

GRAND OPENING OF HOLIDAY GOODS

DECEMBER 5th, '07

and following days

GREETING: Christmas again.

Year after year it comes upon us with an almost startling suddenness and we can scarcely realize that another twelve months has passed by. This is the time of year above all others when good will and love pervade the very air and when deeds of kindness and generosity show up as bright lights in the regular routine of the daily world. It has been the custom at this season for many long ages to express good fellowship in a practical manner by the giving and receiving of gifts. But the happiest task and perhaps the hardest task of all the year is the selecting of suitable gifts. We know that, and for this reason we have prepared this advertisement full of suggestions from our own specially bought XMAS STOCK, from which we believe you will be able to make the choice of selections in your gift-giving, if not in one line, then in another. Many things we have not listed here, but enough to illustrate the immense variety of holiday goods we have in stock.

Fancy and Useful
There is a world of variety in our Fancy Goods lines for Xmas and every piece picked and purchased with some one in view as a prospective buyer. In looking around through this Department you will see pretty things in French Gilt, Brass Novelties, Mirrors, Photo Frames, Work Baskets, Writing Desks, Manicure Sets, Bead Bags, Purse, Brush and Comb Sets, Clocks, Ink Stands, and a hundred and one things more to delight the eye, please the taste, fit the purse, and be a daily reminder of the honor.

Books
Never tire giving Books. A good book for the boys and girls is the choicest of gifts and among the holiday publications are to be found some of the daintiest gems in an artistic way we have yet had to offer.

Calendars and Xmas Cards
We are this year making a special feature of Souvenir Calendars printed with Bear River Views. Our stock in this line is sure to please everybody's taste and pocket. We have Xmas Cards in endless variety, little reminders of the season, such as every body is looking for.

Holiday Stationery
One cannot imagine the gift of a box of Stationery of a tasteful design, ever being as missive. We have a particularly choice selection this year, embracing every possible design, colour, shape, price.

Fountain Pens
A Fountain Pen is a very practical present to give to some friend to whom you know it would be useful. If you make such a present be sure you buy a reliable kind. We sell the Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens in a number of styles with plain or chased handles or with gold bands. Every pen guaranteed.

Holiday Jewellery
We have a special showing of Xmas Jewellery imported direct from the best makers, consisting of Lockets, Brooches, Collar Pins, Neck Chains, Rings, Ladies' Watches, Cuff and Collar Buttons, etc. and you will find these goods displayed in the show case in centre counter. The interesting part of it all, however, is the exceedingly low price we've placed on every piece.

Silverware
Among the most pretty novelties for Xmas giving there are scores of dainty things in Silverware which not only add attractiveness to the table, but in themselves are serviceable. Our stock of Flat and Hollow Ware is very complete, all in the new patterns and prices below competition.

Novelties, In Dry Goods.
Pillow Shams, Bureau Scarfs, Sofa Cushion Tops, Tray Cloths, Ladies' Fancy Neckwear, Gloves, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, all make appropriate Xmas presents.

Dress Goods
Nothing appeals more to a woman than a handsome dress or skirt pattern. For that very reason we have paid special attention to our Dress Goods Department which is well assorted with seasonable shades for the Xmas trade. We invite you to this Department when visiting our store.

Gifts for Men
Ties, Gloves, Boots, Handkerchiefs, Slippers, Mufflers, Suspenders, etc. etc.

Soliciting your Holiday trade and wishing you a Merry Xmas,
We are, Yours very truly,

CLARKE BROS'

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Unshrinkable
The only possible way in which underwear can be made unshrinkable is to take the "shrink" out of the wool, before garments are woven.

This is the way Stanfield's Underwear is made. That is why

Stanfield's Underwear

is absolutely unshrinkable. 3 weights—all sizes. At your dealers'.

SEED INOCULATION

PROFESSOR'S REMEDY FOR BARREN SOIL.

To the fairy story of modern science a new and fascinating page has just been added by Dr. Bottomley, of King's College, London. That gentleman, who is a Professor of Botany in the well known institute in the Strand had after years of patient investigation, succeeded in producing a wonderful and almost perfect material for inoculating the soil.

One gallon of his culture solution will inoculate soil for twelve acres of land, with the result that the output is increased 500 per cent. For a thousand pounds, Dr. Bottomley further explains, the 21,000,000 acres of poor barren land in his country could be made productive and capable of feeding work and supporting such a population that both the food problem and the unemployed problem would be easy of solution.

