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# '03 CHRISTMAS '03

We want it to be the greatest in our business career! Are offering the best values in merchandise, obtainable. Prices, style and assortment speaks for themselves!

If you are in need of serviceable presents, we have them; start with China, Glassware, Lamps, Bric-a-Brac.

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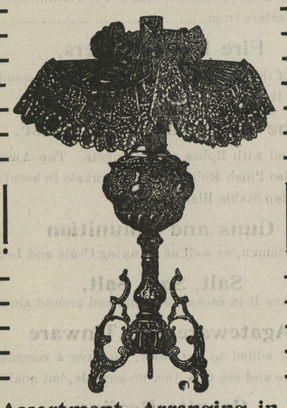
## Line Fancy Lamps

LAMPS! LAMPS!



Best Assortment, Arranging in Price

From 25c to $6.50

Come and See Them!

## Complete Line of Chinaware.

We cary more China and Glassware than any other store in the county.

*Tea Sets,* 56-pieces, fine china, for only $4.98.
*Dinner Sets.* 100 pieces, finest china $10.50.
*Dinner Sets,* 110 pieces, finest china, $12.50 to $15.00.
*Chamber Sets,* 9, 10-piece 2.25 to 7.50

Jardineres—Large Assortment

## Handkerchiefs.

Handkerchiefs by the dozens. Fine Linen with initial, Fine Silk with initial. Cheap Handkerchiefs 2½c up.

## Fine Line of Napkins.

Fringed and plain, ranging in price from 50c per dozen to $3.00 per dozen.

## For the Table.

Mercerized Table Damask, fine quality, choice designs. 50c to 75c per yard, 72 inches, all pure linen.

Bleached Table Linens, 80c to $1.00 per yard.

## Tidy Things For the Bedroom.

Bureau Scarfs, Shams, Pillow Cases, Etc. Marselles Spreads, $2.50 to 3.50.

Blankets, white and colored, from 50c to 7.50 per pair.

Comfortables, 65c to 5.50.

## Floor Coverings.

Fine line all-wool Ingrain Carpet, Cotton Chain Ingrain Carpet, Rag and Jute Carpet Wool Step Carpet.

Fine line of Oil Cloths, Linoleum, 4-4 to 8-4.

Matting—especially for the holiday trade, price start at 10c to 37½c per yard,

## Fine Line of Dress Goods.

A large and varied assortment of Zibelines, Ibalenes, Cheviots, Serges, Mohairs, Cassimer, and Heavy Suitings—A beautiful line of Mercerized Madras, Handsome Waistings, both in Madras and Fancy Stripe Cassimere.

## Trunks, Etc.

Trunks, Telescopes, Satchels, Dress Suit Cases both in leather and imitation. Trunks, 1.00 up. All prices.

**Finest Line Horse Blankets and Robes**

in town. Galloway Cow Robes, Goat Robes, Rubber Blankets, Imitation Buffalo Robes with rubber inner lining.

**Hosiery, Gloves, Underwear,**

Remember, we still give the Brown Trading Stamps.

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# LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Carl Apsley, Rock Hall—I am a little boy four years old and I want you to bring me a few things. I am all the little boy my mamma has, now I will tell my wants. I guess I am not going to ask too much, I want a steam car that you can wind up so it will go, a desk, a gun, some candy, nuts, oranges and any thing else you chose to bring, and don't forget my mamma, papa and all the little children.

Charles Lee Gill, Kennedyville—I live with my grand-mother and grand-father. I want Old Kris to bring me a sled.

Margaret Stavely, Baltimore—I am a little girl seven years old. I go to school every day, I want to ask you to bring some nice things, a doll, doll carriage, and nice things to eat. I have a little brother three years old, named Arthur Gorman Stavely, please bring him a horse wagon and mule, please bring my mamma something she is sick.

Claude Bryden, Rock Hall—I am a little boy five years old, and I want a pair boots, number eights, an overcoat, and a box of tools. Dont forget my little brother, bring him a pair boots, and some nuts, candy and oranges. Santa Claus if you can't get down the chimney, I will hang the key out side the door, or leave the door open. Bring me some candy, nuts and oranges too. Dont forget mamma, papa, grand-mother, Uncle Romie, and Mamie, Bring them something nice.

P. S.--Santa, don't forget all the poor little girls and boys who haven't any stockings to hang up. Bring me a little wheel-barrow too.

