

What Shall I Give for Christmas?

Dec. 6th

16 MORE SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL XMAS!

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In spite of the apparent shortage of some goods, this store is ready from every angle to meet your gift-giving problem, and what is more, prices are in keeping with the value-giving standard set by this store. You will find an especially broad showing of PRACTICAL GIFTS, and as a matter of fact, we believe that more PRACTICAL GIFTS will be given this Christmas than in many and many a year.

The PRACTICAL GIFT is a sensible gift, a gift that will be highly appreciated, and you will be surprised at the practical things that can be made at so little expense.

GIVE PRACTICAL GIFTS— White Goods in Abundance That Make Practical Gifts

Just search this white goods department, and you will find so many nice materials for lingerie of all kinds — aprons, children's wear, waists and any number of dainty little "nick-nacks" that every woman loves to have.

Long Cloths at..... 20c, 25c, 35c Yd.
Nainsooks, at..... 25c, 35c, 50c Yd.
Batiste, at..... 25c, 35c, 50c, 65c Yd.
Flaxons, at..... 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c Yd.



GIVE PRACTICAL GIFTS— Are You Thinking of Making a New Kimono? Japanese Crepes at 35c

It is no wonder that women give preference to a Japanese kimono rather than any garment to wear about the house—for none other is as graceful, pretty and comfortable as these garments.

Remember, too, that crepe does not require laundering very often nor does it soil as quickly as other cotton materials.

BUY HERE IF YOU WOULD SAVE ON YOUR CHRISTMAS PURCHASES

Let us prove again your Christmas shopping can be done MOST SATISFACTORILY AND ECONOMICALLY at this store. Visit us often and take advantage of such buying opportunities that come but once a year and that are being offered now in the various sections of the store.

\$2.00 and \$2.50 Values in Silk Marked at \$1.65

Some fancies and some plain taffeta or crepe de chine; perhaps you need a small piece to make some PRACTICAL GIFT.

40c and 50c Cretonnes Marked at 35c

Had you thought of a knitting bag or maybe a laundry bag; nothing nicer for practical gifts, and you won't have any trouble finding your color here.

Ginghams and Percales Make Practical Garments, 20c, 25c, 35c Yd.

So many practical garments can be made from these materials, bungalow and Cinderella aprons, children's rompers, dresses and general house wear clothes for the entire family.

Comforts of Cotton, Wool or Down, Priced \$2.00 to \$18.00

What would be a nicer gift than one of these good quality comforts, and so practical? Made with good coverings in a variety of colors, and good quality filling.



Crepe Kimonos, \$1.75 to \$3.50

Nine out of every ten housewives prefer a crepe kimono to any other simply for the reason that crepe does not need ironing and does not soil as easily. Choice of a good assortment of new styles Empire effect, and in various colors.

Our Art Embroidery Offers Things That Are Practical

You know how great a valuation you place on any finished piece of art needlework, especially when you have done the embroidering yourself. And think how little it costs. We have the materials—if you have but a little time to finish the pieces.

Anticipating a Week of Great Activity in Underwear-buying, Priced— \$1.50, \$2.00 to \$3.00 Suit

During a continuous spell of cold weather as we have been having, the buying of warm underwear is stimulated to a surprising degree. Your size may be sold out any day; early purchasing is wisdom itself.

Towels Make Practical Kind of Gifts

Take one of these Turkish Towels, whether white, pink, blue or yellow, and with a crocheted lace makes a gift every woman is glad to get. We have them all white or colored borders, stripes or plain; some with wash cloths to match.

Turkish Towels, priced..... 35c, 50c, 65c
Damask Towels, priced..... 35c, 50c, to \$1.50
Guest Toweling, by the yard..... 40c, 50c, 60c, 75c Yard
Turkish Toweling, by the yard..... 35c Yard



The New Umbrellas Come in Colors at \$5.00 to \$12.50

Many people prefer to select an umbrella early, and especially true at the present time, while the stock is so new and the variety so large, so if you prefer to have one of those laid away for you, we believe you will appreciate this offer.

Have You Purchased Your Winter Coat?

If by chance you have overlooked this vitally important question, there is no time to delay. It is only natural that in a few short weeks stocks will be completely broken and choice will, of course, be a matter of difficulty. So we urge you to see these coats if you have any intention of purchasing this season.



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The Store That Serve You Best

GERMAN ART CRITICS DESIRE TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS TO SCULPTOR

PARIS, Dec. 5.—German art critics devote enthusiastic articles to Auguste Rodin, the sculptor, who died in Paris, recently. They generally consider him the greatest sculptor France has ever produced. One writer says: "Rodin, like Shakespeare and Michelangelo, belongs to us Germans, for our claim upon every art creator is one we will never allow anybody to question." The Berlin Academy of Fine Arts will discuss at its next meeting the advisability of sending through a neutral country a message of condolence to Rodin's family.

M. E. AID SOCIETY MEET.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church will meet tomorrow afternoon at the Royal at 2 p. m. to make preparations for their sale on Saturday.

