

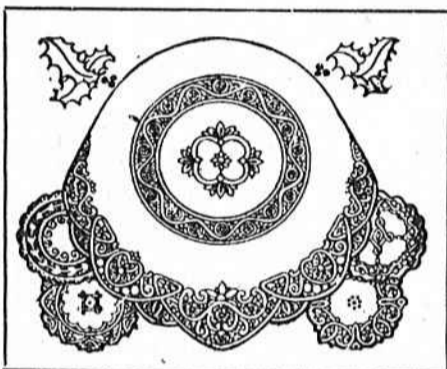


You Only Have 4 More Shopping Days in Which to Prepare For Santa Claus' Visit.

Santa has advised us that useful Xmas Presents would be mostly what he would give to little folks as well as grown-ups.

A Few of the Useful Presents:

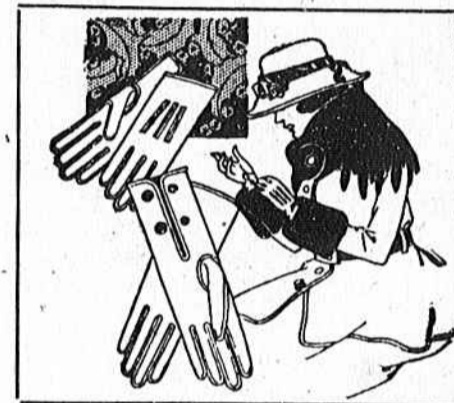
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| Bath Robes. | Shirtwaists. | Middy Blouses. | Aprons. |
| Bed Room Slippers. | Handkerchiefs,
Packed in Xmas Boxes. | Sweaters. | Coats. |
| Hosiery. | Fancy Towels. | Laundry Bags. | Coat Suits. |
| Neckwear. | Bed Spreads. | Center Pieces. | Skirts. |
| Gloves. | | Pillow Tops. | Dresses, Etc. |



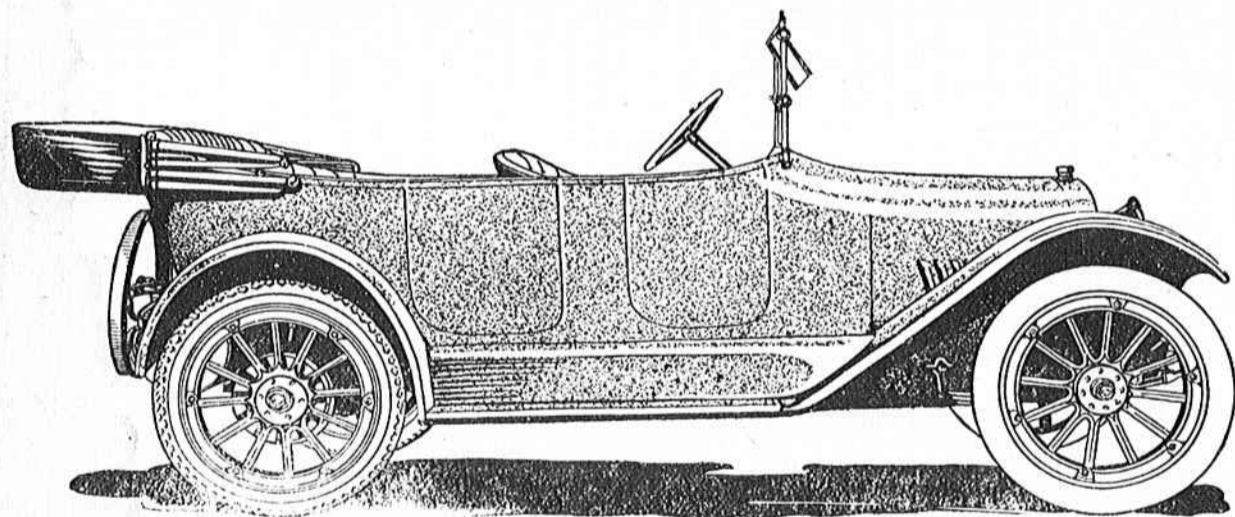
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14 S. Main St.

Sumter, S. C.



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Model Four-Ninety.

In a new dress, with details that make this Car most complete, embodying features of higher price Cars.

The finishing touches that have been given this model leave nothing more to wish for.

It is COMPLETE in every way.

Carolina Machinery Co.

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SUMTER,

South Carolina.

