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much more than two dozen American Beauty Roses and perhaps she could get more use and comfort out of them. We have some special values in genuine Furs that we must clean up. Profits are forgotten.

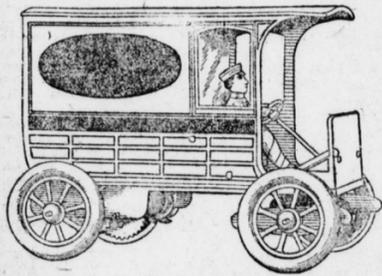
Some Handsome Sets from \$10 to \$60. Worth One-Fourth More



If you want the gift to be a Watch, a Diamond Ring or any piece of Jewelry we can save you on the purchase and give you Credit if you want it.

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This is a regular 75c Toy but we only have a few left—we are closing them out for 29c. It runs; all you have to do is start it.

A Special Child's Set.

Plate, cup and saucer with Mother Goose Rhymes printed on them and illustrated, for

19c
50c value.

A Large Assortment of Pictures

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19c to \$5

A 2-quart pure "Wear Eternal" Coffee Percolator for 98c



This is the "Wear Eternal" pure aluminum. Each one packed in a nice carton.

A special lot of Children's Rockers being closed out. Rockers worth 75c and \$1—for 39c. \$1 and \$1.25 values, 49c. \$1.50 and \$1.75 values, 69c. None of these wrapped or delivered.

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RAT PROVES DEATH CHAIR

Test Shows Resistance Just the Same as a Human Being's

Bellevue, Dec. 15.—In a hundredth of a second the State's death chair at the new Central penitentiary, near here, killed a big gray rat in a test made by the board of prison inspectors yesterday.

The death chair will be put into actual use with a human occupant January 2, and rats were selected for the final tests because it has been found that their resistance to the current is precisely equal to that of man. The rodents were fitted to the chair with special appliances. The first was killed so suddenly that the frightened glimmer was frozen in his eyes. Delicate instruments attached to his body showed that his heart had stopped midway in a jumping beat.

thought," said the chief electrician, "and 50 times quicker than feeling. The rat didn't feel so much as a twinge. He didn't have time. It wasn't any more painful than—well, than the darkness is when you switch off the lights."

Several similar tests indicated marvelous efficiency and almost unthinkable precision in the management of the chair.

READING LOSES SUIT
Supreme Court Decides Against Railroad in Action for Damages
Washington, Dec. 15.—The Supreme Court yesterday reversed the opinion of the United States District Court of Eastern Pennsylvania refusing damages to the non-resident parent of an alien laborer killed on a railroad. This is the first decision upholding the Federal railroad liability act on this phase. The decision was given in the case

of Bridget McGovern vs. the Philadelphia and Reading railway upon an appeal from the decision of Judge Thompson, who ruled that a foreign parent could not recover the death payment.

The Supreme Court in reversing the opinion, placed the costs on the railway.

HUMANITY VS. BUSINESS
Former Wins in \$1,500,000 Order to the Pullman Company
Chicago, Dec. 15.—Yuletide good feeling won a race with strict business at the Pullman Company offices when the recent order from the Northern Pacific railroad for \$1,500,000 worth of equipment was under consideration. And the spirit of Yuletide won. From an authoritative source it is learned that the order was accepted on practically a cost basis for the purpose of giving Pullman employees—there are 6,500 of them—a chance to bring

Christmas good cheer into their homes. "Maybe it wasn't good business and maybe it was," said a high official of the company. "We think it was. We feel that in times like these it is up to the big concerns to set a good example by looking on the humanitarian side."

Honesty the Best Policy
Doubtless the sorest man in the United States to-day is the fellow who dropped his purse, containing \$90, while he was robbing a chicken-coop, and who is afraid to claim his property. Verily, honesty is the best policy.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Killed Son; Now Gets Divorce
Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 15.—Five years ago, Mrs. Mary Granger, of Ashland, while temporarily insane, choked her 5-year-old son to death. She alleged that her husband's harsh treatment was responsible for her condition and yesterday the court granted her a divorce.

7 KILLED IN GAS EXPLOSION

Eight Other Victims, Mostly Children, Injured, Some Fatally, and Several Are Missing

Cleveland, Dec. 15.—Seven are dead, eight injured, some fatally, and half a dozen are missing as the result of a supposed gas explosion which demolished a two-story brick apartment and business block at 11616 Madison avenue, at 6.10 last evening.

Of fifteen dead and injured, dug from the burning ruins immediately after the blast, eleven are children. Five of the dead are known to be children.

Henry Haner, 40, proprietor of a photograph gallery on the ground floor of the building; his wife, 35, and one son, Tony, 7, were taken out dead. Henry Haner, Jr., 11, is missing.

Mrs. Petka and her daughters, Margaret and Susie, who occupied the ground floor with the Hanes, are dead. Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Hartman, with their two daughters, Barbara, 8, and Elizabeth, 9, are at the German hospital, believed to be fatally injured.

John Engst, 38, and his daughters, May, 4 1/2, and Lizzie, 8, are also at the German hospital, and their injuries are said to be fatal. Engst's arms were blown off.

Others believed to have been in the building when the blast let go are not accounted for.

L. G. Schooley, who had just passed the building on a westbound car, said the explosion almost lifted the car from the tracks.

"I looked around quickly," he said, "and saw a sheet of flames shoot out in all directions. We rushed from the car, and by the time we reached the spot nothing remained but the ruins piled up in the basement, with walls and timbers thrown clear across the street."

