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MEN'S SHOES

Our stock ranges all the way from the splendid solid shoe we sell at \$1.50 to those wonderful examples of superior shoemaking, the Kneeland shoes at \$8; also slippers in various fancy leathers, 40c to \$3.

WOMEN'S SHOES

You can begin at \$1.25, for which you get a first-class well-made shoe or you can work along by easy stages to \$4 which gets the very best. Pretty house slippers in patent leather and party slippers of every hue and color.

FOR THE CHILDREN

The best for each price—from 25c to \$2.00.



GEO. W. COWAN

The BIG BOOT Shoe Store

DRS. CORNELL & FISHER
DENTISTS
Corner Sixth and King St.
Over the Bee Hive.
Phone 317.

PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—11 a. m.—South-westerly winds, fair and milder. Saturday, fair and mild.

Local Briefs

H. G. Gray, of London, is in the city.

Miss McKim and Miss Davis, of Dresden, spent yesterday in town.

Our new story, "The Simple Life," by Chas. Wagner, commences in tomorrow's issue. Look out for it.

Miss Bessie Ripley, daughter of A. M. Ripley, manager of the County House of Refuge, is visiting her grandparents in Dresden.

Phil. Bourassa, of Wallaceburg, is spending Christmas week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Bourassa, of the Grand Central.

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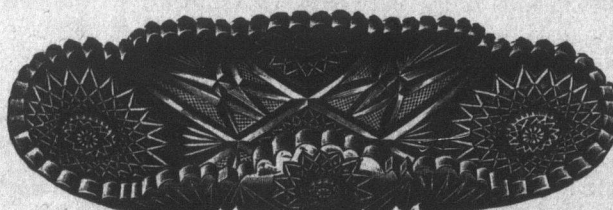
Misses Minnie and Marie Rhody, of Detroit, are spending the holidays with their sister, Wellington street.

CENTRAL RALLY OF ALL CITY CONSERVATIVE WORKERS, AT THE YOUNG MEN'S LIBERAL CONSERVATIVE ROOMS, AT EIGHT O'CLOCK. BE PRESENT!

Court Hope, A. O. F., celebrated its 26th anniversary Wednesday night with an entertainment in the Workmen's Hall. J. W. Humphrey acted as chairman. The program consisted of moving pictures by Messrs. Kollege and Bennett, and phonograph selections by William Horn. Miss Barassin gave a number of recitations, which were much appreciated. A large crowd was present.

Hot, Cold, Medicated and Electric BATHS

Massage, Electric Treatment and Physical Culture. Try my treatment for Rheumatism and Neuralgia. Address **W. H. Robert.** Physical Culturer, Chatham, Ont. box 131. King St. opp. Bank of Montreal.



HAWKES CUT GLASS

A yellow diamond makes a good show until compared with a white one, and Hawkes glass shows up the yellow in other cut glass when placed side by side. We can show you five other makes, Canadian and American, but Hawkes stands out in a class by itself. Come in and let us show you the difference, and it won't take long either. There is comparatively very little difference in the cost but oh what a difference in quality.

VonGuntzen Bros. RELIABLE JEWELERS

MAYORALTY.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

I respectfully offer myself as a candidate for the Office of Mayor of the City for 1905, and solicit your vote and influence. If elected I shall give the interests of the city my best services, as I have always endeavored to do in the past.

Wishing you the compliments of the season,

I am yours obediently,

GEO. W. COWAN

MAYORALTY

It is unfortunate that Ald. Scullard did not seek re-election as alderman for the coming year. That he would have been honored by the electorate no one doubts.

But the impression generally prevails that the mayoralty should go to Mr. Geo. W. Cowan. Fortunately, party politics do not enter largely into municipal affairs and it is felt by the citizens generally that Mr. Cowan's turn has come. He is a gentleman of earnest and progressive spirit, zealous for the city's weal and loyal to its interests. He has a good municipal record and will make a worthy mayor.

And in so saying The Planet casts no reflection upon his excellent opponent and hopes that sometime in the near future it may be its pleasant duty to be called upon to support Ald. Scullard for the high office.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

H. C. Hubbard, of Kalamazoo, spent yesterday with his Chatham friends. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Simpson, of Dresden, were Maple City guests yesterday.

