

THE RAZOR THAT SHARPENS ITS OWN BLADES



Silver plated razor, strap, year's supply of blades, in compact case, \$5.00

A Christmas gift for men

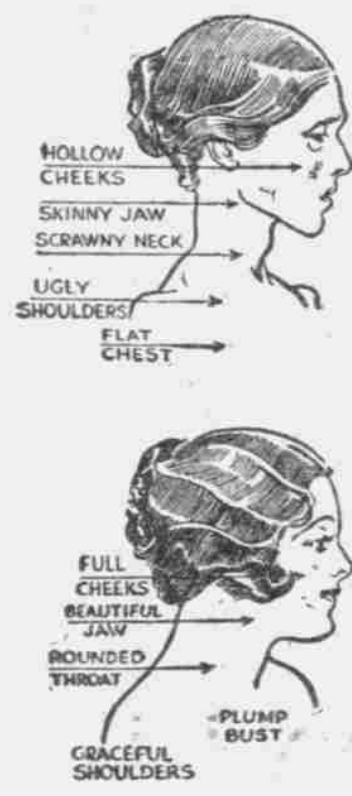
IN ten seconds a man gets a freshly stropped blade with this razor. Morning after morning he enjoys the same comfortable shave. The Valet AutoStrop Razor strops, shaves and cleans without removing the blade. Saves money on blades every month in the year. Come in and ask for demonstration today. It will settle one or more of your gift problems. A variety of attractive sets \$5.00 to \$25.00.

CHAS. F. MANN
BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT
TEL. 38 MAIN

Just a few strokes on the strap—the blade is keen again

Yeast Vitamon Tablets Greatest Beauty Secret

Banishes Skin Eruptions, Puts On Firm Flesh, Strengthens the Nerves and Increases Energy.



Thin or run-down folks who want to quickly get some good, firm, solid flesh on their bones, fill out the hollows and sunken cheeks with strong, healthy tissues and build up increased energy and vitality should try taking two of Mastin's tiny yeast VITAMON Tablets with their meals. Mastin's VITAMON Tablets contain highly concentrated yeast vitamins as well as the two other still more important vitamins (Fat soluble A and Water soluble C), all of which Science says you must have to be strong, well and fully developed. They banish pimples, boils and skin eruptions as if by magic, strengthen the nerves, build up the body with firm flesh and tissue and often completely rejuvenate the whole system. You run no risk of causing gas or upsetting the stomach. If you are thin, pale, haggard, drawn looking or lack energy and endurance take Mastin's VITAMON—two tablets with every meal. **IMPORTANT!** While the remarkable health-building value of Mastin's VITAMON Tablets have been clearly and positively demonstrated in cases of lack of energy, nervous troubles, anemia, indigestion, constipation, skin eruptions, poor complexion and a generally weakened physical and mental condition, they should not be used by anyone who OBJECTS to having their weight increased to normal. Do not accept imitations or substitutes. You can get Mastin's VITAMON Tablets at all good druggists.



Are Positively Guaranteed to Put On Firm Flesh, Clear the Skin and Increase Energy When Taken With Every Meal or Money Back

if it isn't MASTIN'S it isn't VITAMON

Useful Gifts at

THE WINCHESTER STORE

You will be surprised at the completeness of our stock—and every gift a useful gift at a reasonable price.

Christmas Suggestions for Men

- Winchester Rifles
- Shotguns
- Fishing Tackle
- Pocket Knives
- Winchester Flashlights
- Ice Skates
- Razors
- Tools

Father and Son Pocket Knife Set

A double compartment box contains a knife for the boy, and one for dad.

Christmas Suggestions for Women

- Scissors
- Shears
- Household Cutlery
- Percolators
- Vacuum Bottles
- Casseroles
- Carving Sets
- Electric Toasters

Christmas Suggestions for Children

- Roller Skates
- Ice Skates
- Winchester .22 Cal. Rifles
- Snow Shovels
- Wagons
- Kiddie Cars
- Skis
- Sheds

You can shop here for the whole family. Come in and see how completely we can supply you.

Robbins & Cowles, Inc.



