

WHEN you get ready to spend your Christmas money and want to spend it in the most sensible way, not only to get value for it, but to get things that are sure to please the ones who receive them, come to us and let us show you what we can do to help you.

Especially in buying presents for men, young men, boys, you'll find us able to give you a good deal of help.

We've got a big lot of things for men's gifts; things boys like too; masculine things; you'll make a hit if you give any one of fifty or a hundred things we can show you here, costing anywhere from 25 cents up to \$25.00.

No male person, for example, ever has more handsome neckties than he wants; see what 50 cents, \$1.00, \$1.50, will do for you in neckwear here.

Same way with fine handkerchiefs—never too many; or fine hosiery—always acceptable; or suspenders, gloves, small jewelry, studs—always wanting them.

We'll show you a complete line of some elegant umbrellas, from \$1.50 up; some of the better ones heavily silver mounted. We'll show you some very stunning fancy waistcoats from \$2.00 up. If you want to go in for mere substantial things, get him a

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fine suit or overcoat; or a full dress or Tuxedo suit. You'll never get more money's worth; nor better clothes.

Anything bought here may be exchanged at any time; if he doesn't like it, bring it back.

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VALUE OF NATION'S GRAINS.

Decrease in Corn, but Other Cereals Show Healthy Progress.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The production in 1908 and farm value on December first of important farm products according to the final revised estimates of the department of agriculture announced Tuesday, are as follows:

Corn, 2,668,651,000 bushels and farm value \$1,616,145,000 against 2,592,320,000 bushels in 1907 and \$1,336,901,000 on December 1 of that year; winter wheat, 437,908,000 bushels, and \$410,330,000 against 409,442,000 and \$361,217,000 last year; spring wheat, 226,654,000 and \$206,496,000, against 224,645,000 bushels and \$193,220,000 in 1907; oats, 807,156,000 bushels, and \$831,171,000 against 754,443,000 and \$334,568,000; barley, 166,756,000 bushels, and \$92,442,000 against 153,597,000 and \$102,290,000.

Protect Against Persians. St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—A dispatch from Urumiah says that a Turkish detachment arrived at Dilman Tuesday to protect the inhabitants against the excesses of the Persian irregulars commanded by Satar Khan.

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EVANS DEFENDS OUR WARSHIPS

ADMIRAL RIDDELS CRITICISM OF UNITED STATES BATTLE FLEET BY REUTERDAHL.

SAYS AMERICAN CRAFT ARE SUPERIORS OF ALL

Latest Creations in Naval Fighting Vessels Surpass Even England's Boasted Dreadnaught, Asserts Ex-Officer in Magazine Article.

New York, Dec. 16.—That the latest battleships built by this country are vastly superior to England's Dreadnaught, is emphatically stated by Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans in an article in the latest number of Hamond's Broadway Magazine, wherein he strongly defends the American navy and replies to criticisms of it made some time ago by Henry Reuterdahl and others.

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Armor Belt Defended.

Regarding the waterline armor belt, he says:

"I am sure, after many weeks of close observation, that the lower edge of the armor belt is too high rather than too low."

It had been strenuously contended by critics that the low location of the belt was a vital point of weakness.

"As the upper edge of the belt is always even with or above the level of the protective belt," continues Admiral Evans, "the danger to be apprehended from a projectile penetrating above the belt, beyond the wrecking effect of such projectile, is that due to the amount of water that may enter the hole. It is the damage that may be done by such projectiles entering below that may cause the destruction of the ship—one projectile so placed may cause the ship to sink by exploding magazines or boilers, but this is improbable. It will require many 12-inch shells on the waterline, or in any other place, to disable or sink such a ship if the officers and men know their business and want to fight."

Hank Kreager is having his saloon all repainted and decorated, Bill Brown being the artist. Hank has now as fine a saloon as you can find anywhere as regards management, quality of goods and accommodations.

A dance was held last Saturday evening in the Kreager Hall. It was numerously attended, the music was of a high order and all went well and merry as the proverbial marriage bell.

