

**WHISKARD'S** Three Busy Stores  
228, 230, 232 Dundas Street

**Common Sense Triumphant**

Happily we have survived the time when the chief feature of Christmas articles was their utter worthlessness. The public now demands something useful and beautiful. To a large extent their demand is gratified. Common sense has won a notable triumph in this respect, for Christmas is now an occasion for adding to the comforts and beauties of home, rather than increasing the litter.

**Christmas Silks.**

We are showing special lines in check silks, worth from 50 cents to 75 cents. Our sale price is 25 cents a yard. Beautiful Japanese, taffeta finished silks, in all the best holiday shades, 25 cents and 39 cents a yard. **Fine Black and White Check Silks.** These silks are well worth 90 cents a yard. Our sale price is 39 cents. See them. **Fine black Gros Grain Silk,** cheap at \$1.00. Sale price 75 cents a yard.

**Handkerchiefs for the Holidays.**

Our handkerchiefs have caught the holiday swing and are already going at a merry pace. This is the handkerchief store all the year around, but it is a hundred times more so at this time of the year.

We are selling ladies' fine linen handkerchiefs, small and medium hem. Regular 25 cents, for 15 cents each.

Ladies' fine Swiss embroidered Handkerchiefs, beautiful goods. Worth 25 cents, for 15 cents each.

Ladies' fine Swiss embroidered Handkerchiefs for 10 cents, 1 1/2 cents each; worth more.

LADIES', MEN'S AND CHILDREN'S INITIALED SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, nearly half price—1 1/2 cents, 15 cents, 20 cents, 25 cents and 35 cents each.

GENTS' PLAIN SILK, hemstitched Handkerchiefs, worth 50 cents, for 25 cents each.

**Christmas Apron Sale.** **Silk Piano Drapes and Silk Table Cover Department.**

Special line of linen Aprons, large size, regular 40 cents. Sale price 25 cents each.

Beautiful Lawn Aprons—our own make; 25 cents and 39 cents each.

Large quantity to choose from, beautifully worked and all special priced from \$1.25 to \$4.50.

One only specially worked table cover, very handsome, worth \$8.00. Sale price, \$4.25.

**Buying Early.**

It shows sound practical sense to buy your holiday presents now.

**COME.**

**Mince-meat Season**

IS HERE.

If you want to have good Mince-meat, make it at home with one of our

**Meat Choppers.**

Prices reduced to clear out before we move.

**We Sell Runners for Children's Go-Carts.**

**A. WESTMAN,**

111 DUNDAS STREET, - - - LONDON.

**TREK TO COLORADO**

Nine Thousand Boers Preparing to Settle in America.

Denver, Col., Dec. 18. — Nearly 9,000 Boers, it is said, are preparing to trek to America and will settle in Colorado, New Mexico and Texas. The representative of this movement is Gen. Samuel Pearson, late quartermaster-general of the South African Republic, whose headquarters are in New York. Colorado friends of the Boers have been in communication with Gen. Pearson in regard to suitable lands for the settlers and Gen. M. de Villiers, who is now looking over the lands, has expressed himself as favorably impressed with this state.

**PHYSICIAN'S MISTAKE**

Nearly Cost a Kingston Lady Her Life—Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Her.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 15.—(Special).—A physician's mistake nearly cost Mrs. E. Lake, 112 Clarence street, her life. She took an overdose of strychnine with the result that paralysis of the left side, brain, arm and limb ensued and she was in a most deplorable condition, in which, despite the efforts of many physicians, she remained for three years. Then she was induced to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. Of the result she says: "I started on three Pills three times a day. I soon began to experience a change for the better, which continued until I regained the use of my hand, arm and limb. My headache also ceased, and my appetite returned. From this I soon picked up flesh and strength till I am as well as ever. I thank God and Dodd's Kidney Pills for my health."

Perfectly transparent bodies are only visible by virtue of non-uniform illumination, and in uniform illumination they become absolutely invisible. The new meat-inspection law of Germany absolutely prohibits the importation of American canned corned beef and sausage. The trade in American canned meats formerly amounted to about \$10,000,000 per annum.

