RIG-HEARTED JIM'S WIDOW FACES EVICTION ON CHRISTMAS EVE

lain Waiter's Family Has Had Year of Troubles Since His Death Last New Year's

KIDDIES; RENT UNPAID

was Christmas Eve and Big Hearted It was Christmas Eve and Big Hearted in Plasimmons (as they called him) eyed two five-dollar bills and two ones, which was his week's pay, and "Well, I'll was I'll blow this," be joked, in the same on its sire at the corner of Randers, between Chestnut and Market, where he was always joking and earning the title Big Hearted 20 times a day

Ent he didn't "blow" that 12 per of his. Not on himself; he never did. He took it downtown that night and gave \$10 of the 12 to his wife, as he always did—always, was nights later he was a dead man. A sering nights later he was a dead man. A solver spattered in 9th stret and echoed is in the marble eaves of the Postoffice grees the street. Jim's Big Heart was less for, for all the good it would ever him any more in this world, but a nile Italian bootblack who says Jim pro-neted him that New Year's Eve, is alive kicking today.

JIM'S WIDOW HARD UP. A year has gone since then and another Cristmas is coming for the widow of this Jim Fitzsimmons. The \$10 of the \$12 to got each week is not for her now. What money she gets is gotten from the marble floors of an office building, upon the warks. They are clean narble floors of an office building, upon which floors she works. They are clean and sweet each morning for men's feet to dirty and men's cigar stumps, etc., to mil again, and it only costs the building day to hire the Big Hearted cents a day to hire the Big Hearted That 10 cents a day has left her in the med. For she could pay only \$4 on last moch a rent, and the landlady was going a put Jim's widow and Jim's four chil-

n out upon the narrow pavement of row Napa street if she did not pay rest of her rent; but then her mother he rest of her rent; but then her mother howed the landlady an order from the matrict Attorney for \$9 for witness fees, which she tried to collect three times, mi was put off, and was finally promised ayment on December 4, and if they but pay it then, the family may have a be cleared out into Napa street after It would appear.

SHE BEARS NO GRUDGE. The witness fees, by the way, are for widow's appearance in court to tesagainst Granville Jefferson, who was ried on charges of shooting her husband. He was acquitted.

"I didn't bear that man what you would all a grudge," she said today. "But I hought it was strange that 17 witnesses could not convince that jury the man was guilty he ought to have been punfor killing the best man in the rid; that's all

She said that twice on last New Year's there had come a ring at the door-The first was when the coal man rought the ton of coal which Jim had bed the foresight to have put in, and the sound was when they brought Jim himef home, dead. She began to cry. It sems that when it comes to coal the case of the family is not as desperate as it sight be, for "the men on the railroad we very kind to my mother, and let her sek up coal on the tracks for our stove." and Mrs. Fitzsimmons, as if those railmen were doing a quite exceptional

MONEY WENT QUICKLY.

"She helps a lot with the children—that his boy there is Joseph; he's 10 years th." He looked down quickly; a fine. homest-faced boy. "He helps a lot. That's Catharine: she's 8, and Margaret. abe's 4," and then a very little son of Big-hearted Jim toddled across the room and climbed into his mother's lap. That was the baby, 18 months old, whom she hered to her heart.

When Jim died I got \$100 from the Earles and \$200 insurance. Out of that I paid \$153 for funeral expenses. What's that? A good deal for a funeral? No, it ras not too much to pay for Jim's stal, for there will never be another

she said: "I took in washing then and broing, and I worked out when possible. But I could not make much that way be-

United Rug and Linoleum Co.

Buy a Rug for Christmas

A gift of real utility may be seonfidence that your money buys

possible to secure.

We sell only standard quality goods, and because we are out of the expensive central district we are able to effect merchandising tonomies that make possible prices very much lower than those of other stores.

Note These Christmas Specials hey merely hint of many other Seamless Tapestry

BRUSSELS RUGS We have 200 Tapestry Brussels in varied sizes, marked for istmas selling at less than usual dolesale cost. Seamless. Splen-d line of patterns.

