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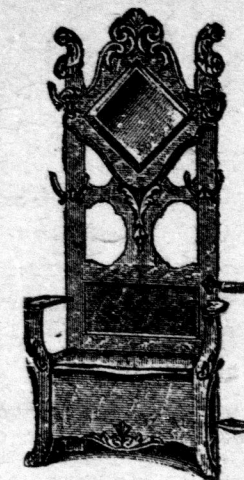
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FOR USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS



SOLID OAK and MAHOGANY ROCKERS, cobbler seat, Regular \$3.50, for ... \$2.65
50c down and 50c a week



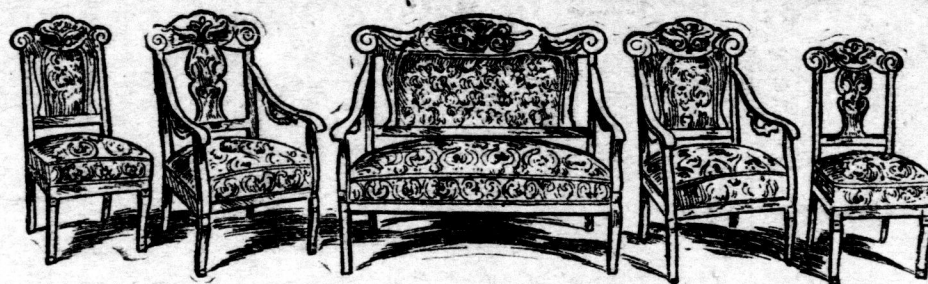
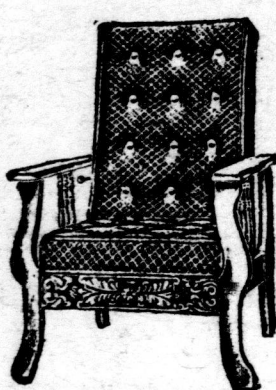
30 different styles of Hall Stands to choose from; from \$6.50 up to \$50
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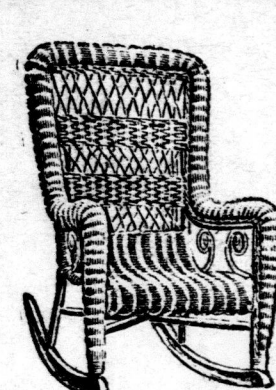
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CASTAWAYS ON SMALL ISLAND

Signal Fires Seen by a Steamer Passing Through Straits of Magellan.

New York, Dec. 21.—From information received at the Maritime Exchange today it is believed that a shipwrecked crew is living on one of the small islands off Cape Horn.

The British steamship Raphael, which arrived at Montevideo, November 30, en route from Callao for Liverpool, reported seeing fires burning on an island far to the southward of the eastern entrance to the straits of Magellan.

The fires were evidently maintained as signals, as they were large and burned brightly, while they could be seen from the Raphael. The machinery of the Raphael was defective at the time, and she kept on her course. However, when she arrived at Montevideo the information was telegraphed to Punta Arenas, and a steamer tender has been sent to search the islands.

Shipping men are of the opinion that the castaways may be the crew of the American four-masted bark Arthur Sewall, long overdue at Seattle, from Philadelphia. The Sewall, one of the largest American sailing vessels, sailed April 3 last, and since then nothing has been heard of her. About two months ago a sealing ship arrived at Punta Arenas, and reported having sighted the upper masts of a large sailing ship sunk to the southward of the Horn. The Sewall carried a crew of 32 men.

There are two other vessels now posted as missing at Lloyd's. These are the American bark Adolf Oberg, which sailed from this port for San Francisco April 10, and the British bark Silbertown, which sailed from Newcastle, N. S. W., for Pisagua, Chile, March 24. The Oberg had a crew of 20 men, and the Silbertown had 27 persons aboard, including the skipper's wife and daughter.

MITCHELL ILL AGAIN

Indianapolis, Dec. 20.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, was taken seriously ill today while attending the joint conference of miners and coal operators at the Claypool Hotel. He was taken to a room, complaining of pains in his side where recent operations for abscesses were performed.

The physician attending John Mitchell tonight said that the pain experienced by Mr. Mitchell today was caused by the adhesion resulting from the recent operations having slipped, and that there was nothing serious in his present condition.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over THIRTY YEARS by MILLIONS OF MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEething, with PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES THE CHILD, SOFTENS THE GUMS, ALLAYS ALL PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's."

