

Let's go Shopping With Polly



*Christmas time
Is not far off—
Shopping
Must be done.
Such a worry!
Such a bore!
But what
Lots of fun!*

LET POLLY BUY IT!

Do you live out of town? If so, ask Polly to help you shop. She'll be glad to help you. Write her your desires, your size, preference as to color, fabric, etc. She will search the shops, and send purchases to you C. O. D. Write POLLY THE SHOPPER, Care Omaha Bee.

When—
“Polly” tells you
What's just right
Presents
By the score
You'll find
Listed
Here below
Then your
Troubles o'er.

THE atmosphere of Christmas surely pervades Thompson & Holden's store. Visitors during the last week have noticed the festive spirit that seems to make it the natural gift headquarters for everyone who knows the best and wants to give it. Never before have I seen such exquisite gift ideas in ribbon—bags, bouffant caps, boudoir slippers, and the most adorable, little cottage bouquets of violets, sweet peas and rosebuds. You should see the beautiful ribbons in the Ribbon Section for making similar gifts yourself. Undoubtedly you will purchase handkerchiefs for some remembrance and you'll find that every desirable style awaits your choice, both for men and women. Thompson & Holden's is a veritable treasure house of fine linens. The ever popular Madras and Cluny centerpieces and luncheon sets will make a lovely and decidedly welcome present for any feminine friend or relative.

Then for a thoughtful gift, why not one of the new bath robes, padded Japanese silk—Goretien—one exquisite model that had a vast effect of blue, embroidered in silk and cut steel head.

Very new, too, are the silk petticoats with Roman stripes and Dresden flounces.

IT cannot be overemphasized, but the revival of the old English custom of a lighted candle in each and every window on Christmas.

IT'S really truly true! Among the unique things I discovered in the fascinating Gift Shop of Orchard & Wilhelm's are hand-woven table-covers, blankets and bed spreads from the homes of the French Habitués of Canada. You will appreciate how very wonderful and rare these are when I tell you that there are only two other places in the United States where these unusual things are being shown. There are squares of lovely, soft pink wool lined with silk and—exquisite for baby carriage robes—and a most beautiful, old blue knitted bed spread at \$15.95.

OMAHA shoppers are acquiring the New York habit of giving odd dozens of plates.

MRS. Donohue at The Vogue Shop, 3d floor, Rose Building, has so many handsome and exclusive things for Xmas gifts—beautiful pink crepe de chine envelope chemise trimmed with lace and ribbon, \$2.98; handsome pink crepe and lace envelopes, \$3.95. Many exclusive designs in crepe and satin gowns, \$6.50.

YOU'LL rave over the exquisite French blouses at Lamond's 188 Rose Bldg. Georgettes, chiffons, lace and silk. No two alike.

WHERE did you get those beautiful flowers? exclaimed a guest at West Farnam bridge luncheon the other day. “Hess & Swoboda,” of course, she replied. “They do have such lovely things—the very best in town. I think,” was the reply. Your holiday luncheon dinner, tea or reception will be much more

delightful if you grace your rooms with flowers from this shop.

Flowers are the ideal Christmas gift. Can't you just imagine the excitement of delight on Christmas morning when she opens that box of Russell roses and notices they are from her favorite flower shop. Hess & Swoboda, 1415 Farnam street.

N^{EW}, very new! “Out of the Cradle into My Heart,” sung by Rex and Kitty at the Orpheum. Ask Mr. Patten at House's for it.

THERE is an intimate sort of satisfaction in the welcome that awaits you in Matthew's Book Store. You feel absolutely free to “browse” among the infinite varieties of reading matter that fill the shelves of the day.

PILLOWS! A wonderful saddle bag affair of rose silk, ivory lace and French mesh—fitting, fitted, fitted, fitted.

A Nureberg bottle with the old Nureberg coat of arms on it is the perfect Christmas novelty.

THE success of any shop depends on its merit. It is because Gilroy & Selsopke have given such splendid service that women have grown to speak of them as Omaha's most reliable hair dressers.

DANCING! Chamber's Studio, Hotel Castle Experience plus new ideas. Douglas 1511.

LISTEN! I overheard a matron remark the other day that gay, little tea dances in the homes of the fashionables would be the special social stunt for the society buds during the holiday whirl. Of course, charming hats will be an essential part of these affairs. Dancing hats in gold and silver lace with crowns of shade to match the frock are so very, very chic. The exclusive shop of Drabos-Luttig

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are showing the sweetest ones I've seen in town.

