

ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

When the gate creaked that October night, Marion Hartley, wife of the unsuccessful author-playwright, was torturing her wits afresh for a way to secretly induce some theatrical manager to recognize her husband's genius.

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Marion almost cried out. Her fingers had been quivering now, half way through the last act, they closed upon her own crushing lid. The lights were low, but she could see his eyes dilating. Only too thankful that every one appeared engrossed by the play, she whisperingly implored:

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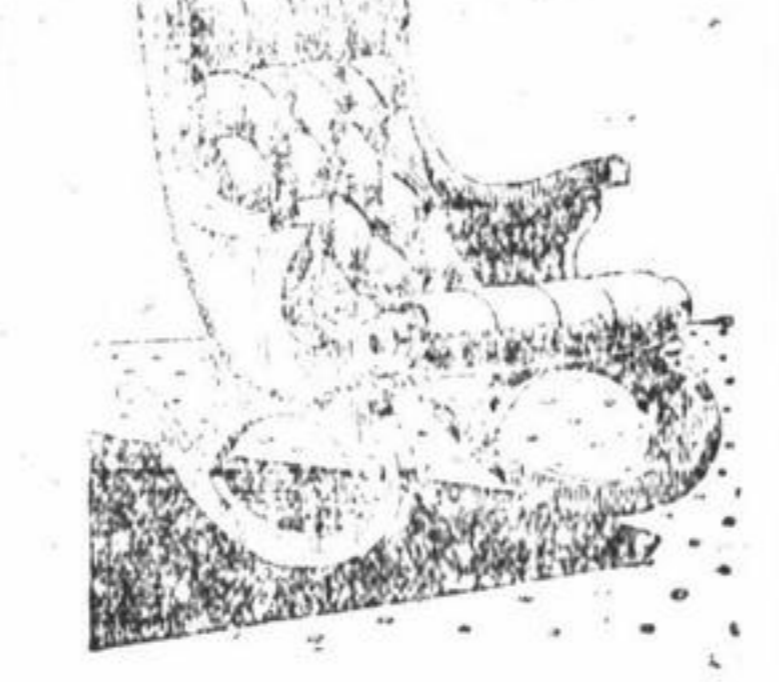
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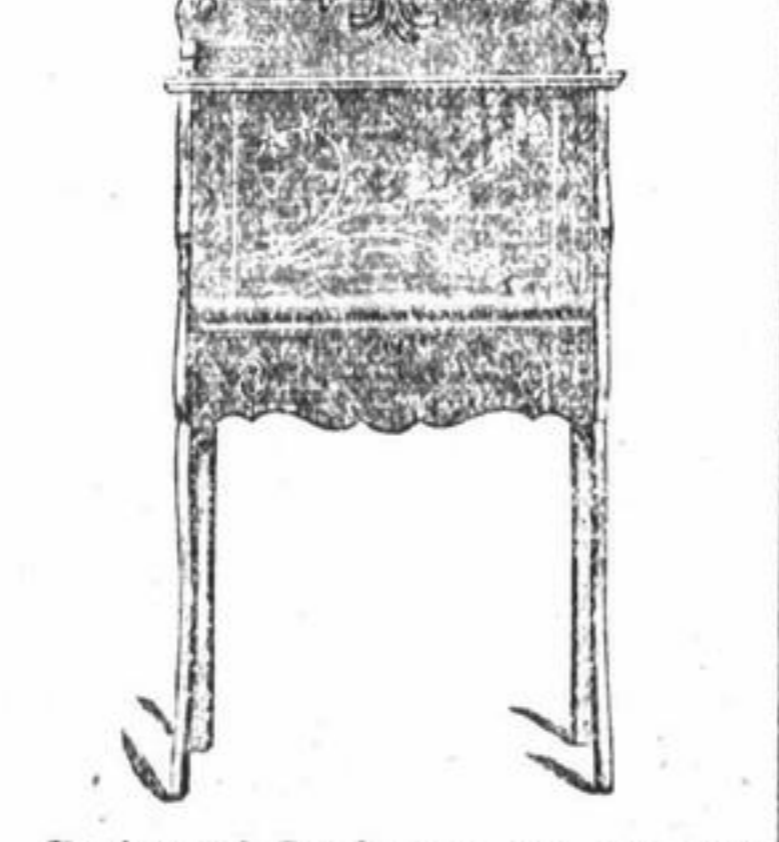
T. F. HARRISON CO. CHRISTMAS SALE.



We made up a large number of these Easy Chairs for this Christmas, but they are going fast. They are made in solid oak, take 4 positions, have soft spring, backs and seats. Nothing better. \$5.50 up.



