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Choose a Safe Christmas Store—EVERNGAM'S

SANTA CLAUS IS REAL. The snow-white beard and round red waistcoat are symbolisms that make him an entity to children eyes, but we grown-up children see beyond. We see that this Santa Claus of bunting and batting is only an image reflected from our own hearts---the real Santa is within. This store can help you to carry out his plan to make people happy.

FINE FURS for the Holiday Buyer

Here is the place to get those Dependable Furs at the Right Prices. Prices lower than you had any idea such good Furs could be sold for, yet high enough to give the very best service, and to be satisfactory in every way.

A ROYAL CHRISTMAS GIFT

and sure to be appreciated. Neck Pieces and Muffs to match in Silver Lynx, Mink, Isabelle Coney, Sable Fox, etc. Child's Sets of Lamb Angora, Coney, and Squirrel.

Women's Neckwear : Gift Hints

Dainty Neck Fixings here galore.

Neckwear, soft, with lace, net, and chiffon.

Tailored neckwear, pleasing in its trimness—various styles, all in newest and most charming effects.

Silk and velvet bows. Trimmed with tiny flowers.

Robespierre Collars, of satin, shadow lace, and velvet, with jabot of soft lace.

Windsor Ties, in plain colors and plaids.

Boxed Neckwear,—latest jabots in smart combinations of lace and velvet, 25c, 50c.

Books for Young and Old

People are buying more and more books for gifts. Books are here for all moods and all minds—for the young, the old and the ageless; for him, for her or yourself; books that are rare, old, select, curious, classic, and popular. And, by the way of Xmas suggestion, when in doubt as to what to give, give a book.

Motor Girls on a Tour
Motor Girls on Cedar Lake
Motor Girls at Lookout Beach
Faith Gartney's Girlhood
Queenie's Whims
Flower Fables
A Girl in Ten Thousand
Frances Kane's Fortune
Bad Little Hannah
Our Bessie
A Girl of the People
Merry Girls of England
The School Favorite
Deb and the Duchess
Miss Nonentity
Motor Boys Over the Rockies
Motor Boys on the Wing
Motor Boys Afloat
Motor Boys on the Atlantic
Motor Boys on the Pacific
Racer Boys at Boarding School
Racer Boys to the Rescue
Baseball Joe on the School Nine
Baseball Joe of the Silver Stars
Dictionaries
Atlases
Bibles
Testaments
Hymnals
Poems

A WONDERLAND OF TOYS

Christmas Eve is fast approaching, and there is much to do for the little folks, for they, above all others, must not be forgotten. Christmas is their day. Come to Santa Claus' headquarters today and bring the children with you. You'll soon learn what their little hearts most crave---that Santa Claus should bring them. You will find other parents doing the same thing. Childhood days come back to you. Everybody come. Come to Denton's Brightest and Best Toy Store. Everybody says so!

China Dolls
Bisque Dolls
Kid Dolls
Doll Trunks
Doll Beds
Doll Chairs
Eskimo Dolls
China Dishes
Games of many kinds
Blackboards
Shoo Fly Horses
Rocking Horses
Toy Horses and Carts
Story Books
Building Blocks
A B C Blocks
Tables
Magic Lanterns
Engines and Cars
Pop Guns and Rifles
Rubber Toys
Sleds and Coasters
Horns and Drums
Pistols and Pistol Caps
Footballs and Rubber Balls
Trains and Automobiles
Airships
Artist Paints and Brushes
Rocking Chairs and Morris Chairs
Targets
Horse Reins
Carpet Sweepers

Things for Baby's Christmas

No pleasanter place anywhere to select the Precious Baby Gifts.

Dainty Toilet Articles.
Wee Booters. Shoes.
Unbreakable Playthings.
Beautiful Caps. Sacques. Mittens.
A charming variety of Coats.

Scarfs and Shams

That almost indescribable attraction of a well-appointed bedroom is attained in a number of ways. The use of fine Dressing Table and Bureau Scarfs and Pillow Shams is undoubtedly one of them. Imitation Filet Net, in designs to match, prettily finished with a scalloped edge, 50c. Other Bedroom Linens.

Pictures Make Nice Christmas Gifts

Landscapes and Colonial Subjects, in beautiful soft colorings, framed in gilt and plain, mahogany finish moulding. A wide diversity of subjects to select from. Prices to suit everybody.

