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Wall Papers
Window Shades

ESTABLISHED
64 YEARS AGO

Carpets, Rugs
Curtains

108th... MILLINERY OPENING ..ON..

WEDNESDAY,
MARCH... 28

AND FOLLOWING DAYS.....

This is the 108th time we have had the privilege of extending to the people of our good city and county a cordial invitation to attend our Millinery Opening. Each season we endeavor to surpass the last in the excellence of our display, and this season we have spared no efforts to present to you the most elegant display of Spring Millinery ever shown in Chatham. Come and see. We will be pleased to show you through.

THOS. STONE & SON,

CARPETS AND WALL PAPERS

Dress Making
Two Departments

New Dress Goods
New Wash Goods

**ARE YOU
INTERESTED
IN
REDUCING COST
OF YOUR
FUEL BILL
AT
LEAST
25
PER CENT P**

READ THE FOLLOWING

Chatham, Ont., March 6, '06.
P. S. COATE, Esq.,
Manager Chatham Gas Co.

Dear Sir,—I have used Coke in my furnace for several seasons, and find it twenty-five per cent cheaper than hard coal. It has not damaged the fire pot and has proved satisfactory in every way. I can heartily recommend it.

Sincerely yours,
D. S. PATERSON

Genuine Gas Coke will hereafter be sold and delivered at \$5.00 per ton, natural size, or \$5.50 per ton, crushed. There are as many heat units in a ton of Genuine Gas Coke as there are in the best quality of hard coal. Why not save the difference?

Chatham Gas Co.,
LIMITED.

RESIDENTS DOWN THE RIVER CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN GHOSTS

Apparition of a Young Murdered Girl Makes Its Appearance in an Unused Granary

WILD SHRIEKS ARE HEARD IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT

Do the spirits of murdered persons sometimes return to earth to call for vengeance on their slayers? The matter of fact persons will shrug their shoulders, and matter, "Bosh, there is nothing to it."

Still there are people who firmly believe that the dead sometimes return to this earth, and there are very few who will consent to sleep alone in a house which has the reputation of being haunted. There are very few grown-up persons who at some period of their lives have not had an experience which they can not very well explain, and some will swear that they have been the spectators of some dead friend or relative.

On the River Thames just below Chatham there stands an old fashioned dwelling, long defunct, which, it is claimed by several persons, is haunted by the spirit of a young girl, who years ago was cruelly put to death by her mother.

Some claim that they have seen the young woman walking about in the vicinity of the granary, others have heard her wild shrieks in the dead of the night.

Mr. C. A. Williams, well known in this city, is one of the authorities for the story.

"I have seen spiritualists and all

sorts of religious frauds," says Mr. Williams, "but what I am about to relate beats them all. There is a building on the Thames below Chatham, where a young woman was at one time murdered by her mother. The instrument with which the unnatural mother committed the deed with, was an Italian iron.

"This old building was purchased by one of my neighbors, and converted into a granary. Curious to say, anyone who is in this granary at a late hour of night, is certain to hear his name called softly by a female voice. On one occasion a wayfarer tramp, who asked for a night's lodging, was given permission to sleep in the granary. He was given some covers and made comfortable for the night. He had barely dropped off to sleep, when he heard someone calling his name. He was first puzzled, then then alarmed, as no one in the vicinity knew him. Finally, unable to sleep for the strange noises about him, he abruptly left his snug quarters. He was in such a hurry to get away, that he left all the doors and gates open behind him.

"A well known local minister states positively that he saw the apparition of this young woman one night when he was on his way home to Jeannette's Creek."

THREE BOLD MEN IT IS OUTRAGEOUS

Sneak Thieves Visit the Victoria Block But Are Frightened Away—Got Nothing

Some of the residents of the Victoria Block received a fright on Saturday, when three supposed sneak thieves paid them rather an unexpected visit.

Mrs. Geo. Heyward, upon returning to her room late in the afternoon, found a man prowling around in her apartments. He seemed quite surprised when Mrs. Heyward walked in. She asked him what he wanted and he answered, "O, nothing, where is Dr. Bray's room?" He was informed that he was not in Dr. Bray's room, and Mrs. Heyward directed him where to go.

After he had gone, Mrs. Heyward, thinking it over, became a little nervous and decided to tell her experience to Mrs. Falls. She rapped on Mrs. Falls' room and there was no answer. She opened the door, and found the man in Mrs. Falls' bedroom. Mrs. Falls was not home. Mrs. Heyward became more frightened than ever. The man again replied that he was still looking for Dr. Bray's room, and made his departure.

About the same time that this was happening a third man, Dr. Holmes, door down stairs, and when asked what he wanted, replied that he wanted to see Mrs. Black. He was told that she did not live in the block.

A third man tried to enter Mrs. Stegmann's rooms, but when he found that Mrs. Stegmann was at home he asked where Dr. Holmes' office was.

The three men left the building together. If they were looking for something to steal they were evidently fooled, as someone seemed to be at home wherever they went.

BRANCH TO PAIN COURT

The people of Pain Court are intent on having a branch of the C. W. & L. E. R. run out to their district this year.

For some time past the matter has been discussed and considered, and the general opinion of the Pain Court people is that they both merit and deserve a connecting branch with Chatham.

A representative deputation waited on Mr. Edwin Bell, the company's solicitor, on Saturday, asking that the railway company take the matter up. They were told that the request would receive careful consideration and that there was every likelihood that a line would be laid to Pain Court in a short time.

FISH SEIZED

James O. Weldon, Government Inspector at London, last night seized 20 cases of fresh water fish at that place. Two of these cases of fish were shipped from Jeannette's Creek and they will be held until investigations are made. The fish were illegally caught in the Thames river, and were billed for New York. Over a quarter of a ton of fish was seized together—248 pounds came from Jeannette's Creek and 436 pounds from Prairie Sidings.

