**Peck's Busy Corner**

The Place to save $ $ $

# CHRISTMAS GOODS!

About time to be thinking and planning. What shall I give? Where can I get what is wanted? Where is the store place to buy? Three important questions. To answer your questions: 1st. Do you want useful or ornamental? Here is a little list:

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| Dresser Searfs from | 50c to $2.00 | Perfumery | 5c a bottle to $6.00 |
| Pillow Shams from | 50c to 1.50 | Finest goods made | |
| Table Covers from | 25c to 1.50 | Purses | 5c to $1.25 |
| Tis le Linens, per yard from | 25c to 1.00 | Toilet Cases, Work Boxes, Manicure Sets, | |
| Damask Towels, tea ties, | 25c | Photograph Boxes, Tie, Handkerchief Boxes, | |
| Outing Flannel Gowns | 50c to 1.25 | Glove Boxes, Shaving Sets, | |
| Muslin Gowns | 50c to 2.00 | Fancy Boxes of Paper, | |
| Muslin Skirts | 50c to 2.00 | 25c case of Silverware, very attractive, | |
| Collarettes | $2.50 to 5.00 | Gent's Ties and Scarfs, latest designs, | |
| Can save you from $1 to $5 on these goods. | | Gent's Fancy Shirts, nobby goods, | |
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| Silk Mufflers | | For your Christmas Confectionery come and see | |
| Handkerchiefs | 5c to 1.00 | the new stock. | |
| Sample line at usual cost. | | 50 fr Jackets, Boots and Bonnets for the baby. | |

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Trimmed Hats, $7.50, $8.50, $10.00, all at $5.00. Trimmed Hats, $5.00 and $6.50 at $3.50
Trimmed Hats, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, hardly cost of materials. Walking Hats at 49c.
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A call at the store will convince you that this is the place to get what you want and at the lowest prices. All cars stop at Peck's Corner. Leave your packages here. Come in and get warm.

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Ladies' extra fine kid, lace and button, odd lots of $3 and $4 Shoes to go at ...98c
Ladies' Kid Lace, new styles, new goods, worth $2, we sell for..$1.50 and ..$1.75
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Men's calf bals, bulldog or London toe, leather lined, worth $3, we sell for ..$2.25
Men's calf bals, all styles and every pair warranted solid throughout, for....$1.50
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In Children's and Misses' School Shoes we have the best wearing shoes ever sold in Oakland County at the following prices:

Children's kid or calfskin, lace or button shoes, all warranted..... 75c to $1.00
Misses' kid or calfskin, lace or button, from..... $1.00 to $1.25

If you need anything in School Shoes you cannot afford to buy until you have seen this line. They will save you from 35c to 50c a pair.

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20 N. Saginaw St. - WHITE FRONT SHOE HOUSE. - Pontiac.

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For Builders' Hardware,

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The dainty bindings, choice titles and beautiful illustrations in the books this year make them the ideal Xmas presents.
By the most careful selection our stock comprises almost wholly the best to be had, many of the books being master-pieces, which everyone should read and own.

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STANDARD SETS OF BOOKS.
Among these are the works of Henryk Sienkiewicz.
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Cut rates on these.
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These are the newest, the self pronouncing. Prices from $1.00 up.

Remember the Books we now sell for from 25 to 50 cents could not have been bought a few years ago for four times this price. You will be surprised to find how cheap are some of the books you want. Come and see them. Something especially good in Children's Books.

**BACKENSTOSE'S BOOK AND STATIONERY STORE.**
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### CHURCH AND CLERGY.

It is stated that last year sixty-seven lottery permissions were granted to religious denominations in New Zealand.

Dr. Gunsaulus of Chicago would have the church "open a door large enough to admit a man as religiously great as Abraham Lincoln, however small he might be theologically."

The Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge received last year about $200,000. This is given as evidence that the press is an agency for the spread of the gospel.

It is said that recent discoveries in Egypt not only carry the history of that country long back of the time of Adam, but show us that the civilization of Egypt was derived from another that was already old.

The Rev. Dr. Joseph T. Smith, the venerable pastor emeritus of the Central Presbyterian church of Baltimore, will celebrate his 80th birthday on Nov. 6 by preaching a sermon in the church of which he was pastor for 31 years.

The Christians of Corea have of their own accord adopted a custom of displaying on Sundays white banners from their houses. Thus the homes of Christians are plainly indicated and give the people an impressive exhibition of the reverence which Christians have for God's holy day.

Caleb T. Row, who, after a service of forty-four years, has resigned from the general management of the American Bible society, is said to be the greatest authority on the various editions of the Bible and their history in the United States. He owns one of the best private collections in this country.

The following summary shows the strength of the orthodox Congregational denomination in the United States: Churches, 5,614; ministers, 5,475; communicants, 625,864; additions on examinations last year, 31,090; amount of money raised, $6,643,818; 271 churches made no report. These figures are about the same as those of the Presbyterian church.


