

## Good Things to Give

To give gifts, and liberally, and sensibly—that's the secret of happy gift making at Christmas time. Many say it's difficult to know what to give a man. You'll be surprised at the number of presents of a sensible nature you may find here.

A HOUSEDRESS is always appreciated and, during the several years of its wear, arouse grateful remembrances of the donor. Qualities range from \$3 to \$10.

Just now you may purchase a \$25 FULL DRESS SUIT for \$20; a BUSINESS SUIT, with \$12.50 to \$15, for \$12—both these specials are new goods.

Worsted Ties, \$3 to \$5—Overcoats, the best ready-tailored, \$10 to \$25—Fancy Vests, \$3 to \$4.50—Washable Vests, \$1.75 to \$3.50—Suits Hangers, two for 25c.

Any alterations necessary may be made after Christmas.

OUR CUSUM DEPARTMENT is also at your service—the best of tailoring—an Overcoat, a Suit, a pair of Trousers, a Fancy Vest.

The practice of giving articles of apparel is increasing everywhere each Christmas. Frequently several combine to purchase something that would be rather expensive for one individual to give.

**A GILMOUR,**  
Fine Tailoring and Clothing,  
68 KING STREET.  
CLOSE AT 6.30; SATURDAY AT 10.

**LEAN, WHOLESOME, TASTY**  
ARE OUR  
**Sauages, Head Cheese, Sausage Meat**  
C Breakfast Bacon, Roll Bacon, Hams and Lard are used by people who are particular about what they eat.  
SLIPI & FLEWELLING, Pork Packers, 240 Main Street.

**VICTORIA RINK, QUEEN'S**  
ESTABLISHED - 1864. **Skating Rink.**  
1904 SEASON 1905. **SEASON 1904 and 1905.**  
**Grand Opening**  
**ON**  
**Christmas Day.**

Bands will be in attendance Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons throughout the winter. Gentlemen's Tickets, \$3.00. Ladies' Tickets, \$2.00. Children's Tickets, \$1.00.

See the list of Season Tickets:  
Gentlemen ..... \$3.50.  
Ladies ..... 2.50.  
Children ..... 1.50.

**ROBT. ARMSTRONG.**  
Prop. and Mgr.

**Agents Who Sell the Saint John "Star."**

NAME	ADDRESS
W. NASH SONS	101 C. R. Stations and Trains
THEO. BOWLING	Bridge street
D. H. NIEL	Main street
J. B. COAN	Main street
G. W. HEN	Main street
A. MOSE	Main street
MRS. J. PHILLIPS	Main street
B. H. EYKER	Main street
R. A. HIGGINS	Garden street
A. E. TINTON	Coburg street
C. K. BERT	Garden street
R. H. CARMAN	Wall street
C. F. WOOD	Wall street
W. GREN	Winter street
W. H. JEWETT	Waterloo street
M. J. NIEL	Brussels street
J. D. MCINTY	Brussels street
E. G. NIELSON & CO.	Charlotte street
L. H. GUY & CO.	King street
D. MOSE	King street
T. H. ELL	King street
WM. BATES (Branch)	Leinster street
J. H. WILKER	King street
MRS. M. CASE	Duke street
J. P. MONNET	Sydney street
MRS. J. JONES	Sydney street
H. J. DICK	Prince William street
MRS. J. JONES	Duke street
P. J. DOHOE	St. James street
WATSON & CO.	Charlotte street
J. J. DYER	Union street
C. P. REWES CO.	C. P. R. Trains
C. E. WYER	Brussels street
J. G. LEE	Union street
J. A. LEBT	Brussels street
E. R. VINGHAM	Union street, W. E.
R. R. FOWELL	Stanley street
FRANK PURDY	Garden street
T. J. DICK	Main street
ROYAL HOTEL	King street
IRA KERSTAD	Marsh Road
IRA KERSTAD (Branch)	Marsh Road
MRS. A. J. LAMOUR	Union street
FRANKLIN	Elliot Row
MISS FRANKLIN	Elliot Row
R. H. CENNE	Brussels street
MRS. S. FOLKINS	Winter street
A. E. HUNT	Charlotte street, W. A.
W. H. WILEY	St. Andrew street
GEO. E. RICE	Queen street
MRS. E. RICE (Branch)	Union street
MRS. CHRY	Mecklenburg street
J. E. WATERS	Union street, W. B.
SHANK & JOHNSON	St. Patrick street
EVERETT MCBAY	Orange street
MRS. M. McGUIRE	Main street
E. S. DILLIS	20 Pond street
C. C. BRYAN	Haymarket Square
W. E. TITS	Cor. Rodney and Ludlow street, W. B.
CHARLEMAGNE	Cor. St. David and Courtney streets
C. S. DYTMAN	Post of St. George St.
W. C. R. LLAN	173 King street, W. E.
M. J. DENNETT	St. John St., W. E.