D^{AINY} camisoles of cloth or silver and cloth of gold are lovely for party wear.

NOTE this well! The high-topped white kid boot has been decreed by New York society as the correct footwear for Milady this season. Visiting the Napier's Bootery in the Ross building is a snap when you wear a model with an extremely high French heel. Really remarkable for the price, \$8.95; and just the most appropriate boot for the tea and dinner dances, which are going to be so popular during the Yuletide festivities.

SEVERELY plain gold and silver metal and jeweled ornaments are most popular for dancing parties.

THE artificial oranges of Russian violet and rose at The Vogue, 2d floor, Rose Bldg., cannot be told from the real flowers, having the original fragrance.

SUCH astonishing things in jewelry! It really was a treat to look over the display at Combs Jewelry Store. As I wandered about I expected to find many wonderful discoveries of Christmas gifts of loveliness and sentiment in superlative quantities. The rarest things in Canada—such as Manon Jewelry. Unusual creations in scarf pins, distinctive in character and of such exquisite beauty.

K^{NITTING} Bags and Sewing Bags—and for people who do neither—just bags! At Orchard & Wilhelm's, in the Gift Shop.

F^{OR} invalids—people just laid up, an individual breakfast set would be an acceptable gift.

C^{HERRIES!} You don't know how pleased I was to discover Mr. A. T. Benson's Specialty Shop at 1812 Farnam street. Mr. Benson certainly needs no introduction, but you must see those exquisitely dainty Georgette Blouses. No modiste on earth can make you feel beautiful on the outside unless you feel beautiful through and through. Catherine Dwyer, 1704 Douglas, specializes in foundations for smart dressers. Her Goodwin corset is a stunning model that will give you that graceful figure you so desire.

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S^{TUNNING!} Flak and Gage Spring models. La Rue Hat Shop, 322 Rose Bldg.

D^{AINY} little ribbon novelties, as ruffled linenette pins, sachets, bags for powder puffs and garters, make unusual gifts and are shown in large assortment at The Vogue, 2d floor, Rose Building.

Charges Against Chinese Leader Are Dismissed by Police

Charges against Wing Tank, alias Lee Wing, president of the Chinese Merchants' association of Omaha, arrested on suspicion on information received from federal officers in Chicago, have been dismissed by Chief of Detectives Steve Maloney.

Wing Tank had been held since Tuesday under \$500 bonds. He was arrested when local authorities heard that two Chinese gun men had been imported to Omaha presumably to “get” Sam Joe, local restaurant owner. Wing was suspected of being implicated in bringing the two men to Omaha.

No direct evidence against him could be procured, however, so Maloney, after a conference with Department of Justice officials, decided to dismiss the case.

Sam Joe, fearing for his life, has employed a private detective to keep a constant guard over him. He has also applied for permission to carry firearms for protection.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

Ask for and Get SKINNER'S THE HIGHEST QUALITY MACARONI 36 Page Recipe Book Free SKINNER MFG. CO. OMAHA, U.S.A.

THAT wonderful Art and Music House of Hope Co. Does't your mind instinctively turn to this establishment when you think of Pianos, Plano Players, Victrolas or any other musical instrument? Yes, and it's a veritable gold mine of art treasures and bric-a-brac.

A HAPPY Christmas thought—A Kodak! The gift that arouses immediate interest on Xmas morning and adds to the good times at the moment and preserves the happy picture story of your holiday.

SCENTED halls and Dorines on dainty gold and silver chains in old rose, blue, yellow and oriental effects are shown in our best jewelry shops.

WE can live without pictures but— not so well,” says Ruskin. You wouldn't want to be without one of the exceptionally beautiful ones at Milton Dading's, 2030 Farnam street, and special—very special—selections in handkerchiefs, pocket squares and handsome Service plates. You may be surprised, but you can buy as reasonably at this exclusive store as anywhere else about town.

HAVE you discovered the attractive little refreshment nook of the new Merritt Drug Co. in the Ross building? My! but they serve such good things. When you're tired after shopping you'll appreciate a moment of relaxation here over a cup of specially brewed chocolate with whipped cream, or a delicious malted milk would certainly refresh you. And you'll like their “Special” lunches.

A SPECIAL GIFT! A gift prized for the home at Sears “Crane's Linen Lawn.” The Aoyer Stationery Co., 1611 Farnam street—right in the shopping district, carries a splendid assortment of paper for select notes, dainty Xmas cards and brass goods.

F^{OX} furs of all kinds are in favor this winter and are always welcome gifts.

