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**The Durham Grocery**

For Groceries of all kinds, Provisions, Fruit  
Confectionery, Crockery, Glassware, etc., also

**McGowan Milling Co.'s  
Rolled Oats and Oatmeal**

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**Start Your New Year Right**

by buying all your hand-made and Ready-made  
Tinware, Graniteware, Ranges, Heaters and  
General Plumbing Fixtures from us. Let us  
give you an estimate on that furnace job. Re-  
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For Four  
Feed Seed  
Fresh Groceries  
New Fruit and Nuts  
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No. 1 Family and Pure Manitoba Flours  
Fine Salt. Farmers Produce Wanted

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Iron and Brass Castings and general Repairing. Feed boilers, Steam  
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General Wood Work.

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**THE People's Mills**



A small or large bag of a fine gran-  
white, nutritious flour, is sold as our  
brand. Have you ever tried it? Get  
your grocer to give you our kind next  
time and see the superior baking qual-  
ities it possesses. Better and more  
wholesome, because of a secret process  
that we put the wheat through.  
Don't forget.

**ECLIPSE**

A blend of Manitoba and Ontario  
wheat and is a strictly first class  
family flour

**SOVEREIGN**

Our pure Manitoba flour, made from  
No. 1 Manitoba wheat cannot be best  
for either bakers or domestic use

**PASTRY FLOUR**

Is made from selected winter wheat  
and is a superior article for making  
pastry, etc.

Special Reduction on Flour in 5 and  
10 Bag Lots.

Goods delivered anywhere in town.

Chopping Done Every Day

Up-to-date flour and feed can  
be kept on hand for sale. If  
your grocer does not keep it come to  
us and we will use you right.  
Call us up by telephone No. 8.

Grain bought at Market  
Prices

**John McGowan**

**GIVING NEW YEAR'S GIFTS**

All France Buys Itself Poor in Re-  
storing Presents.

The custom of making New Year's  
gifts has gone completely out of vogue  
among the people of the United States,  
with the exception perhaps of the very  
wealthy, who can afford to give on all  
occasions.

In France New Year's day, or Le  
Jour d'Etrennes (literally, day of gifts),  
is the greatest day of the whole year.  
All France buys itself poor. The men  
are supposed to give bonbons and flow-  
ers to every lady upon whom they  
call, and Jan. 2 finds women sick from  
eating sweetmeats and men sick from  
spending more than they could well  
afford, but the average Frenchman be-  
lieves in the old observation that it is  
"all in a lifetime," or, according to  
our vernacular, that "Christmas (New  
Year in France) comes but once a  
year."

The practice of making presents on  
New Year's day was originated by the  
Romans and from them taken up by  
the Britons.

When gloves were novelties and  
luxuries that every woman wanted,  
but not every one could afford, they  
were the customary gifts, often very  
handsome ones made of silk and de-  
corated with gold traceries and precious  
stones. Occasionally a sum of money  
was given instead of the gloves, the  
donor designating the gift as "glove  
money." Queen Elizabeth was espe-  
cially fond of stockings as a New  
Year's gift.

Sir Thomas More when lord chancel-  
lor once decided a case in favor of a  
lady, who, to show her gratitude, sent  
Sir Thomas a pair of gloves containing  
forty gold coins. Sir Thomas returned  
the gold with this note: "Mistress—  
Since it were against good manners to  
refuse your New Year's gift I am con-  
tent to take your gloves, but as for the  
lining—I utterly refuse it."

When pins were first invented and  
brought into use about the beginning  
of the sixteenth century they were  
highly prized as New Year's gifts.  
They, too, were made of very valuable  
material—of gold and silver, as well as  
of the common metals. The money  
which had been expended in gloves  
was then made use of for pins, and  
money given for the purchase of the  
new style gift was called "pin money."  
The term has gradually enlarged its  
meaning, and now the modern girl  
speaks of her "pin money," but she  
buys all sorts of things with it and  
instead of receiving it from friends  
once a year obtains it from "papa"  
once a month or once a week.

**WASHINGTONIAN NEW YEAR.**

Recipe For Reception a la George and  
Martha.

