Presents to the Right of You! Presents to the Left of You! Presents All Around You



No cornering the market to put prices up at BARR'S!!!!

No taking advantage of the Holiday Season to get High Prices at BARR'S!!!!!

Just the Same Low Prices this Month as Last at BARR'S.

PRESENTS ON BASEMENT FLOOR

Holiday Dolls.

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Kid body. Bisque Head Dolls, with hair 8 to 10 inches long, 25c each.
See our Pressed Dolls at 25c and 50c each.
Kid body Dolls, bisque and washable heads. 16 inches long, only 50c each.
See our handsome Dressed Dolls at \$1.21.
\$1.50 and \$2.50 each.
Elegant Dolls, with kid and jointed bodies at \$1.50. \$2.250 to \$5.
Doll Shoes, Stockings, Bustles, Corsets, Hais, Fans, Parasols, Gloves, Hundkerchiefs, Spectacles, Combs and entire outfits.
Our Leader—We pride ourselves on having the largest and best \$1 Dolls in this country.
Eastern cities not excepted. You have only to see them to be convinced.

Holiday Plush and Fancy Goods.

Plush Collar and Cuff Boxes at \$1 per set. Plush Work Boxes at 50c, 75c, 81 to \$10. Plush Shaving Sets at \$1, \$2 to \$7.50. Plush Albums from \$1 to \$5. Elegant Leather Albums at \$3 to \$5. Scrap-Books from 25c and 50c to \$2,50. Autograph Books from 25c to \$2.

Holiday Books.

Alta Edition of 12 mos., all the latest produc-tions, publisher's price 75c, our price only 25c Doll Peramoulators at 50c, 75c and \$1 each. Wheerbarrows, painted, 25c, 40c and 65c each, nte's Inferno, illustrated by Dore; regular price \$1, our price only \$1.50. B oys' Wagon, 50c, 75c and \$1 each, Bible Gallery, illustrated by Dore; regular pric Trains of Cars from 25c and 50c to \$10. Lo comotives from 25c to \$2. 0. Ivory Illustrated Poems; regular price \$1.50,our price only 75c. Child's Bureaus at 50c, 75c up to 17.50,

Embossed leather, poets; regular price \$1, ou price only \$2. Child's Beds at 90c, \$1,25 up to \$3. price only 81.

Delightful Hours and Playday Books, lilustrated with pictures for boys and girls, only 31c. Holiday Household Presents. Keystone Egg Beaters, from \$1.25 to \$2.7 5each. Self-Pouring Tea Pots, from \$2.50 to \$15 each. Chatterbox for 1888, only 75c.

Holiday Blocks, Games, Etc. Parlor Croquet, \$1.50 and \$2.25 a set.

Parcheesi, \$1 and \$1.50. All Around the World, only 90c, Battledoor and Shuttlecock, from 50c to \$1.50. Combination Pitchette, \$1.25 a set. Kindergarten Blocks, the to 95c. Spelling Blocks, from 10c to \$1. Water Color Paints, from 10c to \$1 per box. Magnetic Toys, from 40c to \$2 per box. Richter's Anchor Stone-Building Blocks, from

Holiday China and Deif Goods Dinner set of 112 pieces, brown decoration, sensible present; only \$9 a set. Handsome line of dinner sets of 125 pieces, good decoration; reduced from \$37.50 to \$25 a set. Elegant line of Haviland Dinner Sets, reduced

Three exquisite set of Haviland China, which we wish to close out. Your choice of either for \$250 per sets. They cannot be duplicated for less than \$ 00,

See our line of Lamps, special at \$5 \$7.50 and \$10.

PRESENTS ON FIRST FLOOR

Cloak, Suit and Fur Dep't.

Alaska Seal Jackets, Loudon dye, prime goods, 3) inches long, \$125. Alaska Seal Sacques, London dye, price only Alaska Scal Sacques, London dye, extra fine, Frice only \$250. Seal Plush Newmarkets, elegantly finished,

price only \$250.

Seal Plush Newmarkets, elegantly finished, price only \$57.

Plush and Surah Silk Tea Gowns, also a choice selection or black silk dresses.

FURS.