**MRS. MOLINEUX QUARRELS**

War of Words With Man Who Visited Her at Sioux Falls.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Roland E. Molineux, who is here to secure a divorce, was visited on Saturday night by a man, with whom she had a long and angry discussion. The war of words attracted the attention of several occupants of rooms in the vicinity of Mrs. Molineux's apartments at the hotel where she is living. They could not help hearing the angry voices of the two, but it was only now and then that they could distinguish what was said. Enough could be heard to give an idea of what the quarrel was about. Not until this afternoon did information concerning the quarrel leak out. Curiosity exists as to the identity of the man, and it is thought that he was a New York friend of Roland E. Molineux, who came to Sioux Falls for the purpose of attempting to effect a reconciliation between herself and her husband, and induce her to abandon her proposed divorce suit.

The siege of her apartments by reporters having been raised, Mrs. Molineux now takes a long walk daily, and makes occasional trips to nearby stores, but is invariably unaccompanied. When Mrs. Molineux arrived in Sioux Falls she was assigned to room 114 on the third floor of the hotel where she now resides. She has now removed to room 36 on the second floor, where she has quarters fully as comfortable as those she abandoned. Apparently she is enjoying the best of health, as she plays and sings a great deal, her impromptu epigrams and remarkably fine voice attracting the attention of those within hearing.

Challenge for an Airship's Race. Paris, Dec. 15. — M. Lebaudy has challenged Santos-Dumont to an airship race for 100,000 francs, the Aero Club to arrange the details.

From 1890 to 1900 the capital invested in the silk industry in the United States was increased from \$1,000,000 to \$81,000,000, the value of the finished product increased from \$37,000,000 to \$107,000,000, and wages to silk operatives from \$18,000,000 to \$21,000,000. Fearing, apparently, that they may be anarchists in disguise, the burgo-master of Schaerbeek, a suburb of Brussels, has forbidden Italian organ-grinders to enter his district. Tea drinking has become a habit with the natives of Calcutta.

**IT MAY HAVE BEEN SOLD**

Rumor That Londoners' Mining Property Went for High Price.

Gentlemen Interested Now in City Haven't Definite News.

A rumor has been circulating about town for the last few days that a gold mine out in Arizona in which a number of Londoners are interested, has been sold for \$120,000 to an English syndicate. The gentlemen interested are Murray & Company, contractors, Police Magistrate Love, O. E. Brener, B. V. Hole and Frank McLean. Messrs. McLean and Hole are at present in Arizona consulting with the matter. Magistrate Love said to an Advertiser reporter today that he knew very little about the affairs of the mine. They had had to call a show time ago from a prominent London engineer asking them what price they would take and had at once referred it for answer to their engineer in Arizona. "Of course," said he, "they won't buy a pig in a bag and will want to send their own expert out here to examine the property. I do not know whether they have done that yet or not. Our property out there is really divided into five mines, the Chicago, the New York, the Smith, the London and the Toronto, and each of them is about 500 feet in width by a mile in length. The property is situated very close to the famous Orogrande mine. Already we have invested about \$20,000 in development, and we have very good results to show in gold and copper. The lowest we have run has been \$2 3/4 an ounce, and it has gone as high as \$60. I think we have a very good thing in it."

**ORATORIO AT THE GRAND**

Handel's "Messiah" Was Given an Effective Presentation.

While the production of Handel's great oratorio, "The Messiah," at the Grand last night was fairly well patronized, the audience should have been much larger. The expenses of such a production are not light, and if insufficient support is accorded, Londoners cannot expect to have such opportunities accorded them of hearing the best of the world's music.

Mr. Rosalie Pococke deserves to be commended for his task of providing adequate presentation of some of the masters, but the patronage last night was not such as to prove an incentive to further effort along the same line.

The four soloists of the evening (one a local singer and another until recently a popular resident in the city) all acquitted themselves with credit. Mrs. Clara Barnes Holmes, of Buffalo, whose sweet and sympathetic contralto voice has been heard with delight by Londoners on previous occasions, deepened the venerable impression already made by her. Mrs. Alice Calder Stock ably sustained the high reputation she has won since her coming to London. Mr. Chrystal Brown, of Toronto, appeared under a disadvantage, as he had just arisen from a sick bed. He did remarkably well, however, being especially effective in his rendition of the tenor air, "Thou Shalt Break Them with a Rod of Iron." Mr. Ruthven McDonald was in excellent form and showed the his magnificent voice had suffered no deterioration since his removal from London. He sang an encore for his forceful rendering of "Why Do the Nations Furiously Rage."