Read The Reformer Advertisements Today

NATIONAL GUARD GROWS RAPIDLY

General Carter Predicts 160,000 Before End of Fiscal Year

SEES DEFICIENCY IN APPROPRIATION

Available Funds Provide for 123,000 Men—Bureau May Not Be Able to Recognize Additional Units—Growing in New England.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Rapid progress in the rebuilding of the nation's second line of defense—the National Guard—was made during the last fiscal year, says the annual report today of the chief of the militia bureau, under signature of Brigadier General Jesse McI. Carter, retired. On last June 30, the report says, the guard numbered 113,839 with 351 organizations allotted, but not yet organized.

On the basis of expansion during last year, General Carter estimated that before the end of the current fiscal year the guard would number 160,000 men, or some 10,000 more than in the regular army. Pointing out that available funds for this year provide for only 123,000 men, the report says that unless increased appropriations are allowed "there will be trouble ahead" for the militia bureau.

An existing law prescribes the pay of the guardsmen. General Carter says there appears to be no way to avoid creation of a deficiency except by refusing to recognize additional units duly organized under provisions of the law.

"Such action," he adds, "will surely cause bitter feelings and charges of bad faith; it will crush the present rising tide in the organization of our second line of defense."

Appended to the report are statements from army corps area officers as to progress in organizing guard units in the various corps. Col. L. C. Sherer, at Boston, says the "prospects are bright for additional units to be presented rapidly in the first corps area, comprising the New England states."

MINSDALE, N. H.

Roger Holland is working in Beverly, Mass.

Wolfe Delphy of Meriden, Conn., visited relatives recently.

Orren C. Robertson is in Boston and New York this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Garfield are in New York for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wood of Ashuelot are guests at O. C. Robertson's.

Mrs. L. N. Stearns is visiting relatives in Brockton and Medford, Mass.

Louis Levasseur shot a buck last Friday and William R. Powers shot one Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. David D. Highton visited relatives in Keene Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. A. Gray entertained the knitting club in her home Thursday afternoon, Dec. 8.

Mrs. George Estey expects to go soon to Keene, where she will remain for the winter with her brother.

Miss Josie Redding, who has been at her home here several weeks, has returned to Gloucester, Mass.

Mrs. Ralph White and son have returned home after a few weeks' visit with relatives in Yonkers, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Robertson plan to start next week for Florida, where they will spend the winter.

James Brown of the Lincoln Automobile Co. of Detroit, Mich., was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Watkins.

Mrs. W. S. Kimball, who has been ill, is improved. Mrs. J. Sophie Hale, trained nurse, who cared for her, has returned to her home in Greenfield, Mass.

A meeting of the Men's club of the First Congregational church will be held in the church vestry Friday evening at 7:45 o'clock, for a general social time.

At the next regular meeting of Court Ashuelot, F. of A., Dec. 21, there will be election of officers. The second in the series of card games also will be given.

The Large-Ellwyn Stock Co., which has for the past several years appeared in the town hall, will re-appear there this week Thursday and Friday evenings.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. J. H. Sargent Tuesday afternoon. The subject of the program was Work Among the Indians. Indian legends and Indian music were used.

The following officers were elected at a recent meeting of Golden Rule lodge of Masons: Jubal E. Higgins, master; William H. Booth, senior warden; Harold S. Garfield, junior warden; Fred W. Colton, treasurer; Edalbert J. Temple, secretary.

Harlan Amidon has bought of William Sykas the fruit store stock and fixtures which the latter has conducted several months. Mr. Amidon plans to continue the sale of fruits, candy, etc. Mr. Sykas is undecided as to what he will do.

A meeting of the Farm Bureau was held in the selectmen's room last Friday afternoon, when James A. Purrington, county club leader, and Miss Winifred M. Taylor, home demonstration agent, were present and organized the year's work in home economics.

WEST DOVER

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton were business visitors in North Adams, Mass., Saturday.

The telephone lines are now in commission again after being out of order nearly a week. To all appearances, judging by the looks of some of the telephone poles, a gentle breeze would soon put the lines out of use again.

LOGICAL ADVICE!

Strike at the root of weakness is logical advice to those rundown in vitality.

