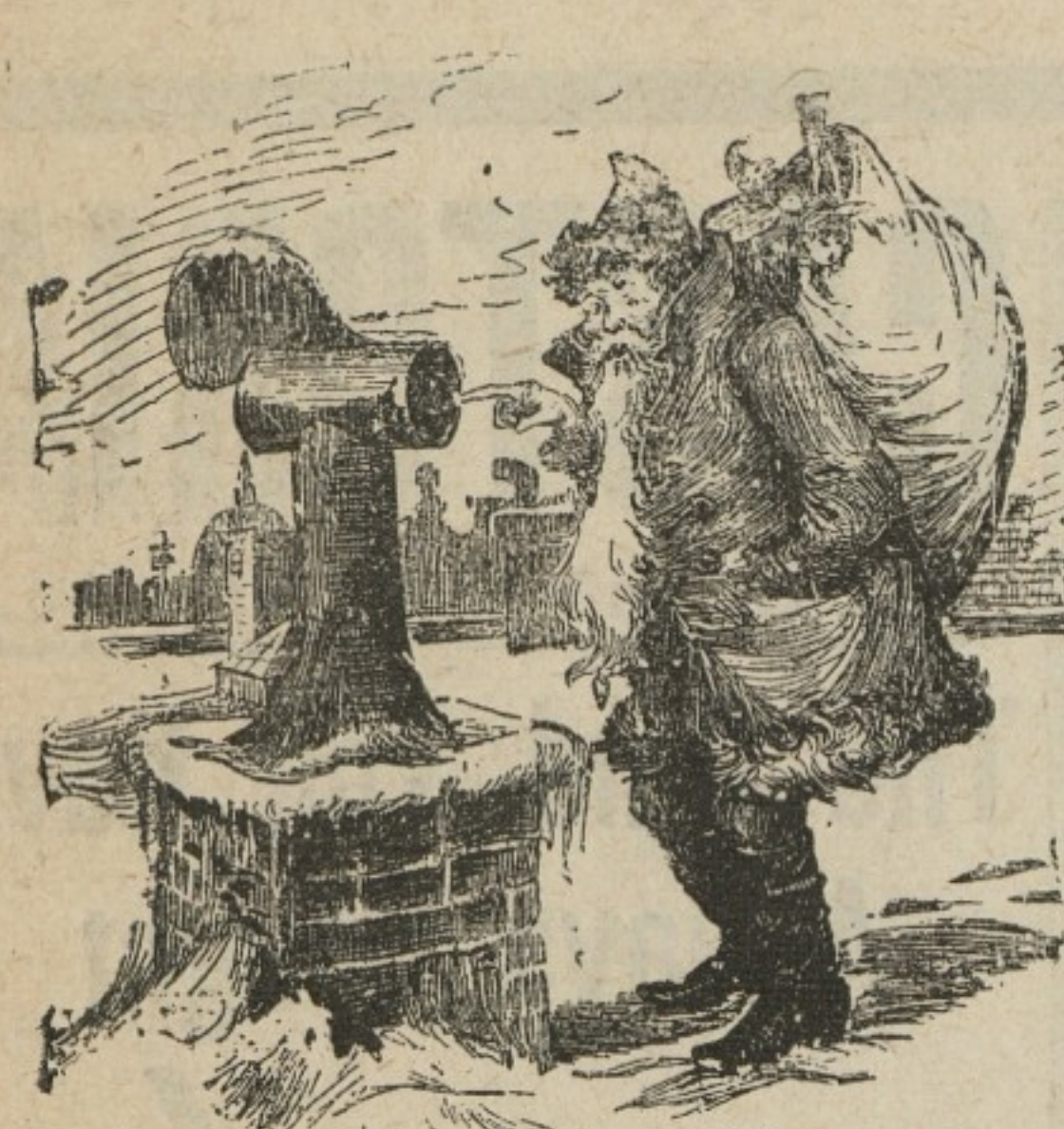


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Christmas, 1902.

Old Santa Claus

—IS NOW—

AT HIS HEADQUARTERS

We have the Greatest Christmas Show we have ever exhibited. "ALL ARE WELCOME." Everything is in readiness, and we think you can find here everything Santa Claus desires to make the children happy.

Provisions!

FINEST AND BEST That Money Can Buy.

