

TO SHOP AT  
FARTHING'S

Means you get value for your cash and sometimes a little more than value.

THE MORE BUSI-  
NESS WE DO

The cheaper we can sell goods—by helping us you help yourself.

After Christmas  
What?

After the hustle and bustle of Christmas, with its great rush of business, and at the close of the year, we are anxious to know just how we stand. Hence our

## Stock Taking

which will take place January 1st, when broken lots of odd lines and remnants of the best goods in the store will have to be cleared out to make our work as easy as possible. Consequently this week it is our intention to make some

## WONDERFUL REDUCTIONS

to clear out the lines. It is almost impossible just now to enumerate the particular goods which will be put on at this special sale, but we promise you some **SPRISSES** which will amply repay you for a visit to our store. It may be truthfully said that this will be the **BEST BARGAIN WEEK** of the whole year. You can readily understand that the amount of handling and the making of an inventory means a great task, and we can afford to make some **VERY BIG CUTS** on these goods in order to save us considerable time, trouble and worry. We will make special mention of some of these bargains in our ad. next week. In the meanwhile we wish to again thank you for your liberal patronage and kindly co-operation during the past year and we again extend to you the glad hand of fellowship, and wish you'll

A HAPPY  
AND COUNTIFUL NEW YEAR

**3 FARTHING'S**  
THE BARGAIN STORE. THE BUSY STORE.

## Corinth

Mrs. F. Saunders and son, of Copenhagen, are visiting Mrs. S. McKenney.

Rev. J. H. Newbury, is visiting Mr. McKenney.

Mrs. J. H. Jaffa, is visiting her son, Mr. T. Compton.

Miss E. of Eden, Mr. A. McKenney, Mr. and Miss Brown, of Oshawa, spent Sunday in the village.

Mr. Wintermute wears a smiling face. It's a girl.

Mr. Compton has returned from the Wood hospital.

Miss Thom, night operator at the village, paid our village a flying visit Monday.

Mr. Burns has returned from an extended visit with friends at Hagersville.

A very pretty wedding took place on Wednesday, Dec. 24th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Foster, when their second daughter, Lizette, was married to Mr. A. Ronson, of Ottawa.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. E. Hill. The bride looked lovely in her silk, trimmed with applique with Brussels net and orange blossoms. Miss Maggie Foster acted as maid of honor, and Miss Jessie Ronson as bridesmaid.

The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Archie Ronson. A large number of friends and relatives were present. After partaking of refreshments the happy couple left amidst cheers and good wishes for the future.

The Corinth public school examination and the distribution of prize books took place on Friday. Over forty scholars were present. After the exercises were over Rev. A. E. Hill addressed those present. 142 volumes were distributed among the pupils.

At the Sunday school Christmas tree on Tuesday, \$26 was realized. The whole programme was very much enjoyed, especially the drills, which were under the direction of Miss M. Ferguson.

## New Serum.

Dr. E. Doan, of Mishanaka, Ind., is spending Xmas holidays with his parents.

The Xmas. entertainment held in the church last Tuesday evening was a grand success. The proceeds were \$28.50.

Dr. Spencer, of Vienna, will assist Rev. Mr. Spencer, of this place, in holding revival services, commencing

Jan. 4th. Dr. Spencer will not only address the meetings, but will also sing. Miss Otto Cloes, teacher of Verschoyle, is spending her vacation under the parental roof.

Albert and Mrs. McLean, of Detroit, are the guests of her father, H. Caughell.

John Emery, of Toronto University, is the guest of his father, A. W. Emery.

Mrs. P. H. Verhees, of Buffalo, returned last Sunday after spending Christmas with her father, A. W. Emery.

Miss Erma Hardy is spending a few days visiting relatives in Vienna.

Miss L. Doolittle is spending a few days with relatives at Lakeview and Grovesend.

Miss Smith, of St. Thomas, is the guest of Mrs. G. Garner.

Miss Miller, of South Lyon, has returned home after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Harrett are spending the holidays with relatives in Toronto.

Miss Edna Bothwell, of Aylmer, is spending a few days with Mrs. E. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. G. McDonald, of Woodstock, are guests of Mr. J. C. Haggan.

