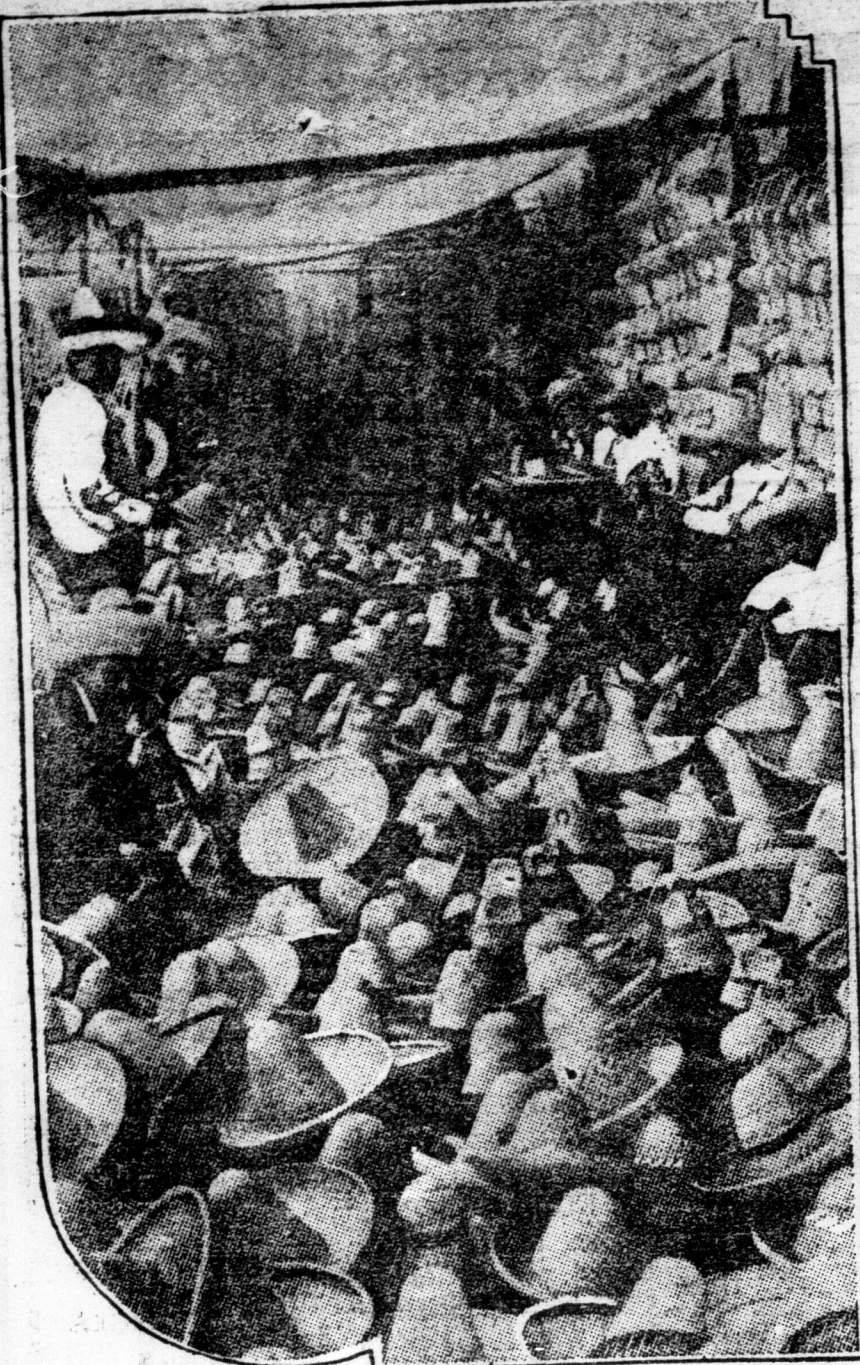


THE SKYPIECE OF A MEXICAN



A Bargain Sale Rush in a Mexican Hat Store.

A hat for a Mexican caballero—a Mexican gentleman—costs no less than \$200, and sometimes \$500. It depends upon the amount of real gold and silver which is used to trim it. For the Mexican spends no expense when it comes to his hat or his saddle. The ordinary caballero wears a hat which weighs from six to eight pounds. Again it depends upon the metal trimmings. The real swell sombrero is made of felt, and hand made at that, by some poor hombre's family, which receives, say, two pesos for pressing the felt into shape and repressing it. Then the Mexico City or Guadalajara or Chihuahua hat man gets it, and does the rest. The crown of the ordinary sombrero is from 16 to 20 inches high, and the brim, if spread out flat, would reach 10 inches, but, curled up as it is, it doesn't cover the Mexican's rather narrow shoulders. The poms wear straw hats summer and winter—if you can say there is any winter in Mexico—and their hats are not worth 10 centavos, or 5 cents American, each.

