

This Store Is Ready for Any Test You May Give It—We Offer You a Variety of Holiday Goods the Equal of Which Cannot Be Found in Any Other Portland Store

There never was a better time to put this store to the gift test than now. It never looked better. Stocks never were more attractively displayed or conveniently arranged to select from. Every department is showing an endless variety of good gift things. Salespeople are alert, courteous and eager to help you make your selections. Prices are nowhere lower; variety is nowhere broader, while quality is of that high merit that gives to our merchandise a character peculiarly its own. A gift thing from GILL'S is a gift that will be highly appreciated by the recipient for many, many reasons. A glance through this partial list may offer some suggestion to you, and the hundreds of other thoroughly appreciative gift things of merit we are showing, makes ours PORTLAND'S IDEAL GIFT STORE. For your own pleasure, satisfaction, economy COME AND SEE—the result will be more fitting presents for all whom you remember and a big SAVING for you.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

NOTHING pleases the children so much as bright and snappy Picture and Story Books and in order to make it even more convenient than usual to select an appropriate volume, we have arranged special counters on our SECOND FLOOR (connected by new elevator), where just such books are displayed in endless variety. To appreciate the extent of the display, you must come and see the showing. The prices range from 5c to several dollars the volume.



Correspondence Papers Specially Boxed For Christmas Gifts

Quality, variety of latest shapes and sizes, the best of writing surfaces, not forgetting the beautiful Christmas Boxes, artistically decorated, all go toward making ours the store to come to for the selection of fancy writing papers that are eminently proper and up to date. It is superfluous to tell you that the selection of writing papers is a reflection of your individuality, good taste and culture. A vast assortment of Correspondence Papers specially boxed for Christmas gifts can be found here by discriminating shoppers, and courteous salespeople will cheerfully assist you in selecting an attractively designed box with paper of the finest quality.

Fountain Pens Are Splendid Gifts

We carry all the leading brands, and recommend in particular the well and favorably known WATERMAN'S IDEAL, which may be had at a price to fit any purse and to suit any taste. Awaiting your examination are large pens and small pens, pens perfectly plain and beautifully ornamented pens, pens that fill and clean themselves, ladies' small pens, pens to hang on a chateleine, secretary, check book and safety pens, etc.—ad infinitum—there is a WATERMAN'S IDEAL for every demand in the world! The price of the most inexpensive kind is so low that it makes the cheapest good Christmas present you can give, while in the finer and more ornamented kinds you can pay almost anything that you would pay for a Christmas gift. Call and inspect ours, the largest stock in Portland. Courteous attendants will help you choose an appropriate style.

Handsome Calendars For Christmas Gifts

We have Calendars in hundreds of styles and sizes; the products of the most noted artists. If you have a friend to remember, who you think has everything under the sun, and you are at a loss to know what to give, take our suggestion—"Give a Calendar." Come in and see the artistic and unique designs we are showing—you will surely be delighted with the variety we now offer.

XMAS Cards, Booklets, Bells, Garlands, Stickers, Wrapping Paper, Boxes, etc.

Splendid Gifts for Architects and Engineers

IF YOU are looking for a fitting present for an Architect, Draftsman, Engineer or Student, these few suggestions from our big stock of practical gifts will help you in your selection: Adjustable Tables, all sizes, at \$8.50 to \$15.00; Slide Rules, \$3.00 to \$12.50; Magnifiers, Protractors, Steel Edges; T-Squares, High Grade Drawing Instruments, etc., at prices ranging from \$1 to \$25. The man of any of these professions will appreciate a gift that may be used from day to day—they're all constant reminders of the donor.

Post Card Albums—Gifts For Collectors

POSTCARD Albums make excellent Yule-tide Gifts, and are appropriate for either sex at any age. They encourage the collecting of interesting souvenir postals, and coming, as they do, in an endless variety, they may be had at all prices, from 15¢ to \$12.00. Our buyers have selected the very latest things in Novelties and Staples, including designs of exceptional merit, and many magnificent Albums splendidly adapted for Holiday Presents are displayed here awaiting your inspection.



