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### LOSS OF FURNESS LINER.

Steamship Florence Crashes upon Rocks on Coast of Newfoundland and Disappears—  
Capt. Barr and Twenty-one Sailors Lost.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 22.—Twenty-one of the twenty-seven members of the crew of the Furness Line steamship Florence, from Halifax, for St. John's, lost their lives in the wreck of the vessel on the ledges west of St. Hyacinth, during a northwest gale last Friday. Five exhausted survivors, who reached land in a boat brought the news to Trepassy tonight. The steamer carried no passengers.

Captain Barr, of the steamer and all his men reached shore after the vessel struck, but the lofty inaccessible cliffs prevented their escape.

The big tide, backed by the southwest gale, made it impossible to remain there and all hands were obliged to put back to the ship, which was pounding heavily.

Captain Barr felt confident that the wind would go down, but second mate J. Hedley, volunteered to take four men in one of the ship's boats and seek a more favorable landing place further along the coast in the heavy seas then running. The Captain was unwilling to risk more lives and gave his consent to the second mate's expedition with reluctance.

With great difficulty Hedley piloted his small boat along the coast until he saw a break in the rugged line of cliffs. Pointing the nose of the boat directly into the surf he avoided the outlying rocks and on the crest of a great breaker ran his craft in without being upset. Tumbling out hastily to avoid being sucked back by the undertow the mate and his four men dragged their boat up the beach out of reach of the sea.

The wind and sea in the meantime

had increased. The combers broke continually over the decks of the vessel, which was grinding heavily on the jagged rocks. Hedley and his men searched in vain for some path by which the cliff might be scaled or the crew of the Florence helped. The coast in that vicinity is uninhabited. The few fishermen's huts were deserted for the winter, and Hedley had to take refuge for the night in one of these abandoned shacks. At daybreak Saturday Hedley found that the wind had been steadily increasing. Hurrying back to the point of which the Florence lay, he could see no sign of the steamer. Considerable of her cargo of lumber was floating along the shore, but no boats were visible.

After the survivors had made a long but fruitless search along the shore for some trace of their shipmates they started for St. Shotts, the nearest inhabited place, several miles distant.

Two of them were so exhausted from the cold and exposure that they had to be assisted by their comrades.

These two were left at St. Shotts to recuperate while the others pushed on to Trepassy, whence they sent word of the disaster to this city.

They are not expected to arrive here before the middle of the week.

Besides Mate Hedley, the survivors are seamen W. Wight, C. Malmquist, E. T. Taylor and T. Smiding.

The steamer Florence was of 1,609 tons burden and was built in Sunderland, England, in 1889. She was 293.5 feet long, 40.2 beam, with a depth of 26.1 feet.

### Maritime Provinces as Sundry Observers.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—The Maritime Provinces stand high in Sabbath observance, according to the reports presented at the annual meeting yesterday of the Dominion executive of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada by the secretary, Rev. W.M. Rochester. In the Maritime Provinces, he reported, owing to the new era of prosperity entered upon there, many industrial questions have to be considered and construction work on railroad lines has, in many places, been stopped. General Sunday fishing, too, has been brought under control. Two Sunday excursions were dealt with and the question was given attention and Sunday labor greatly reduced.

Prince Edward Island, however, presented no problems, but gave an example this year of loyal devotion to the Lord's Day Alliance such as may well be emulated by the other provinces.

The report deals also with the correspondence conducted by the general secretary with the minister of railways as to the opening of canals on the Lord's Day. The attitude taken by the Alliance was that the rule of the department should prevail this year as in other years, until it was clear that the pressure of traffic demanded the opening. With reference to the Sunday service on the Inter-colonial railway, the report showed that the Alliance had asked merely that deference be paid to the strong sentiment in that section of the country against Sunday service, and that the government remember its responsibility in the matter of Sunday traffic as an example to all other business in the country.

BANK OF NEW BRUNSWICK WILL MERGE WITH BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 10.—Shareholders of the Bank of New Brunswick on Monday decided to merge with the Bank of Nova Scotia.

### American Ambassador Dies in London

London, Dec. 15.—Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador to Great Britain since 1905, died at his London residence, Dorchester House, shortly after noon today from pulmonary oedema. The end was quite peaceful. Mrs. Reid and her daughter, Mrs. John Hubert Ward, were at his bedside.

Washington, Dec. 15.—News of the death in London today, of Ambassador Reid, came as a shock to official Washington, for it had not been generally realized that Mr. Reid's illness was of a serious nature. President Taft paid an unusual tribute to the late ambassador, and expressed his grief in a cable reply to a message of sorrow from King George of Great Britain, which reached the White House today. The president also sent his sympathy to Mrs. Reid. Through his own personal ally Mr. Reid, the president said, had drawn America and Great Britain together in closer friendship.

### KING GEORGE'S TRIBUTE.

The king's message said: "It is with the deepest sorrow that I have to inform you of the death of Mr. Whitelaw Reid at noon today. As your ambassador in this country, his loss will be sincerely deplored, while I shall mourn for an old friend of many years standing for whom I had the greatest regard and respect. The queen and I sympathize most warmly with Mrs. Whitelaw Reid in her heavy sorrow."

"Your majesty's sad news of the death of Mr. Whitelaw Reid," replied the president, "has just reached me. Mr. Reid's death is a loss to both countries, for his service as ambassador was exceptional in the closer friendship that he secured between them through his own personality. His intimate knowledge of both countries, his profound respect and love for England, entirely consistent with the highest loyalty on his part, to this country, gave him peculiar influence for good in his great station. I sincerely thank your majesty for your message and your expressions of sympathy and respect."

The British Government is conveying the remains of the late ambassador to America on board the battleship Natal, which left England on Saturday.

### A Christmas Thought

For who is it smiles through the Christmas morn  
The Light of the whole Creation?  
A dear little Child, in a stable born,  
Whose love is the world's salvation.  
He was poor on earth, but He gives us all  
That can make our life worth living;  
And happy the Christmas day we'll call  
That is spent, for His sake, in giving.

—Lucy Larcom.

### Christmas Eve.

Dream, little child! The shadows fall,  
Over the land the magic veil  
That hides the magic from our eyes  
Is swaying in the starlight pale.  
Dream, little child! 'Tis Christmas eve,  
Dream while the magic hours glide by,  
Each wind that blows the snowflakes wild  
Is laden with sweet mystery.



