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LOWEST PRICES.....

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The Dress Goods counter and you see new black and colored weaves by the yard and in separate dress lengths from 50c yd. to \$2.25

YOU GO TO

The Print counter and you see hundreds of new patterns in fine cambric finished. We have not one piece of print to show you that we had last season. How many stores can say that? The prices this season are the same as last, but the patterns and cloths are better, 5c, 8c, 10c, 12½c, 15c.

YOU GO TO

The Silk counter and you see elegance personified in the sweet colorings and designs of the season. New productions. Fancy French and Japan figured Silks, compete in the race for beauty. You can be the judge—prices are 25c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 85c.

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Just Received

Our first import shipment of this season. Dress Goods, Trimmings, Lace Curtains etc. Many rare novelties in Dress Goods that you will not see elsewhere.

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A Revolution In Wheels....

A. E. Ham & Co. having SECURED the sole control of the Canadian market for The Milwaukee Engineering Co's Bicycles. These wheels will be sold in Chatham at the ridiculous price of

..\$39 for Crests..

(Former Price \$65.00)

..\$49 for Columbians..

(Former Price \$85.00)

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Note Papers and Envelopes
Invitation Cards
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FINEST QUALITIES

In Diamonds
And Other
Precious
Stones.

In Medium-
Priced and
Fine Articles
of Jewelry.

In Jeweled
and Inexp-
ensive
Watches.

In Sterling
Silver Nov-
elties and
Elaborate
Pieces for
The Table.

In Art
Furniture

In Fine
Imported
Porcelain

In Foreign
and Ameri-
can Art
Glassware

Wright, Kay & Co.,
Jewellers and Importers of Gems and
Art Ware,
140 and 142 W. Woodward Avenue Det.

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Mens' Special for

99c

REGULAR \$1.50 GOODS....

Mens' Cordovan, either lace or gal-
sewed and nailed soles, toe caps, seam-
less sides.

This line was never sold in Chatham
for less than \$1.50.

Guaranteed All Solid

White Shoe Store

At This Price Only One Week



Children....

Are always wanting new shoes. Parents know in what an incredibly short time they wear 'em out—the ordinary kind. We have an EXTRA-ordinary kind—genuine wear resisters. They can only be secured at The Sign of the Big Clock.

ED. JORDAN

"THE ARK" The Spot Cash Store

DIRECT IMPORTATIONS OF
Dinner and Toilet Ware....

Just opened at "The Ark," the best English
ware in the city.
"Ridgeway and Doulton's"
semi-porcelain, "Enameled and Gold decorated"
"Harlequin" designs from \$20 up for 100 pieces
sets.
We have cheaper sets in brown, blue and por-
celain. 57 pieces sets for \$25.00, former price \$35.00.
In special decoration Toilet Sets for \$5.00
sets.
N. B.—On and after Monday, 9th, we close at 7
o'clock every evening except Saturdays and city
holidays before building.

H. Macalay 80 King Street

IS A SHAME

An Old Man Sick and Hungry.

Came From the Country to the City

And Took Refuge in the Police Station Because There was no County House of Refuge.

Apparently a repetition of the Dresden-Taylor case is taking place within the city at the present time. Last night an aged, white-haired and decrepit old man, suffering from an acute and painful attack of rheumatism applied to Chief of Police Young for a night's shelter in the station. The chief harbored him.

This morning he found the fellow suffering keenly from hunger, having ate nothing for over thirty six hours, and the chief purchased him a substantial lunch of bread and cheese. He was also accorded every comfort possible in his unfortunate surroundings, where he still remains.

CARROLL'S HISTORY.

"Where is your home?" the reporter asked the old man, who is very deaf.

"I haven't got a home," was the sad reply.