Just arrived for holiday presents a large and carefully selected stock of fine furs, initation monkey muit, \$1,00 each, Gemine Alaska Sable, \$4,50 each, Gemine Alaska Sable, \$4,50 each, Russian, Otter and Fronch Seal Muffs, \$1,00, \$2,50 and \$5,50 each, Black Lynx Muffs, \$2,50 each, Black Lynx Muffs, \$2,50 each, Black Lynx Muffs, \$1,50.

Silk Beaver Sets with patent clasps, \$2,50 and \$3,50 per set.

Misses and Children's Russian Otter Muffs, natural color, \$1,50.

Children's Imitation Blue Fox Sets, only \$1,50.

Children's Russian Chinchilla Sets, only \$1,50.

Children's Brown and White Hair Sets, only \$1,50.

Underwear Department.

adies Skirts-An elegant tine of Ladies' Col-ored Black Satin Skirts, plain and fanc ored Black Satin Skirts, piain and fancy striped, ranging in price from \$4.75 to \$17. adles' Knit Underskirts in solid colors and stripes, \$1.75 to \$1 each. These will make suitable Christmas presents for your friends. A Beautiful Line of Ladles' and Misses and Children's Aprons. The largest variety to select from in the city; prices run from 75c to \$1 each. large variety of handsome Tam O'Shanters in all the newest shades; prices 75c, 90c and \$1 each. A handsome line of Chenille and Zephyr Fascinators in all colors; prices 35c, 50c, 60c, 75c, 90c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2. A Complete line of Children's Plush Caps in all the new shades and latest designs, also in Cream surah, embroidered; prices, \$1,75 to \$5 each.

85 each. andsome line of Infant's Long Embroidered Cloaks in Cream, Tan and Light Blue; prices 84, 85, 86, 87 89 to 815 each.

Millinery Department.

-Wings, Fancy Feathers, Breasts, etc., reduced from 50c.
-Fancy Feathers, Birds and Wings; reduced from \$1.
-Birds, Wings and Fancy Feathers; reduced from \$1.50 and \$2.
-Fancy Feathers, elegant goods; reduced Ostrich Feather Pompons; reduced from \$1.50. Black Ostrich Tips, 3-in bunch; reduced from \$1.50. \$1—Ostrich Tips, all colors and Black; reduced -A line of Children's Hats; were \$1.50 and A line of Ladies' Felt Hats; were \$150. 60c—A fine of Ladies Fell Hats; were \$100. fl—Our best Fell Hats and Turbans; from \$2.50. All Trimmed Hats and Bonnets reduced one-

Corset Department. fine Satin Corset filled with bones, side steels; this Corset fits perfectly. Colors, old gold, black, cardinal, peacock blue; only \$3.50. only \$3.50. so full lines of all the leading brands in Sateen in all the delicate tints; price, \$2.50.

Qu'lt, Lap-Robe and Blankets

Department. Vild Cat Fur Lap-Robes, this week at \$13.50, \$17 and \$19 each. Prairie Wolf Skin Lap-Robes, this week at \$13.50 up to \$20 each. Quilts, immense variety and choice is, this week at \$9, 10, \$17, \$14, \$16 and

Sha wl Department.

Light Evening Shawls in all the new colors; prices, \$2 to \$10.

Reversible Velvet Shawls, a great variety of a patterns; prices, \$5 to \$18.50.

Broche Long Shawls direct from Paris; large assortment to select from; prices, \$5 to \$40.

Paris India Shawls in all the new shades; prices \$7.50 to \$40.

Black Cashmere Shawls, our own-importation; prices, \$2.50 to \$18.50.

Fans and Jewelry.

A full line of White Satin Fans at \$1.50 to \$3.

A large assortment of Colored Satin Painted Fans at \$1 to \$5. A full line of Colored Feather Fans at \$5.50 t A great variety of Open Feather Fans at \$8 A full assortment of Moonstone Pins, only 25c each, A full line of Pearl-Headed Pins, only 20c

A full line of Pearl-Headed Pins, only 20c a dozen.

An engless variety of Rnine Stone Collar Buttons, from 40c to 50c.

Full assortment of Garnet and Turquois Bracelets at \$3 a pair.

Large stock of Oxidized Breastpins at 25c each.

A large line of Oxidized Cuff Buttons at 40c to 50c. A large stock of Bon-Bon Boxes, from 75c to \$2.

An endless variety of Ladles' Seal Pocket-books from 25c to 85.

A full assortment of Roan Pocket-books, from 55c to 83.50.

