



**Y**OU'D think to look in here that good old St. Nick had known just what you wanted—there's sure to be the style that pleases you most. And don't forget how welcome a gift a nice, new pair of shoes is for ANYBODY—or some comfortable slippers.

### MEN'S SHOES

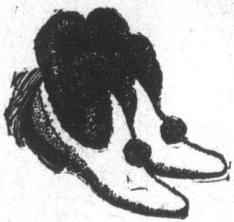
Our stock ranges all the way from the splendid solid shoe we sell at \$1.50 to those wonderful examples of superior shoemaking, the Kneeland shoes at \$5; also slippers in various fancy leathers, 40c to \$3.

### 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. 10—11 a. m.—North-east to northerly winds, very cold, with local snowflurries. Sunday, fair and continued very cold.

### THE LOCAL BUDGET

#### Erminie Tuesday Night

H. Shepherd, of Toronto, is in the city.  
Don't fail to see "Jerry," the funny Irishman. He will cure the blues at the Opera House to-night.

I still have some of those beautiful opera glasses left from \$5 to \$20 a pair. E. J. MacIntyre, leading jeweler and optician.

The quarterly meeting of the A. U. M. P. church will be held on Sunday next, the pastor, Rev. A. B. Selvey presiding. Rev. Mr. Jones, of Junction, and a choir will assist.

Puts new life into you! A strong statement but it is borne out by facts by those who have taken "The D & L" Emulsion; write Miss Black, Supt. Grace Hospital, Toronto, and asks her what she thinks of it.

Cynthia A. Bentley was a visitor at the police court this morning. Cynthia laid a charge against Frank Mays who, she claims, addressed insulting language to her. The case will come up on Monday.

Rev. A. H. MacGillivray gave the fifth of his series of talks on the life of Christ at the meeting of the Young People of the First Church last evening. There was a good attendance at the meeting.

Mark this distinction: A purely local disease of the skin, like barbers' itch, is cured by Weaver's Cerate alone. But where the blood is loaded with impurity, as in Salt Rheum, Weaver's Syrup also should be used.

Re McClure vs. Brooke Township, a motion to declare illegal and quash a by-law for making a local assessment for the damages and costs recovered against the Township of Brooke for the flooding of lands. The motion was heard yesterday at Frank before J. B. Rankin, K. C., drainage referee, and judgment reserved. M. Wilson, K. C., for Brooke.



### Diamonds!

From 1-8 to 2 1-4 Karat.

Why not call now and pick out that diamond ring for Christmas and have it laid away?

Our special value is a full 1 K., free from flaws and perfectly white \$19 Mounted in any style of setting from \$2 to \$4.

**VonGunten Bros.**

### ...SOCIETY...

Mrs. William Gordon, King street, invited a few friends in Thursday afternoon, to meet her cousin, Miss Jackson, of Highgate. There were seven present, just enough for a game of seven hand euchre. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

Miss Jessie Harper was the hostess at an informal five o'clock tea Tuesday afternoon in honor of Miss Ethel Ferguson, of Port Stanley. Only a few of the girls of Miss Harper's set were invited, but, as ever when Miss Harper entertains, all had a good time.

Thursday evening from eight to eleven o'clock, Mrs. F. E. Mallett gave a very enjoyable thimble party for a number of young ladies. The tea-room was particularly dainty, pink and green being the color scheme. Here Mrs. Mallett was assisted by Miss Holmes and Miss Edith Holmes.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Walker, Friday evening, when the members of St. Paul's choir were most loyally entertained. Covers were laid for fifteen. After partaking of oysters and other good things the company adjourned to the drawing room. Mrs. Walker was asked to come forward when an address was read by Miss English, and a handsome piece of hand-painted china presented by Miss Houston. Mrs. Walker was very much taken by surprise and thanked the choir in her most able manner.

Last Monday evening Chatham's many music lovers were treated to what may well be called the best musical entertainment heard in Chatham for some time.

This splendid concert was given by the Meister Singers, under the auspices of E. B. Arthur, organist and choirmaster of the First Presbyterian Church. There was a good crowd present, but the entertainment was one that should have been patronized by every lover of music.

The Meister Singers are a male quartet and they were assisted by Miss Ethel Henry, elocutionist, and Roland Henry in musical sketches. Mr. Arthur is to be complimented upon bringing this excellent attraction to Chatham, and those who were fortunate enough to hear them will be delighted to learn that the Meister Singers may be heard in Chatham again this season.

Consumers of gas and electric light whose bills are rendered monthly are notified that discount will be allowed up to and including the 12th inst. the 10th failing on Saturday, but will not be allowed later.

Most men like to show familiarity with the weak side of great persons.

No man cares to make even a confession to self on the follies of youth.

The man who loses a leg or an arm can never boast that he won't be stumped.

