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Beautiful Pictures

Pictures are one of the best gifts and we give you an opportunity to pick from an exceptionally fine assortment.

Our line of pastels is particularly strong, prices ranging from $1.50 to $18.00. Some very fine ones at $5.00, $6 00 and $7.00.

Etchings at $3, $4, $8.50 each.

Colored Photographs from 50c to $10 50.

Medallions from 25c to $3.50.

Novelty and "Den" pictures from 25c up.

We know we can please you in this line, and our prices are extremely low.

Books for Everybody

The one present that comes nearest to being universally desired. Books get to be better presents all the time, because while the art of book making and illustrating becomes more perfect, the cost grows less. You can buy several choice books now for what one used to cost, and in our stock you can find books suitable for every age, class and condition. Besides the New Novels and the Standard Works, we have a nice line of Gift Books bound in leather, hand decorated, dainty little gift books—suitable for all ages and particularly desirable for sending long distances.

Juvenile Books in great variety.

Superb Toilet Goods

Few lines afford a wider choice than this. Handsome brushes of every description in all the newest mountings, antique ivory, French staghorn, ebony, foxwood, etc., and a good one at almost any price you want to pay. A good, serviceable, all-bristle hair brush 50c—a fine one for $1.00—the best ones $2.00, $2.50 or $3.00. Military brushes, $1.00 a set and up. Comb and brush sets, clothes brushes, tooth brushes, nail brushes and full toilet sets.

Doll Exposition

We do not believe you have ever seen a larger number of dolls together than we are showing this year; certainly you never have in this locality. It will be folly to buy dolls elsewhere; you cannot match either the assortment or the prices.

Out of town orders will receive our special attention.

How to strike a satisfactory average between our desire to give and our ability to pay is a problem that worries nearly everyone at Christmas time. However, we believe that our stock offers an easy solution of the problem. In other words it affords the kind of gifts you want to give at the price you want to pay. We give below a mere hint of the lines which comprise our holiday stock, but each line represents scores of items, all worthy of giving. You cannot see all of these beautiful things at one visit, so come as soon as possible and come as often as you can.

Beautiful Ebony Goods

Will be as popular as ever this year and deservedly so. We have both plain and silver mounted. The line includes Brushes, Toilet Articles, Mirrors, Manicure, Toilet and Traveling Sets and many odd pieces. We have put attractive prices on them.

Old Austrian Court Boxes

Made of the finest woods, highly polished, lined with silk and satin. Makes a useful and lasting present. Have them in toilet cases, smokers, manicures and many other ways.

Perfumes

We have the late specialties. We have fine goods in bulk and in bottles. A package of perfume is often one of the most suitable gifts where some small token is required. The size of the package does not matter so much so long as the quality is right. We have perfumes in all sorts of fancy packages.—The new **Pump Atomizers** and Atomizer Sets.

Choice Candies

You will want confectionery and it is fitting that you have something extra good. We have Balduff's Chocolates and Bon Bons in packages of all sizes.

Manicure Sets

Something to consider if you have a young lady to please. Many kinds to pick from.

Latest Celluloid Novelties

Extra large stock this year and prices lower than ever. There are few gifts more generally popular than these. Our stock includes Manicure Sets, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Toilet Cases, Work Boxes, Shaving Sets, Handkerchief Boxes, Glove Boxes, Necktie Boxes, Photo Boxes etc.

Dainty Japanese Goods

The war in the East has created renewed interest in the dainty wares imported from Japan, and we have an unusually good stock of them. Prices are very low for such beautiful goods.

Fancy Mirrors

Pocket, hand, stand, sconce, in stag, metal and hard woods. All the newer things. Prices that will please you.

Superb Art Calendars

This season's output of lithographed and novelty calendars is simply magnificent. Have a large variety at moderate prices, 25 cents to $1 00.

Staghorn Goods

A large line of these goods and the prices are cheaper than ever before. Made into brushes, mirrors and other useful articles.

Leather Goods

includes Pocket Books, Ladies' Bags, Card Cases, Bill Books, Music Rolls, etc.