10 Value 5 512 Value 7.75
10 Value 5 512 Value 7.75
1. \$15 Val. 9 512 ft. \$10.75
1. \$15 Val. 9 \$18 Val. 10 mith's Axminster Rugs \$2 si inch; in rich and effect-patterns. Sell regularly for \$4.

\$2.25 Velvet Rugs \$1.10 7254 inches. Useful size as many purposes.

Rubber Door Mats 35c

at2 ft. Axminster Rugs \$14.75

scular 126.50 grade. Ishtly mismatched in pattern. 1.25 Inlaid Linoleum 60c at from full rolls; tile and srquetry patterns; big value.

You will do well to pay this store hefore you buy floor cover-We guarantee satisfaction nd saving to every purchaser.

United lug & Linoleum Co. 5221-23-25 Market St. Right at 52d Street "L" Station oversient car connections from the car cart of the city.

Oven Every Evening-

cause I was nursing little Jim here at that time."

cause I was nursing little Jim here at that time."

Her black eyes flashed and snapped as she spoke of the privations of her children, dire to the taking away of that bread-winner. There is much of the beauty left in Mrs. Fixsimmons' face, and there is all the old beauty in her eyes. The children are clean, but have not the proper clothes; what they have are well-patched and fixed up as well as can be. Their mother's clothes are not new; her shoes are worn clean through; no patching will help them.

Thinss got worse. My money ran out. We lived then at 1223 South Napa; we had to get out of there because we owed two months rent. The landlord said he'd put the constable on us. So I moved across the street to 122 here. This is near list and Wharton streets.

"I walk to work and I walk home, or I gueze there'd hever be anything to eat here. I wouldn't have got the Job I have if it hadn't been for Matthew Griffin, of the Secret Service, who knew my husband. My husband was working hard; every-body liked him.

"He was working to be a bartender—to think he was shot in cold blood in no quarrel of his and to protect a boy that had nothing to do with him! And his ton of coal coming in the house the same time his body came home:

"I tell you he would do anything for anybody. When I think of it, I would like to end it all; but I won't, for I'm going to work for these children. They deserve better than to go to some place that they call a home. I am 29; I'm good and strong yet. Mother helps, but he sight is failing: I hate to think of her pleking coals.

"If I could get two rooms nearer the middle of the late of the middle of the late of th

picking coals.

"If I could get two rooms nearer the middle of the city so I wouldn't have to walk both ways and get all tired out; if walk both ways and get all tired out; if I could have more time to help with the children at home: if I could get a job that paid more; if I could—" The crying of the baby for some toy that had dropped on the floor interrupted the possibilities of happiness, or rather, of fewer troubles, that Mrs. Fitzsimmons was imagined. imagining.

EVERY COAL IS PRECIOUS.

The house is a little two-story one with in a nouse is a little two-story one with six small rooms. It needs painting and repairing. There are two stoves, one in the front room and the other in the kitchen. They use the one in the kitchen wery little, as there is not much to cook. The one in the front room had a pan set on the back of it full of well-sifted ashes. Not one piece of Mrs. Fitzsimmons' mother's coal was wasted, nor one frac-tion of its heat-giving possibilities ignored. There were two chairs, a sofa and an old square piano. The furniture was well worn, but it was well taken care of, and the signs of the broom, the brush and the mop were not the least evidence of the energies of this hard-working family. Mrs. Fitzsimmons told her story in con-

nection with questions in regard to the death of her busband and the trial she attended, and not with regard to her own needs. She did not remark upon the fact that Christmas is coming. It did not oc-

Rotarians Will Hear War Story

Dr. Thomas G. Aller, who served os thief of oral surgery at the American Ampulance in Paris, tonight will tell of his experiences and show pictures of the trenches and other scenes in the Eurosean war at the monthly dinner meeting of the Rotary Club, at Kugler's. The story of the trip of the Liberty Bell to the San Francisco Exposition will be told by Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of the Finance Committee of Councils. The din-ner will be at 6:30 o'clock.



GENERAL VON BISSING German Governor General of Bel-I on account of alleged ill health.