To hold a New Year's reception a la  
George and Martha Washington the  
drawing room should be arranged to  
look like that of a century ago. Let  
holly and mistletoe festoon doors and  
arches and be massed with pine and  
hemlock and other evergreens knotted  
with cherry colored ribbons.

The gowns and headdresses of the  
ladies invited to attend may be copied  
from old fashioned prints or reproduc-  
tions of portraits of historic belles.  
The old brocades, the powdered hair  
and complexion patches will transform  
the appearance of modern beaux and  
belles in a manner truly wonderful.  
A few lines penciled on the face will  
aid in suggesting the appearance of  
the individual whose personality is to  
be represented. Every guest should  
be at liberty to select the character  
most pleasing to himself or herself.  
Of course this choice should preclude  
the characters of Washington and his  
wife, which belong to the host and  
the hostess. If they have a son and  
daughter, Jack and Nelly Custis should  
be represented by their son and daugh-  
ter.

The minuet will, of course, be the  
first dance, and it should be led by the  
host and hostess in the costumes of  
Washington and his wife. If other  
than buffet refreshments are served,  
the host takes to the dining room the  
most distinguished lady present—that  
is, the one whose position in the so-  
ciety of the time represented was most  
important. The hostess takes the most  
distinguished gentleman to the dining  
room. The selection, of course, will  
be largely influenced by personal feel-  
ing.

In the center of the dining room ta-  
ble a handsome decoration representing  
a chime of bells bearing aloft a  
silver star and the figures denoting the  
date of the new year should be placed  
on a bank of green or of flowers. Rib-  
bon streamers, red, white and blue,  
should extend to the edge of the sup-  
per table, where waxen cherubs, such  
as are made for decorations on the top  
of a Christmas tree, perch among the  
little clusters of flowers intended as  
souvenirs for guests. A knot of red,  
white and blue ribbon should tie the  
flowers intended for the ladies. If in-  
dividual menus are prepared each may  
be given a personal significance by  
being inscribed with a verse relative  
to the flight of time. Any dictionary  
of quotations will supply the lines.

The dining room ought to be lighted  
entirely with wax candles in handsome  
candelabra.

Like a Prizefighter.

"Lightning never strikes twice in the  
same place."  
"Why not?"  
"Maybe it can't come back."

Its Quiet Way.

There isn't any scandal.  
Good people do not frown  
Or call it simply awful  
When autumn paints the town.

**The Gent's Furni-**

**SPECIAL  
New Year's  
BARGAINS!**

For Men and Boys. Are You Ready for Xmas  
HANDSOME AND SUITABLE GIFTS

We have all the nice things for New Year's giving. Don't wait  
have decided upon what you are going to give. You can decide here.  
put the price just right to give you special New Year's Bargains. Jus  
take a look at our stock of Gent's Furnishings, you may find something i

**GIFTS FOR MEN AND BOYS** Also a Great Ma  
Gifts for New Year

Gloves, a fine assortment; Sweaters, Sweater Coats, Vests, Box  
Cravats, Gauntlets, Tie Pins, cuff Buttons, Ties, handkerchiefs, ca  
Mitts, Gloves, Toques, a great variety.

**Gifts for Men and Things Men Buy Then**

No Better Gifts For Men Than The Gent's Furnishing Sto

We want the women to do their New Year's shopping here. The p  
a man would do his own shopping is very likely the place he would wa  
shop for him. Come and look at our goods.

**BUTTONS COVERED HI**

**GEORGE S. BURNE**

Next to the New Standard Bank - Garafraxa Street,

Although I am not going to move  
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the sale goes on and bargains con-  
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The first pound  
you use will win  
your lasting  
favor

"More bread  
and better  
bread"

**PURITY FLOUR**

When you have a cold, get a  
bottle of Chamberlain's Cough  
Remedy. It will soon fix you up  
all right, and will ward off any  
tendency toward pneumonia. This  
remedy contains no opium or  
other narcotic, and may be given  
as confidently to a baby as to an  
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the time to be in your logs.  
Saws gummed and skates sharp-  
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of the best physician  
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for me," writes Tho.  
Middleboro, Ky. "Ta-  
of Chamberlain's Stom-  
er Tablets cured me."  
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