## GERMAN COURT'S INNER LIFE.

Lady in Waiting to the German Empress Publishes an Interesting Book of Scandal.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Today is published by William Heinemann "The Private Life of William II. and His Court"—another volume of gossip about the imperial German court. Those who like complications of this kind will like it very much. There is no ambiguity about the recital. It does not deal in anecdotes "according to report," "current statements," "rumors," "and so forth." It is a professional compilation by Henry W. Fischer from "the papers and diaries, extending over a period beginning June, 1888, to the spring of 1893, of a lady-in-waiting on her majesty, the empress queen." It is often wonderfully, nay brutally, direct. It handles names and personages still alive with appalling accuracy. It is said to have been drastically expurgated. Possibly; but even now the book contains one or two very risqué anecdotes.

As to the work of translation and arrangement, it might have been better done; there are occasional errors of expression, and there are some glaring instances of misspelling of names. Finally, the lady-in-waiting, it must be recollected that the book does not appear to have been drawn from notes made several years ago, for many of the dramatic personae alluded to as alive have since gone over to the majority.

It is difficult to quote from the anecdotes—many doubtless true—told, as they are in most cases lengthy, but it is clear that while the writer is tolerant toward the kaiserin, she is very severe on the kaiser, whom she considers as the victim of imperial megalomania. It is a rather unpleasant picture—of course, vastly over-emphasized—of court life. The writer analyses the kaiser's personality.

"He has talents, undoubtedly, but they are creative only in giving work to others, the product passing for his own in the end. As Herr von Moltke and Philip Eisenberg are the real authors of his 'Song of Roland' and 'The Emperor's New Clothes,' so the kaiser's compositions, though being credited only with his technical execution. The late Count von Frommel used to write the imperial sermons delivered with so much éclat on the deck of the yacht Hohenzollern; officers of the military household prepare William's lectures, and the artist, Karl Scharoun, paints his landscapes and marine views."

When he conducts a ball, the pieces chosen are those the kaiser himself plays with the orchestra. There are curious contrasts in court life at Berlin and Potsdam. Rigorous lines and confusion alternate with extravagance and pretentiousness. The kaiser is made of contradictions.

They must be interested in the life of the kaiser, who is a rather unpleasant picture—of course, vastly over-emphasized—of court life. The writer analyses the kaiser's personality.

Her majesty being as fastidious about girls in her room (when the kaiser is present) as William is obliged to make her own bed, and to be chilly mornings whenever her husband is at home. What a parody on royal life this! The empress queen, in the end, up and down, in the cold and damp, to light her own fire! Truly, truth is stranger than fiction.

**UNPROFITABLE HONOR.**  
(New York Times.)

The late Democratic candidate for the presidency, it will be remembered, spent an evening in the Grand street section about two weeks before election and after his appearance there the Yiddish theatre he was entertained by his hosts at a popular Grand street restaurant. The police feared a riot and the theatre was closed out of the restaurant, which is generally crowded near midnight.