## Sale Register.

Wednesday, Jan. 7th, 1903.—Clearing sale of farm, farm stock and implements, the property of G. W. Parker, lot 7, con. 3, Malahide, 1 mile west of Dunboone, at 1 p. m., the following:—

9 good dairy cows; 1 yearling heifer with calf by side; 1 two year old heifer; 7 grade Durham calves; 1 bay horse; 1 grey horse; 1 chestnut mare; 1 brown mare; 1 spring colt; 1 grey mare; 1 aged horse; 3 brood sows; 28 shoats; 2 Berkshire boars; 8 breeding ewes; 300 bus. corn in crib; 25 bus. seed corn; 175 bus. oats; 9 tons good hay; corn stalks; straw; lumber wagon; bob-gang plow; set harrows; Fleury plow; Chatham fanning mill; corn cultivator; road wagon; harness, etc. No reserve and no postponement. R. H. Lindsay & Son, auctioneers.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1903.—Unreserved auction sale grade dairy cows, high-grade heifers, calves, fat hogs, shoats, brood sows, grain, corn stalks, &c., the property of John H. Pressey, lot 15, con. 3, Malahide, 1 1/4 miles west and 1/2 mile south of Mt. Salem, at 1 p. m., the following: 8 young dairy cows, served; 4 high-grade Durham heifers; 1 year-

ling heifer; 4 high-grade heifer calves; 3 high-grade steer calves; 1 high-grade Durham bull; 1 span work horse; 1 work horse; 16 fat hogs (cash); 25 shoats; 3 brood sows; 1 thoroughbred Yorkshire boar; 15 breeding ewes; 100 bus. rye; 200 bus. oats; 1 set platform scales; 1 farm truck wagon; 1 mower; 1 ladder and other articles. As the proprietor is giving up a farm he has rented for some years and confining his farming to his own farm, the above will be offered for sale without reserve. Lunch provided for those from a distance. R. H. Lindsay & Son, auctioneers.

## Sparta.

Crowded out last week. Edward Gillet, of Petrolia, is here winding up the estate of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Sarah Welding.

John Webster arrived home from the Northwest on Tuesday.

Charlie Prior has returned from Brandon.

James Arlet, Mrs. Rundle and H. B. Smith have returned from a trip to Mich.

## WABASH RAILWAY

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY RATES.

GENERAL PUBLIC.—At lowest one-way first-class fare, Dec. 24th and 25th, good returning Dec. 26th, 1902, and also on December 31st, 1902, and January 1st, 1903, tickets good returning from destination not later than January 2nd, 1903.

At lowest one-way first-class fare and a third Dec. 22nd and 23rd, 24th and 25th, 1902, good returning from destination not later than January 2nd, 1903. Also on Dec. 29th, 30th, 31st, 1902, and January 1st, 1903, good returning from destination not later than January 5th, 1903.

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS.—On surrender of certificates signed by principal, at lowest one-way first-class fare and a third, Dec. 6th, to 31st, 1902, inclusive, tickets good returning from destination not later than Jan. 16th.

Between all stations in Canada on the Buffalo Division, and to Detroit Suspension Bridge and Buffalo.

Full particulars from any Wabash Agent, or J. A. Richardson, District Passenger Agent, north-east corner King & Yonge Sts., Toronto, and St. Thomas, Ont. A. A. McCallum, agent Aylmer.

## ROBERT O'BRIEN

## Painter and Paperhanger

Interior and Exterior Decorator, Aylmer, Ont. See agent for Elgin County for Wabash's Backloggers' Guide. Orders by mail promptly attended to.

## Tongue Bookings.

When the reign of Queen Anne an English army officer was liable to have his tongue bored through with a hot iron for blasphemy.

## The Plague.

There is considerable evidence that the plague is a soil infection, to which Hindoos are particularly liable because they go barefooted and wear badly fitting toe rings, which give rise to chronic abrasions.

## Cut Flowers.

Cut flowers will keep very much longer if a small quantity of alum is added to the water in which they are placed. A solution should be made by dissolving the alum in hot water, allowing it to cool and then adding to fresh water in about the proportion of a tablespoonful to a pint.

## Bath Bags.

Bath bags are easy to make and inexpensive as well. A yard of cheese-cloth is sufficient for half a dozen. Fill with bran, powdered orris root and castile soap shavings and use as a sponge.

## Mexican Blankets.

The blankets and scarfs in use among the Mexicans are many of them as fine in texture and beautiful in coloring as the much prized Navajo rugs. They are lighter in weight, however, and therefore available only for couch covers, portieres and wall draperies.

## Fainting.

When a person faints, place in a flat position and apply camphor or ammonia to nostrils; loosen clothing.

