

**ONE WEEK TO CHRISTMAS**



One little Santa Claus, lone as a last penny!  
Procrastination killed him and then there wasn't any.

**Nor Will There Be Any Santa Claus For You If You Don't Do That Christmas Shopping Today.**

**Positively the Last Call! Shop Now or Never.**

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.**

Mrs. W. E. Lucas entertained the Fortnightly club Saturday afternoon. After a number of games of Forty Two were played, a delightful salad course was served.

Mrs. Willimon, of Greenville, Miss Elizabeth Young, Mr. Frank McCravy and Master James McCravy composed a quartet that rendered a beautiful violin quartet at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

Mrs. G. S. McCravy and several other musicians are making preparations for a sacred musical program to be given in the Baptist church Sunday afternoon, when the public will be cordially invited.

Miss Willie Mae Childress entertained the Forty Two club Saturday morning, at her home on East Main street. After a few exciting games were played, a very tempting luncheon was served.

Mrs. W. E. Lucas was hostess to a number of musically inclined Tuesday evening at her beautiful home in the northern portion of the city. The evening was devoted to works of Edward McDowell. Besides a program selected from his compositions, selections from "His Works and Ideals" were read by Miss Meng.

The music class taught by Mrs. Willimon enjoyed a musical evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sullivan Saturday evening. A very attractive and enjoyable program was rendered, showing to advantage the training that the pupils had received.

Announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Mr. Jeff M. Rhodes to Miss Pattie Irvinson, of Newberne, N. C., the marriage to take place in the First Baptist church of that place on the afternoon of the 23rd inst. Mr. Rhodes is the son of Mrs. Warren Bolt, of this city with whom the young couple expect to spend the Christmas holidays. Heartiest congratulations are being extended to them by their many friends.

**Miller-Chewning.**  
A quiet wedding was solemnized Wednesday morning when Miss Louisa Miller and Dr. L. H. Chewning were united in marriage at the home of the bride in this city. The ceremony was performed by Dr. G. O. Griffin. Only a few relatives and immediate friends were present. Mr. Chewning is the prescription clerk at Reynolds and Earle's drug store and is very popular in Greenville. The bride is an attractive young lady of this city and her many friends, as well as his, wish for them a happy union.—Greenville Piedmont

**GROWING GREATER.**  
Despite Bad Year Red Iron Racket Has Better Business Than Last Year  
Selling same goods for less money and using a goodly supply of printer's ink, the Red Iron Racket as usual comes out on top again this year, even though "hard times" is the cry from every hilltop, every valley, every swamp and every other spot. They are justifiably boasting of a bigger business in November 1912 than in November 1911. Col. L. E. Burns, manager of the Laurens branch, pleads guilty to the charge of allowing his persistent and judicious advertising to do most of this though he confesses that "more goods, same money; same goods, less money" gets about forty-nine per cent of the glory.

When you have a bilious attack give Chamberlain's Tablets a trial. They are excellent. For sale by all dealers.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION.**

Mr. Robert Roper spent Sunday in Greenville.

Mr. R. L. Gray, of Gray Court, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. John W. Fowler went to Augusta on a business trip.

Rev. H. L. Baggott, of Gray Court, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. M. B. Crisp of Mountville was a visitor in Laurens this week.

Miss Louise Chilcote will leave Monday for her home in Baltimore.

Miss Blanche Smyth will leave Monday for her home in Baltimore.

Mr. James Todd, of Davidson College is at home for the holidays.

Mr. Hugh Creighton, of Greenwood, was a business visitor here Friday.

Mr. Sloan Mahon, of the Rabun community, was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. W. H. Holder, now of Anderson, spent the week-end here with friends.

Rev. J. B. Branch of Clinton, was a business visitor in the city last Friday.

Mrs. W. H. Gilkerson and Miss Annie Gilkerson spent Monday in Augusta.

Miss Elizabeth Simpson left yesterday for Atlanta to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Agnes Boyd and Mr. W. P. Boyd, of Mountville, were in the city shopping Monday.

Mr. Ran Little has returned from the Presbyterian college at Clinton to spend the holidays.

Miss Annie Bailey, now attending the G. F. C. has come home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. W. M. Bolin of Wilmington spent the week-end with his friend, Mr. Frank McCravy.

Mrs. Hart Richey, of Florence, is expected in the city today to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Richey.

Mr. W. B. Blakely with little Hattie May and Milton Blakely, were here from Ora Thursday.

