A Superb Holiday Store.

Those who have seen this store in its holiday dress-and they number many thousands-pronounce the decorations the most beautiful we have ever presented. "You do things in sheh an original way," remarked a friend yesterday. Of course the store lends itself to decoration-that's one advantage. Ceilings are high; aisles and floors roomy-nothing crowded. All we ask is that you enjoy this store these festal days.

Toy Store is a Veritable Wonderland.

There is practically no end to the Toys and Dolls and Games. Every known Toy, whether it stands or moves about, is included in this showing. Of course the earlier you choose the better selection will be yours. We'll pack your purchases away for you most carefully, to be delivered whenever you

as Holiday Neckwear.

Neckwear is one of the fads of the moment and we show ar Imost endless variety of styles all the way from 25c to \$5. Assettment includes Lace Stocks, Lace Jabots, real Irish Grochet, &c., in white, black and all the leading shades, Of most of them there are no duplicates in Oil City, nor will there be. Fancy Neckscarts in plain and novelty effects, full two yards long, great variety of popular shades, at \$2. Others to \$6.

Cut Glass Specials.

What more acceptable for a Christmas gift? And you never before saw good Cut Glass at such prices as these. Bon Bon Dishes, several shapes, 89c. Water Jug and six tumblers, \$4.90. Eight-inch Bowls, Bon Bons and Nappies, \$2.

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A most unusual display of holiday goods will be found in the Toilet Department, just to the right as you enter the main doors of the store. Articles that will serve splendidly for the Christmas remembrances—of a sort that will be as great a the recipient as to the giver, and, of course,

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Report to the Commissioner of Banking

At the Close of Business, Nov. 27, 1908.

Rost estate, furnituse and fixtures 89,000.00 Stocks and bonds \$164.401.49 Demand loans 493,059 57 Overdrafts 5,325.18 Du from banks 380,797.72 Cash on hand 151,321.59 Tot'l quick assets, \$1,194,905.55	Reserve for interest, etc	\$300,000.0 422,510.6 4,140.2 \$2,213,580.2
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Charles L. Schultz of Dunkirk Tells How He Regained His Health.

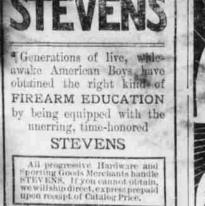
When, six months ago, I began using the companies of the it as directed. I was very pale and weak,

nt a friend ofmine asked me if I had aken Barosma. I had not, but was willing to try most anything and began using it as directed. I was very pale and weak, Dunkirk for years. I continued using it as directed and today I weigh 55 periods more than when I commenced using Barosma. I was a skeleton compared with what I am now and shall remain in business. When I would get up in the morning I would feel C, J. WIRTNER, Mayor.

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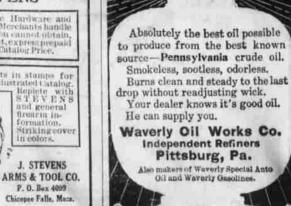
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Such Foolish People

Josephine Discusses the Presents They Give

neful little voice exclaiming:

fo which we made respone as ever.

Whereupon Josephine clasped her knee sighed, shook her head, looked at the fire again an! murmured: 'Augustus! What f-o-o-o-oolish things some persons buy for Christ-

She turned and lifted her wistful little mouth tremulous for my judgment upon this the fruits of her philosophy, and I kissed her then and there rght tenderly, knowing that if I seemed to scoff or scorn the erudition or her saying or the depth of the view with which she regarded Lite her bright blue eyes would fill with tears and her gentle heart would break.

"Those folks next door"-began Josephine with a sniff.

She stopped so that we might sniff together a conjugal sniff of atter contempt and derision at the folks

These folks next door!" repeated Josephine. "What do you suppose he bought her?

"A new bonnet, I hope!" I cried with sudden energy. "No, not a bonnet!" exclaimed Jos-

"Augustus!" To which we lovingly replied:

"My love?" "Augustus! You are smoking!" I looked at her in sudden guilt with a premonition of what was now

"Augustus!" she breathed.

