

"HOLIDAY GREETINGS": FROM THE BRIGHTON ARGUS, 1898

MORE FROM A BOOK OF POEMS BY FRED A. BUSH

R. E. BAETCKE

HARDWARE

AS WE JOURNEY ALONG O'ER LIFE'S VOYAGE  
BESET WITH THE CARES OF THE DAY,  
WHAT A BLESSING TO FIND A GOOD HARBOR  
BEFORE WE ARE LOST IN THE BAY.  
FOR TWENTY-NINE YEARS R. E. BAETCKE  
HAS FURNISHED A HARBOR FOR TRADE  
TO THE PEOPLE WHO DWELL HERE ABOUT US  
AND GREAT HARDWARE BARGAINS HAS MADE.  
HE HAS STOVES AND RANGES TO SUIT YOU,  
OF THE WORLD-RENOWNED GARLAND MAKE,  
AND ROUND OAK STOVES FOR WOOD HEATERS,  
THAT SURELY WILL CAPTURE THE CAKE;  
HE HAS OLIVER PLOWS FOR THE FARMERS,  
AND PLOWS THAT ARE KNOWN AS THE WIARD,  
THAT EACH FARMER WHO HAPPENS TO KNOW THEM  
HAS OFTEN PAUSED AND ADMIRIED.  
AND IF YOU THINK OF BUILDING SOON  
AND BUILDERS' HARDWARE NEED,  
BE SURE AND VISIT BAETCKE'S,  
HE HAS JUST WHAT YOU NEED:  
HE HAS PLANES AND SAWS AND WRENCHES,  
AND ELECTRIC CUTLERY TOO,  
ROGERS' FINEST PLATED WARE  
HE ALSO OFFERS YOU;  
HE HAS GYPSINE FOR YOUR WALLS,  
AND HEATH & MILLIGAN'S PAINT,  
THAT PEOPLE USE FROM YEAR TO YEAR  
WITHOUT THE LEAST COMPLAINT.  
HE HAS BISSELL'S CARPET SWEEPERS,  
AND ROCHESTER NICKEL PLATED WARE,  
AND A TIN-SHOP IN CONNECTION,  
THAT WILL GIVE OLD GOODS REPAIR.  
HE HAS GIVEN SATISFACTION  
FOR YEARS BEYOND A SCORE,  
AND YOU CAN FIND IT ALSO  
AT R. E. BAETCKE'S STORE.

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C. E. CUSHING

HARNESSES AND SPORTING GOODS

IN THE VILLAGE OF BRIGHTON FOR  
THIRTY-TWO YEARS,  
AS ONE OF OUR DEALERS, C E.  
CUSHING APPEARS;  
OTHERS HAVE COME AND GONE  
ON THEIR WAY,  
BUT CUSHING, IT SEEMS, JUST CAME  
HERE TO STAY.  
AND WHILE I'M SPEAKING I GUESS  
I'LL INVITE  
YOUR EYE TO THE HARNESSES, BOTH  
HEAVY AND LIGHT;  
HE HAS BLANKETS AT PRICES TO  
SUIT ONE AND ALL,  
AND WHIPS FOR THE BUGGY OR  
WAGON OR STALL;  
AND IF YOUR HARNESSES GETS  
OUT OF REPAIR,  
THEN CHARLIE WILL FIX IT WITH  
GREATEST OF CARE.  
THE NIMROD WHO SEEKS TO  
PURCHASE A GUN,  
THE FISHERMAN WHO DELIGHTS  
IN THAT FUN,  
FOR THEIR GUNS AND THEIR FISHING  
TACKLE AS WELL  
AS POWDER AND SHOT AND THE  
BEST LOADED SHELL,  
TO CHARLIE'S PLACE TURN, YOU'LL  
ALL SEE THEM PUSHING  
TO BUY ALL THEIR GOOD OF OUR  
FRIEND, C. E. CUSHING.

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