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Christmas SLIPPERS

At WINEGAR'S.

Up to Date Shoes.

SEE OUR WINDOWS.

GEORGE WINEGAR.

"Truth is stranger than
Fiction!"

So we will simply state to the people of Lowell and vicinity that we are not going out of business—not while our present patronage holds out. But we want to say further that for lowest prices on

HONEST DRY GOODS

We are "strictly 'in it.'" The proof of the pudding is said to be "chewing the string." We don't know about that, but we do know that a call at our store and an examination of our goods will prove the truth of our assertion.

You will be looking for suitable Christmas and New Year's. Don't fail to see our elegant

HOLIDAY GOODS

Handkerchiefs, Carpet Sweepers, Scarfs, Hand Bags, Portemonnaies, Pocket Books and Stamped Linens.

Also a multitude of other useful and ornamental articles such as are found in a first class dry goods at this season of the year.

In conclusion, remember that we are with you to-day, to-morrow and next year and solicit a continuance of your generous patronage. Yours truly,

E. R. COLLAR.

Join the Crowd

At Smith's. See his Fall and Winter Samples, before ordering elsewhere. He has the best goods at prices that defy competition for GOOD WORK. Smith won't do any Cheap John Slouch work. Best work is dear at any price.

Repairs and Pressing

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SMITH, The Tailor.

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Galloway Robes,

COATS AND MITTENS

Then get into one of our elegant new cutters behind a spanking team and away you go.

H. NASH,

HE'S GOT 'EM.

HE SAW IT.

A. L. Peck Home from Europe. He Witnessed

THE COLLISION BETWEEN STEAMERS

Germanic and Umbrae in the River Mersey.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED.

Dr. Rickert's Christmas Gifts from the Band Boys.

WILL DO ALL THEY CAN TO MAKE IT A

Success: So Say Our City Fathers about the Municipal Light Plant Now.

SAW A COLLISION.

A. L. Peck is home from Europe on his annual vacation looking well and hearty and gives his friends the true American grip. We judge that his heart remains true to Uncle Sam and that John Bull will get no sympathy from Peck in his Venezuela scrape.

Mr. Peck was an eye witness to an exciting scene, no less than the collision in the fog of his steamer, the Germanic, with the Umbrae, a Scotch boat, plying between Glasgow and Liverpool.

It was the afternoon of Dec. 11, at 4 o'clock, and Peck was off for home and native land. There was a dense fog, and the Germanic was proceeding down the Mersey at about half speed an hour from Liverpool, and blowing her fog horn every thirty seconds.

Suddenly the Germanic's blast was answered immediately in front, and directly there appeared the form of another boat veering off in the wrong direction and trying to get out of the way. It was too late and the big boat struck the smaller one square in the side, smashing it like an egg shell.

All the passengers were removed in safety, the Germanic pulled her nose out of the Umbrae's side and proceeded back to Liverpool with her unfortunate passengers. Arrived there, it was found that Germanic had also received a 7x9 rent, and had to be laid up for repairs. The Umbrae floated down stream a mile or two and sank in fifty feet of water, her spars sticking up above the surface.

After a few days delay, Mr. Peck engaged passage on another steamer and arrived home without further unusual incident.

Mr. Peck relates one singular incident in connection with the above. On board the Umbrae was a theatrical company who had been playing an engagement in a drama "Saved from the Sea." They lost all their scenery, baggage, etc., in the wreck, or they might have made their fortunes through the advertising received by reason of their being "saved from the sea."

THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY. Last Friday R. J. Flanagan was called to Grand Rapids on business. On his return he accompanied his wife to the residence of John Lasby where they took tea. Returning to his own pleasant home, Mr. Flanagan was astonished to find the same filled with guests; fully sixty being assembled there.

