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NEHEMIAH'S PRAYER—O Lord God, . . . that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, . . . for the children of Israel, . . . confess the sins . . . which we have sinned against thee. Neh. 1:5, 6.

OUR BEST IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH

Fred Hanson, the new regional secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, having under his supervision the activities of the ten Pacific slope states, in his initial visit with the Salem local board and official staff last week, illus-

trated his functions in the newly created position which he occupies by telling of an experience of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. of New York City.

The members of that board, a couple of years ago, considering the needs of the work of the metropolis, decided that it was necessary to ask for a new building and betterment fund of \$9,000,000—

And it was decided to send a letter to John D. Rockefeller Jr. asking that gentleman to subscribe half the sum.

Mr. Rockefeller received the letter—
And replied to it.

In the first place, he said he was interested. And he followed this statement with a series of questions, something like these: Were the old buildings of the New York Y. M. C. A. in the proper locations? Were they so arranged as to allow the most useful work? Were they properly equipped? Just what was the highest function of the Y? Were the official staffs doing as well as that many employed officers should do? Was their work properly supervised? Where would the proposed new buildings be located? And, lastly, was \$9,000,000 enough money?

The members of the board at their next meeting considered Mr. Rockefeller's reply—
And they could not answer it.

It was suggested that an expert be called in, from Columbia university. This was done. The expert said the answer might be had, but it would take a survey of a year, and it

would cost \$40,000. The directors agreed, and personally subscribed the \$40,000—

And the result is that three of the great Y buildings in the metropolis are to be sold for other uses; one of them a historic building. And nearly all the new buildings are to be located in different places than was contemplated by the directors when they asked for the \$9,000,000. And nearly all the old buildings are to be rebuilt and rearranged—

Not only this, but the New York survey has resulted in the greatest Y building in Minneapolis being built over, so as to provide many small club rooms; and the same thing is happening throughout this and other countries.

The lesson is that, no matter how well you are doing, you might do better. And your best is not perfection. Your best is not good enough. You may not, by taking thought, add a cubit to your stature; but by making a survey and taking thought you may improve upon your work—

And make yourself a greater use to your day and generation.

Fortunately, the Salem Y has a splendid new building. Its arrangement is good, for its purposes. But time will show chances for improvement. What are its purposes? What is the Y for? It does many things, and properly so, and does them well. But the whole purpose is character building, and many essentials are in the ingredients of character building, looking to purposeful, useful lives.

ARMY PAYS CASH

The army is doing business on a cash basis, virtually all of its bills being paid monthly, a financial report of the military service revealed.

POSTAL SERVICE PAYS

The post office in Sweden is a money making institution the net profits for the last year being \$2,713,175.56 or \$.55 per inhabitant.

HOT AIR

Through the Loud Speaker

Scientists hint that eventually they'll be able to broadcast heat. When that time comes coal men will be operating broadcasting stations and you'll be tuning in your radiator as well as your radio. However, that's but a whisper from the future.

In the meantime the wise buyer continues to use Hillman Fuel company's quality fuels. And for the very simple reason that the coal is hand picked at the mines which prevents all static, now known as "clinkers"; it is low in volatile thus preventing all interference, in the flues; and is high in B. t. u.'s thus making perfect reception, of the heat. Also, it probably costs a whole lot less than the heat of the future through the loud speaker.

Call 1855 or 27 today. That's the answer to the burning question of the present.

HILLMAN FUEL CO.

Heat Merchants

The Burnett Jewelry Stores along the Pacific Coast will be open evenings every night till Christmas. "Never Mind the Money." Take all the Gifts you need to make a Merry Christmas and—Pay Next Year



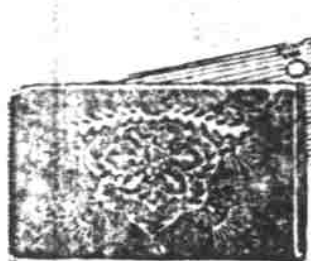
Diamond Set Rings
Priced from \$25 to \$1000 apiece.
Any ring delivered for a dollar—
Pay next year.



Men's Strap Watches Priced \$9.85 to \$75
All the best makes are here—Elkins—Bulova's Benrus—Waltham and the rest. Take any man's watch for a dollar bill—Pay after Christmas a dollar a week.



Umbrellas
All the new styles and all the new colors. Priced from \$4.95 to \$25. Take any umbrella for a dollar—pay after Christmas—a dollar a week.



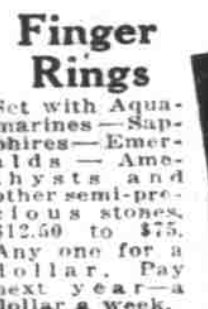
Smart Leather Gifts
Imported from Europe—beautiful purses and bags in all the new shapes and colors. Priced from \$5 to \$50. Take any one for a dollar—Pay after Christmas—a dollar a week.



Electric Percolators
Complete sets with tray—sugar and creamer to match at \$19.85 to \$67.50—all at the lowest prices and on the Budget Plan. Take any set for a dollar. Pay after Christmas—\$1 a week.



