## Men's and Boys' Holiday Gifts.

Substantial, useful, attractive things the men and boys will like and appreciate.

### Hints at Random from our House and Smoking Jackets.

We show the latest novelties in these Jackets, and give a price range that goes from splendid ones at $5.95 up to the finest of Middleton & Co's London made Jackets at $25.

**At $8.50** Two-tone effects in English all-wool smoking Jackets, plaid collars, lapels, bound with imported cloth edges, piped with silk cord, in blue and brown—very exclusive. Some have brown, others tan and red plaid backs—soft as down

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Light Brown Mixtures and dark invisible Over-plaid Jackets, with corded edges at $5.

**At $3.95** Specially large line of blue, brown and garnet all wool smooth cloth Jackets and unusually good values at this price.

### SWELL X-MAS NECKWEAR.

Holiday time ushers in the newest creations and prettiest colorings in Tecks, Puffs, Four in-hands, Ascots and Imperials. The very latest of these, the daintiest, are here, each in a box to match, and only

### FIFTY CENTS.

Imported, the finest of Foreign Fashions, each in its box, $1.

**Robes and Gowns for Men** Most men like to be comfortable in easy dress 'round home. Wives, sisters and sweetheart are scheming. This is to help them. We've gone as far as London to get the finest robes. The English gowns are mostly in handsome plaids; some have woven figures. The prices, $12, $15 to $25.

Excellent Blanket Robes of finest figured woolens, at $8 and $9. Some gray, with striped borders, $3.50, $5.

Eiderdown Robes are warm and pretty. A nice variety of these from $5.50 to $6.50.

Terry Cloth Bath Robes, in pretty stripes; washable colorings, $2.50 to $7.50.

**Bath Slippers $1.**

**Bath Towels 25c to $1.25.**

### GLOVES--FINE GLOVES.

We have them in Dogskin, good, substantial winter gloves, that we warrant—the $1.25 sort—but as we bought them at a really great bargain, you shall have the same good fortune, so you'l only pay

### 69 cents

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*if you have any dealings with me—Yours truly, Santa Claus—as I have established my headquarters at Wright's Grocery, in all that pertains to Candies, Fruits, Queens ware, Etc.*

*Having made elaborate preparations for the Holiday trade, and in a position to make the burden lighter on the purse strings, we think we can justly be considered the headquarters for Holiday Goods. We have China in all shapes and designs, plain and decorated, single pieces or in sets, for ornamental and for table use. We have any number of high grades of soap, Castile, Perfumed, and plain. We have Candies, fresh, low, medium and high priced - the same may be said of nuts and fancy cakes.*

**MARTIN M. WRIGHT.**

**South Washington Street.**
**Telephone Call 42.**


## TALBOT NECKERS.

### The Many Odd Superstitions Prevalent among Them.

The Eastern Shore "necks," or small peninsulas, that jut out into the Chesapeake, or into the broad rivers that empty into the bay, have a ghost-lore which is the same among the inhabitants of them all, from Elk Neck to Tangier. Investigators into these matters claim that the ghost-lore, the omens-lore and the moons-lore of these necks is the same that prevails among the inhabitants of the English downs, says the Baltimore *Sun*.

Our Eastern Shore neckers, as a rule, believe in ghosts as firmly as did their ancestors two hundred years ago, and the bravest of them physically are afraid of apparitions. Few of them are stout-hearted enough to pass at night by graveyards or lonely graves. The unknown drowned, whose bodies are cast ashore, are, as a rule, buried in the bank of the shore where found, and such graves are generally avoided, even in the daytime. A wild goose hunter played the knowledge of this fact to his advantage some years ago. This man had no fear of ghosts. An important feature of the winter hunting of himself and his neighbors was shooting wild geese on their feeding ground by crawling down on them as stealthily as an Indian ever trod the forest, in the darkness, until the feeding birds were brought within gunshot. Prospecting one day, our hero found signs that the geese were feeding at night on Piney Point flats, Broad Creek. He dug a grave on the bank, put a log in it, mounted it, put head and footboards to it, and caused the report to be circulated through the neighborhood that a strange schooner had anchored there, brought a dead man ashore and buried him. One Sunday a crowd of people went down to Piney Point to verify the rumor, and there, sure enough, was the grave. No goose hunter save the man who dug the grave went near that spot that winter. He had all the sport he wanted and killed fifty nine wild geese during the season.