The proprietor was evidently annoyed by his honor and his lack of patronage—tables all empty except the one at which gathered the judge and his courtiers. To an old habitué, said the proprietor in a fearful voice, glancing at the sparse if distinguished attendance.

Dr. Blaustein, is this an honor? It isn't business. The proprietor was evidently annoyed by his honor and his lack of patronage—tables all empty except the one at which gathered the judge and his courtiers. To an old habitué, said the proprietor in a fearful voice, glancing at the sparse if distinguished attendance.

**NAILING CAMPAIGN LIES.**  
Senator Stone of Missouri, while dining with a party of friends a few nights ago in an up-town hotel, told this story after a concurrence of ideas among the party that there were fewer campaign lies told during this campaign than any other they could remember.

"The son of a friend of mine, a politician in Missouri, has a young and precocious boy who got into the politics from hearing his father talk so much. The boy came to his father one day and asked:

"Papa, are all these things that they say about you true?"

"No, my son; they are not; they are campaign lies."

"I thought so," was the little boy's reply, "and I nailed every one of them."

"How did you nail them?"

"Why, I cut them all out and nailed them to the trees in front of the hotel; isn't that what they mean by nailing a campaign lie?"

**CHINESE RELIGION A SHAM.**  
An English writer, commenting on the rumor that General Kurupakin allowed horses and mules to graze among the graves of honored Chinese dead, declares that the Chinese are not likely to be much shocked at such circumstances. He says that the religions of the Orient, excepting Mohammedanism, are mere rituals without meaning—the dead buried of forgotten faiths. He tells of a Chinaman whom he found burning counterfeit bank bills as a sacrifice to his gods. It was pointed out to him that the sacrifice was useless, as the bills were worthless. To this the Chinaman replied that he did not care if the money was worthless, as he actually sent it home the day he promised it.

## PARISIAN ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

Corinthian Will Sail at Noon Today—She Has a Lot of Cattle on Board.

Fewer than the usual number of Sunday spectators visited Sand Point yesterday, until the latter part of the afternoon. Most of the men who were there sought refuge from the chilling winds on board the Corinthian, and up till about four o'clock the wharves and warehouses were almost wholly deserted. About four o'clock the Allan liner steamer Parisian was sighted near the island. By the time she was docked a large crowd had gathered at the wharf to meet her.

The Parisian, which comes from Liverpool, is a vessel of about 5,400 tons. She is one of the swiftest of the Allan liners. She brought to St. John forty-five passengers, about 40 of whom are immigrants. Earl Grey and party were also passengers on the steamer to Halifax. Her cargo is about 1,600 tons of which 350 tons are Christmas goods. The Parisian will sail from here for Liverpool next Saturday.

## NEW YORK'S ESQUIMAUX.

The most picturesque of the many thousands of New York's schoolboys is undoubtedly Menie, the Greenland Esquimaux, who was brought to this city by Lieutenant Peary. From a wild and untutored Arctic nomad, formerly accustomed with his father to chase the seal and walrus in its skin kayak, he has now been transformed into an up-to-date young American, clever and bright in his studies and the captain of a baseball team.

Menie was one of the natives who lived near the winter quarters of Mrs. Peary and formed one of the colony of Esquimaux in whom she took much interest. On the return of the Hope southward, he, together with his mother and father, was taken on board. His mother died during the voyage. His father succumbed to pneumonia shortly after his arrival in this country. Menie was cared for at the American Museum of Natural History, where several of his relatives and father were made. There are considered of much scientific value.

At present he is a member of the household of W. Wallace, formerly superintendent of the Museum. He has learned with unusual rapidity the ways and means of his new life. He has suffered from an attack of pneumonia and has been a patient of the Fordham Hospital.

When Menie first reached New York he had many trials and tribulations with the demands of modern life. The use of soap appeared to him superfluous, until, after many vigorous applications, some of the accumulated coating of thick blubber and grease was removed.