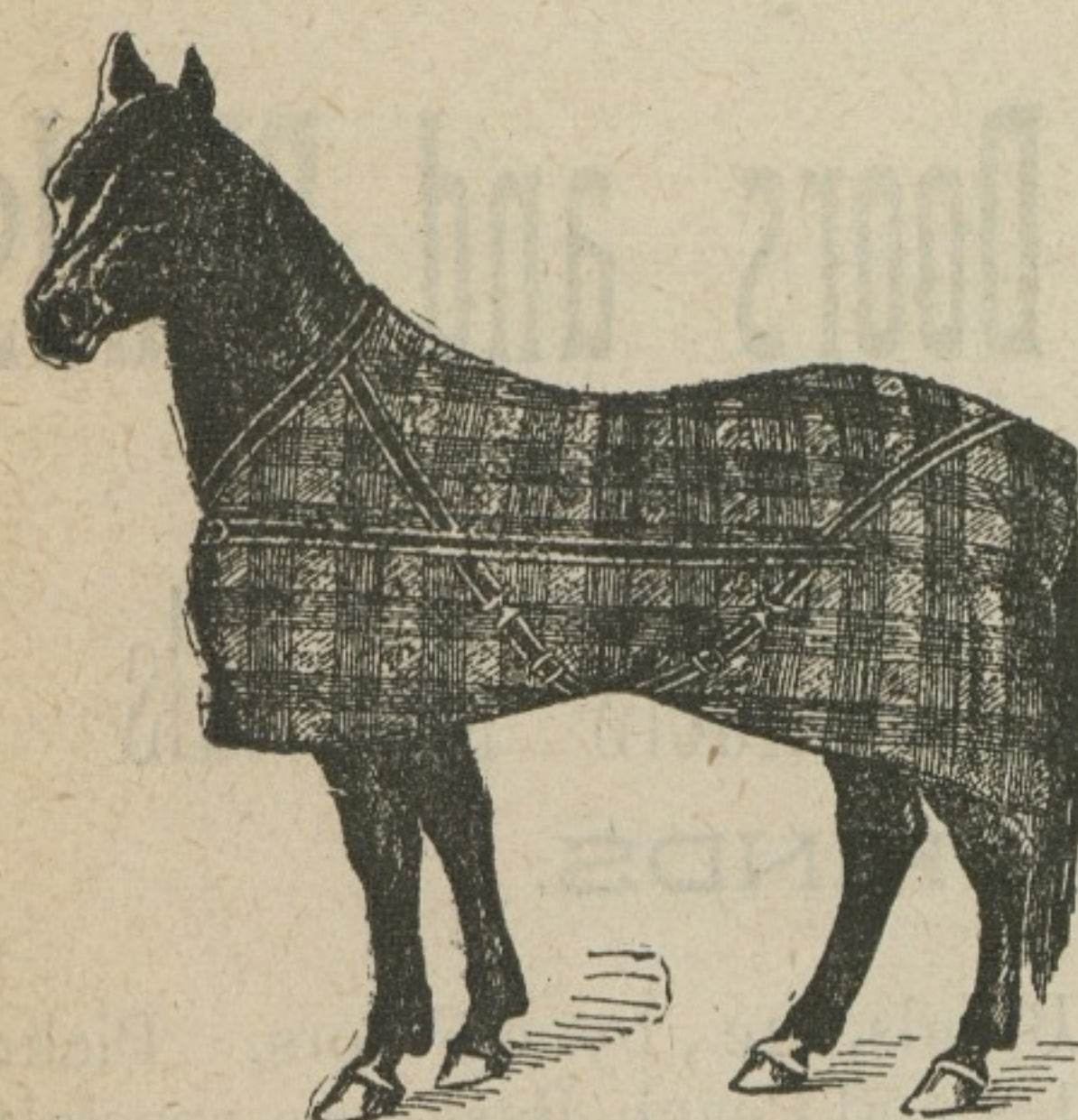
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Almonds, Finest Paper-Shell, per lb.....	16
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Fine Large New Cocoanuts.....	3 ¹ / ₂
Now for a Good French Mixture, per lb., only.....	5 ¹ / ₂
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Good Large Sweet Oranges.....	19c., 25c., dozen
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The Christmas Season of 1902

Finds us ready to offer you a desirable line of goods at both of our places

STILL POND OR CHESTERTOWN



What would be more appreciated in the way of a gift than an

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(best value) for \$10.00.

Fancy Line of Lap Robes.

From \$3.00 to \$12.00

5A Horse and Stable Blanket.

(Large line to select from) at special low bargains for the next 30 days.

