

HELPFUL HINTS FOR HOLIDAY BUYERS

For months we have been planning for our Christmas display and are now ready to have you come in and pass judgment on the results. We began early, took plenty of time and bought carefully. In many cases secured rare bargains on goods of unusual worth. In fact, worthiness is the distinctive feature of our stock; everything in it combines usefulness with beauty. We want you to come and see our stock.

Come Early and Often

Come even if you are not ready to buy, as it will give you valuable suggestions as to what would be suitable. It is needless to urge the advantage of early selections, you realize that this always pays. Goods on which a small payment has been made will be laid aside for you and we will pack and ship things to be sent to out-of-town friends. When so ordered, goods for people in town will be delivered Christmas morning. We wish to make this an easy, satisfactory and economical Christmas for you.

Try This Plan

Make a list of all you wish to make a present to and when looking over the following items note opposite the names anything that seems suitable, then come and see the goods. In this way you can do a good share of your holiday shopping in the quiet of your own home and avoid much of the worry of choosing holiday gifts.

Brushes

The improvement in the manufacture of brushes and the beautiful material used for mounting these makes a brush a good gift for any one—especially between members of the same family. We have them in Sterline, Ebony, Staghorn, Rosewood, Foxwood, Olive and a variety of natural wood backs. Some especially fine ones in Silver. Military Brushes, Hair and Cloth Brushes, Etc., singly or in sets. Good ones from 25 cents up.

Mirrors

Hand, Stand and Oval Mirrors. The former with backs to match the Brushes. All glass of heavy French plate. Prices, 60 cents up.

Toilet Cases

A large variety and in every desirable combination. Also a nice lot of Traveling Cases that a man will appreciate whether he travels or not. This is one line where we can't be beaten either as to price or quality.

Toys

We were fitted out by one of the best toy factories in the middle west and can guarantee you'll purchase when you see our fine display in iron, mechanical and stationery toys. A fine line of steam engines, air guns, etc.

Smokers Goods

Something in this line will please a smoker if the quality be right, and you insure that by letting us help you. We probably know his favorite brand of cigars. Also a nice line of pipes to choose from. 25 cents up. Cigar Cases, Match Boxes, Etc., Etc.

Books

Our store is especially strong in picture books. We have them from the A. B. C. for the little tots up to the History and travels for the larger children. Prices range from 10c to 75c.

Leather Goods

FOR MEN:

Fine wallets, bill books, pocket books, purses, coin bags, etc., from 25 cents up. Nothing worth while in this line but that we have and at the fairest possible prices.

Shaving Sets

If he doesn't shave himself make it an object for him to do so by giving him a good outfit. We have the kind of equipment that makes shaving both easy and pleasant. The best Razors, Stropps, Mugs, Lather Brushes, Etc.

Confectionery

We handle Douglas Chocolates and Special Confections—the kind that pleases critical people. If you will want something extra nice in this line give us your order now. Fancy gift packages 25 cents to \$1.75.

Perfumes

You will want to give perfumes no matter what else you give. Our stock is always large and is surprisingly complete. More so than ever for the holidays. We can supply your every need. High grade perfumes, imported or domestic, in magnificent gift packages, up to \$2.00 and as low as 25 cents. Also the same goods in bulk.

A fine array of Cologne, Toilet Waters, Sachet Powders, Etc.

Atomizers

Beautiful imported ones for gift purposes. A dainty gift alone or, better still, filled with some of our good odors. Prices range from 50 cents up.

Stationery

Many items in this line that make good Christmas tokens. Stationery in special boxes with holly decorations, from 25 cents up. Mooney's Fountain Pens—all warranted—\$1.00 up to \$3.75. Gold Pens, those for ladies having pearl handles, from \$1.00 up. Desk Sets, Fancy Ink Stands, Paper Weights, Desk Pads, Etc.

Other Gift Lines

It is out of the question to do more than outline our stock in this space. Each of these lines stand for scores of gifts that you should know about. Come and see them.

Fancy Goods in celluloid, plush, wood, leather and metal. Pictures, Medallions, Games, Toys, Dolls, Fine China, Decorated Lamps.

The Ostrich Contract

Last spring, while looking about for attractions for the county fair the managers saw a report of the performances of the trotting ostrich and wrote W. W. Ford, the owner, for terms and at the same time asked if he gave a guarantee for appearance at the fair. In reply they received the following:

Jacksonville, Fla., April 11th, 1906.
A. J. VANANTWERP,
Broken Bow, Neb.

DEAR SIR:

Your kind favor received and I enclosed duplicate contracts for your inspection. We have never put up any deposit to guarantee our performance or presence as contracted for and have never failed to keep our contract on time. Once I did not get to town where I was to drive until the day we were contracted for but we were there and in good time. In order to satisfy your people we will be there, etc., I can refer you to fair associations at Florida, Hudson and Middleton, N. Y.; Dover, Milford and Smyrna, Delaware; Carthage, Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio; Armada and Cass City, Mich.; Marion and Greenup, Ill.; Plainfield, N. J.; Trenton, Tenn.; and many others.

