

EXTRA SPECIAL TONIGHT AT 7:30

\$13.50 TO \$25.00 CHINA TEA SETS FOR \$7.85

This is without doubt the best bargain we have offered so far, and for a gift nothing would be appreciated more than one of these fine sets. They consist of 40 pieces, in various styles of decorations, including the newest and most attractive floral designs, Dresden rose patterns, mazarine blue and gold, and the much favored crown Derby. The regular price, \$13.50 to \$25.00, at 7.30 tonight, per set \$7.85

Parlor Lamps Marked Down

\$2.75 VALUES TODAY FOR \$1.75

This is a splendid opportunity of procuring a nice parlor lamp at a very small figure. They are made with metal stands, dome shades, large burners, decorated in pink, blue, red, and light green. The regular price, \$2.75, special today \$1.75

Fancy Night Shades Specially Priced

These are in assorted shapes and decorations, and are exceedingly good articles for the price. Regular \$1.00. Today, special \$75c

Christmas Gloves in Large Variety

DENT'S VIATKA GLOVES, in medium tan shades, cadet fingers. Per pair \$1.50. DENT'S BEST LIGHT WEIGHT DOGSKIN. Per pair \$2.25. SILK LINED MOCHA GLOVES in grey and tan. Per pair \$1.75. SILK LINED DOGSKIN. Per pair \$1.50

A Splendid Line of Handkerchiefs

For handkerchiefs this store cannot be excelled for choice. Everything within the limits of good taste is to be found here in great variety, and all priced right.

MEN'S SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, in plain and fancy patterns. At each 25c and \$1.50. FANCY SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, at \$1.00 to \$4.00

PLAIN AND INITIAL WHITE SILK - HANDKERCHIEFS, At each 75c and \$1.00. LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, in plain hemstitched borders. Per dozen \$9.00 to \$12.50

Men's Neckwear Here in Profusion

For Christmas gifts a nice Tie or Neckscarf is just the thing for "him," and here they are to be had in all the very latest effects and styles. When contemplating buying anything in this line we suggest that you come in and look over our stock.

TIRES, in all the latest and most up-to-date styles and colorings, at all prices, from \$2.50 to \$12.50

FANCY NECK HANDKERCHIEFS, from 50c to \$3.00. PADDED NECK SCARFS, \$1.75 and \$2.00

Suit Cases, Travelling Bags, and Trunks at All Prices

The Section devoted to the above articles is complete in every detail, in all the very best materials, at prices to suit all purses.

EXTRA SPECIAL FOR TODAY - ALL DAY

Ladies' Trimmed Hats, Reg. Values up to \$10.00 For \$3.75

Another splendid opportunity to get a nicely trimmed Hat cheap. These are all felt and velvet shapes of the mushroom style, trimmed with bows of ribbon, wings and flowers. The regular prices run as high as \$10.00. Today \$3.75

Also a fine assortment of Children's White Silk Hats. Reg. values up to \$7.50. Today \$2.50

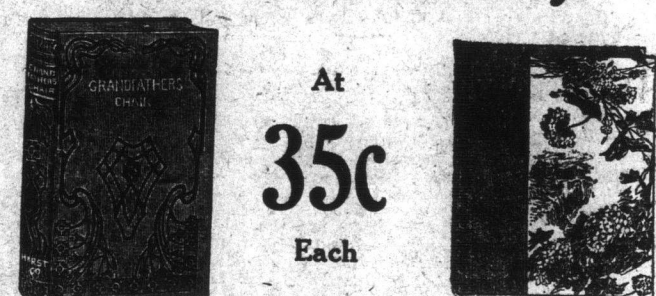
Every Department of the Big Store Is Full of Helpful Suggestions

And we invite you all to come. You will find by doing so and looking over the immense stock which is displayed on the tables that everything is laid out in such a manner as to make the task of selecting a less arduous one. Come to Victoria's Great Christmas Store for pleasure if you will, for inspection or helpful suggestions, you will be convinced that your money will go further and buy more than at any other store. A visit will convince you.

Books Always Appreciated as Gifts and They are Here in Profusion

It goes without saying that a good book is always appreciated by the recipient. Nothing passes the long evenings away so quickly as good literature, and our Book Department is in a position to meet any and all demands which it may be called upon to fill for Christmas.

