

WOODS' FAIR J. M. THOMSON'S WOODS' FAIR

Don't Fail To Be on Hand Saturday at Our Opening of "Toyland." Santa Claus Is Coming.

An Extra for Thursday on the Main Floor

Ladies' Taffeta Silk Skirts \$4.95

Ladies' Taffeta Silk Skirts, in two different styles: full-gored skirt, with overstitched seams; 12-inch flounce, made of fine tucks or shirring; finished with three small frills and dust frill of spun glass. Sizes 38, 40 and 42. Special at **\$4.95**

Our Toy Display this year is away ahead of all our former attempts. Come to our big opening on Saturday.

Ladies' Silk Waists \$3.95

Ladies' Black Taffeta Silk Waists, front made of ten broad tucks and three clusters of small tucks; finished with covered buttons; tucked sleeves and back, and pointed collar.

Bring the children on Saturday to see Santa Claus.

Ladies' Ribbed Cashmere Hosiery, 25c

Ladies' Ribbed Cashmere Hose, double heel and toe; guaranteed fast black. Special at **25c**

BASEMENT SALE BAR-GAINS FOR THURSDAY

Mrs. Potts' Nickel Sad Irons, set **98c**

15c Roller Towel Racks, each **9c**

Galvanized Tubs at, each **58c, 68c, 78c**

Willow Clothes Baskets, each **69c**

20% Off All Our Art Room China

All 25c China for **19c**

All 15c China for **12c**

All 10c China for **8c**

All 5c China for **4c**

20% off Water Sets and Fancy Lamps.

Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Vests 25c

Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Vests, in pure white and natural color; taped neck and shaped waist. Special at **25c**

STATIONERY SPECIAL 5c

See our large Calendar Display. An extra fine line at **5c**

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO BOOK BUYERS

We have carefully considered the whole question of "prices" for our Christmas Books, and have finally decided that the public of Western Ontario, and London in particular, should be able to buy their Christmas Books as cheaply from us as from any Toronto concern. We have therefore decided to sell our Christmas Books at the so-called "cut rate" prices, and, in addition, our "book experience" puts us in a special position in regard to your buying. **OUR NEW PRICE LIST INCLUDES:**

THE FOREIGNER, By Ralph Connor.	Published Price, \$1.25
THE ATTIC GUEST, By R. E. Knowles.	\$1.25
THE DANGER MARK, By Robert Chambers.	\$1.25
THE CALLING OF DAN MATTHEWS, By H. Bell Wright.	\$1.25
THE WHITE PROPHECY, By H. Bell Wright.	\$1.25
OPEN COUNTRY, By Maurice Hewlette.	\$1.25
THE GOOSE GIRL, By Harold McGrath.	\$1.25
CARDELLAC, By Robert Barr.	\$1.25
MASTERMAN & SON, By W. J. Dawson.	\$1.25

Our Christmas Price Is \$1.10

(Mail orders filled by adding 10c for postage.)

THE MALLAGH BOOKSHOP

BOOKSELLERS AND PUBLISHERS, 183 DUNDAS STREET LONDON, ONT.

THE RATS DOOMED

Germany Orders Official Cats for South African Colony.

London, Nov. 24.—With the advent of the official cat, rats will find life hardly worth living in Togoland. The governor of that German colony has decreed that in public buildings where natives congregate, such as schools, hospitals or prisons, cats are to be kept officially.

The governor explains that the decree is issued in consequence of the reports of the bacteriologist, Dr. Koch, dealing with the successful experiments made with cats for the eradication of rats in plague-infected and plague-menaced harbors of China. In Hong Kong orders also have been given providing for the maintenance of at least one cat in every home, and three cats in large houses.

Statistics show that the use of rat skins in the manufacture of fancy articles is increasing. Last year the trade in Great Britain alone amounted to \$250,000, and supplies of brown rat skins are being sought in lots of from 100 to 10,000.

It is proposed to start a business in Calcutta for securing and preparing the skins of the brown rat, to be used among a variety of purposes in

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The Candy Cure
Made by Paterson of Brantford

the binding of books and the making of purses, gloves and various articles of women's use and wear. The supply of rats in Calcutta is said to be inexhaustible.

THE LATE THOS. S. SCOTT

Death of a Well-Known Westminster Boy in Winnipeg.

