

BLIND PEDDLER OF PENCILS PROVES REAL HAND OF FATE

Christmas Shopping Crowds Provide Stories Old and New,
Sad and Gay, for the Bystander

FOOTSTEPS slow and hesitant, fast and tripping; Blind Sara knew them all. And as she sat with her back to the great shop window, holding out her purse and pencils to the passerby, she used to picture to herself those hurrying on. Bright-faced young women, scurrying boys and bustling mothers, changing to the mitted hands of their impatient youngsters.

The streets were crowded with Christmas shoppers. Blind Sara could hear the crackle of loosely wrapped packages, she recognized gay voices calling greetings, and the low undertone of the girls and boys who were meeting to lunch and laugh in the approaching holiday's fun.

But there were few people buying pencils today. The air was clear but it had a cold tang, and the quick-footed people of the street were loathe to stop and pick a colored pencil from the black-gloved hand.

"Dick, let me write it down—exactly what we want engraved in it. Here is a pencil for sale. Why?" Blind Sara heard the light voice break into laughter. "It looks almost like the hand of fate."

"I am sure that's what has guided our happiness," Blind Sara heard the deeper voice of the boy draw near her, and slip a pencil from her stiff hand. "We want to write the initials that are to go into the ring I am buying today," the voice continued. "It will be a beautiful ring though very plain. And we want to reward the hand of fate—"

Blind Sara raised her hand to the small dark purse, and touched a crisp bill.

"The brown pony! mother, watch him dance." The little girl hopped up and down in her excitement so that her little muff bobbed up and bit her chin. "I want a ride on the brown pony!"

The department showing the real shetland ponies was crowded with wide-eyed and excited boys and girls—mostly boys.

"Watch that fellow switch his black tail," a youngster called out, as a pony pacing around the circle drew near him, his blanket swaying beneath his bowed head. The ponies were well-dressed for their Christmas exhibition.

"Mother," asked a little girl, "are the ponies going to have their dinner now?"

"I don't know, dear. Why?" Mother had been asked so many questions that day.

"Cause," Lisbeth said pointing to the ponies' blankets, "they've all got their napkins on."

Bites Off End of Tongue
Helen Roberts, four years old, of 2650 North Leithgow street, accompanied her mother to the store yesterday, fell from the counter where she was seated and bit the end off her tongue. She was taken to St. Christopher's Hospital, where the severed tongue was sewed together.

Gifts that men appreciate most

The very gift that the most particular man would prefer can easily be selected from our wide variety of men's furnishings.

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| Neckties, \$1 to \$4 | Knitted Neckties, \$1 to \$4 |
| Gloves, \$1.50 to \$5 | Silk Shirts, \$6 to \$11 |
| Madras Shirts, \$1.50 to \$5 | Dress Sets, \$2 to \$10 |
| Reefers, \$3.50 to \$12 | Silk Hose, 60c to \$3 |
| Pajamas, \$1.50 to \$7.50 | Umbrellas, \$1.50 to \$12 |
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| | Full Fashioned Pure Silk |
| | Half Hose, \$1.00 |

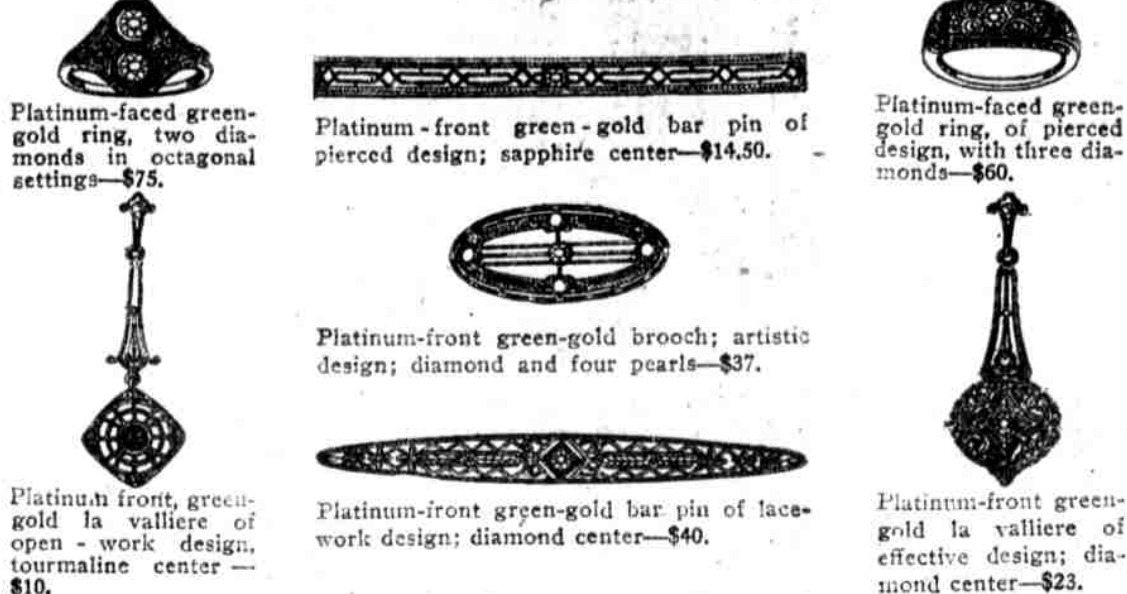
REID AND FORT

1204 Chestnut St. 11 South 15th St.

1119-21 Market Street

Platinum-Faced Jewelry for Christmas

Platinum-faced jewelry has the same appearance as the more important pieces made entirely of platinum and is less costly. The appropriate gifts that can be had for small outlay will surely please you.



