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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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59 CHARLOTTE STREET.

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The Kind That Are Appreciated Because They Are Useful.

SILK WAISTS—A lady never has too many Silk Waists. We have on sale now a large lot of Silk Waists that were made especially for Christmas trade. They are handsomely embroidered and made from a nice fine quality of Japanese Taffeta, and are worth \$5.00 Each. The Christmas Sale Price is \$3.75.

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Ladies' Kid Gloves—We get only the reliable makes. Our prices are 75c \$1.00, \$1.10 and \$1.35. These are all Two Dome Fastener Gloves and come in Black, White, Brown and Tan.

The "Mannish" Glove for Winter Wear is \$1.15. It is a fine quality, good weight, English made Glove.

Ladies' Lined Kid Gloves—with or without Fur Tops, \$1.00, \$1.10, \$1.35, \$1.65 and \$2.00.

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We have a nice assortment of **Bear Skin Coats, Bear Skin Mitts and Bear Skin Caps. Berlin Jackets, Berlin Mitts, Berlin Gaiters.** Any of these goods make attractive presents for the little ones.

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SUNDAY TRAGEDIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Catherine Neil, of Greenwich, Conn., was arrested at the home of her mother in Harlem tonight on a warrant which charged her with having caused the death of her husband, Joseph Neil, at Greenwich last night. Mrs. Neil was taken to police headquarters, but complaining of being ill, she was removed to a hospital where she was held prisoner.

The couple were staying at a Greenwich hotel. It is alleged that early last night the woman hurried into the hotel office and asked that a physician be summoned. She said that her husband had fallen and cut his head.

A physician was called and found Neil suffering from severe contusions of the head and lacerations about the right eye. While the physician was working over Neil he died. Mrs. Neil, according to the police, left the hotel first, giving the doctor her mother's address in New York and saying that she would return to make funeral arrangements.

Medical examiner L. P. Jones made an investigation and notified District Attorney Henry B. Wile of Greenwich, that he suspected foul play. A warrant charging Mrs. Neil with manslaughter was secured and placed in the hands of Chief of Police Wm. F. Richey, of Greenwich, who came to New York and with a New York detective arrested Mrs. Neil.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 15.—Louis B. Frey was found dead surrounded by flames in a room at the hotel at Benwood Junction early today under circumstances which at first pointed to suicide. Subsequent discoveries, however, may prove that he was murdered. The room was discovered to be afire and the door was broken down. When the blaze was distinguished the body was found in bed. Frey was on his hands and knees and his flesh was baked in spots. Singularly, while his eyes were gone, his mouth, the hair on his head, and other parts of the body were not singed. This disposed of the theory that he set fire to himself for the purpose of ending his life. Frey came to Benwood from Woodeville, Ohio, last Saturday and no person can be found who saw him since Monday. He occupied a room at the Junction House and was known to have considerable money. He was a well to do citizen of McConnellsville, W. Va., and the owner of several race horses.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Dec. 15.—One life, that of Mrs. Frank Conrad, is believed to have been sacrificed in a fire which destroyed the American House block and badly damaged two adjoining house blocks, causing a loss estimated at \$40,000 here today.

Mrs. Conrad's body is thought to be buried beneath the ruins of the American House block. This block was situated at the corner of St. Paul and Main streets and was owned by John E. Hogan. It was occupied by the American House, conducted by Barry Kelly, and had at the time about fifty guests. Seven tenements, in which 27 people made their homes and the store of the Burlington Wine and Liquor Company, were also in the block. The fire is supposed to have started from

some hot ashes which had been deposited in the rear of the building by one of the tenants, and in three hours had destroyed the entire block. The hotel guests were forced to make hurried exits, but all escaped safely. One of them, Benjamin Prosser, a travelling salesman of Ticonderoga, N. Y., gathering up some of his clothing in his arms, ran to the assistance of Mrs. Conrad, who occupied one of the tenements on the third floor and who was in an hysterical condition. He succeeded in taking her down to the second floor, where in attempting to regain some clothing which he had dropped, he lost his hold upon the woman and she fell backward from his sight, probably in her bewildered condition becoming a prey to the flames.

Late tonight Frank Conrad, husband of the missing woman, said he had little doubt that she had become a victim of the fire, and had wandered away during the excitement. Mr. Conrad said there was \$3,500 in a purse in his room, and he believed that his wife remembering this had run back for the purse and met her death in an effort to save it.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 15.—As a result of a general fight, covering a desperate attempt today by negro convicts to escape from the State Prison, Captain J. N. Buckley, in charge of the camp and Sergt. John Dadds are seriously wounded. Captain Buckley sustained a seven-inch gash across the chest, and Sergt. Dadds left arm was broken.

The fight began in the hospital where Ben Cooper, a long term convict attacked another negro, Charles Prince, with a razor. A general fight followed in which a dozen negroes took part. Dadds entered the room and was beaten with clubs, iron bars and other weapons. Capt. Buckley attempted to quell the disturbance and he was attacked by Cooper, Hazah Plancy, a convict, knocked Cooper down and disarmed him. When the other negroes saw Plancy take the razor from Cooper, they quieted down.

