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Cool Fabrics for Summer Wear

White Lawn
Swiss Spot Muslins
Piques
Organdies

Linen Crash
Duck Suiting
Grenadines
Foulard Silks

EXTRAORDINARY VALUES

Muslins

About 25 pieces, in nice colorings, including many extra fine Scotch, French and American designs, worth 25c and 30c yard, your choice at.....12c yd

Shirt Waists

Some very pretty ones among them, in blue and pink stripes, with white all over lace or embroidery, your choice at.....HALF PRICE

American Percalés

For Children's dresses, Ladies' light wrappers, aprons, shirt waists, etc., full yard wide, regular price 10c yd., your choice at.....6c yd

Finest

American Percalés, full yard wide, in the newest designs for shirt waists, etc., regular price 17c, your choice at.....12c yd

A FEW CASES OF AUTUMN HOMESPUN SUITING OPENED TO-DAY

Suiting Special

66 inch Homespuns, in greens, browns, grays and blacks, at.....\$1.25 and \$1.35 yd
And an extra special line, same width as above at.....65c yd

Camel's Hair Suiting

54 inches wide, in grays, browns, blues, elegant finish, extra fine cloth, special at.....\$1.25 yd

Thomas Stone & Son Direct Importers
78 and 80 King St.

A man will find

everything in furnishings in this complete shop of ours; he'll not only find what he wants, but find it right. First in fashion, first in quality, first in variety is always true at The 2 T's. We believe in the superiority of our furnishing department, and you'll believe in it, too, if you make its acquaintance. For your vacation wear we've every necessary article.

Negligee Shirts

New arrivals of the past week are beauties—all new designs and colorings. Some were intended by the makers for next year's business—you'll find 'em in every line. They're all perfect fitting shirts—that's the only kind that guarantees comfort and that's our kind. Don't care what your wants in Negligee Shirts are we can fill them. The 50c line is full and at \$1 we have the biggest lot in the city; others at \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Underwear

We are very, very particular about fitting a man perfectly in underwear—a perfect fit is necessary for comfort these summer days.

Balbriggans at 50c a garment and silk at \$1.00 are the two extremes—at prices between we've wool, silk and lisle, in fact every kind of good underwear.

Belt. Fancy Hosiery. Gait Hose.

Neckwear

There's not another store in town makes a finer display. These handsome designs in blue, red and white Runcunla silk four-in-hands are quite the correct scarf now for negligee wear—a great and exclusive variety of them—50c is their selling price.

Washable string ties, 15c and 25c.
Silk string ties, 25c and 50c.

The 2 T's

Slater Shoe Agents

JOHN NORTHWAY & CO.

"THE BUSY STORE"

JOHN NORTHWAY & CO.

New Dress Goods Overture

The curtain is still up on the Dress Goods event, but the new goods are in active rehearsal behind the scenes. Some are in sight. To-morrow (Thursday) we will be ready. Rich novelties, extra fine wools and silks and wools, the handsomest collection that ever graced our store, master makers of the most famous French, English and German loom artists. They will be easy to see to sell, easy to buy.

CURTAIN RAISERS

3 pos. only, Bicycle Suitings, in reseda, fawn and gray, 42 in. wide, fine firm finish, worth 60c, special at.....**39c**
10 pos. Black and Navy Serges, in cashmere, twill, Victoria twill and storm serge, 44 to 46 in. wide, worth 60c to 65c, very special.....**48c**
7 pos. All-wool French Poplin, black and newest spring shades, 42 in. wide, special.....**39c**
Fine Ways, 44 in. All-wool French Tweeds, for suits and dresses, natty styles, special at.....**65c**
15 pos. New Lustres, Brilliantines, Fancy Figures, Matalasse, Crepons, Etc., all at reduced prices, 32c, 36c, 48c and.....**58c**
20 pos. New All-wool Covert Amazons, in black including all the new pearl gray, drab, pastel, mode and chocolate shades, 44, 48 and 50 in. wide, at 60c, 75c, \$1.00 and.....**\$1.25**

3 pos. Fine Silk Mixtures, in pearl gray, Nile green and kedet blue, 46 in. wide, worth 65c, special at.....**39c**
3 pos. only, Bicycle Suitings, 40 in. wide, in fawn mixed, gray mixed and brown mixed, good firm cloth, special at.....**19c**
Sheppard's Plaids, in blue and white, black and white, brown and white and coust and white, 42 in., good firm finish, worth 40c, special at.....**25c**
5 pos. only, Light Tweed Dress Goods, 42 in. wide, worth 20c, choice to clear at.....**9c**
8 pos. Plain and Fancy Figured Lustres, good silk finish, lovely goods, 42 in. wide, worth 35c, special at.....**23c**

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DETROIT.

KILLED BY AN AXE

An Old Man's Wedding Stopped
by a Frigate

His Son Says He Fell on the Triple-
ment but the Authorities Doubt
the Story.