James E. Blackiston, Rock Hall—I am a little boy seven years old. I suppose you know me; I want you to any way and I want you to bring me lots of nice things I would like to have a wagon an iron one would be better so I won't break it, sister says I will break it any way, but I dont think so, a pair gum boots, a sled, a horn to wake the people up around here, a pop gun a a pair of gloves, a pair of rubbers, a blank book, a team with a horse to it and every thing else nice.

Ruth R. Allen, Chestertown—I am a nice little girl and will be four years old in January, and I do not want much this year, I would like to have a nice little doll baby with dark curly hair, a nice bread board, and rolling pin, and a nice Christmas tree, some candy, oranges, apples, and nuts, I am your little girl.

Charles Browne.—I am a little boy ten years old. I think I have been good all the year. Will you please bring me a cat-rifle, a jump-jack, some shooting-crackers, some torpedoes some nuts, and candy and a orange.

Johnny Naylor, Massey—I want you to please bring me a accordian, fiddle, and a ring, just lots of candy, as I like it so also figs, oranges, etc.

Willie P. Milby, Massey—I have been a real good little boy this year. Please bring me a sled, grocery house, horse and a wagon, a lots of candy, nuts, figs, etc.

Morgan Browne—I am a little boy eleven years old in the sixth grade; Please bring me a cat-rifle. If you cant bring it to me this Christmas bring it next.

Richie Cochran, Sassafras—As Xmas is drawing near I will write and let you know what I want. I like to make lots of noise, so I will ask you please to bring me a horn, fife, drum, mouth-organ, and a pair of reins with bells on them also lots of candy, nuts, figs, oranges, etc.

Carleton Roe, Massey—I will write to you and ask you to please bring me a gun, fairy tale book, automobile and jack in the box, also lot of candy, nuts, figs, etc

Ed. E. Woodall, Jr. Massey—I have been a good little boy this year, but will not ask you to bring me much. Please bring me a ring, a pop gun, a a train of cars, and some candy cigar-ettes if you have any, also a lot of candy, nuts, oranges, figs, etc.

Pearle Russum, Millington—I am a little girl and I am trying to be as good as I can and am saving you money every day, so please come and bring me a doll and wagon, toys, books, candy, nuts, oranges and bananas.

Mable G. Russum, Millington—I am a little girl and the pride of the home, so please come to see me and bring me a big rubber doll and doll coach, a cradle to rock it in a set of dishes, lots of toys, candy and everything good.

Melvin Kendall, Rock Hall—I am a little boy 9 years old and I would like to write a letter to you to tell you I have been a good little boy and don't want you to forget me, I don't want many things and hope I won't be disappointed, I want a pair of gum-boots and some handkerchiefs. My little sister Louise, wants a doll baby, bed, and baby carriage. My little brother Jake wants a great many things, but bring him what you think is best, here is what he wants, oyster rakes, boat, gum-boots, horse, wagon whip and reins. My baby sister Mildred would like to have something nice too. Bring her a doll and cart lots of nice things, don't forget our big sister and our fire-works, candy, nuts and fruit, fill our stocking full up to the top. Don't forget mama and papa.

Isabel Huey, Crumpton—I am a little girl ten years old. Please bring me a sled, and a Jack in the box, some candy and nuts. Please dont forget my little sister Mary, and grandmother and uncle Will or papa.

Carroll Edwards, Chesterville—I am a little boy six years old. I am right good but of course sometimes I am bad. I would like you to bring me a gun, a sled, a train of cars, a drum, a horn, some fire crackers, and candy, nuts, oranges and bananas.

Julia Burris, Massey—I am a good little girl sixteen months old and will you please bring me a doll, a doll coach, set of dishes, some candy, bananas oranges, apples, and nuts.

Gilbert Rawley, Kennedyville—I want a rifle, and a soldier suit, a pack of shooting crackers, and a wagon, a pair of gum boots.

Harry Lusby, Chestertown—I want a wagon, a sled, and some nuts, a book, an orange, and a pair of gum-boots

Lulu M. Dixon, Millington—I am a little girl seven years old. I would like to have a baby doll, and a bed-stead, a stove. table, and organ, bring my brother Gilbert an express wagon, and remember my other brothers and sisters and mother and father bring us some candy, nuts, and oranges, please come and trim my tree.

