

Happy New Year to All Read this List for New Year Gifts

Tam O'Shanter, Toques and Toboggans, 25c and 50c
 Winter Caps, 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00
 Soft and Stiff Hats, from 50c to 3.00
 Men's and Boys' dress and heavy working Gloves and Mittens, from 25c to 3.00
 Ladies' and Misses' Knit Gloves & Mittens 25c, 39c, 50c
 Men's and Boys' Plain and Fancy Knit Gloves, 25c
 Dress Kid Gloves, all shades, silk lined and unlined, from 1.00 to 1.50
 The celebrated Powden Kid Gloves, 1.50
 Pile lined Kid & Mocha & Suede Gloves 50c to 1.50
 Fur Driving Gloves, from 1.00 to 3.00
 Suspenders for men and boys, 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c
 Fancy Boxed Suspenders, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50
 Fancy Arm Elastics, 1c, 15c, 25c
 Hose Supporters, 15c and 25c
 Collars, all linen, 15c, two for 25c
 Cuffs, 15c and 25c
 Night Shirts, 50c, 75c, 1.00
 Working Shirts, 25c and 50c
 Plain and fancy Dress Shirts, 39c, 50c, 75c, 95c



Jersey and Flannel Shirts, all colors and styles, 50c to 2.50
 Cardigan Jackets, 1.00 to 3.50
 Men's, Boys, Children's and Ladies' Sweaters, 50c to 4.00
 Men's and Boys' Underwear, from 25c to 1.00
 Choice Neckwear for men, boys and children, 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c
 Handkerchiefs, plain white, 5c, six for 25c; 10c, three for 25c; 25c, two for 25c
 Plain and Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs at 15c, 50c, 75c, 1.00
 Japanese Silk Initial Handkerchiefs 10c, three for 25c
 Genuine Irish Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 25c
 one-half dozen 1.50
 Plain and Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00
 Muslin Initial Handkerchiefs, 10c, three for 25c six for 25c
 Initial Linen Handkerchiefs, one-half dozen in a box, 1.00 three for 50c
 Rubber Collars, 15c and 25c; Rubber Cuffs, 25c
 Fancy Vests and plain white, 1.00, 1.50, 2.00 and 2.50
 Heavy Double-breasted Vests, 1.50 to 2.50
 Heavy Storm Coats, from 1.50 to 2.50
 Pontiac Jackets, from 1.97 to 2.50

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A fancy Box of Handkerchiefs for a Xmas gift at 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50 and 2.00. Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas from 75c to 8.00. Hosiery, plain and fancy, 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c all wool Lasher Hose at 25c. Heavy wool Hose at 15c, 25c, 50c. Boys' Stockings at 15c and 25c. Latest style Mufflers for ladies and gentlemen 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.50. Way's Muffler 50c, all wool, for men, women and children. Cuff Buttons 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.50, 2.00. Collar Buttons 5c and 10c. Necktie Pins 25c, 50c, 75c and 1.00. Shirt Studs, per set, from 25c to 75c. Cuff Holders 10c and 25c.

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STAMFORD
 Herman G. Fuller came from New York to spend Christmas with his parents.
 Chauncy Sweet of Pownal has been visiting in town the past week.
 Mrs. F. A. Lesure went to Wilmington last week.
 Marshall and Merritt Underwood visited in Brattleboro over Christmas. The former left for Wauconda, Ill., this week.
 Hiram Taylor of Toledo, Ohio, is visiting with his children, Mrs. Samuel Coulter and Mark Taylor.
 Mr and Mrs John Tudor and children spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs Tomlinson, in Bennington.
 A son was born on December 4, to Elmer and Emma Houghton Chalm of Boston.
 Mr and Mrs John Kenyon and Miss Flora Ebert of Blackinton, were home for Christmas.

