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Purse Cords,  
Manicure Sets,  
Work Boxes,  
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Candies, Nuts,  
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Gifts for everybody. If undecided let us select your gifts for you.

We guarantee to please both as to quality and price.

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Books and Fancy Stationery  
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Let us show you our Clothing bargains.

Remember, we are offering all Dress Goods at a liberal reduction in price.

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## We Desire

To thank thank the people of Stayton and vicinity for the generous patronage given us in the past, and to announce that the future will find us ever ready and anxious to please, with the best of goods at right prices.

May the New Year bring you all prosperity and happiness is our wish.

### Fred Rock Mercantile Co.,

STAYTON, OREGON.

### Prison Productions.

John Bunyan wrote "Pilgrim's Progress" during one of his terms in prison, which altogether lasted twelve years. The brilliant Frenchman, Mirabeau, during his three years' imprisonment at Vincennes wrote many pamphlets and his "Lettres de Cachet et Prisons d'Etat." Luther while in the solitary castle of Wartburg wrote that noble hymn, "Eine Feste Burg ist unser Gott." During his thirteen years' confinement in the Tower of London Sir Walter Raleigh wrote a history of the world from the creation to 159 B. C. Daniel Defoe, who was imprisoned for two years for the publication of an ironical pamphlet entitled "The Shortest Way with Dissenters," produced during his imprisonment several of the 210 works he is said to have written. The poet Lovelace wrote "Lucasta" while a political prisoner, and the Roman philosopher Boethius wrote in prison a work singularly appropriate to his situation, "On the Consolation of Philosophy."

### How to Reach a Decision.

If indecision runs in the blood you inherit arouse yourself and strangle this insidious foe to your achievement before it saps your energy and ruins your life chance. Do not wait until tomorrow, but begin today. Compel yourself to develop the opposite quality by the constant practice of firm decision. No matter how simple the thing you are called upon to decide, be it the choice of a hat or the color or style of a garment, do not vacillate. Throw all the light possible on whatever you have in hand for decision, weigh and consider it from every point of view, call your common sense and best judgment to your aid before reaching a conclusion, and then, when you have once made your decision, let it be final. Let there be no going back, no reconsidering and no opening the matter up for further discussion. Be firm and positive. Declare the polls closed.

### The Elephant's Toilet.

In an interesting little paper upon the grooming of wild animals it says that from every point of view the toilet of the elephant is by far the most interesting performance of the menagerie. It requires at least four weeks to complete the toilet of a single elephant. The operation is very expensive. The assistance of the elephant's valet de chambre must be engaged by the day or week, while an experienced valet—he is known by another name—must be engaged to superintend the work, usually at a large salary. Then, again, the soap used in the process must be purchased by the hundredweight, the sandpaper by the gross, and the oil, an important ingredient, is used by the barrel. The toilet of a single elephant will not infrequently cost as much as \$400.

### Joking With Royalty.

When Marshal Bassompierre was describing to Louis XIII. his embassy to Spain and how he had entered Madrid in state seated on a mule, Louis exclaimed, "An ass seated on a mule!" "Yes, sire," quietly retorted the old soldier, "and what made the joke the better was that I represented you."

Ferdinand II. was a man of very uncertain moods and would allow his jester to take liberties with him one hour while resenting any familiarity the next. One day he turned round on Jonas, his favorite fool, and thundered: "Fellow, be silent. I never stoop to talk to a fool." "Never mind that," answered Jonas. "I do. So please listen to me in your turn."

### A "Lucky Thirteen" Stroke.

"Big Ben," the bell in the clock tower over the houses of parliament in London, is alleged to have struck fourteen on a recent midnight. The incident recalls the well authenticated case of the Westminster "Great Tom" going astray in like fashion.

During the reign of William III. a sentinel on duty was sentenced to death on the charge of being asleep at his post. This the man denied, and he declared that he heard the clock strike thirteen instead of twelve at midnight. The fact was deposed to by several persons at the trial, and the life of the soldier—named Hatfield—was saved. He died in 1770 in Aldersgate, aged 102 years.

### How She Acted.

Holden—When you asked her to marry you did she hide her face on your shoulder and whisper "Yes?" Tilden—On the contrary, she looked me square in the face and remarked, "Not on your life!" Somehow I got the impression that she wouldn't have me.—Boston Transcript.

The most changeable things in the world are the course of waters and the humor of women.—Pittacus.



To close out the odds and ends of Men's and Boy's Overcoats I give a 10 per cent reduction. This reduction applies to all Cloth Overcoats  
To all Rain Overcoats,  
To all Duck Overcoats.

## G. D. TROTTER,

STAYTON, OREGON.

We have a nice line of especially New Year presents that will be very appropriate for those who could not get around to the Christmas buying. These New Year presents are nicely adapted for returning the compliments of Christmas.