Ada Duver, Chestertown—Please bring me a little beau, and a set of dishes a big doll dressed in pink.

Gladys Gibson, Tolchester—I am a little girl not old enough to go to school. But I want a slate, and pencil, kid doll, a little wagon, and some candies, some nuts and orange, and dont forget my little friend Clara near Chestertown, and dont forget my two brothers and my sister that are going to school.

Blanche E. Hickey, Pomona—I am a little girl nine years old, I go to school, I like my teachers, she is Miss Helen Wilkins. Will you please bring me something for Christmas, I want a doll, a work box, some nice books, and please do not forget my sisters two little children, one of them cannot walk and they have no papa, so please dear Old Chris do not forget them, we want apples, nuts candy, and anything you like to bring us we will thank you for it.

Alice M. Cranor, Crumpton—Will you please bring me a little stove, doll and some picture books candy and nuts, please dont forget my Sunday school teacher.

William Price Roe, Massey—I am a little boy, six years old, go to school every day, can read and write. I want you to please bring me a tool chest, pop gun, horn, and a fife; also lots of candy, nuts, figs, oranges etc. Don't forget my teacher I like her very well.

Harry Moffett, Lynch's.—I am a little boy, six years old, will you bring me an express wagon, a set of blocks, a bicycle, a pair gloves, some candy, oranges and raisins. Don't forget my papa, he likes good things too.

Stella May Moffett, Lynch's.—I will be four years old Christmas night, I am a good little girl, grandma and aunt Sis says so, and I hope you think so to. you please bring me a doll carriage with four wheels on it so I can ride my doll in, a pair mittens, candy, bananas and raisins.

Mary Garrett, Worton.—I am a little girl just five years old, I am trying hard to be good so you can bring me lots of things. Please bring me a large doll, a doll chair, mittens, oranges, candy, nuts and raisins. Don't forget baby brother, he wants a gum rattle and high chair.

Willie E. Garrett, Worton.—I am a little boy eight years old, and have one sister and a baby brother, please don't forget us. I wish you would please bring me a pair of gloves, a sled, a pair gum boots, oranges, candy, raisins and bananas. I won't ask too much of you. Don't forget mama and papa.

Johnny Cox—I am a good boy, I go to school every day, please bring me a pair of boots, a shot gun and please do not forget the shot, please bring me some nuts, candy, oranges aud that is all.

Heston Cox—I am a good little boy, all I want is a shot gun a pair of boots, nuts, candy oranges, please do not forget the shot.

Beulah Davis, Rock Hall.—I am a little girl six years old and I think I am real good. Mamma says if we are good you will bring us lots of things. Please bring me a doll that goes to sleep and a high chair for it to set in, a little table, writing desk, candy, nuts and oranges.

Catharine C. Roe, Dover— Will you please bring me a half a yard of ribbon, a puff comb, candy, nuts and oranges, and please dont forget my papa and my sister and brothers.

Charlie M. Clayton, Worton—I am a little boy and am waiting for Christmas, so don't forget to call around, I want a sled, express wagon, rocking chair, set of blocks, horn, pair red mittens, lead pencil, candy, nuts and plenty cakes, you need not bring me any oranges for I don't like them.

I am going to hang up my stocking so please put some candy in it I want a rocking chair, set of blocks, doll baby cradle and apples. Please don't forget aunt Mamye.

Mary Johnson, Massey—I thought I would write you a little letter telling you of my request for Christmas, I have been a good girl and I would like to have a piana and a toy stove, a table, wash tub and a board, nuts, candy, figs, oranges and what you always bring, I hope you will bring them all and please to trim me a tree, don't forget my baby Blanche.

Mary Huey, Crumpton—I am a little girl ten years old. Please bring me a game of some kind and a pair of skates, some candy, and nuts. Please remember my little sister Isabel, grand-mother and uncle Will or papa.

Sara Francis Bacon, Chestertown—I have been a good girl this year and I would like you to bring me a umbrella doll baby carriage and doll, some candy, nuts, and oranges,

Julian Duyer, Chestertown—I would like to have a wagon, candy, nuts apples, and orange. My little brother Edward wants a sled, candy, nuts, oranges, and apples.

Wilson Bedwell, Edesville I would like to have a hobby-horse, a sled, a pair of gum boots, some candy, nuts, oranges. etc.