MILD WEATHER MEANS SPARE "ROOMS" AT JAIL

Failure of Snow and Ice To Materialize Keeps the Knights of Road On Their Summer Pilgrimages Through Country.

At first glance there seems to be little connection between the subject of weather and hoboes, but a little study of the question will show that the two are intimately connected. One of the best places to see this demonstrated is at the county jail, where at the present time the number of vagrants spending the Christmas season with Governor Carter is far below the average for this time of year. And the reason is the weather. As long as it remains fine and mild these lovers of the simple life will continue to lead a care-free existence, amid the highways and byways of the country. The advent of the cold weather brings them into the city and incidentally into Castle Carter in a great many instances. This expedient is always the last resorted to, not because the board at the jail is poor in quality, because the inmates there are made to keep up a nodding acquaintance with Master Toll, and after dodging him successfully all summer, the vagrants, with no chance of avoiding the meeting, does not appeal to them. So it is that as long as the weather continues there will be plenty of spare rooms at the county's hostelry, and in the event of a green Christmas the gathering around the Christmas board will be a small and select one.

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Around the City Hall

Voters Increase.

Statistics issued by City Clerk Baker show that there are 17,819 voters on the 1913 list in London, a gain of more than 500 over a year ago. The total is made up as follows: Freeholders 8,658, tenants 6,440, income voters 234, parliamentary voters 11,992, municipal voters 4,240, school voters 2,487. There are 4,066 woman voters, and 1,539 separate school voters. It is possible that the city council of 1914 will be asked to submit a referendum on the extension of the franchise to married women, as is now the case with widows and spinners who own property.

No Information Yet.

The guiding powers of the new London and Port Stanley Railway commission have not yet been intimated when the board is going to get down to business, to select quarters and appoint a manager for the road, and delve into hidden caverns of electrification.

L. and P. S. Board to Meet. The annual meeting of the directors of the London and Port Stanley Railway Board is to be held Wednesday noon at the city hall. The presentation of the president's report, and the transaction of other routine business will occupy the attention of the board, which consists of Mayor C. M. R. Graham, Ald. J. G. Richter, G. E. Rose, Wm. Spittal, J. P. Moore, S. Frank Glass, Frank White, J. H. Saunders and E. L. J. Stein.

Though the administration of the road has been turned over to the new London and Port Stanley Railway commission under the terms of a 99-year lease, the old board of directors continues to exist, although its duties from now on will be largely of a formal nature.

Board of Control. The procedure committee of the city council will have another session tonight, when it is expected that the duties and salaries of the four controllers who are to be elected in January will be determined.

Court of Revision. Another sitting of the court of revision will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when local improvement appeals, revision of assessments and remission of taxes will be taken up.

"YANKIES" REMEMBER SNAKE ISLAND FISHERS

American Visitors Send Cut Glass to Hosts Who Entertained Them Last July.

Tuesday morning Thomas Gillean, secretary-treasurer of the Snake Island Fishing Party, received from Buffalo a letter which contained the season's greetings from a fishing party that visited Snake Island last July. Accompanying the letter was a handsome piece of cut glass decorated with solid silver. The following is the contents of the communication:

Greetings to the Snake Island Campers.
Messrs. C. Currie, C. E. Keene, L. C. Luckie, Frank Adams, W. H. Skinner, Ed. Hayden, W. S. Treble, William Ward, T. Gillean, J. B. Scandrett, H. Haring, George Loveless, B. Wanless. All hailing from the famous centre of Canadian hospitality, London, Ont. In grateful appreciation of the kindness extended to a band of Lake Huron pirates cruising about in the search of adventure and booty in the form of fish and rattlesnakes, the undersigned ask you to accept as a token of their regard and esteem a slight gift, which will reach you in the near future.

YOUR YANKEE BROTHERS.
(Signed) William Mair, August L. Davies, Wilson A. Sanderson, Irving D. Mair, A. S. Kilburn.

PLYMPTON PIONEER

Little Robson Was Buried at Beechwood Cemetery, Forest.
(Special to The Advertiser.)
Forest, Dec. 17.—The funeral took place Monday afternoon at Beechwood Cemetery of Little Robson, a Plympton pioneer, aged 79 years. For some time Mr. Robson had lived with his daughter, Mrs. Chris. Wall, at whose home he died.

The services were conducted by Rev. A. Holzer, of the Baptist Church, the bearers being D. Dunham, A. Logan, O. Gilmore, G. Core, H. May and M. Sadler.

