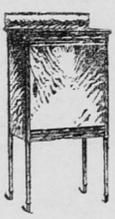
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A Great Furniture Selling.

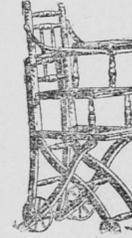
A SPECIAL HOLIDAY STOCK FOR YOUR INSPECTION.

Furniture for the holidays at surprising reductions. The sort of gift the recipient will be thankful for and constantly reminded of. This list and a visit to our furniture floor will do more toward convincing you than a column advertisement.

Standing Music Cabinet, with door, lock and key. Made in two woods, antique oak or mahogany finish; highly polished and very ornamental.



Stands 40 inches high, 19 inches wide, 13 inches deep, with movable shelves. Price, any wood, \$4.95.

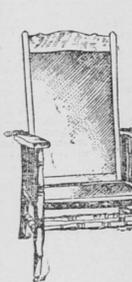


Combination high and carriage chair, cane seat; the best made and very durable; finish light, antique imitation mahogany. Cheaper Chairs do not compare with this one. Over 30,000 in use. Price, each, \$2.65.

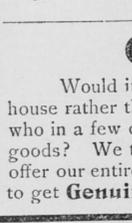
As a Carriage.



Ladies' rocker, made of elm, antique finish, turned spindles; a very showy rocker. Price, each, \$1.45.



Reclining chair, made of solid oak, close woven cane seat, very large. Back reclines to several positions, supported by brass rod. Makes a very comfortable chair at a price.



Plant stand, made of solid oak, antique or forest green finish, imitation mahogany, six-cornered polished top, 13x13-inch; height 18 inches. Price, any wood, \$1.45.

500 UNIQUE FOOT STOOLS. CARPET FLOOR. Strong and Decorative.

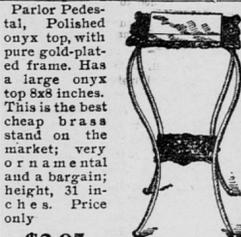
Inch thick base, malleable iron legs, upholstered in Velvet and Moquette Carpet, pretty patterns and rich colorings, all the wood and iron parts are richly gilded. Prices, 75c, 95c, \$1.25.



Parlor Table, made of birch, mahogany polish finish, with 18-inch inlaid top and rim. Inlaid tables have heretofore been expensive. This table we buy by the thousand, so as to sell them at \$1.98.

Parlor Table, same with 24-inch top. Price, \$3.45.

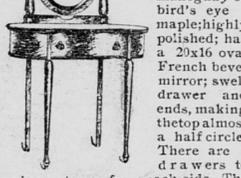
Parlor Table, same with 29-inch top. Price, \$4.95.



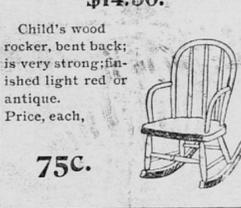
Parlor Pedestal, polished onyx top, with pure gold-plated frame. Has a large onyx top 8x8 inches. This is the best cheap brass stand on the market; very ornamental and a bargain; height, 31 inches. Price only \$2.95.



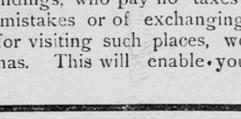
Lady's Writing Desk, just the thing for a present; it is made in 3 woods—antique oak, mahogany finish, & bird's eye maple—all highly polished; stands 42 inches high, 24 inches wide and 15 inches deep, with molding around top—large writing lid. Price, any wood, \$4.95.



Toilet table, or lady's dressing stand—made in two woods, solid mahogany or bird's eye maple; highly polished; has a 20x16 oval French bevel mirror; swell drawer and ends, making the top almost a half circle. There are 2 drawers to swing out, one from each side. The glass frame is nicely carved; extreme height 59 inches; width 34 inches; depth 19 inches. Price choice solid mahogany or bird's-eye maple \$14.50.



Child's High Chair. Wood seat, with new patent throw-over table, made in hardwood, antique oak finish. Only \$75c. Same without table. Price each, \$60c.



Child's wood rocker, bent back; is very strong; finished light red or antique. Price, each, 75c.

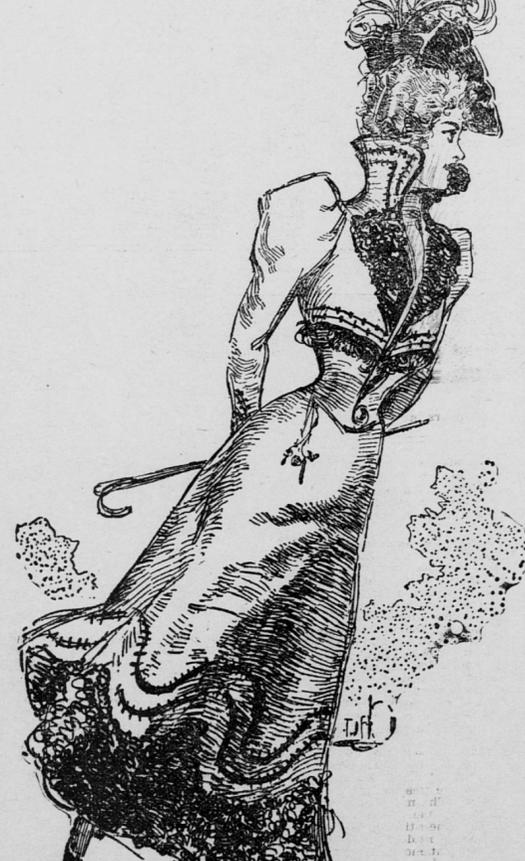
Oriental Rugs at Half-Price.

Would it not be a wiser, safer, surer plan to buy Rugs of an old, well-established house rather than to patronize the renters of empty store buildings, who pay no taxes; who in a few days steal away leaving no means of rectifying mistakes or of exchanging goods? We think so, and, that you may have no excuse for visiting such places, we offer our entire Oriental Rug stock at half-price till Christmas. This will enable you to get Genuine goods at less than Auction prices.

PARDEE HALL BURNED.

Easton, Pa., Dec. 18.—Pardee hall, the magnificent four-story stone structure that stood on the brow of College hill, this city, and was the pride of Lafayette college, was badly damaged by fire early this morning. Only the east wing was saved from the flames. The center of the structure and the entire west wing were gutted and only the blackened walls are left standing. Besides the damage to the building, thousands of dollars worth of valuable property belonging to professors at the college were destroyed by the flames. A heavy portion falls on J. Madison Porter, professor of civil and topographical engineering. His machinery, instruments, etc., were valued at \$15,000, on which there was no insurance. Dr. T. C. Porter's botanical collection, probably the finest in the United States, was also destroyed. The Ward library, consisting of 10,000 volumes of valuable books is in the ruins, along with a valuable museum of minerals and birds. The fire was discovered at 5 o'clock this morning, but it had evidently been burning a long time. The flames raged so fiercely and spread so rapidly, aided by a stiff wind from the west, that for three hours the work of the firemen was of no avail. The aid came from Philadelphia, N. J.

THE ICE QUEEN.



KODAKS! FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS, AT ZIMMERMAN BROS. 375 Minnesota Street.

The Annual Exhibit And Christmas sale of art work is now open at St. Agatha's Conservatory of Music and Art, 22 East Exchange street, and will continue until Christmas. Many pretty novelties in water colors and decorated china are shown. The exhibit is public, and no invitations will be issued.

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