Kid Gloves for Gifts

An ever-happy solution of the gift problem—gloves for all occasions. Men's Kid Gloves for dress; fur-lined, for driving; automobile gauntlets, for motoring; $1 to $3.50. Women's dress Kid Gloves, in black, white, steel, tan, brown; black suede; $1 to $1.50.

Handkerchiefs are Holiday Gifts sure to please, & our stock and prices will please the customer.

Women's Handkerchiefs :

A large assortment to select from, including one corner and all corners with embroidered effects. Initialed corner Handkerchiefs. Plain, hemstitched Handkerchiefs of sheer and heavy cloths. Mourning Handkerchiefs.

Aprons Ladies' White Lawn, Dimity, and Swiss Aprons.

With and without bibs. Small round sewing and Princess styles. Many are trimmed with plain, hemstitched tucks, swiss, and lace embroidery.

Gift Linens Housekeepers, brides-to-be, and gift seekers: Here is an opportunity to get double satin

Damask Table Cloth and Napkins

of our famous "Humidor" quality, in beautiful designs. Chrysanthemums and stripes; carnations and scrolls.

We have a great variety in Gift Linens, and prices in many instances are considerably below present market figures. These gift suggestions will appeal to the practical-minded : Fine Satin Damask Table Linen, Napkins to match, 50c, 60c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75 per yd.; Linen Towels, 25c to 2.00—five intermediate prices.

Women's Full-Length Coats for the Holiday Shopper

Serges, Coats in black and blue, semi-fitting, plain tailored, with and without satin lining, at $12.-50, $15, and $18.

Plush Coats, with a deep rolled collar, in black, $18.

Mixed Cloth Coats, loose & roomy, in grey striped effect—

Chinchilla Coats, in grey and blue, chevrons in grey and black, $12.50 and $15.

Serge Suits, blue and black, two styles, beautifully tailored, satin lined. A few Cheviot Suits, in blue and black, strictly tailored, and satin lined.

GIRLS' COATS in smart little styles, and Junior Girls' Suits and Coats in recent models. Cheviots, Serges, Chinchillas, and double-faced Cloth.

MEN'S CLOTHING REDUCED

A TIMELY OPPORTUNITY

Such an announcement should be decidedly interesting to the man who has a new Suit or Overcoat to buy at this time. For there are few of us, with Christmas so near, who do not have a double use for every dollar. In addition to our unequalled regular stocks, which are marked unusually low, we have these

SPECIAL LOTS

$ 8.50 Suits at $ 6.50
10.50 Suits at 8.50
12.50 Suits at 10.50
15.50 Suits at 12.50
16.50 Suits at 13.50
18.50 Suits at 15.00
20.50 Suits at 16.50
23.50 Suits at 18.50

These Suits are of broken lots of the season's selling. All sizes, but the smaller ones predominate. They are of stylish fancy worsteds and black fabrics. Look elsewhere, if you care to, but don't fail to come here before buying.

MEN'S OVERCOATS

$ 5.50 now $ 4.50	$10.50 now $ 8.00
6.50 now 5.00	12.50 now 10.00
7.50 now 6.00	14.00 now 11.50
8.50 now 7.00	15.00 now 12.00

BOYS' SUITS	BOYS' OVERCOATS
$3.50 now $2.75	$3.50 now $2.75
4.50 now 3.50	4.50 now 3.50
5.50 now 4.00	5.50 now 4.25
6.50 now 5.00	6.50 now 5.00
7.50 now 6.00	7.50 now 6.25
8.50 now 6.50	8.50 now 7.00

An Umbrella for All

If there is an umbrella want you have within reasonable limits you can find it here. And as for gift umbrellas we have the most attractive display we ever had in both men's and ladies'. Handles of horn, gunmetal, pearl with etched silver caps, and natural wood. The covers are of good union taffeta. The prices are exceedingly low, considering the quality.

Men's Holiday Neckwear

Exclusive is probably the word that best expresses one's idea of our neckwear, because when you see it you cannot help but observe that it is just a little different from the ordinary kinds—and that feature alone is worth a great deal to the man who knows. Four-in-hand, reversible and wide-end. 25c and 50c.

Bargains in Neglige Shirts

Stylish, dressy Neglige Shirts, in pleated or plain bosom, coat style, with attached or detached cuffs. A large assortment of varied designs and sizes. Headquarters for Eclipse Shirts, Lion and Double Triangle Collars.

