

"HOLIDAY GREETINGS": FROM THE BRIGHTON ARGUS, 1898

MORE FROM A BOOK OF POEMS BY FRED A. BUSH

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RACKET STORE

OH THE RACKET! WHAT A RACKET!
HEAR THE RACKET AND THE NOISE
THAT THE PEOPLE ALL ARE MAKING
WHEN THEY SEE THE RACKET TOYS.
SANTA CLAUS, IN ALL HIS GLORY
HAS MADE HEADQUARTERS HERE,
WITH THE PRESENTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS,
OR THE HAPPY, GLAD NEW YEAR.
HERE ARE TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN,
THAT WILL MAKE THEM LAUGH WITH GLEE;
AND PRESENTS FOR THE OLD FOLKS,
THAT THEY ALL WILL LIKE TO SEE.
THEN THERE'S TIN AND GRANITE HARDWARE
FOR THE KITCHEN AND THE SHELF,
THAT IS SURE TO SATISFY YOU,
IF YOU PICK IT OUT YOURSELF.
HERE ARE BROOMS, THAT FOR THE MONEY,
CAN'T BE BEAT IN ANY STORE;
IF IT'S BROOMS THAT YOU ARE SEEKING
THEN YOU'D BETTER LOOK NO MORE.
YOU CAN GET THEM AT THE RACKET,
THAT WILL SATISFY IN PRICE,
AND THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BOUGHT THEM,
ALL PRONOUNCE THEM VERY NICE.
THERE ARE GLOVES AND MITTS TO CHOOSE FROM,
THERE ARE HANDKERCHIEFS GALORE,
THERE ARE WHIPS TO DRIVE YOUR HORSES,
ALL INSIDE THE RACKET STORE.
THERE'S A ROASTER THAT'S A DANDY,
FOR TO ROAST YOUR TURKEY IN,
THERE ARE CHIMNEYS FOR YOUR LANTERNS,
THERE ARE TEAPOTS MADE OF TIN.
THERE ARE BARGAINS WITHOUT NUMBER
THAT WILL PAY YOU TO EXPLORE,
THAT ARE MAKING SUCH A RACKET
AT SMITH'S GREAT RACKET STORE.

M. G. STRAUS

CITY DRAY AND ICE

WHEN THE CHILLY DAYS OF WINTER
TO OUR FIRESIDES MAKE US TURN,
THEN IT IS THAT WE MUST THINK OF
SOMETHING THAT IS GOOD TO BURN.

M.G. STRAUS CAN SATISFY YOU,
SURELY IF A BODY COULD,
FOR HE QUICKLY FILLS ALL ORDERS
FOR THE BEST OF COAL OR WOOD.

WHEN THE HEAT OF SUMMER HOVERS,
AND YOU SEEK SOME COOL DEVICE,
STRAUS WILL PROMPTLY FILL YOUR ORDER
WITH THE PUREST, CLEANEST ICE.

IF IT'S DRAYING YOU ARE NEEDING,
TAKE THIS WARNING TO YOUR HOUSE,
YOU CAN GET GOOD SATISFACTION
BY EMPLOYING M.G. STRAUS.

(ANY IDEAS ABOUT THE POSSIBLE LOCATIONS OF THESE BUSINESSES? THIS INFORMATION WOULD HELP COMPLETE SOCIETY ARCHIVAL RECORDS. 810/229-6402.)

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