London, Ontario, July 25.—The village of Arva, about four miles north of this city, is the scene of a mysterious tragedy, which may yet prove a case of murder. About three weeks ago a middle-aged farmer named Joseph Sifton, who lived at lot 16, concession 5, London township, on the Proof Line road, was said to have been killed by a fall from the gable end of his barn. His only son, Gerald Sifton, a man about 30 years of age, is the only authority for the nature of the alleged accident, and his story is that about eight o'clock in the morning he was knocking some boards off the gable end of the barn under his father's directions, who was in the yard below.

The old man did not like the way the boards were coming off, and taking an axe climbed up the inside of the barn to finish the job himself. At the first blow on the beam the son says his father lost his balance and fell to the ground, a distance of 25 feet. The axe in some manner fell with him, and inflicted injuries on his head which proved fatal in a few hours, the victim never regaining consciousness. The hired boy, who was in the other end of the barn, did not see the accident, but heard his son shout, and came out to find the old man lying on the ground with the axe under his head. Dr. McNeill, of Arva, was summoned, but could do nothing for the injured man, and in regular course the burial certificate was given, and the remains laid away in the family plot at Arva.

ALLEGED THREATS.

The more tragic part of the story is yet to be told. The old man met his death on his wedding day, he having all arrangements made to enter the matrimonial state for the third time in his life. The bride of his choice was a young girl by the name of Mary McFarlane, who was many years the junior of her affianced. The wedding on the night previous, and the statement is made by quite a number that he approved the marriage would never take place as long as he was alive to prevent it. Although an only child, it is alleged that he never got along well with his father, and on this account it was thought but natural that he should be harsh in his remarks as to the wedding.

These outspoken remarks, together with the fact that the marriage would probably bring other claimants for the old man's fortune, have caused the relatives and others to somewhat doubt the story of the tragedy, and High Constable McLeod was asked to make an investigation. After two or three days' quiet work he notified the Attorney-General's department, and Monday Inspector John Murray, in charge of the case, Inspector Murray, Constable McLeod, and Stenographer Coe, of London, went out to Arva Monday and took the depositions of a number of witnesses taken into custody.

The dead man, Joseph Sifton, was a well-known man, whose previous matrimonial ventures did not bring him happiness. His second wife was separated from him for a number of years before her death, which took place in a tragic manner, she being burned to death at her son's home, at Port Stanley. The old man owned nearly 700 acres of land, two hundred of which he had given to his son Gerald. The balance was to be given to his son, but it is said this will was to have been changed when the proposed marriage took place.

Orders for bookbinding should be left at The Planet Office. It is surprising how nice a volume can be made of magazines, even though they are somewhat soiled from much handling. Books, magazines, or periodicals bound or rebound in any style at very reasonable prices.

HELD AS HOSTAGES

British Believe That is the Status
of Pekin Foreigners.

London, July 25.—One month to the day has elapsed since Sir Robert Hart, director of the Chinese maritime customs, smuggled out of Pekin the last piece of news that appeals authoritatively to Europe, and apparently the only method by which the Chinese court can vindicate its veracity here is to transmit another autograph message from some equally authoritative source. Admittedly the Tsung li yamen (Chinese foreign office) possesses facilities to set all doubts at rest.

FROM SIR CLAUDE

A Message Has Been Received
Dated July 4.

But London Still Believes in the Story
of the Massacre.

London, July 25.—The Foreign Office has received a despatch from the British Consul at Tien Tsin, dated Saturday, July 21, stating that he had just received a letter from Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister at Pekin, dated July 4th, appealing for relief. There were enough provisions at the legation to last a fortnight, the letter said, but the garrison was unequal to the task of holding out against a determined attack for many days. There had been 44 deaths and about double that number wounded. The foreign office, thinks the despatch does not affect the main question of the reported massacre of members of the legations at Pekin.

STILL BELIEVE IN A MASSACRE.

London, July 25, 4 a. m.—Sir Claude MacDonald's message, dated July 4, appealing for relief, is regarded in London as only a prelude to the absolute confirmation of the massacre. This is the opinion also of the Japanese minister here. The newspapers suggest that the British ministers' despatch was held back and released at the same time as Mr. Conger's undated message. Although the British and foreigners are working harmoniously, the question of means of communication between Pekin and Taku give evidence of jealousies between the powers, and other despatches from Tien Tsin show that the language difficulty has been hampering the military operations. A despatch, dated July 14, and from Tien Tsin, describing the fighting, says: "Col. Lepaut mistook the road, and was nearly isolated. Gen. Dorwood, on a premature report from the Japanese commandant, ordered a general advance, which proved a costly occurrence. Much valuable time was lost and the messengers between Gen. Fukushima and Gen. Dorwood did not understand each other's language."

The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Daily Mail says that when the Chinese regulars saw the Boxers, who led the attack, being killed, they began to retreat. He asserts that the admirals have decided that it would be useless to move toward Pekin without at least 60,000 men.

MAKES ONE WEARY

To Read of Admirals in Chinese
Waters Haggling Over Salutes.