DON'T PUT OFF SHOPPING

Everybody Will Be Rushed From Now on Until the Christmas Trade Ends

If you've got any more Christmas shopping to do, do it now. The longer you put it off, the harder it will become. Crowds will be the rule until the holidays.

Of course, if you want to avoid all worry and trouble, and at the same time make everybody happy that receives it, give the Star-Independent Bibles as Christmas presents. And what delightful presents they do make, too! It is a \$5 volume, unless you present one certificate clipped from the Star-Independent, which entitles you to a copy of this magnificent Bible for only the expense items of distribution.

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How many of these \$5 volumes will you want? It will be better to get one too many than not enough. Clip today's Bible certificate from another page of this issue and get your Bibles as soon as possible.

IN PLOT TO BLOW UP CHURCH

Miscellaneous Dynamite Is Found on Lawn of Edifice

Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 15.—The police yesterday began an investigation into the mystery surrounding the finding of several sticks of dynamite on the lawn of St. Luke's Episcopal church, the handsomest edifice in the city.

There are no evidences of an attempt to explode the charge, sufficient not only to destroy St. Luke's, but surrounding church and school properties.

BEEF CATTLE ON BIG SCALE

Lancaster County Project Promises Lower Meat Prices

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 15.—A company is being organized in this county to raise cattle for beef. The intention is to purchase 600 acres of good grazing farm land, and to secure options on 5,000 acres adjoining, for use when the business grows.

Those interested say that extensive cattle-raising in this county will mean lower meat prices.

Mail Parcels at New Office

It has been announced by Postmaster Sites that the postoffice desires persons mailing parcels to do so at the new station, which was opened yesterday morning in the Donaldson building, 206 North Second street, in order to relieve the congestion of the temporary quarters, in the Boyd building. It was said that the sub-station was necessary to take care of the largely increasing business of the local postoffice and patrons can be accommodated with more satisfaction at the new station.

Gentle Reminder

A gentleman on a visit to another city entered a restaurant and on leaving took away with him by mistake a hat belonging to another man. The hats were so nearly identical that the mistake was not detected, and the surprise of the gentleman may be imagined when, reaching home, he glanced at the lining of the hat and found written there the words, "You darned fool, what did you take this hat for?"—Lippincott's.

New Band Organized at Wrightsville

Wrightsville, Dec. 15.—This place now has a band, an organization being effected by the election of the following officers: President, Paul Fitzkee; leader, William Raymond; vice president, Joseph McLain; secretary, Clarence Siple; treasurer, Samuel Siple; trustees, James Hamur, Paul Kinard and George H. Fahringer.

For Longer Council Terms

Reading, Pa., Dec. 15.—Mayor Stratton, president of the League of Third Class Cities, will advocate the adoption of a resolution at the meeting of the league in Harrisburg December 30 urging the Legislature to amend the Clark bill increasing the terms of Councilmen of commission-governed cities from two to four years.

Carpenter Plunges to Death

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Plunging from a wall to a pile of stones, 30 feet below, William Byrnes, a carpenter, yesterday was killed at a building operation at 25 South Sixteenth street. He was superintending the placing of joists and stumbled while walking along the wall. Byrnes was 64 years old and lived at Sharon Hill.

It is given out that gold in the United States costs \$50,000,000 a year. Even so, it is cheaper than the European game of ultimatum.



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BARS WIDOW HE HAS NOT

Queer Clause in Broker's Will Based on Friend's Experience

New York, Dec. 15.—"I hereby solemnly declare that I am unmarried and have never been married," read the will of Robert L. Keene, a broker, which was filed yesterday in Montclair, N. J., where he had long resided at 39 South Fullerton avenue, "but having observed cases where claims have been made against estates by reason of alleged marriages, I direct that if any woman shall satisfactorily prove that she is my widow, she is to have the sum of \$50 and no more."

Robert M. Boyd, Jr., cousin of Mr. Keene, his lawyer, said yesterday Keene had no cause to fear the claim of any woman, but he dictated the clause because that thing once happened to the estate of a bachelor friend. The will devised \$50,000 to a brother, Herbert, and the remainder to his mother, a brother, James, of Tacoma, Wash., is ignored.

hair," said he, "and I am worrying more about its loss now than I am about my prison term. He was convicted of a white slave offense.

Twice in Jail for Contempt

Failure to Keep Promise This Time May Mean Long Term

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 15.—Fred Super, a business man of Mt. Hope, was yesterday imprisoned for the second time within a week by Judge Bechtel for contempt of Court in refusing to open an alley or street adjoining his property, which he has closed up.

Last week Super was imprisoned for this offense, but when he paid the costs and promised to open the street, he was allowed to go. But when allowed his liberty Super again refused to open the street, and his imprisonment term is now indefinite, as Court declares the order will not be denied again.

Convict Weeps for Locks

Cut Off "Medicine Bill's" Head With Mustache for Full Woe

Columbus, O., Dec. 15.—Tears of real sorrow trickled down the cheeks of William Melvin, known as a medicine fakir throughout the Middle West under the name of "Medicine Bill," as his luxurious hair, falling well below his shoulders, was cropped close by direction of the superintendent of the Bertillon room when he was committed to the Ohio penitentiary yesterday on an indeterminate sentence of from 3 to 20 years.

Following this his cup of woe was filled when his mustache was removed. "It took me 18 years to raise that

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