

FINANCE AND TRADE.

A good many operators in stocks are waiting patiently for an advance to let them get up very much before stock comes out, and they are knocked back again. Lower rates for money would help the market, but it is likely to be long time before stocks get up to prices of a year ago.

"The sorting-up trade in drygoods this week has improved some," said a merchant yesterday, "but we had anticipated something better. A large number of orders have been taken for spring goods, chiefly prints, and our sales are ahead of last year."

When asked how it was that leading retail drygoods merchants are selling at reduced prices, a wholesale dealer replied: "After taking stock about Dec. 1, wholesale dealers generally have a lot of odds and ends, and it is these that are bought by retailers and dumped upon the market in many instances at much lower prices than cost."

The Chicago wheat market is a stickler. The price for the May option yesterday was within 3¢ of the lowest since the late decline in 3¢. Operators are willing to buy on the least encouragement, and the late statistics have helped the market. Quite a lot of wheat was bought in Chicago the latter part of last week by Toronto speculators, and it shows quite a loss now.

The business failures in Canada this week, according to R. G. Day & Co., are 40, the same number as last week, and less than the previous week. Ontario has had more than her share this week, 26 out of 40. In Quebec there were only 8, in Nova Scotia 2, British Columbia 2 and Manitoba and Prince Edward Island one each. Although the number in this province is big, the failures generally are for small amounts.

The hay exporters are complaining about the new classification of hay freight by the railways. It is now in the sixth class, which means that freight north and west is \$1.40 per ton higher than it was. "It is going to kill this trade," said an exporter yesterday. "We will be obliged to reduce prices to the farmer \$1.40, and it is likely that much of the crop will be left unsold."

MRS. QUINN'S HUSBANDS.

One Died, Two Deserted Her, But She Is Not a Beggan.

BANKRUPT, Dec. 14.—Yesterday William Cole charged Julia Quinn of Waukegan with having more husbands than the law permits. There was no positive evidence to show the woman's guilt. Some admissions of her own and talk with others were all that was presented as evidence.

Mrs. Quinn's matrimonial experiences are almost unique. On the death of her first husband, Moses Quinn, eight years ago she married William Sanda, who deserted her. It is said that Sanda had a family in England, and on learning that Mrs. Quinn felt free to wed once more.

A French-Canadian from Tins named Ameliah, who the widow and they were married. Ameliah lived with her for the second time the woman found herself deserted. She then resumed her former name of Quinn.

This was the evidence and the woman was discharged.

YETI DISAPPEARS ON PLEBINO.

The London Regrets the Serious Conflict of Opinion.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Standard says that it is much to be regretted that so serious a conflict of opinion should have been the Imperial and Canadian veterinarians regarding the examination of the lungs of the animal taken from the steamship Huron. There was no evidence to show the woman's guilt. Some admissions of her own and talk with others were all that was presented as evidence.

FOR STEALING HYGIENE.

Two Men Chop Down Tree in High Park.

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Life Imprisonment for stealing one Cent.

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The Market for Canada's Honey.

The Canadian honey market is very active. There is a large demand for honey, and prices are high. The honey is mostly from the province of Ontario, and is of excellent quality.

The management of the Auditorium has secured the Japanese exhibit from the World's Fair for one week, commencing Dec. 18. They will have a grand display of all Japanese arts, paintings and decorative objects. There will be Japanese girls in attendance everywhere. There will also be a Japanese tea house, where tea and cake will be served free to all attending guests.

A Verdict for \$100 Against the City.

The Hunt recovered \$100 from the city in the County Court yesterday as remuneration for a writ that had been broken a year ago last November by slipping on an icy sidewalk in front of 823 Queen west.

It attacked with cholera or summer complaint of any kind sent for a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cord and used according to directions. It acts with wonderful rapidity in subduing the inflammation and restoring the system to health and vigor. It is the strongest man and that destroys the young and delicate. Those who have tried it will find it acts promptly, and never fails to effect a thorough cure.

Ketcher F. O. Borgstrom, convicted, Charles Jacobs and Charles King, alias Barker, were convicted in the sessions yesterday of having burglarized the Ketcher Postoffice on Thanksgiving Eve. Sentence was reserved.

MORE HOLIDAY BARGAINS!



S.W. Cor. Yonge and Queen-Sts.

Suggestions

From : :
Santa Claus : :
GAMES, TOYS,
FANCY GOODS,
NOTIONS FROM BASE-
MENT AND OTHER
STOCKS.

WHOEVER else is to get left at Xmas it cannot be the little ones. We get away in to-day's story from the more staple departments of the house, though in all will be found goods particularly suited for Xmas gifts, and devote our suggestions to things for the children and younger people. We're carrying a surprising stock of goods for Xmas, not forgetting the candy counters. A five cent mixture of candies heads off anything ever offered in the line of candies.