Mrs. W. B. Owens, Jr., Miss Dorothy Owens and Miss Janie Kennedy were in the city shopping yesterday.

Miss Daisy Huey, of Rock Hill, has been spending a few days in the city with her sister, Mrs. John M. Cannon.

Miss Mae Babb, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Luther Roper, has returned to her home in the Rabun community.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Fleming, of Greenwood, spent several days last week in the city with their son, Mr. R. F. Fleming.

Miss Estelle Taylor, of Princeton, and Miss Stella Mock and Miss Sexton are employed in Wilkes & Co., during the Christmas rush.

Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Babb, of Fountain Inn, were in the city shopping yesterday, having come down to do some Christmas shopping.

Dr. J. H. Downey of Gainesville delighted his many friends by a short visit here last week. He was the guest of his brother, Mr. Thomas Downey.

Mr. C. R. Bethell, who was until recently employed at the Laurens Glass Works, is now making his home at Westport, W. Va., where he holds a responsible position.

Mrs. Sue Pitts was hostess Friday evening to the teachers of the Trinity-Ridge school, Misses Mary Roper, Daisy Putnam and Mr. J. P. Coats. A very pleasant evening was spent.

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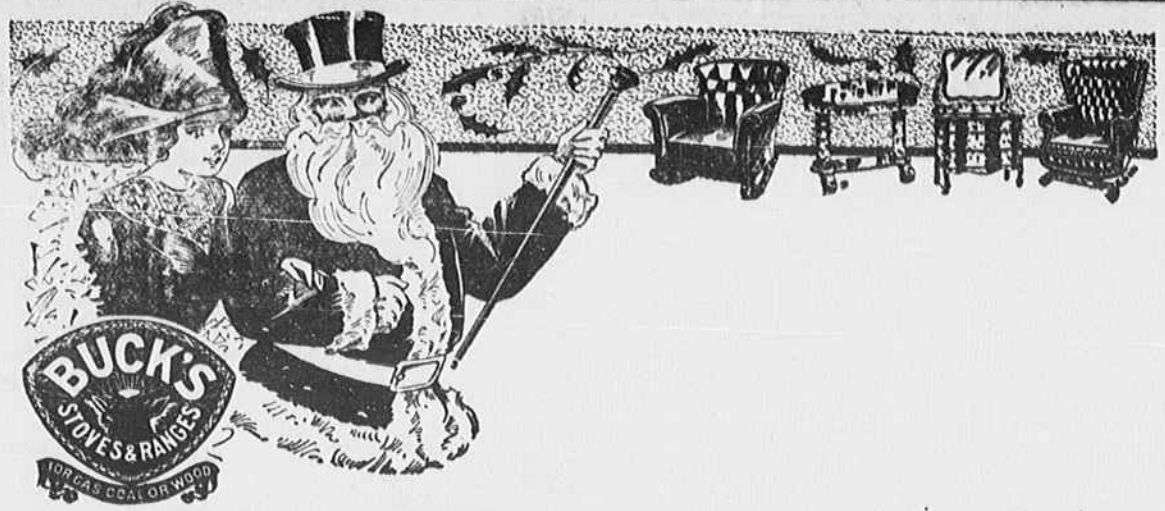
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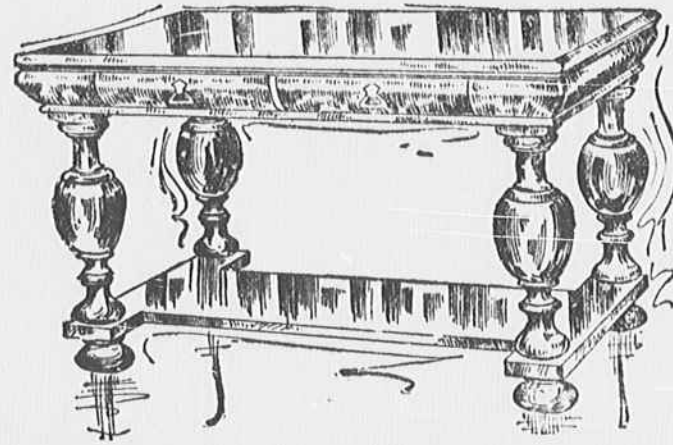


**Suitable Christmas Gifts**

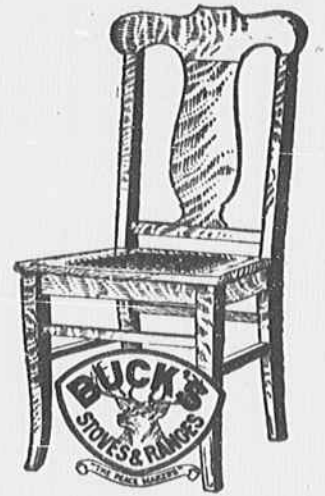
Only a few more days till Old Santy will be here. Are you ready? No! Then come right away to our store, here we have the largest and most reasonably priced stock of Suitable Christmas Gifts ever shown in Laurens.



