

If, as a matter of fact, the canal companies, either or both, had been owned by American citizens or by citizens of any other nationality, it would not have altered in the slightest degree the action taken by this government.

"I wish to make as clear as possible, and as emphatic as possible, the statement that we did not have anything to do with the distribution of a dollar of the \$40,000,000 we paid, as regards any stockholder or bond holder of the French companies, save that we followed out the award of the arbitrators appointed in accordance with the decree of the French court, which has dealt with the subject, in awarding a certain proportion to the old company, and a certain proportion to the new company. Any question concerning the stockholders, bondholders, or other beneficiaries of the proceeds of sale, was purely a question for the civil tribunal of the Seine, the French governmental body, with which this nation had nothing whatever to do.

"All of these documents I herewith transmit as a part of this message. It appears from them that the creditors of the old company number 226,296 parties who have received dividends out of the funds in the hands of the liquidator, who, in his letter, states that in this present month of December, the second and last distribution to the creditors will be begun, and that the average dividend heretofore paid to each individual was 722 francs, or \$156. No payment whatever was or will be made upon the stock of the old company, as it was worthless from the day De Lesseps failed and this cuts out from consideration all misleading statements regarding a possible purchase by anybody of the stock of the old Panama Canal company. It has not received and will not receive a penny.

"Recently a request was made by a private individual to inspect the records of these payments, but answer was made by the custodians that they saw no proper reason for granting such request by a stranger, inasmuch as there is not the slightest ground for suspicion of any bad faith in the transaction, it barely seems worth while to make the request; but if congress desires, I have no doubt that, on the request of our ambassador in Paris, the list of individuals would be shown him.

"I transmit herewith lists of the documents in the possession of the department of state, the department of justice and the department of war, so that if congress sees fit it may direct that they be printed. They are, and always have been, open to the examination of any member of congress. There is no object in printing them, but there is also no objection to printing them, save that it is useless expense.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

HANGING THE STOCKINGS

Christmas eve! It's Christmas eve!
Supper's cleared away—
Seems as if I can't believe
That today's today!
I don't see a thing, do you,
We can hang a stockin' to?

For a month or just about,
Days would hardly stir,
Though I crossed their places out
On the calendar.
—Pins or nails 'll never stick
In this hard old chimney brick.

P'raps as soon as night's begun
He'll come stealing in!
My! It makes the shivers run
Up and down my skin.
Mayn't I pound a nail up here
In the hardwood, mother dear?

Daddy's sock'll never do—
Not a toy would fit,
S'pose we let him stand his shoe

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reproduces all sounds, and especially the sounds of the human voice and the music of instruments, so marvelously that you would be amazed at it as a scientific invention if you had not become so used to its wonderful work.

We want everyone who has not yet experienced the delight of owning and listening to an Edison Phonograph to go to some dealer today and hear the Edison Phonograph play. There is only one way to know how good the Edison Phonograph is and that is to hear it. Nothing can describe it.

There is a dealer in the town where you do your marketing

who will be glad to show you the Edison Phonograph and let you hear the new records. He has an assortment of both Edison and Amberol Records, and he has Phonographs in various sizes and styles, at different prices—all low. You can arrange with him for putting an Edison Phonograph in your own home. Some dealers sell on the installment plan.

Edison Amberol Records

The New Phonograph Records that play twice as long as the regular Edison Records

These are the new Records which have just been made to play on the Edison Phonograph. They play twice as long as the old ones and play far better.

This is the latest great discovery of Mr. Edison for the benefit of his favorite invention, the Edison Phonograph, and for your benefit if you are wise enough to get an Edison Phonograph with the Amberol attachment at once.

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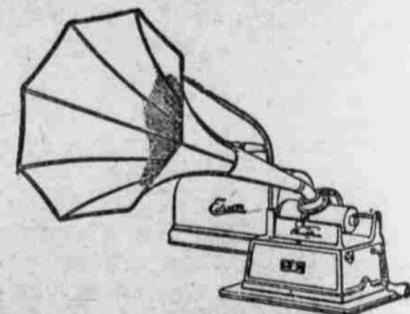
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Edison Grand Opera Records, 75c.

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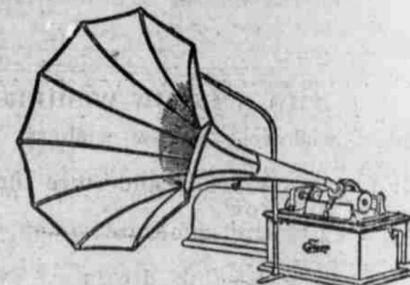
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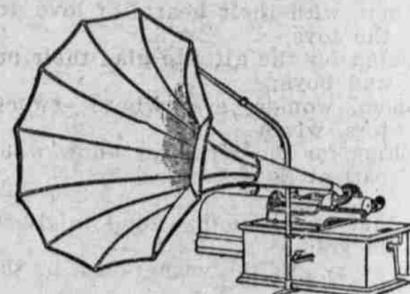
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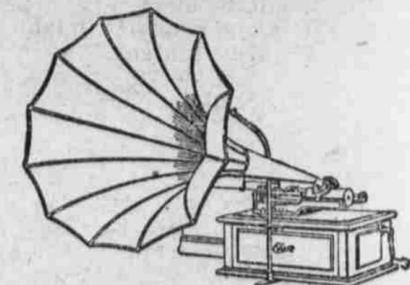
Edison Gem Phonograph



Edison Standard Phonograph



Edison Home Phonograph



Edison Triumph Phonograph

Just in under it?
—There! They're done. I'm sleepy,
some.
Bet tomorrow'll never come!
—Burgess Johnson in Everbody's.

BOOKS RECEIVED

The Call of the South. By Robert Lee Durham. L. P. Page & Co., Boston, Mass.

How Money is Made in Security Investments, or a Fortune at Fifty-five. Second edition. By Henry Hall, New York, 52 Broadway. Price \$1.50.

Socialists at Work. By Robert Hunter. The Macmillan Co., New York. Price \$1.50, net.

Sidereal Sidelights. A medley of

dawn-thoughts. By Charles L. Brewer. The Balance Publishing Co., Denver, Colo. Cloth, 56 cents; paper, 25 cents.

The Man of Yesterday. A romance of a vanishing race. By Mary Holland Kinkaid. Frederick A. Stokes Co., Publishers, New York.

The Patriot. By Thomas Alva Stubbins. M. A. Donohue & Co., Chicago, Ill.

The United States Government's Shame. The story of the great Lewis case. By Edwin C. Madden, third assistant postmaster general from July 1, 1899 to March 22, 1907. The National Book Co., Publishers, Detroit, Mich. Price 50 cents.

Sixty Years of Protection in Canada, 1846-1907. By Edward Porritt. Macmillan & Co., Limited, St. Martin's street, London, England.

Three Weeks in Holland and Belgium. By John U. Higinbotham. The Reilly & Britton Co., Publishers, Chicago, Ill.

The Laws of Imitation. By Gabriel Targe, professor in the College de France; member of the Institute. Henry Holt & Co., New York.

The Last of the Houghtons. A novel, by Richard Wallace Buckley. The Neale Publishing Co., Flatiron Bldg., New York. Price \$1.50.

From the Evidence Presented. By Daniel C. Stone, Winthrop, Mass. Price 25 cents.