Among those from a distance who attended the funeral were two brothers, John, of Detroit, and Caleb, of Reed City, Mich.; four nephews, Dan and Dave Weir, Springfield; Elmore Cline, Kingham; Will Robson, Detroit, and a son-in-law, Lehman Dennis, Camlachie, and his two daughters.

BREAKS INTO POETRY OVER PROPOSED CHANGE

Citizen Relieves Feelings on New Name for London in Poetic Measure.

The interest in the proposal to change the city's name to Tecumseh has been aroused to such an extent that it has caused some of the citizens of London to break into poetry over the question. The following is from the pen of Fred Young:
A bolt has fallen from the blue; it seems a burning shame, That after all these years have passed, our town must change its name To Tecumseh or Georgina, or some such high-sounding gush, Because the bloomin' Cockneys call us London in the bush! Ours is the only London in the great Dominion fair, And in the cause of progress she has ever done her share. Throughout this continent her sons are scattered far and wide, And at the name of London each heart beats with honest pride: To them it's home, wherever they roam, and 'en when life has fled, They make their journey homeward in the baggage coach ahead. We would not hinder progress, boys, but if a change must come, Let's drop all high falutin' names and call our city "Home."

COURTHOUSE REPAIRS STILL DRAGGING ON

Little Progress Being Made in Preparation for January Assizes.

Sheriff Cameron is far from pleased at the way the courthouse repairs are progressing. Monday not a single workman employed by any of the contractors turned up to work, and the repairs were at an absolute standstill all day. The sheriff, who is making every effort to have the courtroom ready to shape for the January assizes, was much annoyed at the many delays which have occurred. The excuse Monday was that the bricklayers were not far enough ahead to permit the other contractors to go ahead with their work. "I am anxious that they should go ahead as fast as possible with the work on the courtroom," said Sheriff Cameron. "It does not look now as though the courtroom will be ready by the 12th of January, and it is to be the county \$25 a day to rent the Masonic Hall, and even laying this consideration aside, it will be extremely inconvenient to hold court there, with so important a trial as that of Thos. Riley coming on."

Repairs on the ground floor of the courthouse are not making much progress, and great inconvenience is being experienced by those whose offices are there. The front doors have been barred altogether and the only entrance is through the small door on the Dundas street side. It appears to be almost a certainty that the repairs will drag on into January, and it is probable that if the courtroom itself can be finished in time for the January assizes.

WANT VEHICLES FOR CHRISTMAS WAITS

Autos Being Asked For—Church Choirs to Participate in Carol Singing.

An appeal for vehicles—both autos and drays—for the use of the singers who will participate in the Christmas waits, is being made by Mrs. Harry Kingsmill, who is chairman of the arrangements for the annual Christmas Eve carols. Bandmaster A. W. Slater, of the Seventh Regiment, who will be in charge of one of the bands of waits, will have several bandmen and his tubular bells, and it will be to carry the instruments that the vehicles are being asked for. Among those who will participate in the waits will be the choir of the Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church, 25 strong, under the leadership of Organist Adams; the choir of New St. James' Presbyterian Church, 20 strong, under the direction of W. J. Sawyer, and Messrs. Roselle Cockoe, A. W. Slater, W. E. Saunders, Percy King, Henderson, Charles Percy, Ed. Webster, Riddle, Chris. Pink, C. Jacques, and Misses Bessie Oliver, Myrtle Hinks, and Kerr. Others will be announced later.

It is expected that there will be six, and possibly more, bands of waits, that will sing their Christmas carols in aid of the poor children of the city. The routes of each band will be announced early next week.

FIRE LOSS IS \$75,000.

[Canadian Press.]
Cincinnati, Dec. 17.—A fire, which threatened the entire town of Independence, Ky., was subdued early today with a loss estimated at \$75,000. The buildings destroyed were the Osborn Hotel, the Oddfellows' Hall, a saloon and several residences. There was no loss of life.

Colds Cause Headache and Grip.
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE tablets remove cause. There is only one "BROMO QUININE." It has the signature of E. W. GROVE on box. 25c. it-x

EATING RELIEVES STOMACH TROUBLE

A Prominent Physician's Advice.

"Eat good foods and plenty of them. Getting in many cases is most criminal. Get back to normal. To do so you must have the proper quantity of nourishment. You need it for brain or physical work. Probably there is nothing the matter with your stomach except acidity. That is merely an abnormal secretion of acid in the stomach. Neutralize that acid and your stomach trouble will end at once. Neglect may mean ulcers if not cancer of the stomach. Do not take patented medicines or poplin tablets for dyspepsia. Simply take a neutralizer of acid. Definitely the best neutralizer is ordinary druggist's bisulphate of magnesia. You can get it at any drug store for a few cents. Take a teaspoonful in a quarter glass of water after each meal. The relief will be immediate."—Advt.

