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CHRISTMAS.

OUR STORES AND THEIR CONTENTS!

What to Buy and Where to Buy It.

KRISS KRINGLE'S BILL OF FARE.

Never in the history of our nation were the Christmas festivities so joyous as those of the present year promise to be. On every hand the note of preparation is being sounded, and our streets are thronged with pleased and chuckling fathers, with coats buttoned to their chins, and happy and smiling mothers, all laden with mysterious bundles, meandering in and out of stores, and at last trudging homeward to unburden the cargo that is to gladden the hearts of the little brood, and to bring back to themselves sunny memories of olden Christmas times.

Knowing the difficulty that some folks experience in deciding what to buy and where to buy it, we have at great pains prepared a list of the leading houses in Philadelphia from our advertising columns, and we assure our readers that everything suitable for a Christmas gift can be had at the following establishments:—

The interior of the palace-like store of THOMAS W. EVANS & CO., Nos. 818 and 820 Chesnut street, presents an animated panorama of eager purchasers, surrounded with the rich fabrics of European looms and the needlework of the Indies. Every description of goods is found upon their shelves in quantities and varieties that allow the widest choice. Their silks, laces, and dress goods are of the most recent importation, with prices marked down to the lowest figure, in keeping with the recent tumble in gold.

EVANS' store is really the finest on the Continent of America. Stewart's new store opposite Grace Church, New York, is not to be compared with it. One of the firm is constantly traveling through Europe to secure novelties and elegant goods, and an immense capital is invested by this house in goods in transit and in their show rooms. The closest supervision is given to the business by the members of the firm, and the greatest pains are taken to furnish all goods exactly as they are represented.

The magnificent store of J. M. HAFLEIGH, No. 902 Chesnut street, is, of course, a centre of attraction, and is constantly thronged. A delightful feature of this establishment is the pleasant memory it recalls of LEVY'S well-known store, from which it is a lineal descendant. The interior arrangement, with its sky-lighted rotunda, supported by columns, and the familiar faces of the attendants (many of whom, as was also the proprietor himself, were reared in that once favorite Philadelphia institution), all revive the memories of the old store next door to the Custom House, where the mothers of the present day shopped when they were school girls, and where everything in the dry goods line could be obtained of superior quality and at reasonable prices. HAFLEIGH'S stock comprises silks, India scarfs, laces, embroideries, handkerchiefs, hosiery, gloves, and cloaks, of the freshest importations. A specialty is made at this store of novelties in the shape of evening dresses, of their own importation. Another feature is the cheap counter, running the whole extent of the store, which is loaded with goods at miraculously low prices. All the goods at HAFLEIGH'S are marked down to correspond with the fall in gold.

J. R. CAMPBELL & CO., No. 727 Chesnut street, offer a fresh and magnificent assortment of fancy and staple dry goods, including elegant dress silks, laces, embroideries, and white goods of the latest importations made by themselves. Everything here is selected with the best possible taste, and the splendid stock is renewed with arrivals by every steamer.

LE BOUTILLIER BROTHERS, No. 912 Chesnut street, offer an unusually large and elegant assortment of silk and dress goods, laces, embroideries, ribbons, gloves, and hosiery. They have a special stock adapted for Christmas sales, containing every desirable article suitable for presents.

SHEPPARD, VAN HARLINGEN & ARRISON, No. 1008 Chesnut street, offer an immense variety of laces, embroideries, white goods, hosiery, gloves, and household fabrics. Their store is one of the finest on Chesnut street, and is conducted with clockwork-like method and regularity. Their certain department is unrivalled in variety and extent, containing the richest brocatelles and lace goods that the factories of Europe can furnish.

Although mourning goods cannot be urged with special reference to the Christmas season, yet no more suitable gift can be provided than an article of dress for any one who is compelled to wear the garb of grief. In this line Messrs. MYERS & CO., No. 928 Chesnut street, have a large and well-selected stock, at unusually low prices. This firm have also an establishment in New York, and import their own goods by every steamer.

