

FIREBOAT NEARLY SINKS AT DOCK HERE

Ice Pack Opens Sea Valve of Edwin S. Stuart—Foot of Water Enters Hold TAKEN TO SHIPYARD

A fireboat came near sinking at her dock at the Race street pier today. The vessel, the Edwin S. Stuart, has been out of commission for two months, and has been lying at the foot of the wharf, waiting for the winter to end, so activities could be resumed.

Pack ice, sent hanging along by the wind and tide, scraped the hull of the boat, and partly opened a sea valve, allowing the water to pour in slowly. For a while it was not noticed. Eventually the boat slowly settled in the water. Captain Charles Deiser saw the trouble in time. He found a foot of water in the hold and more coming in.

The tug was requisitioned and the sinking fireboat was towed across the river to the Mathias shipyard, Camden.

where she will be hauled out on the marine railway and repairs made.

Germantown Man Falls Dead Samuel Wood, seventy-one years old, of 2015 Keyser street, fell dead yesterday afternoon while walking on Coulter street near Germantown avenue. Wood was foreman of the jury which convicted H. H. Holmes after one of the most sensational murder trials in the history of Philadelphia.

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Seen in the Chestnut Street Shops HENRY R. HALLOWELL, E. SON

The Chestnut Street Shops are ablaze with Christmas colors these days and every window seems filled with gift suggestions. A walk along Chestnut street, especially in the morning before the stores are crowded, gives you a host of new ideas for your shopping list.

There are few of us who drink enough water, but it has gained considerably in favor as a beverage since July 1. Those of us who do enjoy a glass of water just before retiring and first thing in the morning would appreciate as a Christmas gift one of those pretty thermos sets which include bottle, glass and tray. You will find them at the store of J. Franklin Miller, 1612 Chestnut street, and you will not find it difficult to choose a color which will harmonize with the furnishings of the room in which it is to be placed, for never have I seen thermos bottles with such decorative possibilities. There is one set painted in a rich ivory shade with a band of tiny rosebuds which is particularly interesting and would look very well with ivory furniture.

Passing by the store of N. Stetson & Company, 1111 Chestnut street, the other day, I noticed something new, and being of a curious turn of mind, returned for a second look. It was a small portable phonograph—the most compact that I have yet seen. It plays all records most satisfactorily and is just the thing to live up your week-end parties. It has a handle by which it can be conveniently carried, and the fact that it is inexpensive. Ask to hear the Cirola, for that is its name, and you will be delighted with it. They are quite enthusiastic about it at Stetson's, for it is so convenient and practical. It would make a most acceptable gift, for it is one that every one in the family would appreciate.

Judging from the interest which every one seems to be showing in the flexible jeweled bracelets at the store of Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company, many debutante girls are going to wear a band of precious stones on her fair, white arm at Christmas week festivities. These bracelets are exquisitely fashioned; each one is in itself a masterpiece of the jeweler's handicraft. One, a band of sparkling diamonds, has a large stone in the center, with smaller diamonds on either side. Others are set with emeralds and sapphires and diamonds. Bar nfts are lovely, too, for Christmas gifts, and there are many beautiful ones at Bailey's. A bar pin is a piece of jewelry that every woman really appreciates.

For friends living outside of Philadelphia you can devise no better Christmas gift than one of Hollowell's Gift-Baskets of Fruit. Out-of-town people always delight in the novelty of these Gift-Baskets of Fruit, for they are not obtainable in other cities. Henry R. Hollowell, of Son, Broad street below Chestnut, have so perfected their system of shipping that they guarantee a perfect condition to points 1000 miles distant from Philadelphia. Of course, the speed with which these deliveries are made is one reason why they arrive with each piece of fruit in place, but that is part of the system. The baskets are beautiful, and when filled with Hollowell's luscious fruits, they make the most delectable Christmas gift that any one could wish for.