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JUST SIX MORE SHOPPING DAYS

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to do your Christmas buying in. We are offering some wonderful values in
WATCHES, DIAMONDS, CLOCKS, CUT GLASS, CHINA, BRASS GOODS, UMBRELLAS, WALKING STICKS, JEWELRY



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Mikado Crown Derby Cups and Saucers, at each **75c**
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We are giving a discount of 20% off the list price of 2451 pattern, which is the lowest possible price that this China can be sold for in Canada.
Paragon China Cups and Saucers, with gold band; the very finest quality of English china, each **\$1.25 to \$1.50**
We also carry a line of Limoges, Coalport, Minton, Wedgwood and Dresden China.

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We are offering for Christmas 72 different designs in Solid Gold Necklets and Pendants, set with genuine stones, ranging in price from **\$3 to \$500**
37 different designs in Gold-Filled Pendants and Necklets, from **\$2.00 up**
21 different designs in sterling silver, platinum-plated, ranging in price from **\$.150 up**
This is the largest line of Pendants and Necklets ever shown in London. Do not fail to see it.

Cut Glass Specials

Cut Glass Bon Bon Dish, sells regularly at \$1.25, for each **90c**
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Salts and Peppers, with sterling silver tops. Special at, pair **75c**
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Cut Glass Tumblers, at each **50c**
Large Bowl, beautifully cut. Special at, each **\$3.00**
Cut Glass Vases, from. **\$3.00 up**
Cut Glass Pitchers, from. **\$4.00 up**
Cut Glass Creams and Sugars, pair **\$3.00**
Cut Glass Comports, from. **\$3.00 up**

Silver Mesh Bags

Silver Mesh Bags, in all the newest designs, ranging in prices from **\$1 to \$20**

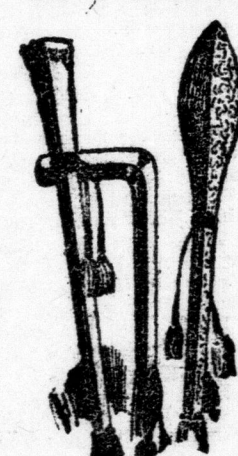
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At **\$5.00**
A nice line of Ladies' and Gents' Diamond Rings, in 14k solid gold. For. **\$10.00**
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See our north window for display. We exchange Diamonds bought from us for full value at any time.
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Ladies' Umbrellas, with gold and sterling silver-mounted handles, from. **\$3.50 to \$12**
Gents' Umbrellas, with gold and sterling silver-mounted handles. Regular. **\$3.50 to \$15**
We also carry a line of Suitcase Umbrellas.
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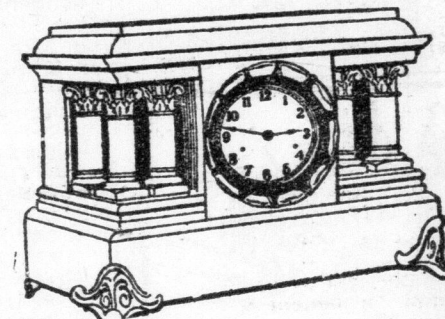
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Our stock of Cuff Links is larger than it has ever been before. We have some wonderful bargains at, pair. **50c, 75c, \$1.00**
Plain gold-filled, suitable for engraving, from, pair **\$1.00 to \$2.50**
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A regular \$1.00 Alarm Clock, at each **50c**
Silver Depositart Perfume Bottles Each **50c**
A large assortment of Ladies' and Gents' Cuff Links, at a pair **50c**
Solid Brass Teapot Stands, each **50c**
Cut Glass Tumblers, each. **50c**
Silver-Plated Sugar Tongs, each **50c**
Silver-Plated Sugar Shells, each **50c**
Hatpins, each **50c**
Barpins, each **50c**
Silver-Plated Napkin Rings, at each **50c**
Brass Candlesticks, each. **50c**
Gents' Fobs, each **50c**
Thimbles, sterling silver, each. **50c**
Odd Manicure Pieces **50c**
Solid Gold 10k Baby Rings, set with stones, each **50c**

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Regular \$8.00 value, for \$5.00.

2 only Cuckoo Clocks, regular \$6. **\$4.00**
1 only Cuckoo Clock, regular \$9. **\$6.00**
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10 Rings, sell regular for \$6, special. **\$3.00**
10 Rings, sell regular for \$5, special. **\$2.50**
10 Rings, sell regular for \$3, for. **\$1.50**

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Ladies' 6 size, 14k, gold-filled case with Waltham movement. For. **\$10**
Two only, Ladies' Gold-Filled Wristlet Watches. Sell regularly for \$12, for. **\$6.00**
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