Beautiful China

Can't describe the beauties of our china stock. No one need look farther who has a gift to buy for a lady. In addition to our line of finely decorated imported china we have a large assortment of **Hand-painted Ware.**

Bibles and Testaments

We have a large line of teachers', reference and children's Bibles; large print, with maps, tables, etc., limp covers, good papers, from fifty cents to $6.00.

Burnt Leather Goods

Some nice things in Table Covers, Mats, Calendars, Chatelaine Bags, etc.

Some Other Suggestions.

Toilet Sets—50 cents to $10 00.
Manicure sets—75 cents to $8.00.
Collar and cuff boxes—50 cents to $3.00.
Handkerchief and glove boxes—35 cents to $5.00.
Photo boxes—25 cents to $2 00.
Fountain pens—$1.00 to $5 00.
Smokers' sets—25 cents to $3.00.
Military brushes and sets—$1.50 to $6.00.
Traveling sets—85 cents to $6.00.
Candle sticks 25 cents to $10.00.
Jewel boxes—25 cents to $5.00.
Albums—50 cents to $4 00.
Writing sets—60 cents to $2.50.
Desk sets—25 cents to $2 50.
Ink wells—25 cents to $2 00.
Music rolls—$1.00 to $2 00.
Chafing dishes—$4.25 to $7.50
Five o'clock teas—$2.50 to $6.00.

Edison Phonographs and Records

Artistic Kelva Ware

The newest artistic ware on the market and one that has become immediately popular. It is being shown this year for the first time in New York and Chicago. The women simply rave over it.

We have a nice line of it, but as people like to give these new things, the stock is apt to sell out early and we will not be able to get more until after the holidays.

Smokers' Articles

You make sure of cigars he will like by getting them of us. In boxes of 12, 25, 50 and 100, at 50c, $1.00, $2.00, $3.00, $4.25 per box.

Smokers' sets from 25c to $1.50.
Pipe sets from $1.00 to $2.50.
Cigar cases from 25c to $1.00.
Pipe racks from 50c to $3.00.
Cigar jars from 25c to $4.00.
Tobacco jars from 25c to $2.50.
Ash receivers from 10c to $1.00.
And various other articles.

Bric-a-Brac

More variety in this line this year than ever. Ornamental and novel articles suitable for either lady or gentleman.

Vases

A suitable present for a lady. Our assortment is complete with a wide range of prices.

Have Plenty of Games

Every game that goes into the home helps to make home more attractive for the children and often for their elders.

We have attractive games between 5 cents and $1. Card games, board games, chess, checkers, cribbage board and many instructive and entertaining games.

Our line of children's games is particularly fine. A B C and spelling boards, the latter a most desirable gift for little folks.

Articles securely packed for out-of-town shipment.

L. W. McConnell, Druggist, McCook

DANBURY.

Jacob Korb is on the sick-list, this week.

Mrs. A. S. Palmer's recital was well attended.

Dr. Minniear is having a furnace but under his house.

Lee Delong is back from the wheat fields of Kansas.

William Mackey and family are living over the bank now.

W. T. Henton's baby had an attack of croup, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Young spent Saturday in McCook.

Mr. Dowd is improving his place to the extent of a new stable.

Mr. Evers is putting up a shed south of his implement house.

Mrs. E. J. Bull and family left on Saturday for Boulder, Colo.

The Dow boys spent Saturday and Sunday with J. L. Sargent's family.

Jud Remington has finished shucking corn and has 5,000 bushels.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Emberling of McCook spent Sunday with Mrs. Simeon Billings.

S. S. Graham and W. A. Minniear left, Wednesday, for California, on a visit.

Rev. Murr has returned from Cambridge, where he has been helping in holding revival services.

William Musgrave is back from Cambridge, where he has been shucking corn for the last month.

J. L. Sims shipped two cars of hogs to Kansas City, this week. G. B. Morgan sent eight crates of turkeys.

J. L. Sims has sold 20 acres of land to James Nutt for $100 an acre. Mr. Hulburd is drilling a well on the tract.

Frank Burbridge is over from Indianola visiting the family and his many friends prior to his departure for Superior, Nebraska.

Jas. Williams, the county surveyor, has been doing some work straightening lines in Gerver precinct. His work as county surveyor has been very satisfactory.