Dream books and magic books are not uncommon. There are yet believers in the enchanter's power of putting spells on his customer's enemy, and of a more knowing enchanter who can remove them. Fortune tellers are still consulted, and gipsies, when they come around, are well patronized, by some for amusement, of course, but by others in all sincerity. Every long road has one better haunted spot than anywhere else on it; and it's here, in every Eastern Shore neck, where the spectre of the headless white horse has been seen rushing past with incredible speed and with silent hoof beats. The spectral white woman, seen first ahead and then behind the wayfarer of the night, is an absolutely real thing to those who believe in her and have seen her, as has been the fortune of many. A hot blast of air striking the face by day or by night is a ghost passing; if at night and alone, a mortal terror seizes them, as if they saw something invisible to the driver. They will bolt headlong, or stand still and shiver, or throw the rider by a sudden sideway jump. Sometimes, in the morning, stablemen find their horses covered with sweat and mud, and their manes and tails tangled and knotted. "Witches been riding them" is explanation sufficient. It is a curious fact that everywhere the spectral woman and spectral horse are always white, while the spectral dog is always black.

A volume could be written on moon-lore. Our Neck friends, if they are the right kind of people, will not kill hogs on the wane of the moon. If they do, the meat will shrivel up in the pot, with great loss of weight and nutritiousness. Nor must potatoes and many other vegetables be planted during the moon's third and fourth quarters. The new moon is carefully watched for. If the crescent slopes it will be a wet moon. But if a vertical line drawn through one of the horns of the crescent touches or nearly touches the other, an upright instead of a sloping crescent, the weather will be fine for a month. All the old sailors, as well as the Neck people, believe in the moon-lore.

Signs and omens are innumerable. Some of them are too childish to be characterized as absurd. One's nose itches, a stranger is coming; one's palm, money is to be received (hence, an "itching palm"); salt spilled is a sign that there is to be a family quarrel; if a knife or fork be accidentally dropped and sticks up, it is the sign of an approaching death, etc. In one of the Talbot Necks there is a man who sixteen years ago dreamed that he was looking over the records in the family Bible and there read the record of his own death, as having occurred January 14, 1899. He made a note of it. He firmly believes today that he will die on the 14th of next month—he has believed it all these sixteen years—and has set his house in order accordingly. If he does not die on that day he will be disappointed.

### The Rev. Irl R. Hicks.

Annual Almanac and monthly paper, Word and Works, are now known from sea to sea. We are pleased to call the attention of our readers to the Almanac for 1899, now ready. It is a splendidly printed and illustrated book of 116 pages and the storm forecasts and diagrams and astronomical and scientific matter are superior to anything that has ever been seen before in a 25 cent book. His monthly journal, Word and Works, is one of the best literary, home and scientific magazines in the country, besides containing his monthly storm forecasts with explanations. The subscription price of Word and Works is $1 per year and a copy of the Hick's Almanac is sent as a premium to ever yearly subscriber. Single copies of Word and Works, 10 cents. Price of Almanac alone, 25 cents. Send your order to Word and Works Pub. Co., 2201 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo. t-12-31

### Ladies.

It will pay you to write to the Winoosket Co., whose advertisement appears in another column. They employ hundreds of women at their own homes, all over the county, and are daily adding to their force. Read their advertisement.

## THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

### Happenings of the Week in Washington Circles.

President McKinley gave the American Peace Commissioners, who have brought the official copy of the treaty of peace to Washington, a cordial personal welcome and heartfelt congratulations on their successful work and assured them that the Christmas gift they brought to the American people was thoroughly appreciated. As a further mark of his appreciation he will give, in honor of the Commissioners, a State dinner at the White House. In addition to the treaty, the Commissioners brought to the President, a full and detailed report of their work. The Commissioners were pleased to learn that the opposition to the ratification of the treaty by the Senate had practically all died out, and that the treaty was likely to be promptly ratified. Senators who have been quoted as intending to oppose the treaty have assured President McKinley that, while opposed to our retaining the Philippines permanently, they would vote to ratify the treaty as soon as it was reported to the Senate from the Committe on Foreign Relations, to which it will be sent as soon as it goes to the Senate, which will be immediately upon the reassembling of Congress.

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The Spanish Peace Commissioners will realize what a mistake they made when they refused to sell us a small island in the Carolines for a cable station, as soon as they learn that we have taken possession of an island—Wake Island—that will answer every purpose and will cost nothing. This island is about two thousand miles from the Hawaiian islands and about thirteen hundred miles from Guam, being almost on a direct line between those posessions. As far back as 1851, Admiral Wilkes surveyed this island and asserted title, but the island being merely a coral reef three miles long, has never been occupied But it is allright for a cable station, and President McKinley has sent orders to Commander Taussig, of the gun-boat Bennington, to proceed to the island and take formal possession. It is a coincidence that on the 4th of July of this year, a transport bound for Manila, stopped at Wake Island to allow our soldiers to get a day's recreation on land.

