



You Are Going To Buy a Watch For Christmas.

I have a selection at prices that will interest you. Don't be deceived by newspaper "ads" but come and see for yourself.

C. F. HOFFMAN, THE JEWELER.

A Little of Everything.

Williams for shoes. Johns & Thompson, tailors. Mitchell, the Ladies' Tailor. French ebony goods at Gooder's. Gooder's window tells its own story. Nice holiday suspenders at Millirens. Fine line of china at C. F. Hoffman's. Examine Shick & Wagner's holiday goods. The hunting season closes Friday of this week. Don't be stingy with fun. See "A Breezy Time." The latest thing in footwear at Williams' shoe store. The High School Bulletin was crowded out this week. "Uncle Tom's Cabin," at the opera house Friday evening. A car-load of holiday presents at Millirens at the lowest prices. Perfect fits guaranteed by Johns & Thompson, merchant tailors. For Sale—A fine line of Christmas presents at Gooder's jewelry store. Tremont cook stoves guaranteed to be good bakers, at Hall & Barton's. Remember our china room is on second floor. Reynoldsville Hardware Co. See the novelties made by the American and Canadian Indians at Shick & Wagner's. The Utopia Society will hold a social at the residence of Dr. S. Reynolds Friday evening. See Jack Dauber as the tramp in "A Breezy Time," at the opera house next Tuesday evening. Do not forget Ella E. Seeley's grand Xmas display at Froehlich's tailor shop this coming Saturday. The jury list, report of town council meeting and other local matter will be found on the eighth page. On the first page of this issue will be found a large advertisement for the Scott McClelland clothing store. E. M. Bussard, of Emerickville, has bought Frank Hoffman's meat shop in this place and has taken charge of it. A report of the First National bank will be found in this issue of THE STAR. The report shows the bank in good condition. E. W. McMillen has sold his saw mill near Big Soldier, to R. F. Mahaffey, of Mahaffey, Pa. The deal was closed last Thursday. There will be a meeting of the W. C. T. U. at the home of Mrs. S. Shaffer Friday evening at 7 o'clock. By order president. The Rathmel letter was received too late for publication. Communications from correspondents must reach this office Monday. Lost—A stick pin with brooch top, six rubies and brilliants. Finder will be rewarded by returning pin to Miss Kunes at J. J. Sutter's store. It doesn't so much matter what Dewey gave away as what you are going to give away to your friends on Christmas. If in doubt call and see Stoke. "Old Southern Life" was played at the Reynolds opera house one night last week to a good sized audience. The company is a good one. The Lindsey Press has suspended publication, the material was moved to Punxsutawney and a new paper, The Republican, has been started. Rev. J. W. Crawford, of Parksville, N. Y., will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Crawford is a candidate for pastorate of the church. The Winslow township school board will hold their regular monthly meeting on Saturday, December 23, one week earlier than usual, to pay the teachers before the holidays. The Presbyterian congregation will not have any more preaching service Sunday evening until they get into their church again, which will be about the first of the new year.

Madam Fry's celebrated entertainment, consisting of pathos, music, mirth, humorous, dramatic and musical readings, will be given in the M. E. church Thursday evening, December 21st.

The doctors were to have amputated William Logue's right leg yesterday at 1.00 p. m., but after a consultation they decided to postpone the operation. Mr. Logue is suffering with tuberculosis.

Salvationists are holding meetings on the street and in Centennial hall every evening. The meetings are conducted by three ladies. There was a large congregation at Centennial hall Sunday evening.

This evening the regular literary meeting of the Epworth League will be held in the lecture room of the M. E. church. Rev. Reno will deliver an address on the subject, "What will you do about it?"

Mrs. Evans, matron of the Brookville Memorial Home, inspected the Woman's Relief Corps of this place at the regular meeting of the Corps Friday night. She gave a very interesting talk on the management of the Home.

Mrs. E. M. Whittemore, of Philadelphia, delivered a missionary lecture in the Baptist church last Friday night. She is a good talker. Her lecture, which was on the slum work in the cities, was very interesting.

Elsewhere in this issue of THE STAR will be found an advertisement for Mrs. S. B. King's boarding house at 707 Vine street, Philadelphia. Reynoldsville people will find this a convenient and pleasant place to stop while in the city.