About $1,300 worth of poultry was shipped out of Danbury, last week: The regular chicken car took $700 worth. G. B. Morgan shipped to the value of $225, W. A. Stone $150, Philip Gliem $150.

The patrons of this district have been saved between $500 and $1,000 by the generosity and public spiritedness of G. B. Morgan, who has donated the district two acres of land for a site and grounds for the new school house.

BANKSVILLE.

J. A. Hoffman is still picking corn.

Mamie Mann is teaching the Kelley school, west of Banksville.

Wm. Relph has equipped his well with a new windmill, quite recently.

Miss Julia Goodenberger is able to be at her school again, this week, for the first time since her runaway.

Winter is with us. Nearly one one inch of snow and the thermometer marking, this morning, 17 degrees above.

I. L. Elliott finished his corn, last week, and has a crop of 2,000 bushels from 120 acres. He has sold 500 bushels for 35 cents per bushel.

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R. F. D. R. NO. 1.

Perry Stone of the Driftwood was over on Ash Creek, Wednesday, on business.

E. E. Rogers, W. E. Bowers and J. W. Roberson are arranging to have phones placed in their farm homes.

Joseph Downs lost a fine cow, Tuesday. It is supposed she was shot in the neck by a hunter, and she had to be killed.

W. N. Rogers sold a fine young male Hereford, last week, to a party living near Grand Island. He got $300 for the youngster.

W. N. Rogers has an invitation to attend a unique wedding down near or in Exeter, the day before Christmas. The man in the case is a cousin of W. N.'s. The father and two daughters will be married on the same day.

And Her Name Was Maude.

A Lincoln man who went into Red Willow county to hunt quails not long ago, tells of a peculiar runaway accident that befell two citizens who live just over the Nebraska line in Kansas. The two men drove to town one day in a wagon drawn by a span of mules. After several hours spent in town they climbed back into the wagon, with considerable difficulty, and swaying rather unsteadily in their seats started to drive home. Before they had gone far a heated argument arose to whether the mules would run away if the lines were to be thrown to the ground. One man contended that things would go on just as if nothing had happened, and the other asserted thickly that he was a liar. Trial by ordeal was the only way to settle the matter, so they dropped the lines and waited. During the next five minutes the wagon and two much dazed men were scattered irregularly along the next mile and a half of road. The innocent parties to the transaction—the mules—escaped uninjured. —Lincoln Journal.

Maccaroni Wheat a Winner.

Henry Boehling, a German farmer who lives over southwest of the city, has tested the merits of Maccaroni wheat to his satisfaction. Last year his planting of wheat embraced 100 acres. Of this total 60 acres were planted to California wheat and 40 to Maccaroni. His harvest from the white wheat was 180 bu. From the Maccaroni 640 bushels.

Going the Limit.

A drummer named Peck put up at a hotel in Oklahoma, the landlord of which was the president of the school board. The landlord, who was a jolly, whole souled fellow, suggested that they visit the schools, the president of the board first putting on a long tailed coat, saying:

"She adds dignity, an' then she hides my gun, which are a bad example 'afore them children. I don't approve of anybody under fourteen carryin' a gun."

After returning to the hotel from the visit of inspection the president of the board, now transferred into a landlord, said:

"Peck, you're a good feller. You ain't goin' to let your light be hid under a bushel, Peck?"

"No, I ain't," said Mr. Peck, rather dubious as to the compliment.

"Well, I tell you what I'm goin' to do fer you. Bein' as you're a good feller, I'm a-goin' to have clean sheets put put on your bed, dad me if I ain't!"

Awkward.

Mrs. Norton came home from a call one day in such a disturbed condition that it was evident tears were not far in the background. She lost no time in beginning her explanation.

"John," she said to her husband, "I am so mortified I don't know what to do."

"What is the matter, my dear?" asked Mr. Norton.

"I have just been calling on Mrs. Peverill. You know her husband, Major Peverill?"

"Yes."

"Well, I have just learned today, to my horror, that 'major' isn't his title at all. 'Major' is his first name."

"Why, certainly. I've always known that. What is there so mortifying about it?"

