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A rover
And hunt
Thru the Shope You'll find Them O'erflowing Wi h Lovely new Thines The Season's Advancing It's winner

But soon On the wing O, the wind Gay tim Of the year Be ready And welting The hops Are deading In Sming

January sales are here in profusion. There are some splendid bargains offered. I'll be delighted to lend any assistance in the way of making purchases for women readers who live out of reach of our smart shops. Or if you're planning a party let me help you by purchasing the flowers, favors and decorations. I'll send everything C. O. D.

HEN Spring bursts forth
And the days grow warm,
Such a wonderful sight there'll

be—
Of "Ocean-blue," of "Sea-foam," too.
In a marvelous mystery. "Mist" will arise before your

Now I've written a ditty,
I think very pretty,
It bortends the future, I say,
And the words I have quoted
Are "colors" I've noted,
For the new Spring Styles,
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M II BUT there are good things being offered at Thompson-Belland I and the style of the style

SUCH smart wearing appared for women and young girls! Thay tota, too, can be so beautifully outfitted at the A. T. Bennen's Specialty Shop—1812 Farnam. I was in there the other day and was so delighted with the great reduction I found on all garments that I want to tell you about it. There is 25 per cent discount on women's dresses—131-3 off on women's and girls' coats, and such rare bargains in soits that you'd beet see them yourself—and, remember, it's a ceah sale.

member, it's a cash sale.

The blouse that extends over the skirt is popular. I saw two such beautiful models in Georgette with pleated peplums, in one of our could be such a such as the de nigro touched up with a dash of gold, which made it extremely striking—the other of a lovely canary shade.

Workeld by the shout facial blemishes? How a faulty complexion detracts from one's appearance:
Do take your 'woories' to Missisheston, Comfort Shop, Rose Bidg,—and come away happy. Her scalp treatments, too, are very beneficial.

The femiline heart certainly definition in the such training the property hand-made undergarments—and Miss Cole. Linger's Shop, 659 Ree Bidg, cortainly makes the lovellest you giver saw. See her about having your material from the January while sales made up.

Why not surprise your husband by having some palamas or shirts made from the silks now on sale? There are some materials so sultable for that purpose.

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XQUISITE enough for a fairy queen are the hand-made laces shown at The Alla Thuy—that attraction at the Alla Thuy—that attractions to adorn her ingerte—priced from 80 to \$2.50 per yard. There are edges in Cluny and Tiete, so appropriate for inserts in center-pieces and lamp shades.

TNYERESTED! They are still selling

INTERESTED! They are still selling that very beautiful Grueby pottery at Orchard & Wilhelm's gift department—at one-third off. Splendid for birthday or wedding presents.

P doors like lattices, through which the hourt of Persia might

have peeked—beautifully lacquered ones—burnished gold and crude pola-chrome. A glad abiding place for the face of the most beloved.

H ATS from the Drahos-Luttig Shop are alive with individuality of expression which makes for distinctiveness and good taste. Mrs. Luttig showed me two little Chapeaux which were certainly novel in deeign. One of emerald green Rajah and the other in Chrysanthemum braid lined with purple sitk and a hure bunch of purple grapes northing against the crown.

OH, MT! Candy-husgry? Well; next time time you feel that may step into the Merritt Drug Stores—munch a mouthful and take home a bag or hox of lip-tensing Toodies—the highly toothsome—the melt-in-your-mouth sort. Home-made candles appeal to those of fastidious tastes and Merritt has the kind you will want the moment you try them. Chocolate-dipped cherries, cream-nut patties, taffy or caramols.

B EGINNING tomorrow and all week, The Ideal Hair Parlors. Bairf Bidg. will have a nale of high grade hair goods—such an opportunity to renew your switches or to buy some of those bewitching curis for the up-to-date coffure.

D AME Fashion decides the high coffure for evening and dress occasions.

H AIR ornaments of grace and beauty made of platinum set with sparkling imported rhinestones, the latest vogue for evening wear.

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The attractive windows of Napler's Booteris in the Rose Bidg, are showing a varied assortment of black shees—and there are some decidedly clever models in all-aver kid or Batent vamp with kid top in either button or lates style, for \$3.00 and \$4.50. This is certainly very moderate for such Rood-looking boots, in this day when we hear so much about the High Cost of Leather.