E. M. NEEDLES, in his great store, No. 1024 Chesnut street, offers a rich and elegant stock of laces, embroideries, handkerchiefs, Roman scarfs, and white goods of every description. He has the choicest assortment of lace shawls, collars, barbs, and sleeves, comprising real *Pointe appliqué*, Brussels-pointe, Pointe-gaze, Valenciennes, thread and guipure laces. In view of the approaching Holidays, Mr. NEEDLES has laid in a special stock of linen handkerchiefs in every variety, at prices that recall the days when gold was at par. No more suitable present for gentlemen, ladies, or children can be thought of. To give an idea of the range of his stock, he offers handkerchiefs from thirty cents to one hundred and fifty dollars. Mr. NEEDLES is a merchant of energy and tact, and ladies can rely upon his taste and judgment. Having formerly been a wholesale importer on Market street, he has superior advantages in importing and purchasing stock.

JOHN WANAMAKER & SON, No. 1004 Chesnut street, have a large and well-selected assortment of laces, silks, embroideries, ribbons, velvets, fingers, and gloves of fresh importation, and selected with great taste and care. Their long experience and large facilities for obtaining the latest styles direct from Europe enable them to offer attractions that cannot be surpassed. Their stock of millinery goods embraces ribbons, illusions, quillings, blondes, quilted and stamped satins of every conceivable variety of texture and pattern. For the Christmas holidays they offer a large assortment of embroidery and lace goods, suitable for presents, at low prices.

The old-established firm of EYRE & LANDELL, southwest corner of Fourth and Arch streets, have their immense store filled with seasonable dress goods of all qualities and prices, suitable for presents. No house in Philadelphia can surpass this in taste and judgment in the selection of goods, and purchasers can rely that every article is of exact quality and value that is represented. Nearly all of their enormous stock was purchased when gold was at only ninety per cent., and if bargains can be had anywhere it is certainly here.

CURWEN STODDART & BROTHER, Nos. 450, 452, and 454 North Second street (embracing nearly half a square of good-sized stores) offer a boundless variety of silks, dress goods, velvets, cloths, merinoes, poplins, cashmeres, shawls, balmorals, hosiery, white goods, household fabrics, and, in fact, every description of goods that is required by ladies and families. They have made extensive purchases at the immense New York auction sales, where they were among the heaviest buyers, and on the best terms. Purchasers cannot obtain cheaper or better articles than those offered at this store. Messrs. STODDART give the closest personal supervision to their comprehensive business, and their experience covers a period of a quarter of a century. Their store is truly a bazaar where every taste can be gratified, and the views of every customer can be accommodated as to price and quality.

JOHN W. THOMAS, Nos. 405 & 407 N. Second street, offers a varied and elegant assortment of silks, dress goods, laces, gloves, hosiery, shawls, white goods, embroideries, and fancy and staple articles. In view of the holiday season and the closing out of his winter stock, Mr. THOMAS has marked his goods down 33½ per cent below previous prices. The finest and richest styles of ladies' dress goods can be found in this establishment. Mr. THOMAS'S taste and *reliability* have become proverbial among the ladies; and this season's display fully confirms all that has ever before been said in praise of his stock. His shelves are constantly replenished with novelties by almost every arrival from Europe; and his staple goods of American manufacture are of the most highly esteemed manufacture.

EDWIN HALL & CO., No. 26 S. Second street, has made the fullest preparation for the holiday season, his stock embracing every variety of fancy and staple dry goods, comprising silks, moire antiques, poplins, reps, plaids, cloths, and merinoes of the most elegant styles and the finest qualities. This is one of the oldest and most successful establishments in our city, and its reputation is kept up by untiring efforts to obtain the choicest and latest novelties.

JOHN LOUTRY & CO., No. 14 S. Second street, and No. 26 S. Eighth street, offer a large and varied stock of ladies' silks, poplins, merinoes, cloths, shawls, and dress goods generally, suitable for presents. Mr. LOUTRY'S establishment on Eighth street is one of the largest and most attractive of the new stores that adorn that popular thoroughfare.