"Nothing," said Mrs. Norton, with a groan, "only that I've been calling him 'major' every time I've met him for the last six months!"—London Answers.

The "Cry" of Silk.

One of the most peculiar features about manufactured silk is the rustling sound familiar to every woman. In the silk trade they call it the "cry" or sometimes the "scroop." Of all textiles silk is the only material which possesses it.

As everybody knows, the sound is heard especially when silk is subjected to friction. What is not so generally known is that the quality is found in silk yarn before it is woven. A skein of silk, unless it has been so treated as to kill this property in it, will when opened up emit the noise slightly. When the skein is squeezed in the hand, the sound becomes quite audible.

The "cry" is considered a very desirable quality in silk. Dyers try to develop it as much as possible.

Unexpected Applause.

Shortly after Mr. Wilson Barrett joined the theatrical profession he became a member of a company performing at the old Theater Royal, Dublin. His part, naturally, was a small one, and, greatly to his surprise, his first speech was greeted with a round of applause. This unlooked for tribute elated the young actor, and he exerted himself to sustain the good impression he appeared to have made. Just as he was leaving the theater one of the scene shifters grinningly accosted him and said, "Sure, it's got about among the bhoys that ye're a brother of the man that was hung!" A Fenian named Barrett had that morning paid the extreme penalty of the law.

An Absurd Custom In Vienna.

In Vienna every man's home is his dungeon from 10 p. m. to 6 a. m. Vienna is a city of flats, and at 10 p. m. the common entrance door of each block is closed and bolted. Thereafter persons passing in or out must pay a fine of twopence to the concierge until midnight and fourpence from that hour to 6 a. m. To go out to post a letter costs twopence and the same amount to return. To prolong a visit to a friend after 10 p. m. means twopence to get out of his house and twopence more to enter your own. A natural result of this irritating tax is that of all capital cities Vienna is earliest to bed.

Sparing His Feelings.

Hettie—Now that you have broken your engagement with Fred, shall you return to him the diamond ring he gave you?

Minna—Certainly not, Hettie. It would be cruel to give him a thing that would be a constant reminder of the happiness he had missed.—Boston Transcript.

Somnambulism.

Blond persons are more apt to be somnambulists than dark folk, and in cold climates there is more somnambulism than in warm ones. In certain Greenland villages the hut doors are locked from without by a watchman in order that those within may not come forth in their sleep and maybe freeze to death.

The Canalboat.

"The captain was leading the horse and his lieutenant was at the rudder," said a lawyer in an English court recently, describing an incident in the voyage of a canalboat.

"Where was the crew?" inquired the judge.

THE FUNNY PUFFER.

A Fish That Blows Himself Up Into a Round Ball.

The funniest little fellow in salt water is the puffer or swell fish. Fishermen call him the blow fish.

When he is swimming around at ease with nothing to alarm him he looks queer enough, for the skin of his abdomen is all loose and wrinkled, and he has such a funny little tail and such ridiculous little fins and such a big, three cornered head that he looks entirely absurd. His mouth, instead of being big and gaping, as most fish mouths are, is only a tiny round hole at the end of a pointed, conical snout. Out of this circular mouth protrude his teeth, like those of a rabbit.

He would be about as homely a fish as could be made if it were not for the beautiful orange and yellow and silver colorings that play all over him.

But queer as he looks when he is at ease it is only when he is frightened or excited that he becomes really funny. If he is hooked, for instance, he comes to the surface grinding those protruding teeth so that the sound can be heard a good many feet away. And then as soon as the hand touches him he begins to grunt hoarsely, and with each grunt he swells a bit till within a few moments he has puffed himself so full of air that he is quite round and firm like a ball. So thoroughly does he distend himself with air that when the fishermen hurl him at the water with all their force, as they often do, he will bounce just like a rubber ball.

If he is dropped into the water after blowing himself full of air he floats on it as lightly as thistledown, and he will stay that way until he has assured himself that danger has gone by. He does the same when he is pursued by other fish. And as he floats almost entirely out of water, with only a little bit of his hard, spiny body sunk under the surface, very few fish can hurt him once he is inflated.

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