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FOR THE PAST YEAR REPRINTS OF "HOLIDAY GREETINGS - A BOOK OF POEMS" BY FRED A. BUSH HAVE APPEARED ON THIS PAGE. "BRIGHTON'S VARIOUS INDUSTRIES TOLD IN MERRY RHYMES" WAS A HOLIDAY SOUVENIR OF 1898. TOWN AND JACOBS, PUBLISHERS, ORIGINALLY PRINTED IT AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE BRIGHTON ARGUS. ONLY A FEW OF THE POEMS REMAIN TO BE REPRINTED IN TRAIL TALES. THIS MONTH'S ARE ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE FOR DECEMBER. IN FUTURE ISSUES POEMS EXTOLLING THE VIRTUES OF LIVING IN THE AREA, BRIGHTON SCHOOLS, ETC., WILL BE PRINTED. (MARIEANNA BAIR, EDITOR. 810/229-6402)

ARGUS

IN THE OFFICE OF THE ARGUS
WHERE THIS WORK WAS DONE
WE DO ALL KINDS OF JOB WORK
AND TRY TO PLEASE EACH ONE.
WE GIVE TO YOU, DEAR READER,
THIS BRIGHTON SOUVENIR
AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL KEEP IT
AND READ IT YEAR BY YEAR.
AND DON'T FORGET THE ARGUS,
WHILE SLIDING DOWN LIFE'S HILL,
REMEMBER YOUR HOME PAPER,
A DOLLAR PAYS THE BILL.
WITH THANKS FOR YOUR PAST FAVORS
SINCE WE'VE BEEN WITH YOU HERE,
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY, GLAD NEW YEAR.

A. MERCHANT

CONFECTIONERY

THE CHRISTMAS TIME IS WITH US NOW,
AND THE NEW YEAR TOO, AS WELL,
AND FOR IT THEY HAVE PURCHASED
A VERY FANCY STOCK TO SELL.
OF THE CHOICEST CONFECTIONERY,
AND FRUITS AND NUTS SO FINE,
THAT PEOPLE WHO BEHOLD THEM
WILL PURCHASE FROM THIS LINE.
TOBACCO AND CIGARS THEY SELL
OF THE VERY FINEST MAKE;
AND IN THE WAY OF CANNED GOODS
THEY TRY TO TAKE THE CAKE.
SOFT DRINKS AND STATIONERY,
AND BAKED GOODS TOO THEY SELL;
JUST DROP INTO A. MERCHANT'S STORE
AND THEY WILL USE YOU WELL.

NOT ALL OF THE ACTUAL LOCATIONS OF THE BUSINESSES INCLUDED IN "A BOOK OF POEMS" HAVE BEEN DETERMINED. ANY SUGGESTIONS WHICH WOULD HELP ESTABLISH THE TRUE SITES WOULD BE WELCOMED. (EDITOR)