\$34,000,000 FOR GIFTS

Continued from Page One

from interviews with many of those in ordinary circumstances their Christmas expenditures averaged about a month's salary. They had no difficulty, they said, in saving up for it. Wages had been

Interviews with honsewives of the twostory house circumstances developed the fact that they spent more money this year than ever before on Christmas things. Nor did they stick too much to the "useful" gifts. The other kind, they brought more ptensure to the reciplent.

... figured the children first," said one, "and then ourselves. I suppose my husband spent more on me than I did on him. I think that's the role in most families. Husbands are inclined to be

extravagant."
The woman who said this was the wife of a man who made about \$100 a month She said Christmas was costing about that much, figuring in everything; pres-ents, the table, and all.

ents, the table, and all.

One of the surprisingly big totals was the money spent in the photographic shops. All kinds of folk seemed to be getting their pictures taken, and so many of the studios had special rates for the holiday season that hundreds rushed to take advantage of them. The sum of \$200,000 for the photographs and pictures, mostly photographs, doesn't show personal vanity either, one artists. show personal vanity, either, one artist said it is a sensible and wearing gift, he said, and shows, too, a more earnest desire to please than the kind . gift that doesn't last. The tremendous amount of money spent in the department stores is a real

criterion of prosperity, for as one man-

ager said, they feel the pulse of the pockethook most easily. "In hard times," this man said, "people are afraid of the temptations of the big stores, and go where the display isn't so attractive."

Most of the figures given represent all the Christmas shopping for weeks back, the Christmas shopping for weeks back, and this year people really did a lot of their shopping early, but the \$2,000,000 item for markets is only for the last two or three days. Never before have so many expensive items for the dinner table been selected. The choicest fruits and vegetables, the real luxuries to eat, went like hoicakes, and the housewife who wasn't foresighted chough to place her order ahead had to do without.

order ahead had to do without.

Books, too, went away above their usual sales. The European war has had a great deal to do with this. Current writings were greatly in demand, and history works, too. The standard sets that have always proved such attractive Christmas gifts gave way in great numbers this year to the output by modern writers. Books of the war and of topics that led up to the war were greatly in demand. Where interest used to be centred in literature in the capitals of usual interest, the sales this year showed that the est, the sales this year showed that the Near and Far West had equaled if not supplanted the western world in reading Flowers, candles and all such luxuries

that always have a ready market felt an increase of about is per cent, over a Everywhere business was better. must have been when you think of that great total-kit 200,000.

TWO NEGRO SLAYERS LYNCHED

Mob in Georgia Town Riddles Bodies With Bullets

With Bullets

MACON, Gr., Dec. 21.—Residents of Eastman, a village near here, awoke to-day to find bullet-riddled bodies of two negroes. William Stewart and Samuel Bland, swinging from nooses, the victims of a lynching bee during the night. A confession was said to have been obtained by members of a mob from the negroes that they burned and killed A. M. Bachellor, a merchant, Sunday night four his home at Eastman. The mob, estimated at nearly 100, strung up the nedroes near the some if the roobery. Few of the mob wore masks, The authorities were today making an investigation.

ONE DEAD, TWO MISSING, 11 HURT IN EXPLOSION

Workmen at Corn Products Plant, Shadyside, N. J., Risk Lives to Save Fellows

EDGEWATER, N. J., Dec. 21.-One man was killed, two were reported missing and il were injured, some probably fatally today as the result of an explosion the dextrine plant of the Corn

in the dextrine plant of the Corn Products Company, at Shadyside, two miles from here. The roof of the building was blown off and the walls collapsed. Fire, starting from the explosion, swept through the wreckage. The damage was estimated at \$100,000. That there was not a heavy loss of life was due to the bravery of workmen in an adjoining building. Husbing into the flame-swept building, they risked their lives carrying the injured to safety. The sound of the explosion, which is attributed to spontaneous combustion, was heard for miles, and all the windows in nearby buildings were broken.

