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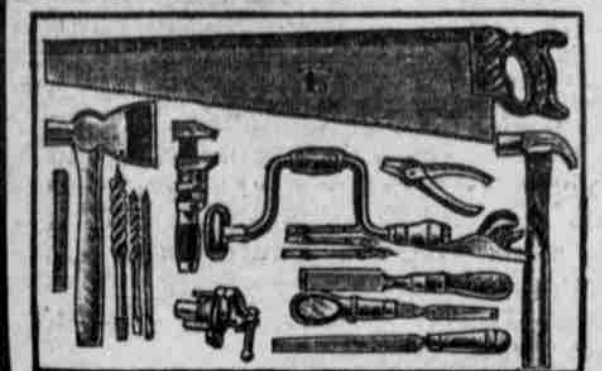
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Supply your Christmas needs at wholesale, direct from the nation's Holiday Headquarters. Take a look in every store in your home market, make a list of the things you would like to buy, with their prices, then turn to our Latest Catalogue and from a \$3,000,000 stock select a list that suits you much better in every way—and save about one-third.

Our prices are not advanced at Christmas time. They are always the same—always the lowest. When you buy direct from us you save all dealers' and middlemen's profits.

We guarantee every purchase to be satisfactory—your money refunded cheerfully if you wish it. We will appreciate the opportunity to send you our valuable Catalogue free, with our compliments, with our compliments. Will you ask us for it now while you think of it? A postal will do.

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Established 35 years.



**Whether Common or Not**  
By Will N. Maupin.

**The Coal Baron**

Got us on the hip once more,  
Mr. Baer.  
Up your prices higher soar,  
Mr. Baer.  
Think because you own a mine  
You've a perfect right divine  
To "hold up" along the line,  
Mr. Baer.  
When the air begins to freeze,  
Mr. Baer,  
Then do you begin to squeeze,  
Mr. Baer.  
Helpless widows, orphans, too,  
Pinched and starved and cold and blue,  
Owe their freezing state to you,  
Mr. Baer.

Babes that starve at mother's breast,  
Mr. Baer,  
Must freeze stiff with all the rest,  
Mr. Baer,  
Just because with stroke of pen  
You can raise the price, and then  
Declare dividends again,  
Mr. Baer.

Did you ever get a thought,  
Mr. Baer,  
To the misery you've wrought,  
Mr. Baer?  
Mis'ry wrought that you may pour  
In your vaults a golden store  
And pile riches more and more,  
Mr. Baer?

If you haven't, well for you,  
Mr. Baer,  
That you give a thought or two,  
Mr. Baer.  
For the wealth you pile below,  
Though to mountain height it grow,  
On the other side won't go,  
Mr. Baer.

All the wealth you make down here,  
Mr. Baer,  
Won't outweigh a widow's tear,  
Mr. Baer,  
When upon the other shore  
You must pay the final score  
And be judged forevermore,  
Mr. Baer.

**Thankful**

"Did you observe Thanksgiving day?"  
"You bet I did. Saw seven fellows half-killed at the football game."

**An Artist**

"Miss Homestate is one of the finest artists in the west."  
"Is that so? I didn't know she painted."  
"Paint, nothing! You ought to see her bread."

**Universal**

"You can learn anything by mail these days."  
"That's right. I used to forget to mail the letters I had written, but after forgetting to mail one my wife wrote I've had my memory wonderfully improved. This education by mail business is simply wonderful."

**After Investigation**

The inhabitants of the island, after seeing the light of civilization, met in mass convention to discuss the matter of organizing a government of their own.

"I move, you, Mr. Chairman," said one man, "that we proceed to organize a republic."  
"Pardon me," said another member

who had accidentally found a newspaper that had floated ashore from a shipwreck. "But I am of the opinion that we would do well to investigate first."

"But what is there to investigate?" queried the first speaker.

"We ought to investigate and ascertain if we have anything here that one of the 'world powers' might want. If not, we may proceed. If we have, we need do nothing, for the aforesaid 'world power' will step in and insist on teaching us self-government as long as we have anything worth taking."

**The Borrowing Box**

The chief merit of this little tale is its truthfulness. It actually happened, and because it may provide a hint it is given in its entirety.