DORSET
 Charles W. Phelps is confined to the house with rheumatism.
 The exercises by the children of the Congregational Sunday school on Christmas eve were entertaining. A heavy rain was falling, yet 75 children were in attendance at the supper which was served at 5 o'clock.
 The last meeting of the Washington Pomona Grange for the year ending 1903, was held with Dorset Grange, Wednesday, Dec. 23, afternoon and evening. An oyster supper was served at 6 o'clock. Among those present were Mr and Mrs M. B. Roberts, Mr and Mrs W. C. Mason, Mr and Mrs Barden, Arthur Harwood, Miss Ida Duncan, Mrs Wheeler, Ira Sheldon and others from Rupert; Mr and Mrs Eugene Smith, Mr and Mrs Orr, Mr and Mrs Parker, Pawlet; Mr and Mrs Potter, Granville. The election of officers occurred in the evening and the result was as follows: Master, Eugene Smith, Pawlet; Overseer, Eugene Simmons, Dorset; lecturer, John F. Sheldon, Rupert; steward, Ira Sheldon, Rupert; assistant, Burr Harwood, Dorset; lady assistant, Miss Kate Harwood, Rupert; chaplain, Rev. C. S. Carhart, Dorset; treasurer, Charles N. Williams, Dorset; secretary, M. B. Roberts, Rupert; gate keeper, Arthur Harwood, Rupert; Ceres, Helen Harwood, Dorset; Pomona; Mabel Ludd, Dorset; Flora, Anna Harwood, Rupert. The lecturer's hour was interesting; an address of welcome was made by R. M. Campbell, followed by remarks from Burr Harwood, John Sheldon, Mr Potter and others. The Dorset Grange quartet sang two selections and Mr Potter of Granville sang several solos.

STAMFORD.
 While working in Tudor's mill, Salem Harris had his foot caught between two pulleys and very badly crushed.
 A half dozen extra teams have been lately added to the force employed by the Chemical company, to draw in the wood cut on West hill. The company has something over three thousand cords to be hauled.
 Many Children Are Sickly
 Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for children used by Mother Gray, nurse in Children's home, New York, break up colds in 24 hours, cure feverishness, headache, stomach troubles, teething disorders, and destroy worms. At all druggists, 25 cents. Sample mailed free. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

.. GIFTS ..
 —FOR—
NEW YEARS
 We think we've got, this year, the nicest line we ever had in our store. Manicure Toilets, Comb and Brush, and Shaving Sets in genuine French stag Military Brushes in solid ebony and French stag; and the prices are right. We'll save you money on anything in the perfume line. Gift packages at from 25c to \$1.00; and a fine assortment of Cigars put up especially for holiday use from \$1.00 to \$2.00.
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A Costly Mistake.
 Blunters are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr King's New Life Pills for dyspepsia, dizziness, headache, liver and bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c, at Gibson's drug store.

Good News For Late Buyers!!
 Miss C. S. Keyes at her No. 311 West Main St. store offers at greatly reduced prices Millinery of all kinds—gives personal attention to all orders—has a city trimmer. A nice line of Hats and Bonnets for elderly ladies, also mourning goods, Ribbons, Veils, etc. The ladies are cordially invited to call.

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WRIGHT'S MARKET REPORT
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 Wright reports a larger volume of business along all lines.
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You Get All The Benefits

BENNINGTON BRIEFS
 News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers.
 Mrs Margaret Dwyer is visiting her son in Bellows Falls.
 The graded schools will resume sessions Monday, Jan. 4.
 Mr and Mrs H. I. Norton and children are in New York for a few days.
 Miss Anna Nash has been spending several days with friends in Arlington.
 Rev Philip Schuyler is out of town for a few days visiting his mother in Pelham Manor, N. Y.
 Robert H. Mattison has been obliged by illness to give up his work in New York and return home.
 George Rust of Waterford, N. Y., has been spending a portion of the holiday season with friends in town.
 It is expected that Charles H. Bennett will spend a portion of the summer at home. At last accounts Mr Bennett was in Edinburg, Scotland, where he was directing the presentation of the Oratorio, The Messiah.
 Mrs George Davis is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs A. B. Goodrick in Wilmington.
 Mr and Mrs Frank E. Whitman of Stillwater, N. Y., are the guests of their parents, Mr and Mrs Thomas Whitman.
 Mr and Mrs E. E. Ward of East Arlington are visiting their cousin Ernest Whitman.
 Stark Horse Co. held a meeting Monday night for the purpose of organizing a basketball team. There is every indication of a good team. The captain has not yet been elected. B. N. Estabrook was elected manager of the team.
 Mr and Mrs C. R. Sanford went to New York city to pass the holidays with their daughter, Mrs William Jennings.
 Mr and Mrs Daniel Hurley had a finely decorated Christmas tree for their children and grand children Christmas day.
 Mrs Fannie D. Smith of Union st has been confined to the house the past week by a sprained ankle.
 Dr A. G. Hoaghey of Troy, a former resident has been spending several days with his sister Mrs William Miller.
 Miss Alice Abel of Eagle Bridge is the guest of Miss Florence B. March.
 Charles McCarthy of Schenectady, John McCarthy of New Haven, Conn., Mrs Videl and Joseph McCarthy of Burlington spent Christmas with Mrs Charles McCarthy at 205 Division st.
 Miss Agnes Healy of Gage st has returned to Troy after spending the holidays in town.
 John E. Healy is in Manchester and Arlington on business.
 The Basketball game scheduled for Thursday night has been cancelled by Cambridge on account of the sickness of two members of the team.

