

MATERIAL Reductions!

On each of the following five special lines:—

AMERICAN WHITE TWILL SHEETING
reduced to
45, 50, 55, 60 and 65c. yard.

WHITE TABLE DAMASKS,
all at reduced prices,
35c. to \$1.60 per yard.

TURKISH TOWELS,
White and Brown Striped,
50c. per lb.

TABLE NAPKINS,
a splendid assortment, at
\$1.10, \$1.45, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.20 per doz.

WHITE DAMASK,
large sizes, greatly reduced,
55c., 65c., 70c., 85c., \$1.00, \$1.20
up to \$4.50 each.

Here is a Store Full of Splendid Christmas Opportunities!

Which you are cordially invited to come and see. Owing to the disorganized state of Toy markets great difficulty has been experienced in getting together the usual Xmas Display for the little ones. We have been able to secure many lines of Toys that at first seemed almost impossible to obtain.

GLANCE OVER THIS LIST

then come and see the goods:—

Dolls, Soldiers, Tommy Atkins, Drums,

Rubber Balls, Battle Ships, Tin Tea Sets,

Wardrobes, Teddy Bears, several sizes, Rattles,

Motor Cars.

Work Baskets, Animals, Pianos, Trains,

Chest of Drawers, Side Boards, Money Boxes,

Toy Cannon, Games, Cubes, Pyramids, Trumpets,

Marshall Bros

FURS Make An Ideal Gift

And you'll find that really fine ones of the most advanced styles cost considerably less here than you might expect.

We have many different kinds of Furs and styles to show you.

FURS IN SETTS,

Squirrel, Fox,
Seal, Otter,
Marmot.

Ladies' Handkerchiefs

In boxes of 3's and 6's from
50c. to \$1.50 per box.

Two Ways.

By RUTH CAMERON.



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Once upon a time there were two girls who couldn't have Christmas. That is, for financial reasons, they couldn't celebrate it in the accepted sense of gift-giving, and as one was far away from home and the other being had no home, they couldn't celebrate it by festivities and family reunions.

Both were girls to whom Christmas had meant a great deal in times past and the deprivation was correspondingly keen. They faced it in totally different ways.

"Don't Mention Christmas To Me!"

The first told all her friends not to mention Christmas to her. "There is no Christmas for me this year," she said, "and I don't want to hear about it. I'm going to work all day, just the same as if it were any other day, and I'm going to pretend that it's just December 25th and not Christmas. Don't send me cards and don't say Merry Christmas to me if you see me."

She kept away from the shops, because the toys and the beautiful things and the evergreens and the holiday crowds forced the thought of Christmas upon her. And when anything pertaining to Christmas intruded itself willy-nilly upon her, she turned away with a bitter smile. Two or three friends who knew she was alone in the city graciously invited her to their homes and she shut her heart against their gracious thoughtfulness and refused.

So, because she could not have just the kind of Christmas to which she had been used, she shut Christmas at-

together out of her heart and locked the door.

A Fuller Measure Of The Christmas Spirit.

This is the way the other girl faced her deprivation. Since she could not have the Christmas gift giving and the other ceremonies to which she was accustomed, she felt that she needed a fuller measure of the Christmas spirit to take her place, and she flung her heart wide open to every possible manifestation of the Christmas spirit and to all the good cheer of the season.

She walked through the shops and past the shop windows, enjoying all the wonderful things in them with that unobtrusive appreciation of beauty which is one of the hallmarks of true soul culture.

She Poured Her Yearning To Give Into Letters.

To all the friends to whom she would naturally have sent gifts, she wrote Christmas letters—not mere conventional messages, but real friendship letters filled with good will and a tenderness born of that frustrated yearning to give, which in the other girl's heart had turned to gall. She made it a point to hear all the beautiful Christmas music in which the city where she was working so abounded; the day before Christmas, she went out and mingled with the Christmas crowd just to get the feel of Christmas into her. Christmas Eve she lit her candles, read the Christmas story and listened to the carol singers with a heart brimful of tender memories and sweet hopes and true Christmas spirit.

There are many of us to whom Christmas cannot be what it once was. Shall we fill up the void with bitterness, or with a fuller measure of the true Christmas spirit?

Xmas Stationery!

Any one who wishes to mix sense with sentiment in Christmas giving may very easily do so by selecting something in Stationery. No gift is more serviceable or acceptable than a good stylish box of Stationery.

We Have It

A large and well assorted stock of Christmas Stationery, made up in Holly and other fancy boxes. Prices:

25c., 27c., 35c., 55c. and up to \$1.50.