Portland's Oldest, Largest and Best Book Store

We are amply ready to supply gift-seekers with Books that will make the most suitable gifts, at prices considerably below those you are usually asked. We have Books of History—the works of famous authors—spirited novels of today—rich Gift Books in elaborate, beautiful bindings—Bibles and Testaments—Children's Story and Picture Books—unquestionably the best selection to choose from in Portland. There is a book for you to give to any relative or friend—nothing is so much appreciated—nothing gives as great and as lasting a pleasure. Here are just a few suggestions selected at random from Portland's largest and best stock:

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| Latest Fiction Novels | For Young Ladies | For Men and Women |
| <i>The Silverman</i> \$1.18
By Stewart Edward White. | <i>Bachelor Belles</i> \$3.00
Beautifully illustrated by Harrison Fisher. | <i>Out of Doors in the Holy Land</i> \$1.50
By Van Dyke. An excellent gift book. Handsome color illustrations. |
| <i>The Testing of Diana Mallory</i> 1.18
By Mrs. Humphry Ward. | <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> 5.00
Profusely and beautifully illustrated. | <i>Sun and Shadow in Spain</i> 3.00
By Maud Howe. Beautifully illustrated. |
| <i>The One and I</i> 1.18
By Elizabeth Freeman. | <i>My Lady of the Fog</i> 2.00
By Ralph Henry Barbour. Illustrated. | <i>Italy, the Magic Land</i> 2.50
By Lillian Whiting. Illustrated. |
| <i>The Red City</i> 1.18
By Sir Weir Mitchell. | <i>A Book of Sweethearts</i> 2.25
Illustrated by Christie Fisher and others. One of the finest books of the year. Cleverly bound and boxed. | <i>Untrodden English Ways</i> 3.00
A splendid gift book, by Henry C. Shelley. Illustrated. |
| <i>Feder</i> 1.18
By F. Hopkinson Smith. | <i>The Long Arm of Maunister</i> 1.18
By E. Phillip Oppenheim. | <i>The Flowers and Gardens of Japan</i> 6.00
By Dan Cane. Handsomely illustrated. |
| <i>Lewis Reed</i> 1.18
By Mary Johnston. | <i>Our Home and Country</i> 3.00
Elaborately illustrated with halftones and halftones from W. L. Taylor's color-branded painting. Each picture accompanied by the text. Boxed. | Children's Gift Stories
<i>Little Women</i> , special \$.98
200 illustrations. Splendid gift books for the children. |
| <i>The Wayfarers</i> 1.18
By Mary Stewart Cutting. | <i>The Christmas Book for '08</i> 3.50
Black and color. | <i>The Alcott Books</i> 1.18
<i>The Pepper Books</i>88
<i>The Little Colonel Books</i> 1.18
<i>King Time</i> 1.00
A story of a little child and a clock. Most interesting. Illustrated. |
| <i>The Chaperone</i> 1.18
By The Williamsons. | | <i>Mr. Cinnamon Bear</i>88
<i>The Christmas Letter</i>88 |
| <i>The Making of the Strong</i> 1.18
By Caroline A. Mason. | | |

THE J. K. GILL COMPANY

BOOKSELLERS "The Ideal Gift Store" STATIONERS
CORNER THIRD AND ALDER STREETS

EXHIBIT OF CALENDARS MADE BY PUPILS OF PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON DISPLAY HERE MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

An Unmatchable Showing of Attractive Holiday Gift Pieces in Metal and Leather Goods

Exhibited on Special Display Tables on Our Sixth Floor QUALITY that satisfies, variety that pleases, and best value-giving are features that have made this special metal and leather goods floor popular with Portland holiday shoppers.

