Holiday Presents

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OUR CHESTERTOWN STORE

Opposite the Voshell House, in the LARGE THOMPSON BUILDING.

Our Xmas Stock.

Our Christmas Stock, embraces a selection of goods, not ornamental, but useful and to demonstrate this we will endeavor to name you a partial list of our Holiday purchases.

Decorated Fancy Lamps, Fancy Salt and Pepper Sets Nickle, Nails, Files, Nippers, Nickle Nut Picks and Cracker, Manicure and Stationery articles, Ebony Hair Brushes, and Combs, Fancy Whisks and Holders, French Stag Toilet Sets, Table Cutlery, Silver plated Sterling Silver, Olive Spoons, Carving Sets, Bread Knife Sets, Easy Carpet Sweepers, Watches, Razors and Straps Shaving Brushes.

For The Children.

We have Express Wagons, Skates, Air Rifles, Pocket Knives, Dominoes, Crockinole Boards, Table Tennis Sets, Boys Tool Chests etc.

At Still Pond And Chestertown

A most desirable present for wife or daughter, is a Happy Home Sewing Machine for **$13.50** with full attachments and guaranteed.



For the NEXT 30 DAYS

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You will find our stock at both of our Hardware Stores complete, and our Holiday Offerings Suitable and Useful.

At Chestertown we have the great Talking Machine, don't fail to stop in and hear it, one of the great wonders of the age. Come early and select your Xmas present.

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HOWARD AND LEXINGTON STS., BALTIMORE.

This Store is Turned Over to Christmas Gift Buyers

From basement to fifth floor the store is stocked to repletion with goods well calculated to bring happy smiles to bright faces on Christmas morning. The collections of gift things are at once widely diversified, artistic and useful. Utility will enter into gift buying this year to a greater degree than ever. Our selections accordingly have been most carefully made.

Come Early, Roam Through the Store at Will.

Examine all the beautiful things. Ask all the questions curiosity or desire for knowledge may suggest. You will be politely answered. You will not be importuned to buy. This is your store, and we believe that your judgment of the fitness of things, and your appreciation of true economy, will prompt you to make your gift purchases here.

Christmas Umbrellas.

The greatest aggregation of good styles and qualities ever seen in Baltimore. Make your Xmas selection now. Let us engrave it and hold for delivery. The stock comprises Umbrellas from 39c to $20.00.

Women's 26-inch Royal Cloak Umbrellas, absolutely guaranteed; blue, garnet, green and black. Paragon frames and close-rolling. With pearl, silver and pearl, coin silver, floral, Dresden, long and short effects, mourning, horns and nobby, neat natural wood handles; value $2.50. Our price..... **$1.50**

Woman's 26-inch Imperial Silk Umbrellas, warranted for 12 months' wear; only in Black, with full length, silver and pearl handles; eight different styles; a great value. Worth $4.00, for..... **$2.50**

Men's 23 and 23-inch Superior Royal Silk Umbrellas, close-rolling, guaranteed, with cape and Brazilian horn; silver trimmed, box wood and neat, Furze natural wood handles. Worth $3.00, for..... **$2.00**

Our "Excellence" Umbrellas, the greatest-wearing Umbrella on the market; warranted for two years; taped edge; the best hard natural wood handles. Worth $5.00, for..... **$3.50**

Children's 22 and 24 inch Umbrellas, genuine Gloria Silk; close-rolling, with silver, silver and pearl, horn, Dresden, plain and silver trimmed natural wood handles; for Boys and Girls. Worth $1,75, for..... **$1.00**

Toyland is Astir.

From morning to night, the great fifth floor section, devoted to Toys, Games, Dolls and the thousand other things that bring life and mirth and joy bubbling from youthful lips and eyes is never without a host of visitors. It is the one complete Baltimore branch of Santa Claus' great storehouse. Bring the children in. Let them see the wonderful things. You'll enjoy their enthusiasm, as well as the many reminders of your own childhood days. A partial list of the large amount of happiness small sums of money will secure.

At 25c—for the Boys.
Tool Chests, Wagons, Blackboards, Iron Toys, (25 different kinds), Horns, Hair Horses, Horse Reins, Noah's Arks.

At 25c—for the Girls.
Dressed Dolls, Undressed Dolls, Sets of Dishes, Blackboards, Furniture Sets, Games of all kinds, etc. Paper Doll Sets.

At 50c—for the Boys.
Tool Chests, Magic Lanterns, Steam Engines, Iron Wagons, Wheelbarrows, Iron Toys (50 different kinds), Horses and Wagons, Bugles, etc.

At 50c for the Girls.
Dressed and Undressed Dolls, Furniture Sets, Doll Sets, Doll Bathtubs, Doll Dresses, Games of all kinds, Ping Pong Sets, Doll Go Carts, China and Pewter Dishes.

At $1.00—for the Boys.
Iron and Wooden Wagons, Hair Horses Hobby Horses, Shoo-Flys, Iron Trains and Toys (50) different kinds), Ping Pong Sets, Bugles, Magic Lanterns, Steam Engines, Footballs, Engine and Cars to run on tracks.

At $1.00—for the Girls.
Large Dolls, dressed and undressed; Shoo-flys, Doll Go Carts, Skin Animals, Sheep, Cows, etc.; Furniture of all kinds, Swiss Garden Sets.

Special for One Week Only.