Come and See It.

GARRETT BYRNE,
Bookseller & Stationer.

Old Maids.

By GEORGE FITCH.

Author of "At Good Old Swash." The subject of old maids must be approached with caution, just as one approaches old maids themselves—especially when they are endeavouring to become young married women.

An old maid is a middle-aged young lady whose name is so durable that she has never had to replace it. Women usually begin to become old maids at the age of thirty and continue to be old maids at that age, or thereabouts, until they die. When it comes to a matter of birthdays the old maid is one of our most unprogressive citizens.

Some women are old maids because their faces are their misfortune; some are old maids because they are equally afraid of men and mice, while others are old maids, because when they were young and beautiful they fished for whales and threw back one minnow too many. In general, the sect is divided into two classes—those who have not yet lost hope and those who are still afraid that in some moment of foolishness they may yet get married.

Old maids live alone or with some fragment of their families and busy themselves with teaching, literary clubs, embroidery and missionaries. Old maids are the mainstays of the missionaries, and many a maiden lady who wouldn't allow a man within three miles of her home, if she could help it, will work her fingers to the bone supporting a fat missionary in Zululand—and probably one to whom she has never been introduced. Many old maids have become famous and have lived in history. Elizabeth was an old maid, and if Mary, Queen of Scots, had remained an old maid, or even a first degree widow, she would have died in peace instead of in pieces. In general, it may be observed that very few of the noted women of history who have gotten into unflattering trouble have been old maids.

A long time ago the term "Old Maid" was used as a reproach. Today, however, it is more or less of a decoration. Old maids are among our best citizens. In the mere matter of divorce alone, they hold an unsullied record. No old maid has ever been divorced. Old maids very seldom wear harem skirts and dingbat hats, and nowadays when a young lady becomes an old maid she packs most of her hair away in barrels in the attic and only wears what isn't detachable. For this reason alone old maids were now being hunted so much by would-be husbands that there is grave danger of their extermination.

Vigorol

VIGOROL removes the lazy feeling. You can feel better, stronger, with one hundred per cent. more vigor and strength by taking VIGOROL, the Great French Tonic. Every organ will be made clean and healthy. Every drop of VIGOROL contains ambition essence. Headaches, biliousness, tired feeling, pain in the back and under the shoulders, impure blood and lack of ambition, is blotted out with VIGOROL. Get a bottle if you want to feel strong and full of life. Sold at all drug stores.

The Newfoundland Quarterly.

We have before us the Christmas Number of The Newfoundland Quarterly. It is well illustrated, particularly with prints of photographs of officers and men of the Newfoundland Regiment. Sir Edward Morris contributes an historical Romance of the Law Courts. Miss Southcott relates the story of the beginnings of trained nursing in Newfoundland. Mr. John Slattery tells of Ireland and the War, and among the other contributors are Mr. Shortis, Mr. A. G. Gibb, Dr. Selwyn Brown, Dan Carroll, Miss Rose M. Greene, Mr. R. G. MacDonald and Mr. J. F. Downey.

Our Volunteers.

One new recruit, William Shano, of St. John's, enlisted yesterday, bringing the number of enrolments up to 2,650. During the day the volunteers were engaged at indoor drill.

FOR GIBRALTAR.—The schr. Yara sailed from Herring Neck yesterday for Gibraltar with 3,400 quintals of Labrador codfish.

FREE.

\$20.00 GIVEN AWAY AT STAFFORD'S DRUG STORES.

1ST PRIZE, \$10.00, 2ND PRIZE, \$6.00, 3RD PRIZE \$4.00.

Commencing on Thursday, December 16th, with every 25c. purchase in either of our stores, we will give a numbered ticket, which entitles you to a chance of winning one of the 3 prizes. If a 75c. purchase is made you have a chance of winning all three prizes.

This competition will close at 6 p.m. Xmas Eve. The tickets will be drawn by two gentlemen not interested, and the prizes awarded. The lucky numbers will appear in our store windows that night.

EXTRA.—If the winner of the 1st Prize has happened to buy any one of the Nyl Family Remedies in their purchase, we will give with the prize a large box of Nyls Chocolates. We carry in stock a full line of good perfumes, prices from 10c. to \$3.50; also a good assortment of the famous "Nyls" Chocolates from 25c. up.

STAFFORD'S DRUG STORES.
Duckworth Street and Theatre Hill.