The new company will manufacture brass work of all descriptions, but will make a specialty of plumbers' supplies.

Beauty without grace is a hook without bait.

FIRE MARSHALL WM. BAXTER

Well-Known Chathamite
Resigns His Position
in Detroit

A MUCH VALUED OFFICER

Fire Marshal William Henry Baxter, of Detroit, has resigned his position in that city. Mr. Baxter is an old Chathamite, and he has many friends in this city who will be sorry to learn that ill health causes him to take this step. He is the son of the late Richard Baxter, who was a prominent miller in this city many years ago. James Baxter, baker, of Dresden, is a brother.

The Detroit Free Press says of his resignation:—
After twenty-six years of unbroken service, without one stain on his record in all that time, Fire Marshal William H. Baxter handed in his resignation to the board of fire commissioners yesterday. It was accepted, to take effect April 1, when the old Marshal will go on the retired list, at a pension of \$1,000 a year. Assistant Marshal John McDuff was chosen as his successor. Capt. Henry T. Moiles was appointed assistant marshal, to succeed Assistant Marshal McDuff.

Though Marshal Baxter's record covers more than a quarter of a century, the fire department books contain only two items referring to him. One is his appointment as marshal, April 1, 1880. The other is the date of his retirement, April 1, 1906, exactly twenty-six years later. Not one complaint ever has been registered against him in all that time. Never has he been before the board of fire commissioners to answer to charges of any kind.

His health and old age are given as the reasons for the retirement of the marshal, who so long has been a faithful servant of the public, and whose name has been connected with the department so long that, as one man said yesterday, "It won't seem like the fire department any more without you, marshal." He is over 70 years old, his seventieth birthday having been celebrated Feb. 9, last. The death of his wife several months ago was a source of great grief to him, and his sorrow over the loss of her has aggravated his physical troubles.

"I was sorry to do it, boys, but I had to," said the marshal yesterday afternoon. Tears, of which he was not ashamed, stood in his eyes as he spoke. "My health has been bad, and I can't climb round like I used to. Then I have other troubles. It will be a tough wrench to leave, yes, but it's the best thing to do."

When the marshal was called before the board to be informed that his resignation had been accepted, Commissioner Fred T. Moran, senior member and spokesman of the board, said:

"I have been officially connected with Marshal Baxter for seventeen years," said Commissioner Moran, "and in all that time I never have known him to make a mistake. I wish you to understand, marshal, how much the board regrets to lose you. We all know you and have known you for a faithful public official, a man against whom no suspicion ever has been breathed. We wish to compliment you upon your long years of excellent service and express our deep sorrow that your age and sickness compels your retirement."

Marshal Baxter entered the department as marshal. For twelve years before he had been a member of a volunteer hand engine company. His former training as a newspaper man and later a police officer, combined with his experience in the volunteer company, made him a man especially fitted for his work, and he always has been known as one of the city's most efficient officials. — Detroit Free Press.

THE PLANET FOUND IT

B. D. Binga, of the Central Drug Store, is another of the vast host of people who have found out that advertising in The Planet pays.

Yesterday morning Miss Dolly Scott lost a very valuable watch. At noon Mr. Binga, who is a neighbor, found out about her loss and, with the instincts of the bright young man that he is, suggested that she should put an "ad." in The Great Home Journal. She followed his advice and at six o'clock the watch was returned. A small boy had found the watch, and, seeing the "ad." in The Planet, returned it to the proper owner.

Miss Scott is delighted over the recovery of her timepiece, and the little boy who found it is tickled to death over the reward he received.

NEW YORK — NEW YORK CENTRAL.

Easter Excursion to New York, April 12th, via New York Central—\$10.25 for the round trip from Suspension Bridge or Buffalo. Tickets good for ten days to return.

Louis Drago, Canadian Passenger Agent, 69 1-2 Yonge Street, Toronto, for further particulars.

It seems strange that the things that don't seem possible happen so often.

WALLPAPER



Exclusiveness is, next to quality and value, a feature of the stock of Wall Paper we offer you. This is, we think, the reason why we are selling so much of it this season. You can get from us something that you will not find anywhere else; something that will harmonize with your carpets and furniture and this is not to be overlooked in the selection of paper. We have opened up a new lot of room mouldings in embossed designs, tinted to match on new Spring papers and picked out in gold—just the thing with a pretty paper border and ceiling to make a perfect room. The cost is a bagatelle compared with the result in your decorations. Sulman's Beehive, the store with the stock.



**SULMAN'S
BEEHIVE,** King and
Sixth
Streets...

\$1.00 Opens an Account

People who go to the Bank regularly and deposit a part of their earnings, get something more than exercise

**WITH THE
INTEREST QUARTERLY**
in our Savings Department.

Sovereign Bank
of Canada.
CHATHAM—
R. A. WILLIAMS, Manager.

SOMETHING NEW IN CHATHAM...

**The Dolly Varden
Shoe for Women**

All Leather. New Styles,
Low or High; Button or
Lace. The newest novelties in footwear for Spring.
Dainty Women — Dainty
Spring Outfits — DOLLY
VARDEN the dainty shoe
for dainty women.

Wm. Somerville & Son
4 Doors West of Market

There is nothing worse than an offensive breath. It comes from bad stomach and liver. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea cures all liver disorders and perfumes the breath. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets.

A. I. McCall & Co.

Spring Woolens

Of the most attractive weave, selected especially for the coming season's wear, now await your inspection.

Also a full range of

...HOMESPUNS...

for Ladies' Suits, in all the popular shades.

For the next two months the store will be open every Saturday evening from seven till eight o'clock—for one hour only.

The T. H. Taylor Co., Limited

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