BILL NYE'S GRAVE.
 Remains of Great Humorist Rest in Neglected Country Churchyard—Was Generous to a Fault.
 Alas, poor Yorick!
 In a rural cemetery 13 miles from Asheville, N. C., lies the grave of Edgar Wilson Nye.
 In the seven years that have passed since his death, says the Kansas City World, the mound of earth has almost disappeared. Winter's blasts and summer's rains have almost leveled the earthen coverlet of the humorist. No flowers grow in summer time. Briars run riot over the spot and weeds grow luxuriantly.
 Why this neglect?
 "Bill" Nye made a great deal of money in the closing years of life, but he was open-handed. He could not resist an appeal for help. He gave away almost as fast as he received. The only money he left his estate was his life insurance. That money was deposited in an Asheville bank, which almost immediately failed. Mrs. Nye was compelled to keep boarders to maintain the family. The struggle grew too hard for her and she returned to her western home. Before she left she had placed in Calvary church, in the cemetery of which Nye's body rests, a memorial window.
 Alas, poor Yorick!
 Bill Nye's was a strange nature. He was more than humorist. He was both a poet and a philosopher. And beneath the surface was the tenderness of a woman. Those who knew him best knew the rare sweetness of his soul.
 "Of manners gentle, of affection mild; To wit a man, in simplicity a child."
A VEGETABLE PORCUPINE.
 The Cholla the Best Hated Cactus in America—Wild Cattle of Arizona Feed on It.
 The best hated cactus in America is the cholla. The Mexicans say that if you go near a cholla joint it will jump at you. Certainly if you touch one it will stick, and when you try to free yourself it will pierce your other hand as well. Each pendent joint seems to reach out for the passerby, and the ground beneath the broad cholla trees is strewn with fallen fragments, many of which take root and grow, says Country Life in America.
 After one has felt the sharp spines through heavy boots and seen their needle points, it is a source of continual wonder to see the wild cattle of Arizona quietly browsing on chollas. The phrase "cactus fed," as applied to Arizona, is not a figure of speech. During the years of drought thousands of cattle carry themselves over until the next grass by eating chollas. With their leathery tongues and lips they strip the spiny joints from the trunk and leave the wide-spreading cactus a bare and woody skeleton. It is only the range cattle, whose mouths have been hardened on the thorny mesquite and ironwood browse, who will undertake to eat cactus, and cattlemen therefore often burn the thorns from chollas and nopals in order to tempt their more fastidious animals to eat.
"LIKE MAN, LIKE HORSE."
 Characteristics of the Owner Often Shown in the Animal—Don't Blame the Animal.
 I've always had a notion that the horse is like the man; in other words, that the horse is often what his owner makes him. Recently I came across the following bit of wisdom in a farm paper, and as the writer's ideas are exactly my own I cannot refrain from quoting his thoughts to-day:
 "The excitable horseman," he says, "will have horses just like he is himself. The man without horse sense will have a horse with the same poor sense. The man who is loud when driving will have a boisterous horse, and no one ought to blame the horse. The man who stops his team with a drawing 'w-h-o-a' will have a team that will stop in the same manner—that is, they will take two or three steps after they are told to stop."
 I might quote more, but enough is enough. You get the idea. What's more, you all know living examples of the kind of horsemen referred to. You—of course—are built that way; but the "other fellow" often is. Too often. And usually he blames the horse for his own shortcomings. Once in awhile, probably, he licks old Dobbin or Jim for some fault that in reality is his own. It isn't fair! Train or drive or use a horse properly and nine out of ten times that horse behaves himself and does all that is expected of an animal.
 On a Japanese Warship.
 Japanese sailors on the Mikado's warships are thus described by Archibald S. Hurd: "These sailors of the far east take things very much as they find them with a stoical calm. They face danger with much the same spirit with which they take their pleasure, and in spite of the rapid strides which civilization has made in their country their luxuries are few and they are contented and happy. They are devoted to simple sports, to fencing and to acting; no one can ever forget the dramatic entertainments on board the Japanese men-of-war who has been privileged to witness them. Nor does the memory soon become dim of one of these ships when decked out in gala dress, with chrysanthemums, cherry blossoms and other blooms typical of Japan enlivening the grim aspect of the decks. The men are adepts in the making of imitation paper flowers, which so closely resemble the handwork of nature that at a casual glance one hardly notices the deception.
 Gas for the Turbine Engines.
 Engineers expect soon to be able to burn gas in such a continuous stream that it will be useful in the turbine for a engine.

