WOMAN'S WORLD.

Christmas for Grannie.

Old age is going out of fashion, and there really are no more old women, and that is as it should be, of course, for eternal youth is a thing for which we all might pray.

But so often the people who are old in years and yet have that spring of perennial youth within their hearts are treated with such lack of tact by careless grandchildren that it is enough to make one shiver in anticipation of the time when one will oneself be white-haired and ancient.

Why give the grandmother a new pair of spectacles, a shawl, a large-print Bible, a pair of warm bedroom slippers, a knitted woollen jacket or any of these things that accentuate her age and make her feel that she is on the shelf?

Of course, if you are sure that she positively needs these things and would really like them, you may be safe in giving them to her, but if you want to make her really happy, to make her feel that she is just as young as she used to be, give her something delightfully frivolous and useful, and something that you would love to have yourself and that will make her feel like a young girl again.

Give her a white feather stole or a dainty dressing jacket of ribbons and lace, or a long chain with beautiful, sparkling stones, or a pair of embroidered silk stockings, or anything useless and beautiful that will make her feel like a young girl again.

Give her a perfumed, padded coat-hanger, or big, fluffy sachets for her dresser and wardrobe, and fill them with violet or lavender, or rose leaves, or the perfume she likes best. Give her something that will show that you expect her to keep up with the times, and that you think she is just as up-to-date as you are.

Give her a Christmas dinner-party with just half a dozen of her very best friends, and the very daintiest things to eat.

Go over your Christmas list with her and consult her about what you'll give each one. It will "tickle her most to death," and you may find her advice well worth taking. Show her your presents when you bring them home.

In short, make her feel that she's just about your age, not an old woman, nor yet a child. It will mean more love, more Christmas feeling, more "merry Christmas" for both of you.

A Boon to the Shopper.

For some time the bag habit has had a strong hold upon women, and novelties in bags are always welcomed with delight, says Grace Margaret Gould in The Woman's Home Companion for January. Something very new is a little bag or portemonnaie, which, when closed, has much the shape of a small fan. This fan-shaped bag opens to disclose a purse and two compartments. It hangs from a leather strap made with a wrist fastener. In carrying the portemonnaie the hand may be slipped thru the strap, and in this way is free for holding up the gown or carrying bundles. It comes in a variety of leathers and colors, and is also made with a silk cord and tassel in place of the leather strap.

From the Feminine Viewpoint.

To The Woman's World: In response to a letter addressed to you, a copy of which appeared in this morning's paper, I should like to say for the benefit of the one who signs himself "A Male Reader," that, judging from his letter, he must be rather narrow-minded. I do not suppose he has ever stopped to consider the number of "women" who are compelled to go down town to business in order to help sustain a family. I am one of the so-called "business women," and I should like to say for the benefit of Mr. "Male Reader," that it is necessary for me to report at an office each morning in order that the salary which I receive each week may help to keep up the home. Evidently he is a man who has given such matters very little serious thought, or, on the other hand, if he has considered it he has done so in such a narrow-minded way that, I think, I could safely say there are few "gentlemen" who would be willing to accept his view of the matter. If he has never received the courtesy due a gentleman from a lady at such times it is probably because he has not been gentleman enough to offer a "lady" the seat he has been occupying, consequently there was nothing due him. A "lady" never forgets herself, whether in the street car or in the drawing-room, and it is hardly fair that all should be judged by one or two so-called "ladies." H. A. Leroy.

To Paint Lady Evelyn's Portrait.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—Mrs. J. A. Behenna, a prominent Parisian artist, has been requested by the governor-general to paint the portrait of Lady Evelyn Grey. Mrs. Behenna went to Ottawa to-day.

Chamberlain Chapter.

A committee was appointed yesterday by the Chamberlain Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire at a meeting in the Canadian Institute to encourage the use of the Union Jack on national occasions. This committee will exercise their influence to have flags flying on all large buildings thruout the city on anniversaries of British history-makers. The secretary was instructed to send a Union Jack to a school in Manitoba, which had made a request that the emblems of the empire be sent them.

The regent: Miss Constance Boulton, announced that A. H. U. Colquhoun, deputy minister of education, would address the chapter on "The Press of the Empire" on Jan. 9.

The Nurses Club.