DRINKING BOUT RESULTS IN ARREST OF NATIVES

A drinking bout indulged in this morning in the Seattle Cafe on Front Street by a number of natives, ended in a row and city and federal officers arrested three men and one woman. Another woman is being held as a witness. The officers were compelled to use force with two of the native men who were quarrelsome.

HERRING BAIT ARRIVES

The National Independent Fisheries Company and the Juneau Cold Storage Company today received a shipment of 250 barrels of frozen herring bait which will be sold to the fishermen making their headquarters in Juneau.

WAR DECLARATION RESOLUTION BE PASSED FRIDAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The House committee on foreign affairs unanimously have reported favorably the resolution declaring war on Austria. The House has agreed to pass it before Friday night.

The declaration of war will add 700,000 men to the alien enemies in the United States.

AMERICAN AVIATORS ARE DOING GOOD WORK ON THE FRONT

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 6.—American aviators now working with the artillery are giving satisfactory results. They are keeping busy directing the fire against German positions.

SEATTLE—A strike in prospect of packing house employees on the Pacific coast unless the employers allow the closed shop plan in favor of the unions.

Phone it to The Empire, No. 274.

LIQUID FIRE IS BEING USED GERMAN TROOPS

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Invaders are unusually active along the entire line. Fresh troops are filling in the losses, suffered in the recent attempts to break through the Italian lines.

Enemy Is Repulsed

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 6.—The furious German attacks on the Asiago Plateau have been repulsed with heavy losses to the Germans. Except in the Northeastern sector, the Teutons have occupied some advanced lines. The fighting is desperate, with masses of infantry engaged in hand to hand fighting.

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS, (To Associated Press), Dec. 6.—There is heavy fighting around Asiago Plateau. The enemy has attacked in waves of infantry with liquid gas, followed by intense artillery fire. Our forces fought yesterday and last night on a ten-mile front.

Italians Withdraw

ROME, Dec. 6.—After fighting all day, the Italians slightly withdrew their lines on the northern Italian front.

Venice Deserted

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The roar of the bombardment echoes through Venice, cables a correspondent, but no shells have yet fallen within its limits. A large part of the population has left, but there are still gondolas moving about and the pigeons on the Plaza are scarcely less numerous than in the days of the tourists. The long wail of the steam siren at the signal station is oft repeated, announcing the approach of a Hun in an airplane. The general tone of those who yet remain is one of hope—tenacious hope. Practically all the British and Americans have gone. From the outlying villages refugees come pouring in, mostly in fishing boats. They bring with them a marvelous diversity of property, ranging from church furniture to unfinished miracles of lace, which are the wealth of Durano, and even a certain amount of livestock.

Where Battle Hinges

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Washington hears that the Italian troops are combating the Austro-German forces along the Piave line. The Anglo-French reinforcements which have arrived have been assigned to positions not yet attacked by the invaders. The battle ebbs and flows around slopes of three low mountains just west of the river—Monte Tomba, Monte Monferrera and Monte Cornelia. Monte Monferrera is on the edge of the river and is the key to the whole situation, as at that point the river turns into the Venetian plains and the whole battle hinges on the control of the river passage leading to the plains. The Germans are using picked troops of the Prussian Guard, besides some of the best troops from the western and Rumanian fronts.

CHALLENGE TO THE GERMAN NAVY BY THE BRITISH

BASE OF BRITISH GRAND FLEET, Dec. 6.—The head of the British Admiralty, speaking the other day in the House of Commons, flung out a challenge to the German navy. He said, "I disclose no secret, or if it is a secret I disclose a fact which I should be glad to tell the enemy—when I say that the British Grand Fleet in its northern base lies behind no shore defenses, but relies on its own strength alone."

CHRISTMAS TREE AND DANCE BE FEATURES BY MYSTIC SHRINE

The incomparable fun-makers—Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of the Southeastern Alaska Shrine Club, are perfecting arrangements for a unique Christmas tree dance entertainment to be held in the Elks' Hall Tuesday evening, December 18th. The affair will be informal and will be for members of the Shrine and their ladies only. Refreshments will be served from the oasis; good music will be provided; an excellent dance and vaudeville program carried out. A huge tree will adorn the center of the auditorium, beautifully decorated with colored electric lights and containing presents for the Nobles and their ladies. Shrine emblems will be displayed. All Nobles will wear the red fez. A most enjoyable time is anticipated. All appointments will be in keeping with the high standard heretofore maintained at all Shrine social functions. Later on, the Shriner will give an event for the public.

ARTIFICIAL LIMBS BEING MANUFACTURED

GLASGOW, Dec. 6.—Two Clyde shipbuilding firms have been turning their attention to the manufacture of artificial limbs and have produced in forty-eight hours a limb at a moderate cost which is said to be far superior to any other produced in the country.

One thousand maimed soldiers have already been fitted and nine thousand are on the waiting list.

KNITTING NEEDLES ARE FLYING IN THE PENITENTIARY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—Knitting needles are flying in the cells and workshops at the San Quentin and Folsom state penitentiaries, and a big assortment of socks, sweaters and other sartorial comforts are being turned out for the American troops in France and in the domestic service. At San Quentin the 24 women inmates are spending all of their time not taken up by other duties in turning out wristlets, socks and many other articles of apparel designed to keep out the cold. In Folsom practically every male prisoner has become adept at the knitting needles, and a half dozen knitting machines have been installed in addition. Some of the operators there are said by Warden J. J. Smith to be turning out a pair of socks every 14 minutes.