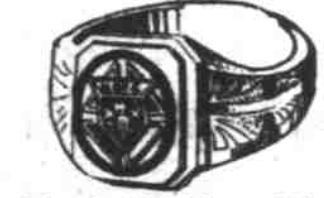
Dinner Rings
of white gold in the style sketched, with three wonderful diamonds. Extraordinary value \$14.50. Take one for a dollar—Pay next year.



Finger Rings
Set with Aquamarines—Sapphires—Emeralds—Amethysts and other semi-precious stones. \$12.50 to \$75. Any one for a dollar. Pay next year—a dollar a week.



Diamond-Set Scarf Pins
White gold mountings, featured at \$25 to \$100. Take any one for a dollar—pay next year—a dollar or so a week.



Men's Emblem Rings
Solid Gold, \$12.50 to \$50. Take any one for a dollar. Pay after Christmas a dollar a week.



Black Onyx Rings
Set with diamonds, \$7.50 to \$75. Any one for a dollar payment. Pay after Christmas a dollar a week.

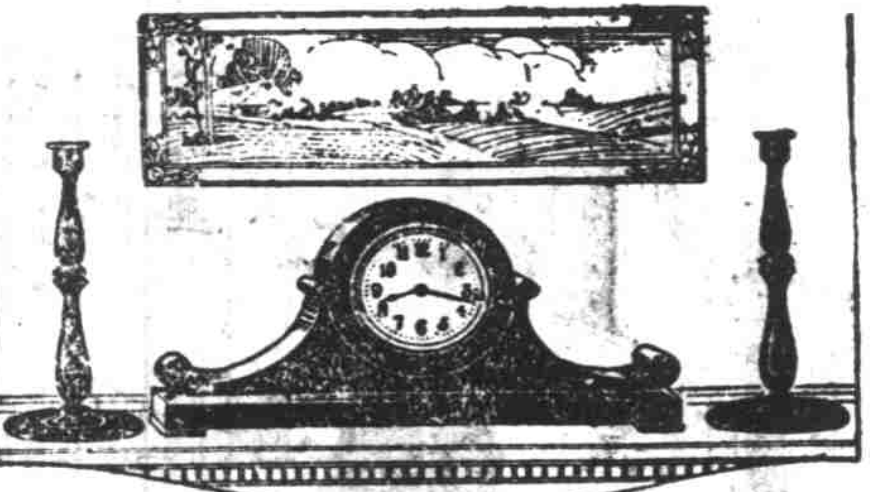


Dresser Sets
Fit gift for a queen—in lovely shades of pearl—rose—amber and orchid. Some are set with semi-precious stones—lovely beyond words. Unfortunately we are not going to have nearly enough—and this is more in the nature of a warning than an effort to sell something. Priced from \$25 to \$25. Any set for a dollar—Pay after Christmas—a dollar a week will do.



Brush and Comb Sets for Men
With brushes that will make him think his scalp is being "harmed." From Germany—the finest made. \$19.50 to \$25. Leather bill books for men—priced \$5 to \$10. Sterling Military Brushes in pairs, \$25 a pair. These have sterling silver backs.

Never Mind the Money!



Westminster Chime Clock

Solid mahogany, chimes the hours and all the quarters on a set of soft-toned gongs, reproducing the chimes of Westminster Abbey. Featured at \$55—Take one for a dollar—Pay after Christmas—a dollar a week.

Mantel Clocks with dual chimes reproducing the "Chimes of Normandy." Mahogany finish. Featured at \$14.95 and sold on the Budget Plan. Take one for a dollar—Pay after Christmas—a dollar a week.



Give Silverware—Pay Next Year

Ten sets from \$15 to \$150 a set—Casseroles—Platters—Gravy Boats—Sandwich Trays—Bread Trays—Double Vegetable Dishes—Coffee Sets—Refreshment Sets—Vases—Candlesticks and a thousand and one gifts that venture and endure. Take all you need for a dollar bill—Pay the balance next year.



Diamond Set Bracelet Watches

Featured at \$19.50 and sold on the Burnett Budget Plan. Take one for a dollar—Pay after Christmas—a dollar a week. Others at \$38.50 and on to a thousand dollars.



Bracelet Watch—in the manner sketched \$29.50. Guaranteed of course. Delivered for a dollar—Pay after Christmas—a dollar a week.



Bracelet Watch—in the manner sketched. 15-jeweled movement—Guaranteed of course. Featured at \$12.45. Sold on the Budget Plan—Take one for a dollar—Pay after Christmas—a dollar a week.



Take Any Watch
For a Dollar



Take any Railroad Watch
for a dollar bill!

The Elgin "R. W. Raymond" model, at \$55—the Hamilton at \$40—the Illinois "Rump Special" at \$60—all offered at the lowest cash prices on the Burnett Budget Plan. Take any watch for a dollar. Pay next year—a dollar a week will do.

Parker Pen Sets
Desk sets—Combination Pen and Pencil sets (pen and pencil) are ready for gift seekers. Prices from a few dollars to as high as anybody wants to go for the finest made.

Practical Gifts for Men
Cigarette Cases—Cigarette Lighters—Cigarette Holders—Refreshment Sets—Sterling B-B-B Buckles—Match Sales—Lodges—55¢ Men's Watch—Chains—Cuff Links and Rings—Pencils in great variety—Brushes and Comb and Military sets.

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