put her arms around his neck, "I could always be happy with you-

had bunked off for good," His grin

The Fortun Hunter's face flamed;

der.
"Look here, you little devil," he said savagely. "If you've got any

thing to say to me, say it and have

done. I'm sick of the way you

crawl about the house, grinning and

sneering. I'll wring your neck if you

Tommy wriggled free of him, his face was livid and his eyes cow-

ardly; he limped off at top speed.

under his breath as he rushed for

safety to his own room, and locked

the door. "I'll make you sorry you

The Fortune Hunter stood look-

ing after him, breathing hard. The

ittle outburst of temper had done

him good, and he knew now that

been smouldering into trouble for

He lit a cigaret and stood at the

He thought of those moments in

Fernie's cottage, and wondered

what their result would be. That the

old man hated him he knew well

enough and he was positive that the

He thought of his mother, and

out of the past little incidents of

He remembered how seldom sh had spoken of his father, save to

say how hard and cruel he was; h

knew that she had adopted a differ

ent name after she had left him, so

as to be entirely free of a man whom

So his own name was really Fer

nie! It seemed odd that it should

be that, after all the many he had

assumed during the past 15 years. He never would adopt it, what

ever happened; he was not proud of

the relationship. Then he wondered

what Mr. Harding would think

when he knew, what Anne would think-she had always hated Fernie.

Mr. Harding came into the hall

"Is that you, John? Has Anne gone to bed?" "Yes. Is it late?"

"It's nearly 11. I'm tired—lock up, will you?" "Yes, sir."

The Fortune Hunter threw his

cigaret into the garden and shut the

foot of the stairs, and for a moment,

(Continued in The Bee Tuesday.)

Fire Destroys Barn

cial.)—A large hay barn on the farm of D. A. Ramsey, south of here, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin.

Pawnee City, Neb., Dec. 23 .- (Spe-

medicine

their life together before she died

"You shall pay for this,"

ever spoke to me like that."

his feeling towards Tommy

open door smoking.

no way lessen his hatred.

came creeping back to him.

she had loathed

don't stop it,

if you would let me," sire said.

and presently followed.

White Christmas Likely in Omaha; West Blanketed

But Warm Weather Blasts Hopes for Snow in East-Chicago Xmas Shoppers Break Records.

marck, N. D., and 26 below at Win-

Rain in East.

Washington, Dec. 23.-Warmer veather with rain, promised today to destroy hopes of snow for Christ-mas over all of the eastern half of the country except the extreme northern states. West of the Mississippi river, where there is snow, it probably will remain, for reports to the weather bureau from that territory said no thawing weather was expected between now and Christ-

Xmas Shoppers Trapped.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 23 .- Traffic was stopped for two hours today and thousands of commuters and Christ mas shoppers were trapped in train nderground when a main poy ble in the Cambridge subset grounded and exploded.

Subway officials said there wer no casualties and that the damage was

Busy Buyers in Chicago, broken all records in volume ness, according to leading State street merchants, but probly will not measure up, dollar for drar with the seasons of 1919 and 150.

The city's total retail mechandise business for the month. Decem-

largest, stores garneril the bulk

Washington, Dec. 2—(By A. P.)

—Santa Claus today had reserved passage on ships the world over.

The old gent withhing white white the silence like an insidious residence. and red raiment whi conventionally is pictured droppin down chimneys ashore is jyt as nimble in descending snoke/acks afloat.

Pursers of almo every passenger liner that cleared his port this week put in requisite for Christmas trees, mistletoe an holly.

Ship officers fore busy planning following day.

Santa Claus a he never has done before the fastmas day arrives Sunday. The fast arrives bave been indee for making every state charge enjoy his best Christmas, first at the way of food them. tunates in Nebrasmas, first if the way of food, then gifts and Oristmas cheer carried to the institutions by the directing