There is no more practical piece of jewelry than the gift which is wanted by a man more than anything else. There are few men who are not including them in the list of "things I want for Christmas." Jacob Reed's Sons, 1424-26 Chestnut street, have some of the finest and most exquisite colored ones that I have seen. There are according to the various color combinations and crocheted silks. The Swiss ribbed mufflers are new and very much liked. They come in plain colors and stripes. The black-and-white scarfs and the all-white ones for evening wear would be appreciated by the man who already has one of the colored mufflers. There are angora scarfs, too, and those soft handkerchief mufflers of English foulards, which are so convenient to carry.

Strawbridge & Clothier Advise an Early Start To-morrow Be in Time for the Christmas Music and Tableaux at 9.30 This is the most wonderful Christmas season we have ever had. Only four shopping days remain before Christmas, which means that everybody will be exceedingly busy, and that it will be wise to SHOP EARLY in the day. The Strawbridge & Clothier Chorus sings at 9.30 in the morning, and hundreds of our customers enjoy the music and accompanying tableaux as a delightful beginning for the shopping day. Our shopping crowds are good-natured and considerate—everybody is pleasant, and more customers are CARRYING THEIR OWN PARCELS than ever before.

Christmas Folders, Cards and Booklets DON'T forget those dainty Greeting Cards that carry Christmas messages of friendship. Still an excellent range of choice among Cards, Folders and Booklets—3c to \$1.00 each. One Dozen Assorted Christmas Folders and Envelopes—50c One Dozen Christmas Booklets and Envelopes—\$1.00 Calendars—15c to \$2.50 All kinds of Calendars for gifts, plain styles, delightfully illustrated Calendars, some with quotations—15c to \$2.50. Or You Might Give Good Warm Blankets These soft White Blankets, wool-mixed, with dainty border colorings, or cadet gray with pink or blue borders, or scarlet with black border, at \$10.50, would be lovely. Double-bed size, \$15.00.

Ready for a Wonderful Day in the Toy Store! TO-MORROW will be the last Saturday before Christmas! The Toy Store has broken all former one-day records more than once this season, but it is quite possible that to-morrow will be the greatest day of all. Our supplies of TOYS, DOLLS and GAMES are holding out wonderfully well—the variety seems as great as a month ago. There are HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF DIFFERENT THINGS here to delight children's hearts. If you bring the children to-morrow, please try to come early in the day. But, early or late, be sure to come. We are well equipped to give good service. ALL THESE ARE SPECIAL VALUES The Boy Ranger Cannon—special at \$1.95 Infant Baby Dolls—special, \$1.45, \$1.90, \$4.00 Dolls' Couches, in ivory white, brown, gray and natural—special, \$12.50, \$15.75, \$19.75 Dolls' Bedsteads—special at \$1.65 and \$3.15 Dolls' Bureaus—special at \$1.25 and \$2.50 Babies' Shoe-fly Rocking Horses—now \$4.25 Horse Bikes—special at \$12.50 and \$13.75 Boys' Conster Express Wagons—\$7.25 and \$7.50 Kiddie Cars, built like an aeroplane—\$3.90 Velocipedes, many styles—\$6.00 to \$10.75 Children's Automobiles, adjustable seat—\$15.00

Baskets as Pretty as They are Useful LOVELY decorative Baskets that will find a welcome place in the home—and they are for practical use: Decorated Enameled Waste Baskets, white, gray, blue, green—\$1.75 and \$1.85 Plant Baskets, gray, brown, green—\$2.00 Willow Window Plant Baskets—\$2.40 to \$3.50 Sweet Grass Baskets—45c to \$2.50 Japanese Baskets, for fruit or cake—25c to \$2.75 Embroidered Muslin Pillow Cases, \$2.50 A pair of fine Muslin Pillow Cases, neatly boxed, is a charming gift for a woman, whether she has kept the home for years, or is just starting her trousseau. These are scalloped and embroidered on fine muslin—\$2.50 a pair. Embroidered Bolster Throws—\$2.50 each.

