

ALL KINDS OF FRUIT

—FOR YOUR—

CHRISTMAS TABLE

Our display is well worth a visit if you are wondering what kind of Fruit to favor. Come and choose here. There is so much to choose from that choice will be easy. Buying, too, for our prices make it so. We have the largest variety in the city.

Mixed Nuts, per pound	15c	Extra Fancy Dates, three pounds for	25c
Fancy 1911 Mixed Nuts, two pounds for	35c	Fancy Turkey Figs, per pound	18c
New English Walnuts, per pound	20c	Our special Christmas Mixture, per pound	10c
Fresh Roasted Peanuts, three quarts for	25c	Pure Ribbon Candy, two pounds for	25c
Sweet Florida Oranges, 16 for	25c	Golden Vale Bananas, per dozen	25c
Fancy Floridas, per dozen	25c, 30c, 35c	Malaga Grapes, two pounds for	25c
These are very juicy and sweet.		Fancy Tangerines, 16 for	25c
Fancy California Navels, per doz.	30c, 35c	It is a pleasant surprise for any girl to receive a box of our delicious Chocolates, and she will think much of the giver and his good taste. We have a large variety to choose from.	
Fancy Lemons, very juicy, per doz.	25c, 30c		
Large Florida Grape Fruit, three for	25c		

Telephone, 23-W. All Orders Promptly Filled

Buy your confectionery here. We have the largest assortment in the city. It is our enormous output that makes our confectionery always fresh.

We make a specialty of Fancy Baskets of Mixed Fruit. Come and see them if you wish to make a present.

FREE DELIVERY

DIVERSI FRUIT CO.

Come in and look around. Corner of Merchant St. THE STORE WITH THE BIG STOCK AND SMALL PRICES

Wholesale and Retail Dealers

TALK OF THE TOWN

Saturday at the Red Cross the largest candy sale they ever had will take place commencing in the morning. Five hundred pounds of Quimby's mixed chocolates will be offered at 2 pounds for 25c while they last. Also hundreds of boxes of Apollo and Liggett's at 40c to \$2.50 each. Get Christmas candies at the Red Cross.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Auction sale at the City Auction this afternoon and evening. For Sale—For a few days only, a six room cottage on North Seminary street. Rents for \$12 a month, is always rented. The price is only \$1,100, if sold before January 1, 1912. Small payment down. Inquire at the F. B. Cate Real Estate office for description.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Poultry show at Montpelier next week. Special fruit prices for this week. 18 sweet oranges for 25 cents, 16 sweet oranges for 25 cents and up. Malaga grapes, 2 pounds for 25 cents, 16 bananas for 25 cents, extra large-sized bananas, 25 cents per dozen. All kinds of fruit in season, choice and fresh at the lowest prices. United Fruit store.

Christmas Dinner Good Things

"WHERE QUALITY COUNTS"

Economical Prices Rule Here this Week!

Native Vermont Turkeys—Young, stall fed, prime and plump, weigh 8 to 15 pounds, per pound	28c, 30c, 32c
Native Geese—Mighty fine ones, weight 8 to 14 pounds, per pound	22c
Native Ducks—Fancy stock, as fine as you ever set tooth to, weigh 3 to 5 lbs., per lb.	22c
Native Chickens—Corn fed, first-class condition, weigh 3 to 6 lbs., per lb.	22c
Native Fowls—Good enough for anybody to eat, weigh 4 to 6 lbs., per lb.	20c
Prime Roast Western Beef, very best, according to cut, per lb.	14c to 18c
Best Roast Native Lamb—Loin or leg, choice, per lb.	20c
Fancy Roast Native Pork—Per lb.	15c to 18c
Finest Native Veal—Per lb.	18c

Handful of Parsley free of charge with every meat order.

Pascal and Boston Celery, per bunch	18c	Spanish Onions, per lb.	5c
Fancy Boston Head Lettuce, two for	25c	Hubbard Squash, whole, per pound	4c
Fresh, crisp Radishes, per bunch	7c	White Parsnips, per pound	5c
Spinach, full flavored, per peck	35c	Sweet Potatoes, four pounds for	25c
Cape Cod Cranberries, two quarts for	25c	Nice Turnips, per pound	2c
Cucumbers, fresh and crisp. See them.		Eating Apples, per peck	35c

Large Malaga Grapes, two pounds for 25c

Please order early in the week. We'll deliver at any time and any place you say. Send the children for things—they will leave here with what you want. Come in yourself. We're open Friday and Saturday nights this week. Closed all day Monday, Christmas.

TASSIE BROTHERS

Tel. 64-W

Use It

Dr. Perkins' Fee

It Came to Him on Christmas Eve

By F. A. MITCHEL

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Dr. Edward Perkins was a surgeon who possessed one requisite for his profession, and in the place where another should have been there was a vacuum. He was a wonder in both diagnosis and in operating, but he had no ability to put on that urbanity which goes so far with a patient. Indeed, had the doctor not been recommended by other physicians he would never have worked his way into a practice. As it was, he had all the patients he wished, more than he wished, for many of them he treated without pay.