Dream, little child! The glowing coals  
Are painting pictures on the wall.  
Out from the quivering shadows there  
You almost hear the thrilling call  
Of "Merry Christmas, little maid!  
I hope I've brought your heart's desire,"  
And Santa's shadow just above  
Grows lifelike by the leaping fire.

Dream, little child! The Christmas air  
Is glowing with your visions bright,  
And all the joys tomorrow holds  
Are shining on the page of night.  
Dream, little child! And may the years  
To you their richest treasures leave,  
And may all happy dreams prove real  
That come to you this Christmas eve!

### CHRISTMAS JOY AT THE SCHOOLS.

Bridgetown and Carleton Corner Schools Give Spendid Entertainments.—Christmas Trees Heavily Laden with Presents.

The Bridgetown School on Thursday and Friday, was the scene of two or three very pleasant Christmas entertainments, but that which was held on Friday, afternoon by grades 1 and 2, under the Misses Lloyd and E. E. Chute was particularly fine.

The room was crowded to its utmost capacity by the children, all anxiously expectant to see the famous Santa Claus, who had been travelling day and night from the icy regions to reach the schoolhouse in time and there distribute his largesse in the way of oranges and candies. A large Xmas tree was laden in every branch and embellished with tinsel, and as the sparklets were lit the whole presented a scene of beauty that must very vividly have impressed the youthful mind. To heighten the effect, the blinds had been lowered, and lamps and candles were distributed round about the room.

Dr. Jost presided over the ceremonies. The recitations given by the small children of these two grades were very nicely rendered and deserved the applause which they received. Then the following was put in:

#### Mother Goose's Rhymes

Little Boy Blue	-	Clement Marshall
Bo-Peep	-	Florence Ruggles
Mother Goose	-	Hortense Griffin
Jack	-	Lyman Abbott
Jill	-	Dolly Hunt
Jack Sprat	-	Arthur Palfrey
Jack's Wife	-	Louise McNeill
Little Miss Muffitt	-	Jean Porter
The Spider	-	Walter Dechman
Mary quite contrary	-	Mary Anthony
Tommy Snooks	-	John Roberts
Betsy Brooks	-	Jean Wagner
Wee Willie Winkie	-	Edward Weare
Man in the Moon	-	Carmen Piggott

The entrance of each of the above, many of whom were dressed in characters to suit the parts, was heralded by the remainder of the children with the suitable rhyme, and one or two of the children were particularly clever in the carrying out of the tasks allotted them.

The appearance of Santa Claus from behind the screen caused a great deal of childish excitement, and no wonder, for the get-up of Santa Claus was remarkably good. Robed in a heavy fur coat, with a cheery red face and snow-white beard, John McNeill looked the part.

Now came the time for the distribution of the oranges and stockings full of candies, and the stripping of the tree commenced in right royal earnest. Santa Claus was there, assisted by the Misses Lloyd and E. E. Chute, and within a very short space of time every child was supplied.

The large number of adults present testified to the interest taken in the proceedings, and what thoughts were conjured up in their minds as to their own childhood days can be left to the reader's imagination.

Three cheers for the teachers concluded this very interesting and pretty function.

#### CARLETON CORNER SCHOOL

One of the prettiest little plays ever enacted in the above school was that which was staged on Friday evening under the title of "Santa Claus' Mistake." Old Santa had heard from his usual sources of information that one of the girls had a very bad reputation for being naughty and unwilling to do what she was told. Accordingly, Santa had arranged for this particular girl a present in the shape of a bundle of sticks. Miss Annie Ricketson was to be the unfortunate recipient of this Christmas gift. The information Santa had received was incorrect, inasmuch as the initials of the name given him by his informant were wrong.

Fortunately, for all concerned, Santa discovered his mistake in time in the last act of the play, and to make reparation for the great wrong he had done her, promised everything Miss Annie could wish for. Now the latter had picked up a poor match-seller (little Miss Ruth Jackson) from the street, and in response to Santa's generous offer asked that the poor match-seller receive all the gifts she required, which was at once acceded to.

In the conduct of the play nearly all the pupils took part, the leading ones being Misses Grace and Annie Ricketson. The part of Santa Claus was ably carried out by Harold McGowen, who distributed the gifts from the tree, and he in very truth looked a typical Father Christmas. The pupils one and all were excellent in their various roles, and deserve great commendation.

The decorations were of an extremely effective description, spruce and crepe paper being very freely used. A large Christmas tree stood in the south-west corner of the room and was heavily laden with candy and presents.

Too much praise cannot be given to the teachers for the manner in which the whole programme was carried out, everything passing off without a hitch.

The room was well filled with scholars and adults, and one and all enjoyed a truly Christmas pantomime.

At the conclusion hearty and prolonged cheers were given to the teachers, and strong lusty little voices gave the National Anthem as it should be rendered.

A small admission fee was charged, which added eight dollars to the school funds.

### The Royal Bank of Canada

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NOTICE! It is urgently requested that subscriptions in arrears and other indebtedness to the Monitor-Sentinel should be arranged before December the 31st.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1912. "Peace on earth, good will to men" is the glad refrain of the Christmas tide. Age to age has re-echoed the strain that floated over Judean plains that Christmas morning.

And yet, how much nearer is our old world to the culmination of this long-desired object? Wars and rumors of wars remain though nineteen centuries have rolled their onward way. Crime rides rough-shod where Christianity emblazons her banners. Cruelty in every form stalks victorious and crushes her victims in the very shadows of the churches which uphold the ideals of human brotherhood.

Many years must still roll on ere Peace will be enthroned on this fair earth of ours.

So long as the strong tyrannize over the weak,—so long as the rich oppress the poor,—so long as vice thrusts itself into places of power,—so long as the demon liquor destroys the ideals of manhood and wrecks homes and families,—so long as the lust of man feeds upon the weakness and vanity of woman,—so long as the voice of the child is heard crying for protection,—so long as wrong in any form holds the mastery, there can be no peace.

There must be warfare, struggle, and unity, fulfilling the words of the Leader, "I came not to bring peace, but a sword."