Special praise is due the chorus of 200 voices and Mr. Pococke, who trained it to such a high order of proficiency. Its only fault was one of proportion, not of execution. There was a preponderance of soprano voices and a dearth of tenors, with the result that the latter were at times almost drowned out in the ensembles. The sopranos were heard to excellent effect, however, in "The Chorus," which was rendered with admirable precision and magnificent volume. The other choruses were all given a careful and painstaking rendition.

The orchestra of 50 pieces, while weak at times, was on the whole worthy of commendation. The pastoral symphony was given with vigor which made it a most enjoyable number.

**AT THE GRAND SATURDAY.**

"The Wizard of Oz," the new musical extravaganza, which ran all summer at the Grand Opera House, Chicago, is not only the most noteworthy success in the history of this house of musical productions, but it is probably the finest spectacle ever mounted upon a Chicago stage. It will be presented at the Grand tomorrow afternoon and evening. There is something in the new entertainment to recommend it to playgoers of all tastes and intellects, besides more spectacular garbments. There is more originality and wholesomeness in "The Wizard" than in any of the imported musical extravaganzas or musical comedies. It is built on much the same lines as the successful musical extravaganza, "The Show Girl," which was seen here recently.

**THE MARKS BROS. COMPANY.**

The Marks Bros. Company, which comes to the London for two weeks, is this season carrying twenty people, some of them exceptionally clever in their respective lines. One new member who will be warmly welcomed here is Miss Katharine Staudish, who, it will be remembered, appeared as leading lady with the Fenberg Stock Company on its first successful engagement here two years ago. Miss Staudish is not only a most attractive woman, but a finished actress as well. The opening will be "The Mormon's Daughter." There will be a matinee on Christmas Day.

**PRASE FOR ENGLISH SINGER.**

Mr. Cyril Dwight Edwards, the celebrated English baritone, who is to appear in the Auditorium on Tuesday evening, Jan. 6, is thus spoken of by the Daily Telegraph of London: "Mr. Cyril Dwight Edwards won much applause for his artistic rendering of Massenet's 'Promesse d'opéra' and other songs. His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, graciously attended." The following is another English criticism from the columns of the Topical Times of London: "One of the most thoroughly enjoyable concerts of the season was given by Mr. Cyril Dwight Edwards by kind permission of Lady Juana. Her Royal Highness Princess Christian and Princess Victoria graciously gave their presence. Mr. Edwards' singing of 'Sans Toi' and 'Pense d'Automne' served to display his fine voice to the best advantage. He was also heard with pleasure in the grand duet from 'Samson and Delilah,' with Miss Helena Valma."

300 dozen FINE SWEET ORANGES, Saturday, at 8 a.m. each ..... 1c  
We also sell higher-priced Oranges.



**Christmas and Christmas Gifts**

Just a very few days now until Christmas. Most people will buy most of their Christmas presents tomorrow. And this out-and-out Christmas store is all ready for the crowds that will throng through it during the four shopping days left before the holiday. Every part of the place is filled to overflowing with handsome gifts for every one—men, women and children. You can buy presents here for the whole family, and for your friends besides. Our advice is—Come early—Buy what you want as soon as ever you can.