"That's a peculiar feature of our profession," he said. "A merchant may decline to sell a man goods without price, but a doctor who will decline to treat a sick person without a fee should be drummed out of the medical fraternity."

But the doctor wore himself out, as many physicians are doing nowadays, by trying to do more than he could. The day before Christmas, after office hours, a well dressed man came into his office and asked the doctor to perform an operation on a member of his family.

"I can't," said the doctor. "I'm used up."

"What do you usually charge for performing such an operation?" asked the gentleman.

"A thousand dollars," replied the doctor, hoping to head the man off by the enormity of the amount.

"I'll give you \$2,000."

"Don't want it. Go to Dr. Gullford. He's a better man at that than I in that line."

"But I want you."

"Well, you can't get me, and that's all there is about it. Good morning."

The gentleman retired, and the doctor, throwing himself on a lounge, pressed his hand to his throbbing temples. The door had been left unguarded, and a ragamuffin boy stepped into the room.

"Get out o' here!" shouted the doctor.

"But I've got the fee," said the boy, looking at the doctor pleadingly.

"The fee?"

"Yes; mother told me all about the doctors when she give it to me. She said the hardest thing me and the kids would have to meet was sickness and the doctors wouldn't do nothing for us without the fee. Reckon she died, cos none of 'em wouldn't cure her, cos she hadn't no money to pay 'em. She left the kids in my charge. 'Llie's down sick, and it's Christmas eve."

Meanwhile the boy was fumbling in his pocket and pulled out a silver half dollar, blackened through disuse. Approaching the doctor, he handed it to him. The doctor took it.

"How did you happen to come to me?" asked the surgeon.

"I saw the sawbones sign."

"Never heard of Dr. Perkins?"

"No; I only knowed you was a pill shover."

"Where do you live?"

"Out on the Parkeville road. I walked the hull six miles."

The doctor pulled himself off the couch, called for his automobile and prepared to go out. Entering a closet where he kept gifts from "grateful patients," he took down a thousand dollars' worth of presents that had been made him, in addition to his regular fees. Taking the boy with him, he went to the house of sickness. He found three little children in one room, a girl of six in a high fever. He bent down over her with the first kindly expression on his face that any patient had thus far seen there, smoothed her brow with his hand and talked to her about a lot of nice things he was going to send her. Then he took some tablets from his bag and instructed the head of the family—the boy who had summoned him—as to their use.

The doctor's next act was to draw from his overcoat pocket the presents from "grateful patients" and hand them to the boy.

"Take care of these, sonny," he said, "and when you want any money sell one of them. If anybody suspects you of having stolen them send him to me. They'll last you some time, and when they're gone I'll give you some more."

"But don't you want 'em?" asked the astonished boy.

"Want 'em? No. Hav'nt I got your fee instead? They have all been given me by rich people, some of them in genuine gratitude, others to make sure they can get me when they want me. They are better employed in your service than laying in my closet. I wish I had time; I'd try to get you fixed up in better shape. But I can't do that; I am breaking down from overwork. Good by, little girl; take your medicine bravely, and I'll tell Mrs. Doctor to send you or bring you all the nice things I've been telling you about."

Then, instructing the boy to step into a telephone station the next day and let him know how his sister was, the doctor got into his auto and his chauffeur took him home.

Christmas morning Mrs. Doctor stopped in her automobile at the house of "me and the kids" and, loaded with toys, good things to eat and clothing, went to the room where they lived and found the patient much improved. The gifts completed her recovery, and the children spent what was for them a merry Christmas.

Dr. Perkins keeps the silver half dollar for a pocket piece, and of all his fees he prizes it most.

Ladies' Home Journal at Pitts'

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Fletcher

TALK OF THE TOWN

Holly wreaths at Kendrick's drug store.

Why not a fan or umbrella for that remembrance? New ones are here. Henry W. Knight, successor to Veale & Knight.

What will please her more than a Universal food chopper, coffee percolator or a nice carving set? At the N. D. Thoms Co.

W. H. Messer, carpenter, builder and slate roofer, 123 Orange street, telephone 351-M. First-class workmen furnished by the day or hour.

There will be a public dance at Howland hall Monday, Dec. 25, with Riley's orchestra, from 8 till 1. Admission, 50c for gents, 10c for ladies.

See our new stock of pipes before Christmas. We have the latest designs, from one cent up to \$20. G. W. Lander, 92 North Main street. Our prices are the lowest.

For watches, clocks, rings, bracelets, fobs brooch pins, lockets and chains, cut glass and optical goods and engraving while you wait, go to E. O. Holmes, jeweler, Gordon block.

If it is a nice cenary you wish to give some friend for Christmas, you will find nice singers, also females to raise from, either singly or in pairs, at Mrs. George E. C. Wheaton's. Tel. 390-11.