CULPEPPER, Va., Dec. 15.—Wm. F. Bywaters, a prominent citizen of this county, and well known all over the country as a fox hunter and breeder of crack hounds and horses, was literally shot to pieces last night by James and Phillip Strothers, who live at "Rothwood" three miles from this place.

Mr. Bywaters secured a marriage license yesterday and was married to Miss Viola Strothers, daughter of the late Col. John H. Strothers, and sister of the two young men who killed him. After the wedding Mr. Bywaters attempted to leave the Strothers home and one of the brothers of the bride objected. Bywaters later climbed to the roof and endeavored to escape. He was seen by James and Phillip Strothers, who opened fire on him with pistols. He died almost instantly. The circumstances surrounding the killing are sensational and have aroused the greatest excitement.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Six men met instant death today in a dynamite explosion about 24 miles from Newport, Tenn., and just across the line in Carolina. They were employed on an extension of the Tenn. and N. C.

CAROLINE RAILWAY. A load of dynamite exploded today, tampering with the men into shreds and seriously injuring the seventh. The victims were all white men.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 15.—During a desperate battle with burglars last night in the notion store of Mrs. Mary Neeson, at New Kensington, Pa., 30 miles east of this city, officer James L. Lemon, shot and fatally wounded Elmer Kuhn and captured Albert Romig, a young man well known in New Kensington. There are peculiar circumstances connected with the robbery. Early Saturday evening Romig went to the police and Mrs. Neeson that an attempt would be made to burglarize the store. Officer Lemon was detailed on the case and searching himself waited an hour before Kuhn and Romig, both masked, rushed into the store. Romig pointed a revolver at Mrs. Neeson, while Kuhn held up the young woman clerk. Officer Lemon commanded both men to surrender. Kuhn rushed at the officer to strike him with a bootjack and Lemon fired three times, every bullet entering Kuhn's body. Romig did not resist arrest. Romig claims he notified the police because Kuhn threatened to kill him unless he assisted in the robbery.

CITY AMUSEMENTS

St. John feels proud of the distinction that has fallen to her lot in being enrolled under the banner of E. P. Keith and taking her place among the one hundred and sixty-three cities that comprise the Keith circuit. This chain of first-class theatres now extends from St. John to San Francisco and from Montreal to New Orleans and includes the Princess, Mr. Keith's own theatre in London. With such houses as Keith's Boston, Philadelphia, Providence and New York theatres as associates, St. John getting her full share of the many good things imported from abroad, there will henceforth be no dearth of theatrical amusement. With prices within reach of all and ample capacity to accommodate his patrons, there is little doubt of St. John evidencing the same inclination for the lighter and more easily digested and enjoyable features that characterize the vaudeville programmes. For the opening week, commencing Monday, Christmas Eve, an exceptionally interesting selection has been made with Mr. Milton and Mrs. Dolly Nobles at its head presenting their great sketch entitled "Why Walker Reformed," in which they have scored successes in New York, Philadelphia and Providence. Dill and Ward have distinguished themselves in America and in London and Paris, and Theres Dorgival will make her appearance in a repertoire well suited to her voice and the occasion. Caron and Hebert have, what is called a comedy vaudeville act. Not possessing the dignity of a plot but a conglomerate of original specialties, this vehicle affords Caron and Hebert ample opportunity for the introduction of their farcicalisms which are unique and eminently successful. There will be other acts equally good. The pictorial portions of the entertainment will include interesting views of travel and a number of reproductions from real life on the Bioscope. The theatre will open on Monday next, Christmas Eve. There will be a matinee daily except Monday.

MUST HITCH HORSES TO THEIR MOTOR CARS

LUCERNE, Dec. 15.—The monks of Great St. Bernard were some time ago permitted by the authorities of the Canton of Vaud to make two trial trips with motor cars for carrying supplies to the monastery. The trips were pronounced satisfactory, but the monks have now received an intimation that a new decision has been reached. They are informed that "motor trucks may be used, but under no circumstances must they be allowed to appear on the road without a team of horses attached. Otherwise," it is added, "a serious panic may be caused among other horses and mules using the road."

The monks are willing to fulfill this requirement, but are not yet able to make up their minds whether the horses are to be attached in front of or behind the motor truck.

ADOPTED CHILD QUILTS WEALTH FOR LOVE

Romance and Tragedy in Lives of Rich Man, Ward and Lover.

Poverty, Persecution and Shame Elements in Pathetic Tale of Real Life.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—A strange tragedy in real life has occurred here. So dramatic are the circumstances that they fall naturally into three acts, of which the first is as follows: M. Verdouille is the managing proprietor of important metallurgical works in the Plaisance quarter of Paris. He is a bachelor and has engaged as chief cashier and bookkeeper a widow named Mme. Ducloux who had an only child, Beatrice, a girl of 19 years. Verdouille took a fatherly fancy to Mme. Ducloux's daughter, and had her trained in a commercial institute, with a view of making her assistant bookkeeper to the firm.