Ladies 50c flannel night gowns, now ..... 38  
Ladies 75c flannel night gowns, now ..... 60  
Ladies \$1.00 flannel night gowns, now ..... 75  
Ladies \$1.50 flannel night gowns, now ..... \$1.15

### "Po' LI' Ram!"

A ram, famous in a West Virginia village for its propensity to butt, was engaged one morning, says the Philadelphia Press, to discover Uncle Billy, an aged dorky, asleep in the pasture. Uncle Billy sat with his head bowed low and his bald spot shining in the sun. The ram eyed it from a distance. Uncle Billy nodded, and the bald top of his head bade defiance.

The ram stood up and waved a challenge with its horns. Uncle Billy nodded in acceptance. With a sharp "Ba-a-a-a!" the ram charged and launched itself like a catapult at the offending pate.

A little later it packed itself up from the ground and wandered away to the farthest side of the pasture to ruminate over the collision. Uncle Billy looked up drowsily.

"Po' LI' ram!" he murmured. "He done wandered 'om de fold and foun' sorrow and tribulation!"

### Stale Bread.

It is generally supposed that the staleness of bread arises from its becoming actually drier by the gradual loss of water, but this is not the case. Stale bread contains almost exactly the same proportion of water as new bread after it has become completely cold. The change is merely in the internal arrangements of the molecules of the bread. A proof of this is that if we put a stale loaf into a closely covered tin, expose it for half an hour or an hour to a heat not exceeding that of boiling water and then allow it to cool, it will be restored in appearance and properties to the state of the new bread.

### Their First Experience.

A day or two ago a Brooklyn clergyman received an evening call from an elderly man and woman, who expressed a wish to be joined in the bonds of matrimony as quickly as possible.

"Have you ever been married before?" asked the clergyman of the man, a good natured, weather beaten person of seafaring aspect.

"Never, and never wanted to be before," was the prompt reply.

"And have you ever been married before?" the question came to the woman.

"No, sir," she replied with equal promptness. And with a touch of humor that appealed to the clergyman at once she added, "I never had a chance."

The marriage ceremony was speedily performed, and the clergyman refused to take any fee, telling the bride, with a twinkle in his eye, that it had been an unusual privilege to officiate.—New York Press.

### Her Retort.

"My ancestors came over in the Mayflower," said the young woman who boasts.

"Yes," answered Mrs. Packerham of Chicago, "I understand that travel was very cheap on that boat."—Washington Star.

### Flannagan's Way.

Cassidy—Flannagan's thinking of goin' into the haulin' business. He bought a foine new cart today. Casey—But shure he has no horse. Flannagan—No, but he's goin' to buy wan. Casey—Well, that's loike Flannagan. He always did git the cart befor the horse.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### The Day of the Doer.

Time was when "Has Been" was accepted and respected for the sake of what he had done. Not so today.

"Am Now" has introduced himself and is the lion of the hour.

No one cares what has been done. The world is too busy keeping in touch with the "Doer" to bother about the "Done."

Maybe you composed an opera yesterday. No one cares. What are you composing now?

You tell us that your last year's picture was the success of the day. Yes, of that day, but that day is gone. What are you painting now?

Nor does the world care for promise. It accepts not the bud, but the blossom.

The "Will Be" is no more welcome among the world's workers than is the "Has Been."

You may be about to sing a beautiful melody which promises to ring down the ages. Nobody cares. Sing it. The world cannot afford to think about unsung melodies.

The world has room for the "Doer" only; the "Nower" is the rage.

This is an age of "Do, we must be shown!"

It is an age of now, an age of today. It recognizes no yesterday. There is no tomorrow.—New York World.

### Keeping Up Your Courage.

There is first the belief that we are well and capable of continuing so. That is nothing more than faith in our own human powers. It is a faith that every self respecting person should have. Do not abuse the organs of the body, and then there will be no necessity of thinking of them and wondering if they are working all right. By dwelling too much upon some weakness we can always aggravate it through nervous reaction. This in some cases can become such a confirmed habit that serious troubles will be induced. There are many patients in the world today who might be up and around, enjoying good health, if they but willed that they should do so. They are invalids through lack of force of character, for will makes character of one sort or another.—Household Ledger.

### A Victim of Small Beer.

A correspondent sends to the London Public Opinion the following quaint epitaph on what is known as "Thatcher's Stone" at Winchester, England: "In memory of Thomas Thatcher, a grenadier in the North regiment of Haunts militia, who died of violent fever contracted by drinking small beer when hot the 12th of May, 1764, aged twenty-six years. In grateful remembrance of whose universal good will toward his comrades this stone is placed here at their expense, as a small testimony of their regard and concern. "Here sleeps in peace a Hampshire grenadier Who caught his death by drinking cold small beer. Soldiers, be wise from his untimely fall And when you're hot drink strong or none at all."

"An honest soldier never is forgot, Whether he die by musket or by pot."

### Potato Peelings.

Potato peelings, if dried in the oven, are very useful for fire kindling. If sufficiently abundant they may be used instead of wood, but in any case they will economize it.