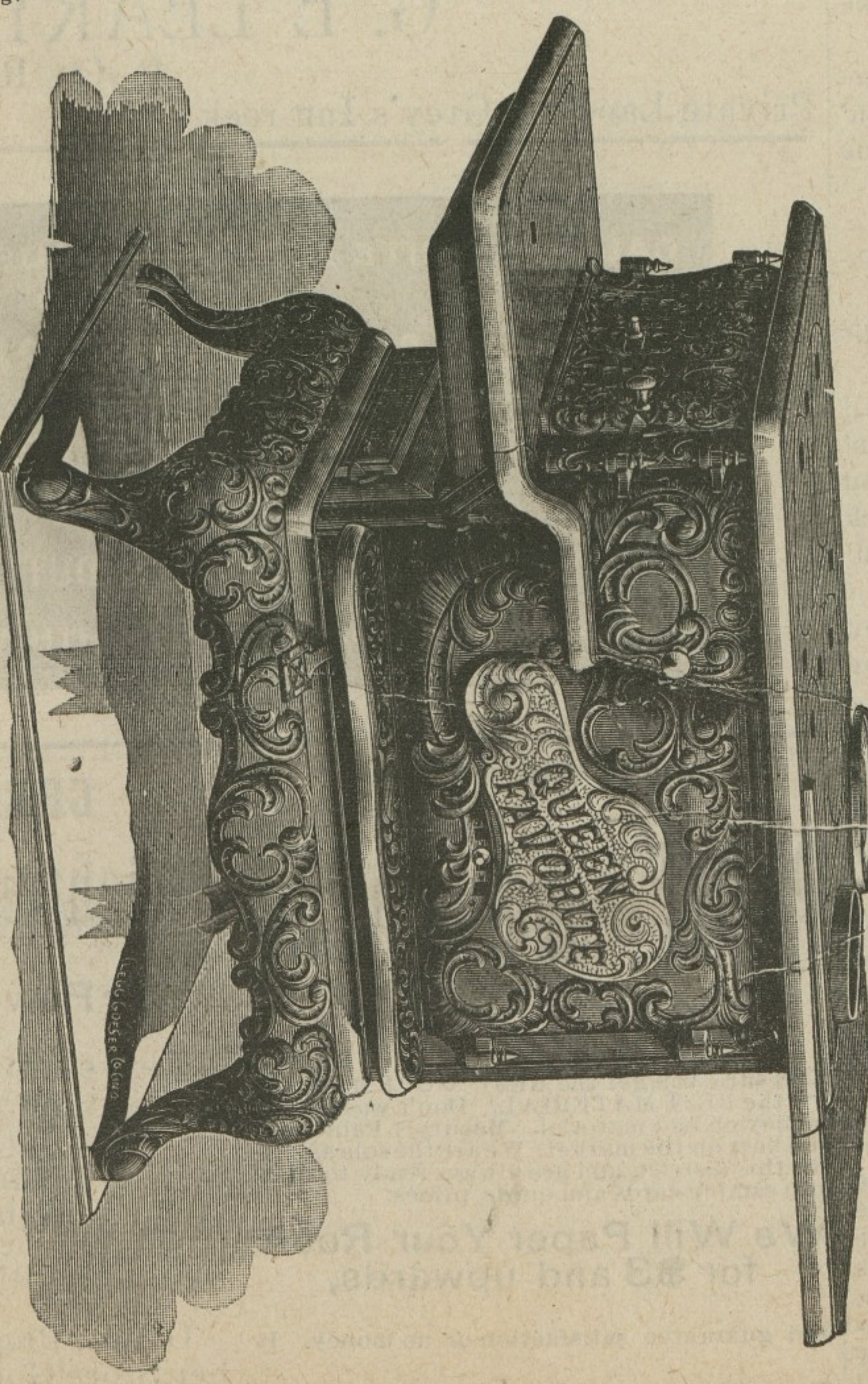
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Horse Blanket

Duck Face; Heavy Striped Lining. Strong, serviceable, long-wearing.

Large Full Size No. 8 Cook Stove for \$12.00. Large Full Size No. 9 Cook Stove for \$10.00. Our Line of WOOD, COAL and OIL HEATING STOVES. At our Chestertown Store we have a larger Xmas display, including some novelties in Nicks and Silver Ware, Fancy Cases, etc. A large line of Decorated Trunks and other articles too numerous for us to mention.



