

Santa Claus Headquarters

LOCATED AT

YOUNG & McCOMBS

1725 Second Avenue.

Crockery, Glassware and Lamps.

In this department you will find a beautiful display of fine China, Brin-n-Brae, Artware, Dinnerware and Silver-plated ware. Just the thing for Christmas gifts.

Bonquet Lamps at \$1.75, \$4.95 and \$2.25.

Vases at 8c, 18c and 45c.

Rock Bowls, medium size, 10c; large size, 15c.

A large assortment of fine China Cake Trays, hand painted decorations, at 25c.

Fine English under glaze fireproof Tea Pots, each 25c.

100 dozen nicely engraved Tumblers, per dozen, 45c; 100 dozen blown and engraved Tumblers, each 5c.

We show the largest assortment of Wine Glasses of any house in the west at 5c each and up.

Real cut glass Salts and Peppers at 19c each. Do not miss this.

Shell Cups, gold lined, assorted shapes and decorations, in beautiful tints, at 15c each.

Mustache Cups and Saucers, extra size, assorted decorations and shapes, at 19c.

A. D. Coffee Cups and Saucers, shapes very new, at 10c.

Onyx Table, gold lacquer, open work in frame, \$5.95.

Onyx Table, finest finish Onyx top and base, real gold plate, worth \$12, for this sale \$8.25.

Fine imported glass Water Sets, assorted decorations and colors, all go at \$1.59 per set.

Cap Salts and Peppers in a rich gold finish. They sell everywhere at 25c. Our price for this sale 10c each.

Blue Delftware goods are now all the rage. We have them in the shape of Lamps, Plaques, Pin Trays, Sugar and Cream sets, etc.

100 Cuspidors, in assorted colors, at 10c each.

100 Carlsbad China Cuspidors, gold trimmed, beautiful decorations, 49c. Dinner sets of 100 pieces, finely decorated and gold finished at \$25.35, others at \$16.50 and \$6.50.

Triple plate Fruit Knives, 75c per set.

Nut Crack and Picks, triple plate, 75c per set.

Rogers' triple plate Knives and Forks, \$2.75 per set.

Rogers' triple plate Spoons, 98c per set.

Young & McCombs

1725 Second Avenue. ROCK ISLAND

WE GREET YOU

And invite you to come in and look over one of the most complete stocks of Holiday Novelties and finest quality Jewelry ever exhibited in this city. Do your trading where an established reputation warrants continued confidence.

HOLIDAY OPENING.

H. D. FOLSOM, The Jeweler.
1703 Second Avenue.

Are You In a Stew



Because Christmas is so near and you do not know what to buy? Call at our store and get something useful as well as ornamental. See our Fine Table and Pocket Cutlery, Rogers' Silver Plated Goods, and Fine Carver Sets.

The Finest Line of Tea and Coffee Pots in the City. Prices way Down! Quality the Very Best!

Allen, Myers & Company

1821 Second Ave. Opposite the Harper House

RECTOR AND ROGUE

Rev. R. F. Sweet's Encounter With a Burglar.

BOTH ARE WONDERFULLY COOL.

Intruder is Struck With the Quiet Fearlessness of the Priest, Whom He Awakens and Confronts With a Fearless Experience Indeed—Other Burglaries.

Rev. R. F. Sweet talked calmly for fully 15 minutes shortly after midnight last night in his bed chamber at Trinity rectory with a burglar who had awakened him on entering. It was one of the most remarkable experiences that it befalls man to undergo, and people who have often told what they would do on encountering a burglar may learn from Mr. Sweet what he did and how he at least felt under the ordeal.

Mr. Sweet's sleeping apartment is on the main floor of the rectory on the opposite side of the hall from the parlor and like it faces Sixth avenue, while in the rear of it is his study. He had not been asleep long when he was suddenly awakened by an unusual sound like someone walking heavily about. He had scarcely collected his thoughts when the muzzle of a revolver was thrust under his nose with the admonition: "Keep still!"

Comprehending the situation in an instant Mr. Sweet promptly exclaimed: "Hello, what are you doing here? What right have you in my room?"

"I want your money!" was the calm but emphatic reply.

"There it is in my clothes; take it!" responded the rector in a tone of undismayed submission that seemed to unnerv the intruder.

"How much have you got?" next asked the burglar.

"Very little, indeed. I am a priest and do not keep much money in the house, and that generally belongs to the parish church or Sunday school. But what little I have is there in my clothes."

The burglar diligently searched the trunks, which were on a chair near the bed and soon found a small purse from which he took some two dollars in small change, and then turning reproachfully to the rector, said bluntly: "You are lying to me; you have got more money than this."