London, July 25.—The Globe's naval correspondent at Taku writes: "Admiral Kempff has raised a storm in the Tsung li yamen, and is in command of the station, and thus entitled to eleven guns as rear admiral, and this was recently given him by the Endymion at Yokohama. He claimed thirteen guns, stating that no American admiral got eleven guns, their values being:—Full admiral, 17, vice-admiral 15, rear admiral 13. To his protest Rear-Admiral Kempff was informed that the captain of the Endymion would give him as many guns as he wanted, if there was sufficient powder on the ship, but until they published their regulations we had to go by ours. The Orlando (British armored cruiser) arriving at Taku knew nothing of this squabble, and rubbed it in by saluting the Chinese rear-admiral with thirteen guns, then the Russian rear-admiral with thirteen, and then the United States rear admiral with eleven. Whether the Chinese made a mistake, or a delicate hint was intended, the Newark had the good taste to return thirteen."

COST OF KILLING A CAT.

Sarola Observer:—His Honor Judge MacWatt has handed down his decision in the Brigden cat case in effect, sustaining the appeal against the magistrate's decision, awarding the original complainant in the case, J. Armstrong, \$50 for a cat killed by defendant, Collier. His Honor sustained the conviction of Collier for cruelty in killing the cat and approved of the fine imposed and awarded, but considered the damages awarded, \$50, as excessive, reducing the amount to \$10, cost of magistrate's court and appeal to be paid by appellant, Collier. Hanna & Barnham for appellant; E. Meredith, London, for Kittymaster & Gard, for respondent.

LONDON EN FETE.

Big Bowling Tournament Obtains
a Large and Representative
Entry List.

The Maple City Rinks Both Won
Yesterday—S. J. Sutherland
Re-elected as Chief
Officer.

The annual tournament of the Western Ontario Lawn Bowling Association was begun on the grounds of the London Bowling Club at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Nearly one hundred bowlers from outside points are in attendance, and all that is required to make the tourney a great success is fine weather. Clinton, Petrolia, Chatham, Dresden, Blenheim, Seaford, Stratford, Mitchell, Paris, Toronto and Woodstock are among the places represented. The prizes this year are much superior to those offered in the past, including four gold medals, donated by Mr. J. S. Sutherland, of Chatham, honorary president of the association, for the winners of the trophy, and the contests will accordingly be keenly contested. A large number of ladies were present yesterday afternoon, and evinced quite an interest in the play. Bowling was begun at 2 o'clock with the preliminary round of the trophy match, and there was no less than 32 rinks, or 128 bowlers, on the sixteen greens—the largest number in the history of the association.

Both Chatham rinks were successful in winning the primary events as follows:—
Trophy Match—Preliminary Round.

London, John Henderson, skip 18
Geo Sutherland, D.A. Hutchinson, skip 18
De English, J.S. Black, skip 18
T Alexander, skip 9. N.H. Stevens, skip 18
Goderich—D.S. Strachan (skip) defaults to Chatham—D.J. O'Keefe, R.G. Fleming, W.A. Thrasher, J. Sowerby (skip).

The annual meeting of the association was held in the Tecumseh House in the evening, many of the bowlers being present. After confirmation of the minutes of the preceding meeting and the passing of the accounts, the applications of the following clubs for affiliation were accepted:—Detroit, Petrolia, Stratford, Toronto (Canada) and Harrison. Upon motion it was decided to hold the next tournament in 1901 in this city, the date to be fixed by the executive committee, to conflict as little as possible with other tournaments. The following officers were elected:

Honorary President—S. J. Sutherland, Chatham, re-elected.
Patron—D.W. Kern, Woodstock.
Chaplain—Rev John F. Kerrin, Mitchell.
President—John Ransford, Clinton.
First Vice-President—R.L. Gossnell, Blenheim.
Second Vice-President—J. McMichael, Seaford, re-elected.
Secretary—J. Mattinson, London.

Auditor—J.S. McDougall and J.H. Brown, London.

On motion of A.S. Wignmore, seconded by D.W. Kern, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring secretary-treasurer and to J.S. McDougall for the good work done by them in the interests of the association.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring president, Col. Macbeth, for very efficient services rendered the association, and a hearty vote was tendered to Mr. S. J. Sutherland, the honorary president of the association, for donating the four gold medals as prizes for the winners of the trophy at this year's tournament.

CAN YOU TELL WHY

You have constant headaches, are nervous and sleepless at night and feel tired in the morning? Your blood isn't carrying the right materials. Begin taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood enricher, and you will soon realize a change. You will feel better and stronger, will relish your food and enjoy refreshing sleep.

Nausea, indigestion are cured by Hood's Pills.

A Dressy Couple—A pair of \$3.50 Slater Shoes and a \$2.50 Barrington Hat. The 2 T's.

Men's Washing Flannel Pants, \$2.75, at The 2 T's.

Don't Cook the Cook!

BUT BUY YOUR

SUMMER STOVES

—AT—

"The Ark"

Blue Flame Coal Oil Stoves, 2 burners, at.....\$7.00
(Economical and easy to operate)
Famous Gas Ranges.....\$15.00
(Once tried, always used)
Tin Tea Kettles.....15c, 25c and 30c
Clover Leaf Saucepans, something new, enamelled, per set.....\$1 and \$1.35
Heavy Tin, per set......85c
3 burner Coal Oil Stoves.....\$1.25
1 burner Coal Oil Stoves......60c

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