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HEADQUARTERS FOR SPORTING GOODS!

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HARDWARE MERCHANT,

AIKEN, S. C.

We take pleasure in calling the attention of sportsmen to our stock of
BREECH AND MUZZLE LOADING SHOT GUNS,
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Also to our new selected stock of
Hardware, Tinware, Stoves, Agricultural Implements, Hubs, Spokes and Rims.

We have added a Slaughter Department, consisting of
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All the above we offer you at the lowest market prices, and do competition with other markets.

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Mr. Edward B. Curtis is with us, and will be pleased to serve his many friends.

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DEALERS IN
DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS,

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Imported & Domestic Wines, Liquors, Cigars, &c.

Clothing Made to Order. Cutting a Specialty.

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Purchased from the leading manufacturers of the country, are offered to the trade, our friends and the public at

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Body and Tapestry Brussels, Moquette, Velvet, 3-Ply Ingrain Carpets, all qualities Crumh Cloth, Door Mats, Hearth Rugs, a full line of New Chromos, Hair Cloth and Upholsterers' Trimmings, Floor and Table Oil Cloths, Lace Curtains, Corbels and Bands, Window Shades (all sizes), Piano and Table Covers, Wall Papers and Borders, French Terrys, Curtains Goods, Crockery for Lamps, Trays, China and Glass, and a big stock of goods in my line.

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I have in store and arriving 500 cases Canned Goods, Meats, Vegetables and Fruits of every variety; New Preserves, Jellies, Crackers, Macaroni (No. 1 and in mesh), Salmon, Macaroni, Boned Beef, all grades of Sugars, Coffee, Tea, Soap, Starch, etc.; Onions, Cabbages, Potatoes, Apples, Straw and Italian Brooms, Scrub Brushes, long handle and short handle Hair Brooms, Tubs, Pails, Clothes Hampers, Clothes Baskets, etc.; all of which I offer at the lowest prices for cash.

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JOBBERS IN AND MANUFACTURERS' AGENTS FOR

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Boots, Shoes, Clothing.

The undersigned would respectfully inform the merchants of Aiken county that their Fall and Winter Stock is now being received, and in price and assortment is unequalled by any that has ever been brought to this market. A special feature of our business is the establishment of a

Wholesale Boot, Shoe and Hat House

Entirely distinct from our Dry Goods and Clothing departments. In our new store will be found the largest and most complete stocks of Boots and Hats we have ever had, and we feel satisfied that it will be to the interest of purchasers to inspect our goods before buying elsewhere.

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Mill Supplies, Wagon Material, Carriage Material, Oriole Plows Farmers' Friend Plows, Rowland Chilled Plows and headquarters

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OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

NEW GOODS.

I am receiving my Fall Stock of

GROCERIES!

Comprising all that is called for by an elegant. Quality and quantity guaranteed. By the quantity and for cash. I will sell for the

Lowest Possible Prices!

Give me a call before you go to Augusta.

W. TURNBULL.

The Rock-Tomb of Bradore.

A dream and desolate shore!
Where no tree unfolds its leaves,
And never the spring wind weaves
Green grass for the hunter's tread;
A land forsaken and dead,
Where the hoary icebergs grow
And come with the ebb and flow
Of the waters of Bradore!

A wanderer, from a land
By summer breezes fanned,
Looked around him, aere, subdued,
By dreadful solitude.
Hearing alone the cry
Of sea-birds clinging by,
The crash and grind of the floe,
The wail of wind and wash of tide,
"Oh, wretched land!" he cried,
"Land of all lands the worst,
God-forsaken and cursed,
Thy gates of rock should show
By nature fashion'd for grave,
Read in the realm of woe:
'Hope entereeth not here!'"

Lo! at his feet there stood
A block of smooth larch wood
Beside a rock-cleft cave
By nature fashion'd for grave,
Sate from the ravens' beak
And fierce fowl of the air,
Wherein to rest was laid
A twenty summers' maid,
The sorrow of her equal share
Of the lands of ice and snow,
Half French, half Eskimo,
In letters unexplained,
Upon the block were traced
The grief and hope of man,
And thus the legend ran:

"We loved her!
Words cannot tell how well!
We loved her!
God loved her!
And called her home to peace and rest.
We love her!"

The stranger paused and read.
"Oh, winter land!" he said,
"Thy right to be I own;
God loves thee not alone,
And the fierce winds that blow
O'er thy wastes of rock and snow,
And at thy iron gates,
The hoary icebergs wait;
Thy hours and hearts are dear;
The sorrow of thy sacred soil
Is sanctified by hope and trust;
God's love and man's are here,
Still where'er it goes,
Love makes its atmosphere.

Its flowers of Paradise
Take root in the eternal ice,
And bloom through Polar snows!"
—J. G. Whittier, in the Independent.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

It was a clear, sunny morning this fourth of February when I awoke, and the postman of Longwood looked for a busy day, for Longwood was a cozy, old-fashioned town where lovers still cling to time-honored customs and valentines had not become miserable daubs or vile caricatures.

