

CHRISTMAS TIME

At SAMTERS' GREAT STORE.

This Store Will Be Open Every Evening Until Christmas.

Today and All Next Week

This store expects to do the biggest holiday business in its history. We know that no finer selection in our special line can be shown in this city. What shall I buy him?

We suggest the following: An Umbrella, Cane, Silk Handkerchiefs, Fancy Shirts, Dress Shirts, Silk Suspenders, Silk Hose, Gloves, Silk Neckwear, Dressing gown, Smoking Jacket, Bath Robe, or Fancy Night Robe.



Novelty Furnishings

- NECKWEAR—Beautiful silk colorings, puff, teck or the new Imperial, put up one in a box. **50c**
- NECKWEAR—Fine imported "Lyons" silks in the newest Dresden patterns, each in fine enamel box. **75c**
- MUFFLERS—In new Dresden and flowered silks. A very large variety is on display in this store at. **50c**
- MUFFLERS—In fine imported "Lyons" silk. All the most beautiful French designs are here. **\$1.50**
- DRIVING GLOVES—English make, full fur lined. A fine present. **\$3.50**
- UMBRELLAS—Silver mounted in a fine enamel box. A very useful present to any gentleman. **\$2.75**

See the superb and exclusive design of furnishings in our show windows.

Our grand window display will give you a hint what to buy him for a Christmas Present.

Ready-to-Wear Suits....

In this store you can always find the very latest in fashion and fabric. Every suit shown here is a credit to the tailors who made them. Every garment must pass a strict examination before entering this stock, and no matter what price you pay you will always find better value and better style than can be possibly shown elsewhere at these prices. **\$10 to \$18**

BATH ROBES—All the new color combinations in soft woven eiderdown or Turkish fabric. See the selection in our windows... **\$3.50 to \$5**

Children's Suits

The beautiful novelties in Vestee and Reefer Suits are attracting the attention of mothers to this department. New novelties arrive here every week. You can always find what suits you and pleases the boy.

Full Dress and "Tuxedo" Suits or Coats and Vests in the most fashionable "Crepes" Cloths at about half the price charged by the to-measure tailors. If you are going to get a Dress Suit you will profit by looking at ours.

Top Coats And Overcoats

You certainly should see and compare the style of our Overcoats with those usually sold at these prices. There is such fine tailoring in them that you would wonder where the further improvement could be made. They are fully consistent with the very latest fashion plate. See them displayed in our show **\$8 to \$20** windows at these prices

SMOKING JACKETS—The most popular present for a gentleman, and we have a much finer and larger assortment than any previous year. Prices **\$3 to \$8** from

Boys' Overcoats

We have given a great deal of our personal attention to the style of Boys' Reefers and Overcoats this season, and the result is that we are showing some of the noblest little coats in town, either in covert, beaver or chinchilla.

Pleasant Surprises

- Handkerchiefs—Pure silk, worked initial, half dozen in a white enamel box, making a nice present. **50c**
- Handkerchiefs—All pure linen, hemstitched, with finely worked initial; six in box. **75c**
- Silk Suspenders—Beautiful raised flower design, worked with pure silk; one in box. **50c**
- Suspenders—In Silk or Satin, French or Dresden designs. **75c AND \$1** One in a box.
- Silk Hose—In all the new colorings. Put up for presents. Three pair in enamel box. **50c**
- Gloves—Silk lined, in new shades of Tan and "Moca." One pair in a box. **\$1**

All that's new and most fashionable is found in this store.

More Holiday Novelties are on exhibition in our show windows than any previous year.

Samter Bros.,

Scranton's Leading Outfitters.

Social & Personal

The Bachelors' committee has been hard at work the past few days, and indeed, it has been for weeks, but the members have been particularly busy recently with the invitations, which will be issued on Monday. The list is somewhat smaller than last year, but the care and accuracy characterizing its various details have necessitated a vast amount of labor. The ball arrangements are now practically completed, as far as it may be at this time. A most elaborate scheme of decorations has been planned, special attention being given to the supper rooms and the boxes. There will be sixteen of the latter and that they are likely to be in great demand is evident from the fact that already half of them have been engaged. The floor is receiving great attention also, according to the custom of past years. The committee, Messrs. J. H. Brooks, J. C. Fuller, James Blair, Jr., Worthington Scranton and M. E. Fuller, will leave nothing undone to make the ball the most unequalled success in the social history of the city.