The second lecture under the auspices of the Toronto Nurses' Social Club was given in the Temple Building last evening by Rev. Mr. Welsh, on "The Life and Works of Mark Twain." Miss Brent being absent, Miss Bowerman presided. Mr. Davis contributed two solos. J. Ross Robertson will deliver the next lecture in the form of a travel talk.

IDENTITY NOT CERTAIN.

Evidence Produced Against Mrs. Carey is Not Very Strong.

Brampton, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Sir William Mulock is the presiding judge at the Peel fall assizes now in progress. He is having his first murder case.

The prisoner is Alice Carey of Toronto, charged with murdering an infant child on March 17 last by leaving it exposed to the weather in the driving-shed of the Presbyterian Church, Port Credit. The case commenced this morning in the courthouse, but is not creating much interest, as the parties are unknown here. County Crown Attorney Field is conducting the case, while J. M. Godfrey defends the prisoner.

The first witness was Miss McKeith, who found the body. Dr. Sutton, Port Credit, a son of the coroner, gave evidence as to the result of the post-mortem examination, swearing that the child had been born alive and was probably not more than five days old. This evidence was confirmed by three other expert medical men.

Miss Earla Johnson said she was engaged on March 17 last as assistant to Mr. Devins of Sunnyside, Toronto, whose confectionery store is also the waiting-room for the Toronto & Port Credit Railway. Miss Johnson related that she had seen a woman carrying what she thought was a baby in her arms. It was a very cold day, but the woman at first seated herself out of doors. Very shortly afterwards she came in, remaining there for about an hour and a half.

Miss Johnson described the dress of the woman and swore positively that Alice Carey was the woman she had seen. She admitted under severe questioning, however, that it was possible she might be mistaken in her identification.

Several more witnesses were examined, but none of them would swear positively to the prisoner as being the woman seen in the street cars and in Port Credit.

The case will be concluded to-morrow. The evidence so far is not regarded as very strong.

RUSSIA SAFE AGAIN.

Grand Duke's Venture Back to St. Petersburg for Celebration.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—This was the emperor's "name day"; otherwise, the festival of St. Nicholas, the wonder-worker, the emperor's patron saint. The celebrations included a parade and a state luncheon at Tsarskoe-Selo, at which all the members of the imperial family were present.

The Grand Dukes Vladimir and Alexis and the other grand dukes and grand duchesses, who had been living abroad lately owing to the disturbed state of the empire, returned here in order to attend to-day's ceremonies.

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS MAROONED

Detroit, Dec. 19.—Three keepers of Man tou Island lights, 180 miles from the Soo, are marooned on that island in Lake Superior, and must wait until a tug comes to their rescue.

The light was extinguished late last week, but successive storms have made it impossible for the men to reach the mainland.

A fast tug, fully provisioned, has left for the rescue.

NEW U.S. AMBASSADORS.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The United States senate to-day confirmed these diplomatic nominations:

Amabassadors—Henry White, Rhode Island, to France; Lloyd C. Griscom, Pennsylvania, to Italy; John W. Riddle, Minnesota, to Russia, and Irving B. Dudley, California, to Brazil. Also, Leslie Combes, Kentucky, to be minister to Peru.

News of the Slater Shoe Store, 117 Yonge Street.

Santa Claus is doing a rushing business. The children are invited to bring their dolls and get a pair of shoes fitted free of charge. We want every child in Toronto to visit him, and he has a souvenir for every one of them.

There are still plenty of those framed art pictures at 9 1-2c and 19 1-2c each. This is an easy way out of a difficulty. Slipper trade is booming, and our visitors are surprised at what nice goods can be had for such little money.

What about a shoe order? If you do not know the size of shoes worn, get a shoe order and let the party be properly fitted in person. The Slater Shoe Store sells orders for any value.

Roosevelt Stuck to His Guns.

Washington, Dec. 19. — President Roosevelt sent a message to congress to-day in response to a senate resolution requesting data as to the discharge of the companies of the 25th (colored) Infantry.

The message was decidedly severe in its criticism of the soldiers alleged to be concerned in "shooting up the Town" of Brownsville, Texas.

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PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

The humorous story now going around concerns Dallas Welford, the comical little Englishman who plays the title role in the English farce, "Mr. Hopkinson," in as much as it is told by himself: "Last season while I was playing the dude in 'Glittering Gloria,' at Wyndham's Theatre, London, an actor friend brought his two little brothers, aged 8 and 10, to a matinee. They sat in the front row, and I noticed they hardly took their eyes off me while I was on the stage. I heard afterward that at dinner that night, with their big brother, the elder boy suddenly burst out:

"'I say, Charles, is Mr. Welford's face always like that?'