The late Thomas S. Scott, whose death (already referred to by The Advertiser) occurred at the General Hospital in Winnipeg on the 13th inst., was a well-known Westminster boy. He was born on the second concession of that township, near Pond Mills, some 32 years ago. His father, the late Robert Scott, died April 14, 1895. About seven years ago Thomas and Mrs. Scott removed to Winnipeg, where he prospered in the real estate, grain and insurance business. Mr. Scott lived an upright Christian life, esteemed and loved by all who knew him.

Besides the bereaved wife, he leaves to mourn his loss his mother and brother Fred J., on the old homestead, and one sister, Mrs. John Morrison, of Guelph. The remains were laid to rest in Pond Mills Cemetery, the cause being borne by six old schoolmates of deceased, viz.: George E. Elliott, Oliver W. Elliott, Dr. A. V. Beattie and Alonzo J. Scott. The floral offerings were lovely, expressive of the sympathy of many friends. They included a beautiful casket, a wreath from the family; a wreath from Mr. and Mrs. J. Merritt, Winnipeg; wreath from the Westminster school workers, Winnipeg; spray from Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Shaw, Winnipeg; a former partner, and a spray from the trustees of Salem Methodist Church, Derwent.

The services were conducted by Rev. James Rollins, of King Street Presbyterian Church, London, and Rev. Mr. Barnby, of the Methodist Church, Belmont.

A WIFE ASSAILS HER OWN MARRIAGE

Mrs. William May Wedded Her First Husband's Brother and Is Sorry.

Toronto, Nov. 24.—For the first time in Canada a wife is asking for the annulment of marriage on the ground that she married her deceased husband's brother.

Mrs. Mary May, aged 58, of Sherbourne street, Toronto, is the plaintiff, and the defendant is Robert May, who when last heard of was in Rochester, Louisiana. Mrs. May has been retained by Mrs. May.

Mr. Justice, quoting from Levitical, English and Canadian law, maintains that the marriage was illegal, because the parties were within the prohibited degrees of affinity.

The change in 1881, until 1881 it was illegal in Canada for a man to marry his deceased wife's sister, in that year that particular barrier was removed, but the prohibition as to the marriage of a woman to a deceased husband's brother remained.

Mrs. May was married to the late Wm. May in Scotland in 1870. They came to Canada later, and in November, 1882, he lost his life while a sailor on the northern lakes. The vessel on which he worked was caught in a storm near Escanaba, Mich., and Wm. May's leg was severed by a cable, his death resulting.

Mrs. May says that her deceased husband's brother, Robert May, persuaded her to marry him, and they were married in July, 1893, by the Rev. Alexander Williams, of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Toronto. Mrs. May now says that Robert May represented her as a spinster, instead of a widow, and gave her maiden name, Mary Pollard, in order to obtain the marriage license, and that she did not discover the truth until later.

Habits and Conscience. Dissatisfied with his habits, she eventually left him, and about the same time learned the incident of the marriage license.

Her conscience is also a factor, as at the time she married Robert May she did not know that the union of a woman with her deceased husband's brother was permitted by neither secular nor sacred law.

She has supported herself since the separation, and owns some property, so from a material standpoint, too, she thinks she ought to have the second marriage annulled.

There are no children by either marriage. Robert May is a shoemaker by trade, but is said to have followed the races. His present whereabouts are unknown, but it is thought that he is still alive. As it may be difficult for the plaintiff to serve him with the writ, service by publication will be asked for. A high court judge at Osgoode Hall will hear Mrs. May's action, and Mr. Williams will be submitted in support of the application.

SAW THE DEAD GIRL IN FRITCH'S OFFICE

Woman, Who Refuses to Give Name, to Testify in Millman Case.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Nov. 24.—Interest in the Maybelle Millman tragedy of last summer was revived here last night by the detention of another witness in the case, the woman who is alleged to have written the anonymous letters to Sheriff Gaston soon after the discovery of the girl's dismembered body in Ecorse Creek. Dr. George A. Fritch is now released on bail pending his trial on the charge of causing the death of Miss Millman. The woman, who was seen by Deputy Sheriff Stark late yesterday afternoon to enter the Millman home, his curiosity aroused, the officer followed her and claims to have heard a conversation between the strange woman and Mrs. Millman in which the former admitted writing the anonymous letters and said that when the case comes to trial she will appear voluntarily and tell the court all she knows about the case.

According to Stark, the woman was in Dr. Fritch's office with Maybelle the afternoon the girl disappeared. She asserts that it was some time before either gained access to the private office, and in the meanwhile Miss Millman told her her name and her home. The latter was the first to consult the doctor, and as she entered the private office she dropped her handkerchief on which were the initials M. M. and a finger ring tied in the corner.

