



Everybody shops, even FATHER!



"MOTHER" Seriously considers suitable purchases to please everyone!



"THE SCHOOL GIRL" Beams with delight at happy prospects!



"THE BOY" Is full of joyful anticipation!

An Epoch in Our History

FATHER CHRISTMAS gave us a great send-off last week with the multitudinous goods he specially provided and collected from across seas and continents for the patrons of the Great Emporium of the Great West. He is always careful and considerate when imposing his commissions for the distribution of those good things that bring warmth even to the most cheerless of homes and hearts. It is the time of goodwill, and he insists that no one shall be overlooked. Relatives and friends alike have a claim, and, without doubt, the old fellows commission has not devolved upon us by a mere rash selection. He has borne in mind that for years we have successfully coped with a Christmas trade without parallel in Western Canada. During the past week the old fellow has been kept well posted with the doings at Spencer's. He has been charmed with the joys and pleasures that have prevailed in every department of our store. We decided to hold back his last message until today. Here it is:—

"I am gratified to learn how well my directions have been executed in the supply of seasonable goods that have poured and continue to pour into your establishment, on behalf of the thousands who have, and must continue to enter your store. The joyful results that everywhere are apparent very amply repay me for the responsible commission I conferred! For the remaining Thirteen Shopping Days I have decided upon the following innovations, commencing tomorrow:—

- 1.—Your great store to remain open until 9.30 every evening, in order to dispose of the Mecca of gifts that await thousands;
- 2.—The installation of an orchestra upon the 3rd floor to play selections from 7.30 to 9.30. This will harmonize with the holiday spirit and feeling of goodwill that exists at this festive season;
- 3.—For the particular pleasure of your numerous patrons it has been decided, every evening, to offer certain goods at bargain prices. Announcements of these special goods shall be made in the daily press from day to day.
- 4.—Seeing that many of your patrons may be somewhat perplexed in making selections for the various members of their families from the great volume of goods you now possess, I have prepared an abbreviated list of suggestions that I trust will prove of some value and assistance. Kindly publish this list today.

Fare ye all well during the coming week!

FATHER CHRISTMAS

The Bazaar and Fancy Goods Fair

(Third Floor) is simply a Mecca of Toys, Dolls, Games and Fancy Goods, suitable for presentation to young and old. All the latest mechanical toys that human ingenuity can contrive, every conceivable article of amusement for the little ones, and every imaginable article for older folk. An attempt to adequately describe this galaxy of desirable Christmas Gifts would be almost impossible. We have made a few selections for our second announcement.

Wooden horses, 25c to 75c; bleating sheep, 50c to \$1.50; cows mooing, 75c to \$2; elephants with heads in motion, 75c; donkeys braying, \$1; horses and wagons, 50c to 75c; pastry sets, 50c; musical rollers, 25c to 75c; musical tops, 65c; draught boards and men, 25c; pyramid blocks, 25c; ordinary blocks, 25c to \$1; drawing slates, 10c to 75c; paint boxes, 15c to 50c; paint boxes with lock and key, 75c to \$1.75; magic lanterns, \$1.35 to \$2; conjuring tricks, 35c to \$1; the great naval game, "Tops", \$2; drums, from 25c to \$1.50; soldiers, firemen and police outfits, from 35c to 75c; dolls from 5c to \$12.50

Little Girl's two chairs and tables, at each \$3 and \$2; wash stands for dollies, each \$1.50; iron bedstead with mattress, from 25c to \$1.50; parlor sets at, each, \$1, 50c and 35c; all-wood dogs, at each, \$1, 75c and 25c; sewing machines at, each, \$3 and \$5; shops complete, grocery, butcher, etc., at each, 75c and \$1.50; iron bedstead with mattress, from 25c to \$1.50; parlor sets at, each, \$1, 50c and 35c; all-wood dogs, at each, \$1, 75c and 25c; sewing machines at, each, \$3 and \$5; shops complete, grocery, butcher, etc., at each, 75c and \$1.50



"JACK" Must have "the best" for "her."



"HER" Dreams of "Jack" and happiness!