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Nine members of a family living in two small rooms makes for too crowded conditions, in the opinion of Judge Leslie of the juvenile court.

The George Miller family, living at 1922 Dorcas street, consists of the father and mother and seven children, ranging in ages from 10 to 14 years. Answering a summons to appear before Judge Leslie, Mrs. Miller was ordered to move from the present location and into more sanitary quarters. Four of the children were ordered to the detention home.

More Than Two Hundred Saloon Men Want Licenses

According to the records of the city clerk's office, 225 saloon keepers are preparing their applications for liquor licenses from January 1 to April 30, 1917.

COMBS JEWELRY Santa Combs Has Gifts for Mother, Father, Brother, Sister and Sweetheart

DR. C. G. ABBOT GETS RUMFORD MEDALS

American Academy of Arts and Sciences Confers Honor on Smithsonian Professor.

STUDIED SOLAR RADIATION

Washington, Dec. 9.—Dr. Charles G. Abbot, director of the Smithsonian astronomical observatory, has been presented with the Rumford medals by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences for his researches in solar radiation.

To receive the Rumford medals is a signal honor. They are awarded by the academy to American scientists whose discoveries or researches have greatly advanced our knowledge of light or heat. Since the establishment of these medals by Count Rumford in 1796 they have been awarded to only twenty-eight men. Among them were Langley, Edison, Corliss, Ericsson, Rowland, Hale, Thomson and Acheson.

Dr. Abbot has been director of the Smithsonian astronomical observatory at Washington since 1907. When he succeeded its founder, Dr. Samuel Pierpont Langley, late secretary of the Smithsonian institution, Dr. Abbot came to the observatory in 1895, and has done much to advance our knowledge of the sun, especially on the subject of the amount and variability of the solar radiation, on which all animal and plant life on the earth depends.

Value in Heat.

The results obtained by the staff of the observatory in Washington, at sea level; at Bassora, Algeria, three quarters of a mile above sea level; on Mount Wilson, California, at the height of over a mile; on Mount Whitney, California, three miles high and finally by a self-registering apparatus of Dr. Abbot's design carried by free balloons to over fifteen miles elevation, show that the average value of the “solar constant of radiation” is 1.932 calories of heat per square centimeter per minute.

That is to say, when the earth is at the mean distance from the sun, an observer outside the atmosphere, on the moon, for instance, could warm one gram of water 1.932 degrees centigrade each minute by the sun's rays collected over an area of one square centimeter. Expressed in another way, the sun's rays would suffice to melt a layer of ice 426 feet thick each year, at the earth's mean distance. This would indicate that the total heat emitted by the sun in a year equals the heat which would be obtained by burning 400,000,000,000,000,000 (400 sextillion) tons of anthracite coal, although only about four ten-billionths of this enormous heat reaches the earth, or the heat of 160,000,000,000 tons of coal.

Sun is a Star.

A principal result of Dr. Abbot's investigations is the discovery that the sun is a variable star. In other words, the heat derived from the sun is not constant, but changes irregularly from day to day and from year to year through a range of about 10 per cent. This may well affect climates, and an expedition to South America is planned for next year to observe more fully the solar variation in the most favorable cloudless region.

For determining the intensity of solar radiation Dr. Abbot has invented several forms of pyrheliometers—literally, heat-measures. About thirty of his instruments are now used as standards in all parts of the world. His studies have embraced

HER ENGAGEMENT TO WEDDING ANNOUNCED.



HAZEL HEMPEL

Investigations on the dependence of the earth's temperature on solar radiation, and the utilization of the sun's heat for practical purposes such as the solar heater or cooker, and solar engines.

Sensitive Instrument.

Another unique instrument, greatly improved at the observatory in recent years, is the bolometer of Langley, a very delicate electrical thermometer for measuring slight changes in temperature and used in the solar work. This instrument can now measure a change in temperature of one hundred-millionth (1-100,000,000) of a degree, and Dr. Abbot is making further improvements so that it will not only register a change of a billionth of a degree, but it will be ten-fold more efficient in collecting heat as well. The instrument is simple in form, being composed of two very fine platinum threads so arranged in a vacuum, that radiations allowed to fall on one increase its resistance over that of the other, the difference being recorded by a very delicate galvanometer.

Measures Sky Heat.

Dr. Abbot's new instrument known as the pyranometer, used in taking measurements of the light, or heat of the sky, has proven very successful, and it is expected that a new method of determining solar variations by means of this method will enable many observers, who have been unable to undertake expensive and complicated investigations with the spectro-bolometer, to take a part in observing the variability of the sun. The pyranometer may also enable botanists to study the intensity of the light in which plants grow, whether in full sunshine or deep shade.

