

Ladies' Dressing Gowns.

Some very smart effects are shown in this lot in the following colors: Saxe, Card, Red and White.

Ladies' Hand Bags.

A few manufacturers' samples. Regular prices \$1.50 to \$2.20. Now all one price, \$1.00 each.

A JOB LOT OF Fancy-Sick Handkerchiefs.

20 doz. Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs. Good value for 50c. to 80c. each. Now 35c. and 55c. each.

Plush Table Cloths.

4 only Plush Table Cloths, a carry-over from last year; colors Saxe, Myrtle, Card, at last year's prices.

New Year Gifts.

We have many useful gifts for New Year. It is absolutely impossible for us to list more than a small portion of the many things shown here now that are especially desirable for gifts. All over the Store you will find pleasing suggestions that will make you glad you came.

Furs! Furs!

Always an appreciated gift. We have many beautiful sets left. As we do not wish to carry over, remarkable reductions have been made. We have them in the following: SQUIRREL, MUSKRAT, SEAL, FITCH, GREBE, OTTER, ETC.

Marshall Bros

Ladies' Dressing Gowns.

A little clearing lot in Saxe, Rose, Card. AT OLD PRICES.

Eiderdown Quilts.

12 only, all of very pretty designs and colorings. No better value can be found anywhere.

Prices \$5.50 to \$25.00.

Dorothy Dodd Boots.

The Ladies' Favorite Footwear. There is nothing better than a pair of Dorothy Dodd's for a New Year Gift.

Gent's Invictus Boots.

Our stock is now complete and we would advise you to buy early as leather is advancing every week.

Gent's Lined Kind Gloves

Still a few pairs left at \$1.40 per pair.

Honor to Whom Honor is Due.

By RUTH CAMERON.



"It isn't fair to bring children into the world when you can't do any more for them than she can," I heard a woman say yesterday. One often hears that sort of thing. And to my mind it has some justification IF—and thereby hangs my tale.

If "not doing any more for them than she can" means that they will lack for food or clothing or a reasonable education or a decent heritage of health and character, I agree that there is some reason for the statement. Though one feels less certain about even that, when one thinks what children so hand-dropped have sometimes accomplished.

A Wicked Thing To Say.

But if "not doing any more for them than she can" means what it did in this case, it is a foolish, almost wicked statement.

These parents are people of refinement in rather narrow circumstances. The mother looks after her three children herself and does her own work. The children must wait on themselves, must find their own amusement and generally develop self-reliance. The oldest boy earns money by doing errands, the oldest girl has to do her share of the housework, and even the littlest boy must pick up his own toys.

Let's Look At The Credit Side.

Now for the credit side: They have enough to eat and warm, reasonably attractive clothing. Their mother can always find time to love and talk with them. They never go to bed

without hearing a story from father or mother. No educational opportunity is missed for them, for somehow their wonderful mother contrives to find means for such things. They will probably go through high school and possibly farther.

What Are The Realities?

To my mind that is a picture not of an unfortunate, but of an almost ideal childhood.

One thing I don't deny—that's hard on the mother. The child's opportunity is wrested from him out of the very fiber of her being. Pity the mother if you will, but not the child. And yet you have no right to pity her. She's too wonderful for that. Honor her, rather. Never will you more truly give "Honor to whom honor is due."

Everyday Etiquette.

"Would it be proper for me to ask a gentleman who has never taken me out, to take me to an entertainment?" asked Mabel.

"Why not ask the woman who is giving the entertainment to send him an invitation?" Then he would probably ask you to go with him, especially if he knew you arranged it," replied her mother.

REMEMBER Callahan, Glass & Co., Ltd., when starting out to buy Linoleum. They have the largest stock in the city and every piece and quality at the old Genuine Prices. No advance in our prices at CALLAHAN, GLASS & CO., Ltd.—Dec 13, 16

Your New Year BIRD!

Limited quantity of CHOICE DUCKS, GEESE and TURKEYS.

10 only Geese, 10-14 lbs.

25 only Turkeys, 7-10 lbs.