Ninian Cooper, register in the 2nd precinct of this borough, went to Brookville yesterday to make his returns. During the past six months there have been seventeen births and seven deaths in 2nd precinct. There are 369 voters in 2nd precinct.

Six-year-old daughter of Samuel Thompson died Sunday from diphtheria and was buried in Beulah cemetery Monday forenoon. Short service was held at grave by Rev. Reno. Six years ago two of Mr. Thompson's children died with diphtheria.

The Methodists have built a new church near DuBois, known as the Zion church. Rev. J. C. McEntire, of this place, preached the first sermon in the new church Sunday afternoon. The church is not entirely finished and has not been dedicated yet.

Mrs. A. J. Postlethwait's class of young ladies of the Presbyterian Sunday school sold ice cream, cake, coffee and sandwiches Saturday afternoon and evening in the vacant room next door to Millirens's clothing store. The proceeds were for the chapel fund.

Hon. W. O. Smith, editor Punxsutawney Spirit, has written a rhyme about Archie Campbell and Jimmie Kyle, relating a well-known story of these two old worthies who resided here in the years gone by. The rhyme will be found in this issue of THE STAR.

There was a big rush for reserved seats Saturday morning for the entertainment in Assembly hall Tuesday evening. Tickets were put on sale at 8.00 a. m. and there were sixteen people at Stoke's drug store before 6.00 a. m. waiting for tickets, and before 8.00 there were sixty-eight people there.

The Rathmel Dramatic Company will give a comedy play entitled, "Strife—Master and Men," in the P. O. S. of A. hall Tuesday evening of next week, Dec. 19th. The play abounds in both laughable and serious situations, and is one that will please an audience. Don't miss it. Admission 20, 25 and 30 cents.

M. C. Coleman, George Rea, and Miss Lizzie Dean attended the Clearfield Baptist Sunday School Association convention at West Liberty last Thursday as delegates from the Baptist school of this place. Elsworth Kirkwood, George Rea and Miss Maud Rea were delegates to the B. Y. P. U. convention at West Liberty Friday.

The freight business on the River Division of the A. V. R'y has been so heavy lately that the company has not engines enough to handle the freight. Within the past few weeks the company has secured seven new engines from the Pennsylvania Railroad to help out with the rush of business. Saturday evening five Low Grade engines were sent down to main line to help get freight over the road Sunday.

E. A. Ferrin, president of the Reynoldsville Traction Company, president of the Reynoldsville Electric Light Company, and president of the Reynoldsville Star Glass Company, has opened an office on second floor of the Henry-Wheeler brick block, same building THE STAR office is located in. Mr. Ferrin occupies two rooms in rear of building. His rooms are nicely furnished. A telephone has been put in.

Jason E. Williams, a stone mason of Clear Run, who was working on the foundation for a new building for A. D. Deemer at Falls Creek, was killed by a B. & P. R'y passenger train between DuBois and Falls Creek early Saturday morning. Mr. Williams stepped off a siding to get out of the way of a freight train and stepped in front of the passenger train. He was 53 years old and is survived by a wife and four children.

Shop Burned. Last Wednesday night the weaving shop of Jonathan Deemer at Sykesville was burned with all its contents. Origin of fire unknown. There was one loom, two webs of carpet and some tools in the shop, also two large hogs that had been killed on Wednesday. Mr. Deemer's loss was about \$300.00.

Don't Miss It. Madam Fry's entertainment in the opera house last night was attended by a very large and select audience, and it proved to be one of the most enjoyable treats that it has ever been the good fortune of our people to listen to.—Gettysburg Truth. In M. E. church Dec. 21st.

Snug Dividend. The books of the American Silk Company for year ending December 1, 1899, have been balanced and show a handsome surplus, after deducting all dividends. We understand that it is the intention of the company to preserve the surplus as an additional assurance that the dividends on both the preferred and common stock will be paid at the regular intervals.

James Dennison Dead. James Dennison, one of the oldest, wealthiest and best known citizens of the Beechwoods, died at his home early last Wednesday morning after a few days' illness. Dropsy and heart trouble were the cause of death. Mr. Dennison was born in Beechwoods sixty-seven years ago. He was a successful farmer. He is survived by a widow and six children, three sons and three daughters. Funeral was held Friday and remains were buried in Beechwoods cemetery.