If you have not already received our new catalog, call or write for a copy.
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THE CHORUS SINGS TO-MORROW MORNING

Christmas Concerts

Beginning at 9.30 every morning, from to-morrow, Thursday, until December 24, inclusive, the Store Chorus will sing, on the Second Floor.

Program To-morrow

"PROPHECY AND FULFILLMENT"
A CHRISTMAS CANTATA
Written especially for this occasion by
HENRY HADLEY, (OP. 91)
The premier performance to be CONDUCTED BY THE COMPOSER.

INEZ BARBOUR (Mrs. Hadley).....Soprano
MARY COMERFORD.....Contralto
JOHN OWENS.....Tenor
William G. Thunder and Agnes Clune Quinlan at the Pianos

TABLEAUX WITH READINGS
Iraac H. Clothier, Jr., Reader.
Characters impersonated by members of the Store Family.

1. THE PROPHETS
2. THE ANNUNCIATION
3. THE SHEPHERDS
4. THE WISE MEN
5. THE NATIVITY
6. CHRISTMAS MORN

All Our Customers Are Invited

A Manufacturer's Clearance of House Dresses

\$2.85
All of Queen Make



—For these are House and Morning Dresses of fine gingham, a few of plain chambray, made to sell at retail for \$3.85 to \$5.50. Sizes from 36 to 46 inches in the lot. Two models are sketched.

FABRICS—Are gingham of unusually fine quality, in stripes, small broken plaids, large decided checks and two- or three-tone checks, also plain chambray.

COLORINGS—Include blue, lavender, pink, green, brown and black effects.

STYLES—Are in the smart low-waisted effects so in vogue, also on straight lines and with decided waist-line; all with sash or belt.

TRIMMINGS—Are of bands of gingham or chambray, novel pockets, distinctive collars, many detachable, vests and sashes.

Smart House Dresses A Notable Value—\$1.85

Such House and Morning Dresses are a rare value at \$1.85. Four models in sizes 36 to 46 inches.

FABRICS—Are gingham in black, pink, green, blue and lavender. And chambray in pink, green, blue and lavender.

STYLES—Two low-waisted models of checked gingham in vest effect. Another of striped gingham with vest and collar of plain chambray. Also an attractive model of chambray.

Men's Fine SUITS With Two Pairs of Trousers At \$24.50 and \$31.50

The news that we have just received from the manufacturers additional shipments of these remarkable Suits is good news to every man who needs a Suit for himself or to present to his son on Christmas.

We have sold many hundreds of these Suits with two pairs of trousers—of excellent all-wool fabrics, in youthful and conservative models—and the assortment of sizes is again complete—regular, stout, short, tall and slender. Very unusual values at \$24.50 and \$31.50.

FUR COATS The Gift That Ranks With Diamonds



And should be selected as you would select a diamond—only an expert can correctly judge either. An expert has selected these, thus protecting you in your selection:

Hudson Seal, \$185.00 to \$275.00
Nearseal Coats, \$115.00 to \$285.00
Russian Pony, \$175.00 to \$195.00
Russian Marmot, \$115.00 to \$175.00
Civet Cat, \$150.00 to \$175.00
Leopard Cat, \$150.00 to \$175.00
Natural Muskrat, \$145.00 to \$650.00
Persian Lamb, \$375.00 to \$615.00
Natural Beaver, \$600.00 to \$695.00
Siberian Squirrel, \$375.00 to \$595.00

All fashionable models, trimmed and un-trimmed, and all fashionable lengths. Some of the above have just been received in stock.

Philippine Lingerie—Unusual In Fabric, Embroidery, Style and Value

Night Gowns and Envelope Chemises of finer, more closely woven lingerie cloth, embroidered in designs usually found only on Lingerie at far higher prices. For gifts you are happy to give and your friends even more delighted to receive, choose from this rarely lovely hand-made and hand-embroidered Philippine Underwear.

Night Gowns—\$2.95 and \$3.95
Envelope Chemises—\$2.50, \$2.95 and \$3.95

UMBRELLAS Special at \$5.00

Of tape-edge Satin Gloria. For women, fancy bakelite top handles, finished with wrist cords or rings, short ferrules and white tips. For men, plain and fancy carved wood handles, in hook and crook styles.

Fine White Voile Blouses are the Choice of Many

Voiles with tucks and lace edgings, or a bit of drawn-work and filet, an embroidered panel perhaps, or a delicate tracery of embroidery over the front—just exquisite daintiness in every inch, and so moderately priced—\$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.85 and \$5.75.

