

SEEN IN THE STORE WINDOWS

Attractive Designs, Intended to Please the Christmas Buyers. VAST FORESTS OF HOLLY AND MISTLETOE.

Effective Holiday Creations, the Handiwork of Artists, Viewed from the Sidewalk. Many Enthusiastic Admirers.

This is the time when the holiday trade is presumed to reach high-tide and local business establishments are neglecting no attraction that can draw buyers to their counters.

According to the time-honored custom, which is founded as well on cold-blooded commercial calculations as on any inherent admiration for the beautiful, the downtown show windows are wearing their holiday garb.

MERCHANTS PLAN THE PLOT. These husbands can tell you just how much that combination of woman and show windows has cost them.

Diagonally across the street is a similar establishment where the windows present an attractive picture of a winter scene.

The windows of another shop store on the same street are decorated in white and pink. Both the floor and the interior wall are decorated with artistic designs.

NOVELTIES AND NOVELTIES. The furniture establishments are not behindhand in their efforts to attract a number of very ingenious and striking decorations.

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There has been no general reduction in sleeping car rates, but I recall some reductions which affected our line, notably between Chicago, Omaha, Denver and San Francisco. The present rate from Chicago to Omaha is \$2.50; from Omaha to Denver it is now \$2.50, and was formerly \$3.00.

Can a first-class passenger occupy the second-class sleeping car if he chooses? The passenger can have his choice of a first or second-class sleeping car, as he does between a first and second-class passenger coach.

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WEEKLY TWO DAYS SPECIAL. MONDAY AND TUESDAY TO GET BARAINS FROM THE GREAT CLOSING OUT SALE OF THE S. P. MORSE BANKRUPT STOCK.

S. H. OLSON CO. GENTS' FURNISHINGS, SILKS, DRESS GOODS, HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR. Ladies' black silk hose, 2.00. Ladies' very fine black hose, 1.90.

JEWELRY DEPT. Stick Pins, Goods worth 5c and 10c, CLOSING OUT PRICE, EACH, 2c. Goods worth 10c to 20c, CLOSING OUT PRICE, EACH, 7c.

Our Last Two Days Cloak Selling. We are going to quit with a little stock as possible. We are going to sell whole skins Astrakhan Capes, best trimmings, the \$22.00 kind, at, each, \$10.00.

FANCY GOODS. Albums, Collated cover, gold edge, push back, handsome goods, 69c. Crushed Plush Albums, Large size assorted colors, 83c.

TOYS, DOLLS, ETC. China Dolls, each, 10c. 12-inch hair stuffed dolls, each, 5c. 11-inch dressed dolls, each, 4c.

CONDUCTOR MADE A MISTAKE. Peculiar Nervous Affliction. Features of the Complaint Known to Physicians as Locomotor Ataxia.

FATAL RESULT OF A HEAD-END COLLISION. Through a Misunderstanding of Orders Two Suburban Trains Are Wrecked and Many of the Passengers Badly Injured.

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GENERAL MILES' PLAIN TALK. Reiterates His Former Views Concerning the Coast Defense.

SAYS AMERICA IS ALMOST DEFENSELESS. Two Years at Least Will Be Required to Fortify Our Coasts Against the Incursions of a Foreign Power.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—General Miles, commanding the army, has given out a statement by request in regard to the ability of the United States to defend herself in case of war.

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