Quarterly Meeting. The first quarterly meeting of this conference year will be held in the lecture room of the M. E. church tomorrow, Thursday, evening. Presiding Elder R. C. Smith will preach at 7.30, after which quarterly conference will be held. The Sunday services will be as follows: Love feast at 9.45 a. m.; preaching at 11.00 followed with sacrament of the Lord's Supper; Sunday school at 2.30 p. m.; Epworth League prayer meeting at 6.15 and preaching at 7.00 p. m.

Sunday School Officers. At a meeting of the M. E. Sunday school board last Thursday evening, the following officers were elected for 1900: Superintendent, S. S. Robinson; assistant superintendent, C. A. Stephenson; superintendent primary department, Philip Koehler; assistant supt. primary, Mrs. L. W. Huyck; secretary, John T. Barkley; assistant secretary, Lydia Mellinger; treasurer, W. B. Stauffer; librarian, A. J. Wells; assistant librarian, Charles Lord; organist, Carrie Albright; chorister, John Reddecliff; organist primary department, Etta Shaffer; chorister, K. G. Bortorf.

Working on Electric Light Plant. Monday morning men began work on the foundation for the electric light plant at corner of Jackson and Sixth streets. The main building will be 40x86 1/2 feet, one story high, with a slate roof. The building will be supported by a fourteen foot wall. It will be a frame structure, except boiler room, which will be brick. The interior of the building will be divided off into a store room 14x20, dynamo room 40x40, boiler room 32x40, office 14x14. The plant will be in operation February 1st, 1900. Men are now at work putting up the electric light poles. The wire will be here in a few days and as soon as the poles are ready the wires will be strung.

Gas Exploded. Several months ago Samuel T. Reynolds placed a 28,000 candle-power generator in the cellar of his three story brick to furnish acetylene lights for the building. It proved to be a very expensive light and the oil lamps in the two store rooms were filled and trimmed again for illumination two weeks ago. Last week Mr. Reynolds was in the cellar with a lantern showing the acetylene plant to Jacob Womeldorf. To get a good view of the inside of the tank Mr. Reynolds put the lantern into it and as quick as flash there was a loud explosion. The two gentlemen were minus eyebrows after the explosion, but escaped without injury. Had there been a little more gas in the tank this report would be different.

Will S. Barry Dead. William S. Barry died at the home of his mother in West Reynoldsville at 4.30 a. m., Saturday last, December 9th. Death was caused by consumption of stomach and bowels. Mr. Barry had been unable to work for two years. He was confined to bed twelve weeks. The deceased was born in Lindsey 38 years ago. His parents moved to Reynoldsville when Will was about ten years old and he has resided here ever since. He was an employe at the tannery a number of years. He was quiet and gentlemanly and had many friends. Will was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barry. His father died about seven years ago. Will was not a member of any church but during his long illness he thought much on religious matters and finally found peace and joy in trusting the Savior. Funeral services were held at the house at 2.00 p. m. Monday, conducted by Rev. Perry A. Reno, pastor of the M. E. church, and the mortal remains of a devoted son and a kind brother were interred in Beulah cemetery.

Birthday Surprise. William Copping, one of our grocery-men, was given a surprise party Monday, that being the 58th anniversary of his birthday. About 9.00 p. m., as Mr. Copping was getting ready to close his store and retire for the night, a number of members of John M. Read Masonic lodge, of which fraternity Mr. Copping is an old and a highly esteemed member, stepped into his store and informed the gentleman that they had come to spend the evening with him. The Masons were accompanied by their "better halves." Mr. Copping was again surprised when a committee was sent down to the barn to bring up two or three freezers of ice cream, cake, oysters, &c., which had been placed in the barn before the surprisers invaded Mr. Copping's home. The company did not forget that it is customary to give a present on such an occasion and they gave the gentleman a handsome chair for a birthday present. It was all a complete surprise to Mr. Copping, but he enjoyed it just the same. Miss Roberta Ayres was present and entertained the company with delightful music. It was a very pleasant and happy occasion for all present.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin." "Uncle Tom's Cabin" never grows old. There runs through it a vein of pathos peculiarly touching and sweet. It speaks the universal language of the heart. It reflects like a prism the innermost phases of the human emotion. It is more than a play. It is a moral classic. It argues for two of the greatest themes that can engage the human mind—human liberty and the immortality of the soul. Notwithstanding its frequent production, it is seldom that one sees the play as it is now presented by the Palmer Company, which includes forty people, among whom are some of the leading white and colored artists of the country. There are comedians, singers, dancers, cake walkers, &c. A full military band and orchestra are popular features. The scenery and properties are all new and first class, and a pack of bloodhounds, trained donkeys, Shetland ponies, and others are seen. The company appears in the Reynolds opera house Friday evening, December 16th. Tickets on sale at Stoke's drug store.