HERIS seem to be an important factor when Mindy chooses her boots for the Spring season. For dress occasions she demands the extreme Louis XV heel—but the comfortable one and one-half inch heel is very smart on her strolling boot.

A PPLAUSE: Indeed, there was.

Patton at Hospe's—30c.

WONDER if you're anticipating as much as I am the pleasure of hearing John McCormack sing those lovely Irish fullables of his.

I WANT to particularly emphasize the fact that The Ideal Pleating Company does hemseltching, pleating, company does hemseltching, pleating, button, button, braiding, beading, button-holes, buttons and pleating, Mr. Vermeltren is so heliotal in suggesting the latest decorative touches for your gown.

IT MIST be a comsfort to the soul of Della Robbia to glance down at America from heaven—if that remark is geographically correct—and watch the appreciation of the revival of the wonderful pasts he discovered and the reproduction of his exquisite modeling. Is it the European war that is giving us American color sense?

INDERNITAND that the mode of

I UNDERSTAND that the mode of the moment in Paris is jet embroidery.

C HEERS: The A. Hospe Co. is petting on their famous Titney Plano Sale—which also bedudes plano-Players. Just think of it if for \$1.00 down you can have set aside

any plane you see advertised in either mahogany, quarter-sawed oak or the wonderful curjy waint veneer. All grades of planes are in this sale-the best, the medium and the used. Make your family happy by deciding on one of these planes this week. I'll be so glad to help out-of-town customers in a selection of one of these beautiful-toned lostruments.

FOR the girl who loves a gretty blouse-and what girl doom't'-there are remhants of silk being offered—and if the is at all handy with her needle she is at all handy with her needle she may have one for a lever sone—with an added touch of hemstitching, embroidery or beating—it may be very calle, indeed.

You really must see the convenient little shop—Branden Theater.

SPRING fashions favor the straight line silhquette in suits. Many different lines are being tried out, but the dominant note in models fine silhquetty. Two distinct types will be offered, the stricity chilered suit and the suit cut on looser lines recembing the sport suits—and hanging quite straight, though, as a rais, with the walst line fullness held in with some sort of a belt er partial belt.

WHAT an opportunity! Lohrman
the Tailor—433 Paxton Block—
will make you a snappy suit
for only 140.00 as long as his big
slock of material lasts. This's merely a dull-season price, so you'd best
hurry and consult with him at once
about the making of your new Spring

COATS and suits are showing all sorts of fancy linings in flowered and figured satins and silks, and there is a revival of interest in polkadotted silks.

Detect over the crowns of some of the hats.

IFIND that decorators are using bowls and it takes a layman but a few moments to comprehend their decorative value—The broad color expanse—the depth of glazes or the rounded surface. It impressed me as a phophecy that next year most of as a prophecy that next year most of our vases will be bowls—which is not an Irish built. . . .

an Irish bull.

You surely must not miss getting some of that very lustrous black allk which is much reduced new at Thomson-Belderies. A thack silk skirt or a suit is always a toccounty diunct to a woman's wardeboe-and when you buy silk marked "Hawkel" you can count on it's wearing quality. Watch their big ad for special prices on these silks.

Williak visiting on the Pacific Coust a few months ago I had the pleasure of hearing the Hinds poet and philiscopher. Sir Raindranaih Taxors, while of the special oriental should have a strong the sir the right and treatment of the plant of the right and the plant of the plant of the single of the said of them: I believe that they should have a strong the six the right and treatment of the will depend on a the polis, and out of the will cover and the future of the world will be in the future of the world will be in the hands of woman.

# West Ambler Social Activities

Messrs, Frank and George Seger are home from South Dakota to spend the holidays with their parents.
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mayes of Beatrice were New Year's guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brady.
Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Randall and son spent the week end with relatives at Underwood, Ia.
Miss Edna Claggett of Lexington, Neb., is the week-end guest of her uncle, H. G. Claggett, and family.
Jule Jackson has gone to Denver to spend the winter with relatives.
Mrs. Charles Berger of, O'Neil, Neb., is the guest this week of relatives on west Poppleton avenue.
The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Frahm of west side was brightened

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jensen of Eck erman have been entertaining the last week for their brother, Lloyd Jensen, of Sioux City.