The alleged writer of the anonymous letters, who she waited some time for Maybelle to return, finally becoming restless and stepping to the door. Soon Dr. Fritch left the office and she went to the private room to give the girl her handkerchief and ring and found the door locked.

A few days later she read of the case in the newspaper and notified the handkerchief and ring to Gaston. Before leaving for Detroit the sheriff said that the woman still refuses to reveal her identity.

INDORSED BY THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT

There has just been sold to the Dominion Government, to be placed in the official residence of the Speaker of the Senate, a beautiful miniature Grand Piano, made by the old firm of Heintzman & Co., and simultaneously a similar Heintzman & Co. Piano goes into the residence of the Speaker of the House of Commons. This is another of the many and repeated tributes of praise that have been paid to this very successful Canadian firm of piano builders.

The beauty in construction and the high musical qualities of this piano have given it a first place among the pianos of the world. Fac-simile of above pianos, in addition to the largest assortment of pianos in London can be seen and examined in Heintzman & Co. Piano Parlors, 242 Dundas street, London.

THE BARRIE INQUEST.

Barrie, Nov. 23.—The music hall fire inquest was adjourned until 10 o'clock Friday morning. Mrs. J. Guthrie, whose husband's moving picture show was destroyed by fire at the same time his house, three-quarters of a mile away was burned, maintained she did not know the whereabouts of the now famous Miss Meeks. Guthrie also was unable to say where Miss Meeks was now.

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WEATHER PROBS: MOSTLY FAIR.

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What a Riddance These Prices Will Make Tomorrow, Thursday Morning A \$12 Ladies' or Misses' Winter Coat for \$2.75

Is an illustration of what will be doing tomorrow. All Odd Coats and Suits, many representing good selling lines of this season's buying, others are what are left from two previous sales this season, which have been so reduced in price as to appear ridiculous. But while the price is almost gone, all the style and all the quality still remains. It's just a case of having 194 odd garments, including Suits and Coats for ladies and misses that belong to nowhere in particular; odd lines and broken ranges. The prices have gone and the goods must go. We have made special preparation for this sale tomorrow morning. The garments will be conveniently laid out and assorted in sizes and prices to enable buyers to make choice and find the wanted suit or coat quickly. **IN THE MORNING** for your pick of these.

\$5 to \$12 Coats 106 for \$2.75 Each

Winter Coats in Tweed, Beaver and Frieze, in navy, brown, green and a few black. All long lengths and semi-fitted styles. Some with high storm collars for the rough winter wear, in ladies' and misses' sizes. These coats are worth from \$5.00 up to \$12.00 each. One hundred and six in this assortment to be cleared at **\$2.75**

\$25 to \$35 Fur-Lined Coats 7 for \$15 Each

These are lined with rat and squirrel linings, with storm collars of cloth, marmot and Ohio sable. These are sample Coats, and are worth from \$25.00 to \$35.00 each. Your choice tomorrow for **\$15.00**

Little need be added to impress upon you the importance of this sale at this early date. The prices, though marvellously low, do not tell it all. The garments will speak for themselves, and are on display today in Dundas street window for your inspection. But let us remind you to be on hand tomorrow as early as you can, for this is the opportunity of the season in Coats and Suits.

New Window Draperies for Christmas "Phrygian" Nets

For dainty curtains these new Embroidered Nets make very effective curtains, suitable for drawing-room, bed-room or door windows, in 30 and 50 inch widths to match. Prices range from, per yard **60c up to \$1.25**

Lace Bed Sets, Special, \$5.00 Each

A new shipment in white and ivory Bed Sets. Handsome designs, in cable net (Battenburg copies), has centre motif in spread and bolster cover; also bordered around edge; good, full valance for full double beds. Complete for, set **\$5.00**

THIRD FLOOR.

Join our Sewing Machine Club—An easy plan. \$2 down, \$1 a week.

