



MAMA IS
MOST KIND
TO PA

TIDINGS OF JOY.

Now comes the time when little boys
With curly, flaxen locks,
Find a new desire for wearing
Papa's rosy socks.
And their big sisters gracious are
To the young men who call,
While the last-mentioned are much
pressed
For time to call at all.

And mama is most kind to pa,
And studies with great care
To place his slippers by the fire,
That he may find them there,
And papa's brow contracts with pain
As he counts up his cash,
And sees his bank account in dreams
Go riding for a smash.

And all the while with thoughtful mien,
His head the while a-stroking,
He vows aloud, so ma can hear,
That he has sworn off smoking.
Yes, yes, the merry Christmas time,
The happy days draw near,
The season that all humankind
Holds doubly, trebly dear.

USEFUL SPECULATION

The pathos of speculation lies in this direction. It is not wrong that the village schoolmaster, or the country minister, or the dressmaker with her scanty earnings, wishes to have a share in the fabulous wealth which modern society is accumulating. They rightly think "it would be fine" if their bit of investment in the mine described in their denominational journal turned out as successfully as they hope. What they do not see is that they have no business to hope for success; they do not know enough. No one has taught them that every useful or promising kind of speculation depends upon effort, skill, experience, the play of intelligence upon the conditions of each new problem. Honorable speculation is a form of science. It

is never mere cheap guess-work. But these innocent people—a great host of them—are daily matching their ignorance against the loaded dice of those whom their credulity tempts to make a business of floating all kinds of plausible and worthless enterprises.

—Charles F. Dole, in the December Atlantic.

GETTING RICH QUICKLY

There can be no harm in liking to "get rich" quickly. Let us call things by their right names. Avarice, greed, injustice are wrong; they hurt society and dwarf a man's own soul. But we are made to enjoy success in whatever we do. Does not a farmer like to have a grand crop—a hum-

dred-fold over what he put in the ground? Does not every fisherman like to strike a school of mackerel or bluefish? All inventions and the labor-saving application of natural powers are simply means to bring about the most rapid production of wealth. The complaint never ought to be made that riches are produced too rapidly, but that they are not fairly distributed.

—Charles F. Dole, in the December Atlantic.

EVERYBODY SHORT.

"The days are getting very short now." "So is everybody else about these holiday shopping times, my dear."—Baltimore American.

A Cough Requires More Careful and Prompt Attention than any Other Ailment.

If allowed to tighten on the chest it brings on Pneumonia in a few hours. If allowed to continue, it soon develops weak lungs or consumption. The Cough Remedy required is one that will at once produce WARMTH to the lungs, a LOOSENING of the congested matter, and a TONIC to the whole system. Therefore when

DR. WHITE'S HONEY BALM

IS MADE USE OF

All of these effects are produced. It is a remedy that the smallest child may use freely with the utmost safety.

Contains Neither Opium nor Alcohol.

FOR SALE AT ALL GOOD DRUG STORES. ONLY 25 CENTS PER BOTTLE.

PUT UP BY THE PROPRIETORS OF

DR. SCOTT'S WHITE LINIMENT.

THE AMERICAN IN CANADA

The American farmer is a practical man; there is no clever-headed citizen in the world, and, moreover, he is frankly honest. When he finds in Canada a system of jurisprudence under which law is everywhere respected, when he learns that Canada has never seen a lynching, that Canadian history tells of no Indian wars, he is very willing to acknowledge that there is little here he would wish to change. The

fact is that in his general views and attitude toward life no one is more like a Canadian than an American. The fact that they are subjected to similar environment and to the same broad sweeping continental forces readily explains how by merely crossing north or south an imaginary boundary line Canadian and American alike pass from one citizenship to another with far less friction than an Englishman can be transplanted to either American or Canadian soil.

—Agnes Deans Cameron, in the December Atlantic.

NOT IN TIME.

They had just extracted one of little Pierre's first front teeth, and as he gazed at the vacancy in the looking-glass he suddenly burst into tears. "Don't cry, dear," said his mother. "It will soon grow again." "Yes, but not in time for dinner," sobbed Pierre—Nos Loisirs.

COMPENSATION.

Machut—Well, Grobois, if your cow is still for sale I will give you 300 francs for her. Grobois—Impossible. Machut—Impossible? Why two days ago you offered her to me at that price. Grobois—Yes, I know, but my wife is so attached to the cow that she says she would die if she were separated from it. Machut—Well, I suppose I must say 350 francs.—Pele Mele.

SANTA



CLAUS'

STORE

REID BROS., 56 King Street

THE STORE WITH THE POND AND FERRIS WHEEL IN THE WINDOW

In buying our Stock for Christmas we anticipated a much heavier demand than a year ago, as our trade each year has increased, and we bought in much larger quantities, with the result that our trade this season is far ahead of any other year. This shows that the buying public of St. John and vicinity recognize that our store is the headquarters of Toys, Games, etc.