"Father's Choice" is Serviceable

SMOKING JACKETS in brocaded silks and velvets, with silk collars and cuffs, all colors and shades, \$22.50 down to \$12.50
 BATH ROBES in greys and browns, silk trimmed, ranging from \$12.50
 TIES—A large assortment of ties, both bright and quiet shades, \$2.50 down to 25c
 BUFFET—Beautiful golden oak, with leaded glass fronts
 DRESS CASES in all qualities down to 75c, 10 and \$12.50
 CIGARS, Fancy Boxes for \$5.00 down to \$1.50
 PAPER RACKS in all varieties, each \$1.50
 SMOKING SETS—Various qualities, \$5.00, \$2.50 and \$1.50
 WRITING CASES IN LEATHER, \$15 down to \$1.00
 ANGLING, ETC.—"American Food and Game Fishes," by David Starr Jordan, each \$4.00
 BRACES—Colored, in gift boxes, silk web, kid ends, silver mountings, \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00
 PERRIN'S FUR-LINED GLOVES, \$1.50 down to \$1.00
 SLIPPERS—In deer skin, at each \$2.00. Felt and leather \$1.50
 SUIT CASES AND HAND-BAGS—In leather, fitted with sterling silver mounts, toilet accessories, also unfitted, at each, \$55 down to \$5.00
 RUGS FOR TRAVELING, in pleasing tartan shades, from \$9.00 down to \$3.50

"Mother's Wish" would be

ROSE—Silk and Lace, splendid qualities, from \$5.00 down to \$2.50
 SLIPPERS—Knitted Slippers, lamb's wool sole, at each pair, \$1.50 and \$1.25. Low cut, fur top, at each pair, \$1.00. Flannel-lined, at each pair, \$1.25
 EMBROIDERED LINEN CUFFS—A set, from \$1.50 down to 35c
 COLLARS AND CUFFS—Fancy turned, at each 75c
 EAU DE COLOGNE and other perfumes, from 50c
 FANS—Fancy Chiffon and Lace Fans, in black and white, from, each, \$2.50
 FANS—Feather Fans, at each, \$5.00 and \$4.50
 GLOVE AND HANDKERCHIEF CASES, Handkerchief embroidery, at each, \$1.35 and 75c
 CUSHION COVERS in tapestry, with frills, at each \$1.50
 LITHOGRAPH CUSHION TOPS, at each, 50c and 25c
 ROBES—Satin, etc., from \$50.00 down to \$3.75. Extra special robes, lace and sequin, at each, \$75, \$90 and \$100. Black silk peau de soie, per yard, from \$2.00 to \$1.00
 SHAWLS—Ladies' Cream and Black Silk, deep fringe, at each \$4.50 down to \$2.00
 CABINET—Dainty for parlor, to hold choice bric-a-brac, china, etc., at each, \$45.00, \$19.50 and \$12.50
 WORK BASKETS—Fitted complete, beautifully lined, \$15.00 down to \$5.50

"Jack" should have

KIT-BAGS, HAND-BAGS AND GRIPS, all newest shapes, \$32.00 down to \$4.50
 BRACES in fancy silks for embroidery, at each, \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00
 SOCKS in Cashmere, colored in lovely shades, at each, 75c, 85c and 50c
 GLOVES—Fine Kid, Dosskin and Suede, walking and dress wear, at each, \$1.50 and \$1.00
 HANDKERCHIEFS—Colored borders, at each, 50c
 HANDKERCHIEFS—In silk, directly imported, all newest borders and colors, 75c to 25c
 WATCH CHAINS, CUFF LINKS, STUDES, ETC.—From 25c to 5c
 MUFFLERS—In silk and satin, lined with white satin, \$2.00 down to 85c
 TIES—Brocaded and plain silks, all newest shapes, Derby, Four-in-Hands, Ascot and Bowstring Ties, dark and light shades, at \$2.50 and \$2.00
 VESTS, FANCY—All the latest and newest, \$5.75 down to \$2.00
 BOOKCASE, SECTIONAL—Quarter cut oak, each section, according to size, \$5.00, \$3.90 and \$2.50
 SHAVING CABINETS—In solid oak \$5.00, one with beveled mirror \$8.00
 CIGARETTE BOX—In oak with bronze fittings, at each \$2.50
 DRESSING CASES, from each \$2.25
 GLASSES, FOLDING—For shaving, \$1.50
 SLIPPERS—In fancy leather, at each, \$1.50 and \$1.25