Mrs. Charles Plummer left the last of the week for Los Angeles to

spend the winter.
Charles Harding of Eckerman has gone to Harlan, Ia., to spend the win-

Rev. Oliver Keve of Walnut Hill Rev. Oliver Keve of Walnut Hill Methodist Episcopal church is assisting Rev. J. H. Downing in the revival services at Jenuing's Memorial church here. George Campbell of Chicago leads the singing.

Miss Eva Wedmore of Fontenelle Park spent the holidays with P. J. Traber and family.

Mrs. David Johnson had as her

New Year's guest her sister, Mrs. George Peck, and son, Kenneth Dale, of South Side and Miss Agnes Kra-

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Brewster have

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Brewster have gone to New York on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Bowles gave a New Year's dinner in honor of their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Max Klauss, Mrs. C. J. Clark, Mr. L. Mielenz of Calhoun and Harry

Bowles.
Lloyd Robinson and cousin, Gerald

Robinson of Grand Island, were New Year's guests of their uncle, Mr. J. Long, and family in west side. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davis were the New Year's guests of his mother, Mrs. Cleve, and sister, Miss Emily

Rev. J. Dedrickson left Saturday for Fremont, where he will assist Mr. George Robinson in Sunday school missionary work. Mrs. J. E. Garman has had as a guest since New Year's her sister, Mrs. A. R. Conner, of Wesley, Ia

Edward Givens left Tuesday for his home in Firth, Neb., after spend-ing the holidays with his son, Doug-las Givens, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Nielson and

daughter, Jane, were dinner guests New Year's of Mr. and Mrs. James Walsh in north Omaba.

Miss Ida A. Miller returned Wednesday noon from West Point, where she had been the New Year's guest of her mother, Mrs. Samuel Miller, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Chambers Mr. and Mrs. Sam Chambers of Hastings are week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Frazelle. Miss Henrietta Gutschall of Su-perior, Neb., is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hoock.

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Donald Arrant was seriously injured while coasting down hill near the West Lawn school Thursday.

Mrs. Joe Gilmore is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

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L. Helligso of Lincoln and Andrew Jacobsen of College View were New Year's gusts of their parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Hans Nielson gave a dinner Wednesday in honor of her sister, Miss Sadie Christianson, teacher at Keystone, Neb. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Bert McMahill and son, Donald, and Mrs. M. Christianson of Walnut Hill. Miss Sadie Christianson, Mr. and Mrs. Nielson and daughter, Jane.

The Royal Neighbors elected the The Royal Neighbors elected the following new officers Wednesday night: Mesdames Emil Vromar, oracle; E. A. Wim, vice oracle; J. Boyn, recorder; G. Cole, receiver; F. Cockayne, marshal; E. Maack, past oracle; F. Fox, chancellor; L. Black, sentinel. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cockayne en Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cockayne en-tertained at a New Year's eve dinner for Mr. and Mrs. William Vickers, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bostock and daugh-ter, Vera, of Glenwood, Ia.; Mr. F. Goodnough, F. Davis and the Misses Bertha and Beatrice Cockayne.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Groves entertained New Year's for Mrs. A. J.
Groves and Miss Dorothy of Council Bluffs, Miss Harriet Groves of
Hastings, Neb., and J. Garisch of
Holyoke, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Span gave a dinner New Year's in honor of their
house guests, Mrs. A. Feldhasen and
daughter, Elizabeth; Mrs. Earl English and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John
Wisler and C. J. Phelps.

The West Side Woman's Christian
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Miss Helen McGrail left Saturday to spend New Year's week with relatives and Annette Thompson.

# The Busy Bees

HIS is the first Sunday of the New Year, a fitting time to take an inventory of what our page has done during the past year, and what we expect to do this year. Hundreds of Busy Bee letters and stories have been read by the editor during the past year, some of them extremely well-written, and even verging on real literary merit for children so young; others ranging in various degrees between good, fair and indifferent; but yet others, we fear, not original, but copied from children's story books.