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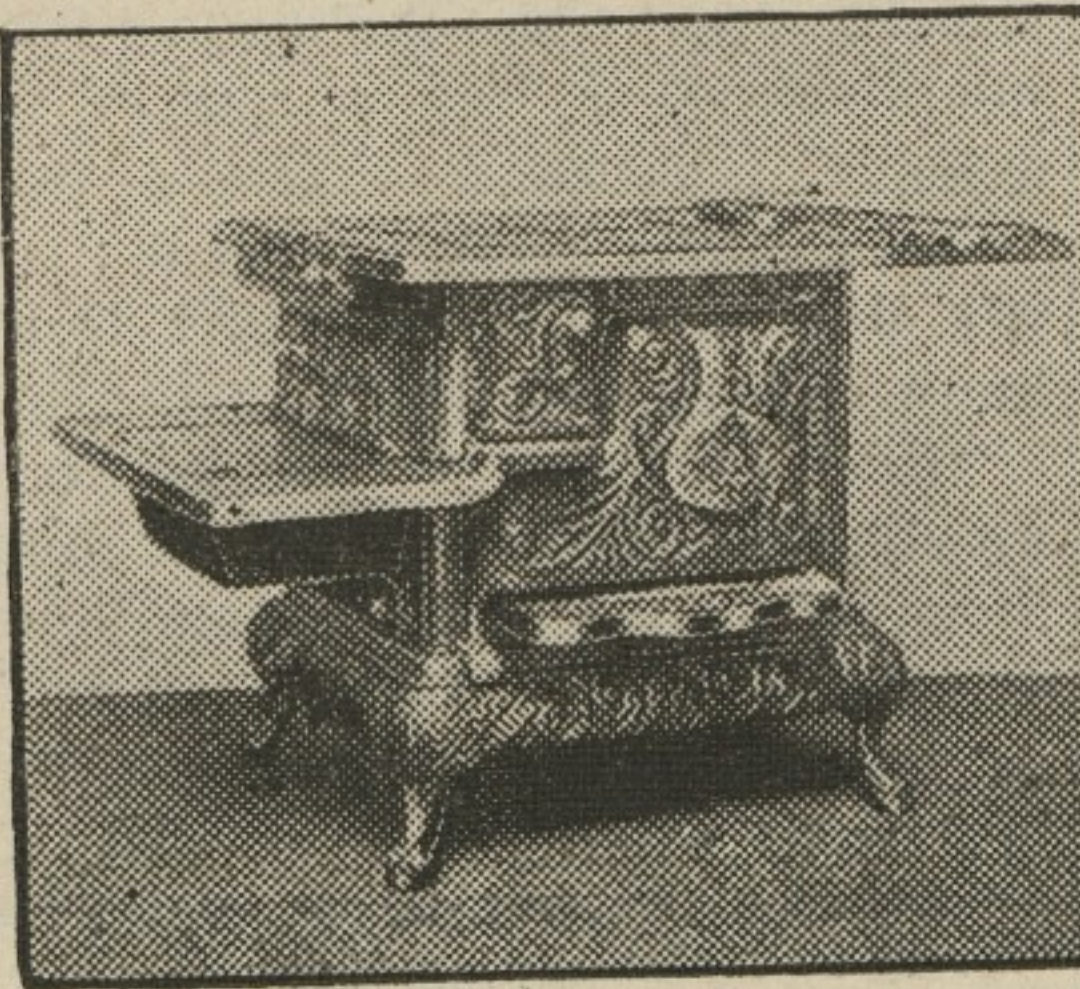
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On the Price of Each and Every Stove.

We Sell all Kinds of Stoves.



The Famous FARMER GIRL STOVES are the Largest, Heaviest and Best Cook Stoves on the market. We give the trade the benefit of our carload purchase—