A nice lot of Caif-skin Pocket-books, from 50c to \$1.50.

A large stock of Fancy Leather Pocket-books, from 45c to 83.50.

A nice stock of Alliga tor Pocket-books, from 82 to \$3.50.

A large stock of Metal-front Pocket-books from 55c to 85.50.

75c to \$5.50. A full line of Children s' Purses from 10c to 30c. Fancy Feathers, elegant goods; reduced A full line of Children's Purses from 10c to from \$2.50 and \$3. A large stock of Ladies' Sealskin Bags from 65c

to \$5,50. A full line of Snake-skin Fancy Leather Bags A large assortment of Alligator Bags from 59c to \$7.50.

Lace Department.

75 doz. Black Spanish Guipure Scarfs, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3 each.
65 doz. Black Spanish Guipure Fichus, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3 each.
125 doz. Children's Lace Collars, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, 125 doz, Children's Lace Collars, 25c, 35c, 59c, 75c, 81 each. 235 doz. Hemstitched and Embroidered Muli Ties, I5c, 20c, 25c, 75c, 81, 81,50 each. 125 Real Duchess Lace Collars, 82 25 each. 75 doz, Latest Novelties in Ladies' Chemisettes, 81 to \$4,50 each. add this to hdf depart

Embroidery Department.

375 Real Antique Lace Tidies, 18 inches square Real Antique Bureau Scarfs, \$1.75 to \$7.5

large and complete stock of Real Antique Applique and Nottingham Lace Tidies from 4 % to 21 inches square, in match sets. Vill open Monday a new and elegant line of Apron Embrodery, 40 inches wide, from 50c to \$2.50 a yard, which are very handsome holiday presents and entirely new.

silk Department. Tarry not, turn not to the right or left, but go traight to the largest Silk Stock in America,

and make your selections for self and friends

where you can find
A first-class Black Rhadama for 75c.
A rich Black Faille Francaise for 75c.
A rich Black Faille Francaise for 75c.
A subline Black Sik for \$1.25.
An extra make Satin Rhadama \$1.10.
A rich Black Arnure Royal \$1.
A new weave Margacrite for \$1.
A Black Silk, a big bargain, for \$1.50.
A Black Satin Duchess for \$1.75, is a big bargain, worth \$2.30.
A big selection of China Silks 75c.
A full line of Colored Armures, in all new shades, \$1.25.
A plum in 25-inch All-Silk Dress Velvets, good value, for \$12,50, now \$7.50.
A line of rich novelties in Stripes, in Brocades, in Matclasse, in Armures, in Peau de Soi.
We say we show the largest and best-selected stock in America in Thin Silk Fabrics, for evening wear. In Colored Crepe we are the only house west of New York that owns, a fall line—all at popular prices.

Silk Xmas Presents.

Choice line of black silks, in patterns of from 18 to 21 yds, from \$17.50 to \$41.0). Armure Royal Gros de Flora, Peau de Soie, Faille Francaisse and Cashmere de Lyons, alf the latest weavers and finest silk fabrics. rices 25 per cent less than can be purchased

Dress Goods Department. pieces 36-inch half-wool Body Cashmere a

59 pieces 49-inch all-wool Checks and Pialds at 56e per yard.
59 pieces 55-inch all-wool Checks and Mixtures at 75c per yard.
50 pieces 48-inch all-wool French Henrietta Cloth, silk fluish, at \$1 per yard.
50 all-wool line French Robes to close out this season; have been reduced just one-half their original cost; come early for this lot.

Print Department.

Xmas Presents that everbody can afford.
1,000 pes best dress Calicoes at 7½c a yard; most
useful present possible.
400 pes fine dress Ginchams, held in town at 2½c;
our price for Xmas, 12½c.
500 pes choice dress Sateens, 32 inches in width
and fast colors, to close, 1½c.
100 pes best apron Ginghams, 8½c; every one
can use a few aprons.

Ribbon Department.

, 800 yards No. 9 Satin Ribbon, cotton back, de-sirable for fancy work and decorative purstrates for takey work and decorative pur-poses, at 6% per yard. 2,000 yards No. 12 Satin Ribbon, co ton back, desirable for fancy work and decorative purposes, at 9c per yard. 20.0 yards No. 9 Gros-Grain Ribbon with Satin

Holiday Wheel Goods, Toys, Etc.