And yet every one of us has a part to act in bringing about the dawn of universal peace. It is not by resting passively and crying "Peace, Peace," when there is no peace, but by striking a blow for the right and using the sword-thrust on behalf of Justice whenever and wherever the way is open to us,—by joining our forces to the Universal Power that is working for the good of all mankind.

The Weather The weather vagaries last week have been of a very pronounced nature. The week to commence with was very cold, and skaters were enjoying to the full their favorite pastime. On Monday a heavy sky, accompanied by a south-west wind, indicated a change, and before midnight rain began to fall and continued off and on intermittently until Wednesday night. A very high wind arose reaching a velocity of between sixty and seventy miles an hour on Wednesday night. Thursday saw a continuance of the high winds, and the creeks and small rivers were choked up with the waters. The river itself, on account of the milldams, discharged nearly all the accumulations of ice which had formed therein, and in a great many places the meadows put on the green mantle of summer time. On Friday there was a continuance of the high winds, and in the afternoon the ever-welcome sun came out in all his glory, and cheered things up a bit. The continuous winds had also dried up the streets to a very great extent making walking conditions much better. Friday evening the stars were well in evidence, and a temperature of four degrees of frost began to freeze up the remainder of the night that had not dried with the force of the wind, and before Saturday morning the roads were frozen solidly and the waters once again showed the handwork of King Frost. Continuous frost prevailed all day Saturday and Sunday, the latter being delightfully fine, with an exceedingly bright moon. Monday morning about six o'clock the sky again became overcast, and snow fell at intervals throughout the day, but towards night the frost had again somewhat asserted its strength.

CORRESPONDENCE The Feeble-Minded.

Editor Monitor-Sentinel:— The proper method of dealing with the feeble-minded is occupying at present the careful attention of lovers of humanity in other lands and other parts of Canada as well as in our own Province by the sea. Some very drastic measures are proposed which are not likely to meet with general approval, but all are agreed that something should be done, more than is now being done, for the benefit of this class of unfortunates, as well as the families and communities in which they are more or less a burden.

Will you kindly publish the following clipping, bearing upon the subject which I find in the Christian Guardian, Toronto, of the 27th ult.

A RECORD IN HEREDITARY.

A most significant and suggestive study in hereditary has recently been completed under the auspices of the Training School for the feeble-minded at Vineland, N.J. It is the history of a certain family to which is given the fictitious name of Kallikak. A certain Martin Kallikak, who lived in Revolutionary days, was of good English ancestry. He became the father of an illegitimate son, whose mother was feeble-minded. This son, also feeble-minded, married a normal woman, and they had seven children, five of whom were feeble-minded. Following them came a host of others, and out of a total of 480, only 46 were found who were apparently normal. The others, 434 of them, were all either alcoholic epileptic, immoral, criminal or feeble-minded. But, Martin Kallikak, after the Revolutionary War was over, married a girl of good Quaker ancestry, and from this union came 496 descendants, of whom all but two were of normal mentality. These two were insane. This is a most striking record and needs little comment. The fact that from one feeble-minded girl have sprung in about a century and a half 434 persons of defective mentality and morality speaks volumes. It is surely time that the state protected itself by proper and effective measures against the propagation of feeble-minded folk. Mercy and self-interest both point the same way. And the record suggests also that the criminal, the drunkard, and the immoral may often be the product of heredity, needing pity more than condemnation.

I remain, Yours sincerely, C. JOST. Bridgetown, N. S., Dec. 12, '12.

Narrow Escape

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Fred E. Cox, wife of the Editor of the Outlook, had an exciting experience. She was fixing the fire in the kitchen range when the flame shot up her left arm.

With the right hand she attempted to put out the blaze but it ran up the other arm. She tried to remove her dress, but in a moment found the flames shooting up her back and shoulders to her head. Being alone in the house and unable to extinguish the fire which she could feel burning her back and neck, her first impression was to rush to her next neighbor, Mrs. Carter, for help. But recalling the fact that in similar cases women had lost their lives by rushing into the open air she stopped at the door and seizing a mat which lay on the verandah, smothered the flames from her shoulder and back.

This all occurred within a few seconds. But for her presence of mind Mrs. Cox could not have escaped from being seriously or fatally burned. Her outer clothing was burned through and the hair of her neck and forehead scorched.—Middleton Outlook.

INFURIATED BULL GORED MR. ANDREW WHITEHOUSE.

Yarmouth, Dec. 19.—Andrew T. Whitehouse, of Deerfield, was killed yesterday by a bull which he was leading out of the barn for water. He had him by a staff and as they left the building, either the ring pulled out of the animal's nose or the staff broke, giving the animal his liberty. The bull immediately reared up and knocked Mr. Whitehouse to the ground, stamping and goring him. Jeremiah Porter, an aged neighbor, discovered him and went to the rescue with an axe, which he twice drove into the bull as far as it would go before he could be forced to leave his victim.

Mr. Whitehouse died about four o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was about seventy years old and leaves a wife and family. He was a brother of Captain Benjamin Whitehouse, of Dayton.

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Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Burke.

(Keene, (N. H.) Evening Sentinel)

A very pleasant surprise was given Mr. and Mrs. James H. Burke, at their home, 130 Roxbury street, Saturday evening, upon the occasion of their twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding. The efforts of those friends who arranged the surprise were entirely successful, and Mr. and Mrs. Burke were surely treated to the unexpected. A party of thirty-seven gathered at the home shortly after 8 o'clock, when Mr. Sherwood rang the bell and was escorted into the sitting-room, as if to bring congratulations from Mr. Burke's church and pastor. Meanwhile the rest of the party entered the parlor. After greeting Mr. and Mrs. Burke and congratulating them upon their anniversary, Mr. Sherwood turned as if to depart, leaving a package upon the table. "Why, you are not going so soon, are you?" remarked Mr. Burke, as he arose to show his friend to the door. Then it was that he first discovered that his house was in the possession of his friends, and that he and his wife had been truly surprised.

After a pleasant half-hour of greeting and congratulation the company was entertained by Julius D. Perham with selections on his phonograph. Following this, piano solos were rendered by Mrs. George Lazette and Mr. Sherwood of Keene, vocal solos by Mrs. Walter Stone of Fitzwilliam, and readings by Frank Richardson of Keene, all of which were enjoyed by the entire party. During the evening an appropriate prayer was offered by O. H. Thayer, an intimate friend of the couple.