Storm Porch Enclosures

Storm Doors and Sashes Metal Weather Strippings Rust-Proof Screens Let us estimate

WILSON & WILSON, Inc. 1513 Parrish Street Telephone

Peanut Butter 6-oz. Jar. 10c different from

How often a man meets a friend whose clothes somehow please him petter than his own.

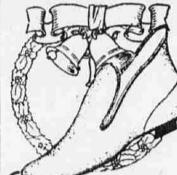
The friend has found the tailor who fits

HUGHES & MULLER

style to personality as well as physique. And "Try my tailor" is often the friend's reply to praise of the clothes. We could not begin to count the patronage that the expression "Try my tailor" THIS SOLID MA-HOGANY TABLE. Chippendale design, has brought us.

TAILORS, 1527 WALNUT ST. ESTABLISHED 1848.

HALLAHAN'S



Men's Felt Ro-meos, flexible belt-ing leather sole, gray or black; \$1.50.



Romeo Slippers tan or black kidturn soles, \$1.50.



Everett Slippers, tan kid, turn soles,



Men's Felt Comfort Slippers, cush-ion soles; \$1.50



Christmas Gift Suggestions

In seeking an answer to the problem of what to give as Christmas Gifts, need you go further than this suggestion? Choose sensible gifts from Hallahan's immense stocks, where presents for every member of the family may be selected. Here is a partial list:

For Father

Romeo Slippers, tan or black kidskin, kid lined\$2.50 Everett Slippers, kid lined \$2.00 Romeo Slippers, heavy sole, tan kid\$2.00 Seamless Felt Everett Slip-pers, flexible belting leather

soles, low heel \$1.00 Felt Comfort Slippers, with cushion elk soles, lambs'-wool insoles, royal blue,

wine and tan-mix, no heels;
\$1.50 quality\$1.00
Storm King Rubber Boots. \$4.50
Silk Sox, with lisle double heel
and toe, all colors; 35c qual-Silk Sox, pure silk thread with

double liste r les, all colors. 50c "XL" Storm King Rubber Boots, extra strong, for chauffeurs and heavy out-

For the Boy

Patent Leather Shoes, welted soles \$2.00

Felt Slippers, blue and red
felt, for bedroom wear,
65c and 55c Boy Scout Shoes, in black, tan and smoke leathers \$2 up Lucky gold medal with each pair.

Shoes, Moccasins and Ankle Strap Ties, a of t sole, ribbon-trimmed Patent Leather Shoes, turn sole 80c Genuine White Buck-skin, with white ivory turn soles ...\$2.25

New Crystal Corner, 60th & Chestnut

4928-30 Lancaster Ave.

For Mother

Bedroom Slipper "Special." Plaid velvet cloth, with leather or heavy duck soles. Women's, boys' and chil-dren's sizes; 75c and \$1.00

"Comfy" Slippers and Juliets, ribbon trimmed, all colors, best quality\$1.00
Felt Juliets, fur-trimmed, in gray, wine and black, turn leather soles, low heels...\$1.00
"Boudoir" Slippers, in all colors of suede, poplin and kid, quilted satin-lined.75c and \$1.00

Satin Evening Slippers, covered Cuban and Louis heels, \$3.50 and \$4 quality; all colors "to match"......\$1.90
Silk Stockings, fibre silk with

Silk Stockings, fibre silk with
lisle tops and soles; 50c
quality,
35c; three pairs for \$1.00
Silk Stockings, all colors, lisle
double-thick toe and heel,
lisle tops; 75c quality........... 50c
Pure Silk Thread Stockings,
all colors, lisle reinforced
toe and heel and garter
tops \$1.00

For the Girl

Rubber Boots, lambs' - wool

> Tan Kid Shoes, turn soles \$1.00 Satin Moccasins, in blue, pink and white 75c Tan Russia Calf Shoes, turned soles, best grade\$1.35 Silk Stockings, all col-

2746-48 Germantown Ave.

5604-06 Germantown Ave.

For

Baby

919-21 MARKET STREET

BRANCH STORES

All Hallahan Stores Open Evenings Till Xmas



Women's Felt Bedroom Comfort Slippers, forty dif-ferent styles and



"Restwell" Felt Slippers, forty colors; \$1.00 quality, 65c; Girls' sizes,



Hand Knitted Bedroom Slippera; twenty colors, \$1.00.