The Xmas season is now fully under way at Barr's. We are better prepared than ever to serve the public with desirable and useful arti-

cles for presents at the very lowest prices.

Our lines of Ladies' Silk Hosiery and Underwear are unusually attractive, embracing all the nevelties of the season.

A beautiful assortment of Ladies' Pure Silk

only \$1. deavy Ribbed French Silk Vests, Ladies', high neck, ribbed arms, pink, light blue, cream, cardinal, white, \$3.2), \$3.5, \$3.75.

Black Goods Department.

An elegant and useful Christmas present for a lady is a fine black dress, such as sitk and wool Henrietta, Drape de Alma wool cordurette, all-wool Henrietta, wool reversible or any of the fine variety in new black goods at our mourning department. Please note the following bargains:

2) pieces 33-inch black sil-wool Satin Berber 50c.

15 pieces 42-inch black all-wool Armura, 65c.

15 pieces 42-inch black satin-striped French Batiste, 65c.

Batiste, 65c. 2,000 yards 40-inch black all-wool French Serge, 5 pieces 36-inch black English Henrietta, 50c

Barr's Handkerchief Depart.

ment s now fully supplied with Children's, Ladies' and Gents' Handkerchiefs suitable for holiand Gents' Handkerchiefs suitable for holt-day use.

Children's Handkerchiefs in ½ doz. toy boxes, 25c, 35c, 40c, 55c, 80c per box.
Ladles' Fancy h. s. 10c, 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c.
Ladles' Embroidered, 25c, 35c, 59c, 81 to 32.
Gents' Plain and h. s 12c, 20c, 25c, 51c, 81k
Handkerchiefs in new and attractive colors, 50c, 75c, 81.
China Silk, 00c, 75c, 85c, 81 to 81.59.
Gents' Plue Silk Mustlers, 81, 81.23, 81.50, 81.75, 42, 82.50.

ome early and get the first choice.

Flannel Department.

50c to \$8,75 per box.

Useful and Economical Xmas Presents* 54-inch Ladies' Habit Cloth in 49 different shades, formerly sold at 65c; Santa Claus' 2.50 yards No. 9 Gros-Grain Ribbon with Satin edge, all colors, at 25c per yard.
2.500 yards No. 12 Gros-Grain Ribbon with satin edge, all colors, at 25c per yard.
2.500 yards No. 12 Gros-Grain Ribbon with satin Colored Flannel, formerly soid at 65c; Satin 200 yards II-inten fancy Moire Stripe Sash Ribbon, black only, at \$1 per yard.

FROS. Cry and Underwear Dep't.

P. S.—Short lengths of Silk and Zephyr Em-broidered Flamel Skirting in white and colored at a great reduction. Santa Claus will globe you the opportunity to make handsome Christmas present for very little money.

Mandkerchief Department.

Why do people say Barr has the cheapest Handkershief in the city? Because we buy and sell more at retail than any one house in the 6 country. Look at our prices.
100 dozen Ladies' Fine Embroidered Hemstitched and Scallopel, in blain white and fancy colors, all linea, vic. worth fix each.
20 dozen Ladies' Hemstitched, Fancy Borders,
Union linea, 10c, worth 15c each.
20 dozen Children's Handkerchiefs in fancy St. 51.59.

A very desirable stocking for ladies in our Silk and Cashmere Plated Hose, black and coored, only \$1.59.

We have the following shades in Ladles Pure French Silk Hose. Light blue, violet, pink, lifac, cardinal, cream, wine, fesh, heliotrope, Sapphire, fawn, \$3.25, \$3.59.

Novelties in Ladles' Lise Thread Hosiery, 59c, 75c and \$1.

Children's French Black Ribbed Silk Hose, 5, 90c; 54, \$1.05; 6, \$1.20; 654, \$1.35; 74, \$1.50; 74, \$1.50; 75, \$1.50; 74, \$1.60; 8, \$1.80; 84, \$1.35; 94, \$2.1). This line very cheap, and every pair good value, Ladles' Ribbed All-Wool Vests, blue, pink, cream and white, high ne k and long sleeves; only \$1.

Plush Boxes, containing comb, brush and mirror, at \$1.25.
Tollet and Manicure Sets combined, at \$3.25.
Elegant Tollet Sets at \$1.50, \$1 and \$5.
Very handsome Tollet and Manicure Sets combined, from \$7.50 to \$27.59.
A nice assortment of Manicure Sets, from \$1.25 to \$3.

