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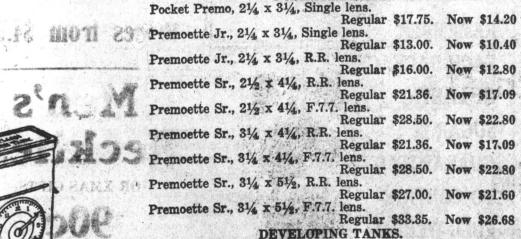
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postman drifts, I shed a weary moan; o'er some flashy toy that's made of Oh, I have slip. I often think that Christmas gifts wood or tin. But when a grownup pers, fancy-sew-should be for kids alone. I send a gets a gift, in Christmas ribbons tied, ed, and slippers gift to my Aunt Jane, and she sends all wearly he maketh shift to see Some of the Parisian tailleurs are green and gray, one to me; the gift I send gives her a what is inside. And then we hear absolutely untrimmed with great full "Ah, well," he remarked, "we proa n d slippers pain and she cries "Hully cheet" his doleful cry, as he upsets the collars. come to my abode And she sends me a gaudy pair of chairs: "More slippers! And already on every Christ-slippers she has knit, whereat I sigh I have forty-seven pairs!" The mas Day. The and wring my hair—the blamed Christmas free its head uplifts, a pleasant things to see; now let the postman toils on things do not at. The little children pleasant thing to see; now let the largeing feet, for love the things we send by Sania's children have the gifts—I hope there's embroider the belt and cufts of a black wouldn't be the control of the children have the gifts—I hope there's embroider the belt and cufts of a black wouldn't be the control of the children have the gifts—I hope there's embroider the belt and cufts of a black wouldn't be the control of the children have the gifts—I hope there's embroider the belt and cufts of a black wouldn't be the control of the children have the gifts—I hope there's embroider the belt and cufts of a black wouldn't be the control of the children have the gifts—I hope there's embroider the belt and cufts of a black crape de man." for he is old and mail; they're happy as so many none for me!

frail; I see him coming down the kings life hasn't made things stale. Kosy Felt Slippers in many Slashes in a frock of coral crepe de street with slip. I hear them shouting in their joy, styles, just opened up at chine reveal a foundation of gray Ton the bale; as to my door the and love them for the din, in raptures SMALLWOOD'S,—dec16,tf crepe de chine.

Fads and Fashions.

An edging of black lace is often not tell a lie, and he was no Scots-

Steel beads and tiny steel buttons son, "a Scot could tell a lie, but he embroider the belt and cuffs of a black wouldna,"

Slashes in a frock of coral crepe de Try our Fresh Sausages-chine reveal a foundation of gray Tomato-Pork-Beef—Made daily crepe de chine.

By Starlight.

THE GALLANT QUEST WILL BE AIDED BY LIGHTS WE NEVER SEE UP HERE. Shackleton and his brave compan

ons may not, after all, experience such a dark and dreary Antarctic winter as nost people imagine. Although the sun's light will be with-

drawn for a greater or lesser length of time, according to the latitude in which the explorers are located, the brilliance and duration of the moonlight, for one s, should make considerable

Shackleton's old chief, the late Captain Scott, for example, tells us how at mid-winter (June 23rd) "the full moon, high in the heavens, flooded the snow with its white, pure light," whilst 'overhead myriad stars irradiated the heavens," and "the pale shafts of the aurora australis grew and waned in the

The moon, Captain Scott further relates, greatly favoured the Discover expedition by being full when at its nost southerly declination.

Starlight should be another import ant means of relieving the darkness of the Antarctic night to the Shackleto ians. It is perhaps not widely realize that the very large majority of most brilliant stars are either in the uthern Hemsphere or visible from the Antarctic regions.

Nature's Lamp-light.

The three brightest-Sirius (the Dog Star), Canopus, and Alpha Centauriare all south of the Equator; indeed, the two last mentioned are so far south that they never appear above our hortzon at all. The Dog Star is, of course, a familiar object to everybody in our latitudes during the winter months.

No small amount of illumination, too, should be derived from the majestic zone of "star dust" which girdles the entire firmament, and which is most generally known in this country by the name of the Milky Way.

Its brilliance is certainly very mark ed with us, but in the South Polar regions it shines with a splendour of which we Northerners are quite ignorant. The famous Southern Cross is seen partly projected against the Milky Way.

Then the Magellanic Clouds-two brilliant, luminous patches which look as if they had broken loose from the Milky Way-should be another source of illumination. They are so immensely remote that our own universe of stars would appear like one of them if viewed from the same distance. Yet their brilliance is such that when near the horizon in the tropics they have been mistaken by travellers for a faroff prairie or forest fire.

There are also luminous clouds of another kind which might help to mitigate the gloom of the long night. These, however, are in our atmosphere.

The "Merry Dancers." They are supposed to be of electrical origin, and are brighter at some times than in others. However, they are quite capable of giving a glow to

their region of the heavens. To what extent the aurora australis will illumine the darkness is uncertain. Some Antarctic explorers have expressed themselves as altogether disappointed with the display of this counterpart of our aurora borealis, or "merry dancers" or Northern lights."

as it is variously known to us. The aurora australia, it seems to me, varies in brilliance in the same way as does our aurora borealis. This variation is regulated, presumably, by the electrical condition of the higher regions of the atmosphere.

When, for instance, there is unusual activity on the sun, the auroral display is often more brilliant than when the sun is comparatively quiet.

It is interesting to note, in this regard, that the sun's quiet time will coincide with Shackleton's sojourn in the Antarotic.

Displays of some degree of intensity are sure to be witnessed by members of the expedition, and, likely as not, the auroral steamers will som have a reddish or greenth hue. The effect of this light on the frozen wastes of the Antarctic should be grand in the extreme.—Answers.

Had Him There.

Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, who, with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rosewell Miller, is now paying a visit to New York, has always been fond of telling stories of the superiority of the Scots.

One she recounted recently deals with an argument between an American and a Scot.

"We've got a fine lot of young men, in Noo York," the Yankee boasted.
"Nae doot," replied the Scot, "a guid many o' oor laddles have been nigrating lately."

duced George Washington, who could

"Och, aye," retorted Caledonia's



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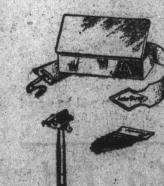


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bined have rather high waistlines and sweaters is laced with wool all the very wide lapels.