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MINES' OUTPUT MUCH LARGER

Value of Output Was \$22,388,383—Nine Cobalt Companies Paid Dividends.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The output of the mines and mineral works of Ontario, according to the just issued report of the bureau of mines for 1906, has a total value of \$22,388,383, an increase over 1905 of \$4,534,087, or about 25 per cent. In view of the large step in advance taken in 1905 this result, states the report, which has been carefully compiled under the supervision of Mr. T. W. Gibson, deputy minister of mines, and contains a mass of information, cannot be regarded as other than satisfactory. The larger aggregate of value for 1906 is attributed in a large degree to the increase of prices which has been somewhat general throughout the list of products. During 1906 there was paid in wages in connection with mining enterprises \$6,048,328 as compared with \$5,082,653. The principal increase of value in output is in silver, which shows an advance of \$2,216,409. Portland cement shows an increase of \$597,563; nickel, \$484,482; copper, \$271,820; lead, \$34,500; iron ore, \$73,123; pig iron, \$44,720; common brick, \$219,500; pressed brick, \$103,795; corundum, \$109,984; natural gas, \$216,970. The only substantial decrease is in the production of petroleum, which has fallen off \$128,999 in value. The total value of gold produced was \$68,193. With regard to Cobalt only nine companies, exclusive of close corporations, like the La Rose Mining Company, Kerr Lake Company, Drummond Mines, Limited, and the O'Brien mines, are quoted as having paid dividends. These nine mines have a total paid-up capital of \$11,002,978, and in 1906-7 have paid in dividends and bonuses \$2,723,679.40. Speaking of the Cobalt boom and slump, Mr. Gibson says: "This is the story of many mining camps in America. Though the losses were heavy, it is probable that the slump was a blessing in disguise, for had the excitement continued it would have become more general, and the loss when it came, with the consequent demoralization, would have been more widespread."

During 1906 there were organized in Ontario 263 mining companies, with a nominal capital of \$184,677,000, and eighteen other companies were licensed, having a united capital of \$12,538,000. The increase in comparison with 1905 is marked, for in that year there were only 99 new companies.

Christmas and New Year's Excursions.

The Grand Trunk Railway System wish to announce that return tickets will be issued between all stations in Canada, also to Detroit and Port Huron, Mich.; Buffalo, Black Rock and Suspension Bridge, N.Y., at the following reduced rates: Single fare, good going Dec. 24 and 25, 1907, returning on or before Dec. 26, 1907, \$1.00; returning on or before Jan. 1, 1908, \$1.50; returning on or before Jan. 2, 1908, \$2.00; and one-third, good going Dec. 21 and 25, 1907 or from Dec. 28, 1907, to Jan. 1, 1908, returning not later than Jan. 3rd, 1908. For further information apply to any Grand Trunk ticket agent.

Tecumseh Grill open from 6:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADVERTISER CORRESPONDENCE

A Missionary Story of Today and at Home.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: The story of the achievement of the Christian Workers' Church of London, Ontario, in the field of foreign missions, reads like a chapter in the Book of Acts of Apostles, and is without a parallel in this Province. Because the pastor of this church is removing to another field of labor, it is opportune and fitting to chronicle for the public good and for the inspiration of Christians some of the victories of this people.

When Pastor Mackenzie began his work in this city eleven years ago, his first audience numbered about half a dozen people; and his financial remuneration for some time averaged \$2 per week. After eighteen months of labor, when two or three dozen people were gathered into the church, the pastor so felt the burden of foreign missions that he began pressing the needs of the heathen upon his people in spite of their poverty. He announced that upon a certain day they would endeavor to raise \$50 for this cause. Some of his members remonstrated, and declared he was asking an impossible thing. At the close of a missionary talk on a week-night ten days previous to the offering, he appealed for someone to go to the foreign field in person, and a young woman came forward and offered herself. This act of consecration was the key that unlocked the hearts of the people. She had given herself, they could give their money. At once the pastor proposed they should raise \$100. A few of them were much in prayer about the offering, and in a few days \$150 was set as the goal. By Saturday night the pastor felt they should raise \$200, and on Sunday, the appointed day, he asked for \$250. One hundred and thirty dollars was given at the morning meeting; \$58 more at the afternoon meeting, and at the evening service the offering had reached \$298. Before the year had closed this little company had raised \$470 for the support of their living-link missionary.

During the next two or three years strong opposition developed in the church against sending so much money to the foreign field. The opponents argued that the church was taxed beyond its strength, and unable to continue such offerings; consequently the offerings were not so large. But the constant teaching of the church's duty and the unceasing prayer of a few overcame all opposition, and the offerings began to grow. The record from 1902 is as follows: For 1902, \$500; for 1903, \$443; for 1904, \$531; for 1905, \$625; for 1906, \$950; for 1907, \$1,260. In all, nine offerings have been taken, aggregating \$5,900, and offering about \$9 per member. This average has been maintained as the church has grown. The story of the offering of last spring, when 125 members laid upon the table their contributions, is an inspiration to churches and ministers wherever the story has been told.