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### FIGS AND THISTLES.

When you cease to give, you cease to possess.

The "larger hope" may end in the deeper despair.

It requires abundant grace to withstand abundant prosperity.

No man can follow Christ, and not have trouble with the devil.

A high ideal is a standing invitation to reach a more exalted position.

The man who loses his life in love, sows the seed of untold noble lives.

The sermon on the mount is higher than some church members care to live.

The man who will not suffer for the truth, will have to suffer for neglecting it.

Let the world mold your opinions, and it will soon squeeze all religion out.

### A MADAGASCAR OATH.

**How the Natives Swore Their Allegiance to France.**

The Madagascar mail has brought particulars of a very quaint ceremony which is reported to hve taken place in February last at a place called Ambolinanaga, when about 5,000 Tanalas abjured their allegiance to France. So far as appears, no Frenchman took part in the ceremony, the presiding officer being a native sub-governor of the district. The Tanalas had sworn allegiance to France by "Zanahary," the god of their fathers, and in accordance with the ancient ritual of their faith. The ceremony began by a visit to the ancestral tombs being paid by the sub-governor and a representative of each village. The tombs were opened and, from each was taken a small quantity of earth, which was reverently collected in a basket. This sacred earth was then carried with great pomp to the market place, where the mass of the Tanalas were assembled. A canoe filled with water had been placed in the market place that morning. Into this the sacred earth was thrown, as was also a small quantity of native gold and a bullet. The sub-governor then repeated the oath, which was to the following effect: "If the Tanalas rise against the French, may the bullets enter our stomachs, as this bullet has entered the sacred water; may the first bullet fired by a white man kill a dozen Tanalas. Let us swear fidelity and obedience to the French before our god, whom we pray, O Zanahary, to utterly destroy those who do not think with us and to follow their descendants with the curse from generation to generation. Is that your wish, O Tanalas?" The crowd shouted its approval. Then the sub-governor, firing a blank shot into the sacred water, exclaimed, "Let us swear, O Tanalas, to be devoted to France, contrary to the allegiance forced from us by Ralvanarivlo!" and the crowd replied, "We swear it." The sub-governor then, with a cup in his hand, said: "May this water which you are about to drink rot your liver if you betray your oath; may thunder break the head of the perjurer, may the crocodile devour him as he crosses the river, and may those also who conceal their arms suffer the same fate, and may their descendants be devoured by the dogs of the forest." The sub-governor then drank some of the sacred water, and his example was followed by all the chiefs present and the heads of villages and the common people. After all this imposing ceremony France ought to be secure in the allegiance of at least half of the Tanalas, although their readiness to throw over Raivanarivo is not an encouraging omen.

### FAST-FLYING BIRDS.

There is very probability that in the course of the next few years we shall know with certainty the limits of birds' speed upon the wing and the rate at which the different species can travel in different forms of flight. The revival of pigeon-flying has, as might be expected, given the first reliable set of facts. A number of "homers" were let loose at Lerwick, in the Shetland Islands, at 3:30 a. m., just a week after the longest day of the year, and one bird made the journey to London, or, more accurately, to Stanmore, near Harrow, in 15 hours 52 minutes. The distance traveled was 519½ miles and the speed thirty-seven miles per hour.

The flight of the lark is so various that it illustrates the inutility of talking in general terms about the "speed" of birds. It has one kind of flight for soaring, another for playing in the air with its mate—a very rapid flight indeed—and a third used when migrating. On Oct. 7 thousands of migrating larks were flying from west to east parallel with the line of railroad across Denmark from Silkerborg to Skjen. A train ran at the rate of fifteen miles an hour, including stoppages, which were frequent, but its utmost rate was not more than twenty-five miles an hour. Yet it passed the larks.

Recent estimates of the speed of migration flights have been curiously inflated by an idea of one of the most conscientious of observers, the late Dr. Gatke, and the wide popularity of his fifty years' record of bird migration watched from Heligoland gave wide currency to his views. They assigned a rate of speed to birds when migrating which on any ground but that of actual observation was quite incredible. The two test cases were that of the gray crow, which he estimated at 108 geographical miles an hour, and that of the small blue-throated warbler, to which he gave an even higher rate of progression.

Some birds cannot fly slowly. These include nearly all the ducks. Widgeon, teal, mallard, pochards, scaups and long-tailed ducks always fly "full bat." But then they, when crossing the sea, can always pitch on the water when tired out. There is another class of birds which usually fly at a great pace, though they can and do "ease off" when they like. These are all those speedy, sickle-winged birds like golden plover, snipes, knots, godwits and other shore fowl. One often sees golden plover migrating and their speed is very great. Green plover, on the other hand, fly slowly.