OWEN EVANS & CO. (successors to J. CASSELBERRY), No. 46 N. Eighth street, have a dry goods world within their store. Every city in the world might be vainly searched to find a more varied and extensive assortment of "*everything*," comprising silks, velvets, laces, poplins, cloths, merinoes, prints, shawls, delaines, hosiery, notions, household fabrics, perfumery, toilet articles, fans, umbrellas, hoop skirts, balmorals, and to make a long story short, everything else in the long catalogue of articles that ladies wear and husbands pay for. Mr. EVANS spends the greater portion of his time in watching the monster dry goods auctions in New York and this city. The enormous sales of this establishment warrant the slightest percentage of profit, and it is not an uncommon thing for cotton goods to be sold here at one-half the price asked for the raw material on the wharf.

E. R. LEE, No. 43 N. Eighth street, late partner and successor to the *original* WARNOCK. In his hands this popular and esteemed establishment has gained hosts of new friends and retained its old run of custom. An immense preparation has been made here for the holiday season in the way of silks, laces, hosiery, white goods, household fabrics, toilet articles, fancy goods, and the thousand and one knick-knacks that are suitable for presents, and which, when received, make the recipient exclaim, "This is just the thing I wanted!" From early morn to the hour of closing, a steady throng pour through this hive, and their wants are attended to with magic celerity and general satisfaction.

BAMBERGER & BROTHERS, No. 100 N. Eighth street, present a large and attractive assortment of fancy and useful holiday presents, embracing handkerchiefs, plain, hemstitched, and embroidered, lace collars and sets, beautiful styles of combs, and an endless variety of gloves. Bargains at ridiculously low prices, and merino goods for ladies', men's, and children's wear.

EPPEN & BROTHERS, No. 44 N. Eighth street, have the shelves of their new and magnificent store filled with the choicest and most desirable stock of real lace goods and embroideries to be found in the city, comprising real *Points Gaze, Brussels appliqué, Valenciennes*, real thread, and *guipure* laces. Exquisite handkerchiefs, collars, sleeves, and sets of late importations, and at the most moderate prices. Also a general assortment of fancy and white goods.

E. H. WORNE, No. 38 N. Eighth street, offers a large assortment of real and imitation laces. His stock of the latter is one of the finest in the city, embracing Imitation *Points, Brussels, Valenciennes, Thread*, at astonishingly low prices, and of so fine quality as to rival the real articles. His stock of real laces is fully equal that to be found elsewhere, and at very low prices. He has beautiful colored tidies, that are quite a novelty and admirable for presents.

STRAWBRIDGE & CO., N. W. corner of Eighth and Market streets, have a well-selected stock of dress goods, silks, merinoes, shawls, prints, hosiery, and household fabrics, at prices corresponding with the decline in gold. This establishment has recently been modernized and is now one of the finest in the city. Every reliance can be had that the quality of the goods is exactly as represented.

Messrs. PRICE & WOOD, No. 113 N. Ninth street, are behind no other establishment in their preparation for the holidays. They offer an immense variety of useful articles, all suitable for presents, at very low figures. Ladies' and gentlemen's handkerchiefs of all styles and prices, laces, embroideries, gloves, and toilet articles, with excellent qualities of prints, flannels, etc.

Messrs. J. COWPERTHWAIT & CO. offer a rich and extensive stock of silks, dress goods, white goods, and household fabrics. They have made a specialty of blankets, which they offer in every variety and at all prices. There is no more sensible present than a pair of snowy blankets, and this store is thronged with crowds who are purchasing blankets for gifts. Their stock of goods is selected with taste and judgment, and is not surpassed in the city.

Messrs. COOPER & CONARD, S. E. corner of Ninth and Market, have a large and well-selected stock of dress goods, cloths, shawls, hosiery, and household goods. Their store is a favorite resort for heads of families, who place every reliance on the quality and cheapness of their goods. Special preparation has been made for the holidays, and a number of useful fancy articles for gifts can be had here.

V. E. ARCHAMBAULT, N. E. corner Eleventh and Market, offers a general assortment of dress goods, cloths, shawls, blankets, white goods, and household fabrics. A capital selection of gifts can be made here without trouble.

PENNELL & BROTHER, No. 1021 Market street, have a wide variety of dress goods, prints, shawls, merinoes, white goods, and cloths, and articles for families. The holiday season has been provided for by a supply of goods for presents.