We can not afford to fail to keep our contract with a Fair association and therefore have never given any deposit as guarantee. If the enclosed contracts are not satisfactory why write me and we will add anything you desire within reason. I have added that we guarantee the driving and racing as we omitted to have that emphasised in the wording of the contract by oversight, when printed.

We try to get to each place one or two days ahead of the days we are scheduled for, so that it becomes generally known that we arrived. We will want two stalls on the Fair ground, back of or near the grand stand, if possible. We must have the track kept clear of everyone but those that are needed on the track to assist with the horse and the officials. This is necessary to insure a quick start and to get all the speed out of the bird. I have made the price no more than for our engagements where we have a short jump, and shall be of great expense to make so long a jump. I do it however as you have selected Thursday and Friday which gives me a chance to make an engagement in Iowa possibly for Monday and Tuesday, and give me Tuesday night and Wednesday morning to travel to Broken Bow.

Write me on any point that is not clear or that you wish to know about and I shall be pleased to advise you fully.

Yours truly,
WM. W. FORD, Mgr.

Inclosed with Ford's letter were duplicate contracts. The letter caused President George and Secretary VanAntwerp to believe Mr. Ford would perform his share of the contract, just as he had done at the places to which he referred, and as the secretaries of the associations at these places stated that Ford had been there with the ostrich and that the performance was all and more than claimed for it, the contract was signed without further demand for a guarantee of appearance. The contract reads as follows:

CONTRACT:

The Ostrich Farm, Jacksonville, Fla., agrees to race "Jacksonville, Jr." the celebrated trotting ostrich, two half mile races daily, on the Fair Grounds of the Custer County Agricultural Society, Broken Bow, Nebraska, on the 27th and 28th days of Sept., 1906, for \$250.00.

The Ostrich Farm does not guarantee to make any specified time, but aims to do 2:30 or better. The Ostrich Farm guarantees to drive and race the ostrich in harness.

The above amount, viz: \$250.00 to be paid at the conclusion of the performance on the last day contracted for. The above mentioned society agrees to keep the track cleared while Ostrich is being raced each day.

Signed: THE OSTRICH FARM,
WM. W. FORD, Mgr.
CUSTER COUNTY AGR. SOCIETY,
W. A. GEORGE, Pres.
A. J. VANANTWERP, Sec'y.

Witness:
M. C. G. FORD, MYRTLE LYELL.

When the day arrived for the appearance of the ostrich and it had not arrived, telegrams were sent in an effort to learn the cause of its non-appearance, and the evening of the last day of the fair the following telegram was received:

New York, N. Y.,
Sept. 28, 1906.

A. J. VANANTWERP, Sec'y,
Broken Bow, Nebraska.
Serious accident prevented keeping contract. Ostrich dead, myself just recovering. Will endeavor to make reparation.
WM. W. FORD.

These facts would have been given the public ere this, but the fair managers hoped to hear more from Mr. Ford. They have, however, been unable to locate that gentleman for whom they are still searching and if found, what he has to say in regard to his failure to appear at the fair will be published later.

The letter from Ford and the contract show the fair people were sincere in advertising the ostrich race and it was not through their fault it did not occur, hence blame should not attach to them.

for a CHRISTMAS PRESENT

in the line of something useful for family, friend or yourself
see Geo. Willing.

A Charter Oak Steele Range. Gee-Whizz Washing Machine. Clothes Wringer. Carpet Sweeper. Skates and Sleds for Boys and Girls. White Sewing Machine, the latest style and best made. Set of Carvers. Silver K. & Y. Spoons, solid silver. Razors, Pocket Knives, Guns. A complete line of

FANCY LAMPS, DISHES, PLATES, CUPS,
SALAD DISHES, ETC.

A large assortment of Fancy Rugs, 100 to select from.

Sideboards, Dressers, Lounges, Book Cases, Kitchen Cabinets, and Fancy Rockers.

A Racine or Dunlap Buggy or Spring Wagon; no better made, the factory name plate on each job.

Horse Blankets, Lap Robes.

A few Wagons at \$58.00 and \$63.00.

For a Complete Housekeeping Outfit, see me.

GEO. WILLING.

OUR Xmas Presents

REPRESENTS

Variety and Economy,
Taste and Elegance.

Just see them and ask the price.

Herbert A. Watts,

Postoffice Annex, Broken Bow, Nebraska.

Stoves

When it comes to stoves that do not require heaps of talk we are there. The stoves we have do the work and recommend themselves. They have a reputation built on merit.

Corn Shellers

We are agents for Joliet and Keystone corn shellers. Can furnish all kinds of repairs.

Gasoline Engines

Talk to us about International gasoline engines—stationary and traction—from 2 to 15 horse power.

All Kinds of Feed Grinders.

GEO. APPLE.

MONEY to Loan.

I am prepared to place money on good improved farms at lower rates than has ever been offered in Custer county. Call and see me.

Also bargains in farms. Will sell you a farm on easy terms of payment.

Do not rent when you can buy.

James Ledwich,
Broken Bow, Nebr.

S. R. LEE.