"My love?" "Augustus! Your smoking cap!" With a feeling of despair and sorrow I arose to ny feet, but Josephine's eye was on me and losephine's mouth was drooping and I knew if I were to refuse her immediat request she would wither and droop like a gathered flower and her dream of love would end in dark-

Wherefore I went to the hall rack, placed my smoking cap upon my head and returned to Josephine. It was a round smoking cap of light blue velvet, such, I believe, as the gentry of Turkey wear and call fezes) and it was trimmed with beads. On one side was andragon, rampant with his tongue stuck outthis detail being ingeniously executed with beads of a scarlet color-so that, being seen from this side, I was an inspiration of horror and the terror of all beholders. On the other side was a butterfly sipping honey from a flower and looking peaceful and pastoral beyond words-so that, being regarded from that side. I mutely bore reference to a jocund life redoler, with the scent of new mown hay and musical with the lowing of the kine. The inspiring cap was crowned with a golden tassel which tickled my nose and my ears with a titilative impartiality that I could only escape by coiling the tassel upon the top of the cap and balancing it

And thus equipped I sat me down to smoke.

"I never"-cried Josephine, clasping her knee again in transport. "I never saw such a handsome cap! Never! He looks so fierce!"

"The butterfly, my love?"

"Augustus! No! The dragon!" I turned the saucy dragon to the back of my head so that Josephine could feast her eyes upon the Butterfly, and then I smoked as though my tobacco was never so sweet as when I smoked it in my smoking

"The moment I saw it I knew it was for you!" cried Josephine, "and I was so afraid that it would be sold before I could find a salesgirl to wait

"No! And Augustus! She was the nicest salesgirl! I told her, love, that your eyes were blue and she said it was just the thing for you. Oh, I was trembling with excitement. She said you would look so distinguished

The tassel slipped down and tickled my ear. I coiled it back and smok-

"And what do you suppose she bought him next door?" laughed Josephine, and breathlessly answer-

ed, "A walking stick!" The clock interrupted her by beginning to strike nine. It was the hour! Josephine gave me a solemn look and nod and immediately I

fetched her jewel case. With another solemn look Josephine unscrewed her earrings and placed them in the jewel case. Her ring fellowed, Lutifully then I gave her my scarf pin and sleeve links. Josephine solemnly locked the box and looked at me at last with a beam-

ing eye. "There!" said Josephine. "Now we can sleep in peace, said my seloved, "and he ing rething to reproach ourselves with stater, like those ally persons also give each other walking sticks and a s-s-silver-

mounted carving sets!" And as we sat there, Josephine with her jewel case in her hap and I quite like a Turki h gentleman, the tassel slipped down again and waggishly tapped my nose.

Ill Health is More Expensive Than any Cure This country is now filled with people who migrate across the continent in all the back butle the parts with Chamberdirections seeking that which gold cannot | lain's Liniment twice a day, massaging buy. Nine-tenths of them are suffering with the palm of the hand for five minfrom throat and lung trouble or chronic catarrh resulting from neglected colds, piece of fiannel slightly with this liniand spending fortunes vainly trying to regain lost health. Could every sufferer and you may be surprised to see how but undo the past and cure that first neglected cold, all this sorrow, pain, auxiety and expense could have been avoided. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of colds, and can always be depended upon. Use it and the more serious diseases may be avoided. For sale by Dunn & Fulton.

SHAWL MAKING IN INDIA.

The Manufacture of Kashmir Shawli Almost an Extinct Industry.