J. CHAMBERS, No. 810 Arch street, offers a fine and fresh stock of real laces, embroideries, and fancy articles. His assortment embraces *Pointe-applique, Valenciennes, Pointe gaze*, Real thread, and *Guipure*, in handkerchiefs, collars, sleeves, and sets. Also, gloves, veils, barbes, and the usual elegant *accideras* of a lady's full dress.

GRANVILLE B. HAINES, No. 1013 Market street, presents a capital variety of dress goods, shawls, blankets, prints, white goods, etc. An excellent opportunity is afforded here for the selection of acceptable gifts for the season.

LONNERSTADTER, No. 153 N. Eighth street, has a well-selected variety of fancy goods, hosiery, gloves, fans, toilet articles, ribbons, collars, and handkerchiefs. His stock is of fresh importation, and is offered at reasonable prices.

PERKINS, No. 9 S. Ninth street, has an elegant and extensive stock of dress goods, mourning goods, cloths, white goods, hosiery, laces, shawls, etc. This is one of our oldest and most highly esteemed dry goods institutions, and has attached to it as regular customers hundreds of our best families, who boast that they get everything needful in the dry goods line at this store.

JOHN H. STOKES, No. 702 Arch street, offers a splendid stock of stuff goods, embracing French merinoes, poplins, Lupin's delaines, prints, and calicoes, shawls, gloves, handkerchief, and dress goods generally. His goods are all of fresh importation, and are offered at reduced prices.

M. K. WILLIAMS, No. 903 Market street, has a large stock of dress goods, white goods, domestic and household fabrics, at low prices and of standard qualities.

THOMAS SIMPSON'S SONS, Nos. 922 and 924 Pine street, have opened for the special sales of the holidays several large lots of rich and desirable goods, comprising embroidered curtain muslins, lace curtains, laces, dress goods, white goods, blankets, shawls, hosiery, gloves, ribbons, balmorals, and toilet articles. This old and popular establishment having passed into the second generation, is in the full tide of success, and is now more than ever the resort of people of taste and judgment. Mr. Charles Simpson, the buyer of the house, and who has a high reputation for taste, is in constant attendance at the mammoth New York auction sales, where imported goods are sold by the cargo, and resold here at a trifling advance on the cost.

TAGG & BROTHER, S. E. corner of Tenth and Pine streets, offer an immense variety of dress goods, laces, shawls, white goods, hosiery, household fabrics, collars, sleeves, and sets, shawls, and fancy articles generally. The stock of this establishment is constantly renewed by fresh importations selected with the greatest taste and judgment. The prices during the present season are reduced to the lowest point, to correspond with the fall in the gold market. No experienced lady shopper considers her shopping tour complete until she has included in her route the neighborhood of Tenth and Pine, and inspected the novelties and bargains daily displayed there.

H. STEEL & SON, Nos. 713 and 715 N. Tenth street, have a rich and well-arranged stock of handsome dress-goods, suitable for holiday presents, including silks, poplins, cloths, merinoes, delaines, together with a fine stock of shawls, laces, handkerchiefs, and veils. Great bargains are offered here in the way of articles for gifts.

F. T. QUINLAN, No. 429 South street, has a fine stock of cloths, dress goods, white goods, balmorals, and fancy articles generally, suitable for presents, at low prices.

HARBACH BROTHERS, No. 36 N. Eighth street, have a magnificent assortment of holiday goods, embracing albums, writing-desks, cigar-cases, portfolios, satchels, toy-books, stationery, games, etc. These goods are all of fresh importation and manufacture, and are marked at low prices.

CHARLES DUMMIO, No. 812 Chesnut street, has the great toy and fancy goods bazaar of Philadelphia, and his store is literally crowded with customers, who are, however, attended with such despatch that but little delay is experienced in purchasing satisfactory articles. DUMMIO'S stock is all of late importation from Europe, and is offered at a slight advance on cost to correspond with the fall in gold. His selection for the approaching holidays has never been surpassed in any previous season, and we have heard of families sending from New York to make a selection of gifts from his store.