Vote for Arthur J. Dunn for Alderman

Visit our Shoe Parlor. William Somerville & Son, Peace's Old Stand.

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Robert Killop, book-keeper at Austin's, is confined to his home to-day through illness.

A telephone has been installed in J. E. Rankin's residence on Lorne. The number will be 420.

You will find a new firm between the market and Garner House. Try it for your footwear.

Mrs. J. R. Reid, Stanley avenue, has returned from a six weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. E. S. Allen, at Ingersoll.

A very pleasant time was spent at Hooper King's residence last evening when Miss King entertained a number of her many friends.

Roy Benson, who has been spending his Christmas holidays with his parents here, leaves to-morrow to resume his studies at McMaster University.

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Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McPhillips, of Jackson, Mich., are the guests of Mrs. Wm. Young and other friends in the city.

The names of the Returning Officers for the ridings of the province were published in the Toronto papers to-day. Sheriff Gemmill is appointed for West Kent, and P. D. McKellar, Registrar, for East Kent.

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Mrs. Albert La Prise was found guilty yesterday of stealing a fur rug from Valerie Boeuf. As Mrs. La Prise had a six months' old baby, she was allowed to go on suspended sentence on paying the costs, \$22.55.

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To miss seeing the old morality play, "Everyman," at the Grand on Jan. 4, 1905, will be to miss seeing a play that would be impressed upon your memory as long as you live. You have never before seen such a strange play and may never have another opportunity. "Everyman" is a great deal more than a play.

A telephone alarm was sent in this afternoon at 1:40 from Andrew Thomson's store on the market. A girl in the third storey was cleaning a stove with benzine, when the stuff caught fire. The firemen promptly responded to the alarm, and the fire was put out in a twinkling. There was no damage.

Pat Decoursey bought a load of wood from Wm. Hubert, of Dover. He says he was to pay \$4.00 for the wood. He gave Hubert a \$5 bill and only got 25 cents in change. Hubert says the price of the wood was \$4.75. As a result of the dispute Decoursey had Hubert arrested on the charge of stealing 75 cents. Hubert was remanded for trial. He was released on his own recognizances.

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Arthur J. Dunn

—FOR—

Alderman 1905

OYSTER SUPPER

The Darrell football team held their annual oyster supper on Thursday evening at the spacious home of Mrs. Jinks. This was one of the most successful functions ever held in Darrell and one and all voted Mrs. Jinks an ideal hostess. After doing ample justice to the oysters and other good things, the guests retired to the drawing room, where a most enjoyable evening was spent in music and games. During the evening Lester Gregory, captain of the Darrell football team, who has recently returned from the Northwest, on behalf of the football team, in a neatly worded address, presented Mr. Edward Jinks with a beautiful trophy, won by the team for the championship of Kent when Ed was the captain. He is also the first one of the boys to enter the blissful state of matrimony, therefore in honor of the fact he was considered to be the most worthy holder of the cup. At a late hour the guests dispersed, moving Mrs. Jinks a very hearty vote of thanks for a most delightful evening.

Coughs, colds, soreness and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Cresolene Tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

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Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ROOMS—Furnished rooms to let, with or without board. Apply at once, P. O. Box, 417.

TEACHER WANTED—For S. S. No. 7, Camden; state salary and experience. Apply at once to Arch. Phillips, Secy-Treas., Wabash. 2w

OUR STOCK OF HOLIDAY SLIPPERS

Is now complete. Price from 25c. to \$2.00.

We have a complete line of Men's Hockey Shoes \$1.75 to \$2.50; Boys' \$1.50.

Special lines of Bates Patent Colt, \$3.50; Packard \$4.00 and \$5.00

—AT—

P-E-A-C-E

Shoe Store for Reliable and Up-to-Date Footwear.

One-Half Off Calendars for 1905...