Art Department. Reantiful hand-painted Chamols Toilet Set

just the thing for a Christmas present; price from \$1 to \$', 5', dies' Work-Baskets, neatly lined with the different colors of satin; price from \$2 to \$1,50.

Fancy Celluloid Boxes, lined with the different figured China silk used for Jewel cases or bandkerchief cases; price \$2.75.
China Silk Drapes, with chamois border cut ont and painted in the different flowers; prices from \$1 to \$3.
Plush Basket Cushions, trimmed in all the different snades of ribbons; prices from 60c to \$1.75.
Pot-Four Head Rests, in two sizes; small size 75c, large size 96c per pair.

Satin Damask Centers for table, stamped with the very latest designs; prices from 90c to \$1.25 each.

Gents' Furnishing Dep' t.

Barr's Gents' Furnishing Department has just been replenished with novelties and useful goods for holiday wear. Sas our selection of Ethich Gray Shaker Flaunel, unshrinkable, Boys' and Men 's Fur Gloves, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3, \$4.25, formerly sold at 40c; Santa Claus' price, 25c & Ge ats' Jersey Smoking Jackets for \$8 and \$11.50. Cardigan Jackets, \$1.55 to \$3.50. J creey Jackets, \$5, all sizes.

Full line of Gents' Dress Shirts, Scarf Pins, Cuff and Collar Buttons.

50 dozen Gents' New Neck-Scarfs, satin lined, 25c; worth 35c each, 20 dozen Gents' Knot and Puff Neck Scarfs, extra quality, 50c; worth \$1 each. dozen Genis' Scotch Wool Gloves, new

shades, 35c pair; worth 75c pair, pair Gents' Gauntlet Fur Gloves, Sout hern beaver, \$4.25; worth \$5-50 pair. 0 pairs Boys' Gauntlet Fur Gloves, Southern

beaver, \$2,50; worth \$1 pair. 30 dozen Gents' Extra Super-stout British Ha If Hose, regular made, l5c; worth 25c pair. 0 dozen gents' Fancy Striped and Solid Colors full reg ular made, \$2 dozen, worth \$3 dozen

Dress Trimming Department. rsian Embroidery, 2 to 6 inches wide, \$3.50 to

*i yard, nch Red Fox and Raccoon Fur, 75c per yard, stal and Silk Pattern Braid and Galoon, 25c to ilk Cord and Braided Girdles 75c to \$1.50 each lack Silk Gimp and Galson, 59c to \$11.50 yard. lack Bead Gimp and Galson, 75c to \$10 yard. ut Steel Gimp, \$1 to \$5 yard. salScal Fur Loops 50c to \$1 each.

Barr's Linen Department.

600 dozen Sideboard Scarfs, 60-inch long, blue red and obligold centers, at 50c each, worth red and old gold centers, at 50c each, worth \$1 each.

0 dozen Sideboard Scarfs, 75-inch long, bine, red and old gold centers, at 60c each, worth \$1.25 each.

2 pieces 73-inch Cream Damask, pure linen, choice patterns, at 60c per yard, never sold for less than 85c.

D pieces 70-inch Cream Damask, pure linen, new designs, at 60c per yard, would be considered good value elsewhere at 75c.

BARK'S BANNER NAPKIN.

00 dozen 24x34-inch Bleached Napkins, pure

300 dozen 21x14-inch Bleached Napkins, pura Irish linen, at \$2 per dozen. It has no equal

Glove Department.

300 dozen Ladies' t-Button real French Kid Gloves, full line of colors and black, in all the newest styles of embroideries, only \$1.25 a rate.

\$1.25 a pair.

oldezen superior quality Ladies' 4-Button Embroidered Black Kid Gloves, soft, pliable and perfect fitting; only \$1.00 a pair.

unplete assortment of sizes and colors in Perrin's and Jouvin's best quality Kid Gloves, the most satisfactory gloves made; \$1,85 a pair.

pair, ne quality of All-Silk Mittens, open-work backs, lined with black or colored slik; \$1.25, backs, lines with backs, and \$1.50 a pair, and \$1.50 a pair, and \$1.50 a pair, and the sof Boys' Scotch Wool Gloves, 35c, 40c

Open until 9 o'clock every night to accommodate the trade at BARR'S Santa Claus Headquarters.

