

# Closing Out Sale

OUR trade has been large so far for the Holiday Season but we are going to make a clean sweep of Holiday Goods this year especially

**Toys - Games - Dolls  
Chinaware - Etc.**

We are slashing prices on a lot of these goods and it will pay you to see our stock before you make your Christmas purchases.

**CHAS. L. COTTING**  
—THE DRUGGIST—

# USEFUL GIFTS

AFTER all, it's the practical that pleases most because it shows of more THOUGHT. A clever nick-nack sparkles and glimmers for awhile and then it is cast aside and forgotten.

The really useful gift is a constant reminder of kindly feeling.

Give something that will last not for a few short days, but for weeks or months or longer still.

What?

Here is a great list of just such things:

SILKS      BED SPREADS      EMBROIDERY  
HANDKERCHIEFS      HOLE PROOF HOSE  
DRESS GOODS      SCARFS      KID GLOVES  
SWEATERS      HOODS      MITTENS  
SILK PETTICOATS      LACE COLLAR AND CUFF SET

— AT —  
**BARBARA PHARES**  
FORMERLY F. NEWHOUSE

# Public Sale

5th Annual Sale

**20 Duroc Boars 20**  
**Saturday, Dec. 21**

AT ONE O'CLOCK P. M.

REGARDLESS OF WEATHER AT

**Smith's Barn in Red Cloud**

Many of these boars are of no kin to any I have sold before and are a thrifty lot.

DENNY & SWARTZ, Auct'rs.

C. J. POPE, Clerk.

**JAMES CONKLING,**

Franklin,

Nebraska

# Out of a Clear Sky

"Maria said," related Borker, "that we wouldn't be able to keep her. That was the only trouble in my mind, too. She was perfect.

"I watched her removing the dinner dishes. Her movements were swift and accurate.

"I suggested that we pay her the highest wages, for the coffee had been perfect and the biscuits a delightful brown. Maria replied that that would be the best way in the world to lose her. 'The more you pay her,' she explained, 'the better she will dress, and so the greater will be the risk.' 'I was silenced. I sat at the table in a bitter mood. Here was a cook held dazzlingly before me for a moment, only to be snatched away when she had grown absolutely necessary. She was too pretty to last. I tried, however, to be optimistic.

"'Maria,' I suggested, 'perhaps she has had a disappointment. Perhaps all her hopes have been blighted and she will never love again! Or perhaps he died or something!'

"'No,' said Maria. She added: 'There are three or four young men on the premises.'

"'We'll look for apartments elsewhere,' I cried.

"'Why?' gasped Maria.

"'To escape the male quartet,' I explained.

"'However, I came to the conclusion that flats and apartments would not do at all. What we wanted was a house with a yard; a big yard with a house away at the back. Maria agreed with me.

"'Then we began to consider the suburbs, with a view of getting a place as secluded as possible wherewith to retire with our cook. But, like an inspiration, I suddenly hit upon the island! The very thing!

"'The island is a very secluded place fifty miles out in Lake Superior. It is very difficult to approach on account of the shoals. If I took Maria and my delightful cook out there we could live bountifully on provisions taken from the mainland and the opportunity would be splendid for the working up of my treatise on moral philosophy.

"'Maria said the plan was good. The cook was delighted with the novelty of it. The details were soon arranged.

"'We had a delightful voyage and landed upon the island in safety, with our ample stock of provisions, all in good condition.

"'We are cut off from all communication by mail!' I chuckled to Maria. 'No young man can even write to her! So we need have no fear of a proposal by letter.'

"'It's a good thing there is no wireless station here,' mused Maria.

"'Isn't it!' I cried. 'I don't suppose there is any danger of telepathy or soul kissing!'

"'We shall have to take our chances,' sighed Maria.

"'The first day for lunch we had chicken with cream gravy, browned biscuit and delicious coffee.

"'I arose the next morning, happy as a lark. I met Maria and Gwendoline, the cook, strolling along the beach, full of interest in the aquatic animals and birds, especially the birds. The sight of the crane, of the gull and of the wild duck I pointed out to them and made exhaustive comparisons, which would enable them to distinguish each.

"'Oh! look, Mr. Borker!' cried Gwendoline, lifting her pretty arm pointing enthusiastically. 'What kind of a bird is that?'

"'I hesitated: 'It is neither a duck nor a crane,' I decided. 'It's an air-ship!'

"'We were delighted to behold for the first time an exhibition of man's conquest of the air. The airship floated around us, coming lower and lower. Presently a begoggled creature appeared and a voice called, 'Hello!'

"'Hello!' cried Maria and Gwendoline with one voice.

"'The airship man was proceeding on his way when he sighted Gwendoline! The airship quivered, then it slowly descended to the ground.

"'Good morning,' said the man with the goggles.

"'I hope the air currents are propitious this morning,' said I.

"'Aren't you afraid to go up in the air like that?' cooed Gwendoline, admiringly.

"'The aeronaut stepped out of his ship and removed his goggles. He was blond, blithe and handsome.

"'He looked at Gwendoline and she looked at him.

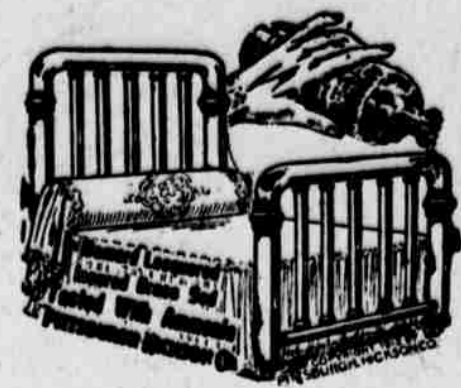
"'Maria turned to me and whispered sadly: 'We may as well pack up and go back home.'—Chicago Daily News.