Several years ago there lived in a Missouri village a woman whom everybody called "Aunt Sally," because she was one of those goodly and lovable women who never was found wanting when her services were needed. Her stock of patience was wonderful, but it was exhausted once—and only once so far as known.

Aunt Sally had a neighbor who was a chronic borrower. The neighbor meant well, no doubt, but her eye for measurements was very bad. When she borrowed a cupful of sugar she always returned a little less. It was the same with everything else. Aunt Sally stood for it a long while, but one day she said to her husband:

"Taylor, I want you to make me a little box with about six or eight small compartments."

"What for?"  
"Never your mind, Taylor. Just make me the box and I'll tell you all about it after while."

The box was made and Aunt Sally filled every compartment with kitchen condiments—coffee, sugar, flour, salt, spices, tea, etc. Whenever the neighbor sent over for "just a little" of this or that, Aunt Sally furnished it out of the box. When return was made she dumped it into the proper place in the box.

Of course the compartments were soon empty, one by one, and when the neighbor sent over for something not to be found therein Aunt Sally would say:

"I haven't any in the box."  
Gradually the story leaked out and "Aunt Sally's borrowing box" became a village tradition.

**Brain Leaks**

Giving is not always charity.  
Charity is not always giving.  
One good thing about doing right is that you so seldom have to undo it.

Agitation keeps air and water pure. It might be tried more in politics.

The man who does his own work well seldom has time to criticize the work done by others.

The man who doubts that the world is growing better is too blind to notice that the light is growing brighter.

The old saying that "two can live as cheaply as one" has been productive of a whole lot of marriage failures.

Going in debt is like falling out of a balloon. Getting out of debt is like falling back into a balloon.

When a man's pig or horse goes astray he immediately advertises the fact, and hustles around lively to re-



**Gray Goat Ulster \$11.50**

Made of Genuine Gray Goat Skin. Quilted Italian lining, leather shields under arms. A large, warm, serviceable coat at a remarkably low price. Fine Eskimo Dog Skin Coats, \$14.50. Buffalo Gait Coats, \$17.50. Our old reliable Galloway Coat, \$17.75. Australian Wombat, \$14.50. Write at once for our special fur catalogue containing a complete showing of Men's Heavy Winter Coats. Everything from blanket-lined Pea jackets at \$1.00 up to Beaver and Mink Ulsters at \$175.00. The finest lines to select from in the United States. Honestly-made, reliable goods—no imitations. Prices lower than those of any other firm. Ask for Special Fur Catalogue; we will send it free by return mail. Don't buy until you have seen our prices. Send a postal to-day.

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cover the animal. Ever see any advertisements of boys estray?

Some men spend so much time saving tobacco tags that they have no time to consider plans for saving money.

When a man begins to feel quite sure that he does not look nearly as old as he really is, it is a sure sign that he does.

Some of these days a political party is going to choose its spellbinders from the men who write the patent medicine advertisements.

Boys take a delight in doing what they are told not to do, probably because so many people insist on telling a boy not to do the things he would like to do.

**Recognized Them at Sight**

The patient teacher, for the purpose of impressing the lesson of "The Cricket on the Hearth" upon the minds of the children, had procured two or three crickets.

"Now, children," she said, exhibiting them, "do you know what these are?"

"Yes'm," said the little boy with the golden locks, raising his hand. "They're the bugs you see when you open the closet under the kitchen sink."—Chicago Tribune.

**A \$1.00 PAIR FREE TO TRY**



**RHEUMATISM**

Send your name today and get this Remarkable Cure by Return Mail.

To those who answer this advertisement at once will be sent free to try a pair of the Celebrated Magic Foot Drafts, the great Michigan discovery which is curing all kinds of Rheumatism including even some of the worst chronic cases in the state. These Drafts are worn on the feet (without the least inconvenience), but they cure Rheumatism in every part of the body, by absorbing the poisonous uric acid and other impurities from the blood through the great foot pores. Don't think that because this remedy is simple and cheap it won't cure. It will, and already thousands have written us that it has cured them. It will cure you. Send us your name today and give the Drafts a trial. If you are satisfied with the benefit received from them, then send us one dollar. If not, keep your money. You decide. A splendid new booklet on Rheumatism, illustrated with color plates, comes free with the Drafts. Write today to Magic Foot Draft Co., X C 3 Oliver Bldg., Jackson, Mich. Send no money, only your name.