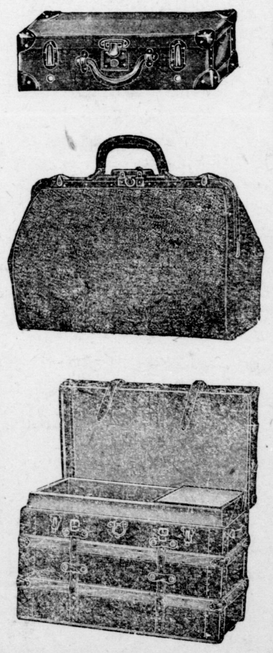
Men's Shoes That Satisfy

Douglas and Walk-Over—Gunmetal, patent, patent colt and patent kid, in the new shapes, button and blucher. $3 to $5.

A fine line of Supenders for gifts.
Men's Half Hose—the durable kind.

Suit Cases & Trunks

Every season more Suit Cases, Traveling Bags and Trunks are sold for gifts showing the growing disposition of our people to make practical presents. The tendency along this line this year is marked. We are better equipped to meet this demand than usual. Suit Cases and Bags, $1.35 to $8.50. Trunks, $2.50 to $20.



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A Good Scheme

A Woman's Perception Was Required to Defeat It

By EDWARD C. LONG

"There are a number of problems before the counterfeiter," said my friend Roberts, the detective, "but the most important of all is distributing the bills after they are made. There's more room for ingenuity in this part of the work than any other, and more counterfeiters are tracked from this clew than any other. All sorts of devices are resorted to to get the stuff in circulation. Persons are roped in by being offered an enormous price for something they own, and when they get their pay find that the money they have received is counterfeit. In such cases the transaction is usually large, and when it is completed the rascals disappear without leaving any trace. Of methods whereby the bills are put into circulation in a small way and continuously a case that fell into my hands a few years ago is about the best example I ever met with.

"I was sent to a banker who had reported some five dollar bill counterfeits on his bank's circulation. Every now and again a lot of these bills would appear, be absorbed and after awhile another lot would find their way into the hands principally of shopkeepers. The only clew that anybody had was this: An old man one day went into a drug store and, after

SHE WAS MUCH PLEASED TO BE CONSULTED.

looking carefully over some toothbrushes, bought one, paid for it with a five dollar bill and received $4.70 in change.

"The clerk had received through a customer, who was beyond suspicion, one of these same bills before which had been pronounced a counterfeit and was suspicious of this one. But instead of refusing it he gave the man his change and sent a boy after him to see where he went. While the boy was gone the clerk took the bill he had received to the bank, where it was pronounced spurious. The boy saw the old man who had passed it go into a certain house, then returned to the drug store and reported the fact. A watch was set upon the house, but the party who had gone in there was not seen to come out or again enter it.

"This is the point at which I took the case. It may be supposed that my first move would be to call at the house on some pretext and find out who lived there. Any such act might stand against me in the future. Instead, I rented a room opposite the suspected premises, where from a window I could keep it under constant surveillance, and spent many an hour watching it. Several times I sat up till daylight in the morning hoping I might see some suspicious circumstance. An elderly woman lived in the house, who, I learned, was a widow with two or three little children. She did not appear to have any lodgers, though there was a card in a window, "Room to Rent." I saw one or two persons who were passing look at the card, ring the bell, enter and come out, but during my watch the room was not hired.

"One day I received notice that a counterfeit bill had been passed at a meat store, another at a newsstand and still another at a hardware store. Indeed, the reports of the passing of these bills came in from all over the city. One of the persons on whom they were passed had submitted to be victimized in order to catch the perpetrator. Not being sure that the bill was counterfeit, he had pursued the same course as that pursued by the drug clerk. The person who had offered the bill was a woman. She had been followed, and the house she entered was watched. But she was not seen making an exit, nor did she ever again appear to the watcher or any one else concerned.

"When I had gathered these additional facts I felt sure that I had met with conditions that would be very difficult to unravel. And yet it appeared that more than one person was engaged in shoving the counterfeits, and the more persons possessing a secret the more difficult it is to keep it.

"One day the president of the bank whose bills were counterfeited received an anonymous note written in a feminine hand that if he would send to such a street and number he might be afforded a clew to the counterfeiters. The note was turned over to me, and I replied to it in person. I was received by a young woman, who told me that a man in a house directly opposite to the one in which she lived had excited her suspicions. But she could give no reason for this except that he appeared to have no business.

