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50 Dozen of Swiss Embroiderered Handkerchiefs, beautiful patterns, regular 25c, new goods, just in, our price, 15c each.

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Special Line Pure White Silk, hemstitched, 23 inches square, handkerchiefs, regular 50c; our Christmas price, 25c each.

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Special Line of Black Ribbed Cashmere Hose, regular 50c, three pairs for $1. Ask for them; we have them.

Ladies' Cashmere Hose, ribbed, seamless feet, 25c, three pairs for 50c. Ask for them; you'll get them.

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Special Line Tapestry Table Covers, in all sizes, 49c, 89c, $1 25, $2 97, $3 39 each.

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New Designs in these Fine Table Covers, 49c, 97c, $1 97 each.

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In all shades, at $2 75, $3, $3 69, $4 69, $5 47 per pair.

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In black and gray, special price, at 50c, 59c, 75c and $1 pair.

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Fancy Muslin Aprons, 20c each.

Ladies' Large Lawn Aprons, 25c each.

Ladies' Tucked Muslin Aprons, 35c each.

Ladies' Fancy Muslin Aprons, 47c each.

Ladies' Deep Embroidered Muslin Aprons, 69c each.

Ladies' Embroidered Trimmed Housemaids' Aprons, 39c, 49c, 59c, each.

White Linen Housemaids' Aprons, 25c, 40c, 49c, 59c each.

Ladies' Linen Overall Aprons, 65c each.

Roman Embroidery Pillow Shams

29c, 35c, 40c, 49c, 59c, 69c, 75c and $1 each.

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20c, 25c, 39c, 49c, 59c, 75c, 97c each.

See our large window for these goods.

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Special Christmas Wash Silks Half Price

Beautiful White Silk, narrow black stripe, regular 75c, for 25c yard.

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Opalware at Prices You Never Heard of Before

Jewel Boxes, in different shapes, sold everywhere for 10c and 12½c, our price, your choice 7c each.

Small Opalware Trays, 5c and 7c each.

Opalware Plates, large size, 15c, 19c each.

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Large size White Quilts, regular $1 and $1 25 Quilts, for 75c each. See them.

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Some Overcoats worth as high as $15,
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This offer includes our superb lines of Suits and Overcoats at $15, and includes some lots sold at $14, $13 and $12. All sizes—short, long, slim—anyone can be fitted.

Men's Pants for..... $3.50

Over 200 pairs of Worsted Imported Tweeds and Cheviots, new styles and patterns. Worth $4.50.

Boys' $3 Three-Piece Suit for..... $1.98

Sizes 29 to 33. Fancy Mixtures and Blue Serges, well lined and trimmed. Regular $3.00.

Items of Interest to Ladies and Gentlemen.

Great Showing of Mens' Furnishings, Priced for Christmas Selling.

Fancy Suspenders—Embroidered, packed in neat holiday box, 50c and..... 75c

Men's Silk Umbrellas—With silver and gold mountings, regular prices, $3.00, $4.00, $6.00, for $2.50, $3.50 and..... $5.00

Children's Wool Toques—In red, blue and black colored turn, regular 40c, our price..... 25c

White and Colored Silk Handkerchiefs—With and without fancy border, 25c to..... 50c

Men's All-Wool Cardigan Jackets—In black and brown, a handsome gift, 65c, 75c..... $1.00

Men's Fancy Silk Mufflers—Extra quality, in all the new shades, worth 75c, for..... 50c

Men's Christmas Neckwear—In all the new shapes and patterns, regular 50c, for..... 40c

Men's Christmas Neckwear—In puffs, strings and flowing ends, regular 25c, for..... 20c

Men's Lined Kid Gloves—In tan and brown shades, some have fur tops, our prices are 50c, 75c and..... $1.00

Men's Fine Fleece Lined Underwear—All sizes, from 32 to 40, regular price 50c, for..... 35c

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Public School Children Are Making Merry.

Closing Entertainments Provided by the Scholars.

How the Rectory Street Children Are Celebrating the Approach of Yuletide.

Christmas, of all seasons, is essentially the children's season. The young hopeful who goes to school discovers a double reason for being happy as the day of days draws near; for to him it means a temporary cessation of school duties, as well as a bulging stocking. Nearly all the twenty odd public schools of London, containing nearly 1[illegible] class rooms, will mark the close of the Christmas term by an entertainment, to which the children themselves will be the chief contributors. These Christmas closing entertainments are always merry affairs, and are anticipated with eager delight many weeks in advance, by the pupils. Sometimes the programmes are very elaborate, sometimes quite simple; but in either event they are entered into with the utmost enthusiasm.