Tons of Christmas Candy SIMPLE supplies of Candy for Christmas are here, and we are pleased to assure you of the same excellence and purity as in years when sugar was more plentiful and cheaper. Prices are really lower than one would think, considering the scarcity and high cost of the ingredients and labor. Especially worthy of note is the great variety of FANCY GIFT BOXES of delicious CHOCOLATES—many daintily tied with ribbon: Candy Toys, made of pure sugar—60c a pound Assorted Chocolates in holly boxes—special 75c a pound Five pound boxes of Hard Candy for \$2.10 Novelties and Favors—2c to \$7.50 each Stockings filled with Toys and Candy—12c to \$2.25 Jack Horner Pies, with favors—\$2.00 to \$7.50 Whipped Cream Chocolates—special at 60c a pound Chocolate Nonpareils—special at 60c a pound Milk Chocolate-coated Almonds—special, \$1.10 a pound Chocolates Nougatines—special at 70c a pound

Scarfs, Muffs, Matched Sets of Lovely Furs for Gifts WONDERFUL collection of Furs at medium prices ready for gifts. The season's smartest styles in Scarfs and Muffs, all beautifully lined and finished. Her Furs are all important to a woman, so choose them here, with the assurance that style and quality are of the best obtainable at the price paid: FUR SCARVES, Black Belgian Candy Scarfs—\$12.00 to \$40.00 Kit Coney Scarfs—\$15.75 to \$30 Dyed Skunk Scarfs—\$32.50 to \$57.50 Canadian Wolf Scarfs—\$33.50 to \$75.00 Manchurian Dog Scarfs—\$22.50 to \$45.00 Nearsel Scarfs—\$35.00 to \$75.00 Hudson Seal (dyed muskrat) Scarfs—\$16.50 to \$85.00 Dyed Raccoon Scarfs—\$40.00 to \$67.50 Natural Skunk Scarfs—\$35.00 to \$100.00 Black Lynx Scarfs—\$50 to \$85 Black Cat Lynx Scarfs—\$35.50 to \$67.50 Natural Mink Scarfs—\$50.00 to \$77.50 Black Fox Scarfs—\$50 to \$90 Natural Raccoon Scarfs—\$38.50 to \$67.50 FUR MUFFS, Black Coney Muffs—\$10 to \$18 Kit Coney Muffs—\$10 to \$18 Black Lynx Muffs—\$40 to \$100 Canadian Wolf Muffs—\$42.50 to \$65.00 Nearsel Muffs—\$28.00 to \$40 Hudson Seal (dyed muskrat) Muffs—\$18.75 to \$72.50 Natural Skunk Muffs—\$50.00 to \$75.00 Petegonian Fox Muffs—\$35.00 to \$62.50 Natural Australian Opossum—\$55.00 to \$85.00 Natural Squirrel Muffs—\$50.00 to \$82.50 Taupe Fox Muffs—\$38 to \$77.50 MATCHED SETS, Japanese Fox Sets—\$90 to \$115 Dyed Skunk Sets—\$85 to \$85 Black Coney Sets—\$35 to \$60 Kit Coney Sets—\$37.50 to \$65

Lo'el' Velvet Bags Reduced Two Groups, Now \$6.95 and \$8.60 CLEARANCE of about one hundred plain and more dainty Velvet Bags, in black, brown, navy blue and shell effect, beautifully silk-lined, fitted with purse and mirror, and many are finished at the bottom with silk ornaments. At these prices, we don't expect to have one remaining to-morrow evening.