BUSINESS EXCHANGE
TO RENT—Warm furnished single room or rooms for light housekeeping. R. DYER, 15 Bank St., No. Bennington, Vt. 4697.
TO RENT—Eight room flat on South St. with all modern improvements. A good horse barn in the rear. Elmer F. Beckwood, 29 Park St.
TO RENT—Desirable tenements, offices and store. Possession given immediately. W. S. Hawks, 205 North St.
TO RENT—Five rooms on first floor, modern improvements, also a furnished room for lady or school girl. Apply to Miss M. S. Moore, 23 Park St.
TO RENT—Seven room tenement on Union St.; single house; possession given at once. Also six room tenement with all modern improvements, electric lights on Main St. now occupied by Miss J. Morgan, the new house; possession given Sept. 1. S. H. Rockwood, 27 Park St.
TO RENT—Two very desirable tenements, five and six dollars. Apply to G. G. Sibley, 170 North St.
WANTED—Washings to do. Mrs. Webb, Corner North and County Streets, Bennington, Vt.
WANTED—Orders for fruit trees, ornamental trees and shrubbery for sale. Allen Nursery, Rochester, N. Y. C. Ainsworth, Agent, 31 West Main St., Bennington, Vt.
TO RENT—Furnished rooms with piano, library and bath for use of two or three men and wife. Meals can be had next door if desired. Mrs. Geo. H. Jepson, Scott Street, Bennington, Vt. 1710.
WANTED—Fruitful person to call on retail trade and agents for manufacturing house making well established business; local territory; straight salary \$25 paid weekly and expense money advanced; previous experience unnecessary; position permanent; business successful; enclose self-addressed envelope. Superintendent Travelers, 608 Monon Bldg., Chicago, Ill. 4154.
WANTED—Position by an experienced woman nurse. Best of references given. Inquire 442 Main St. 15912.
FOR SALE—40 wagons of all descriptions, 30 sets of harness, single and double, 20 Horses, good drivers and work horses. Inquire at W. J. Prater's livery, 417 Main St. 417.
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\$10 REWARD
 For the return of a small yellow Mexican leather wrist bag, lost Thursday, Dec. 24. Contained between \$10 and \$50. Finder please leave it at the Banner and Reformer office.
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 Nursery Stock, Garden and Farm Seeds, Ornamental Shrubbery, etc. Spring delivery.
C. Ainsworth,
 311 W Main St., Bennington, Vt.
Notice.
 Dec. 23rd, 1903.
 Headquarters Co K. 1st Reg. V. N. G. The members of Co K. will assemble for drill, at the Armory, on Tuesday January 5 1904. Per order.
 R. C. Graves, Captain Com'd'g.

NOTICE!
 Bennington County Savings Bank.
 The annual meeting of the incorporators of the Bennington County Savings Bank will be held at the office of said Bank in its bank building in Bennington, Vt., on the first Wednesday, (6th day) of January, A. D. 1904, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of trustees for the year ensuing and the transaction of any other business found necessary when met, especially to fill vacancies in the number of incorporators and to alter and revise the by-laws.
 J. H. DEWEY, Secretary,
 Dated at Bennington, Vt., Nov. 25, 1903. 4493

NOTICE.
 The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Bennington National Bank of Bennington, Vt., will be held at the banking rooms on Tuesday Jan. 12, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year. L. H. WOOD, Cashier.
 Bennington, Vt., Dec. 8, 1903.

NOTICE!
 The Annual Meeting of the Bennington National Bank and Historical Association will be held at the Law Office of Estabrook & Bates in Bennington on the second Wednesday in January, the 12th day, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the election of officers of the Association for the year ensuing and the transaction of all other business proper to be done when met.
 Recording Secretary,
 Bennington, Vt., Dec. 23, 1903.

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