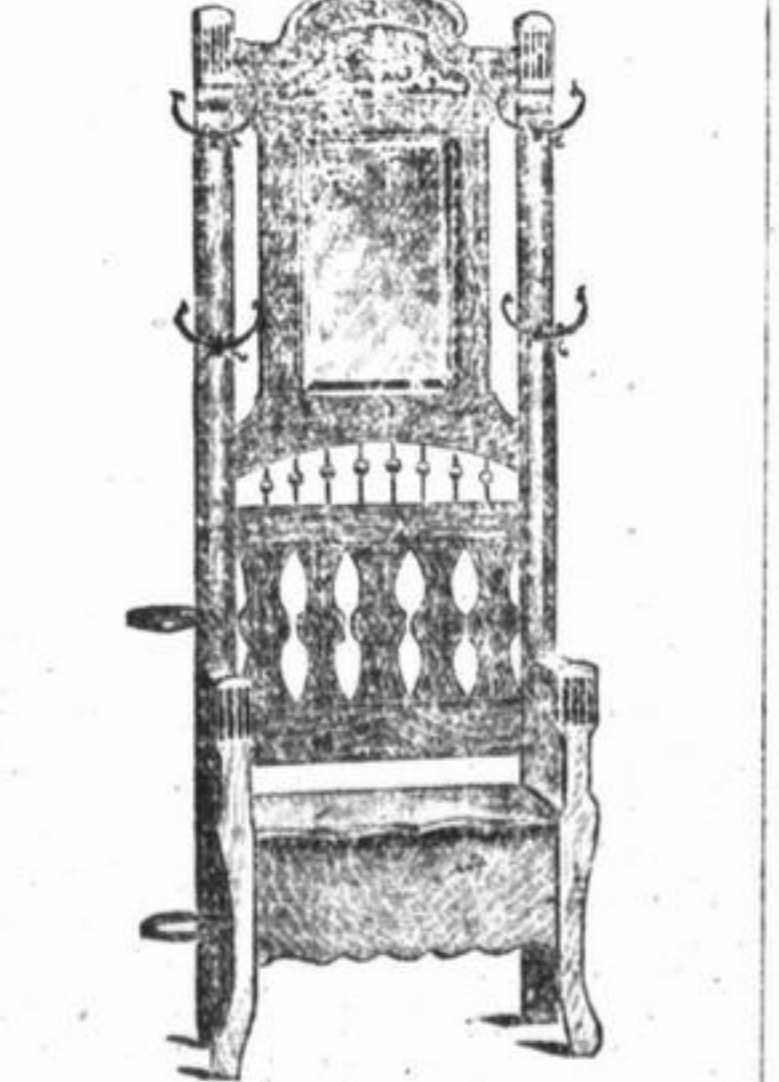
Fancy Rockers in rattan, oak, curly birch, mahogany and forest green finishes. Our \$1.50 and \$2.75 styles are the best values ever given. They are specialties for Christmas.



Desks and Bookcases for old and young. We have some styles that are extra value. Our \$9.25 line is immense; large size, good oak finish, fitted with book shelves above and below the desk, pigeon holes and all complete; much better than one shown in cut, and only \$3.25. We have some beauties at higher prices.



Jardinero and Palm Stands. Fine line at a price to suit. Some new ideas with brass feet just in.



Fine large stock of Hall Racks at prices that make it easy to give one as a present. We have some fine ideas in hall seats, umbrella holders and hanging hat racks.



Expect friends Christmas. Get one of our Bed Couches. Can be made into comfortable bed, with mattress and spring included, in less than one-half minute. In day time it is a handsome Turkish Couch.

Let us suggest Screens, Easels, Fancy Tables, Old Chairs, Oxyg Tables, China Cabinets, Book Shelves, Music Cabinets, Etc. It would be better if you would go through our warerooms and see the lines. You are welcome without being expected to purchase. Yours, T. F. HARRISON CO.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

A REMINDER OF THE CUSTOMS OF REMOTE AGES.

Carried in Procession at the Midwinter Festival of the Celts Before the Time of Christ—Yule Log Among the Germans—First Christmas Tree in America.

Among these queer relics of a great antiquity is the Christmas tree. The very name of this object, familiar as it is at Christmas time, indicates a Christian origin, but there is no doubt whatever that the customs connected with the Christmas tree, together with the tree itself, were a part of the Druidical religion perhaps thousands of years before our era.