"I am not lying to you," quietly retorted Mr. Sweet. "Perhaps I have more money, and I might still not have much."

"Well, I want the rest," said the scamp as he dived into another pocket and there found a pocket-book. Opening it he took from one of the compartments a number of private papers.

"These are not money," he said with an air of disappointment.

Rector was Undismayed.

"I know they are not," was Mr. Sweet's calm rejoinder. "Those are my railroad passes, calling cards and other private papers, and they will be of no use to you, so put them back."

Struck with the fact that he had met his match, the rogue replied: "Well, I guess you're right." So he put the papers back where he had found them and then looking further discovered a 10-dollar note. This he pocketed, but mistook it for a bill of smaller denomination, evidently, for he again repeated his insulting assertion to Mr. Sweet: "I believe you are lying to me about what money you have," but with an air of abruptness he demanded: "Where is your vest?"

"There," said Mr. Sweet, as cool as ever.

The burglar searched it, but was disappointed.

"Where is your watch?" he insisted.

"It is not here."

"Sit up!" he exclaimed.

Mr. Sweet responded.

The burglar searched under the pillows and between the mattresses, but without success.

Mr. Sweet thought it was his turn now, so he asked in an ordinary tone: "Are you a professional burglar?"

"Shut up, or I'll put a bullet in you," was the stern retort.

"That would do you no good, and would only do me harm, besides you need fear no alarm. There are only two of us in the house—myself and the servant, whose room is on another floor, and there will be no outcry, so there is no occasion for your shooting."

Taken again with the undisturbed demeanor of the minister, the burglar became more communicative.

"No, I am not a professional," he replied.

"Well, can you find no better occupation than this prowling about, especially when it is so nearly approaching the anniversary of the coming of our Lord to save sinners? Besides, do you not know that the crime you are committing is apt to lead to something more dreadful? You may murder, or you may be murdered."

"Yes, I may be killed yet tonight."

"Well, would you not prefer to be found in some other occupation when death comes?"

"I do not know as it makes any difference," he replied with something of a sigh.

"Why do you follow this sort of a life?"

"To keep from starving."

"Have you no wife or children?"

The man paused and was indispensed to answer, but deliberately seating himself on the foot of the bed seemed to forget his surround-

ings and was for an instant absorbed in meditation.

"Yes, I have a wife, but no children," was all he said as he arose.

"Now," expostulated Mr. Sweet, "it seems to me you had better change your way of living. Can you not get an honest means of support?"

"No, I cannot."

"Yes, you can, there are many who will help you. I would much prefer to give or loan you that money you have than to have you take in that way."

But the burglar started to go, speaking as he withdrew about the noise he had made as he entered the house and asking Mr. Sweet if he was not a pretty sound sleeper. Mr. Sweet replied that on the contrary he was not, particularly as he had been unwell during the day and had been very restless before falling to sleep.

"I suppose you will notify the police?" said the nery intruder.

"I shall not get up tonight," replied Mr. Sweet, "as I am afflicted with rheumatism and it might be my death to expose myself, so please close the door as you go out, and do not go near the servant's room, as you would scare her to death and gain nothing."

"I will not," was the assurance.

"Thanks!" said Mr. Sweet.

The burglar withdrew, but soon reentered the hall.

"Now what do you want?" called out the rector.

"I simply came back to exchange hats with you," and by the way, that money I got is a 10-dollar bill."

"I am sorry to have you take my hat because it is a good one, and am sorry you got that money that way," was Mr. Sweet's reply. But the burglar left without changing hats.

How He Gained Entrance.

The intruder entered by a rear window by boring a couple of holes near the sash latch and raising it. He got in on the small-landing on the stairs leading to the basement, and then walked up to the main hall and through the rector's study to his bed chamber.

Mr. Sweet lost, in addition to about \$12 in money, a small pocket knife which the visitor also took a fancy to, but nothing else was disturbed in the house.

The servant heard the disturbance in the house, and also the conversation, but supposed it was a late parish caller whom Mr. Sweet had admitted on an important mission.

Mr. Sweet describes the man—although he could, owing to the dim light in the room, get but a faint idea of his appearance—as about 28 to 30 years of age, clad in a suit of light brown and wearing a derby hat. He was unmasked and his tone of voice not unpleasant.

OTHER HOUSES BURGLARIZED.

Residences of Tyler Robinson and Martin Frick Entered.