Mrs. Calvin Knecht of St. Louis Mo.—nee Miss Keager visited her mother and brother last Sunday.

C. L. Slauba has been sojourning at Mt. Clemens for the last ten days and according to the present writing is improving.

Charles Gorench, who has been in this vicinity for a year or so is about to return home to Johnston, Ohio to reside there.

The usual shipments of cattle were made last week.

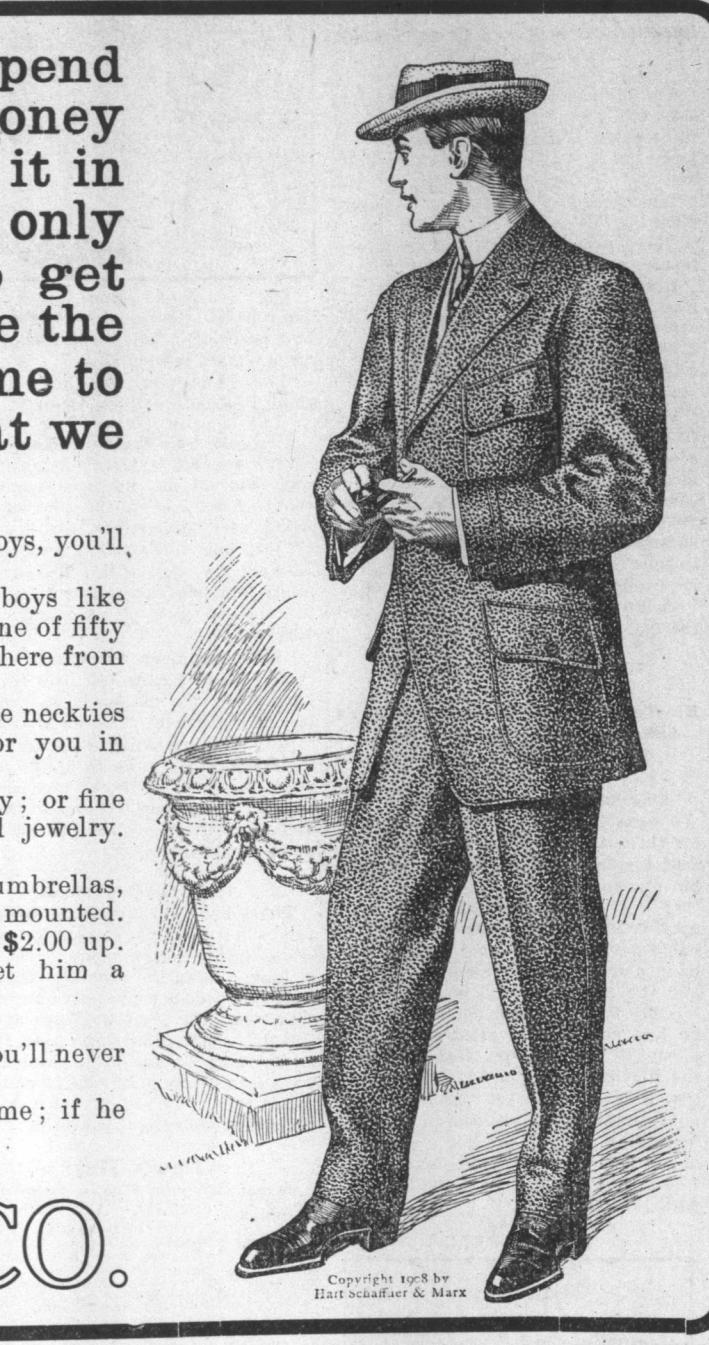
The snow fall last Friday night put the rabbit hunters on the qui vive. The result was a large number of guns made the woods reverberate on Saturday morning. What the report is, may be different from the number of the slain, for the reports of the guns were many while the other reports are few in number.

McBride the baker at the Star bakery moved his house hold goods to Goshen where he has assumed the management of another establishment. John Kline, who has been engaged on the creamery wagon during the summer has taken charge of the oven, and from his past experience it may be prophesied that the concern won't lose by the arrangement.