Wm. Barr Dry Goods Co., 16th & Douglas-sts., Omaha

FROM BEYOND THE ROCKIES.

After the Great Boom in Southern California.

SOME THINGS THAT ARE NEEDED.

Immigration Not One of Them-Poor Place for Dudes-Dearth of Manufactories - Cost

of Living.

After the Boom.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 2 .-- [Special Correspondence of THE BEE.] --- My wife and children and myself have just returned from an hour's rambling among the trees and flowers. The sun is shining bright, and the atmosphere is charming. The recent rains have before felt, namely, hard times. The transformed the brown and dusty commons into the greenest of fields. All nature is awake with new life, and California is lovely. It never looks better than at the present season except in than we sell, and are not making it up March and April, when the deciduous by investments of eastern people. The feuit trees are in blossom, and their draft on our circulation to supply the fruit trees are in blossom, and their beautiful colors mingle with the green of the field and the green of the orange

This climate and this country are all chanics, who consume and do not prothat any reasonable man has ever claimed. Compared with the extremes of heat and cold in Nebraska, this is a he may feel certain of success, and paradise, as enjoyable in midsummer as paradise, as enjoyable in midsummer as now is his opportunity. We are in midwinter. The fertility of the just beginning to get acquainted with each other here. The relations soil is so wonderful that if I were to recite the facts my old friends would question my veracity. I love Omaha, and can never break the ties that bind me and mine to her and the state of which she is the metropolis, but the comforts of life in this semi-tropic region are more than enough to makeup for the loss of pleasant associations

Now, the reader need not conclude that I am writing this letter as a boom article on southern California. Bless your dearsoul, there is so little of this products. We are doing little or no

country-the only spot on God's green earth, in the semitropics, where the Anglo-Saxon race has a foot-hold-that it will be taken too soon. The invitation is broad enough to include all who want to come, but it matters very little whether you come or not. Others will be here, and it is only a question of time when every acre of this entire section will be occupied or utilized. I have written this letter to tell many

persons who want to come hither, to stav away. There is no room for them, and no present occupation to give them a livelihood. A man with-out means on which to subsist at least a year should remain east of the mountains. The merchant, lawyer, physician, clergyman and mechanic who is now doing well should stay where he is. It is no time for migration. This country is just now experiencing a touch of what she never population has increased so rapidly that the consumers have outstripped the producers in number, and the real estate foolishness has abated itself, until now we are buying a great deal more continual outward drain is making it-self felt, and money is becoming very scarce. In these conditions the business men, professional men and meduce, are neither needed nor welcome If a man in any occupation can afford now here or who come soon will be able to drop into their appropriate places in

the social body and participate, in the general prosperity which must come to the country. All others had better keep away.

We are buying poultry, eggs, butter, apples, cheese, beef and other necessaries east of the mountains. These we should grow here. We are paying ex-horbitant prices for fuel and petroleum

manufacturing. We are paying extor-We are selling no land and marketing no products. Our capital is locked up in lands or real estate enterprises and just now no eastern money is comwater and rail transportation and close proximity to the lumber forests and lime quarries we pay more for building materials than you pay in Omaha. These are all drawbacks to our prosperity, and these evils must be corrected before we can enter again upon prosperous business career.

The man who has sense, industry and a little money will find here a most encouraging field. In the business of raising poultry alone he can make a fortune. The dairy is profitable as the reader can see when he knows that city consumers pay 8 t cents per quart for milk and from 30 to 60 cents per pound for butter. Market gardening is largely in the hands of the Chinese, and in competition with them is hardly profitable, though the little brown men amass considerable fortunes with their ridiculously low prices. The growing of deciduous fruits, grapes, oranges, etc., is usually profitable, and always so if the deciduous product is cured by grower. Alfalfa hay brings \$10 to \$12 per ton, and yields from five to eight tons to the acre. Barley hay is worth almost as much. All kinds of horticultural and agricultural products may be counted upon for a profit, and yet ranching and farming is uncertain because of the uncertainty of a market. With millions of pounds of apricots, pears and peaches, very little drying or can ning is done. The northern canners and dryers control the market for cured California fruit. Fig growing and orange growing are profitable year after year, except when some parasite makes its appearance. The scalebug has destroyed many orange orchards in some localities, and some unknown pests have killed whole vineyards of raisin grapes.