In the showing we have exhibited all the latest and exclusive novelties from European markets, as well as those from our own popular American manufacturers. At no other Portland store will you find as varied an assortment to choose from.

The SIXTH FLOOR of our stock has been set aside for this line exclusively, with a view to the convenience of Portland shoppers, and to facilitate the handling of the enormous demand for these popular gift pieces.

- A glance through this partial list may offer some suggestions to you:
- Brass Candlesticks, pair..... \$3.00 to \$5.00
 - Jewel Boxes \$1.00 to \$5.00
 - Puff and Powder Jars 75¢ to \$2.00
 - Toilet Sets, three pieces, brush, comb and mirror, both in metal, celluloid and ebony finish..... \$1.00 to \$10.00
 - Hand Mirrors, in black, rosewood and metal finish. 75¢ to \$4.00
 - Statuary \$2.00 to \$20.00
 - Ladies' Handbags \$1.00 to \$30.00
 - Visiting Lists 90¢ to \$1.50
 - Bill, Letter and Card Cases..... 50¢ to \$5.00
 - Music Rolls 50¢ to \$3.00
 - Etc., etc.

FOREST CRAFT METAL ART GOODS
Blotters, Book Ends, Ash Trays, Paper Cutters, Desk Sets, etc., at prices ranging from 50¢ to \$15.00 the piece.
All Leather Goods Stamped One Line Free
Take New Elevator

VIEW BOOKS Columbia River, Portland, Etc. 50c

Gifts For the Man at the Desk

JUST a glimpse at the hundreds of appropriate articles for "The Man at the Desk," now being shown in our Commercial Stationery Department, reveals
Inkstands 25¢ to \$6.00
Postal Scales..... 75¢ to \$3.50
Desk Shears..... 25¢ to \$2.00
Diaries 25¢ to \$2.50
Paper Weights 25¢ up
Loose Leaf Memos..... 65¢ up
Let us help you make a selection for "him"—something that he will appreciate because of its utility and daily use.

You can purchase a Globe-Stricks Book-case unit capable of holding 20 or more volumes for about the price of one book. Consider this in making your Christmas purchases. See Our Big Display SECOND FLOOR

HERE ARE STRANGE STORIES IN STONES

Kansas Man Sends Specimens to Oklahoma—H. L. Stein Relates Remarkable Discoveries in the Marked Pieces of Rock—Treasure Is Found.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 19.—In several small peculiar shaped stones, all with six notches hacked on one side at regular distances, the Oklahoma Historical society is in possession of some relics that mark an incident in the history of the old Indian territory and in a way explains what always has been a disputed question. It has been contended that there is gold in the Wichita mountains, and in some places in the eastern part of the state.

It is a fact that evidences of mining exist in various places in the eastern and western parts of the southern portion of the state. Many stories have been told of how the Spaniards made expeditions from their far southern home to the Indian country seeking gold and silver. There are fragments of facts in it all.

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treasures, but the Mexicans had come back and gotten it."

Concerning the hidden treasure there have been a number of stories told. History contains little of detail of the expeditions made by the Spanish into the Indian country. During the time when this portion of the country belonged to Spain the Quawaw Indians inhabited the Indian territory, with more than 15,000 members in their tribe. They objected to the Spaniards coming into what they thought their own country. Some time closely following the year 1540 a large body of Spaniards invaded their Indian country in quest of gold and silver.

The Spaniards learned of their intended expedition and gathered their forces and waited for them. The Spaniards brought 3000 soldiers with them, besides a number of slaves and Indian prisoners they had picked up on the way. The Quawaw Indians, who were brave and cunning, surprised the Spaniards, and it is said that only three of the latter survived when the Spaniards made their escape. These three captured an Indian maiden and took her to their home.

When the Spaniards first arrived in the country they had considerable gold and silver coin. This they buried for safekeeping and left marks only understood by them leading to its hiding places. When they were surprised by the Indians they had no time to get their treasure. The three who escaped knew the hiding place of the money, and it is believed that these came back years afterward when the Indians were gone and got it.