Burns Sustained by Tecumseh Girl Fatal

Tecurisch, Neb., Dec. 23.-(Special.)-Leta Ione Oldfield, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nate Oldfield, into a run to meet him. died from burns she received while, "Oh. John!" She was in his arms, died from burns she received while, pouring coal oil on a kitchen fire. The can exploded igniting her clothing. Despite efforts of the girl's mother and her aunt, Mrs. John Loos, she was fatally burned before the fire in her glothing was far in her glothing was considered and her glothing was far in her glothing to him as in his arms, clinging to him as if she could never let him go, everything forgotten but the relief that he was with her again. A sudden break in the clouds overhead let through a glimmer of the can exploded. the fire in her clothing was ex- pale moonlight and showed the Fortinguished. James Cooper respond-tinguished the call for help and ex-tinguished the fire in the house be-her dark lashes, and her lips were

Woman Semonsly Hurt as

Car Goes Oyer Embankment while crossing the Platte river fill. have to come, he knew; and he south of this city, the machine running over the embankment. Mr. Stach escaped injury, but his wife. Stach escaped injury, but his wife. Ight like a white ribbon—the road who was avith him, sustained a broken shoulder and other serious of her life forever.

When presently she raised her

York Farmer Kills Self York, Neb., Dec. 23. - W. C. Towle, wealthy farmer and stockholder in the Charleston Grain and Lumber company, committed sui-cide by hanging at his farm home, southeast of here today. Worry over financial matters is said to have been the cause of his act.

Road Conditions

(Furnished by Omaha Auto Club.) (Furnished by Omaha Auto Club.)
Lincoln Highway, East-Roads good;
ough in the Coder Ropids vicinity.
Lincoln Highway, West-Roads good
of Grand Island and west: grading beween Gothenbore and North Platte not
completed and road in good shape.
O. L. D. Highway-Roads good. Ashand youd now open; defour between Imerial and Catoff-Roads good.
S. Y. A. Roads—in fine shape.
Cornhusker Highway-Roads good.
Omaha-Topeka Highway-Roads good.
O Street Road—in excellent condition.
George Washington Highway-Roads
inc; this is the preferable route to Sicur
thy at the present time.

The Fortune Hunter

Hunter had let

"He's gone out." Tommy an-swered without looking up from his "Gone out!" She echoed the words swered hoarseley :with swift beathlessness. "Why-

"You don't suppose he tells you is it?" she asked apprehensively. everything he's going to do,

you?" he said nastily. Anne walked out of the room without answering. She was ashamed because lately her love for Tommy scemed to have diminished,

The front door was half open, and she went out onto the step.

It was a chilly night, with the riellow breath of autumn everywhere; it seemed unusually dark, coo, and the sky was full of heavy

Where had John gone? Her leart was beating fast with appre-

Why had he not told her he was going out. She ran upstairs and took a long, white wrap from the wardrobe; her hands shook as she she tried to tell herself that her

fears were groundless. What could have happened to him? Where could he have gone, except for a stroll down the village? He would be back directly, I mean-if only we could always be and then she would be able to laugh Chicago, Dec. 23.—The Charmas at herself. But her nerves felt torn shopping season in Chica has and on edge, and her nervous superstition of the afternoon came perstition of the afternoon came

back to her afresh. "If a crow caw one, two, three!"
Grief will come quickly to thee!"
The foolish rhyme had been in an old book belonging to her nursery days, together with a number business for the month a Decem-ber is estimated at \$50,0000 and she had never thought of them unshe had never thought of them un-til this afternoon, when it had sud-

of the trade, their figures unning between \$35,000,000 and \$4,000,000.

Buyers this year are sending their money more wisely, prchants say.

Santa on Sies.

In this atternoon, when it had study denly seemed that a calamitous thing had befallen her.

She ran downstairs again and past the study door. She knew that Geoffry Foster was still there talk-

the silence like an insidious voice, she laughed softly. The old gent withwhite whiskers and Anne quickened her pace to

The garden gate stood open, and makes it up again, like we do?" she looked up and down the road, "I don't know." straining her eyes through the darkness in a vain attempt to see.

a programs of muic for Christmas out of her life as suddenly and unex-eve and a bourful feast for the pectedly as he had returned to it. Panic closed about her heart. She began to remember the many hard

own lips. . and yet . . could own lips . . and yet . . could she believe it was the truth, when she knew that he had so often lied she knew that he had so often lied "They were only what I described to you, John—"
"They were only what I described thought that leaped in his mind, and then—"Tomorrow!—where shall I be at this time tomorrow?"