The handful of men and women forming the tribe to which he belongs are the smallest and most northern dwellers of human beings on the globe, and they are likewise the most primitive. Numbering less than two hundred and fifty, male and female, they dwell in complete isolation on the barren shores of Smith Sound, on the west coast of Greenland, between Melville Bay and Kane Basin. This is a region of indescribable desolation and gloom, hemmed in by eternal walls of frozen sea.

Seal-kills tents form a shelter in summer. In winter they dwell in stone huts made of walrus hides and walrus blubber. The huts are built with snow, which is nothing more than underground hovels. Hunting the walrus is the sole occupation of the people. This is kept up assiduously from the first return of the sun until its disappearance. During the long Arctic winter all the families maintain life through the supply of seal and walrus meat obtained during the short summer season. Menie, enjoying the comforts of civilization, probably will live to be the only survivor of this unknown race.

Menie, enjoying the comforts of civilization, probably will live to be the only survivor of this unknown race. Menie, enjoying the comforts of civilization, probably will live to be the only survivor of this unknown race.

**ANOTHER CONFIDENCE GAME.**  
I want to see the man that answers the questions," said the heavy-footed caller who had clumped up three or four flights of stairs.

"What do you want of him?" asked the man at the desk.

"It's this way," said the other, dropping into a chair. "A fellow that's always talking imperialism and predicting a monarchy for this country, offered to bet me a dollar and a half that the people wouldn't be allowed to choose a president for 1908. I took him up, and we agreed to leave it to you."

"You've lost," said the man at the desk.

"I thought there was some catch in it," interrupted the caller, rising from his chair and clumping toward the door; "but I wasn't going to let him bluff me—damn my fool head! Good day!"—Chicago Tribune.

**AN AWFUL MISTAKE.**  
Wife—My daughter is getting altogether too old-fashioned to suit me.

Husband—Why, my dear, your new gown is strictly up-to-date.

Wife—Yes, I know; but she actually sent it home the day she promised it.

Chicago News.

## SEELY-STEVENS

WAS A QUIET ONE.  
New York Herald's Account of St. John Girl's Marriage to New York Millionaire.

In its report of the wedding of Miss Carrie Seely and the millionaire Frederick W. Stevens, the New York Herald says:

Many persons will be surprised to-day when they learn that Frederick W. Stevens was married yesterday to Miss Seely, a nurse who had been employed in Mr. Stevens' home, at No. 33 West Thirty-fifth street.

It is unquestionable as has been the life of Mr. Stevens since his first wife, now the former wife of the Duc de Dino, divorced Mr. Stevens nearly nineteen years ago, was the wedding, Miss Seely, it is said, is of an excellent family and his second wife.

It was a "high noon" ceremony, because when a reporter for the Herald called at Mr. Stevens' residence, about one o'clock, Mr. Stevens and his bride were said to have "just returned from the church, where an unexpected wedding had taken place."

Mr. Stevens' daughter, Mrs. Frederic H. Allen, of Pelham Manor, and her husband were said not to have attended the wedding. Neither did Mr. Stevens' only son, Joseph Sampson Stevens.

Mr. Stevens was graduated from Yale in 1883, and is a member of the University, Knickerbocker, Century, Metropolitan, Downtown and Essex (of New York) clubs. His first matrimonial experience terminated unfortunately. When he was about twenty-five years old, in 1882, he was married to Adele Livingston Sampson, a daughter of Josiah Sampson, one of the city's wealthiest citizens.

On both sides the young couple were prominent socially. Young Mr. Stevens had no wealth, but from his father's estate Miss Sampson brought a tremendous fortune. In later years and probably today the now divorced wife of the Duc de Dino is one of the largest holders, next to Mrs. Hetty Green, of Chemical Bank stock.

For many years Mrs. Stevens was a leader of the ultra-fashionable set. It was she who built the house now owned by Henry Payne Whitney, at the southwest corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-seventh street. It was then, as now, one of the finest residential structures in New York, and it cost Mrs. Stevens something more than two million dollars. The house was modelled after a castle in France, and it was during one of her trips abroad, the drawing room furnishings were purchased in Paris.