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President McKinley stopped a lot of crooked business when he ordered that new franchises given by the local authorities in Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines, should be revoked by our Military Authorities, whenever they were unfair in their terms or likely to be against the best interest of the islanders. A lot of unscrupulus speculators have been engaged in the purchase of railroad, electric and other franchises from impecunious members of local governments in the towns on all of the islands, with the expectatation that the U. S. would recogonize them. It is the President's intention to prevent any robbery of the islanders that can be prevented by watchfulness on the part of the authorities.

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Admiral Sampson, who has just returned from Havana, where he has been on duty as a member of the evacuation commission, says that while many Cubans are anxious to set up an independent government, the better classes on the island, including most of the men of wealth and prestige in business affairs, are practically unanimously in favor of the U. S. taking the island for keeps, instead of only temporarily. The Admiral's own opinion is that the Cubans are in no condition, at this time to successfully establish and mantain a government of their own, and while he doesn't say as much, the impression one gathers from talking with him, is that he doubts that they ever will be.

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Chairman Bull has filed with the clerk of the House, the report of the committee on Military Affairs in favor of his bill for the reorganization and increase of the regular army, which was not ready when the bill was reported to the House, just before its Christmas adjournment. The report is very full, giving unanswerable reasons, in detail why the bill should be passed. The following extract from the report fully explains the nature of the bill: "The bill fixes no maximum strength for the whole army. Assuming that the government will requrie about 100,000 men for defense of the frontier, for coast defense and to maintain our authority in the Islands for whose good order and government this nation is now responsible, together with a reasonable reserve force. The bill provides for the requirements of calvary and infantry, the number required for each arm of the service, and a corps of artillery, for our seacoast batteries with two regiments of artillery for our field batteries. The Committe beleive the organization as provided for in this bill will make the most efficient military organization proposed by any bill before Congress." The estimated cost, if this bill becomes a law, as there is every reason to believe it will, in spite of democratic opposition, is $90,000,000 a year. The democrats acknowledge the present necessity for all the troops the Hull bill provides for, but in their bill, they try to whip the devil around the stump by limiting the regular army to 30,000 and providing for the enlistment for two years of 50,000 volunteers.

### Longwoods Items.

The children of the All Saints Sunday school were given their annual treats on Sunday morning last.

Miss Ada Willis is visiting friends in the North.

Mrs. R. E. Ross spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Harrison, at Bozman.

Miss May Lee Willis, of Baltimore spent the holidays with her friend, Miss S. Ethel Ross.

Miss Emma Stitsberry is visiting friends in Laurel, Del.

We noticed last Sunday evening "a couple" on snow-white steeds, riding most leisurely through our town.

Christmas day was indeed a "warm day" in Longwood.


## Potash.

ENOUGH of it must be contained in fertilizers, otherwise failure will surely result. See that it is there.

Our books tell all about fertilizers. They are sent *free* to all farmers applying for them.

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## YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS.

### What You and They Have Been and Are Doing.

The Rev. Mr. Rich has been suffering since the Thursday before Christmas with a sprained ankle and has not been able to get further from home than the Cathedral. He is however improving and hopes to be out again next week. He will officiate as usual at the Cathedral tomorrow.

Miss Edna Speakman, in honor of her cousin, Miss Gillingham of Chicago, entertained some friends at her home on Wednesday evening last. Those present were: Miss Anna White Miss Laura Shinn, Miss Gillingham, Charlie Wrightson, William and Neal Shannahan, W. Harry White and John Shannahan.

Last Thursday evening Mr. John H. K. Shannahan entertained at his home on Bay street, several of his college friends. The young men spent a most delightful evening. Refreshments were served at 10:30.

Mr. W. H. Hill, of Washington, formerly of the Nautical Academy has been visiting in Easton this week Mr. Hill will be stationed at Cincinnati during the following year.

Miss Lottie B. White entertained a few friends at her home last Tuesday evening. A very enjoyable time was spent. Refreshments were served at 10.30.

Messrs. Reginald G. Mowbray and T. Roger Covey, of Baltimore, and C. Baynard Nicols, of Washington, spent Sunday and Monday in Easton.

Miss Elsie Burnite and her friend, Miss Bernettie Dennis, both of Newark, N. J., are guests of Mrs. Burnite this week and next.

Mrs. Addison B. M. Willson and her two children, of Philadelphia, are visiting her parents, Bishop and Mrs. Adams.

Misses Mellier and Ford and Prof. Mattoon, teachers in Easton High School, spent the holidays in Baltimore.

Mr. Al. Clarke, former assistant postmaster of Easton, but now of Baltimore, is visiting friends in town this week.

Paul Nickerson entertained a number of his friends very pleasantly at his home on Aurora street Wednesday night.

