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The busy days of Christmas picking is here and the bothersome men come in for their share. If you wish to make the men folks happy Christmas day visit us, as we can show you the latest correct shades and shapes in everything that men wear. Here is a partial list:

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CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET. Chicago, Dec. 17.—The leading futures ranged as follows: Wheat—Open 92, Close 91 1/2. Corn—Open 29 1/2, Close 29. Oats—Open 23 1/2, Close 22 1/2. Pork—Open 8.50, Close 8.50. Lard—Open 4.45, Close 4.50. Ribs—Open 4.40, Close 4.35.

STRICTLY UP-TO-DATE. Bonner's Restaurant, the leading restaurant of the city, needs no recommendation, as everything served is first-class in every respect. The oysters you see there are the finest ever brought to Roanoke. You can get them served in every conceivable manner. The lunch counter, run in connection with the restaurant, is certainly up-to-date. Visit this place and get something good to eat. You go once and you will go the second time.

Langsdorf's Western Union Cigars, new brand. Best on the market, at Jack's.

Coming and Going.

Mr. D. M. Taylor arrived in the city last night from Bristol, Tenn., where he bid adieu to a friend of the far West. T. J. Reece, of Mechanicsburg, O., was in the city yesterday. R. W. Davis, of Bluefield, W. Va., who has been in the city several days, left for Petersburg yesterday. H. A. Rhyne, a student of Roanoke College, was in the city yesterday. Miss Allie Spindle left on No. 3 yesterday for Christiansburg. Miss Lavelle Slicer arrived in the city yesterday from Fincastle. Mrs. Robinson, of Bedford City, was in town a short while yesterday doing a little Christmas shopping. J. E. M. Hancock returned yesterday from a trip down the valley division. Miss Daisy Watson, of Charlottesville, who has been visiting Mrs. S. B. Cary, left for her home yesterday. Rev. E. W. Hubbard, of Salem, returned to his home yesterday from a trip to Lynchburg. W. P. Barclay, of Brugh's Mill, was in the city a short while yesterday. Miss Nanie Reed and Miss Mary Paul Massie arrived in the city yesterday from Hollins Institute. E. J. McCulloch and C. F. Fungler, of Lithia, were in the city yesterday on business. Rev. L. G. Broughton and H. A. Wolfson returned yesterday from Norfolk where they have been holding a revival. W. S. Wilson, an employe of the comptroler's office, left last night accompanied by his wife, for Philadelphia, where they will spend the holidays. Bluefield Telegraph: Mrs. W. G. Baldwin returned on No. 3 last night from Roanoke, where she has been visiting relatives and friends.—W. R. Gordon, of Roanoke, attorney for the Norfolk and Western was in the city yesterday.—Miss Freda Anderson, Roanoke, is visiting her friend, Miss Grace Hight, Princeceon avenue.—W. W. Hamilton, of Roanoke, was in the city yesterday.—Mrs. S. E. Gellinger has returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Roanoke.

VERDICT AGAINST SOUTHERN. Lynchburg, Dec. 17.—In the circuit court of Campbell county yesterday in the cases of Callahan's administrator vs. Southern railway and Eva McBrayers' administrator vs. the same, a verdict was rendered, subject to demurrer to evidence, which is to be argued to-morrow. These suits originated from an accident near Lynch's station about a year ago, in which four members of the Callahan family and Miss McBrayers were killed by a passenger train while crossing the railroad track in a wagon.

CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE. Cincinnati, O., Dec. 17.—The National Civil Service Reform League to day re-elected Carl Schurz president by acclamation. The League adopted a resolution praising President McKinley's extension of the classified service and denouncing the fight on civil service started in Congress.

OTHERS COMING TO ROANOKE. The number who are coming to our city at the opening of the new year, to enter the National Business College, will probably be double the number of any previous years. Students of this and other States, having heard of the financial success of the National Business College students, are coming to us to complete a business course; though it takes a little longer to graduate than the time advertised by most schools, they much prefer the education that will stand the test, hence good judgment in them. Students wanting the practical education that helped their friends, Messrs. A. and B., to get good salaries, can get it by enrolling at the Business College. Parents, if you want to ease the expense of your son and daughter, send them to us, and after they have completed their work with us, they will be an income of \$25 to \$65 per month instead of an expense of from \$10 to \$15. The students who come to us are well disciplined, and the outcome is satisfactory. Patronize this school.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE. The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Massie's Pharmacy.

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W. S. McClanahan & Co. No. 7 Campbell Ave.

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, Cal., purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by H. C. Barnes, "He puts up prescriptions."

ALL PERSONS troubled with coughs, colds, hoarseness, sore throat, etc., will find immediate relief by using Smith Bros. Cough Drops. Public speakers and singers are invited to try them. One of these drops put into the mouth before going to bed loosens the phlegm and causes the patient to enjoy a comfortable night's sleep. For sale by J. J. CATOGNI.

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Toy furniture, all kinds, 25c piece. Toy Laundry Sets, 19c. Little Girls' Carpet Sweeps, 17c. Toy Sad Irons, 5 and 10c. Iron toys for boys at 10, 29, 47c and up. Toy Ranges, all sizes, nickel finish, 50, 89c, \$1, \$2, \$2.25 and \$2.50. Toy animals, Doll Carriages, all sizes; Children's Folding Tables; Tool Chests, 20c, 50c, 95c; Blackboard and Easel, 19c; Doll Swings, 19 and 25c; Horns, all sorts and sizes. Bicycles. You may not have thought of getting bicycles at a dry goods store—but then they are so much cheaper. See the ones we are offering; examine them critically; only \$29.50. Velocipedes for the small boys, three sizes, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$1.98. Miscellaneous Christmas Gifts. Many wonderful values. We can name but a few. Collar and Cuff Cases, fine leather, beautifully embossed, at 50c and 75c., \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75. Celluloid Collar and Cuff Cases, 50c and 75c. Nickel Nut Picks, 10 and 19c a set. Nut Picks and Crackers, 37 1/2c set.

Celluloid Photo-holders. Celluloid Cases, hand-painted, for gloves, handkerchiefs, jewelry, trinkets, &c. Celluloid Sets, Comb, Brush and Mirror. Handkerchiefs. The Great Christmas sale now going on; great values in all lines. 500 dozen special in fine Embroidered Swiss Handkerchiefs at 10c and 12 1/2c. Linen ones at 17c to \$1 each. Fine Linen Handkerchiefs for men. Silk Handkerchiefs plain and initial. Linens and White Goods. Christmas Table Linens, Napkins and Towels, now selling freely; nothing choicer for a present. Specials in fine Table Sets at \$3.75 and \$4.50. Specials in fine Table Cloths, at \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50 and \$5 each. See Napkins and Towels. Three immense Christmas Bargains in fine Marseilles Bed Spreads, at \$1.25, \$2 and \$2.50. Fine Sheer Linen Lawns for Handkerchiefs, 50c, 75c and \$1 yard.