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Large No 7 Farmer Girl only.....	\$14.90
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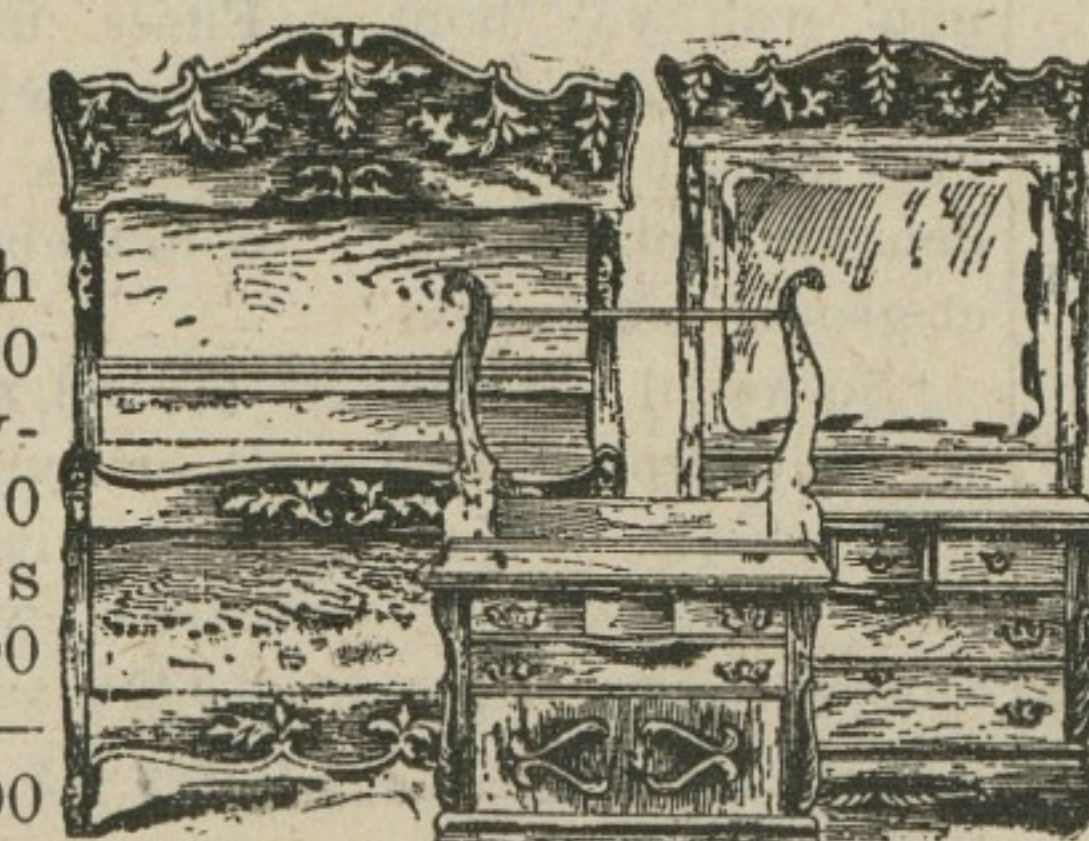
To secure a Farmer Girl Stove at these prices is worth your consideration.

It will pay you to visit Our New FURNITURE STORE,

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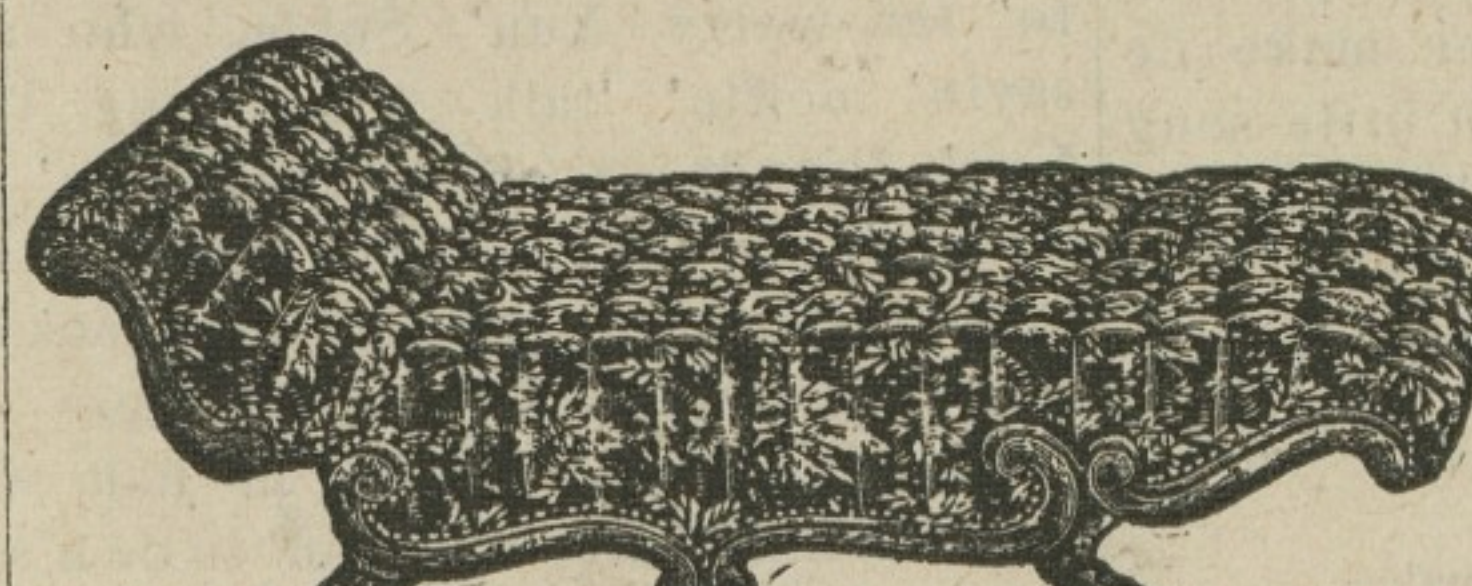
Many new and Novel things in Fine BEDROOM SUITS.