The residences of Tyler Robinson, at 616 Twentieth street, and Martin Frick, at 828 Nineteenth street, were also entered in the same manner which characterized the visit to Trinity rectory. It is supposed the one man is responsible for the three burglaries. Mr. Frick's daughter was awakened shortly after 1 o'clock by a disturbance in her bed chamber. It was the burglar. She screamed. This frightened him and he rapidly decamped.

It is supposed he then came down to the Robinson residence. His entrance here occasioned no alarm to the family, who slept on until this morning, only to discover that some one had been there, but had taken nothing.

After the Request.

Before Benson Huntley died at Preemption among other bequests he left one of \$1,000 to the Foreign Missionary society, but did not stipulate which organization. But he named Isaac Errett, of Cincinnati, secretary of the Christian Missionary society, trustee of the fund, which it is supposed he intended for the society which Mr. Errett represented.

As Mr. Errett died before the testator there remained no one to claim the bequest and it was accordingly turned into the Rock Island county treasury. The Christian Missionary society has become acquainted with the circumstances and has accordingly commenced suit in the county court in the name of Mr. Errett's successor, Lewis Loos, to make good the claim of the money. Sweeney & Walker represent the society.

The Farmers' Institute.

The next Rock Island County Farmers' institute will be held at Port Byron Friday, Jan. 3, when addresses will be made by Dr. W. H. Lyford, Thomas Campbell, W. F. Crawford, S. W. Heath, Rev. Dr. J. G. Evans, president of Hedding college; an essay will be read by Mrs. J. W. Simonson, and a recitation given by Miss Cora David. Will Ashdown, A. Sadoris, P. F. Cox and W. S. McCullough are to participate in the discussions. There is to be music and other entertaining features.

The Modern Mother.

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant laxative, Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup company only.

Holiday Rates.

Dec. 24, 25 and 31, and Jan. 1, the C. & N. P. railway will sell holiday excursion tickets to all stations within a radius of 200 miles at one- and-one-third fare for the round trip. Return limit Jan. 2, 1896.

BRIDGE IS BARRED.

Foot Passengers Cannot Longer Cross It.

WORK OF DISMANTLING BEGUN.

Street Car Traffic Over this Line Suspended and Men Laid Off—Operations to be Pushed With all Possible Speed in the Meantime.

The skilled labor of the Phoenix Bridge company will for a period of three weeks at least not be disturbed in the work of reconstructing the Rock Island bridge, by the passer by. The bridge is barred to all comers. None can cross except by train, the Rock Island road, of course, occupying its tracks right on the upper deck and will continue to uninterruptedly. As stated last night it was found yesterday that operations toward dismantling of the lower portion preparatory to replacing the old parts with new steel had advanced so far as to involve danger to all pedestrians, and hence Col. Buffington's order closing the bridge to all pedestrians at once. This went into effect this morning and consequently the street cars on the bridge line which have been running to either side of the draw span over which passengers were transferred by ascending to the upper deck and crossing the protected causeway and descending again to the cars, were withdrawn temporarily. Assistant to President Lardner stated last evening that as far as the company was concerned it had no particular regrets, as business under the circumstances had been fraught with so many disadvantages that there was no profit in this particular branch of the system, but that the company was anxious to keep cars running in order to accommodate the public and keep the men employed, about a dozen of the latter of whom would now necessarily be temporarily laid off.

Work of Replacing the Structure.

The work of dismantling is now about ready to proceed. The immense traveler with which the material of the old bridge is to be lifted out of its place in the present structure, and replaced with the new bridge that is to be erected in its stead, has been erected. The three huge bents that mainly compose it had been framed and were resting on the bridge structure, waiting only to be hoisted to a vertical position, and framed together. This has been done, and the traveler is ready for business. It is over 100 feet from the water, and strong enough to lift any part of the bridge that may be brought to it. And while traffic is suspended the operations will be pushed as expeditiously as possible. It is understood that while the announcement is that the bridge is to be closed indefinitely, it will be in shape for use again in about three weeks. There may be further necessity for closing it after that, but after two or three weeks it is probable that it can be used for a short time at least.

Travel Meanwhile.

Meanwhile the Rock Island will continue its hourly trains between the two cities, and the ferry will handle the general traffic as long as the elements will admit. The boat will run nightly until 10 o'clock, and tonight and tomorrow night the last boat will leave Davenport at 11:15 in order to accommodate those attending the shows in that city.

There are two reasonable things which everybody should do: Take good care of one's health, and if lost, regain it quickly, and to this everybody will agree. And there are a great multitude of people who are agreed that for both purposes Simmons Liver Regulator is the best helper. "I am troubled with torpid liver and nothing gives relief so quick like Simmons Liver Regulator."—R. R. Strange, Eike City, Ia.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call at M. F. Bahnsen's drug store and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar (50 cents) which always gives relief.