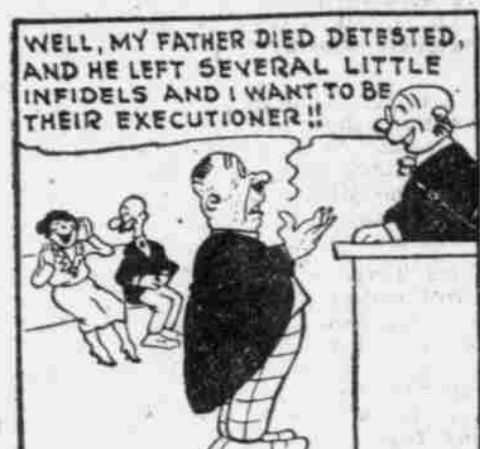
Scott's Emulsion

nourishes the body, tones the blood and helps build strength.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

December.

THAT REMINDS ME



R. R. LABOR BOARD CUTS OVERTIME WAGE

Extra Pay After 10 Hours Instead of Eight—Straight Time for Sunday Labor.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Slashing extra day provisions for the first two hours of overtime after the regular eight-hour day's work from rules governing railway maintenance of way employees, the United States railroad labor board has set up a schedule of 10 hours a day at the regular hourly wage for common laborers in new rules announced last night to replace the national agreement made under government control.

The principle of "eight consecutive hours shall constitute a day's work" is retained, however, and time and one-half pay is granted after 10 hours' work.

The new provisions make possible a 10-hour day without penalizing the railroads, which were compelled under the federal agreement to pay time and one-half after eight hours. Practically all section gangs work more than eight hours a day due to time necessary for traveling to and from the point of operations and because of the seasonal nature of the work making long hours necessary to take advantage of good weather.

The rules became effective Dec. 16.

Removal of the two hours' overtime penalty was declared by labor board attaches to cut many millions of dollars from the carriers' annual pay rolls. Normally the new rules would affect 585,000, but at present the force is considerably less, due to subnormal traffic conditions and also to the seasonal nature of the work.

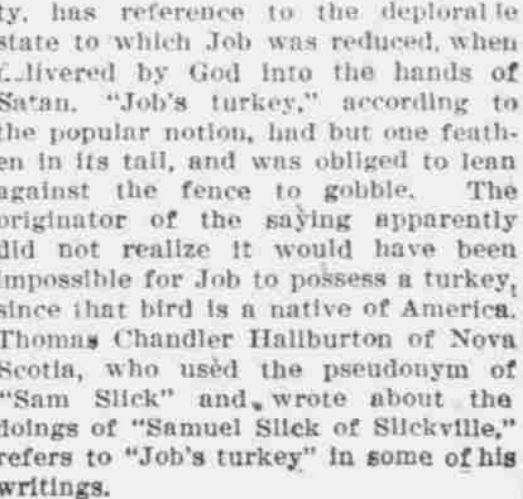
The old national agreement recognized the 10-hour day in extra or floating gangs of workmen whose employment is temporary and seasonal. Regular gangs, however, were paid overtime after eight hours' work, especially from agricultural sections where farmers declared the long hours on the farm were no inducement to shorter hours.

Under the new rules numerous changes are made. The number of hours of work per day may be reduced by mutual agreement to avoid reducing forces. The roads were formerly compelled to pay eight hours wages a day for each man employed. Regular assignment of Sunday and holiday work no longer draws time and a half pay. When called for less than a day's work, however, employees will be paid three hours straight time for two hours' work or less, instead of time and a half for the two hours and pro rata time thereafter. Extra time worked before the regular day begins will draw time and one-half as before, but the schedule of hours being subject to local agreement, such extra pay might be eliminated by fixing an earlier beginning time.

"As Poor as Job's Turkey."

"As poor as Job's turkey," a simile often used to indicate extreme poverty, has reference to the deplorable state to which Job was reduced, when delivered by God into the hands of Satan. "Job's turkey," according to the popular notion, had but one feather in its tail, and was obliged to lean against the fence to gobble. The originator of the saying apparently did not realize it would have been impossible for Job to possess a turkey, since that bird is a native of America.