We will endeavor to name a few of the many articles to be found on our tables

GAMES

Pintella

A Large Board Game, with two cues, twenty men, made of highly polished and seasoned pine; size, 4ft. by 20 inches; two or four can play. At \$3.00 each.

Parlor Hockey

A Miniature Game of Hockey that can be played on any ordinary table. Has all the fascination and excitement of Hockey on the ice, without the risk of broken heads or limbs. The equipment of the game consists of a 3 1/2 inch canvas webbing boundary fence, with wire clamps for attaching to table and wire frame goals. Six 20 inch hockey sticks, with felt shoeing to protect table from being scratched, and a miniature rubber puck. It may be played by anybody, young or old; two, four or six can play.

Card Games

Percheesi.
Golf.
Auto.
Flinch.
Fish Pond.
Grozy Traveller.
Ten Pins.
King Toss.
Bean Bugs.
Hook-It.
Dominoes.
Checker Boards.
Bagatelle Boards.
Table Croquet, Etc., Etc.

MECHANICAL TOYS

Rooster, Goose and Duck

Can be run in straight course or in circle, size 5 x 4.

Dog, Camel and Pig

All with riders, revolving wheels, painted in bright colors, run straight or in circle, size 6 x 4 1/2.

Rabbit and Squirrel

Both move ears while running, size 5 x 4.

Circus Performer

On being set in motion the clown walks hand over hand for several feet along the rope, swinging his legs in a life-like manner, height 8 inches.

Stubborn Donkey

The animal runs forward, balks, kicks and backs up, whilst the clown bobs up and down trying to control the donkey by jerking the lines.

Clown and Donkey

Brightly painted Clown in sitting position, facing donkey. When wound the clown shuffles backwards, at the same time raising him on his hands and nodding his head in an amusing manner; length of entire toy, 10 1/2 inches.

Pantomime Clowns

Three kinds, when wound up they go through the most ludicrous pantomime shuffling around in a most amusing manner; height, 9 inches.

Tandem Auto Cycle

Riders and machine painted in colors, imitation rubber tires, runs in circle; length, 11 inches.

The ardent Fisherman

Who is standing in a boat, with pole and line in right hand, and net in left; as boat moves, he goes through the motion of fly casting; a good, French toy—new—9 inches long, and runs fully five minutes.

Caroussel Roundabout

Operated by clockwork. The large Ferris wheel revolves vertically, and at the time travels around the structure in horizontal circular movement; height, 10 inches.

Air Ship Merry-Go-Round

Painted base and structure, four boats with propeller wheels which revolve as boats swing around, driven by clockwork in base; height, 9 inches.

Automobiles

In twelve varieties. Auto Hanson, Auto Touring Cars, Auto Laudau, Sight Seeing Auto, Auto Racer, from 25cts. upwards.

The Famous Hill Climbers

The Finest Friction Toy Made. Line—Size Larger—Finest—More Attractive—Improved Mechanism. Police Patrol. Cruiser. Auto Racer. Auto. "Scorcher," Racing Auto. Auto Hook and Ladder. Fire Engine. Battleship. Ambulance. Touring Car. Locomotive. All painted in attractive colors.

Mechanical Boats for water use, 6 styles.
Mechanical Locomotives, 10 styles.
Mechanical Trains with tracks, all prices.

Hot Air Motors.
Toy Steam Engines.
Turbine Engines.
Steam Engines.
Attachments.

LARGE ASSORTMENT OF IRON TOYS

IRON TRAIN—five sizes.
BELL TOYS.
FLOOR CHIMES.
TOY SAD IRONS—Two styles.
TOOLS ON CARDS.

Doll Houses

Toy Stables.
Blackboards, three styles.
Fancy Tin Trumpets.
Cornets.
Tops.
Toy Watches.

Toy China Tea Sets.

Tin Tea Sets.
Doll Furniture.
Furnished Beds.
Toy Drums.
Swords—White.
Vacuum Rifles.
Soldier Suits—four sizes.
Firemen Suits.
Auto Suits.
Toy Violins.
Blow Accordions.
Paints—Drawing Slates.

FRAMED PICTURES

We are showing a large assortment of same, in our Art Room, second floor.
PICTURE FRAMES—in all sizes and latest styles.
BRASS PICTURE FRAMES—in all sizes.
ENGRAVINGS, ETCHINGS, CARBON PRINTS, Etc., Etc.

We just received a fine line of English Prints, hand colored, in Coaching, Hunting, and Automobile Scenes, also an assortment of French Pictures.

As we do not want to carry any of the goods over--Bargains are in order

REID BROS., 56 King Street

SANTA CLAUS' STORE