40 only Ducks, 3-6 lbs.

Order early Friday, please.

Soper & Moore,
Importers & Jobbers.

Kasler Owns a Rama Ruby.

Curse of Burmese Gods, According to Buddhist Superstition, Has Followed All Owners of Jewels.—House of Hapsburg Greatest Sufferers.

London, Dec. 17.—An extraordinary narrative, linking the misfortunes of the house of Hapsburg with the tragic history of the Hope diamond, and tracing both to the looting of a temple in Burma, acquires special interest by reason of the death of the Austrian Emperor. It has been communicated to the London Express by a soldier now on active service, and says the Express, is "presented to students of the occult for what it may be worth." The story, says the author, who signs himself "W.B.," was told him by a Buddhist priest when he was in Ceylon. He was a man of high repute in the native community there, and he assured him, that every word of his narrative was strictly and absolutely true. "W.B." says:

"Personally I hold no brief for the occult and will not venture to express any opinion on the extraordinary series of events recounted to me by the Buddhist priest. I transcribe his strange story for the benefit of those who understand more than I do of these mysterious matters."

"Many years ago," said the priest, "a member of the house of Hapsburg, one Count Hermann, in conjunction with a Duke of Braganza and a number of followers set out on an expedition to Burma with the ostensible purpose of converting the natives."

"They sailed from Lisbon, and in due course reached Mandalay, near which town they speedily became involved in a religious controversy which ended in the death of more than 1,000 Burmese worshippers."

"The Count and the Duke and their followers then made for the great temple of Rama and Sita, which was known to contain gold and jewels in enormous abundance and of priceless value."

"They slaughtered the priests and

all the guardians of the temple and looted its treasures."

"The temple walls were inlaid with gold and inset in almost every inch with precious gems. Every stone that could be wrenched from its place was stolen by the marauders, each of whom had his share of the booty."

"Two of the finest stones in the temple formed the eyes of the gold statue of Rama. One, to be known later as the 'Blue Hope Diamond,' was appropriated by Count Hermann, and the other fell later into the possession of the late King Leopold."

"Rama," continued the priest, "called down upon the thieves the vengeance of all the gods, and more than 50 persons of high degree have already fallen under Rama's curses and lost their lives by violent means. With their death the curse came to an end, but in the case of the House of Hapsburg it goes on forever."

Whatever may be thought of the Buddhist priest's weird story, it is known that the looted jewels were scattered by marriage and inheritance through most of the royal houses of Europe, with the exception of those of England and Denmark, and strangely tragic is the record of many of these regal families.

Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI. both came into possession of some of Rama's pearls, and both were beheaded. The Duc d'Enghien held some of the gems, and was shot by Napoleon. Louis Philippe held others, and died in exile.

King Humbert, who possessed some of Rama's rubies, was assassinated; King Alexander and Queen Draga came into possession of some of the temple turquoise, and both were murdered. The Romanoffs acquired some of the plunder, and nearly all died violent deaths.

The Crown Prince Rudolf was another owner who died by unnatural means; the Empress of Austria was killed in Geneva; the Archduke Johann (John Orth) was drowned at sea; the Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife were assassinated at Sarajevo; Maximilian was shot in Mexico and his wife lost her reason.

The Duchesse d'Alencon, another owner of the temple jewels, was burnt to death in Paris. King Carlos and his son were shot, and the late King of Greece was also assassinated. There are many others of lesser note whose fate has been equally tragic, and all have inherited or by other means acquired some of the fatal jewels.

The German Emperor owns one of Rama's great rubies.

Monsieur: "For 15 days in the month of January I was suffering with pain of rheumatism in the foot. I tried all kinds of remedies but nothing did me any good. One person told me about MINARD'S LINIMENT, as soon as I tried it the Saturday night, the next morning I was feeling very good; I tell you this remedy is very good; I could give you a good certificate any time that you would like to have one. If any time I come to hear about any person sick of rheumatism, I could tell them about this remedy."