CONWAY & BROTHER, No. 833 N. Second street, have imported a splendid assortment of toys and fancy articles for presents. Their goods are of their own importation, and are offered at very low prices. Paternal Kriss Kringles can get their entire outfit of toys, sleds, hobby-horses, etc., here, at the very lowest prices, and in fresh and unhandled packages.

A. J. WEIDENER, No. 2[illegible] S. Second street, offers a beautiful and extensive stock of toys, fancy articles, and knick-knacks for children, at reduced prices, with the object of disposing of his goods before the holidays are over.

BAILEY & CO., at their palace like store, No. 819 Chesnut street, have a dazzling display of every article in their line—diamonds and other precious stones, watches, bronzes, silver and plated ware, clocks, and fancy goods. No praise at our hands can do justice to the magnificent assortment of goods imported for Christmas presents. Mr. BAILEY, the head of the firm, who has shown throughout our national troubles so determined a spirit of loyalty and patriotism, has never allowed himself to despair of the republic; and consequently, while New York firms were croaking over the gloomy prospects ahead, he has courageously invested immense sums in rich and massive jewelry, and gorgeous works of art and beauty, knowing that the present Christmas would be one of the most glorious and happy seasons that was ever vouchsafed to a nation. His pluck and energy are now reaping their full fruits in an unprecedented demand for his goods, which are all marked down to correspond with the decline in gold.

J. E. CALDWELL & CO., No. 822 Chesnut street, have made every preparation for the carnival of Christmas, and their agents have been ransacking Europe for gems and works of art, and their workmen have been busy at home for months past to make the present season the grand campaign of their lifetime. Diamonds and amethysts, pearls and emeralds, in necklaces, brooches, ear-drops, and bracelets, tempt the eye and bedazzle the purse; silver-ware curiously wrought, and watches that excite the envy of the sun for correctness, and the stars for dazzling beauty; bronzes, clocks, works of *vertu*, and jewelry in all its varieties. CALDWELL'S is a museum of art as well as a bazaar, and a visit there will well repay any one in search of gifts. The prices are reduced to correspond with the gold tumble, and all articles can be depended on as being just what is represented. Real gold jewelry can be purchased here at as reasonable prices as trash is sold for elsewhere, and the intrinsic worth of the metal is always secured.

LEWIS LADOMUS, No. 802 Chesnut street, is not a whit behind his fellow neighbors in the magnificent assortment of his goods, and the splendid preparation for Christmas. His store is a sparkling Golconda of real diamonds in every conceivable shape, necklaces, breastpins, ear-drops, and bracelets, from the moderate price within reach of the well-to-do business man to the princely form and appendages of the petroleum nobility. His prices are regulated strictly by the recent fall in gold, and his word is as good as a mint mint-bonds, as to the intrinsic value of the sparkling gems he passes in such lavish profusion through his expert fingers. His other stock of jewelry, watches, etc., is equal to any in the city.

THOMAS C. GARRETT, No. 712 Chesnut street, is closing of his stock peremptorily, intending to relinquish business. He offers great bargains in fine jewelry, watches, silver ware, music-boxes, cutlery, etc. His goods are of the best quality from sterling makers, and his long and high business reputation is a guarantee of the character of his wares.

F. SCHUELLERMANN & CO., No. 23 N. Eighth street, offer a splendid assortment of holiday gifts, in the shape of dress goods, white goods, blankets, shawls, and goods for family use. Their stock is selected with good taste, and are of standard qualities. Prices are marked down at low figures.

M. SHOEMAKER & CO., No. 4 N. Eighth street, have prepared an elegant assortment of boys', girls', infants', and misses' clothing, in every style for Christmas gifts. This establishment is one of the leading houses in the city for the outfit of children, and the most exquisite taste is displayed by the Misses SHOEMAKER, who supervise its details.

JACOB LADOMUS, No. 613 Market street, offers a beautiful assortment of gold and silver watches, jewelry; in fine, gold, silver, and plated ware of the best manufacture, at prices that make them great bargains.

HENRY HARPER, No. 520 Arch street, has prepared for the holiday season a splendid variety of watches, gold jewelry, silver ware and plated ware, all suitable for gifts, and at reasonable prices.