PRESIDENT MAY DECIDE TO PLAN TO TAKE RAILWAYS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—President Wilson may decide to address Congress on the recommendation of the Interstate Commerce Commission to have the government take over the control of the railway systems during the war.

EMPLOYEES OF COAST PACKING HOUSES ARE ON STRIKE FOR UNION

SEATTLE, Dec. 6.—About one thousand packing house employees and retail butchers have gone on a strike to enforce the closed shop demand of the Union.

LATE CABLE NEWS

BOSTON—Clemens Haash has been arrested as an alien enemy. He gave a dinner at the time the Lusitania was sunk to celebrate the event.

LONDON—The British deny that Rumania is seeking a separate peace with Russia and Germany, as alleged in Berlin advices.

AMSTERDAM—Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary says he would welcome peace.

AMSTERDAM—It is indicated that Germany will soon call to the colors boys 16 and 17 years old.

CLARK POLAND WINS IN WRESTLING FROM THE FINLANDER

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—In the international catch-as-catch-can wrestling match here, Clark Poland defeated Fred Pilakoff of Finland, in 20 minutes and 15 seconds, with the reverse body hold.

OUR PRESIDENT IS PRESENTED WITH MEDAL FROM FRANCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Ambassador Jusserand, in behalf of the French nation and the French people, has presented President Wilson with a bronze medal, a special mark of honor, to commemorate the entrance of the United States into the war.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENTS OF BANKS ARE CREATED

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Sir Richard Vassar Smith, in a recent address before the Institute of Bankers, said one feature of recent banking developments had been the greater and more immediate control which leading banks had assumed over financial relations with other countries by the creation of foreign departments and the opening of branches in foreign countries. This development of international banking meant a demand for young Englishmen with a knowledge of foreign languages, foreign exchange and the commercial and financial conditions in other countries.

A REAL HUN PATRIOT.



ELMER DWIGGINS

PRINTED MATTER REACHING TONS IS DISTRIBUTED

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 6.—Approximately thirty-seven and one-half tons of printed matter, including questionnaires and other forms bearing on the new draft regulations, have been distributed through the office of Adjutant General J. J. Borree among the 125 local exemption boards and the five district boards for use in placing in operation December 15 the new draft machinery. Three carloads of the supplies were received direct from the Provost Marshal-General at Washington.

ENTIRELY NEW METHOD IS DEvised FOR HANDLING TOBACCO

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Dec. 6.—A complete revolution in the method of handling leaf tobacco from the time it is gathered from the field until it is ready for the market has been made recently in Piedmont, North Carolina, one of the largest tobacco growing sections, to meet the increasing demand for bright tobacco used in the manufacture of cigarettes. The new method saves labor, time and fuel.

For many years, the growers in this district have bent their energies toward raising heavy tobacco regardless of the quality, since practically all of the tobacco grown was used in the manufacture of chewing tobacco. They would allow the tobacco to mature in the field and when it began to turn yellow would commence gathering it, cutting the whole stock and stripping the leaves after curing by heat. Under the new method, the leaves are stripped from the stalk in the field according to the degree of ripeness. The tobacco is "topped" in the field so each stalk will have an average of about twelve leaves, so the process of stripping requires about four trips over the field, at intervals of three or four days, allowing the leaves to mature regularly and evenly.

PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO. TO HANDLE SHIPMENTS

The local office of the Pacific Steamship Company has been notified from the freight and traffic department that all shipments of Red Cross supplies carried from Alaska will be handled without charge.

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Weather Conditions as Recorded by the U. S. Weather Bureau.

LOCAL DATA

BAROMETER	TEMP.	HUMIDITY	WIND	VEL.	WEATH.	
8:00 a. m.	30.22	28	94	S.	6	Lt. Snc.
2:00 p. m.	30.18	31	94	S.	2	Hy Snc.

CABLE REPORTS FOR 24 HOURS ENDING AT 8:00 A. M. TODAY

YESTERDAY			TODAY			
Highest	8 p. m.		Lowest	8 a. m.	Precip.	
Temp.	Temp.		Temp.	Temp.	Last 24	8 a. m.
					Hours	Weathe
Dutch Harbor ..	42	36				
St. Paul	26	26				
Kodiak	38	30				
Nome	6	-2				
Tanana	34	-44	-44	-42	0	Clr
Eagle	36	-50		-30		Clr
Valdez	20	20	20	22	0	Cldy
Juneau	27	27	25	28	.03	Lt. Sn.
Sitka	38	32				
Prince Rupert ..	46	42				
Seattle	46	42	40	42	.08	Clr
Portland	44	44	44	44	.06	Clr
San Francisco ..	62	58	48	48	0	Clr

SUMMARY

Considerably colder weather is reported from the Yukon Valley today, the barometer in that region being much above normal. Light snow has again set in in the Southeast, but in other parts of the Territory the weather is generally fair with no appreciable precipitation.

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