Yours truly,
ERNEST LEVELLE,
216 Rue Ontario East, Montreal.
Feb. 14, 1903.

The unpleasant taste of castor oil can be avoided by putting orange juice in the bottom of the glass, then very gently pouring the oil down the side of the glass and adding orange juice on top.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

BARGAINS

—in—
FUR SETS:
From \$2.50 to \$35.00 the Set.

HANDKERCHIEFS make an acceptable New Year Gift. Still a large variety to select from.



S. MILLEY.

Skin Boots.



Made by persons who know how, and who use only sinew in sewing them, adds to the health and comfort of the wearer, whether he is treading the frozen pans at the sealshery or wading in the mud and slop of the trenches. No other boots are just as good, and our Skin Boots made on the northern portion of Labrador are specially selected, and are the best of their kind.

Price: \$3.50 per pair.

Robert Templeton,

333 WATER STREET, ST. JOHN'S.

Here and There.

Ayrshire Bacon and Scotch Beef Ham at ELLIS'.

GOOD SIGN OF HERRING.—There was good herring fishing at Nipper's Harbor within the past week.

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS'.

CITY FATHERS' MEET.—The Municipal Board will hold their weekly sitting to-night at the City Hall.

One 15c. bottle of Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine makes 3 quarts.—Dec 16, 16

OUR VOLUNTEERS.—The volunteers had no rifle practice at the Southside Range yesterday on account of the high wind that prevailed.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

Beautiful Useful

We are offering the Christmas be surely well give SOMEONE mas present. you make some haps needed your Christmas. While a new ting-room Tat article of Fur Gift, waiting doubly welcome. Think over along and see ible stock of you'll surely Christmas pre

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Masonic Installation

St. John's Lodge, No. 175 District Grand Master R. J. Bro. J. A. Clift, K. C., assisted D. G. Secretary, R. W. Bro. Edgar, conducted the installation the Worshipful Master Elect appointment and investiture of other officers of St. John's Lodge, 579, R. E., A. F. and A. M., who place at the Masonic Temple night. The new officers are as follows:—

W.M.—Bro. Gower Rabbitts. I.P.M.—Bro. F. R. Rendell. S.W.—Bro. R. W. Jeans. J. W.—Bro. W. G. Currie. Chaplain—Bro. Rev. Canon S. Treasurer—Bro. R. Wright. Secretary—Bro. W. H. Cave. D. of C.—Bro. Major C. Macpherson. M.D.—

S.D.—Bro. W. F. Parsons. J.D.—Bro. F. H. Ellis. I.G.—Bro. E. S. Pinsent. Stewards—Bros. T. Soper and Rendell.

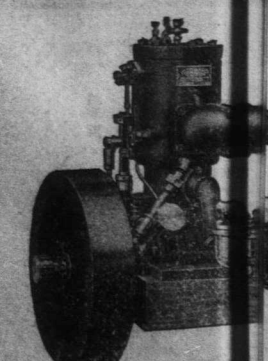
Tyler—Bro. G. Morris.

A pleasing feature of the was the presentation of a gold and illuminated address to John Jeans who is retiring after forty years of continued service. The presentation was made by Grand Master Clift and as an award for his faithful services. Jeans was honoured by being Past Grand Sword Bearer, who takes him to a seat in the Grand Lodge. The venerable tary, who made a suitable very much touched with the of regard from his brethren.

The usual collection in the Tasker Educational Fund was a good sum was realised.

Loss of the Schröder

Mr. J. W. Hiscock, Brigadier of the schooner Independence, receipt of a message from the ret stating that the vessel had abandoned at sea north of Vincent and that the crew had taken off and brought into the Independence II. left St. Labrador, on September 21, with cargo of codfish. After sailing in the Mediterranean she passed Santa Pola, loaded salt and here. She evidently met severe weather and became helpless as a result of the battering received. Independence II. was procured new vessel, having been built in Essex, Mass. She was an 800 fish carrier and fast sailer, 140 gross, 110 feet long, 25.4 feet and 11.8 feet deep. The vessel first used as a Gloucester trawler.



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