# OUR CHRISTMAS GREETING.

All formalities completed, and all is in readiness for

## The Grand Christmas Opening at Miller's, Rock Hall.

A fairy land of gifts was revealed to our friends and patrons at our formal opening of a superb Christmas stock at two o'clock on Thursday, December 12, 1901.

Our stock of beautiful holiday goods will bewilder and delight the little folk who are looking for Old Kris, as well as those who remember the jolly old fellow as only a bewildering dream of their childhood. Every department is replete with gifts at once charming and useful. A warm welcome will be extended to old and young. The pleasure of hearing the joyous outbursts of enthusiasm of the children will more than compensate for any inconvenience which may be entailed in coming to this royal corner of Giftdom. Without unnecessary preliminaries, I must hasten to draw the curtain and give the little ones and those "children of an older growth" a peep into the mysteries and beauties of one of the most complete stocks of beautiful goods ever shown in Rock Hall, not excepting the large and superb assortments which have been shown in the immense Christmas stocks of the past. Be present at THE GRAND OPENING, and have the advantage of having the first glimpse of an unbroken and charming line of Christmas Goods.

## FREE! FREE!! ABSOLUTELY FREE!

Here is another "Practical Corner" of the most practical sort. Think of it! We propose to absolutely Give Away a

### Splendid Sewing Machine

—AND—

### A SHOT GUN

to some fortunate customers. Here is the offer—There will be ONE THOUSAND numbers on the Machine, and ONE THOUSAND on the Gun. Each purchaser will be allowed *one guess for each dollar* spent with us between Thursday, December 12, at 2 o'clock, and January the first, 1902. A person buying two dollars worth of goods may either take two guesses on the Machine, two on the Gun, or one guess on each. The numbers are to be selected by a thoroughly disinterested and reliable party, and will be made known when the guesses are all in on December 31, 1901. Don't forget that we have beautiful White Bed Spreads, Table and Pocket Cutlery, Table Napkins, Table Cloths, Doilies and things to which space forbids even a passing reference.

## The Air Shall be Filled With Music.

This is a department of delight. Harmonicas, Autoharps, Accordions, Violins, with that sweet and most easily played of all instruments—The Bavarian Harp. These will give the joyous sound of sweet music to the greatest of all festivals.

## CHINA AND GLASS.

This will be one of the superb departments which every lady and her husband or sweetheart in the county should see. It must be seen to be appreciated.

## A Golden Corner For the Ladies.

The ladies have been more than remembered during this joyous Christmastide. For their especial delight there is a fascinating line of articles which must prove a lasting pleasure, in the form of Jewelry-Hat Pins, Necklaces, Charms, Lockets, Shirt Waist Sets, Buckles, Studs, Lace-Pins, Sleeve Buttons, Rings, and for the lady who wishes to remember her gentleman friend there are watch chain fobs, scarff pins, dozens of appropriate articles. We must not forget the great array of beautiful packages of cologne for my lady's dressing case. Then too, there are dainty creations in the form of manicure sets, Dressing Cases, Work Boxes, Glove Boxes, Albums, Handkerchief Cases, Golden Clocks for the delicate furnishing of my lady's room. Pictures and quantities upon quantities of appropriate gifts for ladies and gentlemen, the old and the young. Beautiful Pictures, Mirrors, Dainty Easles, Hanging Lamps, Hall Lamps, Piano Lamps. This is a superb line of fine goods. There are Vases, Salad Dishes, Cake and Fruit Plates, Lemonade Sets, Water Sets, Individual Cups and Saucers, Plates, etc., etc., etc., etc., *ad infinatum*, to say nothing of Chocolate Pots, Trays, Waiters, Pictures, Fruit Sets and a thouand one things.

## For Mine Feast.

But the great feast must not be forgotten. This is the practical side of the glorious season. The stately Xmas turkey needs the royal plum pudding, the rich temptiagness of cranberries, with fruits, nuts, raisins, citron, and everything which enters into the makeup of one of the finest assortments of fine goods on the Eastern Shore, and last but not least, the fragrant mince pie is provided for. Nothing has been forgotten. Now, just glance at these figures for a moment:

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| Granulated Sugar, per lb | 5c |
| Baker's Chocolate, per lb | 29c |
| 3-Crown Loose Muscatel Raisins, per lb | 7½c |
| Perfectly Clean Currants, 16-oz. pkgs. (new), per lb | 10c |
| Large Seeded Raisins, 16-oz. pkgs. (new), per lb | 10c |
| Strictly Fancy Citron, per lb | 12½c |
| French Mixture (that won't kill), per lb | 5c |
| French Mixture, best in county for price, per lb | 10c |
| Best Broken Mixed Candy, per lb | 7½c |
| Fresh Mixed Nuts, per lb | 12½c |

In "the practical corner" will also be found China Sets, Chamber Sets, Beautiful Shawls, an Elegant Dress Pattern or some such appropriate gift.