Mrs. Stevens returned to this country in 1874, having in 1873 married a villa in Newport, R. I., which she has since sold, and valuable property in the financial district, which she still owns.

The Marquis de Talleyrand-Perigord afterward the Duc de Dino, visited this country in 1874, having in 1873 married a villa in Newport, R. I., which she has since sold, and valuable property in the financial district, which she still owns.

The Marquis de Talleyrand-Perigord obtained a divorce from the marquis, who refused to give up her name or title, and the marquis' father conferred one of his titles on his son—Duc de Dino. Mrs. Stevens married the Marquis de Talleyrand-Perigord in Paris in January, 1887. She obtained a divorce from him in April, 1893, and it was said the duchess would thereafter use her maiden name, Sampson.

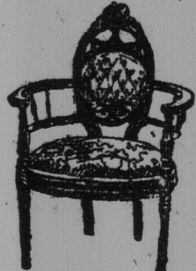
Mr. and Mrs. Stevens had four children. One daughter married a son of General de Galliffet and another the Comte Orlovski, a Polish nobleman, the remaining daughter being the wife of Frederic H. Allen, a lawyer in this city. The only son, Joseph Sampson Stevens, married Miss Clara Sherwood.

**AUCTIONS SATURDAY.**  
Auctioneer Pottinger proposed of the following bonds on Chubb's Corner Saturday.

Three St. John Bridge and Railway Extension Company bonds, par value \$500 each, due July 1st, 1913, and bearing interest at 100 per cent; three sewerage and water bonds, par value \$250 each, due May 1st, 1915, bearing six per cent, at 13 per cent, premium; one sewerage and water bond, par value \$250, due May 1st, 1911, bearing six per cent, interest, at 10 per cent, premium.

The same auctioneer also sold the two freehold lots belonging to the Israel B. Hayes estate, situated respectively on the corner of Wright and Victoria streets and on the corner of Wright and Prospect streets, with house and barn, for \$1,600.

If one could remember when asked for advice that a black hand satchel, containing pocketbook, card case, etc., would save lots of heartache—Toledo Blade.



## Think It Over

by all means, before you decide where to buy your Holiday Presents.

We have many pretty pieces suitable for Xmas Gifts.

## For the Older Folks:

Fancy Cabinets, Secretaries, Centre Tables, Dressing Tables, Shaving Stands, Rockers, Morris Easy Chairs, Etc.

## For the Children:

Toy Sets, Carriages, Go Carts, Rockers, Rocking Horses, Bureaus, Sideboards, Etc.

**GEO. E. SMITH, 18 King St.**

**Xmas Dinner and Tea Sets.**

There is no gift that compares with a nice Dinner or Tea Set.

**Special Priced Xmas Sets,**

.....BOTH IN.....

**Fine China and English Semi-Porcelain**

**O. H. WARWICK CO.,**

(LIMITED),

78 to 82 KING STREET.

SITUATIONS VACANT.	SITUATIONS WANTED.
Advertisements under this head, 20 words or less, 20 cents. One week, 25 cents.	Advertisements under this head, 20 words or less, 20 cents. One week, 25 cents.
WANTED—A housemaid. Apply to MRS. T. A. RANKINE, 70 Wentworth street.	MALE STENOGRAPHER wants position. Expert on the Underwood and Remington typewriters. Address "M." Star office.
WANTED—A young man to work in the EXCELSIOR VINEGAR FACTORY. Apply at the Factory York Point Slipp.	ACTIVE WOMAN, willing to go by the day for washing and general work. Apply MRS. KEATING, 57 Elmwood street.
WANTED—Girl for general house work in a small family. References required. Apply at 23 Queen Square.	WANTED—Two good bred Irish Terrier pups, cheap. State full particulars. Address H. Star Office.
WANTED—Respectable girl for general housework in small family. No washing. References required. Apply at 123 King street.	WANTED—Pool players at Real Estate Pool Parlors, 240 Mill street. Open pass the door. A 10c purchase gives you a chance for the mare given away. New Year's Day. S. R. FENDLETON, proprietor.
WANTED—A cook. Call tonight at the Royal Dairy Lunch, 52 Mill street.	FOR SALE—Cheap, a two seated family sleigh. Apply to E. S. DIBBLE, 20 Pond street.
WANTED—General girls, cooks, housemaids can always get best places, highest wages, by applying to MISS HANSON, Women's Exchange, 193 Charlotte street.	FOR SALE—Gladstone sleigh, almost new, cheap. Also two first class black robes, good as new. Apply telephone 801.