Grand ball Christmas night, Dec. 25, under auspices of the N. E. O. P. Miles hall. Dancing 8 p. m. to 1. N. E. O. P. orchestra; E. W. Bruce, leader. Per couple, 50c; extra ladies, 10c. Refreshments included.

I will make post cards for seventy-five cents a dozen for the remainder of this week, also 24 small photos for 25 cents. All size photographs taken day or night. J. O. Beckley, photographer, over Eastern Estate Tea Co., up one flight.

During all the Christmas rush, keep in mind the Depot Square Drug store is prepared to dispense drugs and medicines as they should be, with the same thoroughness as always, at living prices. Corner Main and Merchant streets.

"Belle Mead Sweets" are put up in attractive but not expensive packages, thus proving that it's the contents, not the box, that appeals to the customer. Absolutely pure and fresh, is the guarantee that goes with every package. Exclusive agency at the Barre Drug Co., corner Main and Merchant streets.

EAST BARRE.

Mrs. Robert Watson has been ill the past few days, but is now on the gain.

Miss Julia Hagan has been assisting in McAllister Bros' store the past few days.

The Christmas tree and exercises of the Congregational Sunday school will be held in the church Monday evening.

At a meeting of Court Phil Sheridan, held Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chief ranger, Michael David; sub-chief ranger, Robert Donald; treasurer, Geo. Lawson; financial secretary, J. P. Hagan; recording secretary, C. E. Smith; past chief ranger, Ralph Vinal; S. W., Irving Lacia; J. W., Frank Gault; S. E., Alfred Lawson; J. B., Nelson Pelby; three-years trustee, Fred Labounty; lecturer, W. F. Blanchard; physician, N. E. Avery.

Holiday Greetings

By Western Union "Day Letters" and "Night Letters."

Telephone for special Holiday blanks.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

WEBSTERVILLE.

The Christmas tree and exercises in connection with St. John the Baptist Episcopal church, will be held on Saturday evening, Dec. 23, in the vestry of the church. The children are asked to be at the church not later than a quarter of seven. Program to begin dancing at 8 o'clock. All who are connected with the church are invited to be present.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

The high school has closed for a vacation over Christmas and New Year's. There will be Christmas exercises and a tree at the Methodist church Monday evening. Carl Killam, principal of the high school, left last night for his home in Boxford, Mass., to spend the Christmas vacation.

Silence!

The instinct of modesty natural to every woman is often a great hindrance to the cure of womanly diseases. Women shrink from the personal questions of the local physician which seem indelicate. The thought of examination is abhorrent to them, and so they endure in silence a condition of disease which surely progresses from bad to worse.

It has been Dr. Pierce's privilege to cure a great many women who have found a refuge for modesty in his offer of FREE consultation by letter. All correspondence is held as sacredly confidential. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription restores and regulates the womanly functions, abolishes pain and builds up and puts the finishing touch of health on every weak woman who gives it a fair trial.

It Makes Weak Women Strong, Sick Women Well.

You can't afford to accept a secret nostrum as a substitute for this non-alcoholic medicine of known composition.



Christmas Is Here

Once More, and We Are Still at the Same Old Stand

Come One! Come All!

Our patrons of last year, no doubt, were satisfied with their purchases which they made, BUT we are going to do more this Christmas than we did last.

Our specialty this year consists of all the most fancy Fruit and Confectionery.

Our special prices for Saturday are as follows:

Sweet Floridas, 16 for	25c	Golden Vale Bananas at a price that is satisfactory to all.	
Fancy Floridas, per dozen	25c, 35c, 40c, 45c	Imported Italian Dry Figs, per pound	15c
Fancy California Navels, per dozen	30c, 35c, 45c, 50c and up	Fancy Fresh Figs, per pound	20c
A fine line of Juicy Lemons, per dozen	25c, 30c	Fancy Fresh Dates, three pounds for	25c
Florida Fancy Grape Fruit, 3 for	25c	Special Table Raisins for your Xmas dinner; also Plain and Stuffed Olives.	
We also have the famous Johnaton Apples from the state of Washington.		1911 Mixed Nuts, two pounds for	35c
Fancy Pears for your Xmas dinner.		New English Walnuts, per lb.	20c
Fancy Malaga Grapes, 2 lbs. for	25c	Pure Ribbon Candy, two pounds for	25c
Fancy Tangerines at all prices.			

Also come in and look over our Confectionery. We have a large assortment of fancy boxes of delicious Chocolate Creams, ranging from one-half to five pounds.

Fancy Basket Mixed Fruit

Come in and look them over if you wish to make a Christmas gift. They will be a pleasure to any friend.

We have a large variety of imported Italian canned goods.

Each person making a purchase will receive a coupon which will entitle them to a chance on a Violin and a five pound box of Chocolates.

REMEMBER THE PLACE

THE VERMONT FRUIT COMPANY

Telephone, 163-W Special Delivery

It has the best location and reputation in the city. It is a modern and up-to-date store.