The Busy Bee Editor likes to believe that in these cases the copied stories were sent in because the children enjoyed them and wanted other Busy Bees to enjoy them as well, forgetting that the Busy Bee rules specifically state that only original contributions will be accepted and printed.

Let us continue to maintain the same high standard of our page. Each little boy and girl can find interesting things enough to write about in their own circle at home or school, or about things that have come up under their own observation, without resorting to already-published stories for material to send to the Busy Bee editor.

Later the Busy Bee editor will have some interesting announcements to make.

If your story or letter is not published the next Sunday after it is mailed, do not be discouraged. The postman leaves far more letters on the Busy Bee editor's desk than can possibly be printed in one week, so sometimes it takes a few Sundays to reach your letter. Watch the page each week, and soon you will be rewarded by finding your letter in print.

Herbert Edee of the Red side wins the prize book this week. Glee Gardner and Jeannette Oliphant, both of the Blue side, are awarded honorable mention.

Oh! then you see the fun!

But our real sport I have not yet dwelt upon. This is ice skating, Most every afternoon the lake is swarming with boys and girls seeking the healthy outdoor sport. There are some fine skaters, but it is almost pitful to see the efforts of the children whose ankles are weak. Some of us indulge in the rougher sports, such as tag, and shinny on ice. Of course, I don't mean the girls do, it is only the boys.

Playing hockey is lots of fun, too, so while the older people enjoy their firesides the young seek the beautiful things which nature offers them in winter.

(Honorable Mention )

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An Imagined Visit.

By Jeannette Oliphant, Aged 11
Years, 402 South Garfield Ave
Hastings, Neb. Blue Side.
One afternoon three friends of mine
and myself packed our grips and
bundles and thought we would take
a trip to see John Burroughs.
We took the train from Hastings,
Neb., to New York. Then we took a
boat up the Hudson river. We left the
boat and walked into the woods. We
saw many beautiful things during our
walk through the large woods.
At last we could see John Bur-

At last we could see John Bur-roughs standing in the doorway of his cabin-study. abin-study. He was a tall, kind-hearted old

## **Bank Clearing Figures** Continue to Forge Ahead

Omaha bank clearings continued to keep up with the pace established by 1916 in the first week of 1917, marking up a gain of over \$2,000,000 over the first week of 1916, despite the fact that there were only five banking days during the week this year, while there were six banking days during the corresponding week a year ago. The clearings for the week this year were \$23,387,264,91, while the clearings for the first week of 1916 were \$25,825,494.59.

Bad Cough? Feverish? Grippy? allays inflammation, kills germs. 25c. druggiets,-Advectisement.

to chop a hole in the wall through which the stream of a how would be directed.

Suddenly there was a crash and the captain disappeared. The men hunted everywhere, but could not find him. As they hunted for him something dashed by them. In a few minutes they were led by a dog, whose fur was all singed, to where the captain lay. He had chopped a hole through the door of the room and after falling through was suffocated by the fumes. It was a happy dog which led them down the steps of the building which the hosemen had now gotten under their control. The captain was soon revived and sent home.

Spot is still mascot of truck company No. 35. The entire company thought it best not to reduce him in rank because of his offense.

(Honorable Mention.)

Winter in Benson.

By Glee Gardener, Age 14, 2605 North

We used to live in Kansas, where I have seen a number of prairie dogs. I will write again some time, so goodbye. I wish you Busy Bees all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Our School House.

By Bernice Merryweather, Aged Years, Valley, Neb. Blue Side. Our school house has two room In room one the teacher's name In room one the teacher's name is Alma Bergstrom. My teacher's name is Esther Dearden. I am in the fourth grade. Last year our school house burned down. The name of our school is the Elm Tree school, district No. 35. We have a new piano. The time the school house was burned down the old piano was burned down the old piano. down the old piano was burned down the old piano was burned pretty badly, so that they could not do anything with it. This is the first time I have ever written to the Busy Bees' page. I read the stories every Monday. I hope to see my story in print. Goodbye, Busy Bees.

The Birth of the Rose.

By Martin Lane, Aged 10 Years, Genoa, Neb. Red Side. Once upon a time there was Once upon a time there was a maiden who went out in a garden that was not hers. Just as she steeped into the garden she changed into a large rose, because she had a red dress on. One day the fairy that owned the garden came and, seeing the rose, she picked it and kept it. This is how there came to be roses. I hope Mr. Waste Basket has gone to bed. I hope to win a prize someday. This is the second time I have written.