During the evening Mr. Sherwood was called upon to voice the congratulations of the company and present the gifts. This was done in a few words of greeting and felicity. There was a good number of gifts in silver; a substantial sum of money; many letters of congratulation and greeting, and a handsome mahogany finished rocker, the gift of several personal friends. Mr. Burke expressed the thanks of himself and wife in words replete with emotion and gratitude.

The refreshments served to the company consisted of cocoa, assorted cake, confectionery and nuts. The china plates used in serving the couple were formerly the property of Mrs. Burke's mother, and were used upon the table at the wedding of her daughter, twenty-five years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Burke were married at Hampton, Nova Scotia, Dec. 14, 1887, by Rev. William Warren, pastor of the Baptist Church in that town. They have two children, E. Roy Burke of Claremont, who returned for the anniversary, and whose coming was another surprise for the parents, and Inez L. Burke, who resides with her parents. The party separated about 11 o'clock with further congratulation and best wishes to the couple for the future.

INSURANCE LOSS IN YARMOUTH \$35,000

Fire Did Less Than Fifty Thousand Dollars Damage is Report of Adjustors—Many Companies Interested

C. E. L. Jarvis and F. S. Whittaker who acted as adjustors for the insurance companies interested in the Yarmouth fire, have completed their report. It shows that the total loss was less than fifty thousand dollars, and the insurance loss was thirty-five thousand dollars. This is a large loss for the companies compared with the total loss, but the people of Yarmouth were evidently well prepared for a fire, at least as regards insurance.

The losses are split up among more than forty companies, some of the companies' shares being as low as ten dollars.

HYMENEAL LEOPOLD—DUNN.

The Victoria Methodist church was crowded on Wednesday afternoon, the occasion being the nuptials of Owen Leopold and Alice Dunn, both of Middleton.

Mrs. J. A. Spangie presided at the organ, I. M. Phinney and Melburze Nelly served in the capacity of ushers and the bride was given away by her mother, Mrs. Lila Dunn. After the nuptial knot had been tied by Rev. J. N. Huxton, the newly wedded couple were driven to the railway station where they had to run the gauntlet of a large party of their young friends who took care that confetti, old shoes, etc. were not forgotten.

The bride was married in a brown travelling suit with black beaver hat trimmed with ostrich plumes. Mrs. Dunn's dress was of blue serge with white gloves and hat. A few days before the wedding a shower was given at the home of Mrs. C. F. Fisher in honor of Miss Dunn by the Happy Workers, the Methodist Choir and her Sunday School class. Miss Dunn came to Middleton about a year ago and has been a valuable member on the staff at Miss Young's dressmaking rooms and has become very popular.

Mr. Leopold, for three or four years past has been employed at the Valley Planing Mills. A \$20 gold piece from Messrs A. W. Allen & Son, which was among the presents, indicated the good will of his employers. After spending a few weeks at Windsor, Halifax, Chester and New Ross, the groom's former home, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold will return to Middleton to reside.

TUPPER—HUNTER.

A Seattle paper has the following interesting information about a former Round Hill boy, a son of Mrs. E. C. Tupper.

St. Mark's was the scene of a Thanksgiving evening wedding when Miss Bliss Hunter and Mr. Harold V. Tupper were united in marriage by the Rev. E. V. Shaylor. Invitations were confined to the relatives of the bride and intimate friends, on account of the serious illness of Mr. Tupper's mother in Nova Scotia.

A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS PRAYER.

Dear Lord, be good to Santa Claus, He's been so good to me; I never told him so because He is so hard to see. He must love little children so To come through snow and storm; Please care for him when cold winds blow And keep him nice and warm.

Dear Lord, be good to him and good To Mary Christmas, too, I'd like to tell them, if I could, The things I'm telling you. They've both been very good to me, And everywhere they go They make us glad,—no wonder we All learn to love them so.

Please have him button up his coat So it will keep him warm, And wear a scarf about his throat If it should start to storm. And when the night is dark, please lend Him lights if stars are dim, Or, maybe, sometimes you could send An angel down with him.

Please keep his heart so good and kind That he will always smile; And tell him maybe we will find And thank him after while. Please keep him safe from harm and keep Quite near and guard him when He's tired and lays him down to sleep, Dear Lord, please do! Amen.

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**EXECUTOR'S NOTICE**

All persons having legal demands against the estate of John Piggott late of West Paradise, in the county of Annapolis, farmer deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested, within twelve months from the date hereof, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to

**LEWIS D. PIGGOTT,  
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Probate granted, September 25th 1912.  
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**Poorly Cared for.**

Hog raising has probably made more clear money for the corn belt farmers than any other form of enterprise. In view of which fact one might expect that the animals would be well cared for, but the opposite is the case. It is hard for many farmers to get rid of the notion that anything is good enough for a hog. Yet there is no animal on the farm that needs protection from cold more than the hog; none for which a good, clean bed is more necessary, and none where the little pig is concerned, that has such urgent need of sunshine. The horse and the cow have good coats of hair, the hen's feathers are an excellent protection against cold, but the hog has almost nothing between its skin and the weather.

The hog is naturally a very clean animal. It ought to have plenty of pure water. If it has an opportunity it will bathe constantly. On a few farms in this country where pigs of fancy breeds are used, bath tubs of concrete and sunk below the level of the ground are provided for the animals. Unfortunately for itself, perhaps, the hog is able to survive under conditions which would soon kill any other creature, and this is the sole reason why the beast is customarily kept in a little pen, inadequately protected against cold and wet, and compelled to wallow in its own filth.

This is the principal cause of the prevalence of that frightfully fatal malady—hog cholera, a disease recently brought under control through the production of a serum (discovered by a government scientist, Dr. Marion Dorset,) which, when administered by hypodermic injection, renders the animal immune. But another very serious danger now threatens from the spread among pigs of tuberculosis, the infection being derived originally from cattle. Creamery refuse and the blood and entrails of cattle are commonly fed to pigs, and if these happen to contain tubercle bacilli the swine are pretty sure to contract the malady.

Hogs should have dry and well-ventilated quarters. Young pigs especially require plenty of sunshine and fresh air, and should be kept warm. The sun should shine directly into the pen. It is important also that swine should have access to clean water for bathing. They need exercise and whenever possible they should have free range, even in winter. The finest hams in the world come from a district in Virginia, not far from Norfolk, where the hogs run almost wild in the woods, living on roots and nuts. These hams bring fifty per cent more in the market than the "swill-fed" hams put up by western packers.