In this divine enterprise the church has preserved a becoming dignity in rejecting the questionable and unworthy methods for raising money, so common among the larger churches. Socials, sales, fairs and entertainments have had no place with this people. The pastor has taught direct giving to the Lord, and heaven's approval has rested upon the plan, as manifestly as disapproval rests upon the social-entertainment method. Including the final \$1,500 paid on the church property, the total offerings for the past year have been over \$4,100. Mr. Mackenzie has never received a stipulated salary, but has been given

a special offering, of which the church keeps no account, and only the pastor knows the amount. "My people live better and dress better than they did before they gave to missions," is their minister's testimony.

There are stories of heroism in the gifts of these people that stir the heart and move to tears. If they were known to the church at large, surely the offerings for foreign missions would be multiplied tenfold. Eight missionary sermons on an average per annum, a weekly Bible class for the study of missions, and a weekly prayer circle for the cause of missions, are the outstanding features of this successful work.

The obligations of the church to send the Gospel to the heathen are so constantly laid upon these people that they really believe this is the one business of the church. A score or more of their members are living for the heathen. They will never spend their lives among the heathen, but they will live for them at home, and they have consecrated their money to this sacred cause.

One of these young men was not satisfied the night of his conversion that he had fully given up himself, and so he retired to a place of prayer and promised that if God would take away the appetite for tobacco he would consecrate that money to the heathen. God took him at his word, for the appetite to which he was a slave never troubled him again, and six months later he brought \$15 to Mr. Mackenzie as his first offering to foreign missions from his old tobacco bill.

A young domestic, working for \$12 a month, brought \$50 as her yearly offering for missions. Another had been saving her money to purchase a fur-lined coat, to cost \$50. She decided a coat would do her as well, and gave the \$40 to China. A woman did washing and scrubbing from Monday morning till Saturday night, and on the Sunday following gave the money earned, \$11, as her missionary offering. A girl earning \$7 a week in a factory gave \$35 on missionary day, and later in the year added another \$25.

Such incidents might be multiplied, and some are too sacred for public print. Missionaries are being supported in India, China, Africa, and South America by this little church. Its light is shining round the world, and it is shining at home. Prosperity at home has paralleled its liberality for the work abroad. It is a mighty force for righteousness in this city, and accomplishing great things in the saving of the lost. It is worthy of its name—Christian Workers. It is not sectarian; it has no denominational shibboleths; it seeks to know the Word of God only, and the whole of it. May its membership enlarge; may its consecration deepen; may its influence widen and its light increase. And may the churches at large that bear of the labor of love be aroused to efforts for the evangelization of the world commensurate with their strength and wealth, and worthy of their Lord and Master.

E. R. BLACK, Secretary London Ministerial Association.

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A DASH FOR THE ALTAR

Girl Eludes Father at Hotel, Meets Her Lover, and is Married.

Minneapolis, Dec. 20.—Dashing from a St. Paul hotel into a cab, Agnes C. Chevrier, sister of a member of the Canadian Parliament, today eluded her angered father, and with her sweetheart, A. M. Kennedy, a young Winnipeg businessman, came to Minneapolis, where they were married. The couple had arranged to meet in the Union depot, and carried out their plans to victory. The father gave up the chase, and with his wife, continued on the journey to Chicago. The clergies are Catholics, and when they arrived at the Minneapolis church the priest demanded that their pastor in Canada give consent to the ceremony. The telephone was promptly resorted to, and soon the Canadian priest had given his consent.

EMERGENCY WORK.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The city's emergency work on the west end sewers will commence tomorrow, when about 50 men will be put to work. The city engineer was authorized to purchase between two and three hundred picks and shovels for the use of men who do not have their own.

Get Rid of Scrofula

Bunches, eruptions, inflammations, soreness of the eyelids and ears, disease of the bones, rickets, dyspepsia, catarrh, wasting, are only some of the troubles it causes. It is a very active evil, making havoc of the whole system.

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Upwards of 100 different patterns to select from. Prices from \$4.50 to \$35.00

Worth.	Price.
\$ 8 Mahog. Finish Cabinet	\$ 6 50
\$12 Mahog. Finish Cabinet	\$ 8 50
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\$16 Mahog. Finish Cabinet	\$12 00
\$19 Mahog. Finish Cabinet	\$14 00
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Over 100 different styles to select from. All the newest designs.

Worth.	Price.
\$ 3 50 Solid Oak Rockers	\$2 50
\$ 4 00 Solid Oak Rockers	\$2 75
\$ 5 00 Solid Oak Rockers	\$3 50
\$ 6 00 Oak or Mahogany	\$4 50
\$ 8 00 Oak or Mahogany	\$6 00
\$12 00 Oak or Mahogany	\$9 50

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Worth.	Price.
\$25 00 Brass Beds	\$29 00
\$40 00 Brass Beds	\$32 50
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The greatest stock of Morris Chairs ever shown in London. Be sure and see these.

Worth.	Price.
\$ 7 50 Solid Oak Chairs	\$ 5 75
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\$10 00 Solid Oak Chairs	\$ 7 50
\$11 00 Solid Oak Chairs	\$ 8 50
\$12 50 Solid Oak Chairs	\$ 9 50
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