You are sure to like some of the beautiful Rockers we are showing, they are in Mission, Golden Oak and Mahogany. Prices from \$1.25 up



Beautiful Oak Mahogany Library Tables from \$6.25 up



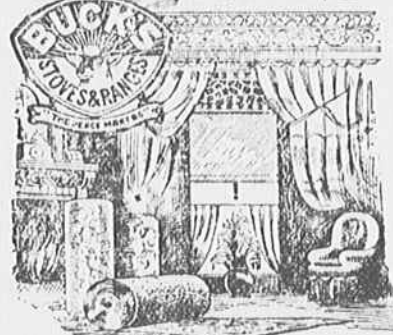
Chairs for Every Room in the House. Prices from 50 cts up

**Ladies Writing Desks**

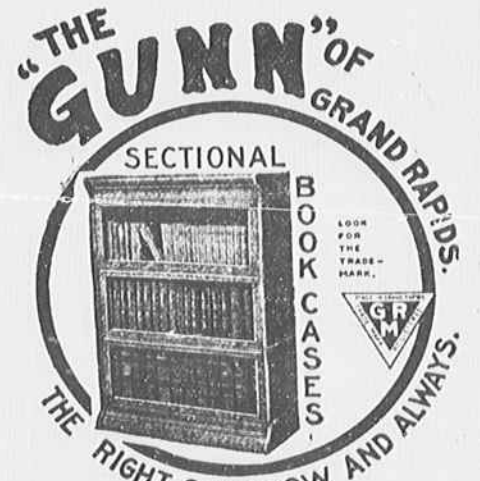


Nothing Nicer than a Nice Writing Desk. We have some beautiful ones from \$6.00 to \$10.00

**DRAPERIES**



Our stock of Hall Curtains is the best and cheapest to be found anywhere.



Complete Book Case only \$13.40

Do your Christmas Shopping with us. We save you money and you get a better line to select from.

**S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.**

**THE BOTTOM DOG.**

"So you want a position in my firm!" said the fat man with the thick gold chain. "Well, what were you in your last job?"  
"A doer, sir," answered the sad-eyed applicant.  
"What's that?" asked the employer.  
"Well, sir," said the sad-eyed one, "I was the doer, and the rest were the tellers. When my gov'nor wanted a thing done he would tell the cashier, the cashier would tell it to the bookkeeper, the bookkeeper would tell it to his assistant, his assistant would tell it to the chief clerk, and the chief clerk would tell it to me."  
"And what would happen then?"  
"Well, sir," replied the sad-eyed applicant, "as I hadn't anyone to mention it to, I'd—do it."

**Annoying Mishap.**  
"A midnight revel was held in some private club rooms on the top floor of the Towers building last night. Jagsworth was rather late in arriving and only one elevator was running. What do you suppose happened?"  
"Something went wrong with the elevator."  
"Right. It stuck between the first and second floors."  
"And that, I presume, was one time

when Jagsworth couldn't rise to the occasion."

**ENOUGH TO RATTLE ANYBODY. CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE.**



"I never really was rattled but once in my life."  
"When was that?"  
"My wife's father was rather deaf, and I had to speak into an ear-trumpet when I asked him for her."

**A Real Vacation.**  
This year I shall not roam, I think it best To stay right here at home And get a rest.



Poet—In winter I write poems to keep the wolf from the door.  
Admiring Friend—Yes—  
Poet—And in summer I have to keep on writing poems so the iceman will stop at the door.

**A REAL REGRET.**



Editor—I am obliged to decline your poem with thanks. I am very sorry, but—  
Poet—But what?  
Editor—The management insists upon my declining all poems that way, you know

**CURSORY, AS IT WERE.**



The Owl—What do you think of Mr Robins new home?  
The Sparrow—It looks very nice, but I've only taken a bird's-eye view of it