The manufacture of Kashmir shawls which fifty years ago afforced occupation for whole villages and thousands of families in the province of kashmir, is an almost extinct industry. Formerly the possession of a pair of the genuine Kashmir shawls was the hall mark of nobility, or at least of high social status, among In-

Today, we are told, the cheap imitations manufactured in the Punjab. and the machine made article from Europe dyed with aniline in striking hues and patterns, are supplanting the hand made shawl of native workmanship. An occasional order for a couple of shawls at a moderate price, to satisfy the passing whim of a potentate, or the fact that the Maharaja of Kashmir has a few shawl tents which require repair and renewal, does not suffice to keep alive the workman or the industry. The manufacture of the real Kash-

mir shawl is almost wholly a manual process. The material is the soft wool of the Tibetan goat. Hand spindlen are used in the preliminary operation of converting the wool into yarn; the weaving of the yarn into a texture of inimitable fineness is done entirely by hand looms manipulated with the utmost dexterity; and the colored woolen border is then interwoven. The dyes are natural and indelible. It is believed that the water of certain lakes and streams in which the shawls are dipped has virtue to make the colors permanent.

Mormons in Mexico.

The wonderful success of the Mormon colonies in the northwestern part of Chihuahua and in northeastern Sonora is little appreciated in Mexico, where they alone of all foreigners have accomplished their aim colonization. They now number fully 4,000 souls, 3,500 in Chihuahua and 500 in Sonora. They are prosperous to a high degree, have beautiful homes splendld school rooms and an educational system, good farms and orchards, good cattle, horses and hogs, and in every way their settlements would pass muster with the thrifty farming settlements in the western part of the United States and are an object lesson in Mexico. The Mormons in Mexico are an example of the best in a quiet, law-abiding people. It is exceedingly seldom that the authorities have any trouble with Mormons, and they pay their taxes for the support of the government better than the Mexicans themselves do. For thrift and industry they are proving what can be done in building up the country materially, and are thereby an example to all with whom they are in contact.-Modern Mexico.

Forgotten Poet. The Rev. Mardy Rees of Chelsea, who has been lecturing on "Ebenezer Jones, the neglected poet," has now published an interesting little pamphlet giving the result of his researches, for Jones lived in Chelsea, died at forty in 1860, and was buried at Shenfield. Mr. Rees describes him as a Welshman, and as to his claims to fame, Watts Dunton has written that among men who have expressed themselves in English verse I greatly doubt whether a more robust personality has appeared since Byron." Dante Gabriel Rosetti, who knew Jones well, once said: "This remarkable poet affords nearly the most striking instance of neglected genius in our modern school of poetry."-South Wales Daily News,

America's Modern House,

A very modern architect predicts the house of one large room, a small electric kitchen attached and an enormous Inclosed porch with facilities for outdoor sleeping. Whether housekeepers will care for his scheme or not is a question, but it is uncoubtedly true that the comparatively small kitchen, the big porch, and the generous living room have come to stay. -San Francisco Argonaut.

Fewer Births in France.

The condition of France might be put in a nutshell: "More marriages, more divorces and fewer births." No one can call this a healthy condition of affairs. It means that, if the present movements were continued over a sufficiently long period of time, they are bound to end in the disappearance of the French population.-Country

Petroleum Through the Suez Canal. The prohibition against carrying petroleum through the Suez Canal, which has been in force several years, has been removed. This concession means much to European consumers. as about 250,000 tons are annually brought from Borneo and Sumatra

Generous Queen. Queen Elizabeth of Rumania. is very much interested in the establish-

ment of an asylum for the blind and announces that to anyone who will send her a donation, large or small, she will send a letter of thanks signed by herself.

"American Dentist" Prohibited. Consul William C. Telchman sends from Eibenstock the translation of a decision of the supreme court of Germany which prohibits the use in that empire of the title "American dentists."

No man has any business to say that his boy is benier than he was,-

Forn Lame Back.

When you have pains or lameness in utes at each application. Then dampen a ment and bind it on over the seat of pain, quickly the lameness disappears. For sale by Dunn & Folton.

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A "Business Appointment

By W. Lomax

It was 3 o clock at night on Decemper 23, the day before Christmas Eve, when Frank Maitland stepped out of the train at his native town and car-

ried his shabby bag to the cloakroom. His movements were all marked with a sort of grim and desperate determination. He was like a man who had made up his raind after prolonged meditation to a given course of action.

He marched with quick step and owered head through the familiar treets which he had not seen for five cars, not daring to glance around him lest some one whom he had known in the old days should recognive and accost him.

