

Merry Christmas

Is fast approaching; that great time of happy reunions and fond remembrance; when children should remember their parents as the parents are sure to do the same; when husbands and wives are sure to do their duty as the wife and husband should remember their loved ones; when friends and neighbors should remember their friends and neighbors; when the poor should not be forgotten.

To Prepare for this Glad Time D. L. BECK & SONS

Have had selected especially for them in the East, a large assortment of Christmas goods, and our Harry G. Smith has been in San Francisco for the last six weeks watching all the late European arrivals, and selecting the latest patterns, and choosing the goods to add to the show. The goods have commenced to arrive and as soon as they are all here we shall have a GRAND OPENING DAY of which due notice will be given.

We are sure of being able to suit all tastes and preferences. Customers will be allowed to select goods and have them put out of their money. All goods guaranteed to be just what they are represented. The price of each article will be distinctly marked and a child can buy as safely as an adult. Be sure and wait for our opening before you buy elsewhere or you will regret you did not first see the goods of

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CASH. ONE PRICE.

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In Retailing Goods I Sell every Article at One Price to everyone alike, and Strictly for Cash. And No Goods to be Delivered until Paid for, or C. O. D. Goods Delivered in Any Part of the City Free of Charge.

THE HOW OF IT.

About every 4 or 5 days I am receiving direct from the manufacturers new goods in the following lines, which are sold to me at the lowest inside figures on the same terms as all such goods are sold to merchants. That is, regular time according to the lines, some are 30, some 60, some 90 days, and mostly all 4 months, and at times of longer periods, subject to the discounts if paid any time between time of purchase and the time the bills become due. Goods now days are mostly sold direct by manufacturers, quantity cuts no figure whatever, and the merchants who MEET THEIR BILLS PROMPTLY, and IN FULL WHEN DUE, are the ones who can put forth any claims as to being one of the most or only reliable business houses in any city, (providing all other things are equal). And whereas the patronage of an appreciative public (with my style of doing business) has enabled me to discount a great deal of my bills since starting (June 1, 1887), and meeting EVERY bill promptly when due up to the present date, I can safely and truly say that I buy and sell my goods as low as they are legitimately bought and sold on the Pacific Coast, which lines of goods comprises

Men's Clothing, Boys' Clothing, Men's and Boys' Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Trunks, Valises, Umbrellas, Waterproof Clothing of all kinds, &c., &c.

Country orders receive prompt attention.

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Dealer in New and Second-hand Furniture and Bedding.
Will conduct Auction Sales of Land, Stock or Household Goods in the country.
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1881. 1887.
Skating! Skating!
Reopening of the Roller Skating Season
Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evening, and Saturday afternoon.
Evenings, from 7 P. M. to 10 P. M.
Afternoon " 1 P. M. to 4 P. M.

At Ross' Opera House.
This is the seventh season Ross Bros. have managed Roller Skating in Astoria.
Admission, Gents, 25c
Ladies, 15c
Children, 10c
Admission, Ladies, Free
Skates, 25c
G. W. & A. E. ROSS, Props' and Mgr's.

Prof. Lee's Belief.

Prof. Lee is coming to this northwest coast on the U. S. Fish commissioner's steamer *Albatross*, which sails from New York for here about the 20th inst.

In talking upon the two years' sojourn of the *Albatross*, Prof. Lee says: "The great possibilities of the Pacific waters was the late Prof. Baird's pet hobby. He believed the resources of the north Pacific were fully as great, if not greater, than those of the Atlantic coast. In his opinion fishing interests could be developed in a few years on the Pacific slope to the value of from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000 annually. Our last advices are that halibut and cod fisheries of the Pacific will prove more profitable than similar enterprises on the Atlantic coast. Our best information is that with proper care the small herrings in these waters can be so multiplied as to justify the establishment of sardine packing factories on the Pacific slope. The product so closely resembles its European brother in size, color and taste as to make discovery of the difference almost impossible. Professor Jordan, who has given this subject careful study, says the Pacific slope herring are in every particular the equal of the European article, and would give equal satisfaction if put on the market."