S. & C. Drop-Head Sewing Machines \$31.50

Automatic lifting device. Noiseless, easy action. Full set of attachments. A remarkable value.

S. & C. Rotary Sewing Machines \$42.75

Quartered oak woodwork. Modern in every respect. Wonderful value at \$42.75.

Small Boys' Chinchilla Overcoats Under Price

Also Hats to Match at Special Prices

Overcoats Now \$10.00

Of all-wool chinchilla cloth in navy blue or sand color. Sizes 3 to 8 years. Remarkable value at this price.

Overcoats Now \$15.00

Of all-wool chinchilla cloth in gray, sand, heather, brown and navy blue. Full belt and convertible collar. Also navy blue in new English style with chevron and brass buttons. Sizes 3 to 8 years.

Chinchilla Cloth Turbans—\$2.15

Roll-brim Turbans, ribbon-trimmed. In navy blue, brown and cinnamon. Sizes 6 to 8 years.

Chinchilla Cloth Polo Hats—\$2.15

With ear tabs that can be worn out of sight or over the ears. In navy blue, brown and cinnamon. Sizes 3 to 6 years.

Men—Women—Children—
Take Advantage of This Sale!

Dalsimer

We Have Bent Ourselves To The Task

And Have Determined to Make Nineteen (1922) Twenty-two A Banner Year!

In order to do so, we begin NOW. A test of our intentions to increase the patronage of the house involves giving good values with good service at remarkably low prices.

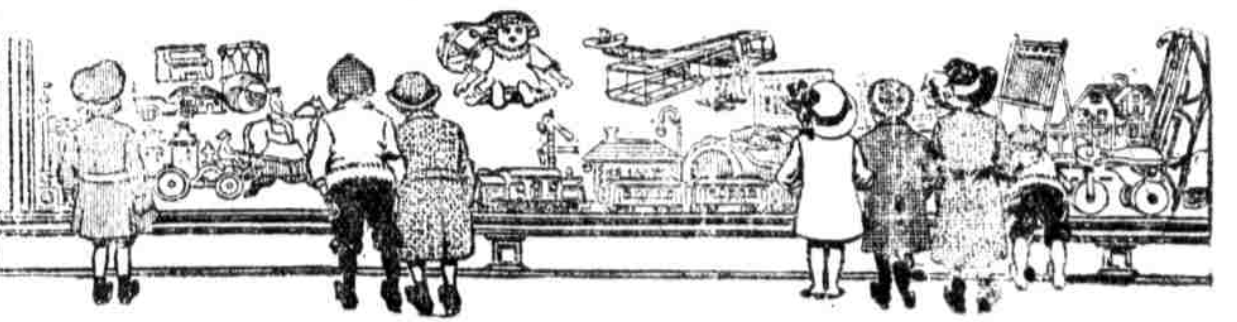
A Great Sale of Dalsimer Standard Shoes

at pre-war prices—every pair of our standard make—to enable us to make room—that we may place orders at once for our 1922 prospects.

We will not mention prices!—See Our Windows! Come in and verify our reductions. Fit yourself in a pair and purchase for your wants. Such low prices cannot continue.

The reason for these reductions is to make preparations for the large orders for next year.

THE BIG SHOE STORE
Four Floors With Seating Capacity for 600 Men, Women, Misses, Boys and Children
1204-06-08 Market Street



Always Something New to See in This Great, Wonderful Toy Store

Thousands of delightful Playthings go out daily to deliver their messages of cheer on Christmas morning. As fast as they go, however, new and equally attractive Toys instantly take their place. Indeed, the Toy Store is a wonderful place these days, crowded with wonders, bright lights, happy faces—and SPECIAL VALUES. Among the latter—

540 Horstmann American-Made Dolls Very Close to Half Price at \$1.50 and \$5.00

Many different styles and sizes are included in this under-price collection. Dolls which were formerly \$2.50 to \$8.75 are now marked \$1.50 to \$5.00. Other attractions—

Dolls' Stroller Go-Carts—\$8.90
Dolls' China Tea Sets—\$1.50
Dolls' White High Chairs—75c
Bugville Game, save one-third at 95c
Electric Train sets, complete with transformer, worth one-quarter more—now \$6.90
Christmas Tree Outfits, enough to decorate an entire tree—\$2.50 to \$9.75
Steam Engines, three sizes under price—now \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$2.50

Peace Metal Weather Strips

—Are inexpensive, and by keeping out cold as well as draughts, dust and dirt, will soon save their cost by reducing your fuel bills. In addition—they stop rattling windows. Let us tell you how much their installation will cost.

500 Night Gowns \$1.85

A woman never has too many fine dainty Night Gowns. And she'll welcome these Christmas morning. Of snowy raincoat, beautifully trimmed with lace and embroidery. Only one is sketched, but there are many styles as exquisitely pretty as this. And every one is less than regular price—now \$1.85.