Long before the time of Christ, among the Celts of France, England and the British Islands, at the midwinter festival a tree decorated with bits of gay cloth and bright polished metal was carried in procession.

When the usage spread to Germany it was not known. Indeed it is possible that Druidism may have originated in Germany and spread thence to the Celts of France and the British Islands.

Instead of rooting themselves, however like mere groundling plants, by small fibrous rootlets, they fasten by a sort of suckerlike fashion to the tissues of the tree on which they feed, and penetrating its bark to the living layer just beneath, suck up elaborated sap from the veins of their victim.

The modern mistletoe, as we know it today, in its present highly evolved and degenerate state as a confirmed parasite is no longer an enigma. It is a woody shrub, with yellow-green leaves, which specially affects the boughs of apple trees, pears and poplars.

For two years I was greatly troubled with kidney disease. I suffered intense pain, and frequently was unable to work. I doctored at intervals, but got little or no relief. I began to grow worse, and the pains were frequent and intense.

Are You Pale? If you look color in your cheeks take Dr. Hall's Iron Tonic Pills, you will be delighted at the strength and tone they will impart to your system—50 pills in a box for 25 cents at Wad's drug store.

The Christmas tree is thus more than a fanciful reminder of the day and season. It is an historical institution recalling customs which years ago became obsolete and a religion which has been dead for many centuries. It is a beautiful token of the season and a reminiscence of ages so remote as to have left no written traces.

THE JULEBOKER.

Peculiar Scandinavian Christmas Eve Customs.

A custom that is very common in Sweden and Norway in connection with Christmas eve is to "gaa julebok." This custom undoubtedly has its origin in a superstition that held sway shortly after the advent of Christianity.

In the cities these features do not exist. It is largely a children's festival there. At no other time of the year do the older people try to become young again as now.

THE MISTLETOE.

A Parasite That Draws Sustenance From the Tree to Which It Clings.

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WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD.

Is the Testimony of Frank S. Emrick of Alvin, Ont.—Says South American Kidney Cure Saved His Life—It Relieves in Six Hours.

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Will Not Violate The Law.

New York, Dec. 17.—Police justice Charles Duffy, of Long Island city, this morning issued warrants for the arrest of May and Crockett, on the complaint of Peter A. Leininger and J. Rufus Terry, of the Long Island city purification society.

SURE CURE FOR ALL SKIN DISEASES. During seventy years NY-AS-SAN has never failed in any case. WANTED—The address of every sufferer in America.

Advertisement for AERATED OVENS. Includes an illustration of a woman holding a pie and text: "There seems to be great objection to ordinary stoves by those who have used a SOUVENIR with an Aerated Oven." "The Gurney-Tilden Co., Limited, Hamilton, Ont."

Advertisement for \$2,000 IN PRIZES. TO BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE COMPARATIVE SYNOPTICAL CHART COMPANY. Includes text: "OF INTEREST TO ALL—BUT OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE SCHOOL CHILDREN OF CANADA." "Bankers-Bank of Montreal."

Advertisement for A WEEKLY COMPETITION. TWO CRESCENT BICYCLES AND TWO GOLD WATCHES. Includes text: "OUR OBJECT IS to introduce directly to the parents, teachers, students, and school children of Canada our historical charts..."

Advertisement for HOW THE PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED. Includes text: "The post-cards containing correct answers will be registered and numbered in the order in which they are received at the office of the company up to noon on the Saturday in EACH WEEK during the NINE weeks of the competition."

Advertisement for ADDITIONAL PRIZES. Includes text: "Owing to the success of the first week's competition we have decided to award the sender of a FIRST CORRECT ANSWER to the sender of a WATCH or a BICYCLE."

Advertisement for A PRIZE SCHOOL COMPETITION. Includes text: "A full set of our Wall Charts of English, Canadian, and United States History (three in number), value \$75, will be sent, express prepaid, to the school that furnishes the largest number of competitors during the nine weeks."

Advertisement for OPINIONS OF EDUCATIONISTS ON OUR SYSTEM. Includes text: "We have courted the keenest criticism and invited the most searching enquiry with the result that we have received innumerable testimonials from the highest educational authorities in the Dominion, the United States, and in Great Britain, endorsing our system of teaching history in the most unqualified and enthusiastic manner."

Advertisement for THE LADIES OF KINGSTON. Includes text: "FIRST-CLASS DRESS AND MANTLE MAKING. Evening costumes promptly made. All kinds of alterations kept on hand." "PIANO FOR SALE. A GOOD SOLID HIGH TONED PIANO. A fine lot of records for sale. Enquire through Wad's Office."