Miners Will Ask for Advance. Last Friday evening the miners of this place held a mass meeting and elected two delegates to attend the joint convention of operators and miners of No. 2 district which convened at Clearfield yesterday. Thursday evening a mass meeting was held at Rathmel and two delegates were elected to attend the above convention. The delegates from both places were instructed to vote for an advance in price of mining to take effect the first of January, 1900. At a convention held in Clearfield two weeks ago a resolution was passed in favor of an advance of wages as follows: 10 cents a ton for pick mining, 12 1/2 cents a ton for machine loading and 20 per cent for all other labor, to take effect January 1, 1900. This resolution was to be submitted to the joint convention in Clearfield yesterday.

Elected Officers. John C. Conser Grand Army Post of this place elected the following officers Monday night: Commander, Robert L. Miles; Sr. Vice, Samuel Sutter; Jr. Vice, L. W. Scott; Sergt., J. W. Foust; Quartermaster, John M. Hays; Chaplain, R. D. Beer; Officer of Day, Levi Epler; Officer of Guard, John Davis; trustee, T. C. Reynolds; delegate to Department Encampment, Joseph Shaffer; alternate, E. Neff.

Eagles at Church. The members of Mt. Cliff Castle No. 359, K. G. E., and ladies of Pleasant Valley Temple No. 25, attended the 11.00 a. m. services in the M. E. church in a body Sunday. Rev. Perry A. Reno, pastor of the church, preached an appropriate and excellent sermon from the following text: "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

The magnetic attraction of our holiday goods and the low prices push all competitors aside. No matter how hard you are to suit we can suit you in new and beautiful fancy goods. Our aim has always been to give our customers the best and we believe that you will find our assortment just a little better than elsewhere. Stoke's.

Sunday morning some person carried away from Baptist church a black silk umbrella with bone handle, ivory tip and black tassels, and left a cotton umbrella in its place. Silk umbrella belongs to Wilmer Ellenberger. Please return it.

Brumbaugh & Hillis are now in the new brick on the west side of Main st. with many new specialties for Christmas. It will pay you to call and see them.

The motto of Fitz and Webster is to hold as well as win success. Keep all your playbill promises.

A package of neat calling cards is an appropriate Christmas present for lady or gent. Samples may be seen at THE STAR office. Orders should be left now.

No present can be given to your wife on Christmas that will be appreciated more than a Bissell carpet sweeper. Three different styles at Hall & Barton's.

Lost—If you don't hurry, a good chance to buy holiday presents cheap at Gooder's jewelry store.

WE'RE GETTING THERE

Glass Plant a Sure Thing—Will Be in Operation Before First of April.

NOT TO BE IN THE TRUST!

About Two Hundred Men to be Employed at Start—Plant Will be Enlarged—Pay Roll Four Thousand a Week.

It is now a sure thing that a window glass plant will be built here, and will be in operation before the 1st of April, by the Star Glass Company, and one grand thing about it is that it is to be an independent plant, it is tied up so that it cannot be sold out to a trust company and this removes the danger of its being shut down by the trust. The men at the head of the company helped start the plant at Hazelhurst, which was sold to the trust by capitalists who had the controlling interest, and this time they propose to be on the safe side. The glass manufactured will be a standard brand known as Star Glass. E. A. Ferrin is president of the company, R. W. Kunz secretary and treasurer, August Boulanger general manager and superintendent. Messrs. Kunz and Boulanger are practical glass men and are recognized as the best glass men in the country. No two men can be found that are their superiors in this line. The plant will make colored and chipped glass. Mr. Boulanger has a process of his own of blowing glass which no other plant has.