Meeting of Llewellyn Club

At Canon Wood Hall last night Llewellyn Club in connection with St. Thomas's Parish met, Hon. R. Watson presiding. There was a large attendance of members and Mr. R. Johns acted as Secretary. Mr. H. Y. Mott read the constitution, which was adopted on motion of Mr. Mott seconded by R. Dowden. Election of officers resulted thus:—

Hon. President—His Lordship the Bishop.
President—Rev. Dr. Jones.
Vice-President—C. E. Hunt.
2nd Vice-President—Jas. Lawrence.
Secretary—F. R. Clarke.
Treasurer—A. G. Carrell.
Committee—Messrs. John Coaker, J. Edwards, A. Wright, Jas. Billard, R. W. Jeaus and John Miller.

The opening meeting of the Club will take place on January 6th, when His Excellency the Governor will give an address on "The Great War." The rendition of the National Anthem by the entire gathering brought the meeting to a close.

According to the reports of the canvassers the Club will begin with 300 of a membership which will be increased until every member of the Parish becomes enrolled in the Club.

CIVIC COMMISSION.—The regular weekly meeting of the Civic Commission takes place at 8 o'clock this evening.

HERRING PLentiful.—There was a good sign of herring at Portugal Cove yesterday and some of the residents there did well.



BEAUTY OF THE SKIN
Is the natural desire of every woman and is obtainable by the use of Dr. Chase's Ointment. Pimples, blackheads, roughness and redness of the skin disappear, and the skin is left soft, smooth and velvety when this ointment is used. All dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto. Sample free if you mention this paper.

**Dr. Chase's
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BRITISH THEATRE!

ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY PRESENTS

"King Baggett and Arline Pretty" in

3 Reels—"Human Hearts"—3 Reels

A strong drama. Real heart-interest with an all-star cast. "LIZZIE'S DIZZY CAREER"—A comedy-drama by Eddie Lyons.

"The Trey O' Hearts."

On Saturday Afternoon three serviceable Watches will be given as prizes to the lucky winners.

5c. The Crescent Picture Palace. 5c.

"The Honor of the Law."

A thrilling feature in 2 parts by the Biograph Company.

"INGOMAR OF THE HILLS"—A strong western drama, featuring G. M. Anderson—Broncho Billy.

"THE STROKE OF FATE"—A Lubin domestic drama.

"MONKEY BUSINESS"—A roaring comedy with Ethel Clayton and Joseph Kaufman.

DAN DELMAR, the Popular Crescent Vocalist, singing Novelty Songs and Ballads.

GOOD MUSIC AND EFFECTS—A COMFORTABLE AND WELL VENTILATED THEATRE.

Send the Children to the Big Saturday Matinee—Extra Pictures.

ROSSLEY'S EAST END THEATRE!

St. John's Leading Vaudeville, Dramatic and Picture Theatre.

Extra Contest To-Night.

Irish Variety Act.

Don't fail to see it—By Ballard Brown and Madge Locke. Madge Locke in Mendelssohn's Spring Song Dance, also Sailor's Song and Hornpipe.

THE LATEST AND BEST PICTURES.

On Christmas Day, at 2 p.m., the opening of the 4th Grand Annual Christmas Pantomime, "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST," with sixty performers. The most beautiful costumes ever worn at any performance in St. John's. At night, 6.45 and 9.15 o'clock.

LIGHT, HEAT, COMFORT!

The proprietor of one of the best known multiple shopping systems is credited with saying, "Give me any old shop, in any old street, and I'll guarantee to make it in twelve months the most widely known and best frequented shop in the district." He was asked to explain. Holding up three fingers he said, "I should believe in the trinity of LIGHT, WARMTH, COMFORT. I should dazzle the moths until the candle drew them. I should bring them into a warm, comfortable shop, filled with a soft, pleasing radiance, and the rest is—well, mere child's play."

Mixed metaphors, perhaps, but expressive. Now we can more than imagine the kind of shop this well-known individual would open, for we pass it in almost every town—always a landmark to the street. No one fails to notice it. There is an indefinable air of welcome and invitation as one stands for a moment on the pathway and lets one's gaze travel inside it. The subdued, restful lighting effect that so charms because of its very unobtrusiveness, the absence of dark corners, the intangible feeling that if one would stop inside one would be sure of experiencing a delicious sense of warmth and comfort and cheerfulness—all these are part of its appeal. Truly a shop with an individuality.

We cordially invite all progressive business men to visit our showroom and see our latest Lighting and Heating Appliances, by the adoption of which the ideal outline in the above extract from a London paper may be easily secured. Our new RADIO X Lamp and GASTHEAT Radiators fill all light and heat requirements.

ST. JOHN'S GAS LIGHT COMPANY.

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has



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