A card party was given last Tuesday evening by Mrs. T. J. Smithers at her home on South Washington street.

Miss Leila Wooters and her brother, J. Dukes Wooters, spent this week with their parents, on Aurora St.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ross and daughter, of Germantown, spent Christmas at N. Tuthill's.

Miss Caroline Burnite came from Easton, Pa., Thursday night to spend a few days at her home here.

Mrs. George E. Haddaway had the St. Peter's Parish tea at her home on Thursday evening from 3 to 6.

Miss Freda Trippe gave a German to her dancing class Thursday night in Mason's hall.

Miss Mattie G. McDonald entertained a few friends at cards on Friday night.

Miss Gertrude Sauer, of Western Maryland College, is visiting friends in Easton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Kemp entertained last Wednesday at their home, Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Christie Phillips, of Cambridge, is visiting Miss Helen Covey.

S. Denny and H. Guion Willson are home from Baltimore.

Mr. W. H. Higgins is in Baltimore.

### Easton National Bank of Maryland.

DECEMBER 7, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that the President and Directors of this Bank have this day declared a dividend of *Five Per Cent.*, less taxes, deducted therefrom, paid by the Bank, payable to the Stockholders or their legal representatives on or after this date.

S D L C R. THOMAS, Cashier.

### Easton National Bank of Maryland.

EASTON, Md., Dec. 6, 1898.

Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of this institution that an election will take place at the Banking House on TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1899, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing directors to serve for the ensuing year. S-D R. THOMAS, Cashier.

### STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Easton Gas and Electric Light Company will be held at the office of the W. P. B. & L. Association on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1899, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CHAS. T. WRIGHTSON, Secretary.

**WANTED**—A white woman capable of taking charge and assisting in general management of the household. A mother's helper with experience preferred. A good home offered. Address with references and state wages wanted. Apply to GAZETTE OFFICE, - - EASTON, MD.


## A. H. MATTHEWS,

**The Most Complete Department Store in Easton.**

DOVER STREET, EASTON.

### A New Year's Greeting to our Customers

Now that one of the greatest events of all the year has past, and so many sad hearts have been made brighter with the good things that are to be had at Christmas tide, we are thankful and extend a welcome hand to our customers for remembring us not only for this special event, merely, but for the past nine months that we have been in your midst.

Our business has grown many times that of which we expected. Our shelves have been squeezed, more space has been made and more help has been necessary to meet the large increase that our business has shown. We owe this to the trade, and now our every effort will be put forth in serving our customers better during the coming year than we have been in the past. We will keep a stock of goods that will not be surpassed in quantity, quality nor price. Remember we expect to remain the leader in low prices, that's how we can remember you.

### A Chance for the Ladies.

Everything in Millinery we have just drawn a line through the price, cutting the former cost almost half in two, thereby saving you about 33⅓ cents on every dollars worth you buy from us. Our millinery goods must be sold. We are soon to purchase our spring stock and space must be had.

Good shapes in hats, fancy feathers, ostrich tips and other trimmings must go likewise.

Take advantage of this while the opportunity lasts.

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is the most wonderful stove ever invented for burning wood.

Being aware of the fact that this stove would be in demand this season, we concluded to make a complete set of patterns of our own, and make a stove that we know will give universal satisfaction.

They are made with a **heavy cast bottom**, and draft column of cast iron, the body made of **Genuine Russia Iron,** (which no other stove on the market is made from) lined with heavy **Boiler Iron** and we will guarantee this stove to wear longer than any stove on the market.

Remember that there is no other stove made like this one. We will gnarantee them

### Keep Fire 48 Hours

without being touched.

We also have a full and a complete line of all kinds of

### Cook Stoves, Ranges,

*HEATERS, KITCHEN UTENSILS.*

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## Real Estate Wanted.

I have a customer for a salt water situation fifty to one hundred acres. Must have good bottom for oyster bedding. Prefer a cove not more than one hundred yards wide.

Also a salt water situation fifty to one hundred and fifty acres, with Mansion house, plenty of shade and fruit for family use. ... For exchange for a farm, a desirable residence property in Oxford, and Cash.

### FOR SALE.

I have on my list some of the most desirable farms, salt water situations and inland. Anyone thinking of buying a farm will find it to their interest to consult my list.

**John M. Elliott,** Office in Moreland Block, Easton, Md.


### Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

EASTON, MD., Dec. 31, 1898.

This Bank will be closed on Monday, January 2 prox., Sunday the 1st being New Year's day. Bills maturing on the 1st and 2d prox. must be paid on or before Tuesday, January 3, 1899.

F. C. GOLDSBOROUGH, Cashier.

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R. THOMAS, Cashier.