She was turning back into the garden when she heard a footstep a long way up the road. Her heart seemed to leap into her throat as she stood, straining her ears to listen. Was it he? The steps came nearer and nearer, and

when it was but a little distance off she called his name. "John!" The footsteps quickened, and with sudden passionate relief, she broke

fore the fire department arrived.

The girl was a Tecumseh High school student. The funeral was held at the Christian church, Rev. Willard McCarthy passor of the church, officating. The funeral was in Tecumseh centerexers a print was in Tecumseh content of the church was afraid to ask, and her lips were quivering. His arms tightened more closely about her.

Had something happened that she had come to meet him like this? He was afraid to ask, and her lips were quivering. His arms tightened more closely about her.

Had something happened that she had come to meet him like this? He was afraid to ask, and after a moment she broke out: "I was afraid to ask and a was afraid to ask and a was afraid to ask and a was a wa -I thought you had gone-I thought-"

Then she turned her face away, and broke into bitter sobbing.

The Fortune Hunter held her Central City, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special).—Herman Stach, residing near pain in the moonlight. If this was hordville, lott control of his car not their good-bye it would soon

When presently she raised her head to wipe the tears away he bent and kissed her without speaking, a

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City at the present time.

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King of Trails—Roads good to Onawa: north tiltle rough.

King of Trails—Roads fine to Hills were all swollen up and the muscles of my body ached almost all the time.

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"I am like a new man in every "I was getting old before my time

"I am like a new man in every way now, haven't a touch of rheu-matism, and I eat, sleep and work better than I have in many years. Tanlac is sold in Omaha by the Sherman & McConnell Drug Co. and by leading druggists everywhere. eyes as if he were trying to remem-

had answered him once before: "And I love you-with all my heart and soul!" He bent his head to hers, so that she could not see his face as he an-

"My dear-my dear-if only I Heavy snow throughout the west was reported yesterday by the weather bureaue Six inches is on the ground at discounce.

This fact enhanced the chance for probable snow in Omaha last night and Saturday.

The lowest temperature here Thursday night was 16 degree above the control of the contro were worth loving!" She hardly caught the words, and would not irritatingly at the Fortune Hunter.

his arms relax a little. "Why, what

He shook his head. "Nothing-what were you going to

But in his heart was all the sorrow of the world. Tomorrow! Who knew that there would be a tomorrow for him-with her, at all events?

Passionate words rose to his lips, but he dare not utter them. He just held her and kissed her-her hair and her eyes and the hands that clung to him so tremblingly.

The sound of voices in the garden beyond roused them-Mr. Harding's voice and Geoffry Foster's—and and Anne gave a little stiffled cry. "Oh, I don't want them to see me-

The Fortune Hunter put his arm ound her and drew her a little furfastened it, and it was in vain that ther down the road, where thicker trees made a heavy shadow and they heard Foster say good-night and walk away in the opposite direction.
Anne spoke then, "John! Tomor-Anne spoke then. "John! Tomor-row-will it be-like all the othershappy-as we are now.

> He answered her agitatedly. "It's always been my fault-never fact of their relationship would in But if things have gone yours! wrong, Anne, it's not because I don't love you-always remember Whatever happens-whatever happens-I love you! I love

She held back from him, trying to see his eyes. "Why do you talk like that? You sound-you sound as if you were going away-John!"

"I shall never go away-unless pou send me." She gave a little sigh of relief. "Then it will be never," she said. They were silent for a time, then

"John, do you think everyone who loves someone else quarrels and

She put her face up to his and kissed him softly.
"I hate quarreling with you—and

Supposing he never came back any more! A suffocating feeling rose in her throat and she wrung her hands. Supposing he had walked voice. "I hate quarreling with you—and yet—we don't really quarrel, do we? There was a puzzled note in her voice. "It seems as if—as if things" There was a puzzled note in her voice. "It seems as if-as if things just go wrong-without any reason."
Without any reason! Her fond words seemed to mock him. She went on softly: "Before you

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Lincoln, Dec 25.—Lincoln facer and mother to be a control facer and mother to b He had suffered in the past more do for you-to make-you happy." was almost more than he could bear. Hunter caught a little glint of tri-"But I'm afriad I haven't been umph in his eyes that sent his heart very nice," she went on, sighing, beats racing.