Thomas Chandler Haliburton of Nova Scotia, who used the pseudonym of "Sam Slick" and wrote about the doings of "Samuel Slick of Slickville," refers to "Job's turkey" in some of his writings.



VERY DOUBTFUL

Ethel—So you want me to marry you before Christmas? But have you any money?

Edgar—Money? Didn't I give you a diamond cluster ring?

Ethel—Yes, I know, but have you any money left?

December.

Austerly, palely, sternly cold December comes to round the year; A snow-wreath on his forehead old, And in his hand an icy spear!

A hermit white, whose thinning blood The frost of age long since congealed, The entrance to whose slowing heart, The cold has long since shut and sealed

Bleth with the fury of the blast, His rheumy eye is dimming fast, His rhenmy eye is dimming fast, And in his hand are icicles!

ARTHUR GODENOUGH

West Brattleboro

WOMAN ADMITS SHOOTING DOCTOR

Mrs. Raizen Says Glickstein Wronged Her on Eve of Her Wedding.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Lillian Raizen, wife of a Brooklyn toy manufacturer, confessed last night, District Attorney Lewis of Brooklyn said, that she killed Dr. Abraham Glickstein at his office on Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, Saturday night, because he attempted to assault her on the eve of her wedding last May.

Owing to the woman's high nervous condition, the district attorney, questioned her only briefly and held her without bail for further examination.

Mrs. Raizen, who is 29 years old, told the district attorney that she had known Dr. Glickstein for about eight years and that she had been "under his influence" most of that time.

About a year ago, she said, she succeeded in breaking the relationship. While buying her trousseau last spring, Mrs. Raizen said, Dr. Glickstein telephoned her and asked her to come to his office. Believing that his only intention was to apologize for his past conduct, she said, she called. The doctor, she told the district attorney, made an improper proposal and then tried to attack her, but she resisted him and left his house in great mental distress.

It Pays a State to Advertise.

The Green Mountain state, always very wide-awake, has of late been particularly active in extending information about Vermont by the liberal use of printer's ink. There are state organizations working to that end and there is a state magazine, the Vermonter, an attractive publication filled with interesting illustrations and well written text. It is devoted exclusively to revealing in detail the industrial and agricultural resources of the state and to presenting Vermont's strikingly beautiful scenic attractions for the summer visitor.

Statements calculated to give erroneous impressions concerning Vermont farming returns and farm living conditions, for instance, have been met not with recriminations but the presentation of statistics and facts quite unanswerable. In regard to climatic conditions the same method of rebuttal has been pursued. For some reason not apparent Vermont seems to have been selected as a favorite target for misrepresentations with respect to the severity of its winters.

It has been repeated until it became almost an article of faith with the uninformed that the state is snow-buried in winter, with highways blocked, schools closed, supplies all but unobtainable in the rural regions and farmhouses snowed in.

To all this the Vermonter replies with the statement that the people up there capitalize snow—when they can get it. The young folks have lots of fun with it, but it is not always to be had. Last year Vermonters had to haul snow from sheltered ravines to provide for toboggan and ski slides, while the largest city in the state had to import ice from Montreal. As to Vermont's isolation, it is pointed out that farmers of the Green Mountain state are only eight hours from New York and six hours from Boston, to which they send large quantities of milk every day in the year, winter and summer.

Strangely enough, no small part of the advertising campaign has had to be directed to dispelling utterly unfounded notions about Vermont winters which for some reason have got abroad. As a matter of fact, Vermont winters are just the hearty, bracing, health-giving cold weather winters that prevail generally in those parts of New England which are away from the ocean influences affecting the coastal regions. They are an invigorating tonic.

Vermont's advertising campaign will benefit all New England, not the Green Mountain state alone. Mistakes like those about Vermont are more or less prevalent about agricultural and climatic conditions in all the New England states. The advertising work Vermont is doing is accomplishing much in the way of dispelling these erroneous beliefs. That Vermont's efforts have been notably successful may be attributed, in part at least, to the fact that there are Vermonters scattered all over the union. They are imbued with state affection and loyalty. Wherever there is a Vermonter there the state advertising organizations have a zealous and generally a very influential agent.

One eminent medical scientist declares that love produces in some people definite physical maladies, ranging from cataplexy, in which the victim becomes rigid and unconscious, to deafness and loss of speech.