THE SECOND ACT.

In the second act Beatrice has grown into a beautiful young woman of 20. She assists her mother in the cashier's office. But one day about six months ago Mme. Ducloux died suddenly in the office of heart disease. Beatrice thinks that Verdouille will give her the post of chief cashier and bookkeeper, hopes of marrying Jean Deplet, a young traveller in the same firm, who loves her and is loved.

But Verdouille, now an elderly bachelor, had gone on taking such interest in Beatrice that his fancy has ripened into strong affection for the beautiful young woman. He determines to adopt her as his daughter and tells her so. She is overjoyed at such good fortune, for Verdouille is wealthy, and she thus becomes his heiress. Verdouille withdrew her from his office, placed her at the head of his private house, and began to take the necessary legal steps to adopt her.

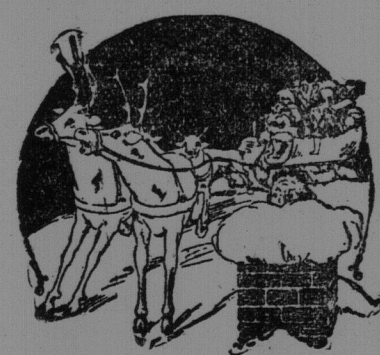
HER SECRET DISCLOSED.

One day Verdouille hears from a friend a story that greatly upsets him. It appears that Beatrice was in the habit twice weekly of visiting her mother's tomb, and afterwards, in one of the cemetery groves, meeting a young man. Verdouille who is really infatuated, resolves to watch. He sees Beatrice kneel by the tomb and afterwards meets a man, who is none other than Jean Deplet, his traveller. In a jealous rage Verdouille rushes up and drags away the weeping girl, afterward discharging Deplet from his employ. Beatrice confesses that she loves Deplet, but Verdouille is obdurate, whereupon Beatrice leaves her adopted father's house, he vainly applying to the police to stop her. The police are powerless to interfere, as the adopted formalities are not completed. Beatrice goes straight to her lover.

THIRD AND LAST ACT.

The third act. Beatrice has found employment at \$5 a week as a bookkeeper, but Deplet, owing to Verdouille's replies to all inquiries about his character, is unable to find employment. The lovers share their slender means until they can afford to marry. Beatrice is expecting to become a mother. This means loss of employment, misery and semi-starvation. Deplet thinks that the recital of Beatrice's hardships may soften Verdouille's heart, and yesterday determined to go and see him. He learns that Verdouille has taken to neglecting business, and is now more frequently to be found at a cafe in the Rue Didot than at the works.

Deplet goes there and finds Verdouille mixing, with trembling hand, an absinthe. No sooner did he see Deplet than he lifts the heavy ice-water carafe, throws it full in Deplet's face, and rushes at him, screaming like a maniac. Deplet, his face covered with blood, has fallen. Verdouille tries to



JINGLE, JINGLE, JINGLE!

A little nearer and nearer Comes the sound of the bells Of the swift approaching team Of Santa Claus.

Have you ordered all you want from him? If not send your order to him through us for something in Dry Goods and Gent's Furnishings

P. S. Remember



or Dry Goods

Is, we believe, worthy of your notice, so shop at this store and have your holiday requirements filled correctly.

E. W. PATTERSON, 29 City Road.

LOCAL NEWS.

Barkers, 100 Princess street, offer all 50c. mechanical toys for 25c.; all 25c. mechanical toys for 10 and 15c.; bound books from 5c. up; \$4.00 magic lanterns for \$2.25; steam engines from 25c. up.

Barkers' toys have arrived at last. On account of them coming late we will sell them very much under wholesale prices.

Macaulay Bros. are advertising in today's Star a most attractive line of goods especially suitable for Christmas gifts. Pieces of handwork are always appreciated and the variety on sale at Macaulay's offers every opportunity for selection. Intending purchasers could not do better than see this stock.

The 2 Barkers' stores, 100 Princess street and 111 Brussels street, will be open every evening until Xmas.

If you want your glasses absolutely correct and are unwilling to have your eyes tampered with, better bring your eye troubles to D. Boyaner, optician, 35 Dock street.

This is the busy week for Christmas shoppers, who will throng to the up-to-date store of the Union Clothing Co., 25-27 Charlotte St., old Y. M. C. A. building, where one can find handsome and most suitable Christmas gifts for everyone.

WISE XMAS GIFTS.

There is no difficulty in selecting a stylish piece of furniture for a Xmas gift at Amland Bros. Ltd., Waterloo street, as on their three large floors can be seen a beautiful stock of music and parlor cabinets, buffets, sideboards, dining chairs, ladies' secretaries, ladies' dressers, hall trees, shaving stands, Morris chairs, besides children's high chairs and rockers, toy sets, sleds, tricycles, etc.

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