Capital and skill are needed here. Both can be profitably employed. I know of no city or country which can so positively assure quick returns to investors who are willing to establish small factories or large ones. Several fruit drying and canning companies can make money by going into that business. Nails, leather, white lead, woolens, etc., can all be made

here. The mountains are full of ores of one kind and another, and recently good bodies of coal have been found Petroleum is plentiful in several locali. ties, and some company with a little capital can pipe it forty to one hundred miles and make a fortune supplying

The reason why capital has not hitherto directed its attention to these sensible sources from which to derive profit is because popular fortunes could be quickly amassed in real estate speculations. Now the conditions are changed and the wealth of hundreds of capitalists seeking homes in this lovely and fertile region must turn into other channels. We are now between a fictitious boom and a permanent prosperity. Having just passed through a similar experience in Omaha, your readers can form some conception of the situation here. I may add in closing that the prospects are just as bright for the future of Los Angeles to-day as they were in Omaha one year ago. We are fast getting through "the sweat" and will adapt ourselves to the new order of things. In other words we will develope our material resources, build our manufactories, utilize our fuel and mineral supplies, cultivate our lands, cure our fruits and do business generally on business principles. The man who can-not accept this situation and make the best of it will not like southern California. The climate, the beautiful vegeta tion, the lovely homes, the ever blooming roses, the fragrance of the orange blossoms and the delightful sea breeze will not satisfy him and he will go back to his eastern home to declaim against California. T. W. BLACKBURN.

A LESSON IN GEOGRAPHY.

Ernest Jarrold in New York Evening Sun. It will be necessary to state at the outset that this remarkable geographer and natural historian is a freckled, hatless, and shoeless boy known as Michael Finn, jr. Mike is not a brilliant scholar in rudimentary English. Still he can spell Constantinople, which he did in the following manner the other day when his mother had company and after she had encouraged him with, "Now, Mickey, take yer thumb out iv yer mout an' spell that haythen name for auntie, that's a good b'y." Bashully hanging his head little Mike

began: "C-o-n, there's yer Con. S-t-a-n, there's stan. There's yer Constan. T-i, there's yer ti, there's yer Constanti. N-o, there's yer no, there's yer Constantino. P-u-l, there's yer pul, there's Constantinopul!"

"Luk a' that now! Faix, Mrs. Finn, yer b'y has a great head, so he has. Musha, but this eddecation is a quare thing. An whare' is this place, Mickey?"

This question staggered Mickey for a ninute. He scratched his head, and replied at a hazard: "In Asy!" "Ah, ha, is that so?" replied his aunt.

"An tell me, Mickey, is that anywhare near Ireland?" "Naw," replied the boy bridling with consciousness of the largeness of his aformation. "It's right foreinst Afriinformation. cay, where th' black nagure's ate ye. On'y in Constan-ti-no-pul th' nagure's valler an' thare's more dogs thare than

"Ow, ow," exclained his aunt, raising

her hands in surprise. "An' fwhat does they do wid th' doggs?" "Makes sassidge iv 'em!"
"Oh, th' b'asts. But tell me Mickey,
is it pork sassidge er bolo'ny sassidge?" Again little Mike was nonplussed. After a little reflection, however, he re-

hairs on me billy goat's back.

"I'm afther thinking it must be bolo-'ny sassidge, for how could they make pork sassidge out it a dog?"
"Thrue fer ye, Mickey, I didn't think
o' that. But fwhat else is thare 'sides
doggs?"
"Well, there's alleygaters in th' river
Nile beyont th' city with mouths on

Nile, beyant th' city, with mouths on them like th' hitchen dure. These animals is as long as a fince, an' they comes up on th' shore an' lays there wid thare mouths' open till the little childre crawls in. Thin th' alleygaters swolleys the childre, clothes an' all, widout anny salt aither, so they do, an smacks their lips fur more "Ah, th' little dears! God help thim, An', Mickey, does thim animals ate manny o' th' childre?"

"They ates all they can get, an' picks their teeth wid the ind iv their tails, which is sharp as nadies jist fur that."
"An' don't the childre squeal?"
"Sure they does; but th' squa'lin' comes "An' whare's th' p'licemin wid thare

"l'licemin!" scornfully replied Michey. "Shure, th' haythins don't hav' any use for sich min. Musha, they don't care a ha'po'th fur childre 'ceptin' they're b'ys. So it's on'y gurrals th' alleygaters ates."