LATEST PARLOR GAMES:

Fort \$1.
Cockinole \$1.50.
Faba Bag, or parlor quoit, regular \$1 game, for 25c.
Parlor Ring Toss \$1.
Halma 20c.

5-CENT GAMES:

Authors.
Snap.
Flip.
Railway Puzzle, etc.

10-CENT GAMES:

Fox and Geese.
Old Maid.
De. Booby.
Peter Coddle.
Jack Stairs.
Game of Store.
Nations.
Tossers.
Game of Ball.
Telegraph Messenger.
Mastodons.
Bean Bag.

VARIOUS GAMES:

Foreweight 12c.
Reveries 12c.
Checkers all styles and prices.
Chess: set a fine chess set at \$3.00, worth \$5.00.
Parcheesi 50c.
Lotto \$1.
Oupis 50c.
Cuckoo 17c.

BOOKS:

George MacDonald's works, \$1.25 ea.
Warrior Kings, \$1.15.
Playbook of Science, \$1.15.
Red Line Red Peas, 60c.
Cloth bound books, large range of titles, 10c.
Prof. Drummond's address, 25c.
Ask for 16-page book catalogue, containing best works in history, literature, science, story, suited for holiday gifts.

FANCY GOODS AND NOVELTIES:

Stand Basket, 75c.
Lined Vase Baskets, 90c.
Writing Desks, \$1.15.
Celluloid Photo Frames, 15c.
Handsome \$1.50 album for 60c.
Plush Album with aluminum mounts, \$1.25.
Bronze Photo Frames, 65c.
Bronze Vases, 9 in., 25c; 12 in., 40c; 22 in., \$1.25.

TOYS:

Toy Chairs, carpet seats, 15c.
Boys' Bids, 15c.
Girls' frame sleigh, 35c.
Horses on platforms with wheels, 45c.
Rocking horses, 75c.
Horses on stick, 20c.
German wicker doll beds, 25c.
Dolls' wigs, wicker bodies and steel wheels, \$1.
Dolls' cradles, 35c.
Toy wheelbarrows, 20c.

Toys in the basement; a light, roomy and well-ventilated section of the house. 'Twill be a pity not to let the children take a run through it. It's useless to attempt to describe on paper all that's to be seen there. See it, or miss one of the sights of the town.

R. SIMPSON,

S. W. Cor. Yonge and Queen-streets, Toronto.
Store Nos: 170, 174, 176, 178 Yonge-st; 1, 3 Queen-st.

CARRIED-OFF-FIRST-PRIZE-AT-THE-WORLD'S-FAIR.

WATERMAN'S IDEAL FOUNTAIN PEN

IT IS THE BEST XMAS PRESENT.
BECAUSE it is the best writing instrument made.
BECAUSE it is useful and will be treasured for years.
BECAUSE as a daily companion it will be a constant reminder of the giver.
BECAUSE it is made in many more styles and sizes than any other. In rubber, plain, gold and silver mounted, from \$2 to \$7.50.

We cordially invite you to pay a visit to our new store, where it can be seen in all its advantages arranged for Holiday Trade. Remember our new address:

12 KING-STREET WEST.

North Side, Near Cor. Yonge. Very convenient to Street Railway.

HART & RIDDELL, BOOKSELLERS AND STATIONERS.

MEN OF ALL AGES

may be cured. We treat all sexual diseases, of men. Four out of five who suffer from gonorrhea, mental worry, attacks of "the blues," and all the other ailments of the system, and by paying the penalty of early excesses. The dread alarm of Impotency, the exhaustion of Seminalia, may be cured in strict confidence at our establishment.

Send for our free booklet, "PERFECT MANHOOD."

ERIE MEDICAL CO., Buffalo, N.Y.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

C. TAYLOR
30 PARLIAMENT STREET, TORONTO.
Has in a special stock of all the fine spirits, for the holiday trade, Bottled since the late 18th century. Fine old whiskeys, Scotch, sherry, etc., etc. etc. etc.

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Large or Small Amounts
26 TORONTO-STREET

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RYAN & CO.,

STOCK BROKERS AND FINANCIAL AGENTS.

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STALK. There is a moderate enquiry for straw.

John J. Dixon & Co. report the following quotations on the Board of Trade to-day:

Chicago Markets.

Wheat—Dec. 14.—The market is quiet. The following are the closing prices of the principal stocks:

DEALERS IN
Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provision
Direct private wires to New York and Chicago. Montreal Stocks dealt in.
Members of or represented of all New York