John Greenwood, Chertertown—I am a little boy eight years old. I would love to have a magic lantern, candy, nuts, apples, and oranges

Among others whose letters have been received and sent to old Kris are the following:

Myrtle Kennard, of Kennedyville, writes for her four brothers, sister and parents.

Galena—Marie McCauley, Pearl Ford, Elsie, Mollie and Blanche Dixon, Norman C. Hicks, Bryan and Abbie Wood, Louise and Elsie Lehman, Alvin and Leroy McCauley, Ella Cochran, Edna Ford, Angie Taylor, Howard Fowler, G. McCauley, Lizzie Powell, Esther Cochran,

Anna Gale, Barber Bartley, M. Helen and W. Martin Wagner, Helen J., Mary L. and Harry J. Rouse, Elsie and Cooper Dixon, Martha, Eva and Julian Carter, Amy, Dewey and Manilla Crossley, Victor, Nettie, Lillian, and Pauline Smith, Johnny Lenty, Willie Swab Rebecca and Walmsley Davis, Barbara Elliot, Romie L., Philip T. and Davis J. Jones, Merle and Sallie White, Reyer and Merle Smith, Elna and Lelia Elburn Emily K. Plummer, Ada C., and Bryan Crossley, Chas. H. Jones, Rachel S. Baker, Helen, I. Jones, Bessie B. Burris, Grace Anderson for family, Roy Barnett, Lillian M. Benny, Ollie Atwell, Mamie and Elwood Burris, Harry Coleman, G. Allan Rouse, Russell Wheatley wants boots, automobele and fire-works; Elsie Legg, brothers and sister, Mabel and Robert Robinson, Francis Lee and Eva Elizabeth Copper, Frank Connelly, Jr., Blanche Grantlin, "Our" little Miss Mamie Ryan, Addie and Lillie Everett, Mable Cleaver, Estella and Helen Dickerson, Clarence Everett, and many others.

Special Notice!

# THE CANNING & MERCANTILE CO.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Canning & Mercantile company on Saturday last it was decided to enlarge the stock of goods in the Chestertown store, and to introduce many new and up-to-date phases in the business. The store will be run on a much larger scale than heretofore. In order therefore to make room for our increased supply of goods by January 1, 1904, we will sell the articles as enumerated below for the next 30 days. These goods must go in order to make room for our enlarged supply. Call and get bargains.

## Carriages

Were $90.00 ..... now $80.00
Were 75.00 ..... now 65.00
Were 65.00 ..... now 57.00
Were 55.00 ..... now 50.00

## Runabouts

Were 50.00 ..... now 42.00
Were 45.00 ..... now 37.00
Were 40.00 ..... now 35.00
Were 35.00 ..... now 30.00
Were 130.00 ..... now 100.00

## Farm Wagons

Were $45.00 ..... now $40.00
Were 35.00 ..... now 32.50

## Dearborns

Were $42.50 ..... now $35.00

**Corn Shellers**

Were $6.50 ..... now $5.75

**LONG HANDLE Shovels**

Were 60c ..... now 45c

**Grain Fans**

Were $14.00 ... now $12.00

**SHORT HANDLE Shovels**

Were 60c ..... now 45c

Churns, were $2.05 ..... now $1.50
5 gal. Galvanized Oil Cans ..... 40 and 50c each
Galvanized Buckets ..... 15c, 18c and 20c
3-Hoop Cedar Buckets ..... 25c
2-Hoop ..... 15c

## Saussage Stuffers and Lard Presses

8-qt were $5.75 ..... now $5.00
6-qt were 4.70 ..... now 4.00
4-qt were 4.15 ..... now 3.50

Meat Cutters at cost. Gunning Coats, Leggings and Guns at or below cost. Ice Cream Freezers were $2.00 now $1.60.

## Stoves Stoves

Were $20.00 ..... now $19.00
Were 18.50 ..... now 17.00
Were 14.50 ..... now 13.00
Were 12.00 ..... now 11.00

## RANGES

Were $20,00 ..... now $18.50
Were 16.00 ..... now 15.00
Were 15.00 ..... now 14.00
Air Tights from ..... $2.50 up

Saddles, were $5 ..... now $4.00 Were $7.50 now ..... $6.00
Speed Cart, was $32.00 ..... now $26.00

All Kinds of PAINT at half price. TIN and AGATEWARE at cost

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