"I was born near Hope and lived for about 22 years at Strathroy. Then I came to this county and lived on a farm in Howard township for some years. Then I went to North Carolina, where I was two years and then I lived in Fremont, Neb., for nearly ten years. There I lost all I had. Then I came back to this country and worked out lately with farmers, latterly I was with Mr. Wilcox, down the river, but I am old now and cannot work as I used to."

"What are your plans?" the reporter queried.

"I don't know. I can do gardening and farming and believe I can help with the cultivating. Yes, I'd work willingly for my board and lodging. I didn't want to come here, but I was out in the rain and got the rheumatism. The chief has been very good to me."

From what can be learned of Carroll he should not be considered a vagrant. He has a good character and is willing to work at whatever he can do.

"I cannot read him up as a vagrant," said the chief. "But I am in a quandary as to how to deal with the unfortunate fellow. I only wish we had a county poor house where he could be sent."

ALL SPEAK STRONGLY.

Crown Attorney Douglas, was interviewed in reference to the case, and spoke strongly.

"It only impresses one with the early necessity of a poor house," he said. "Such cases as this are a disgrace to a Christian community."

Judge Woods and Police Magistrate Houston spoke in the same strain.

His Honor Judge Bell, who recently took such a strong interest in a similar case from Dresden, where an unfortunate was sentenced to six months' imprisonment as a vagrant, was seen by The Planet.

After learning the facts his Honor strongly reiterated his belief in the necessity of a poor house. "It seems hard to have such cases in a Christian land," he said, "and it is harder to know what can be done. I would suggest, however, that the reeve of the township where he has last been lodged correspond with in reference to the case. It may be that the township will do nothing, but they should at least have to incur the responsibility of refusal. Meaningless I have no doubt the unfortunate will be as well looked after by Chief Young as the present temporary circumstances admit."

PROSPECTS GOOD.

Mr. Rutherford's Opinion of the Proposed Electric Route.

He went over it with Mr. Rankin and At. Sulman—Says There is Money in It.

Speaking to The Planet of his trip yesterday afternoon Adam Rutherford, the electric railroad magnate, from Hamilton, said to-day, "I can only tell you that we went over the greater part of the proposed route in company with Mr. Rankin and At. Sulman, and Watt, and my judgment upon the enterprise is that it ought to be a success."

The proposed road will prove an immense benefit to the country and to the city. It will be, in short, a street railway running through the country. It is proposed to run the cars every hour.

"The enterprise will then be pushed ahead," the reporter asked.

"If the council carry out their proposals I think there is no doubt of it. I believe it will be a profitable enterprise alike to the municipality and shareholders. The country route is exceptionally promising and I am convinced the road will go on."

MR. WILSON'S INTERVIEW.

Planet News: The Chatham Planet publishes an interesting interview with Mr. Matthew Wilson, Q. C., who has just returned from a trip to the Southern States. Mr. Wilson remarked upon the large number of Chatham filling important positions on the other side. He visited some of the law courts, and gained the impression that trials are conducted much more slowly there than here.

A GREAT DISCOVERY.

Edison Renders the Human Body Transparent—He may even Cure the Blind.

New York, Feb. 12.—Thomas A. Edison announces a discovery that goes beyond the limitations of the wonderful fluoroscope. He has at last found crystals that will transform the strange rays discovered by Roentgen into a light that will make every organ of the human body transparent, and every delicate tissue distinctly visible. It is even said there may be no more blindness.

In speaking of his work, Mr. Edison relates an interesting story of his experiments with the various chemicals, which he says furnish a boundless field for research. The number of possible combinations—such chemicals run into hundreds of millions.

"There is no doubt that the fluoroscope will become an instrument of great value to the surgeon. It will enable him to make an accurate diagnosis of the internal organs," said Mr. Edison.

LET HIM PRACTICE

Dr. Cornell Doesn't Curl With Scrub Amateurs.

If John Lee, of Highgate, Will go and Beat Somebody First he may Give Him a Flatch.