### TENDERS FOR PUMPING PLANT

Tenders will be received up to 4 p. m. Saturday, 17th December, inst., for the erecting of a pump house, dash wheel, dam and all other machinery and work for the Fifth Concession Mechanical Drainage Works, of Dover.

Plans and specifications to be seen at the office of the undersigned. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

J. W. SHACKLETON, C. E.

### THE Canadian Bank of Commerce

Statement of the result of business of the Bank for the year ending November 30th, 1904.

Balance at credit of profit and loss brought forward from last year.....\$ 165,659.14  
Net profits for year ending November 30th, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts.....1,124,973.06  
\$1,290,632.80

Which has been appropriated as follows:  
Dividends Nov. 74 and 75, at 7 per cent. per annum.....\$ 609,000.00  
Written off Bank premises.....127,908.41  
Transferred to Pension Fund (annual contribution).....25,000.00  
Transferred to Real Account 500,000.00  
Balance carried forward.....28,723.39  
\$1,290,632.80

Toronto, December 9th, 1904.

### 1904-Christmas-1904

#### ..LOOK..

See Samples of Christmas Cakes and Plum Puddings

IN SOMERVILLE'S WINDOW  
Cakes in endless variety. Grapes, Oranges, Nuts and Candies. Fresh Oysters in bulk. Lunches at all hours.

Every day is bargain day at Somerville's.

Come early and avoid the rush. Compliments of the Season.

**Wm. Somerville**

PHONE 36



### Your Doctor

We wish you would ask your doctor what he thinks of Vapo-Cresolene. He will say "It's certainly the best way of reaching the throat and lungs, this inhaling method." You see, it brings the medicine right in contact with the weak places. If it's asthma, bronchitis, whooping-cough, croup, or any such trouble, the Cresolene vapor touches every inflamed place. Relief is quick, certain.

Vapo-Cresolene is sold by druggists, or sent express prepaid on receipt of a Vapo-Cresolene outfit including a bottle of Cresolene, complete \$1.50. Send for free illustrated booklet. Lassar, Mearns Co., Ltd., Agents 288 St. James Street, Montreal, Can.

**DR. A. A. HICKS,**  
**DENTIST,**  
Office: 26 King St. East, over  
Turner's Drug Store. Phone 357

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

**TEACHER WANTED**—For S. S. No. 10, Harwich, second or third class certificate. Apply by Monday, 19th, to: Jas. Hutchinson, Northwood.

### For Alderman

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Having been requested by a number of citizens to offer myself for Alderman for the coming year, I have decided to do so, and hereby respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

I do not intend to make any personal canvass as I believe the electors should be left free from personal solicitation to vote for the men whom they believe will serve the city most efficiently.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season.

I remain respectfully yours,

CHAS. AUSTIN

### ELECTION CARD

ELECTORS, CITY OF CHATHAM

Ladies and Gentlemen—  
I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for Alderman for 1905.  
Sincerely yours,  
ARTHUR J. DUNN.

### TO THE ELECTORS.

Ladies and Gentlemen—  
I am a candidate for Alderman for the ensuing year and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. If I am unable to meet you personally I trust this request for your support for Alderman will receive your favorable consideration.

Your obedient servant,

L. E. TILLSON.

### GRAVES' GROCERY

QUEEN STREET,  
Dunlop's Old Stand.

New Hands. New Stock.

Prices good until further notice—  
6 Bars Eclipse Soap, 25c  
7 Pounds Tillsen's Oats 25c  
5 Gals. Coal Oil, 80c.  
Sardines, 5c a can  
Other Goods at reasonable prices.

M. M. GRAVES

### GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Saturday, Dec. 10th

With Ladies' and Children's Matinee

**PATTEN and PERRY**

—IN—

**Jerry from Kerry**

A Roaring Musical Farce Comedy and Vaudeville attraction. The funniest show since time began, with uniformed Concert Band and Orchestra. See Street Parade at noon, and Band Concert 7.30 front of Opera House.

PRICES—25c, 35c, 50c.

Matinee 10c, 15c and 25c.

See Matinee Cards.

### 1904 Autumn and Winter Evening Dress

We make a specialty of Evening Dress Suits, and carry in stock a full line of Rich and Elegant Materials, suitable for this Formal Evening Attire.

We invite your inspection and comparison of prices with other first-class houses.

**ALBERT SHELDRICK**

TAILOR and WOOLEN MERCHANT

King St.

near Garner House

### Briscos'

### CROWDS VISIT

### Toyland Daily

It's better than a circus to see it with the children.

TOYLAND contains the largest and finest collection of Toys ever brought together in Chatham. Toys of all kinds, all sizes, all prices. Mechanical Toys, Electrical Toys, Steam Toys, Iron Toys, Tin Toys, Wooden Toys, Rubber Toys, Dolls, Games, etc., by the thousand. Toys from 1c to \$25.00.