A little later in the evening, after greetings, music and chat, the reason of this invasion was given by our townsman, S. P. Hicks, who in behalf of the guests, presented Mr. Flanagan with an elegant easy rocking chair, in the following pleasant vein:

There is no question but that you distinctly remember an event which occurred in December, 1875. Neither is there any question but that you considered it the crowning event in your history. In order to bring it about, you used all the attractions you possessed, you posed in artistic positions, you were particular about slacking your boots, brushing your clothes, combing your hair, and didn't forget to put on some hair oil, and ad-

justed your necktie with great care. If your coat had a side pocket, you arranged your red silk handkerchief so that an inch or two was visible—you were very particular about the set of your clothes—you needn't deny it for there is an unimpeachable witness at your side by whom we can prove it. You probably quoted poetry and if by chance you were absent from the attraction you had discovered you wrote long letters and made remarkable promises. You probably ruined the hinges of the front gate of the paternal mansion, and in an unguarded moment, may have had the front of your coat marked with hair oil of a different kind from that used by yourself. Year after year has passed since that time. Anniversaries have come and gone and so far as this company is informed you proposed to let this one pass without saying anything about it. It's possible but not probable, it had escaped your mind. But you have been caught at it. In their eyes you are guilty. The verdict has been made up and sentence decided upon, and I am about to pronounce it, and to inflict the penalty. It is hoped and expected that this easy chair, which I now present to you in behalf of your friends, will be a pleasant reminder hereafter of the twentieth anniversary of your married life and will call to mind the pleasant wishes and congratulations of this occasion. Further, that its seductive ease may not swerve you from the path of duty, and keep you away from church and the Sunday school concert, but on the contrary that it may keep you at home evenings. So that, the prize you captured twenty years ago, may know your whereabouts and retain as far as possible a few of the lofty ideas of you, the host, as when 20 years ago, you made sundry promises to her, which undoubtedly have been in the main fairly well kept.

May you have many anniversaries yet in store, and in the future as each one occurs, speak to your wife about it.

Mr. Flanagan replied as best he could and the remainder of the evening was pleasantly passed with music, cards, refreshments and general conversation, and the party broke up about midnight.

DESERVED APPRECIATION. Dr. Rickert, dentist, the popular director of the Lowell City Band was remembered by the band boys in a pleasant manner Christmas evening. A box was sent to his residence, with "compliments of the band," the contents being a handsome music rack, a metronome and an elegant baton.

These are supposed to signify that friend Rickert must stand up to the rack; learn the value of time, being sure to get no more beats in a measure than there are in the band—and when the boys get unruly, he is to baton their heads. It had been proposed to take the doctor by storm at his residence and give him some of his own music, but the weather proved so unpropitious that the idea was given up.

WHERE THEY STAND. Anent the public lighting plant, having heard the question propounded since the election that voted to bond the village for \$23,000, as to the attitude of those councilmen who had hitherto opposed the municipal plan, the LEDGER has taken pains to see the gentlemen and ask them what their attitude would be now that the question had been so overwhelmingly passed upon by the citizens of Lowell. We are pleased to state that Messrs. Collar and Quick have become satisfied as to the wishes of a majority of the taxpayers, and from this time on to do all in their power to advance those interests. Our interview with Mr. Hunter was not so satisfactory. The gentleman, evidently, has not made up his mind what course to pursue and did not care to be quoted.

The LEDGER is an ardent advocate of capital punishment. We wonder if this has anything to do with the fact that lady readers in Leape county, Manistique and New York state each made the editor a gift of a necktie for Christmas. There is certainly length enough with which to hang a man; but really, ladies, if there is any whitecap business going on we hope you will look elsewhere for a victim.

We've Got 'Em.

We wish to state to the gentlemen of Lowell and vicinity that we have secured the agency for the

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Line of gentlemen's fine shoes. There are very few men in the United States but have heard of this line of shoes. Mr. Douglas tells us to warrant every pair and if we ever have a defective shoe to return it to him and give the customer a new one. So you run no risk whatever in buying one of his shoes.

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8 " Rolled Oats	25
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3 1/2 Pounds Sears' Lunch Crackers	25
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1 " Good Coffee	25
1 " Good Japan Tea	25
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