"'Why, what do you mean?' said my friend.

"'Well, is it like that on the street?'

"'Why, yes, pretty much.'

"The boy thought a moment. 'And does he mind, Charles, do you think?' he asked earnestly.

"The best of it is," adds Mr. Welford, rubbing his hands and chuckling at the recollection, "that I was hardly made up at all."

"His Last Dollar," which is announced for presentation at the Grand Xmas week, tells the story of the love of a manly man and a womanly woman, well woven with bright comedy lines and mirthful situations. A strong drama well set in five acts is the result of the effort of Mr. Higgins and his collaborator, Dr. Cooke, and the play promises a continued life of success and popularity. A strong company will support Mr. Higgins and Miss Montell. Besides the regular matinees on Wednesday and Saturday a special holiday matinee will be given on Tuesday (Xmas Day).

The countless admirers of Miss Selma Herman, who have seen this estimable actress in all her previous starring characters and who are therefore absolutely convinced of her praiseworthy endeavors, are highly gratified at her greatest triumph this season, in "Queen of the Convicts," Theodore Kremer's latest play, which will be seen at the Majestic Xmas week when a matinee will be given every day.

Next week the bill at Shea's Theatre will include Trixie Friganza, who was one of the brightest stars of the famous Weber and Fields' Music Hall; Morris Cronin's big juggling troupe, Wylie's Dog Circus, the Four Dancing Fords, George Wilson, Marco Twins, and Gartell Brothers.

Williams' "Ideal Extravaganza" Company, which is known as one of the best shows of its kind, will be the attraction at the Star next week. A brand new two-act musical comedy has been written entitled "The Other Fellow."

The sale of seats for subscribers for the "Messiah," Handel's immortal oratorio, begins to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and to the general public the plan opens on Saturday. One gentleman has subscribed for a large number of seats, which he proposes to give to his office staff as a personal Christmas remembrance. A number of people, instead of spending money on cards and reminders, are sending their friends tickets for the "Messiah."

Miss Jessie MacLachlan, the greatest of all Scottish sopranos, will give a farewell concert tour, prior to her departure for Australia, in Massey Hall on the last night of the old year.

The Scarlet Mysteries, the English company, which gave such great pleasure to patrons of Massey Hall a short time ago, return for a holiday engagement on the afternoon and evening of New Year's.

For the Yuletide production of the "Messiah" on Thursday evening next at Massey Hall, a special train will carry one hundred people from Brampton. Among the large number on the subscription list, there are several gentlemen who have subscribed for a number of tickets, with a view to giving them as a Christmas present. The sale of seats for subscribers begins this morning, and for the general public on Saturday.

The Empire Club.

The regular weekly luncheon will be held to-day. The guest will be Barlow Cumberland of Port Hope who will address the members on "The Union Jack," "The Sovereign's Color" and "Lion of Imperial Unity."

Nine dollars to New York and return from Buffalo or Suspension Bridge over Erie Railroad, Dec. 21; return tickets good 15 days. ed

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LABOR ADOPTS PLATFORM WILL RUN CANDIDATES

Municipal Ownership of All Utilities and Antagonism to Cataract Company Strong Points.

Hamilton, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The workingmen of Hamilton have adopted a platform for the municipal elections, and will bring out a list of candidates for aldermanic honors. Neither candidate for mayor will be endorsed. The platform was adopted at a representative meeting of the Trades and Labor Council on Tuesday night.

Allan Studholme, M.L.A.-elect, was at the meeting, and made a speech full of antagonism to the Cataract Power Co. He was loudly applauded.

A feature of the gathering was the enthusiasm with which the laboring men accepted municipal ownership of the street railway and the lighting plant as a cure for the intolerable conditions that have existed for the past few years. When the council adopted the public ownership planks, there were shouts of "Good boy, Billy Maclean!" and thanks were returned for the assistance of the South York M. P. in the recent East Hamilton election.

This is the platform on which the labor candidates will stand:

Municipal ownership of all public utilities.

Free and compulsory education.

Business of city council to be transacted in the council chamber, or committee room, and not in political clubrooms.

Opposed to electric or other railways running thru Dundurn or other public parks.