There is some dispute as to the directions the Spaniards took in their retreat from the Indians. It is said they went straight south through Texas, but some believe they took a western course across Oklahoma, and that while on their westward journey buried the treasure somewhere in the vicinity of wide Norman, in Cleveland county, now is. Indeed, a few years ago it was thought the treasure had been located just south of the City of Norman, and one man is known to have spent more than \$1000 in trying to locate it.

Christmas



Pianos

What would afford you more pleasure in your home Christmas Day than music and story and song? Music gives to the home life an atmosphere which nothing else can supply. Your children will be better, brighter, happier if they sing and play. Mother and father will likewise be happier. Music indeed has charms—power to drive "dull care away." We suggest a piano, a player piano, or a Victor Talking Machine for a Christmas present for the whole family. A new piano will find its way to your home if you will bring us but \$10 cash; a player piano if you bring us \$25 cash; a Victor Talking Machine if you pay only \$5 cash and \$1 per week. Why should you be without music this Christmas Day and all the days of 1909?

This is a personal invitation for you to call to see and hear our pianos and Victor talking machines.

STEINWAY AND OTHER PIANOS.
Sherman, Clay & Co.
OPPOSITE POSTOFFICE, SIXTH AND MORRISON.

CLOSE MEETING WITH BANQUET

Electric Light and Power Convention Delegates Spend Busy Day.

The Northwest Electric Light & Power association concluded its two day conference yesterday afternoon after an executive session lasting from 10 o'clock in the morning until 1:30 in the afternoon. During that time various matters of prospective legislation which may affect the light and power companies of the northwest were discussed.

The members of the association were the guests of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company on a car ride throughout the city during the afternoon and were much impressed with the views from the different scenic lines. The day was ended with a banquet held at the Commercial club, commencing at 8:30 last night.

The officers who have been at the head of the association were re-elected for another term. They are as follows: President, Arthur Gunn, Wenatchee, Wash.; first vice president, A. Welch,

SPECIAL SALE

One-Third Off

Silver Toilet Sets, Military Sets, Navy Sets and Gents' Sets

We have a very large assortment of these sets and we are offering a special discount as we must dispose of these before the holidays.

Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry and Silverware

A guarantee with every article that leaves our store.

Standard Jewelry Store

189 Third Street, Opposite Baker Theatre

CALHOUN'S NOTABLE KINSFOLK ARRIVE

New York, Dec. 19.—Prince Lazarovich Hreh-Ettanovich, a member of the Serbian royal family, and his wife, who was formerly Miss Eleanor Calhoun of San Francisco, arrived on the Celtic today. They will soon leave for the Pacific coast.

The prince said he believed the present Balkan trouble would be a good thing for his country and for the Serbs in general, as it would knit them closely together.

The princess is a relative of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads of San Francisco, who is at present under indictment on a charge of bribing the supervisors of the city in order to obtain a trolley franchise.

A \$2000 bond was made three years ago by a Frenchman as a prize for the man who should succeed in communicating with another planet, and it is claimed, will be given in 1912. The Academy of Sciences in the city of Paris, who shall have made the most important discovery in astronomical science.

Portland, Or.; second vice president, Francis Roth, Fairbanks, Alaska; third vice president, Henry Adams, Lewiston, Idaho; secretary and treasurer, Norwood W. Brockert, Cataract bldg., Seattle.

Executive committee—E. L. Hiescher, chairman, Spokane, Wash.; Isaac W. Anderson, Walla Walla, Wash.; E. E. Potter, Seattle, Wash.; I. B. Faulkner, Olympia, Wash.; G. C. Arrowsmith, North Yakima, Wash.; O. B. Caldwell, Portland, M. J. Shields, Moscow, Idaho; Arthur Gunn, Wenatchee, Wash.

Tomorrow, Monday, last day for discount on east side gas bills. Don't overlook gas appliance sale.