Last summer, Dr. Abbot and Mr. Aldrich occupied the Smithsonian observing station on Mount Wilson, California, from June to October, where they continued the series of observations on solar radiations in order to follow the variations of the sun. The weather was not as favorable as usual, and early in October it was very rainy, but despite the unfavorable conditions, satisfactory results

were obtained along several lines of the investigations. On Mount Wilson after July 20 they observed much haze, which increased, until on August 5 it became almost a cloud. Extraordinary sunsets, a green moon, and pronounced streakiness near the sun, both morning and evening, reminded them of the phenomena which followed the eruption of Mount Katmai in Switzerland, during July and August, was reported by Dr. Maurer. Dr. Abbot believes that this widely diffused haze may have been caused by volcanic eruptions, and a powerful eruption of the volcano Stromboli in Italy did, in fact, occupy in July, as was reported recently by Prof. Ricco of the Observatory of Catania and Mount Etna.

Aged Triplets, Sisters, Celebrate Together

Mrs. Hannah Bruss, wife of William H. Bruss of Flats, Neb., is one of a “set” of triplets who will celebrate their seventy-seventh birthday, December 28. So far as is known they are the oldest triplets in this country. They were born in Muskingum county, Ohio, December 28, 1839. Their maiden name was King. The other two members of the “set” live in Indiana. Sarah King Fisher is a widow living in Huntington, Ind., and Lizzie Beck Fisher is a widow living in Lena, Ind. They celebrated their seventy-fifth birthday two years ago together in Huntington, Ind.

Give Something That Will Be a Lifelong Remembrance. A dainty piece of rare art work from the far orient will be cherished much more in years to come than something just passing fancy. Our collection of beautiful things, very appropriate for gifts, is more complete this year than ever before. Come in today and visit through Omaha's exclusive gift shop.

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“If it comes from Fadden & Bittner's it must be good” Give Something You'd Be Glad to Get Yourself. We Feature PHOENIX HOSIERY in All Colors FOR MEN 55c to \$1.05 FOR WOMEN 80c to \$2.05 FADDEN & BITTNER 511 So. 16th Street

SILK PHOENIX HOSE. For Xmas One of the nicest gifts you can buy is one of our baskets. Perpetuated Grasses or Imitation Heather. Come in and see them. John H. Bath “The Careful Florist” 1804 Farnam St., Omaha. Phone Douglas 3000.

A COURSE IN Ragtime Piano Playing is an appropriate gift for any member of the family. It will mean enjoyment for all every day in the year. Christensen Studio Walnut 3379. 4225 Cuming St.

Have Hair that Won't Blow Off. There is a feeling of comfort and self assurance in the thought of one's hair won't come off. Every woman, with reasonably good health, may have that kind of hair provided she will give it care and attention. The scalp must be kept clean and free from dandruff. For this purpose there is nothing superior to Newbro's Herpicide. Used intelligently, the effect of Herpicide is quickly apparent in the increased life, luster and luxuriance of the hair. Beautiful hair and Newbro's Herpicide are almost invariably associated. Herpicide eradicates dandruff, checks falling hair, stops itching of the scalp. The odor is delightful. Guaranteed by The Herpicide Co., Dept. 151B, Detroit, Mich. Send ten cents for trial size bottle and booklet. Sold everywhere. Applications at the better barber shops.

VAUDEVILLE IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT

Negro Defendant Tells Judge Education Board is “Arm of the City.”

SUIT AGAINST CONTRACTOR

According to the evidence of William Lawson, negro janitor for the Board of Education, appearing as defendant before Judge Murdoch of the municipal court, a contractor is not supposed to do any work, and the Board of Education is “an arm of the city.” The other arm of the city is the Water board.

Scott Irwin, 2121 North Twenty-eighth avenue, negro janitor in the service of the Water board, brought suit against Lawson for \$11.15 for labor claimed to have been rendered in connection with cleaning the city hall skylight, for which Lawson contracted the job for \$40 with the city through Commissioner Withnell. Irwin was given a judgment for \$10 and costs.

Is His Own Attorney.

Acting as his own attorney, Lawson injected considerable ginger into the proceedings. “Are you working for the city?” asked Judge Murdoch. “I am working for the Board of Education and I suppose you would call that an arm of the city. Guess the Water board is the other arm,” replied Lawson. “I even bought that man some meals,” added the defendant. “Judge, he never bought me a gin-

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