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"We must not allow ourselves to forget the true meaning of the Christmas spirit," writes Edward W. Bok in the December *Ladies' Home Journal*. "It will bring happiness to us just in proportion as we bring happiness to others. To some the day will this year bring other than happy thoughts or memories. Sorrows are harder to bear on festal days than at any other time. But no sorrow should crush the Christmas spirit from our hearts. It is not in the amount that we do, or are able to do, that we shall find happiness for ourselves and for others. The simplest pleasures and acts oftentimes make the hearts of others overflow with happiness. To fail to do something because you feel that you cannot do much is wrong. What seems so trifling to you may make some little heart sing all day long, which but for you might pass the day without a note of happiness. Don't grow impatient of the Christmas myth or legend. Keep it alive. God knows that we have few enough ideals in these investigating days of ours. Let us not disturb the Christmas traditions. It is a duty to ourselves to keep this day as unlike any other. And we can only do this by fanning into flame the smouldering embers of the Christmas spirit which is in every one of us. God implanted it there. It was good that we should have it or He would not have given it to us. In childhood the fire burned brightly enough within us in old age the light of Christmas will reflect in our faces and in our natures. But in the meantime we must keep the spirit alive so that it may glow the warmer and softer in old age. Let us have an old-time Merry Christmas this year; a real, old fashioned, happy one. Let us make everybody forget that there is anything in the world but good fellowship and happy laughter. To the sick let us bring forgetfulness of pain; to the sorrowful the sweet balm of a happy smile; to the aged loving thoughts of consideration, to the poor a suggestion of the greater material blessings which are ours. Then as we bring light to other eyes, color to other cheeks, happiness to other hearts, we shall be happy ourselves.

At the recent convocation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, a change in the funeral ceremony was made, whereby the hat can be kept on during the rendition of the last rites in cases of inclement weather or excessive heat. Hitherto it has been the custom to uncover, no matter whether in rain or snow, hot or cold. The new rule is an excellent and sensible one, and will go a great way toward preventing sickness, as it is hazardous to uncover the head at the grave of a deceased brother in inclement weather. Cases of serious illness have been frequent from exposure at funerals. In keeping the head covered no disrespect is shown to the dead. It is the duty of the living to guard against any chance of serious illness in performing the sad rites for those who are about to be placed in their last resting place.

At all postoffices, where not in government buildings, the people holding postoffice keys are entitled to a rebate of thirty cents on the keys any time between December 1st and 31st of this year. The Postoffice Department issued an order to that effect on the 22nd of last October. The patrons of the Reynoldsville office who have presented their keys to Postmaster McGaw have received the rebate. From an item appearing in the *Clearfield Republican* last week it is evident that the postmaster at that place has not begun obeying the order issued by the Postoffice Department. Demand your 30 cents, Bro. Goodlander.

Governor Hastings is getting his message in shape to be read before the State Legislature the 4th day of next month. Some one has given out the statement that the Governor will call special attention to the falling off in the state revenues the past two years and recommend rigid economy on the part of the legislators. He will also suggest numerous changes in the Baker ballot law.

It is impossible for any one to advocate a needed reform without raising up a number of enemies. This has been true from the beginning of history and until history ends will be repeated. But the reforms come all the same and will continue to come.

In Hamburg the authorities tax a dog according to his size. This is manifestly unjust, for the smaller the dog the greater the nuisance.

The State Legislature convenes on the 4th day of next month.

"The Woman in Black."

The "Woman in black" craze has struck this town at last. This mysterious personage has infested all of our neighbor towns, and has served the purpose of keeping girls off the streets at night, and furnished material for many a hushed and awe-stricken conversation. The woman it seems, is here. She has met diverse and sundry persons on back streets, and has committed a variety of pranks. She wears a black veil, and has the faculty of vanishing very mysteriously after having lifted up a man's hat and felt his head, or pinched some meandering maiden on the arm. Where she comes from, why she acts so, and who she is nobody is able even to guess. Maybe she is only a creature of the imagination, and maybe she is a man in woman's attire who thinks he is having a barrel of fun. Anyhow, according to the best authorities, this ubiquitous phantom is with us.—*Punkotawney Spirit*.

A wise Xmas present—a pair of Robinson's shoes.

Keep your eye on our window and you will get some suggestions for Xmas presents.
 C. F. HOFFMAN,
 The Jeweler.