The morning sun was not very high when Maggie Layfield, one of the acknowledged beauties of the town, was combing out the rippling waves of her dark hair and building her air-castles. It was a double holiday for this pretty girl; her birthday and St. Valentine's day, and Maggie knew that on this eighteenth birthday there was not likely to be any lack of the tributes laid yearly at her feet. She knew where two for her brother and sister were securely hidden and she was wondering what Lizzie and Hattie, Willie and Laura would receive from the postman, and whether her mysterious lover who for five years had remembered her birthday, was forthcoming on this eighteenth birthday. She was still dressing when her two elder sisters, bright, pretty girls of nineteen and twenty, came in.

"Now, Maggie," said Lizzie, "I would not for the world be suspected of hinting, but Hattie and I do hope you will remember us when you receive your yearly remittance."
"Perhaps it won't come," said Maggie.

"Perhaps it will!" said Hattie. "Oh, it is too delightfully mysterious! Do you know, Maggie, I am sure you will, and should be worse if you were not so generous."
"It seems so funny," chimed in Lizzie, "and if papa was not so willing for you to accept it and mamma so anxious to send you so much, I should very much doubt of its propriety."
"The breakfast bell; and I am just ready to come, girls," and off Maggie darted to answer the summons.

Speculations were plenty as to the number of valentines expected and the senders thereof; but many allusions were made to Maggie's certain coming, and various hints were thrown out about wants and desires.

At last the double rap at the front door was heard, and as the sound rang through the hall Dr. Layfield's eldest son, Albert, came down the stairs to breakfast. Every one of the children, except the wee baby, was in the hall; Lizzie and Hattie hid behind the door, Laura beside Betty, and Willie peeping behind her skirts. Maggie was kneeling to draw from under the stairmat the envelopes addressed to Louis and wee Amy, while even John, the doctor's errand boy, made the boots an excuse to appear on the scene. The doctor looked up from his paper with an air of interest, and mamma left her second cup unattended till the important letters were delivered.

"One for Lizzie and one for Maggie, that's all by the first post," said Hattie, coming in, followed by all the others. "Yours always comes early, Maggie; there it is."
Maggie broke the seal. For four years before a crisp note had come from the hundred dollars in value, from the envelope, but this year there was, with the usual offering, a letter, and inside of that a smaller envelope addressed to Dr. Layfield.

"A proposal, and here a note to ask papa's consent," cried Lizzie. "Too bad, and you younger than Hattie or I."
"But, looking at the face that was bent over the sheet, she paused to ask, in a quieter tone:

"What is it, Maggie, dear?" And Dr. Layfield, with a glance at his wife, echoed the question.

"Read it, and tell me what it means," said the young girl, handing the doctor the letter, which he read carefully.

"Come into the library with me, dear, and I will tell you. No, none of you," he added, waving his hand to the

others who crowded around him; "I must see Maggie alone."
The deep gravity of his manner, the mysterious letter, filled Maggie with a vague dread, and she trembled violently as she followed him. Even his kindly arm around her, his loving kiss on her face could not quiet her agitation, while his face was so grave and his words so sad.

"I cannot tell you why this letter was written," said the doctor, gently, as he placed her in a comfortable chair, "until I open my own, and this he requested me not to do yet. Read his letter to you again, Maggie."

With a trembling voice the young girl read:

"MY OWN DEAR MAGGIE: At last, after two years of anxious waiting, I am hoping to see the dear face whose features, pictured by my loving heart, have been the comfort of my life. I am trembling with joy at the thought that the eyes now scanning these lines will rest lovingly on my face, and the clear voice I have heard in my dreams will speak to me of affection upon my waking ear. An coming home—shall be with you on the day you receive this, to let you go in my arms, never again to let you go from me. Go to Dr. Layfield and ask him to tell you the story of my life, then read what I inclose to him, and oh, my darling! my treasure! open your eyes to the weary wanderer who looks to you as his father, his love, his joy, after years of bitter exile. Listen to my story, love me, and welcome me."
"HERBERT ARNOLD."

"Now, dear father, pray tell me what all this means," Maggie, who was to leave in ten days, will tell you the story as he requests: Years ago, when these gray hairs were brown, and this peaceful home a dream, our far off future, Herbert Arnold and I were old college friends. I would not pain you by a recital of our life, but it is necessary to make you understand what I mean. We were when we were young men called 'wild boys,' what sternest truth-tellers call 'dissipated young men.' Young, and with simple means at our command, we ran the career that is now before me. I was a gambler, and for three years we continued this miserable course of folly, keeping our position partly by family influence and partly by exerting our powers of intellect. At intervals to redeem past idleness or mis-spent time.

"The fourth year we really devoted to study, and passed creditably through the necessary examination, but after leaving college old habits resumed their sway. Plunging recklessly into the amusements of the large city where we lived, we became involved in debt, and our lives one long course of fashionable extravagance and dissipation. To dress with taste, to be acknowledged leaders of fashion, to live in style, to be the envy of the super and flit with the gayest belles, seemed the height of our miserable ambition, till we both became conscious of our error and our folly. He was the first to leave me, and I followed him, leaving college old habits resumed their sway. Plunging recklessly into the amusements of the large city where we lived, we became involved in debt, and our lives one long course of fashionable extravagance and dissipation. 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