Weather permitting, this afternoon there will be a sweepstake handicap at the Country club. If the number of entries warrant the captain in engaging for the club championship that will be played. For the benefit of the Country club members who have become exercised regarding the religious environment which seems to be swiftly closing in around the links, it may be stated that the most recent acquisition in the way of a church, situated on the thirtieth green on the lower links, will not interfere with future playing, as the green will be removed to a safe distance. There is no immediate probability that Sunday games, so popular on many links, will ever be adopted at the Scranton Country club, even if no more churches are erected in a continuous row about its borders. The members are not in favor of Sunday games. It may be suggested that it would be well for churches erected on the links to provide themselves with strong wire window screens to guard against week day contingencies.

The Princeton Glee club concert will be the great event of Christmas night. The men will be lavishly entertained that day, by any dinner a tea and a dance now being intended in their honor.

certain holiday house parties will be Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Boles, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hallstead, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Weston, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Scranton, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brady, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dimmick, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Blackinton, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Watkins and others.

Mrs. B. A. Hill gave a beautiful tea on Thursday at her home on Clay avenue in honor of her daughter's advent into society. A very large number of ladies called. The house was elaborately decorated by Clark Bauer's orchestra furnished music. Mrs. Hill and Miss Hill were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Samuel Wayland, of Wilkes-Barre. Among the handsomely gowned ladies who were about the rooms were Mrs. A. J. Cannell, Mrs. W. W. Watson, Mrs. L. Landy, Mrs. T. G. Wolfe. At the frappe table were Mrs. G. M. Hallstead and Mrs. F. L. McGowan. In the dining room were Miss Annie Watson, Miss Anne Hand, Miss Mabel Schlager, Miss Bierhaus and Miss Carrie Bennell. Hamley catered.

Mrs. Frank E. Platt gave a large reception on Thursday at her home on Webster avenue. It was one of the most attractive social affairs of the year. Mrs. Platt was assisted in receiving by her sister, Miss Sklener, of Hartford, Conn. The ladies who assisted in entertaining about the rooms were Mrs. R. W. Archibald, Mrs. J. Benj. Dimmick, Mrs. R. M. Scranton, Mrs. A. H. Storrs, Mrs. D. L. Tate and Miss Mary T. Messers. Mrs. F. J. Platt presided at the frappe table. Mrs. C. H. Welles and Miss Platt were at the table in the dining room. Miss Helen Boles, Miss Marjorie Platt, Miss Louise Smith and Miss Janet Storrs assisted in serving refreshments.

Miss Jessie Ripple will entertain a small company of friends at a masquerade party on the 26th.

Mrs. George Sanderson gave a tea yesterday, introducing Miss Helen Sanderson to society.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Watkins gave a beautiful dinner of thirteen covers Tuesday evening. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sturges, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Twitshell, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brady, Miss Welles, Miss Augusta Archibald, Messrs. P. B. Belin and James Blair.

Platt and Miss Anna Sanderson. Mrs. H. H. Brady and Mrs. R. E. Watson served frappe. Mrs. E. B. Sturges and Mrs. J. Benj. Dimmick presided at the table in the dining room, where Miss Hunt, Miss Welles, Miss Bennell and Miss Parke served refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hurley will give a reception on Thursday evening next at their home in North Park. Mrs. Hurley will also receive on the afternoon of that day.

Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 27, at 4 o'clock, Helen Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elizer D. Jenkins, of Capouse avenue, will be married to Dr. Welcom C. Snover, at Green Ridge Presbyterian church.

This afternoon the Young Ladies' society of the First Presbyterian church will hold a cake sale in the parlors, where tea will be served and a pleasant social hour has been planned. The cakes made by the First church young ladies are every bit as good as the cause for which they labor and that is saying a great deal.

The Home for the Friendless has been quarantined for the past two months with a miniature epidemic of scarlet fever. Some of the cases have proved fatal and all have now recovered. Next week full time will take place and outside intercourse with the institution will be resumed. It has been a long, lonely period for the matron and the old ladies, as well as for the little people, who have been kept at home from school. The physicians say that the arrangements for isolation of patients suffering with contagious disease are so complete in the home that it is in far better condition in this respect than any hospital in the city. It is a pleasure to be able to announce that the inmates will be able to enjoy the old-fashioned Christmas festivities as in the past. Mrs. Walker, the matron, has given a number of little teas for the old ladies during this state of quarantine and the children have had a party, besides a delightful Thanksgiving celebration, so their shut-in condition has been somewhat brightened.

Movements of People

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Smith are in New York. Dr. D. H. Jenkins and son are in Philadelphia. Attorney A. J. Colborn has returned from Baltimore. Sheriff Block of Binghamton, was in the city yesterday. Mrs. A. A. Voshare is in New York city. Mr. M. T. Carter and family have gone to Florida for the winter. Colonel and Mrs. H. M. Boles have returned from New York city. Willis, the young son of Mr. and Mrs.