## Best of All Physicians.

There is no physician like cheerful thought for dissipating the ill of the body; there is no comfort to compare with good will for dispersing the shadows of grief and sorrow. To live continually in thoughts of ill-will, cynicism, suspicion and envy, is to be confined in a self-made prison hole. But to think well of all, to be cheerful with all, to patiently learn to find the good in all—such unselfish thoughts are the very portals of heaven; and to dwell day by day in thoughts of peace toward every creature will bring abounding peace to the possessor.—James Allen.



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"THAT MEANS SOMETHING"

# A. E. ATKINS

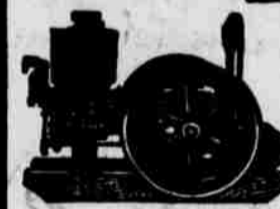
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## Real Estate Transfers.

For the week ending Dec. 17th, 1912. Compiled by M. W. Carter, Bonded Abstractor, Red Cloud, Neb.  
Laura E. Buzzard and Husband to Charles E. Stevens, wd, lots 7, 8, Blk. 5, Hoovers Add to Blue Hill.....\$ 3600  
David Yung, et al., to Lewis F. Whiting, wd, nw¼ 11-1-9..... 16000  
Lloyd O. Grimes to Charles Trautmann, wd, lot 1, Blk. 2, Tylers Sub-div., of Rohrer's Add to Blue Hill..... 815  
Mary A. Garrison and husband to Martha J. Crosier, wd, pt nw¼ 4-1-9..... 10000  
Martha J. Crosier and husband to Joel T. Christy, wd, pt nw¼ 4-1-9..... 3200  
Nelson Bartlett to Addie D. Bartlett, wd, se¼ 25-4-12..... 3500  
Mortgages Filed, \$28504.00.  
Mortgages Released, \$14515.00.

## "Pay as You Enter."

A thrifty husband and wife at Harrisburg have been attending different church on Sundays, each giving a nickel. They talked the matter over and concluded that the plan was extravagant. Now both attend the same place of worship and expect to enter the golden gate on the same nickel.—Carrier Mjls Mail.

## Correspondents

### GARFIELD

The fine weather still continues.

Smith Bros. shelled corn on Monday.

Ren Herrick from Kansas helped Clyde Bowen shuck corn last week and finished on Saturday.

The meetings at the M. E. church continue this week and they are having good crowds.

Muriel and Ethel Fisher were visiting their cousins Ethel and Alta Coon Saturday night and Sunday.

Clyde Bowen sold some cattle to Charley Herrick on Wednesday.

George Harris is busy hauling hay from the Steven's place this week.

Will Fisher is hauling rent corn to John Campbell's this week.

### COWLES

Mrs. John Waller was a passenger to Red Cloud Monday.

Mrs. Ed White has a sister and her husband of Fremont visiting her.

Clarence Cox bought a Ford touring car of The Bennett Garage Co., Saturday.

N. V. Anderson shipped in a car of apples and cabbage Saturday for disposal.

Mrs. A. T. Vance of Hastings came in Tuesday evening for a short visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Goth of Red Cloud spent the day, Monday, with Chas. Bennett and family.

Mrs. Berry of Baileyville, Kas., came in Wednesday to spend Xmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Morse.

Rev. Linsinger, pastor of the Congregational church, was in Red Cloud attending to some business matters.

We understand that Ray Scott has sold out his Hotel business to Frank Smith of Waneta, Neb., who intends to run it. We wish him success among us.

Arthur Colburn and family left for their future home in California Monday evening. We are very sorry to have them leave us but we wish them every success possible.

## What Ye Hear

"Take heed what ye hear" as to slanderous reports and insinuations. There is a vast amount of defamation in the world. Perhaps we have all suffered more or less by it, hence one would think we might be prepared to estimate it at its real value. But not withstanding our own experience in regard to its evils, how prone we are to listen to what evil tongues may say of our neighbors! Though jealous enough for our own reputation we seem to have little concern for that of others. We should remember that we have no more right to hear what evil tongues may say, than evil tongues have to say what they ought not. We could not give the tongue of slander a more pointed and successful rebuke than to refuse to listen to it. If we are watchful of our ears, others would be constrained to bridle their tongues. If all men were deaf and blind there would be no slander, because there would be none to hear or read it, and the unruly member would of necessity be kept in order. But now there are hearers and readers, and hence the tongue and pen must be guarded. Idle words are often the cause of inestimable mischief. A good name is rather to be chosen than riches. But the tongue of slander may rob us of our good name and leave us poor indeed. What havoc has been made of the peace and happiness of individuals, of families, of neighborhoods by an evil tongue! What were but trifles are swelling into importance by repetition, and thus difficulties which a single word might have explained and healed, increase in magnitude and at last become incurable. The tongue will be evil while the heart is wrong, for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. The best remedy for an evil tongue is a new heart, but as even the best of us are sanctified in part, we must adopt such a remedy as will meet the evil from whatever source it may come; and this is the remedy—take heed what ye hear. We must refuse to listen to what the evil tongue says. Listening to slander is so nearly related to slander itself that, if we give place to the one, we are likely to be infected with the other. The listener is partner with the speaker; therefore, at all times, now and ever, take heed what ye hear—don't hear everything, and don't repeat everything you hear.