Likes Prize Book.

By Bleanor M. Kirk, Stockham, Neb. Red Side. I want to thank you for the beau-tiful prize book that you sent me. The stories in it are very interesting. By Bleanor M. Kirk, Stockham, Neb. Red Side.

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I will inclose a poem which I composed myself and I wish you would publish it, if you think fit to do so.

Reads Bee First Thing.

By Helen Crabb, Aged 9 Years. 4016 North Thirty-fourth Avenue.

Omaha. Red Side.

We take The Omaha Bee and I am very interested in it. The first thing every Sunday morning I get the Busy Bee's page to read. I would like to with a string. It was larger than Bee's page to read. I would like to with a string. It was larger than serving and I thank you serve interesting and I thank you be served and Mamie's was blue. The night before Christmas Need and Mamie hung up their stockings. Neb. Blue Side.

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I would like to have some of the Busy Bees write to me.

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Young Captain of Commerce



As they hinted for him something dashed by them. In a few minutes to the catch it and it ran to a town of the country of the c

for town. It was many miles away, but Hans reached it at last and cried out his fish in a cheery voice from door to door. The ladies, liking his bright eyes The ladies, liking his bright eyes and pleasant voice, bought all his fish at a good price. And then Hans trudged home with his money safe in his pocket. He went again and again and soon became richer than my fisherman in the village and soon had enough money to go to Copenhagen and study art. He did so well that a great painter took him to his home and taught him and in time Hans became a famous painter. came a famous painter.

"Honesty Is the Best Policy."

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By Bertha Hiebert, Aged 14 Years, Route 3, Hampton, Neb. Red Side.

Once upon a time there lived a little boy whose name was Bob. His father died when he was but 2 years old, but he had a kind mother and a little brother, Bennie.

It was a week before Christmas and one morning when Bob was walking along the street he saw a well filled pocketbook. He picked it up and was just going to go home, when a hand fell on his shoulder. "That's mine," said a voice. Bob gave it to him. The man who had taken it away from him, told Bob that he must have lost it. He gave Bob \$10, for he saw pocketbook. He picked it up and was just going to go home, when a hand fell on his shoulder. "That's mine," said a voice. Bob gave it to him. The man who had taken it away from him, told Bob that he must have lost it. He gave Bob \$10, for he saw that Bob was a poor boy. Bob went home happy and told his mother and Bennie. They bought things that they needed.

Bob went on selling pagess when

needed.

Bob went on selling papers, when one day a man gave him a place in his office and he became a rich man.

"Honesty is the best policy."

A Christmas Surprise.

## Pa Gets Off on the Wrong Foot

Their Own Page

I have a good one on pa. The best part is, it is really true and that ispressed this story until after you had digested your Christmas pie and pudding and other things. Pa does not know I am going to write this. Ma said is "Go ahead and I will square it with spa." So I thought I would take an ochance. Of course, you understand I would not do anything to hurt my opa's feelings, but he likes a joke now and then even if the joke is on himself Ma says this is the best joke on paysince the day he said "yes" without thinking and the barber shaved office his moustache.

Ma and pa and I were going down town to a movie show the other even

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4517 Lafayette Avenue, Omaha. 1
Neb. Red Side.
I haven't written for a long time so
I thought I would now.
In the spring of 1912 a group of
girls were sitting in front of a Catholic church and were talking about
what they were going to wear on the
following Sunday when they' were
going to take holy communion.
"I am going to wear a real silk,"
said Amy Smith.
"And I am going to wear some
real silk stockings," said Alice Daily,
"What are you going to wear,
Agnes?" asked the girls.
Agnes did not answer for she had
had a hard time since her father,
died.

She remembered the little white
calico dress she was to wear, and she

What I Did Christmas.

By Mamie Berck, Aged 12 Years, Osceola, Neb. Red Side. Osceola, Neb. Red Side.
On Saturday we went to the church;
where I had a piece to speak and my
sister had two songs and one piece

The next day I received my presents, which were a bracelet, a manicuring set, a book and three hand-