



A CONUNDRUM:

Why do old maids wear cotton gloves?

Answer--'Cause they never have any "kids."



If you are an old maid or bachelor, married or single, old or young---and you are comparatively certain to be one of these

You Should Not Lose a Moment's Time!

But just put on your hat, and if you can't find your hat COME BAREHEAD, but come and see the new and fresh stock of

HOLIDAY GOODS!

AT

WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL'S!

Goods to Please the Eye, Prices to Suit the Pocket!

A LINE OF FANCY GOODS TO MAKE YOU SMILE!

TOILET ARTICLES.

A thousand Perfumes in a thousand shapes. Odor Cases in plush and leather. Fancy Cut Glass Bottles in all shapes and in every variety. We can't tell you anything about 'em; come and see for yourself.

THAT GIRL OF YOURS

Must have something nice. Nothing is too good for her and you know it. Well, that's right; we like to see a young man go down deep in his pocket for his best girl. It makes the girl solid--gives her an unlimited idea of your generosity, you know--so we say that

Everything Goes But the Clock!

On Christmas, and if you want the nicest thing going, inspect our large and varied stock of

ALBUMS!

Albums in Plush, \$1.00 and upwards.
Albums in Russia Leather, \$2.50 and upwards.
Albums in Leatherette, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2, and \$2.50.
Everything you can desire and your purse afford.

JUST SEE HERE!

TOILET CASES

In Plush, Leather and Leatherette, for \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50 and upwards.

BRUSH AND COMB SETS

In Endless Variety.

CHRISTMAS CONFECTIONS, NUTS AND CANDIES.

Christmas Cards.

The rage for Christmas Cards has revived, and to meet the demand this year we have put in a very extensive assortment. The lovely designs, hand-painted on satin, are too beautiful to be described, and all the artistic cards in the most elegant novelties are to be seen in our varied stock. The art of color painting has fairly outdone itself, and we can show you all the latest and best, ranging in price from two cents to \$2.00.

POCKET BOOKS AND PURSES.

The latest "fad" in Ladies' Long Purses at prices never to be duplicated, Bill Books, Specie Bags, etc.

VASES.

In elegant designs and at low prices. Paper and envelopes in fancy boxes, and something new which will please the public and are sure to go, is our line of standard works of the best authors, bound in cloth and gilt, at the uniform price of 50 cents. These are a

SPECIAL LEADER FOR CHRISTMAS.
And are sold at net cost to bring other trade. Come early and make your selections for these

WONDERFULLY CHEAP BOOKS

Are simply a "leader." If you have any particular book which you wish to purchase, come while the stock is complete, as we will close them all out and cannot re-order at this marvelous price. Chatter-box for 1887 is better than ever. Toy books for children in large variety.

FURNITURE!

We have filled up this line for Christmas and have some very elegant new bed-room suites for \$19, \$22.50, \$23.50 and \$25, in antique ash, walnut and imitation mahogany. A good assortment of those solid comfort rockers at prices which are right. Smyrna rugs in twelve different designs, bureaus, commodes, dressing cases, bedsteads, mattresses, spring beds, the best woven wire, warranted not to "sag," at \$3. express wagons in three sizes for the children---cheap, durable and well made

SEWING MACHINES.

We have the agencies for the justly celebrated White and Domestic. All the latest improvements and attachments, at prices which will not allow our friends to be imposed upon by travelling salesmen whose prices are extortionate for inferior machines and whose warranty is no good, for you never can find them when your cheap (?) machine is out of order. Buy these machines of us and we will warrant each and every one for five years and keep them in repair free of charge.

Now, we have mentioned a few of the things we'll sell you, but whatever you do, subscribe for the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC for the coming year and send it to your absent friend. It will keep him posted on all local matters and remind him that you sent it for 52 times, for only a dollar.

Wishing our friends a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR, we are

Very Respectfully,

WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL,

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