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For Home-workers METALOGRAPHY Is Now the Craze

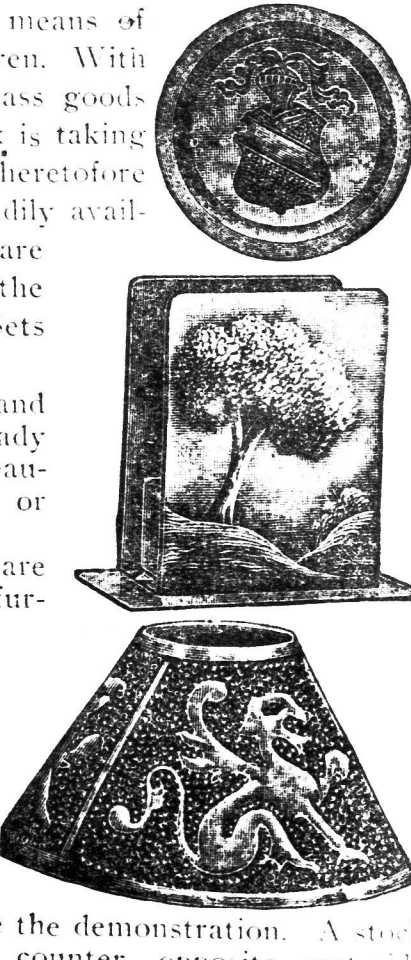
The Art or Process of Producing a Design or Picture on Metal

A simple, easily acquired and inexpensive means of manual training at home, for adults and children. With very little practice you can make beautiful brass goods as well as any skilled metalworker. This work is taking the place of the burnt wood. The difficulty heretofore has been to obtain the proper materials in readily available form. That is now overcome, and we are demonstrating every day the simplicity of the Apolo Studios' Metalography Houseworkers' Sets and "Nonrub" Stencilled blanks.

The "NONRUB" Blanks (both for chasing and piercing) are cut out in the required shapes ready for working, thus enabling anyone to make beautiful articles without any previous training or knowledge of metal work.

THE BLANKS AND TOOLS, required are simple and inexpensive. Full instructions are furnished with each piece. Among the articles which can be made are Candle and Lamp Shades, Inkstands, Paper Racks, Stamp Boxes, Pipe Racks, Pin and Ash Trays, Picture Frames, Jardinieres, Tobacco Boxes, Smokers' Articles, Match Stands, etc.

This work, wherever introduced, is creating almost a sensation and thousands of amateurs are now making beautiful, simple, yet effective articles for beautifying the home. Call and see the demonstration. A stock of finished pieces also for sale, at special sale counter, opposite east side elevators.



ENGLISH RULE IN AFRICA A BENEFIT

Mistakes Have Been, Like Those of America, in Too Much Leniency.

New York, Nov. 24.—Theodore Roosevelt is unstinted in his praise of the results of British dominion over large portions of Africa, which he has had opportunity to observe closely during his present hunting expedition about the jungle end of the Uganda railway.

"The English rule in Africa has been of incalculable benefit to Africans themselves, and indeed this is true of the rule of most European nations," he writes in the December Scribner's. "Mistakes have been made, of course, but they have proceeded at least as often from an unwise effort to accomplish too much in the way of beneficence, as from a desire to exploit the natives."

Each of the civilized nations that has taken possession of any part of Africa has had its own peculiar good qualities and its own peculiar defects. Some of them have done too much in supervising and ordering the lives of the natives, and interfering with their practices and customs. Too Much Leniency.

"The English error, like our own under similar conditions, has, if anything, been in the other direction. The effort has been to avoid wherever possible all interference with tribal customs, even when of an immoral and repulsive character, and to do no more than what is obviously necessary, such as insisting upon keeping the peace, and preventing the spread of cattle disease."

"Excellent reasons can be advanced in favor of this policy, and it must always be remembered that a fussy and ill-considered benevolence is more sure to awaken resentment than cruelty itself, while the natives are apt to resent deeply even things that are obviously for their ultimate welfare. Yet I cannot help thinking it

would be possible to proceed somewhat farther than has yet been the case in the direction of pushing upward some at least of the East African tribes; and this though I recognize fully that many of these tribes are of a low and brutalized type. Paul. "Having said this much in the way of criticism, I wish to add my tribute of unstinted admiration for the disinterested and efficient work being done, alike in the interest of the white man and the black, by the government officials whom I met in East Africa. They are men in whom their country has every reason to feel a just pride."

WEBER DEFEATED.

Milwaukee, Nov. 23.—Zbyszko defeated Heinrich Weber, German champion wrestler last night in two straight falls. He won the first fall with a hammer lock and crotch holding, 5 minutes, and the second fall in 22 minutes.

STANDARD OIL PLANS.

New York, Nov. 23.—The Standard Oil Company announced authoritatively today that it had no intention of seeking to procure an amendment to the Sherman anti-trust measure, but

Samples of what may be accomplished by anyone.

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