Suits and Dresses—Special Extra values that will soon be snapped up by the many women who find an extra garment or two absolutely necessary these busy Holidays. A Jersey Dress you will like for spring street wear, as well as for immediate wear under a coat, is shown in the sketch—it is one of a group of— Dresses, Special at \$19.75 In addition to the Jersey Dresses (one of which is shown in the sketch), which were just received in time for this writing, there are some remarkably good-looking Tricotone Dresses, in straight-line styles. Also in this group, some odd lots from our regular stock, reduced—too varied for description, but affording a fine variety for selection. Dresses, Special at \$23.75 Serge Dresses, several models, in peplum and coat styles, trimmed with flat braid. Some have the collarless neckline, others smart shawl collars. Suits, Special, \$30 and \$35 Of wool velour, homespun and silvertone, also green and brown checks. In belted, pinch-tucked and plaited effects. Suits, Special at \$45.00 Smartly Tailored Suits, developed in plain and silvertone velour, in black, navy blue and colors, also "full-wool," smart tweeds and plaids. Belted and semi-belted models, and some tailored on long, semi-fitting lines. Suits of Jersey of Superior Quality, \$30.00 In plain black, navy blue and brown, and in heather-mixed Oxford, blue, green and brown. Made in smartly belted style, with box-plaits in Norfolk effect, and finished with mannish collar and substantial patch pockets.

Thousands of Boys' Shirts—Many at Less Than Usual Prices LL-WHITE Madras, with neckband and turn-back cuffs—\$1.75. Fancy Woven-stripe Madras, in a pleasing variety of colors, with neckband and turn-back cuffs—\$1.65. All-white Chevot, with either neckband or attached collar; and of soft White Cambric, with neckband and turn-back cuffs—\$1.75. All-white Madras, with neckband and turn-back cuffs—\$2.00. Fancy Woven-stripe Madras, superior quality, with neckband and turn-back cuffs—\$2.25. Fancy Woven-stripe Madras with fibre silk stripe, with neckband and turn-back cuffs—\$3.25. Fancy Striped Fibre Silk, with neckband, turn-back cuffs and separate collar; our own make—\$4.50. Fancy Silk Shirts, with satin stripe—\$6.50.

Holiday Slippers and Other Gifts in the Shoe Store Slippers and Footwear Novelties are on practically every gift list. Nothing more aptly conveys one's wishes for the comfort of mother, father, sister or brother. And nowhere else will be found so varied and attractive assortments as in this Shoe Store. SEE THEM—space for description is limited: For Women: Soft Felt Slippers, \$1.50 to \$2.75. Japanese embroidered quilted Satin Boudoir Slippers, \$1.50. Silk brocade Boudoir Slippers, pompon trimmed, at \$2.50 and \$3.00. Satin quilted Mules, with leather soles, \$4.50. Quilted satin Boudoir Slippers, \$3.50. Genuine Morocco kidskin and suede House Slippers, at \$3.50. Moccasins, of softest leather, fur-trimmed or beaded, \$2.25 to \$4.50. Tufted Satin Kimono Slippers, with quilted satin insoles, at \$4.50. Brocade Boudoir Booties, fur-trimmed, at \$6.00. Opera Slippers, of black or white satin, 2-inch Louis or baby Louis heels, \$12.00 and \$14.00. French bronze and aluminum or gold cloth Opera Slippers, \$13.00 to \$15.00. English Riding or Field Boots, of Russia calf, at \$25.00. Four-buckle Galoshes, Goodyear glove brand—\$4.00. SLIPPER BUCKLES, of rhinestones, set steel or cut bead effects—\$3.50 to \$50.00. SPATS and Tweedie Boot Tops—\$2.00 to \$4.50. For Men: Soft felt and Comfy Slippers, \$2.00 to \$3.50. Soft tan kid Slippers, high and low cut, \$3.25 to \$7.00. Soft kidskin Faust Slippers, \$6.50. Tan Kidskin Cavalier Protectors, \$7.00. Slumber Socks, of elderdown, 90c to \$1.00. Four-buckle Galoshes, Goodyear glove brand, \$4.75. Storm King Rubber Boots, extending above the knee, at \$5.50. Tan Russia calf Riding Boots, English pattern, \$28.00. Tan Cordovan Puttee Leggings, \$15.00. Patent leather Dancing Pumps, \$8.00 to \$12.00. Spats, \$2.50 and \$3.50. Misses and Children: ANDSO INDIAN MOCCASINS, for children and misses, \$1.00 to \$2.50. Hybrid felt Comfy Slippers, \$2.25 and \$2.50. Felt Booties, with Fuss-in-Boots trimming, \$2.25 and \$2.75. Infants' Elderdown Booties—\$1.75. Elderdown Slumber Socks, for children, at 60c. Babies' Galoshes, and white silk Socks, in boxes, at \$1.75. Babies' quilted satin Carriage Boots, pink or blue, at \$2.00. Patent leather Dancing Slippers, for misses, at \$8.50. Goodyear Glove Brand Galoshes, 4-buckle, at \$3.25 to \$4.00.

