

Christmas Talk.



Christmas Sale of Books

1,000 Gift Books, very daintily bound, gift book size, such as Kipling, Brown, Havergal, Sheldon, E. P. Roe, Milton, etc.; regular 25c, special Monday 20c.
Henty's Books, such as "The Boy's Own Paper," "The Boy's Own Paper," etc.; regular 25c and 50c, Monday, 20c.
500 Juvenile Books, such as "A Child's Life and Christ," "Robinson Crusoe," "Pilgrim's Progress," "Through the Looking-Glass," etc.; regular 25c, Monday, 20c.
When it comes to Bibles, Woods' Fair takes first place. Hundreds of Bibles are given away each year. We are prepared with the finest stock ever handled by any one house. Bibles of all denominations. Special prices on Monday. Cloth Bound Copyright Novels, regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 Monday, 90c.

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Christmas Presents Galore in the Basement.

We have the most complete stock of fancy China and Brac-a-Brac to be found anywhere. The most dainty and pretty patterns and decorations that are produced. Making our purchases direct from the manufacturers, you save from 25 to 50 per cent. by buying from us. Cases by the dozen are arriving daily and being opened and placed on the tables.

35c and 50c Cups and Saucers, Monday 19c

88 only JAPANESE CUPS AND SAUCERS, fine, thin, transparent china, a variety of shapes and decorations; regular 35c and 50c, Monday 19c.

\$5.05 Saved on a \$10.00 Present.

80 only Japanese Vases, several handsome shapes, hand-painted decorations, blended colors of green and terra cotta, all original Japanese designs. Here is a chance to make an elaborate present. They will not last long at this price; regular \$10.00, \$4.95.

35c and 50c China for 25c

Including Fruit and Salad Bowls, Cake Plates, Porridge Sets, Cream and Sugar, Teapot Stands, Toast Racks, Pin Trays, Ash Trays, Candlesticks, and many others; regular 35c and 50c, Monday 25c.

A NOTED SHARPER AGAIN IN LIMBO

Rearest of "Rev." C. F. B. Howard Who Had Just Completed a Term in Prison.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 13.—A special from Columbus, Ohio, says: Rev. C. F. B. Howard, who has just completed a sentence for swindling claimants to estates in England, of which he was convicted and taken to prison, has been released from Ohio penitentiary today. He was rearrested at the prison gates, and was taken at once to Horton, Mich., where he is wanted on similar charges.

The rearrest of C. F. B. Howard, alias Lord Harper, alias William Lord Moore, is another chapter in a remarkable criminal history. In September, 1898, a fine-looking man and a clergyman of most elegant address came to Horton, Mich. He said he was a member and pastor of the "Ethical Church." Among the most refined and well-to-do people of the town he at once made a good impression and the church soon had a large and flourishing congregation. He was entertained at the best homes, and was highly thought of as a devout and polished man, until one September morning, a year after his arrival in the town, United States officers from Chattanooga arrived in Horton, and then the good people were shocked to see the elegant divine led away in handcuffs. Then his past came out. He was one of the cleverest criminals in all England. For years he had made a fat living by writing letters from London to gullible Americans informing them that they had fallen heir to vast ancestral estates in England, and that for a retainer fee he would put them in possession of their patrimony.

When the English police made it too lively for the ambitious divine, he fled to Jackson, Tenn. Here he worked the same game with variations. Here he was "Rev. Robert Harper," and always he was the smooth, well-groomed minister of the Gospel with influence and refinement.

Then two Scotland Yard detectives followed hard upon his trail, and in Jackson, Tenn., they ran him to earth at his old clever game. He was convicted and sentenced to a term of years in the Ohio penitentiary at Columbus. He was there scarcely a year before he bribed his way to freedom again.

In Chicago, Rev. Harper again appeared. Here he stole the stationery from the custom house, had it counterfeited, and by tails means secured a luxurious living. He wrote to people all over the country, and informed them of valuable express packages which they could secure by forwarding sums to him. When he heard of the officers again upon his track, he slipped out of the city and then appeared in the quiet little town of Horton, a new and fruitful field. When the officers of the government arrested Rev. Harper in Horton, the unsuspecting residents refused to believe that the elegant minister of the Gos-

Here are a few suggestions by which you may profit. We are thoroughly equipped for the Christmas trade, everything that is possible or practical for gitts, in our lines, is at the Fair. In fact it is a regular Christmas store. Staple goods have all been put to one side and all available space has been devoted to Christmas goods on the main floor. Prices are at their lowest and you know what that means at the Fair.

Candies, Nuts and Oranges

65 cases of Florida, Naval, Mexican and Valencia Oranges arrived on Saturday. Monday morning at 8 a.m. the great orange sale commences. 7,140 ORANGES Monday, between 8 and 10 a.m., 15c a dozen, or 2 dozen for \$2.50.
These are fine, juicy fruit, and are all sound.
Very large Florida Oranges Monday, per dozen 40c.
MIXED NUTS, PER LB. 10c.
Chocolate Creams, per lb. 12c.
A box of Chocolates Monday for 1.00.

Special Sale of Jewelry

All new stock at very lowest prices. Inquire for our prices on Fancy Work Boxes and Smoking and Shaving Sets, and everything in the fancy box line.