JOHN BRENNAN, No. 13 S. Eighth street, has a beautiful and well-selected stock of diamonds and other gems, richly set; watches of renowned makers, and bronze and enamelled goods, and gold jewelry, at reduced figures.

ELI HOLDEN, No. 708 Market street, has renewed his large stock with recent importations of watches and fine jewelry, and includes in his assortment clocks, silver ware, and fancy goods, at the lowest rates.

WILLIAM WILSON & SON, S. W. corner of Fifth and Cherry streets, established fifty years ago, stand at the head of their business to-day, as they have done for half a century, and their trade stamp is recognized the world over with as much confidence as is that of the Bank of England. Their work is of the finest quality, and from new designs by the first artists in the country.

HARRISON JARDEN, S. E. corner of Tenth and Arch streets, has a fine assortment of fine watches, jewelry silver and plated ware, all of the best quality and at prices to suit the fall in gold.

G. RUSSELL, No 22 N. Sixth street, offers an elegant stock of fine American and imported watches and real gold jewelry, and handsome silver ware of coin standard, suitable for presents, and at prices marked down.

M. BRENNAN, No. 203 N. Eighth street, has made preparation for the holidays by a large and well selected stock of watches, silver ware, jewelry, and fancy goods at exceedingly low prices.

MCELROY, No. 11 S. Ninth street, offers a beautiful stock of ladies' opera and walking cloaks of the most substantial and richest materials, and at all prices. Also, ladies' dress goods, white goods, and household fabrics suitable for gifts.

SCHOLTZ & JARENTZKY, No. 112 S. Eighth Street, have a splendid variety of paint boxes, Decalcomania pictures, vases, portfolios, pictures, and picture books, and other fancy goods, at low figures, and in abundant variety.

J. W. PROCTOR & CO., No. 920 Chesnut street, have so thoroughly established the reputation of their stock of cloaks, furs, opera sacques, scarfs, etc., that we need only remark that they made especial preparation for the holiday season, in the shape of new and fresh articles suitable for gifts, they offer bargains to reduce their stock.

WILLIAM P. CAMPBELL, No. 1124 Chesnut street, offers a rich and substantial variety of cloaks, opera sacques, furs, scarfs, etc., all of them adapted for presents, and of the best quality and latest styles. His prices are reasonable, to correspond with the fall in gold.

HENRY PARKER, S. E. corner of Ninth and Arch streets, displays a fine and large stock of cloaks, opera sacques, walking coats, and scarfs at prices that really make them bargains.

HENRY E. DAVIS, No. 152 N. Eighth street, has a splendid stock of cloaks, opera sacques, and ladies' walking coats, most fashionable styles, at moderate prices.

MRS. HENRY, No. 38 and 40 N. Ninth street, displays an elegant assortment of cloaks, opera sacques, and walking coats of the latest and freshest goods, and of the most fashionable qualities.

A. W. LYMAN, No. 238 N. Eighth street, presents in his store a fine assortment of cloaks, opera sacks, and walking coats, at low prices and of excellent style, and material.

S. WELCH & CO., N. W. corner Tenth and Arch streets, has a rich and varied stock of cloaks, opera sacques, walking coats, and scarfs at low figures.

IVENS & CO., No. 23 S. Ninth street, have a large and fine stock of cloaks, opera sacques, and walking coats at prices to suit the fall in gold.

D. W. CLARK, No. 602 Chesnut street, offers an immense and miscellaneous stock of jewelry and silver-plated ware of best quality, fancy goods in every variety, suitable for gifts, at real bargains.

W. L. CLARK, No. 1025 Market street, displays in his neat store a fine assortment of watches, jewelry, fancy goods, etc., at prices to suit every purse. His store is well worth a visit.

I. E. WALRAVEN, No. 719 Chesnut street, has prepared a special assortment of the richest and choicest goods for Christmas sales. Lace and brocatelle curtains, embroidered piano covers, Nottingham and Swiss goods of the freshest importations. This establishment is one of the finest in the country, orders being constantly received here from New York, New England, Washington, and California.