We have learned, luckily, to cook our pork very thoroughly, as a precaution against the dread disease called "trichiniasis." That this precaution is very necessary is made manifest by the statement that one pig out of every one hundred is infested with the tiny worms known as "trichinae." If these find their way alive into the stomach of a human being, they will bore into the flesh, and, multiplying in enormous numbers, cause an agonizing death. For this reason it was that the old Mosaic law (though based upon no exact knowledge of the nature of the malady) forbade the chosen people to eat pork. But as a matter of fact trichiniasis is a rat disease. Rats infested with it find their way into the pens, and, being eaten by the hogs, communicate the malady to the latter. It is a good argument in favor of making pig sties rat-proof.

The superb pig must be a healthy pig. It must be decently housed, with proper consideration given to its comfort and the sanitation of its surroundings. Thus cared for, it will yield an ample return for the small extra trouble and expense, for it will breed rapidly, and the mortality among the little porkers will be far less than its present average. This of course, will tend to keep down the price of pork—a matter which, inasmuch as pig meat in the future must be our chief reliance in the way of flesh food, is of utmost importance to every man, woman, and child in this broad land.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that most infectious diseases such as whooping cough, diphtheria and scarlet fever are contracted when the child has a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will quickly cure a cold and greatly lessen the danger of contracting these diseases. This remedy is famous for its cures of colds. It contains no opium or other narcotics and may be given to a child with implicit confidence. Sold by druggists and dealers.

**The Bank Merger.**

**MANY OF THE CLERKS IN BANKS OF N. S. AND N. B. WILL GO WEST**

St. John Globe—The amalgamation of the banks of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia will bring many changes and probably will result eventually in the transfer to the West of a number of banking men, who are now holding positions in various Maritime Province towns. The banks have offices in common in a number of places. For instance, both have offices on Prince William and Charlotte streets in this city, and it may be taken for granted that the present Bank of New Brunswick will be the main St. John Branch and that the Charlottetown Branch will also be continued, the present Bank of Nova Scotia agencies being closed. Other places where the banks have agencies in common are: St. Stephen, Sussex, Moncton, Campbellton, Fredricton, Montreal, Summerside, Charlottetown, Yarmouth, New Glasgow and Halifax.

The smallest of these branches employ at least four clerks and several of these have more than that number. When the banks are united one of the agencies in each of these places except Halifax will be closed. At Halifax the Bank of New Brunswick branch will be continued as an additional branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia. With the closing of these twelve branches it probably will be found necessary to put some extra clerks in the remaining branches, but between thirty and forty clerks will have to be provided with work elsewhere. All the banks are now finding it difficult to get sufficient clerks, particularly for the West, where new branches are being opened all the time. It is a pretty safe prediction that the next few months will see the transfer to the west of a number of the young men who are now filling good positions in one or the other of the uniting banks.

As regards St. John, it is understood that Mr. McDonald, the present manager of the Bank of New Brunswick, and Mr. Wallace, the present Bank of Nova Scotia manager, will be joint managers of the united branch. Mr. C. H. Eason, general manager of the Bank of New Brunswick, will also remain in St. John for some months in winding up the business of the Bank of New Brunswick. After that he will leave St. John to accept an important position with the Bank of Nova Scotia in Upper Canada.

Citizens of Annapolis are fully alive to the value of historical memorials. Judge Savary has written to Archdeacon Armitage, requesting the historical society to commemorate the names of four more sons of Annapolis, who reached high distinction in the empire, Admirals Philipps, Cosby, Wolsely and Governor Sir Henry Charles Darling Kent. The request will receive every consideration. Lunenburg is soon to have the honor of an historic tablet, marking the foundation of the town, and the services of Colonel Creighton. At the December meeting on Friday evening next, in the province building George Mullan will read a paper on "Laurence O'Connor Doyle," and Moses H. Nickerson will contribute a short note on the so-called "Norse Stone" at Yarmouth.—Exchange.

**Joker's Corner.**

**EQUAL TO THE OCCASION.**

She was shopping and she was newly married although she did her utmost to conceal the fact.

But in one of the shops, when asked the address of some goods to be sent along, she absent-mindedly forgot that she was Mrs. Hart, and gave her maiden name—"Miss Elizabeth Bacon, 769 King street east."

Not till she was outside did she realize that she had made a hopeless error. How could it be explained?

She thought furiously for a few seconds, then, in her best manner, re-entered the shop and sailed up to the man who served her.

"Yes, madam?" He bent forward painfully obsequious.

"Er—that parcel for Miss Bacon—mark it 'care of Mrs. Hart' will you please?" Thank you!"

**NOT AN ILL WIND.**

Apropos of the bumper crops of 1912, Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, said in Washington.

"I heard a story the other day about a long-headed farmer. An auctioneer was to auction off his fields of standing grain, and the farmer said to him:

"I hope to goodness we have a good stiff breeze the day of the auction."

"A good, stiff breeze? What use will that be?" asked the auctioneer.

"You must be green, young fellow," said the farmer. "Don't you know that when grain's waving in the breeze it looks a lot thicker—you see the same heads two and three times over."

**AN EPIGRAM.**

"That wasn't a bad epigram on the magistrate's part," said the somewhat educated tramp, who had been convicted for vagrancy.

"What did he say?" asked the tramp.

"Seven days," came the reply.

"That ain't no epigram, is it?"

"I'm sure it is. I asked a parson once what an epigram was and he says, 'It's a short sentence that sounds light, but gives you plenty to think about.'"

"Willie, didn't I tell you to shut that shutter?" said Willie's mother.

"The shutter's shut," replied Willie, "and I can't shut it any shutter!"

**HIS NOSE.**

There was once a gentleman who had had the misfortune to lose his nose. "My dear," said the lady of the house which he was about to visit, to her little daughter, "I want you to be very particular and make no remarks about Mr. Jenkins' nose." The young lady promised. Later in the full drawing room it was noticed that she looked surprised and even bewildered, and those who knew her best waited hopefully for some remark which would, so to speak, make the home bright and lively. At last it came. "Mamma," she said in a clear, resonant voice, "why did you tell me to say nothing about Mr. Jenkins' nose? He hasn't got any."