Two thousand pounds fine candy already in and more coming for holiday trade at Robinson & Mundorff's.

For \$10.00 you can get one of the finest suits or overcoats you ever saw, at Bell's.

Men's pants from 75 cents up to \$5.00 a pair at People's Bargain store.

China ware at the Reynolds drug store. Finest selection in the place.

For neat fitting suits, go to Snyder & Johns, fashionable tailors.

Silverware—come and see the new styles in coffee sets, cups, saucers, &c., at Ed. Gooder's.

Santa Claus has made arrangements to give Millirens customers a Christmas present this year.

For raisins, prunes and currants go to Moore & Dickinson's, where everything is fresh and new.

Just received the finest line of plush goods ever brought to town at the Reynolds Drug Store.

Church Notices.

Under this heading will be found the subjects and texts of the pastors of the various churches of Reynoldsville for the following Sunday.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. J. W. Cole will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Rev. J. W. Crawford, pastor. Morning: "The Testimony of God's Witnesses." Rev. 12: 11. Evening: "The Will of the Righteous, and the Woe of the Wicked." Isa. 3: 10-11.

For Sale.

Draft team weighing 1500, also sleighs for sale.
 J. C. KING & CO.

The best silver polish in the world at Gooder's.

Ladies, if you want a stylish garment Deemers have a variety of jackets and capes to select from.

Reynolds Drug Store is the place to buy celluloid novelties.

The Republicans of Winslow township will hold a suggestion meeting on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 2nd, at 3:00 o'clock, at the Reynoldsville Hardware store. By order com.

The finest line of \$10.00 overcoats ever shown in town at Bell's.

Onyx tables, banquet lamps, rose bowls, hand and triplicate mirrors at Stoke's pharmacy.

Candy, the kind that melts in the mouth, for old and young, at Robinson & Mundorff's.

Celluloid albums, all prices, at the Reynolds Drug Store.

What would make your wife a nicer Christmas present than a White sewing machine, sold by C. F. Hoffman.

Call at Millirens this week, select your Christmas goods and have them tied up.

See Moore & Dickinson's line of chinaware.

Fine line, all kind of nuts at lowest prices at Robinson & Mundorff's.

Silverware, gold pens, fountain pens at Stoke's pharmacy.

If you want candy that contains no glucose go to Moore & Dickinson's.

Watches—we have the latest in all sizes and styles, and a large line to select from at all prices.
 ED. GOODER.

Misses short jackets at Deemers.

Herbert D. Ward, the novelist and husband of Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward, has written a new novel, which will be the fiction feature to *The Ladies' Home Journal* during 1897. It is a humorous story and has the unique title of "The Burglar Who Moved Paradise." It is a sequel to Mrs. Ward's "An Old Maid's Paradise," the husband taking up the pen where Miss Phelps had naturally to put it down when she became Mrs. Ward.

Men's fine dress shoes at Millirens, in the latest style.

See their goods and get their prices on candy before you buy. We mean at Robinson & Mundorff's.

Iron banks, trains, stoves, and irons 5, 10 and 25 cents at the Reynolds Drug Store.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and sick headache. For malaria and liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorates the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by H. Alex. Stoke Druggist.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to me are requested to call and pay indebtedness on or before Jan. 15th, 1897. All bills remaining unpaid after that date will be left for collection.
 J. C. FROELICH.

Candy to a finish at Moore & Dickinson's.

The latest in clocks—come and see them at Ed. Gooder's.

Arbuckle & Lion coffee 17 cents at Robinson & Mundorff's.

May not be the largest, but the best selected stock, all new goods at C. F. Hoffman's, and the prices are the lowest.

An assortment of shoes at Robinson's not to be found elsewhere.
 See the fine line of suits and overcoats at Bell's.

Silks, satins, velvets and ribbons for fancy work at Deemers.

Good shoes extraordinarily cheap at J. E. Welsh & Co's.

Call at Millirens and see the men's fancy kid gloves.

When you don't think exactly the way a woman does she says: "Now, why can't you be sensible?"—EX.

This week we will show the finest selection of rings ever offered, a consignment lot. You know this means low prices.
 C. F. HOFFMAN,
 The Jeweler.

Subscribe for THE STAR and give your family or some friend a Christmas present that they will see once a week during 1897.

The place to buy your books and stationery is at the Reynolds Drug Store.

The naked truth is you find the finest goods, largest stock and lowest possible prices at Robinson & Mundorff's.