\$25.00 Golden Oak Suits, with heavy plate-Glass Mirror.....\$18.90
Fine Golden Oak Suits, nicely carved, rich finish, Large Mirrors 22.50
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The Ideal SPRING COUCHES.

Fine line Couches and Lounges, patent springs. We offer rich assortments of fine Couches and at special prices in our Annex.



Good Couches covered with finest velour, all colors, \$5.50. 7.50, 8.90, 9.90, 12.50.

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Wardrobes—Full size Oak, Single and Double.

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BY STEVENS BROTHERS,

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Commission Merchants, Members Chamber of Commerce.

THURSDAY'S QUOTATIONS.

WHEAT—The market for southern wheat today was firm in sympathy with Western, but the smallness of receipts checked business. Small lots by sample sold at 70 and 75 cents. Quoted graded No. 2 red at the close nominally at 70 1/2 cents.

CORN—Sales of cargoes both colors on grade at 52 cents for No. 2 white, yellow or mixed; 50 1/2 for steamers; 48 1/2 cents for No. 3 of either color, and 46 1/2 cents for rejected. Sample lots of white brought 48, 50, 51 and 52 cents, as to quality and condition, and one parcel of yellow 52c. Cob Corn continues to harden in price under small offerings on spot and an improved demand.

A glass or two of water taken half an hour before breakfast will usually keep the bowels regular. Harsh cathartics should be avoided. When a purgative is needed, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are mild and gentle in their action. For sale by M.A. Toulson, druggist Chestertown, Md.

The Ideal Gift

is both beautiful and of use. These qualities were never combined better than in

Simmons Watch Chains

We offer a carefully chosen assortment of vest and lorgnette chains and of Simmons fobs for men and women.

We have the finest assortment of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Fobs and Chains, all patterns, ever shown in Chestertown, and our Watch Stock is very complete.

J. H. Sides,
Jeweler.

ITEMS FROM LYNCHS AND ELSEWHERE.

We are all very proud of our new church, but we hope we will not worship the church rather than the Great Giver of all good things—the head of the church.

The church people here are a church-loving congregation, though that fact was very noticeably evinced the day our little chapel was burned, as all the people turned out en masse, men, women and children, well and sick folk of all denominations alike, worked side by side to save what we all loved and appreciated so much. Mr. Jones and Brother Hague, who were away, were missed among us. Mr. Hague, who by his Godly, quiet life, has no doubt been a large factor in winning souls and doing what he could by his example to save souls, is a consistent and honored member of Kennedyville M. P. Church, and has been for 40 years or more. He and his late wife were among our best neighbors for years.

The wedding of Miss Rhoda E. Mulford, eldest daughter of Mrs. John Mulford, of Galena, and Mr. James Scott, son of Mrs. Sarah and the late John Scott, of this county, will take place on Tuesday evening next, December 23, at the home of the bride, in Galena, at 7 o'clock. Miss Mulford is a pretty and accomplished young lady of much worth, highly esteemed by all who know her, and a worker in the church and Sabbath school. She is also, though rather frailly built, one of the finest and most daring horsewomen in this State, handling a fine pair of young horses with the ease of a man. Mr. Scott is a good judge of fine horses, and has some of the very best. They will make their future home on a farm near Chestertown. Congratulations.

CECILTON NEWS.

Mrs. M. E. Ferguson is visiting relatives in Chesapeake City.

Mrs. Joseph Dulaney, of Baltimore, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. J. P. Wilson, at "Herndon."

Miss Mattie Cannan has returned from a visit to relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. Davis Taylor has accepted a position in Philadelphia.

Mrs. E. N. Crawford and Misses Lelia McCoy and Marion Clark spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Mr. H. C. Price and Miss Winifred Price, of near Still Pond, visited relatives near town on Sunday last.

Mrs. George Padley and Mrs. M. E. Clayton spent Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Thomas Van Burskirk and daughters, Blanche and Percella, have returned to their home in Baltimore, after spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. John Morris.

Mrs. John Anderson and Mrs. John Black spent Friday in Middletown.

Misses Annie and Mamie Jones visited their uncle, Julian Jones, of Kennedyville, this week.

Messrs. Charles Reiche and J. E. Ferguson were in town on Thursday.

Master Alexander Wilson visited Mrs. Thomas P. Jones, Jr., on Friday.

The Epworth League will give an entertainment in the J. O. U. M. hall on Christmas night.

Mr. James Smith was taken quite ill while at work in his store on Friday last. We are glad to state at this writing he is very much better.

