

# It is Time

for you to begin looking for your Christmas presents. Did you know that there is nothing that pleases a lady so much as fancy china.

If you do not know what to get for your wife, sister, sweetheart, or friend, just decide on a piece of hand-painted china and it will always be a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

This store has added a new department within the past three months:

## THE QUEENSWARE DEPARTMENT

the largest line ever shown in the city. Notice too that this is a WHOLE NEW LINE; everything on the shelves and racks are this season's latest. No last year's goods to mix with them. It is impossible to describe the line. You are invited to come in and take your time in looking through the stock.

## THE FURNITURE DEPARTMENT

has also been increased by many fancy pieces suitable for Xmas gifts. A good easy rocking chair makes the most welcome present to the whole home.

Don't forget to come in and look through the Queensware.

**J. E. Ludwick**

The House Furnisher

## Christmas Reminders

At our store you will find an abundance of beautiful and useful

**Lunch Cloths, Doilies, Tray Cloths, Pillow Tops, Hardanger, Mont Mellic and Eyelit Embroidery Patterns, Battenberg Patterns, Threads, Silks, Needles, Hoops, etc.**

Our stock of RIBBONS, HANDKERCHIEFS, LACES, BEADING, YARNS, etc., is in complete readiness for Christmas shoppers and you should call at once and see our assortment of

### Wide Pillow Ribbons for 10c a yard

They come in all colors, on cream scrim, and have the shir string at one edge to make fullness.

We handle the  Call and see them

They cost you no more than the ordinary kind—from \$1 up.

### Kimonas and Bath Robes

We have had such an enormous sale on KIMONA SILKS, JAPANESE FLANNELETTES, and BATH ROBE PATTERNS, with cord and tassels to match, that duplicate orders have been rushed to the eastern markets, and you will find SOMETHING NEW EVERY TIME you call at the "New Store."

**H. C. Clapp**

New Walsh Block - Phone 56 - McCook

### BETEL NUT CHEWING.

It is the National Diversion of the Siamese People.

Betel nut chewing is the national diversion of the Siamese. Every one from high to low is addicted to the habit, and preparation of the quid for those too poor to own ingredients and boxes is in every town quite a business of itself. In the smallest settlements one sees peddlers squatting before their trays of little boxes holding lime and seeds of tobacco and packages of syrah, or green betel leaves. The betel tree is among the most common in Siam, sending up a trunk sometimes full sixty feet, always, like the cocoanut, limbless except for its bush of a top, where, again like the cocoa, the nuts grow in closely attached bunches, to harden and redden before gathered.

The cardamom seed, or clove, is an extra of the well to do and especially of the women. The common habit among men of the country is to add a pinch of tobacco after first rubbing it over their gums. The bright red saliva from chewing is, in the town house, carefully deposited in a handsome silver receptacle. In the up country house sits between the open bamboo flooring obviate the necessity for such niceties. But always on formal occasion, even in the jungle edge, the betel nut chewer carries his box for the freely flowing juice that stains the teeth a deep red, which among the better class with care and attention becomes a highly polished black.

And this is true even of Siam's most enlightened classes, whom contact with the outside world appears not to win from the betel nut and discolored teeth. In Bangkok I talked with one of royal blood and his wife, both of whom had lived several years in England, yet the teeth of each were black as ebony, and the woman frankly expressed her disgust at the white teeth of foreigners. Dogs and other four footed animals, she declared, have white teeth. Blessed is contentment!—Outing.

### PYTHONS AS PETS.

According to Dr. Mann, They Are Perfectly Harmless.

Dr. Mann, an enthusiastic lover of snakes, contributes to a recent English volume a letter which goes to show that the larger kinds of these creatures "may have far more character and emotion than they are generally credited with.

"My present boa," he writes, "always sleeps in my bed around my feet. He is perfectly clean, lies still and very seldom disturbs me. Occasionally he crawls to my face to lick it. I frequently take a python to bed, but at present she is timid, and if she cannot find my feet crawls out of the bed and curls herself on the floor.

"I do not myself believe that any python or boa is savage, but they are dreadfully timid, especially from the ill treatment they receive when first caught and the misery and terror they endure on the voyage. There is another thing: They have no eyelids and on being suddenly uncovered and dragged forth to the light suffer from the glare very acutely. It is best, therefore, to hide their heads in your hand or under your coat.

"Handle them often and give them water, pressing their heads gently into it. I feed my boas frequently from my hand, but the last time I offered a python a guinea pig the prey escaped, and the python took in the whole of my hand instead. He soon discovered his mistake and was greatly distressed, rubbed his head against my hand and seemed to fear some sort of punishment.

"Since that time I have had great difficulty in persuading him to eat unless I nurse him or take him to bed, when he will lie the whole night with his head in my hand."