An 18-inch Kid-Body Jointed Doll, closing eyes, fine bisque head (our own importation, shoes and stockings; value $1.00. Monday only..... **75c**

100 dozen Kitchen Sets, containing 16 pieces of wooden kitchen utensils; value 50c..... **19c**

100 dozen Furniture Sets, containing 1 table, 1 sofa, 1 buffet, 4 covered chairs, 1 foot stool; packed in a neat box; worth 75c..... **23c**

50 dozen Dolls, 10 inches, dressed; worth 39c. Special..... **15c**

Mail Orders Promptly and Accurately Filled. Money Promptly Refunded if Purchase is not Satisfactory.

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FARMERS MEETING!

Maryland Horticultural Society Has a Fine Program Prepared—Low Rate on Boat and Cars.

We wish to call especial attention to the meeting of the State Horticultural Association to meet in Baltimore on the 18th and 19th of this month; we think it the duty of every fruit grower and gardiner particularly to attend, should they desire to continue their occupation. The association has one of the best programs they ever have had. The subjects will be discussed by the most practical growers in the State, that have made their subjects a life-long study and a success, and will give it to you in a nut shell. You cannot afford to miss one word of it. Any question you may want answered on any of these subjects, will be willingly given by any of these experts. The culture of apples is now becoming one of the most important industries of our State, the association has employed an expert on the subject from Missouri (at a heavy expense) who now has over 2,000 trees under his care who will explain it all to you on Thursday evening. There will be discussions on floral culture by members of the City Gardners Club (expressly for the ladies). Cards can be had at our office which will entitle you to a round trip ticket, at one fare price, by rail or water.

The State Horticultural Society is doing a valuable work, for it is bringing to light the wonderful resources Maryland possesses for the successful growing of various fruits. The soils and climatic conditions, which greatly vary from the mountains to the peninsula offer great opportunities to fruit-growers for the growing not only of all orchard fruits, but of the endless bush and vine productions. There seems to be no limit to the resources of Maryland as regards the growing of the various kinds of fruit. Erch year brings additional revelations showing resources which have not been availed of and which if properly utilized would add to the wealth of the State.

It is gratifying to note that the membership of the society has increased to nearly 2,500, and that up-to-date farmers are taking earnest interest in fruit growing, and feel that it is to their interest to attend these annual meetings.

Kent county's popular fruit-grower, Capt. R. S. Emory, is President of this society.

THE LATE REV. DR. BENSON.

Dr. Benson was a prominent clergyman of the Methodist Protestant Church. He was a native of Baltimore county. He entered the ministry forty-five years ago in which he was actively engaged for thirty-eight years, the remaining period having been devoted to the work of education at Western Maryland College and Westminster Theological Seminary. He was pastor of charges at Denton, Wesley Chapel, Easton, Pocomoke City, Crisfield, Townson, Belair and also of churches in Virginia previous to 1884, and at Belair took a very prominent position in the temperance movement which resulted in the adoption of the prohibitory liquor license law of Harford county.

In 1884 he became a member of the faculty of Western Maryland College and vice-president of that institution. In 1886 he returned to the active ministry and during the next eleven years served the congregations of Warwick, Chesapeake Circuit, Seaport, Del., and Wye, Queen Anne's county. In 1897 he was elected professor of systematic theology at Westminster Theological Seminary, and has filled the situation from that time until the present date. In 1860 he married Miss E. Thomas, daughter of the late John B. Thomas, of Queen Anne's county, who survives him with two sons, Rev. B. Frank Benson, pastor of St. John's Chapel, Independent Methodist Church, Baltimore; Prof. H. T. Benson, of Baltimore city, and one daughter, Mrs. E. J. Merrick, of Crumpton, Md.

Dr. Benson was largely a self-educated man, having entered the Methodist Protestant ministry when that denomination was in comparative infancy and without institutions for the education of its clergymen. Having thus educated himself, he became a valued educator of young men in the system of theology of his denomination. He was held in high esteem and veneration by the church, having been a truly devoted and conscientious servant of the church. His death, on account of its extreme suddenness, is a great shock to the people of Westminster. He attended the Sunday school and church services Sunday morning and closed the Sunday school with the benediction, his last act of a public ministerial character.

RECEIVED $1,000,000 UPON BIRTH.

A son was born to the wife of W. A Clark, Jr., at Butte, Montana, Tuesday, 2d inst. winning the $1,000,000 gift which Senator W. A. Clark offered to his sons and daughters a year ago for the first grandson presented to him. His youngest daughter, Mrs. Morris, in New York, recently gave birth to a daughter. When two heirs who would share in Senator Clark's money were expected the Senator agreed to set aside $1,000,000 for the first boy born. A daughter soon came to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Morris in New York, and the expected arrival of the little stranger in Butte has been a chief topic of conversation in the family and among friends. When the attending physician, with professional gravity and some show of pleasure, announced "It is a boy" there was much joy in the household, and word soon went around the city.

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Start them 5c, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 25c, 37c, 50c, 75c and $1.00.

Bereau Scarfs

Start them, 50c, 62½c, 75c and $1.00.

Handkerchiefs

Start them, 3c, 5c, 6¼c, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 37½. Initial Handkerchiefs, plain and fancy.

Napkins

Plain and Fringed, Start them Linen, 25c, Job, 37½c, 50c, 62½c, 75c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00, $2.50 $3.00 per dozen.

Table Cloths

ready made to match.

Bed Spreads

Marsailes (white) $1.25, $1.75, $2.00, $2.50.

Chamber Sets

Others get $2.50, for our Christmas price $1.99.

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Tea Sets 56-piece $4.75.

Dinner Sets

Very pretty Dinner Set exquisite design 106 pieces $16.50.

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