"Another part of our work will be to introduce among the Pacific slope fishermen the use of the gillnet for cod fishing; to show them better and safer designs for building their ships, and in short to advance their interest in every possible manner by giving them the benefit of our experiments and study."

Ayer's Pills are an invaluable remedy for all diseases of the stomach, liver, and bowels. This medicine should be kept in every family.

Counterfeit postal cards, the first ever known, have appeared at Pittsburg.

Salt-rheum is cured by Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Write J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, for evidence.

The History of Mankind.

In an article upon "Thiers, the Historiographer," in the *Temps* of Paris, M. Anatole France tells the following old Persian legend: The young shah, on succeeding to the throne, had the members of the Academy of Science summoned and told them he wanted to know the history of the past in order to be able to reign with wisdom. "Write a history of the world," he said, "and be careful to make it complete." They went to work and came back after thirty years, followed by a dozen of camels loaded with 500 volumes each. "For God's sake!" cried the shah, "I am an old man now; how shall I find time to read all that stuff? Go make a synopsis of it." The academicians tried again. After twenty years they had reduced the 6,000 volumes to 1,500. "I am seventy years old; how can I read that much? Try again," was the king's order. After ten years they presented 500 volumes. "I am sure," said the deacon of the academy, "we have this time accomplished the shortest handbook possible." "No doubt you did your best, but at 80 years of age how can I hope to read through that library? If you desire your king to know the history of mankind before his death you must still reduce the bulk considerably." Another five years passed away when the deacon, tottering with age himself, led a donkey with one thick volume on his back to the gate of the palace. He found the shah on his deathbed. "I must die," he said, "without knowing the history of mankind unless you can tell me in a few words." "I can," said the deacon, "tell you the history of men in three words—they were born, they suffered, they died."

Doctors' Bills.
Nearly all diseases originate from inaction of the liver, and this especially the case with chills and fever, intermittent fevers and malarial diseases. To save Doctors' bills and ward off diseases take Simmons' Liver Regulator, a medicine that increases in popularity each year and has become the most popular and best endorsed medicine in the market for the cure of liver and bowel diseases.—TELEGRAPH, Dubuque, Iowa.

—For lame Back, Side or Chest use Shiloh's Porous Plaster, Price 25 cents. For sale by W. E. Dement.

—That Hacking Cough can be so quickly cured by Shiloh's Cure. We guarantee it. Sold by W. E. Dement.

A Dying Indian Chief.

Oter Belt, one of the greatest of the Comanche chiefs, died in Indian territory a few days ago. Five minutes before his death they held him erect and rigged him out in his best war costume. They painted him red, set his war bonnet on his head, tied up his hair in beaver skins, and laid him down just as he died. Then his five wives took sharp butcher knives, slashed their faces with long, deep cuts, cut themselves in other places and beat their bleeding bodies and pulled their hair. They also burned everything they had, tepees, furniture, and even the most of the clothing they had on. A big crowd of bucks looked on and killed ten horses.

When baby was sick, we gave her Castoria, When she was a Child she cried for Castoria, When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria, When she had Children, she gave them Castoria

Ex-minister Days, of the Dominion cabinet, will lay before the fisheries commission the question of the international boundary settled in 1848, claiming that Canada was badly worsted. The Dominion will claim a large portion of northwestern Maine, traversed by the Canadian Pacific. The *Montreal Gazette* says: "The right of Canada has been clearly demonstrated by the published documents."

Hidæous In Every Guise.
Whether it be the best known form, chills and fever, or else bilious remittent, double ague or ague cake, is that abominable disorder involving the liver, the bowels and the kidneys, known as malaria. Every complaint classified under this generic, though erroneous appellation, is destructive of the nervous system, but is, unhappily, not to be subdued, or even checked, by the use of ordinary nervines, febrifuges or tonics. There is, however, prompt relief and ultimate cure to be found in Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, foremost among the proprietary remedies of America, and widely known in other lands. Not only diseases born of miasma, but rheumatic complaints, superinduced by exposure in bad weather, inherited or incurred debility of the kidneys or bladder, dyspepsia and an irregular condition of the bowels, are curable—nay, certain to be cured by this deservedly esteemed and professionally sanctioned corrective.