New Corsets For New Holiday Frocks F ORESIGHTED women are choosing new dresses for holiday festivities. New CORSETS should come first. Corsets insure comfort and the fashionable silhouette. Choose from among these makes of proved excellence: Our Jessica French Corsets, \$12.00 to \$32.50. S. & C. Special, Nemo, Smart Set, Redfern, Warner Rust-proof, W. B. La Restia, Gosard Front-lace, Bon Ton, Royal Worcester and American Lady, at prices ranging from \$2.00 to \$32.50. Misses' Corsets, \$2 to \$13 Perhaps the young girl is selecting her first Corset, or the school girl choosing models for gymnasium, for school, for general wear, the debilitate needing Corsets to wear with her party frocks—at any rate, they will find a special section devoted to their needs. Girdles and Corsets of pink or white, plain or brocade fabrics and beautiful models of pink or blue satin, for intimate gifts—\$2.00 to \$13.00. Brassieres, 65c to \$7.50 Third Floor, Market Street, West

Golden Special for MEN Two Hundred Men's Nearsel Fur Caps Extraordinary Value At \$6.95 They will be quickly bought for gifts—those warm Caps of rich-looking nearsel fur. (Nearsel is a lustrous fur that closely simulates the real seal in color and texture). They are made with adjustable visor and deep cape to pull over the ears in coldest weather. All sizes up to 7 1/2. Women who will want these Caps for their own use will appreciate the ample supply of large sizes included in this collection.

Bed Sets—The Practical Gifts ATTRACTIVE Sets that are much in demand this year for gifts: At \$9.50 a Set—Satin-finish white Marseilles Bed Spread, with cut corners and scalloped edge, size 88x98 inches; with Bolster Throw to match. At \$6.00 a Set—Granite-weave Dimity Spread, white with colored stripe effect, size 84x98 inches; Bolster Throw to match. Also Bolster Throws with embroidered scalloped edge and elaborately embroidered design—\$2.00 each.

Smart Skirts INSTINCTIVE PLAIDS IN DARK TONES—Plain and plaited, with varied and novel belt arrangements; particularly effective when worn with a plain-color jacket or over-blouse—\$12.50 to \$27.50. SILK AND SATIN SKIRTS—Very desirable to wear with the crepe Georgette slip-on blouse; two models of silk plaid, in black, blue and taupe, \$12.00; others of Baronet satin—\$16.50. Strawbridge & Clothier—Second Floor, Filbert Street

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Among Christmas Gifts Dainty Rompers and Suits for Tiny Tots Boys' Suits—Including the quaint Dombey models—white blouse and colored trousers buttoned on, as sketched. Many smart styles, 2 to 4 years—\$3.75 to \$9.75. Two o-piece Suits, of plain or striped materials, belt, collar and cuffs in contrasting shade—\$2.25 to \$4.95. Creepers—Lovely models of gingham, crepe or chambray, for little folks of 1 to 3 years. Many pretty shades and touches of trimming—\$1.25 to \$3.75. White Creepers, trimmed with color—\$1.85 to \$3.25. Rompers—Of poplin, chambray or gingham, in sizes 2 to 4 years. Picturesque styles, with turn-over collar, belt and pockets. All straight-leg models—\$1.00 to \$2.25. Vanity Fair Silk Undervests Just in time for gift seekers, comes this shipment of dainty Undervests, of pink glove silk, with hand top. Plain, at \$2.75. Embroidered, at \$3.50.