RECTORY STREET SCHOOL.

The closing exercises of Rectory street school are in progress today. Separate programmes have been prepared by the teachers and scholars of each grade. Grades 7 and 8 have combined, and are presenting the following programme in the kindergarten room:

Glee, class; speech, Robbie Robison; instrumental duet, Jessie Wilson and Mazie Chalcraft; reading, Hartford Short; solo (class chorus), Ada Link; instrumental, Harry Lutz; dialogue, glee, class; recitation, Sadie Thomas; solo, Mary Forsyth; dialogue; recitation, Annie Wonch; glee, class; instrumental, Edna Taylor; recitation, Edna Heath; duet, Ada Link and Mabel Henshaw; dialogue; solo, Ada Link; instrumental duet, Ethel McNaughton and Alma Gillies, recitation, Tommie Byrnes; glee, class; dialogue; solo, Ada Link; recitation, Mabel Harlow; solo, Willie Robson; recitation, Bruce Wilson; instrumental, Ada Link; dialogue; presentation of medals; cantata. "God Save the King."

By grade 6 the following interesting programme was arranged: Song, class; recitation, W. Tisdale; dialogue, P. Perkins, E. Ruskey, E. Duval, J. Turner, D. Butler; recitation, Norman Wilson; song, five boys and five girls; dialogue, seven girls; recitation, T. Bowman; song, S. Conn, M. Cambridge, M. Fixter, P. Perkins, M. Wood; dialogue, W. Tisdale, M. Wood, M. Fixter, M. Rodgers; recitation, Jean McLeod; violin selection, Gordon Dobbin; dialogue, S. Conn; recitation, E. Ruskey; song, class; dialogue, six boys; recitation, D. Butler; duet, P. Perkins, M. Cambridge; dialogue, eleven boys; recitation G. Dobbin; song, class; dialogue, twelve boys; violin selection, G. Dobbin; song, class.

The entertainment provided by grade 5 is excellent. The programme follows: opening chorus, class; recitation, Pearl Ruskey; recitation, Charlie Axton; cornet solo, Percy Perrin; recitation, Hubert Eckert; Christmas song, class; recitation, Hazel Smith; recitation, Frances McLean; solo, Fred Gillies; recitation, Bessie Rowe; dialogue, Bert Hayman and Leslie Dobbin; recitation, Ethel Brown; recitation, Elsie Francis; recitation, Nellie Grame; chorus, class; recitation, Edgar Flach; solo, Percy Perrin; recitation, Ida Harding; recitation, Ralph Skinner; cornet solo, Fred Gillies; recitation, John Warner; recitation, Leslie Dobbin; chorus, class; recitation, Fred Gillies; recitation, Fred Taylor; God Save the King.

Grade 4 are presenting this pretty programme: Chorus, class; recitation, Eva Francis; recitation, Gussie Flach; recitation, Earl Edwards; song, class; recitation, Lily Doldge; recitation, Aileene Reed; song, Elmer Armour; recitation, Gertie Degraw; dialogue, six boys; song, class; reading, Mabel Yeomans; dialogue, eight girls; recitation, Olive Ferguson; song, four girls and four boys; recitation, Cliffe Calhoun; recitation, Edith Henshaw; song, four boys and four girls; recitation, Winnie Welford; dialogue, twelve girls.

The programme for grade 3 is as follows: Chorus, class; recitations, Madeline Grant, Minnie Austin, Gertie Roulston, Clarence Leadingham, Effie Parsons, Lulu Brown; song, Gordon de Wolfe; recitation, Anna Eckert; chorus, class; recitations, Minnie Austin, Wilmer Denney, Gladys Shaw, Merwin Dobbin, Alice Jacques, Fred Mitchell, Wilmer Denney, Gordon de Wolfe; song, Evelyn Potter, Lillian Potter; recitations, Grace Phillippin, Lulu McLeod, Willie Moore, Faye Heath, Victor Moran, Willie Silver; chorus; recitations, Olive Rodgers, Archie Rogers, Mary Ball, Blossom Leng; song, Gertie Stringle and Lily Stringle; recitations, Evelyn Potter, Harry Ashplant, Libbie Leith, Lizzie Beswarick, Earl Rogers, Lily Dural, Walter Smith; chorus, class; recitations, Aldred Drennan, Charlie Kennedy, Llewellyn Smith; song, Fred Mitchell, Gordon de Wolfe.