John Lee, of Highgate, has a wonderful amount of pretension," said Dr. G. W. Cornell to The Planet last evening, drawing himself up in a lofty, Champion James J. Corbett attitude. "I shall certainly pay no attention to his arrogant challenge."

"The idea," the doctor went on warmly as the nerve of the Highgate man's proposal seemed to strike him. "The idea of John Lee having the presumption to challenge me! I shall take no notice of him. If he wants to curl me, let him first go out and beat somebody; let him go to work and earn a reputation, and then I may communicate him. I cannot afford to waste my time and patience walloping every scrub and amateur that has the presumption to challenge me."

"I have only this to say," added the doctor. "I am always ready to meet and take the conceit out of any legitimate claimant for curling championship honors, but, as I said before, I cannot condescend to notice every ambitious amateur who imagines himself fit for championship circles. Let John Lee, of Highgate, go out and beat someone, let him go out and earn a reputation other than by long-winded newspaper challenges, and I will meet him; but not till then."

THINKS HE CAN CURL.

D. J. McDonald, the much-maligned proprietor of the C. P. R. hotel, still declares that he can curl. Ald. Mounteer to the contrary notwithstanding.

"How did," says McDonald, "he so seldom defeat anyone that I'm afraid his recent victory has made him worse. His support did the playing, but Ed. himself has been the man."

But there are two two sides to every curling stone. As a curler, McDonald is a good deal of a curler. He has been sufficiently recovered to again imagine he can curl. Now, he should confine himself to playing curling big challenges to Scotchmen, and do all their best playing through the columns of the newspapers. But when he talks of entering into a contest with folks who can curl, he shows—well, let's call it lack of discretion.

And those who heard the genial alderman unburden himself wondered whether or not he had any reference to John Lee, of Highgate, and his barrel of flour for the home.

BONTAUX EVIL EYE

It Once Rested on the Count de la Ferronnays

And he Dropped Dead—his Widow Loses Her Fortune in Gambling.

Paris, Feb. 12.—The news that the Countess De La Ferronnays, whose salon was one of the foremost in Paris, had squandered her large fortune in Stock Exchange gambling, fell like a thunderbolt on Parisian society. She was a shrewd woman of the world, with birth, position and talent, and seemingly the last person to desire to gamble. She has retired to the provinces, where she will live on the pension of a friend.

The incident recalls the tragic death of her husband, who was a friend of the Count de Chambord. One day, in arranging the invitations for a hunting party, the count suggested to De La Ferronnays to invite M. Bontaux, who was a celebrated engineer, and afterwards conducted a propaganda, which did the Royalists a great deal of harm.

Do you not know that M. Bontaux has the evil eye?" Ferronnays asked.

No, I have not heard the story," replied Chambord.

"Well, it is a strange fact that, whenever he has been present at any party, one of the members of that party has died the same day."

"Invite him—invite him, by all means," said Chambord, lightly. "Perhaps he will turn his evil eye on me, and I shall die."

"Rather upon me," said Ferronnays. M. Bontaux was invited. When returning from the hunt Count De La Ferronnays dropped dead in Chambord's carriage.

HOG CHOLERA STAMPED OUT

But Quarantine will still be Enforced for Four Counties.

It was thought that after Dr. McEachern, government inspector, had reported that hog cholera had been stamped out, quarantine restrictions would be raised and the farmers would be enabled to dispose of their hogs. Such is not the intention of the authorities at Ottawa and the quarantine will be continued until spring. "Part of the counties of Essex, Kent, Elgin and Middlesex are all included in this order. It is claimed by the agricultural department that the disease has never been thoroughly stamped out and that this kind such precautions will be taken that there will be no danger of its return next fall.

ALL AGREE

On Having a Market House Library.

Board Meets Ald. Mounteer's Committee.

Willing to pay \$300 a Year Rent—Old Plans to be Overhauled.