In conversation yesterday with a member of "The Daily News" staff the Doctor modestly referred to his method as merely an improvement upon the system which for some years past has been in use in America for experimental purposes.

"The germ of the discovery," he said, "was first made in 1886, when Helling, a German scientist, solved the mystery of the connection that prevailed between the small nodules or tubercles on the roots of leguminous plants and the increased fertility of the soil.

"In what way have you improved upon the method now in use in America?" asked our representative.

"In prolonging the existence of the fertilizing microbes from three months to two years. Another point in favor of my system is that I can produce the inoculating material at a much cheaper rate than in America.

"As an illustration of the wonders achieved by the nitrogen-absorbing microbes Dr. Bottomley conveyed to our representative the remarkable information that a fine crop of Mexican beans had been grown in volcanic ash from Guatemala in King's College laboratory by simply adding culture solution to the ash. From a small holder near Gloucester comes also the eloquent statement that from a quarter of an acre of peas ("inoculated") he picked 331 pots (42b. to the pot), selling them for £7 18s. 9d., while from a quarter of an acre ("not inoculated," but dressed with 1 cwt. superphosphate and just, sulphate of potash he picked only 14 pots, selling them for £2 5s. 6d.

Not the least curious feature of these bacteria cultures is that they thrive best in poor soil. Given land that is barren and had the inoculation of seed will work wonders. Of course there must also be potash and phosphoric acid, but these are cheap and easily added. It is the nitrogen that costs, and it is the nitrogen that these disinherited little workers supply.

With his characteristic enthusiasm, Mr. W. T. Stead, on hearing of Dr. Bottomley's new perfected method, immediately offered to take it in hand and popularize it throughout the country.

Interviewed also by our representative, the Editor of "The Review of Reviews" said that he had secured from

the scientist the exclusive right of handling the wonderful mixture for twelve months, beginning from the 1st of January next.

The mixture is to be supplied to him at the maximum rate of 3s. a gallon package in such quantities and at such times as he may need them.

"It is evident," explained Mr. Stead "that a method for revivifying agriculture has at last been discovered. If worked properly it will, I have no doubt, add millions to the value of our British soil. The object I have in view in taking in hand the scheme is of course, to give the widest publicity to it. I want to enable the maximum number of persons in a minimum of time to inoculate the largest possible area of poor land in order to increase the yield of food and to enrich the cultivator.

"Now the American price for an inferior article is thirty shillings. I propose to sell each set of packages that will produce one gallon of culture solution for six shillings. Half this amount will be paid to Dr. Bottomley and the other half devoted to advertising and pushing the sale. And if everything goes well and there is a surplus of culture solution I will give it for biological and botanical research.

To End Fifty Years of Piracy.

PEKIN, December 3.—The Imperial customs department, of which Sir Robert Hart is director general, setting aside previous objections, is now prepared to proceed with the policing of the West river according to the plans of Great Britain. In the face of much opposition from the officials of Kwangtung province, the department is pressing forward in its purpose to end fifty years of piracy.

Great Britain is showing a determination in the present crisis to effect a steady influence on the Chinese government, which is asking time to manage the angry provincials. An unexpected element in the situation is the fact that the Chinese newspapers today sent out broadcast the Times correspondent's London speech, which is optimistic on Chinese progress, encourages the control by China of its own and foreign interests in its own country and anticipates the withdrawal of foreign troops from China. The British newspapers published here condemn this optimism as unjustified. Three of the most prominent Englishmen in Pekin deprecate it severely and apprehend an aggravation of the sinister influences which the Japan-schooled Chinese are exercising over the people. It is the general opinion that the speech will become a weapon for anti-foreign crusaders.

Defends Captain of the Mount Temple.