**Shah Is the "Red King."**

The Shah of Persia is styled the "Red King" because he wears a red turban. There have been three European rulers upon whom that title has been bestowed—namely, Amadeus VII. of Savoy, Otto II. of Germany, and William II. (Rufus) of England.

**It Pays to Think.**

Mamma—"Johnny, see that you give Ethel the lion's share of that orange." Johnny—"Yes, ma." Ethel—"Mamma, he hasn't given me any." Johnny—"Well, that's all right. Lions don't eat oranges."—Tit-Bits.

**Wanted It Badly, Too.**

Brown—"Did you ever see a man who really wanted the earth?" Towne—"Oh, yes." Brown—"Who was he?" Towne—"A first-trip passenger on an ocean steamer."—Brooklyn Life.


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## Honey and Maple Syrup

made by the Scully Syrup Co., of Chicago, Ill. Remember this please, we do not claim that this syrup is made of honey and maple syrup, but a combination that tastes very much like it and is good to eat.

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**How much?** Only 50c per gallon. Bring in 7c and a pint bowl and try a sample. Better yet. Take a syrup pitcher full home with you—all your own for 15c. That's too cheap to talk further about it.

Yours syrupally,

**WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL.**


STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of the
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } Probate Court for the county of Oakland held at the Probate Office in the city of Pontiac on the 30th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.
Present: Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of ALEXANDER SOLTS, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition of Almeron Whitehead and William Solts, the executors, praying for license to sell real estate of said deceased for the purpose of paying legacies and for distribution.
It is ordered that Tuesday, the 27th day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear at the time and place aforesaid and show cause, if any exists, why said petition should not be granted. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.
THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
Dec2-23 Judge of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } the Probate Court for said County of Oakland, held at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac on the 30th day of November, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-eight.
Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Probate Judge.
In the Matter of the Estate of ALVIN D. SHABBOLT, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition of Almeron Whitehead, the administrator, with the will annexed praying for lic ense to sell the real estate of said deceased for the purpose of paying debts
It is ordered that Tuesday, the 27th day of December next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear at the time and place aforesaid and show cause, if any exists, why said petition should not be granted. And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.
THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
Dec2-23 Judge of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } the Probate court for said county of Oakland, held at the Probate Office in the city of Pontiac, on the 14th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.
Present: Thomas L. Patterson, Probate Judge.
In the matter of the estate of JOHN PARKS, deceased
On reading and filing the petition of George W. Parks, praying that administration of said estate may be granted to himself or some other suitable person.
It is ordered that Monday, the 12th day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said petition. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.
THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
[A TRUE COPY.] Judge of Probate.
Nov18-Dec9

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } the Probate Court for said county of Oakland, held at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 3d day of December, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-eight.
Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of HORACE HALL, deceased.
On application of Alanson Partridge, the administrator, for the examination and allowance of his final account and the settlement of the estate.
It is ordered that Saturday the 31st day of December next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for hearing said application and the examination and allowance of said final account. And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the BRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper published and circulating in said county of Oakland.
THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
Dec9-30 Judge of Probate.


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DETROIT & MILWAUKEE DIVISION.

**TIME TABLE.**

IN EFFECT
NOVEMBER 14, 1898.

WESTWARD

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| Morning Express | 7:42 a. m. |
| †Mail | 12:24 p. m. |
| †Rapid Express | 4:50 p. m. |
| Chicago Express | 9:23 p. m. |

EASTWARD.

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| Chicago Express | 6:30 a. m. |
| †Detroit Express | 11:07 a. m. |
| †Mail | 2:55 p. m. |
| Evening Express | 8:33 p. m. |

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†Daily.
‡Daily except Sunday.

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TIME TABLE.

Trains Run on Central Standard Time.

| GOING NORTH. Fr'gt Pass. Mx'd No. 5 No. 3 No. 1 | STATIONS. | GOING SOUTH. Mx'd Pass. Fr'gt No. 2 No. 4 No. 6 |
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| A.M. P. M. A.M. D. G. H. & M. 4 05 6 55 Mich Cent. | | P. M. A. M. A.M 9 25 11 50 |
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Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 12 m. Y. P. U, at 6:30 p m Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m All are welcome.

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Morning prayer and sermon next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Sunday School at 12 o'clock. Evening prayer and sermon at 7 o'clock. All are welcome.

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Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m., and at 7 p. m Sunday School at 12 m. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting Sabbath evening at 6:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

All who are not identified with other churches are invited to come with us.


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| 6 " " | 5.50 | " | 12.00 | 6 " " | 5.00 " 7.50 |
| 15 " " | 8.00 | " | 15.00 | 5 " " | 6.00 " 8.00 |
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| 1 " " | 8.00 | " | 10.00 | 3 " " | 3.50 " 5.00 |
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No hour or two catch sale but these prices continue until the last of this lot is sold. Yours etc.,

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