At the joint meeting of the Library Board and the Market Committee, held last evening, there were present Capt. Smith, chairman, and Messrs. Davis, Thibodeau and Patterson, representing the library board, and Ald. Mounteer, Lewis and Carpenter, of the city council. Ald. Mounteer was moved to the chair.

The erection of a new market building, the upper story to be used as a public library was thoroughly discussed, and the plans received last year were considered.

All were in favor of the proposal, and declared it advisable in the interests of the people. Necessary alterations will be made in the plans which will be seen about at once, and it is hoped to have the required by-law ready for presentation to the ratepayers by the middle of March.

The notion which summed up the business of the meeting was as follows:

Moved by H. A. Patterson, seconded by I. L. Davis, that after a conference with the Market Committee of the city council and having heard their proposition to give the Chatham Public Library quarters of about 3,000 square feet divided as shown on the plan, the members of the Library board agree to pay a rental of \$300 per annum for such quarters. The Library board to do their own heating at their own expense, but all fittings, fixtures and heating apparatus to be furnished by the city of Chatham.

WHAT SIN IS.

Rev. Mr. Moore Defines It—Often Condemned by Christians.

Evangelist Moore was greeted with an attentive audience last evening who listened eagerly to his sermon on 1st John 4: 3. Sin was, he said, a small word but big with meaning and affects each and all of us. He classified sin under the heads of open and secret; presumption and ignorance; omission and commission; venial and mortal; and gave vivid illustrations of each class showing that while the variety is great the real nature of each is the same—hideous, obnoxious, damnable in its essential character. The world today and Christians also minimize and condone sin, calling it by mild terms, dressing it in rosy colors, but in God's sight the least sin is greater than the greatest sin in our estimation. Sin is universal and deceptive, it comes in the guise of a friend but is our enemy, a deceiver and a destroyer as is the beautiful but deadly Judas tree.

In his application of the subject he showed that sin and Christ cannot be held by the same individual. As Bunyan well said, we must either hold our sins and go to hell or forsake our sins and go to heaven. What, now, said he, is the remedy? There is but one, the remedy appointed by God, namely: the atonement wrought for us and finished for us by Jesus Christ.

This afternoon at 4.15 Evangelist Moore will address the younger people. Parents are urged to send their children to such meetings and pray for the work. Regular service this evening at 7.45. Strangers are cordially invited.

THE FUND IS \$47,575.

Amounts From the Various Cities—Lord Aberdeen's Check.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—Lord Aberdeen sent his check to the deputy minister of finance to-day for \$1,000 to the Indian famine fund. The total amount of the fund now is \$47,575. Of this amount Mr. Courtney has sent on to the sufferers \$31,466. The amounts from various cities were:

Toronto, \$5,608.

Winnipeg, \$5,000.

Montreal, \$32,497.

Hamilton, \$3,106.

Quebec, \$1,553.

Halifax, \$1,280.

Ottawa, \$607.

Chatham.

Mayor Bingham's fund for Ottawa, which amounts to about \$1,500 is not included in the above. Mr. Fielding gave \$50.

B. L. WAS IN FRENCH.

Farmer Goodell Guessed at his Order and got Potatoes in five Styles.

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 12.—Farmer Goodell, Wayne county's granger representative, has worn a pale countenance since he returned from the trip to the Newberry asylum. He came by way of Chicago. While there he went to a restaurant where the bill of fare was printed in French. He could read the prices in French, but he could not read the bill of fare, so he went by the prices alone in ordering. He marked an article.

He brought him potatoes.

He marked another.

"What do you suppose they brought me?" he asked. "Why, more potatoes."

"I marked five different dishes and got five dishes of frites, all cooked in a different way, and they told me those were what I ordered. It was just because I couldn't read the damn French bill."

But Farmer Goodell doesn't propose to fall asleep over any more French bills of fare, at least in Michigan. He is getting a bill ready imposing a penalty on hotel and restaurant keepers if they print bills in French or other languages.