### Pets That Cannot Walk.

In oriental countries it is customary to have valuable fish as household pets, in the same way as we have cats and dogs, and in almost every house in Japan one can find jars containing some fine specimens. Japanese nobles have large aquaria, in which are to be found species of odd and curious fish that have been bred and cultivated for the last 500 years and more. In China the paradise fish is a good example of the result of careful cultivation, for it is nowhere found in a wild state and is remarkable for its colors, which surpass in beauty those of any other fish extant. Another household pet is the Chinese comet goldfish, which is equipped with immense caudal fins that spread out like sails when the creature is swimming.

### Put on the Brake.

If the people about you are carrying on their business or their benevolence at a pace which drains the life out of you, resolutely take a slower pace; be called a laggard, make less money, accomplish less work than they, but be what you were meant to be and can be. You have your natural limit of power as much as an engine—ten horsepower, or twenty, or a hundred. You are fit to do certain kinds of work, and you need a certain kind and amount of fuel and a certain kind of handling.—George S. Merriam.

### The Best Guide to Reading.

Of all the gifts an older brother or sister can confer upon a younger child none can compare with the taste for good reading. It is an easy matter for the elder to bring the right book to the little reader at the right time, and no lasting benefit can be given with so little effort. See that you are able to act as a wise guide when the little brother's or sister's hand is put so confidently in yours.—St. Nicholas.

A curiosity in the shape of a puff ball as big as a man's head is on exhibition in a store at Bowdoinham, Me.

### RURAL FREE DELIVERY NO. 1.

Charlie Downs is suffering with a severe cold.

John Leibbrandt has just about completed his new house.

Joseph Downs has lost three calves since turning his cattle in the cornstalks.

Earl Notley arrived home from Curtis, Wednesday and says he has come to stay.

This paper and The Weekly Inter Ocean—\$1.05 gets both for one year. Special deal.

Rudolph Podolski and Wm. Baumback are visiting with friends and relatives in Canada.

The wind has been so very quiet the last few days that a number of farmers had to pump water by hand for their cattle.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wilcox a baby girl Dec. 6th. There isn't any sign of race suicide there for it is their ninth child.

It is coming the time of the year when pennies left in the bottom of the box freeze tight in a very short time and it would be convenient to the carrier for the patrons to lay in a stock of stamped envelopes or stamps to help alleviate his troubles.

The Brittain-Jacobs bridal party of last Thursday came near ending disastrously. The team became frightened at the switch engine and before they were quieted broke a couple of spokes out of one wheel besides doing other damages but nothing serious.

### BOX ELDER.

C. H. Mundy is husking corn for Stephen Bolles.

Lern Triflett left, last Saturday, for his home at Cambridge.

Mr. and Mrs. John White visited with Mr. and Mrs. N. Tubbs, last Sunday.

Plans are being made for an entertainment and Christmas tree at the church. A. W. Campbell left, last Saturday, for Beatrice for a business and pleasure trip.

Mrs. Stephen Bolles and son Orla returned, last Saturday, from their visit in Kansas.

Mrs. Ward and son-in-law George Shepherd were callers in this vicinity, one day last week.

Miriam Loomis, an old settler of this county, now a resident of Wyoming, has been visiting old acquaintances in this vicinity.

Dynamos Driven from Car Axle. The Great Western Railway of England is lighting its corridor trains by electricity obtained from dynamos driven from the car axle. Storage batteries are carried for use when the running speed is slow and for stops.

## Stock Reducing Sale

In order to reduce our grocery stock largely by the first of the coming year we have decided to give our patrons the advantage of a

**Reduction of 10 to 20 per cent.**

on many items in our large line of fresh and first-class goods, such as

## California Fruits Coffees, Etc.

You will save 5c a pound on your coffee, and proportionately more on other items.

## Take Advantage of This Opportunity

The "IN-ER-SEAL CADETS" will be with us Saturday aweek.

"Never Fail" 5-gallon Oil or Gasoline Cans for \$1.50. They are world-beaters.

**J. A. Wilcox & Son**

## A \$5 Suit of XTRAGOOD Clothes FREE to the Best Boy Detective

The man who sells XTRAGOOD boy clothes for Ederheimer, Stein & Co., Chicago, is coming to see us within ten days. We will give FREE any XTRAGOOD suit in our store to the first clever boy under 16 years of age who finds THIS man before he leaves town.

### What You Must Do

When you think you have found the right man, say to him, "YOU ARE FROM EDERHEIMER, STEIN & CO., CHICAGO, AND SELL XTRAGOOD CLOTHES." Remember these words. If you say anything else he will not answer.

**H. H. TARTSCH**  
The Clothier

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A splendid tonic for the hair, makes the hair grow long and heavy. Always restores color to gray hair, all the dark, rich color of youth. Stops falling hair, also. Sold for fifty years.

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