**TEACHING THE YOUNG IDEA TO SHOOT.**

A keen-eyed, but obviously scantily educated mountaineer led his gawky, overgrown son into a country school-house.

"This here boy's arter larnin'!" he announced. "What's yer bill o' fare?"

"Our curriculum, sir," corrected the school master, "embraces geography, physiology, arithmetic, algebra, trigonometry—"

"That'll do," interrupted the father. "That'll do. Load him up heavy with trigonometry, he's the only poor shot in the family."

**WRONG MEDICINE.**

"Why are all the people flocking down to Hiram Hardapple's barn?" asked the old farmer on the hay wagon.

"He's got a curiosity down thar," chuckled the village constable.

"That so? What kind of a curiosity is it?"

"Why, He's old red-and-white Jersey cow. The other night the old critter had the colic, and He went down with his lantern to give her a dose of cow medicine. Blamed if he didn't give her a pint of gasoline."

"Do tell! Didn't kill her, did it?"

"No, but, by heck, it had a funny effect. Now, instead of going 'Moo-moo!' like any other sensible cow, she goes 'Honk-honk,' like one of them thar blamed automobiles."

"Now, boys," said the schoolmaster, "what is the axis of the earth?" Johnny raised his hand promptly.

"Well, Johnny, how would you describe it?" "The axis of the earth," said Johnny, proudly, "is an imaginary line which passes from one pole to the other, and on which the earth revolves."

"Very good," exclaimed the teacher. "Now could you hang clothes on that line, Johnny?" "Yes, sir," was the reply. "Indeed!" said the examiner, disappointed; "and what sort of clothes?" "Imaginary clothes, sir."

School-teacher: "Now give me an example of a word where the word 'kin' makes it mean something smaller." Boy: "Please, sir, lambkin—a little lamb." Teacher: "Yes. And who can give me another one?" All were silent for a few minutes then a shrill voice called out. "Please, sir, I know one." Teacher: "Yes, What is it?" Boy: "Please, sir, pumpkin—little pump."

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There's no need to point out the advantages of good roads.

The kind of good road, however, is another matter.

It used to be that there was little choice. Macadam for the country and smaller cities was the only material used. Then, twenty years ago concrete was introduced. And for these twenty years concrete has been proving itself.

It is now acknowledged to be one of the best known materials for roads or for street pavements—to be as far superior to ordinary macadam as macadam is superior to sand.

**Estimating the Cost.**

It is not the first cost of a road that determines its real cost; nor is it the first six months of service that determines whether it's a good road or a poor one.

The only sure way to find out what a road has cost, is to add to the first cost all that is spent for repairs in fifteen or twenty years.

Now, that's where concrete roads win every argument—their first cost is practically their only cost; they require little or no upkeep cost. Concrete, instead of needing repair, actually becomes stronger with age.

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You can help your community to come to a wise decision the next time the question of roads comes up. Your influence will be a factor in providing yourself and your neighbors with thoroughly satisfactory highways.

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**Nictaux.**

Nictaux, Dec. 24th.—We extend to the Monitor and its staff the season's greetings.  
 Miss Eva Armstrong, who has been in Shelburne during the millinery season, has returned.  
 Miss Myrtle Nelly and Miss Florence Crawford are home from their schools for the holidays.  
 Miss Edna Nelly, who is attending business college in Halifax, came home on Saturday.  
 Miss Mary Chipman, who has been visiting in Boston for the past three months, got home on Saturday.  
 The Christmas tree and entertainment given in the school house on Thursday evening, was a decided success. To the delight of the little ones, Santa himself was present and had a gift and bag of candy and orange for every one. Much credit and many thanks are due our very efficient teacher, Miss Nicholls, whose work, both in and out of the school room, is highly appreciated by all. Santa, on behalf of the pupils, presented Miss Nicholls with a pendant set with pearls.  
 At the annual supper and fancy sale held by the Ready Workers on Tuesday evening the sum of fifty-four dollars was cleared.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Hovey Gates welcomed a son on Dec. 7th.  
 Miss Nicholls is spending her vacation at her home in Aylesford.  
 Miss Bertie Vidito has returned from a visit with her sister in Lawrence, Mass.  
 A particularly sad accident occurred on Saturday afternoon, when Everett Whitman, fourteen years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Whitman, along with some other boys, were out shooting, and in climbing a steep hill one of the boys fell causing his rifle to be discharged. The ball entered young Whitman's body above the hip. Dr. Messenger came as quickly as possible, but nothing could be done and, after suffering intensely, he passed away on Sunday at noon. We extend our sincere sympathy to the parents and brothers and sisters.

**Clementsvale.**

Clementsvale, Dec. 23rd.—A. L. Danielson is enjoying a visit among his many Boston friends.  
 Maurice Robbins and Reggie Deeler arrived from the West last Thursday to spend the winter among their friends here.  
 Miss Effie Potter, teacher at South Farmington, and Miss Etta Long, teacher at Lake LaRose, are spending the holidays at their respective homes.  
 Miss Marie Danielson of Acadia College, is home for the vacation.  
 Miss Mary Potter of Truro Normal School, is also at home.  
 Mrs. Avard Wesley and little daughter went to Boston on Saturday to spend the holidays with her husband.  
 Mrs. Joseph Berry and Mrs. Prudence Chute are spending Christmas with their sister, Mrs. J. Harry Hicks, Bridgetown.  
 The marriage of Miss Flossie Brown, daughter of Albert Brown, to John Wright, of Princesdale, was solemnized at the Baptist parsonage Wednesday evening, the Rev. O. P. Brown officiating.

Kentville merchants announce that their stores will be closed every evening after the first of the year for the winter months, Saturday excepted. A good plan for Bridgetown merchants to adopt.

**Paradise.**

Paradise, Dec. 23.—Fred Freeman returned from the Canadian West last week, and left for Philadelphia on Saturday. His brother Aubrey accompanied him.  
 Messrs F. W. Bishop, R. S. Leonard and J. C. Phinney went to Berwick on business Saturday last, returning same day.  
 Roy Balcom is home from Acadia to spend Christmas with her parents.  
 Mrs. Henry Cainek is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. W. Longley.  
 Miss Goldie Zwickler of Bear River, and sister Lulu, of Acadia College, are spending the Christmas season with their sister, Mrs. W. E. Banks.  
 The pupils of the school presented Principal Banks with a box of stationery and a shaving outfit. Miss Jackson received a manicure set.  
 The schools closed for the holidays on Friday last.  
 A public entertainment was given by Regina Division on the 13th inst. Dialogues, recitations, songs and a speech by Rev. McNinch made a very pleasant evening.