For Tooth Ache
The Original Product
BAUME BENGUE
(Baume Analgesique Bengue, Paris)
Relieves Pain
Keep a Tube Handy

Free! This Week Only

One Package Tahoma Biscuits or Uneedas with each pound of **Monadnock Brand Nut Oleomargarine 29c per lb.**

Demonstration all this week. Come in and sample it—It is fine.

J. E. BUSHNELL
94 Elliot Street.

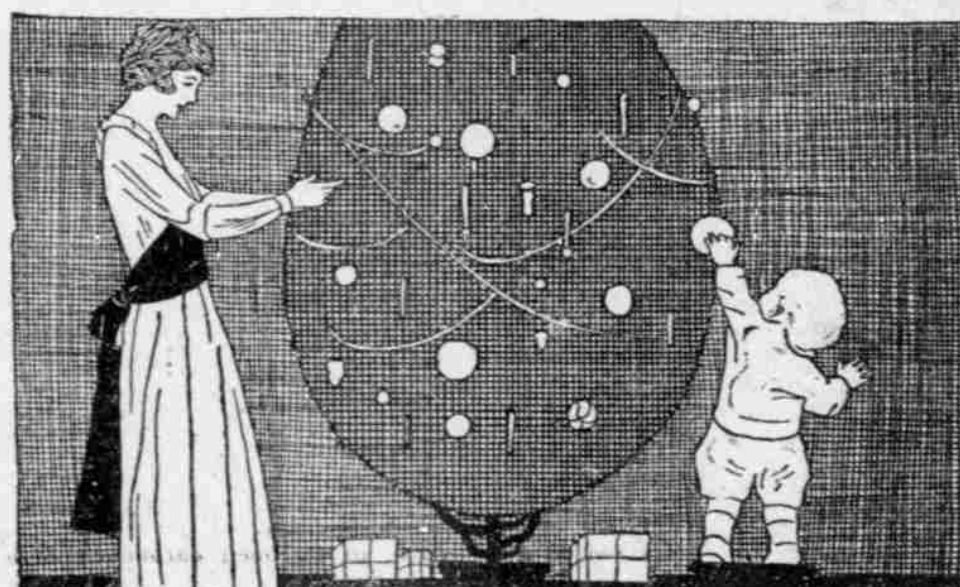
You Need These Every Day

- Pliers 40c up
- Screw Drivers 15c up
- Folding Rules, 6-ft. 50c
- Nail Hammers \$1.00
- Snow Shovels, steel ... 60c
- Furnace Scoops \$1.25
- Ash Sifters 50c up
- Ash Cans \$2.75
- Handed Axes \$1.25
- Shoe Leather for Tapping, \$1.00
- Thermometers.
- Tire Chains.

"EVERYTHING FOR THE FARM"

JOEL M. STEARNS

13 Flat Street
BRATTLEBORO, VT. Greenfield, Mass., Tel. 635



Christmas Gifts

As the holiday season approaches, you are, no doubt, finding it difficult to definitely decide just what presents you wish to give your relatives and friends. Let us offer a suggestion. Pay this store a visit and inspect at your leisure the many articles which we have on display for this purpose. You will find many gifts, all of which are most appropriate. You will find this store a pleasant place at which to do your Christmas shopping. We take great pains to serve you carefully and intelligently, just as you want to be served.

BRATTLEBORO DRUG CO.
THE BIG DRUG STORE
104 Main St. Phone 560

Vermont Cards

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| Father | Mother |
| Son | Daughter |
| Brother | Sister |
| Grandfather | Grandmother |
| Grandson | Grandaughter |
| Uncle | Aunt |
| Nephew | Niece |
| Cousin | Baby |
| In-Laws | Other Mother |
| Daughter and family | Son and family |
| Folks at Home | Dear Relation |
| Christmas Birthday | December Birthday |
| Across the Sea | Sweetheart |
| Neighbors | Friends |
| Men's | Teacher |
| Sick Xmas | Xmas Sympathy |
| Religious | Children's |

These are some Special Cards. We have all the rest.

HOPKINS THE FLORIST