served."
"I ought to have trusted you-I oughht to have waited for you to

explain-I wish now, oh, I wish I The Fortune Hunter could not answer, and she said again: "Sometimes you've looked so unhappyit's almost broken my heart-"Oh, my darling-

She was heaping coals of fire on his head. His very soul was full of shame, knowing his own unworthi-He silenced her lips with kisses. Presently he took her back to the house. There was a light in the drawing-room, and through the open window they could see Mr. Harding sitting in his favorite chair reading. Everything looked the same as usual, and yet the Fortune Hunter knew that nothing was

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Leather-Lined Vests, with leath-

er sleeves, special price-

waiting for him. Just before they Maniac Nearly went in, he drew Anne again into

desperately. He longed to hear her sack to the drawing aoon as the Fortune it; she looked quick-lit; she looked quick-lit is she looked q From Victim's Mouth.

> Nebraska City, Neb., Dec. 23.— (Special.)—J. A. Maynard, farmer Tommy was half way up the stairs, and he turned and grinned usane while at the home of Albert "Anne's been looking for you," he said. "I believe she thought you Freeman here and assaulted Free

Maynard had appeared at the widened, "She'll tie you to her apron strings fast enough when you are married"-He went up another few ecided to remain there over night After retiring, he became violently steps and added meaningly, "if you nsane and, going to another room, he went up the stairs two at a time and caught the boy by the shoul-

man, nearly killing him,

insanity board.

Freeman's condition is serious.

attacked Freeman, who broke away Christmas tree program and treat, since the Chinese was murdered, ing the war finance board to exfrom him and reached the alley be-

Pickets near the packing plant beard the noise and investigated. After Maynard had been taken off the prostrate body of his distinction.

Community Christmas Tree

fore Maynard overtook him. Free- attending. The program was given expected.

the prostrate body of his victim, he broke from his captors and ran. The sheriff was notified and with police head to foot. He was taken to the residing south of the city, became city jail and adjudged insane by the

tongue from his mouth, forcing his

Draws Big Crowd at McCook McCook, Neb., Dec. 2o.-(Special.) McCook held its first community

man was knocked down and the in- by children of the public and pa-sane man attempted to pull the rochial schools. An immense tree, handsomely decorated and illumin Kills His Host hand into the mouth and strangling Main avenue. Over 1,700 sacks of

> Man Charged With Murder Of Chinaman Extradited Rapid City, S. D., Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Mack Yarrington, recaptured Maynard in the locality. Rapid City, S. D., Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Mack Yarrington, wear, barefooted and bloody from recently arrested at Chadron, Neb.,

> > The defendant, who is about 30, was accompanied to Rapid City by also spoke.

tion, has been brought to Rapid City

60 Bankers Discuss War Finance Loans

Sidney, Neb., Dec. 23 .- (Special.) -Carl Weil of Lincoln, vice chairman, and J. M. Flannigan, of Omaia, secretary of the Nebraska War the bankers of Kimball, Deuel and Theyenne counties at Sidney. Sixty bankers of the three counties attended the dinner and open discussion on the charge of murdering On Tai, wealthy Rapid City Chinese laundry-man, last April, who fought extradion of the War Finance corporation. R. M. Hampton, Alliance, presiby Deputy Sheriff Cessna, who had requisition papers honored by the governor of Nebraska.

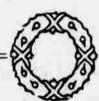
dent of Group seven; Mr. Flannigan and Mr. Weil addressed the meeting. J. L. McIntosh, W. P. Miles McIntosh, W. P. Miles his young bride, whom he married sented and unanimously passed askportion of credit on growing crops

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AY we, in this final communication before Christmas, extend to the thousands of loyal friends who have this year, as for many years past, favored us with their patronage, our

Heartiest Season's Greetings

It is with deep appreciation that we remember your good will and kindly thought for this institution and may we also assure you that this memory strengthens our resolution to make our service in every detail useful and fraternal.



Saturday's Selling Will Be Enlivened by the Disposal at Revised Prices of Surplus Holiday Merchandise Wherever It Appears

Gifts for Men

Still in ample assortment The delayed shopper can se-cure satisfactory wearables

Mufflers Silk Socks Shirts Sweaters Pajamas

And for Saturday we have bunched all neckwear. We are somewhat over-bought and believe a price on Saturday will adjust the stock. There are hundreds to select

Rich Silk Four-in-Hands are in three lots without reserve.