The Annapolis County Farmers' Association met in Longley's Hall on Thursday at half-past two o'clock. President Curdy in the chair. After the president's address and the reading of the minutes, the meeting proceeded with the election of directors. The entire board of directors representing all sections of the County was re-elected. A lengthy discussion took place on the apple packing question. The following were appointed a committee to draft a resolution for presentation to the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association:—E. C. Shafer, F. W. Bishop and E. J. Elliott. The meeting then proceeded with the election of delegates to the Nova Scotia Farmers' Association, which meets at Sydney in January. The following were chosen:—R. S. Leonard, F. W. Bishop, E. C. Shafer, Vernon B. Leonard and Byron Morse. At the close of the afternoon session a meeting of the board of directors was held for the purpose of appointing officers. The following were appointed:—President—E. C. Shafer; Vice President—R. S. Leonard; Secretary—L. W. Elliott. At the evening session Mr. Landells gave an instructive address on "Drainage." Mr. E. J. Elliott read a practical paper on mixed farming. An interesting discussion followed on the question of dairying, etc. This was brought out in the discussion that it is in the interests of the farmers of this section to support the Lawrence Creamery. "Why should they send their cream to Yarmouth when they can get as much at home besides having the satisfaction of supporting a home industry."

**Tupperville.**

Tupperville, Dec. 23.—The Rev. Mr. Porter preached here on Sunday at eleven o'clock.  
 The Misses Kent, Alice and Bessie, are home on their vacation. Also their two brothers, Arnold from Boston, and Stanley from the northwest. The youngest brother, Bert, at time of writing, is quite low.  
 Miss L. Chipman held a school concert in the Hall on Saturday evening, which was fairly attended.  
 Miss S. V. McKeown, who visited here last summer and is now in Florida, writes the weather there is very warm and oranges very plentiful.  
 We are glad to see the sunshine as very cold winds and cloudy weather have prevailed for some days in succession.

**Clarence.**

Clarence, Dec. 21st.—H. D. Starratt and H. A. Veits left for Lynn on Saturday.  
 Our students are home for their Christmas holidays. Miss Merle Frits, from Acadia Seminary, Wolfville, Miss Evangeline Elliott, Provincial Normal College, Truro, and Mr. Victor Chute, Agricultural College.  
 Miss Sarah Elliott, of Halifax, made a short visit to her home, returning to the city on Thursday.  
 Miss Flossie Chute, of the Advanced Department of the school at Smith's Cove, arrived on Saturday for the holidays.  
 Allison and Frank Bezanson have purchased their father's farm, Mr. and Mrs. Bezanson having purchased a small place at Middleton.  
 Donald K. Foster met with an accident the other day by being thrown from the back of his pet dog and striking his head on the edge of the kitchen stove and burning his face.

Major and Mrs. E. P. Rumsey spent a few days in Halifax last week.  
 Mrs. C. C. Bartheaux, who has been laid up with a sore hand, is around again.  
 Miss Grace Foster left on Saturday to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Charles Wood, Sheffield Mills, Kings Co.

The Christmas closing of the Central School took place on Friday afternoon, when the parents gathered to witness and take part in the services. The entertainment consisted of readings, recitations and dialogues. The school house was very nicely trimmed with evergreen. A large Christmas tree stood in one corner, which was very nicely dressed with wax candles. The blinds were drawn and the candles lighted for the performance. Santa Claus appeared and sang a song to the delight of all present, after which he proceeded to distribute the presents to the members of the school, each one being remembered by their teacher. Master Grant Messenger acted the part of Santa. The school in turn remembered their much esteemed teacher, Miss Jessie I. Bowly. Among the gifts was a very nice fountain pen from the larger boys of the school. After the tree had been stripped remarks were made by Deacon Messenger, Secretary E. M. Marshall, F. W. Ward, V. B. Leonard and others up on the work being done. The visitors then left, after wishing both teacher and pupils a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Service for Dec. 29th; preaching at three o'clock; B. Y. P. U. at half-past seven o'clock. Service to be conducted by W. M. A. S.  
 On Friday evening the Maple Leaf Mission Band and school of Clarence East held their Christmas entertainment, a very excellent program being rendered. Master Clyde Wilson and little Miss Muriel Bartheaux took the audience by storm as they sweetly rendered their duet, dressed in old time costume. Our veteran, Mr. Alfred Wilson, acted the role of Santa Claus, who, to the delight of both old and young, distributed the gifts from the tree that groaned beneath its burden.

To the Monitor and staff we would extend the compliments of the season.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Clarence West, Dec. 23rd.—The Christmas concert held in the school house Friday last, conducted by Miss Laird, was very successful. Great credit is due Miss Laird for her care and patience in getting up the program, and to the pupils for their interest in making it a success.  
 Miss Mildred Wheelock, who is teaching this year in Bloomington, accompanied by her brother, Noble Wheelock, went to Boston on Saturday last for the Christmas holidays.  
 Fred Y. Marshall arrived on Saturday last from Boston, to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Marshall.  
 Miss Mabel Marshall, who is teaching in Falmouth this year, is home for two weeks, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Marshall.  
 Mrs. Charles Marshall left yesterday for Shubenacadie, to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Alice Banks.  
 Miss Julia Foster will spend her Christmas holidays with her brother, Charles Foster, of Falmouth.

**BOTH WERE FINED.**

Says the Yarmouth Times:—A young lady attendant of a town church had the janitor before Stipendiary Pelton on Wednesday on a charge of slapping her in the face during the Sunday services. The janitor pleaded guilty and paid a fine of six dollars and costs. He then laid a complaint against the young lady whom he charged with disturbing the services. He appears to have proved his case as the magistrate imposed a fine of six dollars and costs.

**West Paradise.**

West Paradise, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Harvey Marshall of Bear River, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Daniels during the Christmas holidays.