Grades 1 and 2 combined to present the following programme:

Chorus, by the class; recitation, Rosy Hodges; recitation, Ella Rogers; recitation, Muriel Richardson; chorus, class; recitation, Nellie Davidson; recitation, Jessie Johnston; song, Mabel Gilmore; recitation, Earl Baker; recitation, Ruby, Olive and Edna; chorus, class; recitation Rosy Hodges; recitation, Lulu Layman; song, by four boys; recitation, Ralph Perkins; recitation, Tessie Comber; chorus, class; recitation, Rosy Hall; recitation, Ruby Heath; song, Mabel Gilmore; recitation, Gladys Stell; recitation, Willie Smith; recitation, Gordon Taylor; chorus, class; recitation, Neva Burnett; recitation, George Abel; recitation, Frank Heath; "God Save the King;" distribution of good things.

Burdock Blood Bitters.

CURES SCROFULA.

Mrs. James Carr, Umfraville, Hastings Co., Ont., says: "My little boy, two and a half years old, was in a terrible condition and suffered a great deal from scrofulous sores. My husband bought a bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters for him and gave it to him, and by the time he had finished the second bottle there was not a sore to be seen. On account of this wonderful cure I can honestly recommend B.B.B. to all who suffer from any disease arising from bad blood.

CURES BOILS.

Mr. Oliver J. Murray, Charlottetown, P.E.I., writes as follows: "About six months ago I was troubled with painful boils, for which I could get nothing to cure me. As a last resort I tried Burdock Blood Bitters. One bottle completely rid me of boils, and my health was never better than at present.

57–62 the Critical Age.

Height of vigor past—nature's power slowing down, vitality less, recuperative power less, indurance less. Stop the progress of decay, tone up the weakened nerve centers, impart vigor to the tiring brain, prepare for the crisis. A means of remarkable protency is the renewal of decreasing vigor is found in Ferrozone. It brightens up the whole being, imparts a sense of power and strength. By the use of Ferrozone, old age is pushed back twenty years. Ferrozone gives strength, vigor, indurance, vim. Get a box today from W. T. Strong & Co.

Half a ton of sawdust contains 160 pounds of charcoal, 180 pounds of acids 248 pounds of water and 162 pounds of tar.

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There are 19 parliaments in the British Empire—10 is British North America, 7 in Australia and 2 in South Africa.

Don't let worms gnaw at the vitals of your children. Give them Dr. Low's Pleasant Worm Syrup and they'll soon be rid of those parasites. Price 25c.

In the 15 years from 1885 to 1900 the number of physicians in Germany increased from 15,764 to 27,374.

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

MOTHER GRAVES' Worm Exterminator has the largest sale of any similar preparation sold in Canada. It always gives satisfaction by restoring health to the little folks

PREMIER GEO. W. ROSS

At the Mulock Reception in Toronto—University Federation a Great Event for Canada.

Hon. George W. Ross was received with every evidence of admiration and devotion. He began by saying that he was sure the chairman in introducing him at that late hour had no desire to throw cold water upon the meeting. (Laughter.) He congratulated the club and Mr. Mulock on one of the finest receptions to a public man he had ever seen. He had known Mr. Mulock very intimately in connection with Toronto University, of which he had for many years been vice-chancellor. It was largely owing to his skill and tact as a diplomatist that university confederation had been brought about, and that was one of the greatest events in the history of higher education in Canada. Then, too, he had been active in instituting the medical faculty of Toronto University, and, as was the case with most things he attempted, even to converting John Bull in postal matters, he succeeded. He mentioned these things to show that just as they had a far-seeing and progressive postmaster-general, the university had had a farseeing and progressive vice-chancellor. He also referred to his acquaintance with Mr. Mulock in the House of Commons, which Mr. Mulock entered as he left it. The House of Commons in those days was a great body. It was that still in the decade between 1880 and 1890 the Conservative party in Canada was at the meridian of its power and influence and arrogance. That was the Beaconsfieldian era of Conservatism, those halcyon times when they did as they pleased and asked no questions, and did not like that questions should be asked of them. After he had left the House of Commons the Conservative party had been eventually uprooted, and what a blessed change it was from a party which kept itself in power for its own aggrandizement and the spoils of office, to the advent to power of a party which stood for the aggrandizement of Canada and the unity of the empire. (Cheers.) To that change Mr. Mulock contributed a great deal. One could hardly enumerate the vigils he kept, how he slept upon his arms, or what it cost him in energy, in refreshments in the shape of Apollinaris water—(laughter)—in postage stamps when he did not frank his letters. They were proud to enroll him as one of those great Liberals to whom we were indebted for a share of the victory which brought in the Augustan age of Liberalism in 1896. Liberals still had their work, and though he would not prophesy, he looked forward to a great many things that would be agreeable to himself even. One was that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Government would remain in power for many years at Ottawa, and that somebody else's government would remain in power a long time here. (Laughter and cheers.)—Hon. George W. Ross at Massey Hall, Toronto.