"If I were to let it be known that I was a detective working up a case I would get a multitude of clews every day, and each clew would be more ridiculous than its predecessor. Nevertheless in this case the girl seemed to be so positive that there was something wrong about the man opposite that I concluded to investigate. The best way to do this was to transfer my quarters to the house she lived in—it was an apartment house—and set up a watch. One of the flats was vacant, and I rented a front room in it.

"I had observed the man opposite but a few times before I could understand the girl's suspicions. But I could give no more reason for mine than she could for hers. She was quite attractive, and I made the case a pretext to call upon her often. I talked to her about it a good deal, but did not confine myself to it exclusively. She was much pleased to be consulted by a detective, and I encouraged her to help me. She said that about once in two weeks the man opposite sallied forth as though he was intending to accomplish something. She had noticed this, because at other times when he went out he did so listlessly and as though time hung heavily on his hands. I asked her to let me know the next time she saw him go out in an energetic mood and try to notify me in time to enable me to follow him.

"Not long after this she knocked at my door and told me our quarry had just gone out, appearing to have a purpose. I ran downstairs and caught sight of him turning a corner. He soon entered a stationery store, where he bought some articles. I did not follow him into the store, for I knew that if he was a criminal he would be suspicious of every one he met. My purpose was to note the stores he went into and if he passed counterfeit money. If he did his game was up, for I could arrest him where he lodged.

"He visited various stores, buying something in each, then, instead of going to his lodging, entered a house where several families were quartered. I concluded to wait for him to come out, but he never did come out—that is, so far as I could see. While I was waiting for him several persons entered and came out of the house, but not my man. After waiting for some time I telephoned for a person to relieve me and visited the stores at which the man had made purchases. In every store he had passed a counterfeit bill.

"I resumed my watch on his lodgings; but, although I continued it for a week, I never saw the fellow again.

"By this time the young lady who had given me the clew had become much interested in the case. Moreover, she sympathized with me in my defeat and was anxious to do something to help me. I couldn't afford to spend any more time watching the house where the counterfeiter lived. I learned that he had simply lodged there, and the occupants knew nothing about him. The young woman volunteered that if she saw him there again she would attempt to shadow him and if possible communicate with me while she was doing so. It was evident that he was one of several persons who were shoving the counterfeit money, but I had no clew to his whereabouts and was therefore no better off than before.

"The fellow went back just once to the house in which he had lodged to get some clothes he had left there, and the young woman happened to see him. She followed him and caught him on one of his rounds getting rid of spurious bills. After visiting divers stores he went to a house where he disappeared as before. His shadower waited from 10 o'clock in the morning till 4 in the afternoon for him to come out. Then a woman emerged, carrying a parasol and a reticule. The shadower, who had for weeks seen the man opposite go and come, had no sooner seen the woman walk than she recognized in the peculiar gait him whom she was looking for. She followed, looking about her for a policeman, but these gentleman have a convenient way of not appearing when they are wanted, and the party turned into a building before she could get a cop.

"There was a store opposite and, luckily, a telephone in the store. The young woman called the police and explained why she wanted them. They came in sufficient numbers to surround the house, then went upstairs to the top story, where they found not only the man in woman's clothes, but the whole gang of counterfeiters and their tools. In the reticule was considerable genuine money he had brought for division among them.

"He had been the only one engaged in passing the queer. After doing a bit of this work he would enter a house and come out as some one else. Had it not been for the feminine intuition of my volunteer assistant and her keen perception in recognizing his gait he might have continued his work, no one knows how long.

"I was so pleased with the young woman's detective instincts that I invited her to go into partnership with me. We worked so successfully together that we finally concluded to make a life arrangement of it.

"In all my experience I have never met with a better scheme for covering tracks after passing counterfeit money than the one I have described."

Lincoln Jolted Seward.

Uncle Billy Green of Illinois was Lincoln's partner in the grocery at Salem. At night, when customers were few, he held the grammar while Lincoln recited his lessons. At Lincoln's first inaugural banquet Green sat at the table on the president's left, with the dignified Secretary Seward on the right. Lincoln presented the two men to each other, saying, "Secretary Seward, this is Mr. Green of Illinois." Seward bowed stiffly, when Lincoln exclaimed: "Oh, get up, Seward, and shake hands with Green. He's the man that taught me my grammar."—Kansas City Star.

No Moral Value.

A soda water tank blew up in New Jersey the other day and reduced the owner to fragments.

The moral effect of a soda water explosion is about as much of a deterrent as a sanitary creed against kissing.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.