A. R. Hazlett, is confined to his home with illness. Miss Bierhaus, of Vincennes, Ind., is the guest of Miss Annie Watson.

Miss Clara Spelcher, of Thompson, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. J. D. Peck, on Green Ridge street.

Mrs. Joseph A. Scranton and Mrs. D. L. Tate have returned from a fortnight's stay in Philadelphia.

Miss Bradley, of Newburgh, N. Y., will visit her sister, Mrs. F. M. Spencer, for the next few weeks.

Mr. William S. Williams, of Plymouth, returned home yesterday, after a short visit with relatives in this city.

Rev. E. Lewis will preach tomorrow at the Audubon Congregational church, and will spend the week in Schuylkill county.

Miss Eva M. Brown, of the Correspondence schools, has left the city to spend Sunday with friends at Clark's Summit.

Rev. M. J. Hoban yesterday visited Rev. Theobaldus H. Kelly, who is about to be removed to Philadelphia to St. Agnes' hospital.

F. M. Spencer was at the Hotel Walton, Philadelphia, the night of the 15th, and says it was the scene of a great fight for most of the guests.

Miss Clara F. Spelcher has returned home from the school for the winter and will spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Spelcher, of Prescott avenue.

HER POINT OF VIEW

Christmas wouldn't be so expensive if only the time and thought we devote to it were a little more equally distributed. The amount of hard work which is spent in shopping, worrying and hurrying during the two weeks preceding Christmas would afford infinitely more satisfactory results if undertaken earlier with definite plans for every person to whom gifts were to be made. So many of us crowd a whole year's labor in that little fortnight and then wonder why we have nervous prostration afterward.

I know only one sensible woman. There may be others, but she is the solitary individual of that class whom I can now call to mind. She has had her Christmas preparations ready for a month, with the exception of a very few things, which must necessarily be delayed until the last day or two. All nicely packed away in their pretty wrappings of white tissue paper she can now call to mind. She has had a whole year's labor in that little fortnight and then wonder why we have nervous prostration afterward.

edge of good lace or with a dainty bit of embroidery in shades of blue, either wrought on the material or cut out of lace and applied with infinitesimal stitches. All these things took time. She couldn't have done them up in the last two weeks before Christmas. Then she hemstitched some chiffon and made a lovely knot of the fluffy stuff to go beneath the fair skin of a girl she loved and she fashioned a beautiful party hood out of a yard of pink china silk and some white wadding. This gift cost sixty cents, but it was averaged up on the ferns. The matron of the school for the winter, seamless except at the shoulders, of dimity, with tiny frills and beading in which baby ribbon was run. A ribbon collar made over wires with stunning points and a dear little bow in front cost twenty-five cents and couldn't be duplicated in the show for fifty. A strip of white cashmere embroidered richly at the ends in blue forget-me-nots made a shawl or scarf to wear under a party cloak which is the pride of a certain belle's wardrobe. It cost \$2, but was the sole extravagance in the list and was covered up by the donor declared, by the other things.

Here is a partial list with the expenses.

Gilding for three pots of ferns.....	\$ 10
Linen for collars, etc.....	40
Dimity for two coat covers.....	25
Lace and ribbon coat covers.....	25
Ribbon for collar.....	25
Chiffon for two bows.....	38
China silk and wadding.....	60
Olive card board.....	20
Passé Partout paper and glass.....	50
Linen for magazine covers.....	25
Cashmere and silk hosiery.....	200
Total.....	\$5.18

This amount purchased twenty-eight gifts, at an average of 20 cents each. They included three pots of ferns, six collar edges, two handkerchiefs, two coat covers, a ribbon collar, two bows, a party-hood, three sets of Madonna pictures, mounted, one nut bowl, an embroidered shawl, two book covers and four magazine covers. The list does not include a number of presents given to children, none costing more than 25 cents and some of which in the shape of books, were embellished in water color sketches by the giver. Some of the materials were already in the possession of the clever little lady who devised the scheme, the deer skin silver dish, the silk for embroidery and sewing not being estimated, but it all shows what can be done with ingenuity, time and patient labor, she said, and so said her husband, that they never had such a happy Christmas in their lives, and this year, when their worldly prospects have so far improved that he sacrifices of that other holiday time are not needed, she looks back upon it with a certain thrill of pride which she will not feel next week when her costlier gifts are sent forth.

Saucy Bess.