

To My Customers and Friends.

I HAVE great pleasure in presenting you with my sixth Almanac, and I hope it will prove equally welcome and satisfactory. It affords me great pleasure to renew and reiterate my thanks for your warm and very liberal support, not only for the past year, but previous to that, and I am sure it will be equally gratifying to many, if not to all, to learn that my business has increased the last year nearly one hundred per cent. I feel assured, therefore, that, by continual endeavors to give advantage to you of low prices, whenever possible, my business will still increase. My aim has always been to give satisfaction in every particular, to sell low and to buy carefully, in order to accomplish this end.

I cannot refrain from a few words of congratulation to the farmers of our thriving county. Your economy and prosperity is proverbial, and I might add that the past and present year has been of surprising thrift to you, prices for all kinds of produce has been remarkably high, while goods of every class have been very low, and notwithstanding the *hard times* which have been so severely felt in all branches of traffic, and which have so thoroughly tried the capabilities of our business men—the farmers have received treble prices for everything almost, in cash, and whatever we may have to complain of as business men, the farmer cannot, if he would, longer complain of *hard times*—miserable words which draw men's faces awry to think of—they have no effect now; and there is a sparkle in the eye and a smile on the face, good to look upon, which tells the golden tide is flowing in the right course. Success to you. We depend upon you, and are free to own it, and if you thrive we shall prosper, the result is a sure fact.

Before the new year breaks in upon us with its warm and merry congratulations, I hope I may be able to meet you in my new store, an engraving of which I present you with on the first page, here I shall have more room and greatly increased facilities to do business. I do not feel it necessary to puff my goods or prices, I shall try all in my power to do you justice, and I hope, by attention to business, good treatment to my customers, and candor in all particulars, to retain as well as increase my trade. Hoping also the same useful hints as well as a few moments of amusement may be had by the perusal of my Almanac, I again say my adieu.

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