The Harman Building.

Store occupied by J. E. Bramble and L. Thigman Hayden.

Residence occupied by Thomas Davis and Harry McFeeley.

The dwelling occupied by W. E. Thompson and owned by the Keating heirs.

In addition to this an immense amount

CENTREVILLE'S BIG FIRE.

The Business Heart of the Town Swept by Flame—

Estimated Loss \$150,000; Estimated Insurance

\$90,000—No Water to Fight Fire with

for Nearly Two Hours.

ALREADY RISING FROM ITS ASHES.

Centreville, the pretty metropolis of Queen Anne county, had its business heart eaten out by fire at an early hour on Sunday morning.

With a stiff gale blowing, the fire was first discovered at shortly after four o'clock, in the rear of the clothing store of W. H. Smith, corner Commerce street and Lawyer's Row, in the very business centre of the town.

The alarm was promptly given and a ready response was made by the local fire company and every citizen of the town. Centreville has a stand-pipe one hundred and five feet high, an efficient authority, to a representative of the Transcriber who hurried to the scene, that three barrels of coal oil and every available box and other inflammable material in the town were forced into the furnace to make effective the town's excellent water system.

At about eight o'clock Wilmington was telegraphed to for aid and made an heroic response, sending down an engine, hose carriage and a number of as fine fellows as ever fought a fire. It was the old Fane company and the men won new laurels for themselves and the fire department of their city.

In the meantime the Centreville water system had been brought into service and a splendid fight was made to check the spread of the fire. With a reckless daring and a desperation born of the awful necessity which confronted them the citizens jeopardized life and limb in the great struggle, and at about eight thirty o'clock had the fire practically under control, but about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in buildings, stocks of fine goods and other property lay smoldering in ruins as the result of some oxen almost criminal negligence in not being prepared. The business heart of their pretty town had been swept away and the financial accumulations of years had in great measure gone up in smoke. The Wilmington firemen arrived just at the moment when the fire was gotten under control, but rendered splendid service notwithstanding, in relieving the exhausted citizens and in pouring a constant stream upon the ruins to prevent a further breaking out of the flames. They left for home at about four o'clock amid the plaudits and thanks of a grateful people. The run down from Wilmington, a distance of over seventy miles, it is stated was made in just seventy minutes.

The fire ate its way along Lawyer's Row to the Queen Anne National Bank, which was completely wrecked by fire and water but not entirely destroyed. The counters, desks and other furniture, while blistered and charred, were not entirely consumed. From the corner of Lawyer's Row and Commerce street the fire swept all before it, leaped Water street and was stopped in the frame residence of Mr. Wm. E. Thompson, having entirely destroyed the fine Centreville National Bank building, which was separated from it on the north by an alley about three feet wide.

The buildings burned are:

Queen Anne's National Bank.

Dwelling and store house of Samuel C. Allen.

Residence of Mrs. Mary E. Haddaway, occupied by Edwin Knox as a dwelling and barber shop.

Wright & Eddins furniture and undertaking establishment, together with the contents.

Brick store owned by the McKenney heirs and occupied by William H. Smith as a clothing establishment.

Three brick stores owned by E. M. Forman and occupied by Tucker & Holland, druggists; E. M. Forman, druggist; J. S. Morris, dry goods store; Mr. Forman's loss is \$12,000; insurance, \$10,000.

Store owned by Alfred Green and William J. Price, both of which were occupied by Alfred Green as dry goods and shoe establishments, together with the contents.

Office of Dr. James Bordley, together with the contents.

Store occupied by Jos. E. Dawson as a furniture and undertaking establishment.

Harness shop occupied by Shadrack Painter.

Store and residence occupied by A. M. Keating as a grocery and provision store.

Paint store owned by Mrs. C. A. Busted and occupied by McConnor & Son.

The entire Perkins Building, in which were the following stores and offices: One vacant store used as a storage room; tin and stove store occupied by C. A. Ringgold; millinery store occupied by Mrs. C. O. Cook; barber shop occupied by Wm. Hard; grocery and provision store occupied by E. A. Cann; office of Dr. J. M. Corkran; office of Dr. G. C. Smith, dentist.

The residence of Dr. G. C. Smith.

Residence of Mr. Murphy.

The Centreville National Bank.

Lot of furniture which had been stored in the bank building, the furniture owned by Spencer G. Newman, Alfred Tucker, Jr., and Mrs. Bostock.

Dressmaking establishment of Miss Annie Anthony.

The following buildings were damaged: Office owned by the McKenney estate.