## Carpets.

When choosing carpets, preference should be given to those of small pattern, for they are much more easily turned about and mended than those of large design and therefore are much more economical.

## A Bright Comet.

The comet of 1843 was the only one during the last century visible in broad daylight.

## State Flower.

California was the first state in the Union to choose a state flower. In 1890, at a meeting of the State Floral association, the golden poppy was chosen.

## Dickens' Characters.

There are 1,423 characters in the works of Charles Dickens.

## The Silk Industry.

Italy began the silk industry in the fourteenth century, but in 1750 France surpassed Italy and has since kept the first position.

## Small Churches.

St. Mary's, Frinton-on-Sea, England, has only accommodation for thirty persons, and a church at Wastdale Head has only eight pews. Another church, at Haugh, Lincolnshire, is very small, but it seats the whole population, which only numbers thirty all told.

## Colorado Canyon.

The Canyon of the Colorado is 300 miles long, and the cliffs on either side are from 5,000 to 6,000 feet above the water.

## A Glass Cutter.

If you want to break off a glass jar or bottle quite evenly, soak a piece of string in turpentine and tie it around the glass just where you wish the break to come. Then fill the glass up to that point with cold water and set fire to the string. The glass will snap all along the heated line.

## Too Much For the Goats.

Because sweetbrier became too abundant in Tasmania goats were introduced to head them off, as it were, by eating them, but the brier came out ahead by killing the goats.

## Plain Gold Ones.

The maidens of Denmark never receive a diamond engagement ring. They are always presented with a plain gold band, which is worn on the third finger of the left hand. On the wedding day the bridegroom changes the ring to the right third finger, which is the marriage finger in that country.

## Swiss Cheese.

The best cheese made in Switzerland is usually exported and is seldom to be had even in the famous hotels of that country.

## Cleaning Jewelry.

Gold and silver jewelry when dirty should be placed in a wide mouthed bottle half filled with soap suds to which a little powdered chalk has been added. Shake the jewelry well up and down in the suds, then take it out, rinse in clean, cold water, dry thoroughly and polish.

## Cod Migration.

The records of the great banks of Newfoundland show that the cod leave there entirely two months every year—December and January.

## An Emergency Compress.

In an emergency to make a compress for a wound, if nothing better is at hand, clean tissue paper makes an excellent application. It is much to be preferred to a strip torn from clothing or a soiled handkerchief, which may be the only other choice.

## Ireland's Lord Lieutenant.

The salary of the lord lieutenant of Ireland is £20,000 a year, and he has £1,000 for an outfit.

## Oatmeal and Apple.

Well cooked oatmeal eaten with a raw apple is claimed to be an ideal diet for humanity, and a man can keep strong and healthy on this at the smallest possible outlay.

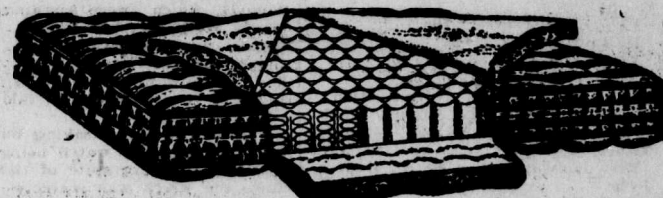
## To Our Customers:

## Greeting.

With sincere thanks for your liberal patronage for the year just closed, we tender you our best wishes for a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

## Christie &amp; Caron.

Xmas Slippers at 20 per cent off.

Art Furniture Warerooms  
THE MARSHALL SANITARY MATTRESS.

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Best in the World. Call and See It.

A. J. ANDERSON - Bingham Block

North Side Talbot St.

Watch our ad. next week.

We thank our friends and patrons for their liberal patronage during the year 1902, and wish all a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We will continue to make a specialty of Drugs and Medicines and such other goods as are usually kept in an up-to-date Drug Store.

J. E. RICHARDS.

## Teacher Wanted

Female Teacher for School Section No. 23, Malahide. Apply to

S. YOUNG,

Secretary, Port Bruce, Ont.

FOR SALE.—The hotel known as the Sullivan House, in the village of Vienna, 21 rooms in good shape, large stable, about two acres of land, considered a good stand, is offered cheap at \$10,000 on easy terms of payment. Reason for selling the proprietor is going to the North-West to engage in farming. For further particulars apply to C. O. LEARN, Real Estate Broker, Brown House Block, Aylmer, Ont.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Vapo-Cresolene tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.