Felt Juliets, fifty colors; quality, \$1.00.



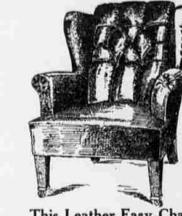
Little Girls' Furtrimmed best grades, \$1.00.



The VAN SCIVER Store Offers Six Acres of Christmas Gift Furniture We display a magnificent collection of heirloom and modern furniture-the most appreciated of all gifts-unduplicated by other stores, and specially priced for Christmas. Every article



Gift Rug Other sizes reduced in proportion. \$60 French Wilton, 9x12 \$43.50 \$52 & \$48 Royal Wilton, 9x12 \$37.50 \$35 Wilton Velvet, 9x12 \$22.75 \$20 Best Tap. Brussels, 9x12 \$14.50 THE FOREFATHER CLOCK here shown has fine mainogany case; first class movement, fitted with tubular chimes, which strike and ring the Westminster chimes on the full quarter, half and three-quarter hours. Mercury pendulum guarantees correct time. One of a splendid assortment of Colonial Hall Clocks ranging in price from



This Leather Easy Chair

is upholstered in No. 1 grade, genuine Spanish leather, color brown; roll arms, tufted back, wing sides, spring seat, mahogany legs. One of the best values \$28.00 we have ever offered! we have ever offered......



\$10.50 to \$435.00

others 85c to 885.

Dinner Gongs, 83.75 to 819.75.
Arm Chairs, 82.25 to 897.
Clothes Trees, 75c to 815.
Secretary Bookenses, 89.50 to 873.
Sideboards, \$11.50 to 8275.
China Closets, \$14.50 to 8275.
China Closets, \$14.50 to 8275.
Children's Chairs, \$2.50 to 87.50.
Children's Chairs, \$7.50 to 896.
Umbrella Stands, \$2.50 to 875.0.
Hall Racks, \$7.50 to 896.
Umbrella Stands, \$2.50 to 815.
Smokers' Stands, \$2.50 to 875.0.
Hall Mirrors, \$1.50 to \$275.
Seving Trays, 60c to \$14.75.
Seving Trays, 55c to \$13.75.
Seving Trays, 55c to \$13.75.
Seving Trays, 55c to \$12.50.
Fire Sereens, \$3.25 to 813.75.
Wood Baskets, \$2.50 to \$7.50.
Serap Baskets, \$2.50 to \$72.
Table Searfs, \$1.50 to \$72.
Table Searfs, \$1

J. B. Van Sciver Co.

Market St. Ferry, Camden, N. J.



*************** Gifts for the Man Who Smokes

Wives, Sisters, Mothers, Sweethearts-here are gifts that will delight that man.

"GENERALIDAD"

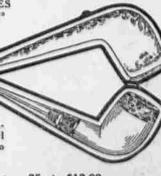
MILD HAVANA We manufacture 25 sizes from 3 for 25c to 2 for 25c Special Bexes of 12 for \$1.00. Special Boxes of 25 for \$1.75. "DEPENDO" "PEERMONT"



1105 Market Street

fine leather con plush lined, from \$3 to \$15 Imported Briar Bowl Pipes With amber mouth piece, in fine leather cases, from 75c to \$10 Without cases - im ported briar bowl

911 Market Street Szu Chestands Continental Hotel Stands



Cigar Holders THE PEERMONT CIGAR CO. S. E. Cor. 5th and Market Sts.



826 Chestnut Street

Suitable for gifts. Order now, delivery will be made as desired. Holly Wreaths ... 20c and 25c each
Loose Holly ... 25c, 50c bunch; \$6.00 case
Laurel ... 5c yard in 100-yard lots
Mistletoe ... 25c, 50c, \$1.00 a bunch
FERNS, PALMS, RUBBER PLANTS AND CYCLAMEN

MICHELL'S SEED HOUSE

518 Market Street