Dwelling and storeroom owned by Mrs. M. E. Whiteley, of Baltimore.

Storeroom of Wright, McKenney & Low.

The Harman Building.

Storeroom occupied by J. E. Bramble and L. Thigman Hayden.

Residence occupied by Thomas Davis and Harry McFeeley.

The dwelling occupied by W. E. Thompson and owned by the Keating heirs.

In addition to this an immense amount

of furniture was badly damaged by being moved from the buildings not burned.

Of the insurance carried about \$35,000 is held by the agency of W. H. Gibson & Co., \$20,000 by the T. J. Kesting agency, \$25,000 by C. F. Rich, and a few other small policies were held.

What makes the loss all the greater is that all the merchants burned out had an extra supply of Christmas goods on hand. The Diamond State Telephone Company's lines were badly damaged. All of the neighboring towns offered to extend aid to Centreville. This was greatly appreciated by the people, but they were able to take care of all of the unfortunate ones.

Most all of the persons whose places of business were burned in the big fire are making active preparations to rebuild. The Centreville National Bank will erect a fine banking house, which will be handsomer even than the one which was burned. The furniture alone in that one cost over \$7,000.

Mr. Green has purchased extensive property contiguous to his destroyed stores and it is stated will build a handsome two-story and basement department store.

The Queen Anne's National Bank will also build a new bank which will surpass the old one. One of the narrow streets of the town will be widened and all of the buildings will have to be of brick. The bank's vault was found intact when opened a few hours after the fire on Sunday. When the vault of the Centreville National Bank was opened it was found that not a thing was damaged. Most of the safes in the stores protected their contents. William H. Smith's safe, however, was an exception and all of its contents were destroyed.

As yet the origin of the fire remains undiscovered. State Fire Marshall Robert M. Price has been at work trying to unravel the mystery. The merchants burned out have been busy seeking new quarters, and many have already commenced business. Quite a number of the local firemen are suffering from burns, cuts and bruises and bad colds.

An estimate of some of the losses and insurance is as follows:

W. H. Smith, clothing; \$3,000 stock, insurance \$4,500; \$6,000 building, insurance \$4,000.

Tucker & Holland, pharmacy; \$6,000 stock, insurance, full value; \$5,000 building, insurance \$3,500.

E. M. Forman, pharmacy; stock \$6,000, insurance \$4,500; building \$5,000, insurance \$2,500.

Morris Dry Goods Company; stock \$10,000, insurance \$5,500; building \$5,000, insurance \$2,500.

Alfred Green, department store; stock \$20,000, insurance \$12,000; building \$8,000, insurance \$6,000.

E. A. Cann, grocer; stock and building \$7,500, insurance \$4,000.

George Smith, residence and furniture, \$1,200; \$600 insurance.

Centreville National Bank, \$15,000; \$12,000 insurance.

William E. Thompson, residence, \$1,400; insurance, full value.

Mrs. S. E. Costin, millinery store, \$600; \$350 insurance.

Gus' Keating, grocer; \$1,000; insurance, \$500.

John O'Connor, paint dealer; building and stock, \$500; no insurance.

Chesapeake Ringgold, building \$800, insurance \$600; stock \$3,500, insurance \$500.

Wright & Eddins, \$5,000 stock and building; insurance \$2,500.

Lawson & Whiteley, \$800; no insurance.

S. C. Allen, \$1,800; insurance \$1,500.

INCIDENTS OF THE FIRE.

The two banks, two drug stores and two undertaking establishments were burned. While the fire was still burning persons from Centreville went to Church Hill for medicine. Had any one died the nearest undertaking establishment was at Queenstown and Church Hill.

While the fire was still burning it is stated that Mr. E. M. Forman, druggist, in order that the people might not unnecessarily be kept without medicine, rented a vacant storeroom on Water street. In less than an hour this room was burned. Mr. Forman left for Baltimore that afternoon, however, and on Tuesday commenced business.

Thousands of people from Queen Anne and Kent counties visited the scene of the fire during the day Sunday.

Mr. Wright, one of the Diamond State telephone men, well-known in Chestertown, was overcome while fighting the fire, and was in imminent danger of losing his life.

The properties of Messrs. Wright & Eddins, Mrs. M. E. Haddaway and the Perkins Buildings were insured in the Kent Mutual to the amount of about \$4,700.

Among those who visited the ruins from Chestertown were Dr. Harry G. Simpers, C. C. Hopper, Raymond Simpers, F. M. Miller, W. C. A. Thompson, Benj. Rust. From Millington were W. F. Collins, William Loper, Dixie Pederman, James Poor, E. Vansant, Brown Duling and Olin Duling.

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