The plant will consist of two buildings, largest one will 150x575 feet with 46 foot wall, the other will be 40x280 with 28 foot wall. The buildings will be constructed of brick, iron and wood and roofed with corrugated steel. H. L. Dixon, of Pittsburg, has the contract for putting in the plant. The Star Glass Company will have charge of the erection of the buildings. The work of building will be started next week.

It will be a thirty-six blower plant. One hundred and ninety men will be employed at start, one hundred and five of whom will be skilled laborers, such as blowers, snappers, gatherers and flatteners, and eighty-five will be local laborers. Pay roll will be at least \$4,000 per week, which will be paid every Saturday. Plant will run nine months in the year, from September 15 to June 15. Glass men are usually high livers and spend their money freely, therefore this industry will put considerable money in circulation every month in Reynoldsville.

The product of the plant is practically under contract for five years and when the glass is loaded on the cars at this place the Star Glass Company will get a draft for amount of glass loaded, so the company will have no trouble in paying their employees.

The Reynoldsville Land Improvement Co. will give the Star Glass Company ten acres of land near the silk mill for the glass plant. About fifty new houses will be built near the mill.

The Star Glass Company will also put in a clay plant to make pots for glass plants. The clay works will employ a number of men.

"A Breezy Time." The attraction at the Reynolds opera house Monday evening, Dec. 17th, will be Fitz and Webster's rousing musical farce comedy "A Breezy Time." The adjective that is included in the title of the farce comedy, "A Breezy Time," fitly indicates the nature of the production. It has been the purpose of the author to make the performance breezy, simply refreshing enough to revive jaded minds and not cause the mind to sit in a draught so to speak. The company includes more than a dozen of the cleverest farceurs in the profession, each having been selected to exactly fit the roll he or she may be cast for. Tickets will be on sale at Stoke's drug store.

Signor Bosco Entertainment. Signor Bosco, the prestidigitator, entertained a large audience at Assembly Hall last evening with his Enchanted Palace of Illusions. He introduced marvels of the Oriental, Egyptian and Hindoo wizards. He performed some very clever tricks.

Of Interest to Stockholders. The directors of the American Silk Co. have declared a dividend on the preferred stock, at the rate of 7 per cent per annum, for the six months ending Dec. 21st, 1899, and a dividend of 9 per cent per annum for the six months ending Dec. 31st, 1899. Dividend checks will be mailed. JOS. W. PLACE, Treas.

Card of Thanks. We are extremely thankful to our friends and neighbors for their kindness, helpfulness and sympathy in our hours of bereavement. MR. AND MRS. W. A. SMITH.

Save Your Gas. 50 different gas heaters, a line of gas ranges, different styles of gas burners, Welsbach lamps and mantles, gas pendants and brackets at HALL & BARTON'S.

Found—That Gooder's line of holiday presents is the largest and best of his line to be found in Reynoldsville.

You all know what our past reputation has been for low prices. Our prices on watches will surprise you this year. Come and see for yourself. C. F. Hoffman.

The sweet, true natural sound is what the Edison phonograph reproduces. For sale by Gooder, the jeweler.

For home-made mince meat and oysters go to P. B. Rhodes' meat market.

Manicure sundries, sterling silver mountings—all prices at Gooder's.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Glimpses of the People who are Passing To and Fro.

Ernest Bloom was in New Bethlehem Friday.

James B. Arnold was in Philadelphia the past week.

Mrs. John S. Smith, of Nobletown, Pa., is visiting in town this week.

Joseph States, of Punxsutawney, visited relatives in this place last week.

Miss Mabel Siple, of West Reynoldsville, visited in Brookville last week.

Miss Maud Bloom, of DuBois, spent Sunday with her mother in this place.

George J. Elliott, of Philadelphia, was in Reynoldsville several days last week.

Mrs. Thomas H. Richardson, of Thurmond, West Va., is a visitor at J. H. Bell's.

Will W. Wiley, one of the proprietors of Hotel Imperial, was in Brookville Sunday.

Miss Gussie Logue, of Clarion, is visiting Mrs. W. A. Smith, in West Reynoldsville.