MISCELLANEOUS.
SKATE SHARPENING.—Manufacturer of Tubular, Racing and Hockey Skates. R. D. COLES, 191 Charlotte street.
A WISE XMAS PRESENT.—A subscription to the Montreal Daily or Weekly Star. Send \$1.00 or a postal card to Wm. M. Campbell, 225 Lancaster street, St. John, West.
AUTOHARPS AND ZITHERS TUNED perfectly, i.e. figured music books, picks, strings for same, cheap. 491 Main street, 2nd flat upstairs.
12 LESSONS FREE TO PURCHASERS of interesting and instructive musical instrument. Easy to play, easy to buy. Call and investigate. HOME SPECIALTY CO., 491 Main street, 2nd floor.
ART WORK SALE.—Mrs. J. G. Armstrong, 128 St. James street, announces an opening of art work to continue until Christmas. The sale will include decorative painting in china, oils and water colors. A choice collection of Japanese embroidery will also be shown.
VIOLENS FREE.—To students of the violin taking instructions from me and commencing before January 1905, I will give a violin free. J. M. GOUDIE, Violin Teacher, studio 109 Moore street.
LOST.—Black hand-bag, between corner of Union street, on Charlotte, and foot of King street, containing between \$1 and \$12 and a latch key. Please return to 32 Coburg street.
LOST—This morning, between King street east and the Sun office, a glazier's diamond. JOHN H. LEAH, King street east.
LOST—On Wednesday evening, on "Antebury, King, Charlotte or Union street, a Five Dollar Bill. The finder will oblige by leaving it at the office of this paper.
LOST—Between High and Wall street by way of Main street and Paradise Row, North End, a black hand satchel, containing pocketbook, card case, etc. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at this office.

ROOMS TO LET.
Advertisements under this head, 20 words or less, 20 cents. One week, 25 cents.
ROOMS TO LET—Light pleasant rooms, unfurnished. Terms moderate. 6 Gernall street, left door.
TO LET—Two nice, comfortable, furnished rooms. Apply at 164 Carmarthen street.
BOARDING—Rooms with board in comfortable home. MRS. SHANKS, 156 King street, near Carmarthen street.
ROOMS TO LET—Large room in the McLean Building, 30 Union street, near Opera House, suitable for factory, meeting room, etc. Apply to H. A. ALLISON, 16 North Ward.
TO LET—Two large front rooms and one small room, with board. Apply at 30 Wellington Row.

ROOMS WANTED.
Advertisements under this head, 20 words or less, 20 cents. One week, 25 cents.
WANTED—One or two unfurnished rooms, city or North End. Address F. G. K., care of Star Office.
WANTED—A vacant or furnished room in a central locality, state conditions and price. Address TRAVELLER, care of Star Office.

MILLINERY.
UNTRIMMED FELT HATS, 50c. to 50c. Trimmed Felt Hats, 50c. to \$1.00. Imported Velvet Hats, \$2.00. MISS PYNK, 67 Broad street.

Crowds Are Daily Flocking to the Big Sale Now Going on at the MONTREAL CLOTHING STORE, 207 Union Street. Fall in Line With the Crowd.