The price of flour has gone up but the price of supplies remains the same at the Bon Ton Bakery.

Last week the *Marion Center Independent*, of Marion Center, Indiana Co., Pa., C. R. Griffith editor and proprietor, was "sweet sixteen." The *Independent* is a good country newspaper.

Shoes for everybody at Deemers. Slippers for little folks at Robinson's.

B. R. & P. Holiday Rates.

The Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh R'y will celebrate the return of the joyous Christmas and New Year holidays in accordance with its time honored custom and usual generosity, by making the low rate of a fare and one-third for the round trip between all stations on its line, with a minimum rate of twenty-five cents. Tickets will be sold December 24th, 25th and 31st and January 1st, limited for return passage until January 4th, 1897.

Just in—one thousand pounds of that wonderful fine cheese at Robinson & Mundorff's. If you have a tooth for good cheese, try it.

A big honest bargain for holidays at the People's bargain store. An extra pair of every day pants given away with every suit of boys' clothes over \$1.00. Sizes from 6 to 13 years.

Farmers, go to W. T. Cox & Son's for Lined Meal and Condition Powders for stock.

Snyder & Johns, fashionable tailors.

\$5.00 buys a fine all-wool suit at Bell's.

Dolls from 1 cent up to \$2.00 at the Reynolds Drug Store.

A profusely and beautifully illustrated article on the famous Horse-show held annually in New York City appears in the January number of *Demorets Magazine*. Notable among the illustrations are a full-page and several other spirited drawings by Max F. Klepper. The show as a social function and as an exhibition of horses is interestingly described in the text.

Subscribe for THE STAR and get all the local, county and general news for \$1.00 a year.

Gents, see the fine all-wool overcoat for \$7.00 at Bell's.

Watch and clock repairing at Ed. Gooder's, the only place to get good work done.

J. E. Welsh & Co. keep in stock a fine line of shoes and slippers at very low prices.

Notice.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Reynoldsville, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held in the Bank Room on Tuesday, January 12th, 1897, from 3 to 4 o'clock P. M. JOHN H. KAUCHER, Cashier.

Now is the time to select your Christmas presents while the stock is complete. Our new goods are coming in daily.
 ED. GOODER,
 Jeweler and Optician.

Stoke's Advertising Space.



Don't ring the night bell

at three o'clock in the morning for a postage stamp, but in case of emergency don't hesitate to jerk it with a vim. That's what it's there for. You won't have to wait out in the cold long, either, after ringing. I jump at the first ting-a-ling and dress as I shuffle down the stairs.

STOKE,
 RELIABLE
 PHARMACIST.

Holiday Dress Stuff.

No more sensible gift can be given than a nice Dress Pattern to mother, sister and daughter; and this is the place to get them.

Towels and Table Linens. Handkerchiefs.

Our assortment is fine from 5c. to 75c. UMBRELLAS at prices to tempt You. All Silk, Satin Ribbons from No. 9 to 22 at HALF PRICE.

Ladies' and Misses' Jackets.

Come soon, as they will not last long at the low prices we offer them.

BING & CO.

A POINTER!

You wont get stuck on prices if you buy

Skates, Pen Knives,
 Guns, Revolvers,
 Tobacco, Glgars, &c.,

—AT—

ALEX. RISTON'S.

Christmas Goods

at H. J. Nickle's Variety Store!

—A Full Line of—

Dolls, Toys of all kinds, Vases,
 Chinaware,
 China Novelties, &c., &c.

Call early and make your choice.

REED BLOCK, MAIN STREET.

A flash of lightning

coming from a clear sky

is a very rare occurrence, but one day last week a lady and gentleman received a welcome shock. Yes, they had gone to the Reynoldsville Hardware Co. to buy

Carpets, Furniture
 and Genera Hardware,

and the great values shown them caused a noticeable expression of joy and gladness to shine upon their faces. They purchased a complete furnishing for their home and departed, saying:

"The immense stock, at such low prices!
 We'll call again."

REYNOLDSVILLE HARDWARE CO.

LOOK AT THIS!

Golden Sheaf Flour,	\$1.15	per sk.
" " " "	4.40	" bbl.
Superlative " "	1.15	" sk.
" " " "	4.40	" bbl.
Perfection Flour,	1.10	" sk.
" " " "	4.20	" bbl.

This Flour is guaranteed to be the finest in the market.

Yours Resp'y,

MEEKER BROS.