## KRIS KINGLE'S CORNER A VISION OF DREAMLAND.

The dear little tots who set such store by Dear Old Santa Claus, will see the Old Fellow actually escaping up a great, old-time chimney with his pack of presents. His headquarters will be in the second story, where gifts galore will be found. A big stocking will hang by the fire-place, and tables, shelves and every nook and corner will fairly groan under their fullness of gifts. No rose garden ever blossomed in more delightful richness of color and variety than does our stock. But I might talk here for ages in describing this splendid line of splendid goods. A royal invitation is extended to all to come, see and admire. With this formal invitation I will proceed to set forth just a few of the dainty creations which will be found within the enchanted realm of Kris Kingle.

### SANTA AT HOME—A Word to the Girls.

Since the beautiful Christmas Star led the Wise Men into a far country to behold the birth of that sentiment rendered sacred by the centuries—"Peace on earth, good will toward men," Dear Old Santa Claus has been the patron saint of innocent, joyous childhood. His rollicksome, mirth-provoking smile will welcome the children in his abundance of gifts. What are they? Name them? Dear children they are legion. They are without number and impossible of enumeration. They are fascinating in beauty and dainty in creation. Ah, this little tot wants to know about dolls! And how can we tell her? there are dozens and dozens in this beautiful realm of doldom. That same bewitching family of a few years ago are back again. A curious and interesting collection of doll folk. Now, just listen what Old Kris said then—Dolls, why bless your souls yes—Big Dolls, Little Dolls, fairy white tots and great Black Dinahs, for-sighted and near-sighted, cross-eyed and straight-eyed, crying dolls and silent dolls, dolls which wink and blink and dolls which are all the more beautiful because their great lustrous eyes never close upon their delighted possessors. But there are more than dolls for the dainty little girls who will come to see Santa Claus. Beautiful little china sets, mirrors, doll houses, kitchen sets, tables, picture books, games, and a thousand and one other things.

## But the Boys--The Dear Boys.

They are clambering for a word as to their outlook for presents from Old Kris' store-house. Everybody, Old Santa Claus included, loves a real rollicksome Christmas Boy. We are ready for them too. Think of what a great sack of everything and a little more Kris has brought—skates, sleds, base balls, bats, horses, shoo-fly, horese, engines which really run, musical instruments which really play, games, guns, swords, caps, driving reins, hoop-chimes; then there are things which will delight boys and girls alike, such as wagons, go-carts, magic lanterns, mechanical toys which are an endless delight—steamboats, trains of cars, writing desks, black-boards, roller-top writing desks, but the TRANSCRIPT can't hold it all. We could fill every paper in the county and still the half would not be told. This is only a glimpse into our dainty nook where Old Santa has set up shop. Boys and girls come and see.

### TONS OF SWEETNESS.

Now, there is no use talking about our Candy Department. It is absolutely full to overflowing with Hampers and barrels for the matter-of-fact folk and dainty boxes of sweetness for the dear queens of our heart. There are French mixtures, broken mixtures, clear toys, cream squares, chocolates, bon bons, butter poppy, crystalized apricots, Egyptian dates, cut rock, and fifty other kinds.

### A CHARMING SPECIALTY.

It is our Lowney's chocolates in bewitching packages. These are for the lover to bestow as a dainty gift at the Christmastide. And right in here comes that long list of beautiful goods, every article of which is a SPECIALTY and suitable for a charming gift. It sounds almost like a love-song to listen to even an enumeration,—listen—Beautiful celluloid cases with combs and brushes, Ladies' work boxes, Jewell cases, Manicure sets, Glove and handkerchief Boxes, Fan cases, Necktie Boxes, Cuff and Collar Boxes, Magnificent Silk Mufflers, Silk handkerchiefs soft and filmy, Kid gloves, gentlemen's scarfs—but we must stop again, another department is knocking for recognition.

### A GIFT FROM THE TROPICS.

The tropics have sent their golden offerings of tempting fruits. There are Pineapples, Oranges, Dates, Bananas, Malaga Grapes, Lemons and other things fresh from the fragrant abundance of the far-away South lands.

### THE NORTH SENDS GREETING.

The chilling North sends Xmas greeting to the practical ones. The Polar Bear sends his fur in the form of the comfort-giving robe. Then there are blankets, plush robes, and a beautiful array of splendid gifts in the form of dainty covers, harness, whips and things too numerous to mention.

### A SUPERB DISCOUNT OFFER.

But here is something which should appeal to every gentleman in the county. Just think of it, **25 per cent off** during the holidays on one of the most superb lines of gentlemen's ties, ever seen in the county. They are beauties.

With this Partial Statement—this Mere Glimpse at a Few—a Very Few of the features of our immense stock of beautiful Christmas Goods, we can simply repeat our invitation to our friends to come—come early—before the great stock is culled over and the choicest of its gems are borne off in triumph by early and delighted purchasers. First come, of course, first served. With Best Wishes for a Joyous Christmastide and a Happy and Prosperous New Year,

We are very respectfully,

**MARION T. MILLER AND OLD KRIS,** PROPRIETORS OF MILLER'S GIFT EMPORIUM, ROCK HALL, MD.

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