**GIFT UMBRELLAS FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.**

- Sensible, useful and appropriate gifts. Big price reductions for Saturday.
- FOR LADIES.**
- AT \$1 75—Beautiful Umbrellas, silk cover, paragon frame, solid steel rod, nickel tipped, with patent 2-bulb rubber and handle of Algerian silver, with mother-of-pearl ferrule, regular \$2 25, for, each ..... \$1 75
  - AT \$2 25—Handsome ones, with taffeta silk cover and case, with handsome Sumatra jungle wood carved handle, sterling silver cap, regular \$4 50, for, each ..... \$2 25
  - At \$4 50—Elegant Umbrellas, with taffeta silk cover and case, with handsome Sumatra jungle wood carved handle, sterling silver cap, regular \$8 00 Umbrella, for, each ..... \$4 50
- FOR GENTLEMEN.**
- AT \$1 75—Men's Nice Serviceable Umbrellas, with fine gloria covering, steel rod, paragon frame, silver tipped, leopard claw handle, regular \$1 25, for, each ..... 75c
  - AT \$1 25—Men's Fine Umbrella, extra fine gloria covering, paragon frame, steel rod, senator handles, assorted styles, regular \$2 00, for ..... \$1 25
  - AT \$3 25—The swell Fifth Avenue Umbrella, taffeta silk cover and case, beautiful assorted sterling silver trimmed handles, regular \$5 00, for, for \$3 25
  - Ladies' \$3 00 Skirts, \$2 00.  
2 dozen Ladies' Black and Gray Homespun Pettis, new flare, 7-gore, overstepped, length, 19 rows of stitching on bottom and with handkerchief pocket, regular \$3 00 skirt. Saturday, each ..... \$2 00  
SIZES 38 TO 44.
  - \$1 25 Felt Hats, 75c.  
Children's Pretty Felt Hats, in red, blue and brown, with tam-o'-shanter crown, pleated rim, with 6 rows of stitching on rim, regular \$1 25, Saturday, each ..... 75c
  - \$1 25 Waists, 75c.  
Ladies' Mercerized Satteen Waists, in black and white, black, pink, and blue, tucked yoke, bishop sleeves, buttoned at back and lined, regular \$1 25, Saturday, for, each ..... 75c

**Christmas Underwear Specials.**

MEN'S Heavy Wool Fleece-Lined Shirts and Drawers, regular 50c and 65c garment, Saturday, each ..... 35c  
LADIES' Fleece-Lined Vests, long sleeves, lace trimmed, regular 35c, Saturday, each ..... 25c  
Also Drawers to match, pair 25c

**Most Beautiful Handkerchiefs.**

Ladies' White Silk Handkerchiefs, elaborately silk embroidered borders, dainty gifts, prices, each, 25c and ..... 50c

**Latest Paris Neckwear.**

We have all the newest and most beautiful ladies' Paris Neckwear, prices from 75c to ..... \$1 50

**The New "King Edward" Tie, 25c.**

The mer's up-to-date supply journal says that the King Edward tie is the most unique and serviceable tie shown for the Christmas trade. It will be very popular in Canada on account of its stylish effect and double-fold construction. The King Edward Tie is really two "ties in one," being reversible, four-hand style, 48 inches long. One side is of fine black satin, the other side is black satin with a colored stripe, 3-8 inch wide in center. The stripes come in red, green, blue and gray. Sold by all dealers at 50c. Our price Saturday, each ..... 25c  
See them in east window.

**The Newport Tie, Regular 25c for 15c.**

The "Newport" is one of the leading effects this season, four-hand style, in red and black, green and black, blue and black, regular 25c, for each ..... 15c

**Brushes for Christmas Gifts.**

Ebony-backed Clothes Brushes, Australian Walnut-backed Hair-Brushes, fine French bristle, regular \$1 00 and \$1 25, for each 75c

Fancy Dressing Cases, Manicure Sets and beautiful boxes. Handsome gifts for ladies and gentlemen.

**Candy for Christmas.**

Santa Claus Christmas Stocking for the little people, filled with candy, nuts and oranges. A prize in each stocking, each ..... 10c  
**Christmas Mixture.**  
Just a splendid kind for Christmas, fresh, wholesome and delicious, and only, pound ..... 10c  
A large box filled with choicest candies, a gift that will be appreciated, each ..... 25c

**Newest Music, 5c.**

Just a few of the names: "Rose, My Rose," "My Little Bit of Honey," "The Bellboy Two-Step," "Ticked to Death Two-Step," "Mississippi Bubble Two-Step," choice, per copy 5c  
**Slipless Rubber Heels.**  
To fit any style or size of shoe, either women's, men's, girls' or boys'. Every heel guaranteed to be solid, flexible, hard-ened India Rubber, rustless nails with every pair. Sold by all shoe dealers at 40c pair; our price is only, per pair ..... 15c  
**Books for everybody, all kinds of books at 10c.**  
In two sizes, one a small gift book, good books, as: "Nicholas Nickleby," "Bleak House," "Quentin Durward," "Women of Israel," "Evangeline," "Hypatia," "Lochmo and Echoing," and others; choice, each ..... 10c  
**Fountain Pens.**  
Blair's Celebrated Fountain Pens, regular \$2 and \$2 25, for each ..... \$1 25  
Wonderfully Reduced Prices in Calendars on Saturday.