Samuel E. Bell, of Smethport, visited his brother, W. H. Bell, in this place Saturday.

J. M. Chesnut, of Brookville, sheriff-elect of Jefferson county, was in town Saturday.

B. W. Wesson, of Butler, visited his daughter, Mrs. Miles W. King, in this place the past week.

Miss Jessie Barkley, who has been at Adrian a number of weeks, returned to this place last week.

Andrew Wheeler returned Monday evening from St. Louis, where he purchased a car load of mules.

Mrs. John Ahern, of Wellsville, N. Y., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jos. McKernan, in West Reynoldsville.

Mrs. Harry B. Davis, of Bradford, Pa., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bell, on Jackson street.

John Nolan, of Johnston & Nolan's shoe store, was at Driftwood Monday attending the funeral of James McMan.

Mrs. H. T. Jones, of Corsica, returned home yesterday after a short visit with her sister, Mrs. H. W. Moore, in this place.

Miss Bertha Priester went to Wheeling, West Va., Saturday to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Paul Metzenthin.

J. M. Dunsmore, of Philipsburg, who was superintendent of the Bloomington mines in Rathmel several years, spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. Arthur Murray, of Punxsutawney, sister of Mrs. Chas. Barry of West Reynoldsville, was called here Saturday by the death of Will Barry.

Mrs. Thomas Black, of this place, and her brother, James Dougherty, of Eleanora, have been visiting relatives near Oil City the past week.

J. M. Humphrey, who has been spending a few days with his family in this place, went to Pittsburg the first of this week where he has a good position in the Westinghouse Electric Works.

Mrs. M. A. Calvin, who has been spending the past three months with her daughter, Mrs. R. E. McKee, on Grant street, went to Tionesta Saturday to spend the winter with a daughter at that place.

Rev. A. W. Parry and wife, of St. Charles, Ill., spent Sunday in this place with the former's cousin, John Trudgen. Rev. Parry is pastor of a Free Methodist church at St. Charles. They were on their way to the Sanitarium at Geneva, N. Y., for benefit of Rev. Parry's health.

Samuel Miles, of Albion, Pa., an engineer on the P. B. & L. E. R. R., visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Miles, in this place several days the past week. He will visit relatives in Clearfield county this week, where his wife is visiting, and will return to Reynoldsville for a few days before returning to Albion.

The following out of town people were here Sunday to attend the funeral of Maud and Lillie Smith, who were killed on the A. V. R'y: John H. Smith and wife, Mrs. Daniel Barger, R. E. Fowler, of New Athens, Pa.; J. W. Smith and wife, of Chieora, J. D. Smith and wife, of Petrolia, Charles B. Smith and wife, of Parkers, Reed Lawson and wife, of Lawnsbam, J. M. Keesey and wife, W. L. Logue and wife, Mrs. P. Carr, New Bethlehem, Mrs. J. D. Hulings and F. D. Schell, of Pittsburg.

Don't be late, come early and get your choice of the fine line of holiday presents at Gooder's.

Buy your holiday goods and Christmas goods from the store that has the crisp, snappy bargains for wide-awake buyers. Our store is replete with all the novelties that go to make a first-class stock. Stoke's.

Chatelaine purses at Gooder's.

Something new in the shoe line at Johnston and Nolan's for railroad men. Call and see them.

Stable and horse blankets, 5-a and Burlingtons, in fact a full line at Hall & Barton's.

Brush and comb sets, not the kind you find in drug stores and clothing houses, but the genuine articles, at Gooder's jewelry store.

The best assortment of watches at C. F. Hoffman's.

Solid gold scarf pins at Gooder's.

You will never miss the water till the well runs dry and you will never know what a variety of pretty and useful novelties we have for the holidays till you come and see. Stoke's.

Robinson's for holiday slippers.

A cloud burst of Christmas beauty, radiant with good values and sparkling with low prices awaits your inspection at Stoke's.

Call and get prices on the Edison Phonograph at Gooder's jewelry store.

A full line of ladies' misses and children's leggings at Williams' shoe store.

If you intend buying a holiday present buy a useful article. At Millirens is where you get it.

Engraving on goods bought of Gooder done free of charge.

Umbrellas from 50c. to \$10.00 at Millirens. What is nicer for a holiday present?