All the Season's Delicacies

CAN be found at BLAKESLEY & McDONALD'S.

Malaga Grapes, Choice Oranges, New Figs, Nuts and Dates, Extra Choice Apples, Big Line of Candies, Foreign and Domestic Cheese

Drop in and see our Elegant Store and Display.

BLAKESLEY & McDONALD, 2304 Fifth Ave. Phone 1196.

McCABE'S

Handkerchiefs.

Final rally on handkerchiefs for the wind up. A half, a third, a quarter value.

That tremendous purchase which we announced last week has taken the town by storm. Low bought, low sold was never more true than here, but now comes a lowering of the already lowest of prices, and all are invited, as there would seem to be plenty for everyone, but we cannot promise late comers.

Kid Gloves.

Have you ever heard any of your lady friends say they had too many kid gloves?

Here is a pointer: From now until Christmas eve, we shall give with every pair of Kid Gloves sold, a handsome Glove Buttoner.

We, no doubt, have the finest selection of Kid Gloves in this part of Illinois.

Anywhere from one to a half dozen pairs make a most acceptable holiday present.

Candy Department.

To make you remember Christmas 1895 as long as you live, and to impress on your minds indelibly that it was at our store where you bought nearly all your presents this year, we have decided on a grand carnival for today and tomorrow, 300 pounds of our finest Bon Bons, Chocolates and Creams, both plain and with nut tops, all worth 50c a pound, put up in handsome souvenir boxes at 25c a box. Half pound French Fruits, finest imported goods, the regular 50c boxes, at only 25c.

Jewelry Department.

A blaze of brilliancy. 1000 different and distinct Christmas presents waiting for you in this department. STERLING SILVER NOVELTIES FOR MEN.

Suspenders, Razors, Military Brushes, Combs, Hat Markers, Pipes, Cigar Cutters, Bag Tags, etc.

STERLING SILVER NOVELTIES FOR THE LADIES.

Hair Brushes, Manicure Scissors, Picture Frames, Bonnet Brushes, Manicure Sets, Pin Trays, Combs, Ring Trees, Buckles, and hundreds of other Novelties, you must come and see.

SPECIAL DISPLAY.

A Grand display of Gents' and Ladies' Gold Watches, all the newest things. Special display of Fine Rings.

Crockery Department.

Never such a stir in china as in our Crockery Department. Lamps at less than other dealers pay. Haviland china at less than ever before. You can make no mistake on the presents if you buy here. Cheap or not, they will be pretty, useful and acceptable.

Books! Books!

In our Book Department a lot of cutting and slashing will be done. We shall sell full sets of Thackeray, (10 volumes) list price \$10 per set, our price has been \$1.87, they go now at \$1.50.

Down go the 12-Mo. cloth bound books to 7c, 7c, 7c, 7c, 7c.

Down go a lot of others, down they go.

McCABE BROS.

1720, 1722, 1724, 1726 and 1728 Second Avenue.

We Know You

Are looking for good things for Christmas presents, and it would only be a waste of time and words to try and enumerate all the bright and new styles we have prepared for this Christmas. If you desire to see an up-to-date, and a little beyond, line of Furnishing Goods, now is the time and this is the place to make your purchases in

Neckwear,
Mufflers,
Handkerchiefs,
Gloves,
Mackintoshes,
Umbrellas,

Hostery,
Underwear,
Suspenders,
Mittens,
Jersey Office Coats,
Canes.

Sommers & LaVelle

1804 Second Avenue. One Price.

\$2 YOUR CHOICE FOR \$2 A PAIR.



Ladies' cloth top welt, pat. tip.	reg. price	\$5.00
" " long welt, plain,	"	4.00
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" " well " " "	"	3.50
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We are bound to close the above goods out, and by offering them at \$2 a pair, every lady ought to secure a pair before they are all sold. Convince yourself by calling on us to examine the goods.

Remember it only takes \$2 to secure a pair.

Schneider's Central shoe store,

1818 SECOND AVE. HARPER HOUSE BLOCK.

IT'S EASY ENOUGH

To tell the public all about how things are almost given away, but we have no goose that lays golden eggs, therefore we do not care

TO TELL FAIRY TALES

But we have a reliable line of Watches, Clocks, Diamonds, Jewelry, Silverware and an exquisite assortment of silver novelties that will make acceptable holiday presents. Don't forget to inspect our stock. The price will be right.

Bleuer Bros' Jewelry Store.