Born Alleged Robber.

New York, Dec. 16.—A distinguished looking man who is said to have the title of baron in Austria, was held at police headquarters Tuesday, charged with robbing his host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zur Helle of West One Hundred and Twelfth street, whom he had been visiting.

Representatives from this district to the Stock Show at Chicago have returned and report not only a good time but the acquiring of much information. This was to be ex-



NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

News has been brought to San Francisco of the wreck of the British bark Kukdale on the coast of Salvador October 14. The crew was saved.

Baron Rosen, Russian ambassador, sailed from Cherbourg, France, for the United States, to resume his duties at Washington. He has been absent some months.

President Roosevelt refused to appoint Frederick Grosscup collector of internal revenue for West Virginia, because, it is said, he is a brother of Judge Grosscup of Chicago.

A thief entered the rooms of Lord and Lady Northcliffe in New York, while the London editor and wife were out driving, but he secured only a feather boas, being frightened away.

Efforts are being put forth by Representative Mondell of Wyoming to smooth the way for the passage at this session of congress of his bill increasing the quantity of land that may be taken up for a homestead from 160 acres to 320.

AMERICAN OIL IS DECREASING.

So Says John D. Archbold on Stand In New York.

New York, Dec. 16.—Vice-President John D. Archbold, the active head of the Standard Oil Company, again was a witness in the government suit for the dissolution of that corporation when the hearing was resumed Tuesday before Referee Ferris here. Mr. Rosenthal, for the Standard, first asked Mr. Archbold to testify about the company's connection with a man named Post, the owner of a large oil-marketing concern in Germany. He said that Post first purchased his supplies from the Deutsch-Amerikanische Petroleum Gesellschaft and then from the Pure Oil Company, but in 1894 he returned to the German company which had a connection with the Standard. He said that the supply of oil in this country was steadily increasing in Russia.

Ask Federal Art Bureau.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The establishment of a federal bureau of fine arts under the department of the interior was recommended by the committee on the allied fine arts of the American Institute of Architects which met here Tuesday in its forty-second annual convention.

Two Get Life Terms.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 16.—The supreme court of Missouri affirmed the sentences of John Wooley of Buchanan county and Robert Sassman of Johnson county, and sentenced them to life terms in the state penitentiary for murder in the second degree.

Another Scrap in Tropics.

Rio Janeiro, Dec. 16.—The relations existing to-day between Brazil and the Argentines are distinctly strained as a result of the jealousy following the alleged activities of each country in the matter of increasing its naval force.

THE MARKETS.

Grain, Provisions, Etc.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—FLOUR—Marked strong. Spring wheat, special brands, \$6.30; Minnesota, hard wheat, just \$4.90; \$6.10; straight, export bags, \$4.70; \$6.30; extra, export bags, \$4.50; low grade, \$4.70; \$6.20; winter wheat, \$4.75; \$6.40; straight, just, \$4.00; \$4.70; clear, just, \$3.90; \$4.10; rye flour, white, \$3.70; \$3.85; dark, \$3.50; \$3.65.

WHEAT—Weak, July, 97¢; May, 98¢; October, 98¢; December, 98¢.

COIN—Bullion—Barriers, December, 57¢; May, 61¢; June, 63¢.

OATS—Firm, May, 53¢; 53¢; 53¢.

RYE—Dull, No. 2 western, 8¢, f. o. b. New York.

BUTTER—Creamery, extra, 30¢; price for retail dealers, 31¢; 32¢; extra flats, 27¢; 27½¢; firsts, 32¢; seconds, 32¢; flats, extra, 32¢; firsts, 32¢; seconds, 32¢; ladies, No. 1, 20½¢; packing stock, 32¢.

EGGS—Cases returned, 25¢; 25¢; cases included, 26¢; ordinary firsts, 27¢; prime firsts, 31¢; extra, 34¢.

POTATOES—Choice to fancy, 70¢; 72¢; fair to good, 69¢; 70¢; sweet potatoes, Illinois, 2¢; 2¢; 2¢.

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