ST. JOHN, December 3.—According to Captain B. Henry, of the Allan liner Sardinian, now in port, the officers of the wrecked steamer Mount Temple were not to blame for the steamer going on Ironbound Island. He gives as the causes of the accident, the dangerous currents which sweep around St. Margaret's Bay, the thick weather and the difficulty of casting the lead under the conditions which prevailed. He said:—

"I can understand the accident perfectly. I have been too often on the same coast myself to condemn anyone. There are powerful currents and with the high vessel, she would run rapidly ashore. It is hard to be casting leads frequently, as with a high sea running they are likely to be lost, and the captain would want a whole shift to make frequent soundings. The risk of men going overboard has to be run, and on my ship I have lost men trying to make soundings under the same conditions. While off the Nova Scotia coast I have let the Sardinian go, and she drifted forty or fifty miles within seven hours, parallel with the coast. Even before the gale struck him the Mount Temple captain was probably out of his course, and in that heavy south-east snow storm matters became worse. To save the leads and the lives of his men he was like-ly cautious as to the soundings, and he struck the rocks. I consider the rescue of the passengers a marvellous piece of work. To think that few could speak English and that a riot was prevented. The great handicap on those steamers is the fact that the passengers cannot understand orders, and the danger is great."

Wives Like House Dogs.

CHICAGO, December 7.—Sug- gestions for a declaration of indepen- dence by wives are made by Prof. Wil- liam L. Thomas, of the University of Chicago, sociologist and author of "Sex and Society.

He would have the women put away the old-fashioned ideal of marriage in- stead of their own mistresses, and think for themselves and have some kind of a clearing in the "jungle of conjugal responsibilities" in which they can stand on their own feet and be their own mistresses.

In an address before the Chicago Woman's Club upon "The Future of Marriage," Prof. Thomas sounded the liberty bell for wives by saying:—

"Still another ideal of marriage is a more varied set of interests for the wife. With the household as it is now made up it is not psychological-ly a good thing for one person to be dependent upon the will of another and solely attached to his interests. "No matter how perfectly a woman is educated in the school, she will not keep pace with men unless she has some concern for which she is primarily responsible."

"This does not amount to saying that she must be financially independ- ent, or a bread winner, though there is no objection to that. But her life demands some first hand reaction to the world for the sake of her charac- ter and intelligence.

"Under the pressure of natural selec- tion man made a tardy alliance with woman and the home in primi- tive times. He has used woman as a plaything, as a lay figure on which to hang his wealth; he has bought her cheap and bought her dear, but he has really never associated with her."

The speaker said that the wives men liked were of the house dog type, domestic animals, "docile, af- fectionate, friendly, uncomplaining."

"And in lending herself to this disposition," he said, "women has been pliant."

Encourage Clean Horse-Racing.

CHICAGO, December 6.—"En- courage good, clean horse racing and cut out all vulgar shows, and you will have better attendances all around," said Norman J. Colman, former lieutenant-governor of Mis- sissippi, at the convention of the Amer- ican Associations of Fairs and Ex- positions here last night.

"God so made man that he wants to see contests," Mr. Colman contin- ued. "He will stop in the street to witness a dog fight, and will watch two boys battle. Ministers of the Gospel and others of high moral tone will witness a horse race that is pure-ly a contest for speed for a purse, where there is no pool selling or other form of gambling.

"Nothing will draw so well as good, legitimate harness racing. The fair is no great educational insti- tution, and no education is complete without it. At college he merely gets a diploma. At the fair he is educated horticulturally, agricultural-ly and minerally. Let the boy study these things in the morning, and then, for the afternoon desert, give him some good, clean horse racing."

St. George's Baking Powder

—the baking powder that makes the best bread—the whitest Biscuits—the lightest, Cake and Pastry— you ever saw—

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Write for free copy of our new Cook-Book.

National Drug & Chemical Co. of Canada Limited, Montreal.

Labor Troubles at Glace Bay.

GLACE BAY, December 9.—This morning the P. W. A. delegates met and discussed the Dominion Coal company's two-wage schedule clause by clause for about three hours. This afternoon they met the company and went over the clauses with them for about the same length of time. The men stated that they would not sign a three years' contract, if doing so involved a reduction of the pillar men. It is stated in some quarters that men will apply for board of conciliation under the Lemieux act.

Later—General Manager Duggan will, this week, send a schedule slight-ly modified re wages, to Grand Secre- tary Moffatt, of the P. W. A., and this may lead to another conference. President James Ross was in town to- day but was not present at the con- ference according to expectation. The men are increased over the rais- ing in the price of coal which will, they claim, cost them more than at any other colliery in the province.

Carriages!

We still have a few new Carriages and several second hand Carriages on hand which we are anxious to close out. At the prices offered these second hand Carriages are genuine bargains, as they are in good repair and nearly as good as new.

We invite inspection.

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Furnace work and plumbing personally attended to at bottom prices.

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