"Och, millta murther, th' haythin blaggards! Oh, th' nagurthaves! An' so I'm thinkin' th' mothers an' fathers 'ud be sittin' forninst the dures watching thim animals swallyin' the gurls, an' they lookin' on an' winkin' at the alleygaters. Dear, dear! Well, if I had wan iv thim Con-stan-ti-no-plurs here, do you know fwhat I'd do wid him, Mickey? Do ye know fwhat I'd do wid me two hands, avic? Well, I'll tell ye fwhat I'd do, begob; I'd hould his head bechune me two knees, like a head o' cabbidge, d'ye moind, an' I'd bate in his shkull wid me fisht, so I would, an' more power t' me arrum till I'd do it!"

In her excitement Mickey's aunt rose to her feet and started in search of the poker to give him a practical example of what she could do with that instrument. Mrs. Finn, however, soothed her ruffled mind by handing her Mr. Finn's cutty wipe, loaded to overflowing with "Hod-carriers' Delight." she puffed away she became calmer, and alleded to the untimely fate of the unfortunate babies in the following feeling manner:

"Ah, well, God is good. He knows best fwhat is best fur thim little haythins r'ared in darkness. Faix, it's betther fur thim t' die young and go t' glory than t' be growin' up t' be canny-bals, so 'tis. Then, mebbe, if they growed up they'd come over t' Amerikay in big ships an' cut down the Irish gurls' wages. Faix, it's little enough pay th' Irish are gettin' now. so 'tis. What wid th' Swades an' th' Dootch, th' Irish colleens hav' no show, not t' min-tion th' Chinese, bad cess t'th' rat aiters! But. Mickey, tell me, does anny

iv thim animils ever be kilt?"
"Aye, shure they do, but its mighty haard killin' thim, Ye see, they has scales on thim like a shad, on'y as as a shtove plate and as haard, so a bul-let 'ud scut off their backs like a marbic off th' roof. So, fwhat d'ye think they do but shoot thim from th' inside." Mrs. Finn looked up and said in a

tone of reproach:
"Now, Mickey, don't be tellin' yer auntie anny lies!" "'Deed I don't hav' t' be tellin' lie s

mother," said little Mike, indignantly. But I'll get th' book an' show her th' picture where th' women is feedin' the alleventers.

Mickey disappeared in great haste in the bed-room and reappeared in a short time with a tattered old-time geography. He turned over the leaves rapidly in his haste to establish his eputation for truthfulness, and at last in triumph displayed a picture representing the woman of Hindostan offering up their children to the crocodiles in the river Ganges. Both the women examined the picture minutely, and uttered exclamations of surprise. Sustained and soothed by the these evi-dences of unquestioning belief, Mickey related how the "alleygaters" were cap-

"Ye see that alleygator wid his mouth open? Weil, whin wan o' thim haythins wants a pair o' cowhide boots t' kape his feet out o' th' wet, he takes an ould tomaty can an fills it full o' blastin' powdher. Thin he'll put a bit o' fuse t' the can an' fire it out t' the big mouth that's out in the wather standin' open like a cellar dure. Thin the haythin'll put his fingers in his ears, and there'll be a bang like thunder, an' th' wather'll shoot up like a fountain. If ye were walkin' along th' the shore, in about two minutes, auntie, wid ver hands in ver pockets an' smokin' yer poipe, ye'd see the dead alleygater comin' up t'th' top o' wather, an' a hole in his back as ye c'ad out a barcal in '' c'ud put a barrel in."
"An' what thin, Mickey?" said his

agitated aunt. "Well, thin," resumed little Mike, they tows him ashore wid a tow-line an' they pries out his teeth wid a crowbar an' makes knife handles iv thim; they pulls out his back-bone t' make hoe-handles, an' shoe-brushes out iv his eye winkers, an' boots iv his shkin."
"Dear, dear, luk a' that now! That's what ye l'arn when yere eddicated.

Sorra a bit o' me iver heerd th' loikes afore. An' fwhat kin' o' l'arnin' d'ye call all that, Mickey?" "That's g'ogerphy," replied the scholar.

In the decline of life infirmities beset us, to which our youth and maturity were strangers, our kidneys and liver are subject to derangements but nothing equals Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver and Kidney Balm as a regulator of these