Labor representatives on all public boards.

Investigation of action of police on the night of the street railway riot.

Printing of assessment rolls for distribution to the citizens.

Opposed to the granting of any concessions to the Street Railway Company or Cataract Power Co.

Construction of all public works by day labor when practicable.

Harry Halford, secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, has subscribed to this platform, and will run for alderman.

Charles Aitchison, who was chairman of Studholme's committee, was nominated, but declined to run.

The workingmen will accept no candidate endorsed by either of the party organizations.

Incidentally, it is said that Sam Landers, agent of the Garment Workers' Union, is not as popular with the Hamilton workingmen as he was. Ald. Church and Ald. Norman Clarke were criticized, and will not be on the Labor ticket.

THE WAGES OF THEIR SINS.

Sentence Day in Sessions—Burglar Gets Three Years.

Judge Winchester closed the business of the sessions yesterday morning by sentencing Chris Seymour for housebreaking and burglary to penitentiary for three years. William Todd, for an offence against boys, got four years. Judge Winchester has no use for receivers of stolen property, and altho there was a long petition asking mercy for Israel Finemark, he was sent down for sixty days hard labor. Charles Woodruff, for stealing from White & Co., got two months in the Central. George Allen, on a similar charge from the Eaton firm, was allowed to go on suspended sentence, after furnishing bonds for future good behavior. George Roche, for theft, will spend a year in the Central, and for beating Mrs. Garvey, an aged woman, Frank Whitlaw will do sixty days.

EVENS UP FOR WAGE INCREASE

Penna. Ry. Will Not Sell Coal to Employes at Low Rates.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Co. has notified its employes that after Jan. 1 next the company, which owns many mines, will not sell coal to them at the rate which regular shippers pay. As a consequence, all employes will be compelled to patronize retail dealers. About 60,000 of the 190,000 employes are housekeepers. It is estimated that the annual saving to those who bought their coal from the company was $675,000.

INVESTIGATE GOLDSPIE WRECK.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Commander Spain, wreck commissioner, will hold an investigation into the wreck of the Golspie, but does not know when it will take place, or where.

Portrait of Sir Wilfrid.

A portrait of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, which hangs in room 16 of the house of commons, painted in oils by J. W. L. Forster of Toronto, from sittings given by the premier in July last, is a striking and effective likeness of the premier in his home. It shows him seated with a newspaper across his knee, with head turned as in conversation. It represents the quiet, genial, thoughtful type so well exemplified in the premier.

This portrait was done under a commission from the National Club of Toronto, by whose courtesy it has been allowed to be seen by Sir Wilfrid's friends during the opening days of the session.

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Four splendidly equipped trains leave Toronto daily, via the Grand Trunk, for St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Buffalo, at 9 a. m., 12.01 p. m., 5 and 6.10 p. m., the latter carrying cafe parlor car to Buffalo and Pullman sleeper to New York. Buffet cars are attached to the 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. For reservations and tickets, call at Grand Trunk City Office, northwest corner King and Yonge streets.

Canon Cody Will Speak.

Canon Cody will speak on the "Separation of Church and State in France" at Ridley Old Boys' dinner to-morrow evening.

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—Alaska Sable Imperial Muffs at..... 12.00
—Mink Butterfly Ties at..... 25.00

Gifts for Men

—Men's Persian Lamb Caps at..... 8.50
—Men's Persian Lamb Collars at..... 13.50
—Men's Persian Lamb Gauntlets at..... 13.50
—Men's Fine Otter Caps at..... 15.00
—Men's Fine Seal Caps at..... 20.00
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COL. RATHBUN'S HOME BURNED.

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The contents were mostly saved.

The colonel and Mrs. Rathbun were both out of town.

Six Families Burned Out.

Binghamton, N.Y., Dec. 19.—Six families were rendered homeless here early this morning by a fire which destroyed a tenement house at 60 Liberty-street. The fire originated from an over-heated stove. A number of firemen were overcome by smoke.

FIND FORGED NOTES.

Waynesburg, Pa., Dec. 19.—The investigation into the affairs of the Farmers' and Drovers' National Bank by Bank Examiner Cunningham resulted to-day in the discovery, it is said, of forged notes among those rediscounted.

Harmsworths Not Coming.

C. Murray, Toronto representative of the Harmsworths, denies positively that the English publishers have any intention of starting a daily paper in Canada.

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