Robert Cameron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cameron, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is slowly convalescing.

Our school is closed for the Christmas holidays, and the teacher, Miss Florence Longmire, has gone to Granville to spend her holidays at home. A treat was given to the scholars at the close of the school, which was highly appreciated.

Miss Lottie Saunders, who has a dressmaker's business at Annapolis Royal, is home with her parents during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Arthur Morse, Dominion Fruit Inspector, came home on Saturday last from Halifax to spend Christmas with his family.

**Port Lorne.**

Port Lorne, Dec. 22.—Capt. J. D. Brinton and Wm. Johnson left Saturday for Lynn.

Mr. John Phinney, of Lynn, and Mr. Jason Anthony, of Boston, are visiting friends here.

Stms. Ruby L. landed a quantity of freight here on Wednesday last, this being the last time she will call here this season.

Johnson Beardley arrived home on Thursday.

On the closing of our school for the Christmas season, our teacher, Miss Ennis, and pupils gave a very interesting concert, consisting of recitations, dialogues and music, after which gifts were presented by Santa Claus from a well decorated tree. Miss Ennis is spending the holidays at her home in Queens Co.

**Enforcement of Lobster Law**

Yarmouth, December 13.—Inspector Ward Fisher, of Shelburne, held a meeting at the Grand Hotel last night of the fishery officers for western Nova Scotia. The matter of the enforcement of the close season lobster law has been energetically pushed, as this regulation is practically the only protection the industry has under present conditions. The reports thus far were extremely gratifying and it is safe to say that the law was better observed this year than for a long time. The steamer for Boston sailed last night and took the first shipment of lobsters, as the season for the south shore opened on the fifteenth. The total shipment amounted to only one hundred and ninety-seven crates, about fifty-four coming via the H. & S. W. railway, and the remainder by steamer from the Turkeys and Seal Island districts. Last year the first shipment was made the very day following the opening of the season, and the shipment amounted to fifteen hundred crates, which was followed by a further shipment, two days later of about one thousand crates. The first shipment last year was made up altogether of illegally caught lobsters. This year the law was sharply enforced and the result is seen by the figures given. The fishermen generally speak enthusiastically in favor of this enforcement, and the officers deserve great credit for their work. The Digby county season will open on the fifth of January and it is hoped that the same success will follow the efforts of the officers to enforce the law.

**HEROIC DEATH OF NEW YORK MAN**

New York, Dec. 10.—While making a heroic effort to save his fourteen-year-old daughter Lillian from their burning home at Woodside, Melville Mendell, a New York lawyer, and the girl perished in each other's arms. Mendell was carrying his daughter to safety when he was overcome by smoke and when the bodies were found the girl had her arms still clasped about her father's neck.  
 The Mendell family occupied the second floor. The fire had made much headway when the lawyer was aroused by the shouts of the family on the first floor. Seizing his wife Mendell carried her to safety, then returned for his two children. Mendell found his twelve-year-old son groping in the hallway and carried him out. By this time he was nearly overcome by smoke and the inside of the building was a seething furnace. Disregarding the entreaties of his wife, he again plunged into the building.  
 Those on the street could hear above the roar of the fire the girl's voice crying: "Father, please save me!"  
 Soon all sound died away. Mendell did not reappear, and the firemen knew that it was useless to attempt to save him. Half an hour later when the flames were subdued and searchers entered the building they found the two bodies in a parlor of the girl's bedroom, where they had fallen.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

We here enumerate many lines which will make useful Christmas Gifts

<b>Ladies' Handkerchiefs</b> In great variety, from 5c. to 50c. Ladies' Initial Hdfs. in linen at 25c each. Also in half dozen boxes.	<b>Ladies' Umbrellas</b> With nice range of handles, prices from 95c. to \$3.50	<b>Ladies' Hand Bags</b> Make a very acceptable Xmas gift. We have them at all prices.
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Ladies' Misses' and Children's Fur Collars, Stoles and Muffs in Mink Sable, Western Sable, Mink Marmot, Persian Paw, Thibet, Opposum and Coney.

<b>Bed Puffs</b> We have some very nice Down Bed Puffs. The colorings are good and the prices very low.	<b>Neckwear</b> As usual we are in the lead in Ladies' Neckwear. Belts, etc. We are showing several lines in fancy boxes especially for the holiday trade.	<b>Sweater Coats</b> For Ladies, Misses and Children. We have about 2 dozen on which we will give special prices for Christmas.
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<b>Men's Underwear</b> Hewsons, Stanfields and Turnbull's unshrinkable Underwear. Fleece-lined for Men and Boys.	<b>Men's Gloves</b> We are in the lead in Men's Gloves. We show Mocha, Plain Kid and Fancy Knit, all prices.	<b>Men's Neckwear</b> We are showing a great variety of Men's Neckwear of all the new shapes and colorings. See our special line at 25c. each in a fancy box.
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<b>Men's Handkerchiefs</b> Men's Cambric Lawn, Linen and Silk Handkerchiefs, all prices. Men's Silk Initial Handkerchiefs at 25c.	<b>Men's Suspenders</b> Big variety, Men's Suspenders and Armlets in fancy holiday boxes.	<b>Sweater Coats</b> For Men and Boys' at all prices. Don't fail to see our special Sweater Coats for Men at \$1.00 and Boys' at 75c.
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**Groceries and Fruit**

The following goods for Santa Claus:—  
 Fancy Table Raisins in one and two lb. boxes and 20 lb. boxes  
 " " Figs, 2 lbs. for 25c.  
 Candy in 5c. and 10c. packages, half-pounds and pounds. Also in bulk by pail and barrel.  
 See our Piggott Mixture, the best cheap hard mixture in town.  
 Oranges, good sweet ones 18c. per doz. up.  
 Nuts of all kinds at finest figures. Grapes, etc.  
 Also everything in the cooking line as Raisins, Currants, Dried Peels, etc.

**China For Christmas Gifts**

A full line of FANCY CHINA. Cups and Saucers from 10c. to 60c. The "BRIDAL ROSE" stock pattern. You can buy one piece at a time, any day and add to it until you have a complete set. The quality is as thin as Limoges and at one third the price. Let us show you and be convinced. It will pay you to have a look at our China display.

**C. L. Piggott**

The only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar. Absolutely Pure. GUARANTEED No Alum

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