**BIG CHRISTMAS SALE IN THE BASEMENT.**

Fancy China, Cut Glass, Bisque Figures, Parlor Lamps, Bric-a-Brac, Glassware and Nickelware. Hundreds of things suitable and appropriate to be found in the Basement.

**China.**  
60 only fancy china Biscuit Jars, pretty floral designs, very pretty, each ..... 10c  
20 dozen Shaving Mugs, many different styles, very pretty, each ..... 10c  
100 dozen very fancy Cake Plates and Salad Bowls, all new designs, special Saturday prices, each, 15c and ..... 25c  
13 dozen Celery Trays, gold lined, all new, special, each ..... 50c  
5 only China Smoking Sets, very pretty, prices up from ..... 50c  
Our special table of 50 China, figures, trays, vases, mugs, etc., worth 100, for, each ..... 50c  
**China Cups and Saucers.**  
Our display this season is bigger and better than ever and the low prices are a special feature. Fancy China Cups and Saucers, from 10c to ..... 75c  
**SHAVING SETS, 25c.**  
10 Shaving Sets, comprising a 1 1/2 shaving mug, a 1 1/2 brush, and a 10c cake of Williams' Shaving Soap, complete, for set ..... 25c

**Very Special Bargains in China Dinner Sets.**

Three only 110-piece Austrian China Dinner Sets, beautiful gold and floral decorations, regular \$18, Saturday at 8 a.m., set, \$12 50  
Two only 101-piece Bavarian China Dinner Sets, gold stippled edges, floral decorations, regular price \$25, Saturday at 8 a.m., set, \$15 00  
**In the Art Room.**  
Ask to see our new open stock Austrian China Dinner Ware.  
**Handsome Lamps** ..... 5 O'Clock Tea Sets.  
We are showing a magnificent assortment of Fancy Parlor Lamps at most reasonable prices.  
Make pretty, useful Christmas presents. We have a beautiful collection of them in the Art Room.  
**Christmas Sale of Glassware.**  
5 dozen Glass Decanters, plain, Saturday, only each ..... 15c  
3 dozen Fancy Glass Decanters, special, each ..... 35c  
Glass Berry Sets, set ..... 25c  
Glass Tea Sets, up from ..... 25c  
Also Wine Glasses and Tumblers.

**BIG SALE OF CUTLERY FOR SATURDAY.**

**Carving Sets.**  
See these wonderful bargains.  
8 dozen Carving Sets, knife, fork and steel, in plush-lined case, regular \$5 00 case, at 8 a.m., set ..... \$3 50  
**Other Specials.**  
100 dozen Table Knives and Forks, best cutlery, regular \$1 50 dozen, Saturday, half dozen for ..... 60c  
4 dozen sets Nickel Safety Nut Crackers and Picks, regular 75c, for ..... 50c

**A WONDERFUL TOY DEPARTMENT.**

The delight of all the child ren. Hundreds and hundreds of little people visit our toy department every day. There's lots of room up there, and thousands and thousands of lovely toys to look at. Tomorrow is going to be the busiest day yet in our toy department. Remember our toys are good, not trashy, and reasonably priced; besides, a few only of our other bargains just as good, are as follows:

- Toy Tea Sets, at 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c.
- 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, 85c and \$1 50
- "Shoo Fly" Rockers, for each 85c
- Sleighs, each, 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 70c and ..... \$1 25
- Doll Buggies, at each, 25c, 35c, 50c, 60c, 90c, \$1 50, \$2 00 and ..... \$3 00
- Wheelbarrows at 25c, 50c and
- DRESSED DOLLS, regular \$1 25 ones, for each ..... 25c
- Regular 85c and 75c ones, for each ..... 50c
- Also bargains in Rocking Horses, Toy Furniture, Trunks, Toy Chests, Trains, Magic Lanterns, Drums and all kinds of toys.

**WOODS' FAIR.**