Our Fancy Goods Dept.

Is especially attractive now. All the very daintiest articles for Christmas are here.

HAMILTON AT IT AGAIN

Surprised a Boer Lager in the Early Morning.

Sixteen of the Enemy Killed and Seventy-Six Armed Prisoners Secured.

Many Wounded Left on the Field—The Government Wires Its Congratulations to the Successful Commander.

London, Dec. 14.—Reporting to the war office from Pretoria, under date of yesterday, Lord Kitchener says: "Bruce Hamilton, after a long night march, surprised Piet Viljoen's lager, at dawn, Dec. 13, at Watkrans, 25 miles northwest of Ermelo, killed sixteen Boers, and captured 76 armed prisoners. Many others were wounded and were left at farms. He also recaptured one of Benson's guns, the other having been destroyed. Two field cornets are among the prisoners. The recaptured gun is in good order and was used against the retreating enemy."

Right Hon. W. St. John Brodrick, secretary of state for war, wired the government's congratulations upon Gen. Bruce Hamilton's brilliant achievement.

COLONIALS FOR THE KING'S NAVY.

The admiralty authorities are being urged to make an effort to secure the services of Canadians and Australians as officers of the king's navy, so that the consciousness that the navy is the imperial service should be fostered. It is argued that the position of the navy is the foundation of the British empire, would be better understood in both Great Britain and the colonies if the admiral commanding the Mediterranean happened to be an Australian and the admiral commanding the future North Sea squadron was a Canadian.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR THE POOR

Salvation Army Movement is Progressing Very Favorably

The Salvation Army Christmas cheer movement is progressing very favorably. Quite a number of citizens have replied to the coupon circulars and have given very freely to the fund. Four replies had \$10 to accompany them, several others giving \$5, and others cheerfully giving \$2 and \$1 bills. The wholesale houses have, in several cases, given freely in biscuits, tea, coffee and sweets.

The fund has, including donations and goods given, reached about \$160. The army is anxious to secure if possible, \$50 more, as they desire to distribute \$200 in the line of Christmas cheer.

The officers and several other workers are out making a careful survey, and trying to find families where misfortune has come, such as sickness or accident, or for those who are out of work the season of the year. Several cases have already been reported where some kind assistance and cheer will soothe those to whom the kindness is shown.

The Army Home, on Riverside avenue, South London, will also be remembered. Here a noble work is carried on.

The city hall will be the scene of the festive spread, commencing at 11:30 a.m., and continuing until the corners are supplied with good dinner. The store underneath the city hall will serve as a kitchen and receiving depot, and will be open after Tuesday next to receive donations or any applications for Christmas cheer, also for tickets for the dinner.

MR. LAKE'S BACK

Plattsville Gentleman Who Had Little Hope of a Cure is Now Well.
Plattsville, Ont., Dec. 9.—(Special).—Thos. Lake, an aged and highly respected citizen of this town, gave Dodd's Kidney Pills the credit for curing him of a very bad case of Kidney Trouble and Lame Back. His back ached so much that he could hardly sit up, and his kidneys gave him much trouble. Mr. Lake is over 70 years of age, and he thought he was too old to be cured. However, he saw an advertisement telling how a man older than he was had found relief and a cure by using Dodd's Kidney Pills, so he determined to test them. The first box proved to his satisfaction that a cure was possible, and now he is well and hearty.

SNOWBALL CAUSED DEATH

Detroit, Dec. 14.—Fred Krieger, 21 years, died at St. Mary's Hospital yesterday, as the direct result of the throwing of a snowball at the horse, attached to a delivery wagon, which was in charge of Krieger. Dr. Thos. Henderson sent the patient to the hospital and found that Krieger was suffering from a fracture at the base of the skull. The deceased lived at 1175 Gratiot avenue with his employer, August Baumgarth, the grocer Corner North Fort will not hold an inquest.

SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES.

IT IS THE FARMER'S FRIEND—The farmer will find in Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil a potent remedy for wounds or pains in the body or for affections of the respiratory organs and for household use. It is also a most valuable and convenient friend in treating injured horses, cattle, etc., or relieving them when attacked by colds, coughs or any kindred ailments to which they are subject.

HAVE YOU TRIED IT?

MEERSCHAUM

OUT PLUG SMOKING TOBACCO.

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

Sold everywhere. 10c per package.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

"One of the Bravest" at the Grand Opera House.

The quiet of midnight had fallen on the city streets, and all good citizens were sleeping peacefully in their beds, when a sound arose, low at first, but rising gradually into a clamor, that thrilled the bravest hearts and caused them to fear for the safety of their loved ones. Rousing men ran through the streets, finding the sleeping and the dreadful cry of "Fire." Wreaths of smoke, lurid with the glow of the advancing flames, burst from the windows of the doomed dwelling, where the fire fiend was doing its awful work. Strong men wept as they realized the horrible fate in store for the imprisoned inmates of the house which was so rapidly falling a prey to the flames. But help was at hand. The wailing of a siren was heard and two rushing white horses, drawing a fire engine with its furnace and stack aglow, swept upon the scene. With it came the brave fire ladders, and in a twinkling ladders were raised and nets spread. 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