Girls' Own Library



At 35c Each

A select line of Books for Girls which will fill a long-felt want. Combining excellent quality with moderate cost, these volumes will appeal to those in search of wholesome books of unquestioned merit. Printed on paper of good quality and bound in assorted cloth, with original panel pictures, drawn especially for this library.

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EXTRA SPECIAL TONIGHT AT 7:30

\$1.00 Sofa Cushions for 45c. These Cushions are covered in Fancy Cretonne in all designs, and are filled with best silk floss, and will no doubt clear out quickly at these prices. The regular price was \$1.00. Special this evening, each \$45c

\$2.25 Sofa Cushions for \$1.00. Cushions at half price. Who could wish for a better bargain than this. They are covered in fine quality tapestry in Oriental designs. Reg. price \$2.25. Special this evening at 7.30, \$1.00 each

Second Floor Gift Suggestions

Nothing pleases Mother more than some useful home decoration, and from our extensive range might we suggest:

- A HEARTH RUG, eight kinds, prices run the scale at from \$1.25 to \$7.75. A BISSELL'S CARPET SWEEPER, the best, priced at from \$2.65 to \$7.00. A SILK OR TAPESTRY TABLE COVER, 12 kinds, all sizes, at each, from 50c up to \$12.50. A COUCH COVER, 6 sorts, makes the old couch like new. Each \$1.25 to \$5.75

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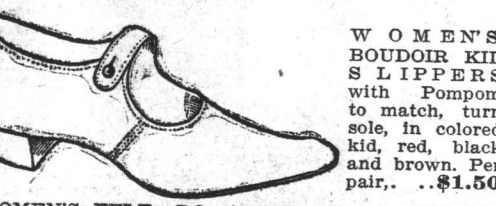
Perfumes for Milady's Gift. Nothing more acceptable than a box of nice perfume for Christmas. Every lady known to be a lover of this beautiful fragrance.

- FANCY BOXES OF PERFUME, with glass stoppers, in metal sprinklers, in all odors. At each \$3.00. A special line of PERFUMES, three bottles in fancy box. Regular \$5.00. For \$3.00. LEGRAND'S CELEBRATED FRENCH PERFUMES, in one oz. glass stopped bottles, at \$1.00. OTTO OF ROSE, in one oz. bottle, in neat box \$1.00. LAVENDER WATER AND EAU DE COLOGNE, at 25c, 50c and \$1.00



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The Boot and Shoe Department is doing a great business these days, which goes to show that we have struck the right key in footwear, and that they are priced right. When buying footwear here you are always assured of getting satisfaction. A trial will convince you of this fact.



- WOMEN'S FELT ROMBO SLIPPERS, one strap, bound tops, turn sole, low heel, in colors red, black and brown. Per pair \$1.50. WOMEN'S PATENT LEATHER, one strap slipper, light sole, Cuban heel. Per pair \$2.00. WOMEN'S KID SLIPPERS, one strap, light sole, medium heel. Per pair \$1.60. WOMEN'S KID ROMBO fleeces lined, fur bound tops, medium sole, military heel. Per pair \$2.50. WOMEN'S ROSE REP. SLIPPERS, red flannel lined, no seams to hurt foot, turn sole. Per pair \$1.25. WOMEN'S CARPET SLIPPERS, Per pair \$3.00. WOMEN'S INDIA KID BUSKINS, medium sole, low heel. Per pair \$1.75. WOMEN'S FELT SLIPPERS, Per pair \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$2.25. IN THE BUSH AND ON THE TRAIL, by M. Revolt. THE VANISHED YATCH, by Burrage. SONS OF FREEDOM, by Whistler. RED DICKON, THE OUTLAW, by Tom Bevan. THE TEN ROBBERS, by Bevan. EVIL MAY DAY, by E. Everett Green.

SPECIAL REDUCTIONS ON FURS AT 7:30 TONIGHT

Furs is just the thing for a Christmas gift, and just fancy when they are most needed we are making you these extraordinary offerings, which include Mink, Kolinska Isabella Fox, Tibbet and Foxaline. Regular values, \$20.00 to \$35.00, for \$13.75. Regular values, \$13.50 to \$15.00, for \$8.75. Regular values, \$8.75 to \$10.00, for \$6.75. Regular values, \$4.50 to \$6.00, for \$2.50

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