Un' the nearer he got to the house the more vehemently he was assailed with doubts.

How could he tell the story of his snam - to his father's honored friend? Hew could be ask for pauper relief in the house where he had once been the favorite guest?

But there was one gleam of consocation in all those dark and harassing thoughts. At all events he would oe spared a meeting with Alice even if he succeeded in obtaining access to her father. She was certain to be married, to have been married long ago, and have left the old home. How could she fail to be married? Sucl beauty and gracious simplicity an I charm-an heiress, too-must have had a score of eligible suitors to choose from.

So struggling onward with bent head, like a man battling his way in the 'eeth of a storm, he eventually reached the house.

"Is M Seymour at home? Could I see him for a moment? My name is Frank Maitland. Im-I'm very serry to trouble you.

'Mr Seymour is dead. He died three months ago, sir." "Devd!" But the housekeeper was speaking

to somebody in the dim-lit hall and Frank heard her reply to her unseen "Yes, miss-Mr. Frank Mattland,

"Frank! Is that really you, Frank?" "Ye-es. One of those white hands was stretched out to him, and he took it in his own with a feeling of awe that

she should be willing to shake hands with him. "Von't you come in, Frank?" Then he found himself in the library seated before a blazing fire, with

Ail. sitting opposite him They were together and alone af-

ter five years. A long science had fallen between them He had blurted out: "I've been in prison convicted on

charge of forging a check, and sen ten-'d t five years' penal servitude, and am now out on ticket-of-leave.' He had not dared to look at her and she had not spoken.

"You didn't know my shameful story Alice?" he ventured at last. Oh, yes, I did; father and I both knew it, and often talked it over together. We couldn't forget old

swe d Alice reproachfully "But your father could have had no doubts about my being guilty of the crime for which ! was condemned. Alice

"Yes, he had, Frank?"

"But I pleaded guilty?" "Yes I know; but father said that was just the sort of thing you might be expected to do. He said-Frank, I don't think I can tell you what father said exactly. He-

"Alice, do. please," he interrupted. "Weil, perhaps I might. What be said was— 'She paused, 'al-'red, and began again: "What he said was that to take the guilt upon journal to screen a woman was just the sert of quixotic thing that a chivalrous young fool like Frank Maitland might have been expected to

He had been hoping against hope that ' might be spared the necessity of broaching the real object of his visit. But there it was she had chanenged him and he was forced to

You see. Alice," he said with desperate courage; "nobody cares to have a ticket-of-leave man about the place Ye' I had a forforn kind of hope that your father would be dif-ferent from other people and might hav lent me a helping hand to make a fresh start somewhere, But now-"I wonder if I could help you in

way?" she pondered aloud.

"But you don't want a secretary, "Most certainly not," she replied with a sharp decision.

"Then I don't understand "Men never understand, Frank; but it does happen that I have an appointment in my gift which I am willing to place at your disposal." 'Ailce!" he exclaimed. lucky!"

'What is it, Alice?" "Histand to Alice Seymour, who

has never ceased to love you, who has thought of you every day for the iast five weary years, who has lived ir the hope that this moment might come to her-Alice Seymour, orphan, and, if you decline the appointment, a lonely spinster forever.' Frank sprang to his feet.

'Alice!" he cried. What happened immediately after.

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Bank Statement.

Standard of America.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FOREST COUNTY NATION-AL BANK AT TIONESTA, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business November 27, 1908. RESOURCES: .\$405,460.79

U. S. Bonds to secure circula-50,000-00 Banking-house, furniture, and fixtures 9,220 25 Due from approved reserve ractional paper currency, nickels, and cents..... 602 06

Lawful money reserve in bank, Treas'r (5 per et. of circulation) 2,500 00

LIABILITIES: Capital stock paid in .. .\$50,000 00 and taxes paid National bank notes outstand-

State of Pennsylvania, County of Forest, ss: I, A. B. Kelly, cashier of the above

named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. A. B. KELLY, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
2d do of December, 1998.
C. M. ARNER, Notary Public.

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