

A Merry
Christmas
To All

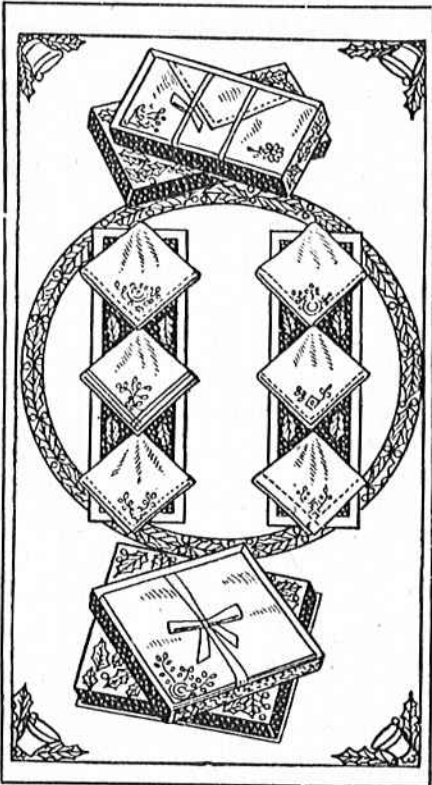


Xmas Specials



A Happy
New Year
To All

We are again facing the severe task of selecting and buying appropriate Gifts for friends and loved ones. We wonder what will be best suited to his or her needs; what will be appreciated the most; you seek suggestions, hints and advice, and therefore, we will endeavor to make below a few suggestions for Gifts for each member of the family and your friends:



FOR THE BOY:

What is more useful than a pair of All-Leather Shoes or a nobby Pinch Back Suit.

FOR THE GIRL:

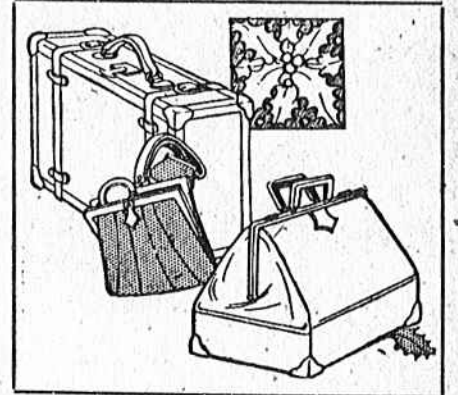
A Beautiful Dress
Nobby Pair of Shoes
Fancy Hosiery
Fancy Neckwear

FOR THE MOTHER

Nifty Coat Suit
Cloak
Nice Dress
Bedroom Slippers

FOR THE FATHER

Schloss Bros. Suit
Bath Robe
All-Leather Grip
Wool Overcoat



NOVELTY HANDKERCHIEFS

We have a full and complete line of Fancy Novelty Handkerchiefs put up in Christmas Packages ready for mailing. This is a gift that can be used by the entire family and one that will be highly appreciated.

Thanking each and every one of our patrons for the generous patronage given us during the past season, and trusting a continuance of same, we wish you one and all a Merry Xmas

THE NEW IDEA COMPANY,

MORRIS NESS, Manager.

Manning, South Carolina.

**TRIPLE MURDER IN
BARNWELL COUNTY**

Father, Mother and Little Daughter
Found Charred in Ruins of
Their Home.

SKULLS OF ALL CRUSHED

Ghastly Tragedy in Lumber Mill
Village So Far Mystifies the
Authorities.

Barnwell, Dec. 7.—What is apparently one of the foulest murders ever committed in Barnwell County was discovered this morning when the charred bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nolf and their little two-year-old daughter were found in the smoking embers of their home at Donora, a small lumber mill village about ten miles from Barnwell.

A post mortem examination disclosed the fact that the skulls of all three members of the family had been crushed by blows from a blunt instrument.

The residents of the village were aroused about 5 o'clock by the fire whistle at the mill and immediately rushed to the scene of the fire. The first to arrive was A. L. Lowman, superintendent for the Kendall Lumber Company, and a brother-in-law of Mrs. Nolf. At that time the fire was confined to the rear of the house and Mr. Lowman burst in the front, calling Mr. Nolf's name at the top of his voice. Getting no reply he went into a front room, but saw no one.

Other neighbors began to arrive and one man went into the bed room and pulled the clothes from the bed to make sure that the family was not still asleep. The searchers were then driven from the house by the smoke and it was not until the house had burned to the ground that the bodies were found.