50c, \$1, \$1.50 Selling Selling Selling to 85c to \$1.75 to \$5.09

Entire Stock of House Coats Those sold to \$10.00, Saturday at Those sold to \$20.00, Saturday at \$10.00

Stationery and Cards

Appeal to the eleventh hour opper. Still a wondrous variety. Cards and brochures toned to every sentiment. Staple and elaborate color combinations in letter paper and envelopes.

Quire box of paper with contrasting edge envelopes to match. \$1.29

Women's Gloves Two apt and popular numbers offered at a price reduction. Cape gauntlet strap wrist, at, \$3.95 Side snap fastened gauntlets, black and tan, \$4.95

ON THE SQUARE A LAST-DAY CLEAN-UP OF Christmas Cards Various sizes and sentiments. CHOICE 10 cents Each

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Your choice of a large range of petticoats of the very best materials and makes, including silk jersey, Beaux Art satin, changeable taffetas and combinations. They are mainly the fashionable straight line models, some accordion plaited flounces, many with unique and attractive color touches. Formerly priced to \$9.75. Gift Sale Price. \$5.75

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This will be happy news to hosts of Gift Givers! To the many inquiries from our customers who wish to give Furs at Christmas as to why we do not make the same prices on Saturday that would be extended to them in our Clearance Sale on Tuesday-the day after Christmas

Prices

Saturday

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Between 9 o'clock Friday night and 9 o'clock Saturday morning a thorough remarking. This is a rare opportunity to give at a minimum price that Fur Coat that you have planned to give for a long, long time, and the time to give it is on Christmas Day.

Second Floor.

Toilet Articles of Ivory Pyralin at 25% Discount

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Our entire stock consisting of a wide variety of articles in the plain and Du Barry patterns.

> Brushes (Hair) Trays Boxes (Powder) Boxes (Jewel)

Cream Jars Brushes (Clothes) Mirrors Frames Perfume Bottles Manicure Pieces

An Absolute Clearaway of All Dolls, Doll Clothes and Toys

Regardless of the sacrifice in price, we have decided to close out on Saturday all Dolls, Doll Clothes and Toys. Sale starts at 9 a. m. Saturday.

49 Dolls, sold to \$1.50, Saturday 75¢ 35 Dolls, sold to \$2.75, Saturday, \$1.00 78 Dolls, sold to \$5.00, Saturday, \$2.00 69 Dolls, sold to \$8.00, Saturday. \$3.00

8 Dolls, sold to \$10.00, Saturday, \$4.00 ALL DOLL CLOTHES-Knitted sacques, sweaters, bonnets, caps and shoes at 1/2 PRICE.

Doll table and 4 chair sets, formerly \$4.75, Saturday \$1.00 3 planes that play attractive tunes.

Also at Clearaway Prices

Picture puzzle blocks, animal toys, kindergarten colored sticks, kindergarten tracing sets, Peter Rabbit games, flower builder games, doll swings, teddy bears and all other toys, Children's Section-Second Floor

Jewelry and Silverware

of necklaces, pins, cuff but-tons, chains, etc. Items in the lot priced many times this Gift Sale price of \$1.00

Sterling and Plated Silver All pieces priced at \$5.00 and

Will Be Sold

One-Fourth Off Plates, trays, vases, cigaret holders, frames, bon bons, etc., Saturday at a discount

China Discounts

25% off All Doulton Tea Pots. Universal Vacuum Bottles.

All Electrical Appliances.

Women's Silk Underwear

at reductions in price. Glove silk envelopes Glove silk bloomers, \$3.50

Women's Hosiery Select Saturday from an almost inexhaustable stock of of good hosiery. This is not an occasional or holiday stock with us. We always have the wanted stockings, service and fashion. Plenty

silks, of wool, of silk and wool and all staples. A special price sale Sat-urday, A \$1.50 silk stocking made by Wayne Knitting Co. Black and brown; special \$1.15

of clocks, of laces, of glove

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Every conceivable color or color combination. Change-able and flowered silks, chiffons, georgettes, lace combinations and chiffon velvets. Garments regularly priced at \$12.50 to \$57.50, your choice

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