

## We Are Headquarters for Nitrate of Soda

in quantities from ten tons and upwards. We have sold during the past ten days a large tonnage of this material, and while prices have advanced during the past week it is still cheap compared with other ammoniates. Get our prices before you buy.

**MANNING OIL MILL.**

## STOP IN

and look over what we have to show you in our line next time you come to town. It may be you are not in the market just now for what we have for sale, but would give us the privilege and pleasure of showing you thru anyway. We will show you only such goods as will give you service. Prices and terms always in line. Stop with us when in town.

**D. M. Bradham & Son.**

## Mr. Farmer!

Is your Home Sanitary and up-to-date?

Are you giving your Family's Health the proper consideration?

We are in position to give you Light and Power, Water Supply, Modern Plumbing System, Sewer disposal.

Our Engineering Department is at your disposal, at no cost to you.

If you are interested, and you should be, let us know and our Representative will call and see you.

**DIXIE ELECTRIC AND PLUMBING CO.**

### CHRISTMAS BELLS

Hark! Hark! I hear a distant bell,  
And now a chime—they softly ring;  
What joyful tidings do they tell  
As back and forth they swing.

'Tis mid of night—who rings those bells?  
Perhaps some doves thro' nestling,  
And while each little bosom swells,  
And warm, they touch with gentle wing  
The tuneful metal, and it feels  
So incubated it would swing  
To life, and wake the world with peals  
Of gladness as for new-crowned King.

Those midnight bells, how sweet they chime;  
The welkin vibrates with their sound;  
To hearts attune they are sublime,  
Nor spread they dread alarm around.

Lo! now I see, from East afar  
A light shines through the steeples' frame.

'Tis brighter than the brightest star,  
It glides the bells with golden flame;  
There, too, I see some cherubs cling  
Fast hold the ropes. How fair they be!  
They swing the bells and sweetly sing  
"This is the Christ's nativity."

Wake every heart, join in their song  
Of praise to Christ, our new-born King;  
To him our sweetest strains belong,  
And his, our richest offering.

When wakes the god of day, and shines  
Athwart the heavens, what of glee  
Will wake as well? With box and pin  
And flowers gay, yon house will be  
Adorned, and while the anthem swells  
With organ's voice, all Christendom  
Will vibrate as are those bells  
That Christ's nativity has come.  
—J. William Pope.

### ANCIENT CHRISTMAS TOYS

Dolls That Delighted Children of Rome and Greece in Early Days Recently Excavated.

Rag dolls are as old as the hills and so are dolls with movable arms and legs, toy dogs, rocking horses and a host of other things that bring delight to the children on Christmas morning.

Recent excavations in the ruins of ancient Rome, Greece and Egypt have placed the British museum in possession of an interesting assortment of these relics of early Christian days, some of which may possibly have been given to the children of the followers of Christ at a time when the observation of Christmas day was an innovation.

In the nursery of a newly excavated house at Behnesa, Egypt, a fairly well preserved rag doll was found with arms and legs still intact and painted face. The doll is by no means a beauty and does not compare with the Christmas dolls of today, but nevertheless it must have brought joy to a little girl's heart nearly 2,000 years ago.

The jointed dolls of long ago were made to sit down, stand up and move their arms, but they didn't close their eyes or squeak "mamma." Among the toy dogs, horses and donkeys are some made of stone and baked clay and others carved out of wood.

### A CONVENIENCE.



"So you think the Santa Claus myth is a good thing?"

"Yes, it's a great convenience to have some imaginary person to take the responsibility when the children are disappointed Christmas morning."

**A Christmas "Suppose."**  
We would not change the children's Christmas. But suppose all the grown-up people were to say to one another: "This year, instead of my giving you a present and your giving me a present, let us club together and give our present to some poor child who will not have any Christmas. There are hundreds of them somewhere. Or, if we do not know of such a child, let us give our present to a hospital for children, a home for crippled children, for incurables, for the aged, the blind, the feeble-minded." This to be, of course, in addition to what we usually give to charities at this season. Why could we not try this as an experiment, and see what the result would be?—Christian Register.

**Touched His Heart, Not Purse.**  
A very ragged individual invaded the office of a millionaire one Christmas eve and started describing his woes and sorrows in so graphic a manner that the millionaire was more affected than he had ever been before in his life.

At last, with tears in his eyes, he rang the bell for his servant, and when the latter arrived, said to him in a broken voice: "John, put this poor fellow out at once. He's breaking my heart."

**Their Annual Resolve.**  
Probably the girls are saying the same thing this year that they have said every year in the past: "Well, I'm going to start making presents right away for next Christmas."

## MONEY MAKES MONEY

**N**EARLY every self made man in the United States started in life at the bottom of the ladder by BEGINNING TO SAVE MONEY WHEN YOUNG. Year after year he added to his savings. In time his opportunity came, and HE HAD THE NECESSARY MONEY WITH WHICH TO SWING IT, because he had SAVED HIS SURPLUS.

Any young man in this town or community can do the same. Deposit your money in this bank each week. We will SAVE IT FOR YOU, and some day YOUR opportunity will come, and you Will have the money with which to swing it.

Be a self made man. What others have done, you can do. The brains of the country are not all centered in the men who have already achieved success.

## HOME BANK & TRUST CO.

MANNING,

SO. CAROLINA.

## CHAMPION MOWERS!

We have just gotten in our line of Champion Mowers, and we would like for you to come in and let us show you the advantages of this machine. Our Stock of

### Buggies, Wagons, Harness, Etc.,

is complete. When in town make our Stables your Headquarters. We will soon have in a car of the

### Famous GRANT SIX Automobiles

These cars are hard to get and we would advise that you place your order now.

## Coffey & Rigby.