The Jewish Synagogue recently fitted up by Mr. WALRAVEN, is considered a *chef d'œuvre*, and the new Union League Hall promises to be a monument to his good taste as well as to the liberality of that loyal body. All Philadelphia remembers that Mr. WALRAVEN had charge of the arrangement of the flags and drapery at the Sanitary Fair; and he and his assistants received no small share of the praise for its magnificent appearance. He has an immense stock on hand, and has marked everything down to present gold prices.

KELTY, CARRINGTON & CO., No. 723 Chesnut street, are in the field for the Christmas campaign with a magnificent assortment of brocatelles, lace and embroidered curtains, piano covers, window-shades, and a large variety of upholstery articles adapted for gifts. This firm have a large establishment in New York, and import largely by every steamer. They have special agents in Europe to supply them with novelties, and their Christmas display is of the richest and most attractive character. Their prices are marked down at reduced figures.

GEORGE FRYER, No. 916 Chesnut street, displays a rare and beautiful selection of real India shawls and scarfs, selected with the greatest care, in view of quality and design. Mr. FRYER himself has exquisite taste, and his immense stock is probably not surpassed in pattern and texture outside of the warehouse of the East India Company in London. His shelves also abound in rich silks and brocades for evening parties, together with poplins, merinoes, etc.

WILLIAM HENRY PATTEN, No. 1408 Chesnut street, displays a splendid stock of lace and embroidered curtains, brocatelles, and satins of exquisite quality and of beautiful designs selected with care and skill, especially for Christmas sales. The goods in this store are in every variety of upholstering, including some artistic window shades and fancy articles. The prices are all moderate, to suit the decline in the gold market.

No more acceptable Christmas present can be thought of for boys or girls than a pair of skates. Skating is rapidly becoming one of our most fashionable amusements, and it is undeniably one of the most healthy. Skating parks are being established in every section of the city, and in every well regulated home the thermometer is consulted with almost as much interest as the clock. The principal skate depots are as follows:—

PHILIP WILSON & CO., No. 409 Chesnut street,
LEELEY & CO., No. 907 Market street,
SMITH & RICHARDSON, No. 611 Market street,
NEWBOLD H. TROTTER, No. 919 Market street,
J. B. SHANNON, No. 1009 Market street.

At these stores a large assortment of sizes, styles, and qualities are constantly on hand.

The variety of articles in our leading Furnishing Stores for gentlemen is so extensive that an entire issue of our paper could be filled with them. Each store must, therefore, be its own catalogue. No more sensible or gratifying Christmas gift for a gentleman can be found than some article of apparel such as is found in abundance, of the best quality, at all of the following stores:—

J. W. SCOTT & CO., No. 814 Chesnut street.
WINCHESTER & CO., No. 706 Chesnut street.
LEROY IRVINS, Southeast corner of Sixth and Chesnut streets.
HENRY ATKINSON, No. 620 Chesnut street.
R. C. WALMSLEY, Nos. 5 and 7 N. Sixth street.
G. A. HOFFMAN, No. 825 Arch street.
JOHN C. ARRISON, No. 1 and 3 N. Sixth street.

No Christmas gift can afford more gratification than a sewing machine. It has always an intrinsic value, and being in almost constant use, serves to remind one continually of the giver.

Where opinions are so divided, we of course cannot say which is the best, but must refer our readers to the testimonials constantly found in our advertising columns. We however give the following locations of the depots of the various sizes:—

GROVER & BAKER, No. 730 Chesnut street.
THE FLORENCE SEWING MACHINE, No. 630 Chesnut street.
WHEELER & WILSON, No. 704 Chesnut street.
EMPIRE SEWING MACHINE COMPANY, No. 720 Chesnut street.

There is of course no more elegant and acceptable gift than a piano. Mr. J. E. GOULD, S. E. corner of Seventh and Chesnut streets, has a splendid assortment of instruments from the celebrated manufactory of STECK BROTHERS, selected especially for Christmas sales.

SCHOMACKER & CO., No. 1021 Chesnut street, have a fine stock of Pianos, of their own make, and which are pronounced by professional judges to be superior to anything made in this country or Europe.

WARBURTON, No. 420 Chesnut street, has a fine stock of hats, caps, &c., for gifts. His goods are all manufactured under his own eye, and are of the best material, fashioned by the most skilful workmen.