BIGAMIST, AGED 23!

Eloped With a Girl of Fifteen—Too Trustful Sisters Deceived.

New York, Dec. 20.—Although only 23 years old, Willie White, of Brooklyn, is wanted on charges of bigamy and abduction. Charles A. Rollins, of No. 234 Sixteenth street, alleges that on Oct. 19 last White eloped with Hazel Rollins, his 15-year-old daughter. Rollins has received two letters from his daughter, saying that she was living with Willie, and everything was lovely. She promised to return home if her father would not be angry.

White has a wife and baby, it is charged, at No. 237 Hull street. When Miss Rollins left home she wore short dresses. Rollins says that White was married in Huntington, Pa., to May Cranford when he was 20 and the girl only 15 years old. The marriage was not a happy one. A warrant has been issued.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—Gussie and Minnie Wiseman, sisters, were married in Cincinnati to Frank Degner and Harry Schubert, whom they had known a month. They stopped at a first-class hotel here on their way to New York to open a restaurant. The girls woke up next morning to find their husbands and $400 they had saved up gone.

You Needn't.

You needn't keep on feeling distressed after eating, nor belching, nor experiencing nausea between meals.

In other words, you needn't keep on being dyspeptic and you certainly shouldn't.

Hood's Sarsaparilla cures dyspepsia—it strengthens and tones the stomach, perfects digestion, creates a normal appetite and builds up the whole system. a

Forty-six per cent of the post-cards sold in Germany last year were of the pictorial variety.

Anyone troubled with boils, pimples, rashes, festering sores, or any chronic or malignant skin disease, should use Burdock Blood Bitters externally and take internally. It will cure where others fail

A STEAMBOAT BROKEN IN TWO

And Eight of Her Crew Lost Their Lives.

Old Man Lost His Way and Was Frozen to Death—Deadly Duel in a House.

STEAMBOAT COLLAPSED.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 20. — The Kanawha Belle, which runs between Charleston and Montgomery, went over lock No. 3, at Pant Creek, on her down trip last night, broke in two and is a total wreck. Eight of the crew all deckhands and roustabouts, were drowned. All the officers of the boat were saved. The river has been high for several days. There was a furious current at the lock, and the pilot was unable to control the boat on approaching it.

The dead—Sam Hawkins, Sam Fields, Dave Anderson, Birney Lipki, Tom Shannon, Chas. Viney, Bud and Jim —— (last names unknown). All were colored deckhands and roustabouts. Leo Martin, a passenger on the boat, was rescued from the water by the Calvert crew, but died on the way to this city.

DEADLY DUEL.

Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 20. — Daniel Bradburn and David Fagan fought a duel to the death in a small room in this place. Bradbury is dead and Fagan is in jail so badly hurt that he may die. Fagan accused Bradburn of stealing money from him.

OLD MAN FROZEN TO DEATH.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 19. — On Saturday last Charles Lyon, aged 80 years, one of Frontenac's most prominent farmers, drove home from the city with a neighbor, being set down within half a mile of his home. The old man seems to have become confused in the darkness, as he never reached his home. His dead body was found yesterday morning a short distance from there. He had walked around in a circle, then laid down and died of cold and exposure.

SMOTHERED THE BABY.

Standish, Mich., Dec. 20.—A little baby about 3 months old, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. James Dobson, while sleeping with its parents, was accidentally smothered to death.

BROKE HIS NECK.

Binghamton, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Christopher Colgan, a Lackawanna engineer, was instantly killed this morning by falling down a short flight of stairs. He had just hung up his coat, when he slipped down the stairs and broke his neck.

FIRE IN ST. THOMAS.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 20.—The residence, of I. M. Mayell, Wellington street, was badly damaged by fire yesterday morning. Loss on contents, $1,500; on building, $300; insured.

"One of the 55 good things"

CLARK'S MINCE MEAT

A blessing to the busy housekeeper, in the holiday season—A pure food necessity—Selected meats, pure spices—Blending just right—Makes perfect pies—Sold in tins At all grocers.

Do you know

Clark's Delicious Pork and Beans?