WHY SOLDIERS CANNOT SPEND XMAS AT HOME

Washington, Dec. 17.—Relief of the railroads of the great burden of transporting thousands of soldiers from the cantonments to their homes and back for Christmas, is of such urgent necessity that the war department today sent out an official explanation why the leaves of absence should be curtailed wherever possible. The official reasons are:

1—If many leaves of absence were permitted during the holiday season the very considerable expense involved for a large proportion of the men would create an invidious distinction between those who could make such a journey and those who would be compelled to remain at the camps.

2—The intensive period of training might be seriously affected by the absence of many men.

3—The chief reason is that the transportation facilities of the country are taxed to their utmost for weeks in bringing to the mobilization points the hundreds of thousands of men now there, and in making the necessary transfers of men and materials between these points. To add the burden of carrying great numbers of these men to their homes and from their homes back again to the camps would be a burden nearly insupportable.

There have been no orders issued against leaves, but every camp commander has been urged to discourage any unusual number of furloughs during the holiday time.

RECORD CAUSED SURPRISE

Los Angeles Launches Steel Ship in Seven Months.

Washington, Dec. 16.—A telegram to the shipping board today told of the launching at Los Angeles of the first steel merchant ship contracted for by the Emergency Fleet Corporation. The vessel was one of eight of 8,800 tons capacity, each ordered May 12 from S. L. Napthaly.

Turning out the vessels within seven months when the yard in which it was built had to be constructed after the contract was let was hailed by the shipping board officials as demonstrating what American industry can do in emergency.

Car Shortage Chief Factor.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Car shortage continues as the chief factor checking a maximum production of

coal, according to statistics made public today by the geological survey. Labor shortage and mine disability are given as other causes. Bituminous mines, the tables show, are producing only about 75 per cent of what they are capable of putting out. Transportation, it is declared, is improving slowly.

VETERAN DIPLOMAT DEAD

Ernest A. Man Dies Suddenly at St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Dec. 16.—Ernest A. Man, for many years a member of the American consular service,

State of South Carolina, County of Clarendon

The State of South Carolina,
County of Clarendon.
Court of Common Pleas.
Andrea Moses, Plaintiff,
against

Nemiah Richardson, James Richardson, Fanny Dyson, Nellie Richardson, Susan Smith, Wallie Richardson, Frank Roberson, Nemiah Roberson, Johnnie Roberson, Anna C. Neufville, Nannie Richardson and O'Donnell and Company, Incorporated, Defendants.

Amended Copy Summons for Relief (Complaint Served)

To the Defendants above named:— You are hereby Summoned and required to answer the Complaint in this action of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Complaint on the subscribers at their office, 120-122 North Main Street, in the City of Sumter, S. C., within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Lee and Moise,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

Dated November 27, A. D. 1917.
To the Defendant, Nannie Richardson:

Take Notice that the Amended Summons and Complaint in the above styled action were filed in the office of the C. C. C. P. for Clarendon County on the 8th day of November, 1917.

Lee and Moise,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

died suddenly at his home here last night. Mr. Man was attached to the consular service in six different European countries. His last post was at Copenhagen, where he was consul general until his retirement from the service in 1911. Mr. Man was sixty-six years old, a native of Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife and sister.

AMERICAN SEVERELY WOUNDED IN ACTION

Washington, Dec. 16.—Gen. Pershing advised the War Department today that First Lieut. H. C. Boyle, medical officers' reserve corps, attached to the British forces, was severely wounded in action December 7. Boyle's next of kin, Mrs. Margaret Boyle, lives at Luzerne, Pa.

"Where you lead we'll follow," said the lengthening shoe-tops to the shortening skirt. And so the eternal balance was preserved.

AN ORDINANCE.

An Ordinance to prevent hitching of any horse, mule, oxen, or other domestic animal upon the streets of Manning, S. C.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Manning, S. C., in Council assembled and by authority of the same.

Sec. I. That after the passage and publication of this Ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to hitch any horse, mule, oxen or any other domestic animal to any hitch post, electric light pole, telephone or telegraph pole, awning frame or to any other object on the streets of the Town of Manning, S. C., except in case where a hitch post is maintained and kept for the use of a private residence.

Sec. II. That any person or persons violating this Ordinance shall be liable to a fine of not more than ten dollars or imprisonment of not more than ten days.

Ratified in Council this 11th day of December, 1917.

T. M. Wells, Clerk. Mayor.

What is LAX-FOS

LAX-FOS IS AN IMPROVED CASCARA A Digestive Liquid Laxative, Cathartic and Liver Tonic, Contains Cascara Bark, Blue Flag Root, Rhubarb Root, Black Root, May Apple Root, Senna Leaves and Pepsin. Combines strength with palatable aromatic taste. Does not gripe. 50¢