We have some nice Calendars left which we will clear at less than cost. Now is the time to get a fancy Calendar for little money

KENNY, the Stationer
KING STREET EAST

Boy's Watches

\$1.50



We have just received a case of special regular \$3 Watches, stem wind and stem set, which we are selling from now till New Years for

\$1.50

Toys, Sleighs, Doll Carriages, Tool Chests, Dolls, Rocking Horses, Exercisers, Punching Bags, Boxing Gloves, etc.

Briscos'

Santa Claus Headquarters

HEALTHY HOLIDAY CANDIES

By which we mean Candies which aid good health instead of destroying it.

Such Are... McGregor's

The reason is that they are made of the best and purest materials obtainable. Having visited the factory, we know that it is as clean and neat as the kitchen of a good housekeeper.

PRICE, 50c LB.

FOR SALE ONLY BY

J. H. DENNIS,
DRUGGIST

Made in Canada PHONE 70

Up-to-date Millinery. **C. Austin & Co** Fashionable Dressmaking

STAPLE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL

Saturday Offerings

Wool Blankets Regular \$2.50 value for \$2.25 pair

10 pairs White Wool Blankets, good heavy weight, soft fleecy finish, fancy colored borders, size 60x80, weight 5 lbs, Saturday \$2.25 a pair.

Comforters Regular \$2 value for \$1.75 each

6 only heavy Quilted Comforters, fancy silkoline covering, reversible patterns, well filled, full bed size, 66x72 inch, Saturday \$1.75 each.

Wrapperettes Regular 8c value for 5c a yard

300 yds. fancy Wrapperettes, dark colors, small patterns, suitable for comforter linings, wrappers, etc., Saturday 5c a yard.

Table Linens Regular 50c value for 40c a yd.

3 pieces only half-bleached Table Damask, choice designs, pure flax, 60 to 66 inches wide, Saturday 40c a yard.

Towels Regular 25c value for 20c each

5 doz. only pure linen Huck Towels fringed ends, red borders, extra heavy, full bleached, very special, Saturday 20c each.

Pure Down Quilts Regular \$4.50 value for \$3.95 each

5 only pure down filled Quilts, covered with down proof cambric, beautiful patterns and choice colorings, nicely quilted, size 60x72 in, Saturday \$3.95.

Winter Underwear FOR WOMEN

Valuable hints for Women who need warm and comfortable Underwear for the cold weather. Though prices are little, you may rest assured that the qualities they buy are above criticism.

AT 25c—

Women's heavy union vests, long sleeves, high neck, shaped, lace trimmed, drawers to match.

AT 50c—

Women's wool vests, unshrinkable, nicely trimmed, fashioned, drawers to match.

AT 69c—

Women's wool vests in all sizes, nicely finished, worth 75c, drawers to match.

AT 25c—

Women's fine union vests, full fashioned, nicely trimmed, drawers to match.

AT \$1.00—

Watson's pure wool unshrinkable vests, lace trimmed, all sizes, drawers to match.

AT \$1.25—

Pennman's pure natural wool vests, warranted unshrinkable, sizes 3, 4 and 5, drawers to match.

A Saturday Of Good Things

AUSTIN'S CLOTHING DEPT.

We jump from the Christmas hurly-burly into a week full of special merchandizing of rather extraordinary character. Each will have its own story to tell. Each will unfold matters of stirring interest to our public.

\$6.50 and \$6.00 Russian Overcoats at \$5

This is a splendid offering of boys' Russian Overcoats. These coats are in sizes 4 to 9 years in natty tweeds and plain blue and oxford effects.

\$3.50 Boys' Raglanette Overcoats at \$2.50

In dark tweeds, sizes for ages 5 to 9 years only, while they last at \$2.50.

\$2.50 and \$3.50 Boys' Storm Reefers at \$2

Made from all wool oxford Friezes, curls and naps, big storm collars well lined, sizes only 21 to 26 for ages 3 to 9 years, must be cleared, very special at \$2.

Men's \$12 to \$13.50 Overcoats at \$10.00

Of plain oxford grey cheviot in extra weight, No. 1 making and trimming coats that are good value at regular prices, but we have only a few left and want to clear the line full raglanette style, are the best in the trade at \$12 to \$13.50, on Saturday to clear at \$10.



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The Leading and Reliable Clothiers