BOHNE, No. 40 N. Sixth street, has an excellent stock of hats and caps, suitable for gifts.

CHARLES OAKFORD & SON, under the Continental, offer a splendid assortment of gentlemen's hats, ladies' furs, children's hats and caps, and dress and fancy articles generally. Their stock is very fine, and is marked down to low figures. A special selection of goods for gifts has been made at this store, which, under its present management, is acquiring a higher reputation than ever it had before.

GEORGE W. PITCHER, No. 808 Chesnut street, has an elegant stock of photograph albums, engravings, and standard books, in fine bindings, suitable for gifts.

His assortment is constantly replenished from the leading publishing houses in New York and New England, and his prices are extremely moderate. At this store the new style of rustic and carved picture frames can be had in endless variety, and at manufacturers' prices.

T. B. PETERSON & BROTHERS, the well-known publishers, No. 306 Chesnut street, have an immense variety of fine books in the richest bindings, annuals, photograph albums, childrens' books, engravings, etc.

Their own publications afford the widest limit of choice, comprising the works of standard authors and poets in every imaginable style. This firm publish DICKEN'S stories complete, and no more beautiful present can be made. Their prices are all marked down at the lowest figure to reduce their enormous stock.

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NEW YORK, December 23.—The *Times* has received a special despatch from Franklin, Tennessee, dated yesterday, which says:—The Rebel retreat from Franklin to Duck river beggars all description.

Hood told his corps commanders to get off the best way they could with their commands.

The Rebel army is now beyond Columbia.

The railroad is but little impaired, and trains run to Spring Hill. The telegraphic communication is all right in all directions.

Johnsonville was not destroyed.

The Rebel loss during the campaign was 17,000 men, 51 cannon, and 18 general officers; killed at Franklin, 1400; wounded, 3800; and 1000 prisoners. Before Nashville, and in the retreat to Columbia, 3000 killed and wounded, and 8000 prisoners.

The Union loss at Franklin was 3000, and before Nashville less than 4000; the total Union loss will not exceed 7000, with two generals slightly wounded.

Hood has a pontoon bridge above the shoals on the Tennessee river, where our gunboats cannot reach them.

Hood marched on Franklin with 40,000 men and 65 pieces of artillery. He will have lost nearly half his men.

LATEST FROM WASHINGTON.

A SUCCESSFUL SCOUT IN VIRGINIA.

The Ice Blockade of the Potomac.

Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

Special to The Evening Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, December 23.—Some days ago Lieutenant-Colonel Clendenin started out on a scout from Fairfax, with detachments of the 8th, 13th, and 16th Illinois Cavalry. The party scouted as far up as White Plains, on the Manassas Railroad, without meeting any number of Rebels in arms; but on returning, on Wednesday, having struck off towards Middleburg, and when near that place, they came across a large body of Moseby's guerillas.

A spirited fight ensued, which resulted in the complete rout of the guerillas, with a loss to them of one major and one lieutenant mortally wounded, and fifteen prisoners taken by our troops. Lieutenant-Colonel Clendenin safely returned to his camping ground yesterday evening, without the loss of a man, bringing with him his prisoners, who will be sent in to-day and committed to the Old Capitol.

The cold weather of the past few days has caused ice to form on the Potomac to a considerable thickness, and navigation is suspended for the present.

The steamer *Daniel Webster*, due here yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, with the mail and passengers from City Point, got caught in the floating ice at the mouth of the channel opposite Gisboro Point, all efforts to pull her off have failed, and this morning her passengers reached the city by walking on the ice to Gisboro. The steamer *Daniel Morris*, bound down the river with nine hundred troops, also got ice-bound yesterday morning at ten o'clock, and she still remains fast. Boats were despatched last night to the relief of the troops.

Markets by Telegraph.

BALTIMORE, December 23.—Flour quiet; sales of Howard Street superfine at $10@11·12½. Wheat dull; southern white $2·50@2·85. Corn scarce; new yellow $1·70@1·75. Groceries and Provisions neglected. Whisky stagnant; Western $2·00@2·02.

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