### Skates and Hockey Skates

All the latest styles and patterns, and at reasonable prices

### Special for Holiday Trade

300 Boys' Watches, guaranteed regular price \$3.00, selling off at

One-Fifty...

### Briscos'

Opera House Block

### NEW THINGS

—IN—

### Photography

We have just received from the Housh Co., of Boston, the finest collection of Calendars, Mounts, and Albums ever seen in Chatham. Nothing is more appreciated at Christmas than the "Home" pictures, the "very own" of the amateur. The beautiful new things we are showing will surely be a delight to those who have hitherto struggled with ordinary mounts and more or less ugly calendars. We invite every amateur to come and see them.

### J. H. DENNIS,

DRUGGIST

Phone - 375

### LOOK!

Brick house in central location for sale. Parlor, dining room, kitchen, pantry, 3 bedrooms, clothes closet, city water, cistern, sink, sewer, etc. Lot 52x104. Price.....\$1250.

Six roomed frame house on Seane St. for sale for.....\$475.

**DUNN & MERRITT,**

Fifth St., Phone 295.

Minnard's Liment Cures Colds, etc.

Up-to-date

Millinery.

**C. Austin & Co.**

Fashionable

Dressmaking

### SILK SALE

#### Two Specials for Saturday

In short ends of Silk and Satin, marked down at quick selling prices for the Christmas trade, consisting of Taffetas, Louise, British Imperial Sateens, Peau de Soie, etc. Lengths from 1 to 6 yards, suitable for blouses and fancy work

#### Special No. 1

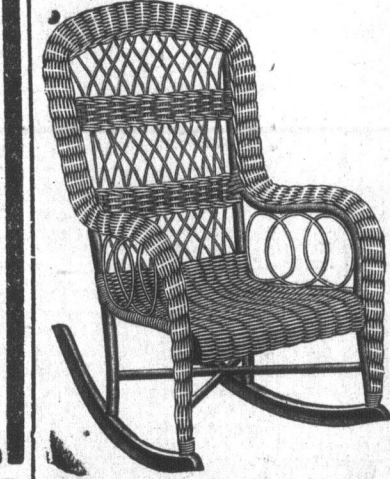
50 pieces of 20 in. Silk in Browns, Greens, Grey, Fawn, Cardinal, Light and Dark Blue, Pink, Old Rose, Reseda, Myrtle Green, Cream, Mauve and Spot effects, regular 75c. values, sale price, 49c

#### Special No. 2.

25 pieces of 20 in. Silk, in Green, Fawn, Brown, Navy Blue, White, Cream, Pink, Blue, Mauve and Cardinal, regular 50c values, sale price, 39c

If you are undecided what to give look at our

### Morris Chairs and Rockers



They will give pleasure and comfort to the recipient 365 days in the year. We have a number of different designs, some have padded cushions, some have reversible mattress cushions, and all of them are the best quality that can be produced at the price.

Note the following—

Morris Chairs—solid oak frame, embossed front, reversible velvet cushions, price... \$5

Morris Chairs—solid oak frame, entirely new design, brass rod and holders, reversible cushions, price... \$7.50.

Morris Rockers—solid oak frame, quarter cut oak, arms and front reversible velvet cushions, price... \$8.75.

### Bargains in Millinery

Trimmed Dress Hats at One-Third Off regular price  
All Ready-to-Wear Hats at One-Third Off Regular Price.  
All Untrimmed Shapes at One-Third Off Regular Price  
All Pattern Hats at One-Half Off.  
A number of stylishly Trimmed Hats, recently added to our stock, at \$3.00  
Children's Sailor Hats, all colors, at \$1.00.

### SATURDAY SPECIAL.

50 Dozen of Men's Silk Neckwear, Regular 50c. Qualities at 25c

We have arranged for easy selling a big selection of handsome Silk Neckwear in Puffs, Four-in-Hands, Knots, Strings, Bows and Flown Ends, are regular 50c. qualities. A chance to buy Christmas Neckwear at Half-Price, Saturday at 25c

### Handkerchief Time

That's all the time, of course, but with more emphasis just before Christmas. We have a big selection of Plain Linens, Lawns, Fancy Borders and Initial Silk Handkerchiefs.

Lawn Handkerchiefs with hemstitch, at 75c. a Doz.; hemstitch at \$1.00 a Dozen; extra fine hemstitch at \$1.50 a Doz.

Linen Handkerchiefs, special quality Hemstitch, at \$1.75 a Dozen

\$2.00, 1 dozen in box; \$2.75 per Dozen.

Fancy Border Handkerchiefs, sekin, fine and soft, 20c. each; Fancy Borders, 3 for 50c.

Special Initial Handkerchiefs, Japonette Silk, 15c each, 2 for 25c

### C. Austin & Company

The Leading and Reliable Clothiers