Baby in Her Arms.

Mrs. Nolf's body was found in the kitchen with the baby girl tightly clasped in her arms, the body of her husband being found in the dining room. The skulls of all three had been crushed.

The assassin left no clue to his identity. One theory advanced is that Mrs. Nolf went into the kitchen to get some medicine for the baby and surprised a would-be robber; that she screamed and was kicked down, that hearing his cry of alarm, Mr. Nolf rushed to her assistance and was killed. The verdict of the coro-

ner's jury was that they came to their death at the hands of an unknown person or persons.

Mr. Nolf, who was a sawyer at the Kendall Lumber Company's plant, was originally from Pennsylvania, having moved to Donora in February.

OUR LOANS TO OTHER NATIONS

The United States has loaned to other nations engaged in war with Germany something over three billion dollars, taking for the sums advanced the obligations of such nation's bearing the same interest and maturing at the same time as the Liberty Loan Bonds.

The wisdom of this policy is beyond question. By strengthening these nations and making them as powerful and as effective as possible we are greatly aiding in the shortening of the struggle; we are doing much to insure an ultimate victory; we are doing only that which it is our duty to do toward our allies in this tremendous war against an autocracy which would debase and enslave all nations and men.

The fact that if we did not advance this money much of the work which the allies are doing would have to be done with American money and American men establishes clearly the intelligence and wisdom of our policy.

There is work to be done which requires the expenditure of blood and treasure. In making these money advances to Great Britain, France, Italy, and other nations we are lending money, which will be returned to us, instead of expending sums possibly as great, possibly greater, with no hope of return. In addition, we are saving the lives of American soldiers.

No policy the American Government has pursued is wiser or more truly economical and patriotic.

PERTINENT POINTS

As long as you live right you are prepared to die right.

The most unsuspecting creature on earth is an honest man.

A gentleman may occasionally get intoxicated, but never drunk.

The next worse thing to the mumps is a street whistling negro.

When a boy gets too big for his breeches, put him back in dresses.

Many people grow very economical when fixing other people's salaries.

The small boy and the target rifle will soon get a corner on the crepe market.



We Have Plenty of the Above

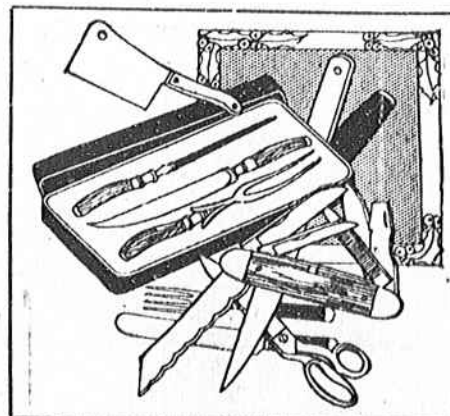
We have an abundance of articles that would make the most appreciated kind of presents. Some people almost entirely overlook a Hardware Store when making their Christmas selections and that is where they make a serious mistake. The present HE or SHE likes can be found here. Let us suggest one of the following:

FOR HIM:

- Flash Lantern
- A good Gun
- Fishing Tackle
- Razor and Strap
- Pair of Skates
- Carving Sets
- Pocket Knife
- Bicycle
- Set of Tools

FOR HER:

- Oil Stoves
- Gasoline Stoves
- Ranges
- Cooking Utensils
- Stone Ware
- Agate Ware
- Tin Ware
- Enamel Ware

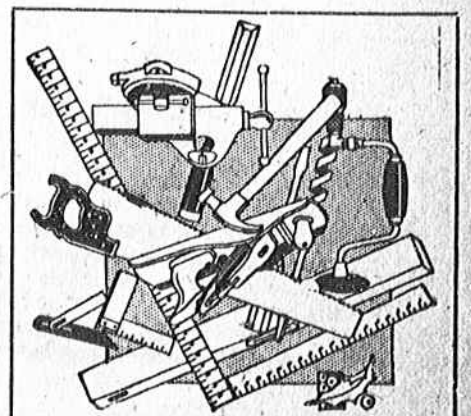


and hundreds of other useful articles.

Come in and let us help you make your selections.

Don't forget that we carry a complete line of **QUALITY HARDWARE** at the most reasonable prices.

We wish a Merry Christmas Season to All Our Patrons.



PLOWDEN HARDWARE CO.,

QUALITY HARDWARE