Gifts for "Her" must be of the Best

GROSSMITH'S PERFUMES in glass bottles, packed in fancy boxes, \$1.50 to 50c
 COLGATE'S CELEBRATED PERFUMES in all leading odors, prices from \$3.50 down to 35c
 MIRROR'S FANCY HAND, from \$2.50 down to 50c
 CHATELAIN PURSES, in gilt, oxidized, from \$2.50 down to 75c
 HAND SACHETS—Embossed and oxidized, in great variety, from 25c to 75c
 PURSES AND WRIST BAGS, from 75c to \$4.50
 WRITING DESKS in quarter cut oak mahogany finish, prices from \$2.50 down to \$12.50
 GLOVE AND HANDKERCHIEF BOXES from \$2.50 down to 25c
 MANICURE SETS in plush, velvet and silver, prices \$10.00 down to 50c
 HANDKERCHIEFS—Hemstitched at each, \$2.50 and 25c. Ladies' silk, hemstitched initial, prices 35c and 25c. Real lace and Maltese, from \$2.50 to 20c
 ROBES—For evening wear, in lace, etc., from \$50 to \$6.75
 LADIES' GLOVES—For evening wear, lace and suede, white and pastel, at each, \$2.75 down to \$1.75. Ladies' fleece and fur lined kid gloves, each \$1.75 and \$1.00
 PURS—Mink stole and collarettes, from, each, \$12.50 to \$15.00
 MINK AND ERMINE COLLAR-ETTES at each \$37.50

"A Boy" desires

MAGIC LANTERNS, at each, \$1.75 and \$1.25
 AUTOMOBILES, from \$15.00 down to 25c
 BOYS' UNDERWEAR
 Special line in Boys' Vests and Drawers at each, 25c to 70c
 Heavy Weight All-wool Vest and Drawers, at each, 45c and 60c
 Boys' Fleece-Lined Vest and Drawers, at each, 25c to 50c
 SLIPPERS—Kid Slippers at each, \$1.25, \$1.00 and 85c
 BOYS' POPULAR SWEATERS—New colors, brown, green, grey, red and white, at each 50c
 HANDKERCHIEFS—Twilled silk, at each, 75c and 50c
 BOYS' THREE-PIECE SUITS—A number of Boys' Single and Double Breasted Three-Piece Suits, large assortment in tweeds, actual value \$5.50, each \$3.25
 These suits are well made and complete and form a valuable investment for the boy
 PHONOGRAPHS, at each, \$2.75 and \$2.00. Records, hundreds to choose from, at each 35c
 BOATS, mechanically propelled, \$5.75
 RAILWAYS, complete, at each, \$5.00 down to \$2.50
 ELECTRIC TRAINS, at each, \$8.75
 CONJURING TRICKS, at each, 10c, 25c and \$1.00
 HENTY'S BOOKS FOR BOYS—"By Sheer Pluck," a tale of the Ashanti War, and other books by Henty, prices from \$1.25 to 25c

"A School Girl" is happy with

LACE ROBES—For evening wear, from \$50 down to \$6.75
 MUSIC CABINET—Solid mahogany, with pivot swing compartment, \$25.00
 INKSTANDS—In all varieties, \$5.00 to 50c
 MUSIC CASES in leather, prices, each, from \$2.50 down to \$1.00
 BRUSH AND COMB SETS—Each, from \$5.00 to \$1.00
 NEEDLE CASES—Each, from 25c
 TRAVELING BAGS—From, each, \$10 down to \$5.00
 PURSES—With chains, with floral designs, each only 75c
 SILK BLOUSES for evening wear, in cream, pale blue, grey, pink and all shades, \$17.50 down to \$3.75
 PIN CUSHIONS—Fancy, from, each, \$1.50 down to 35c
 GLOVE AND HANDKERCHIEF BOXES—Very pretty, from, each, \$1.25 down to 75c
 HANDKERCHIEFS—Scalloped embroidered handkerchiefs, from, each, \$2.50 down to 25c
 FURS—Thibet Collarettes, at each, \$15. White Fox Collarettes, at each, \$30. Persian Lamb Stole, at each, \$15. Imitation Ermine Stole, from, each \$4.75
 COLGATE'S PERFUMERY—All varieties, at each 35c
 BELTS—in all styles and designs, from, each, \$5.00 down to \$1.25

Tomorrow, at 7.30 p. m., "Snap Sale" of Phonographs (only 50 machines, on 3rd floor), value \$2.00 for \$1.00
 "Snap Sale" of Gentlemen's Ties (only 15 dozen), value \$2.00 for \$1.00
 "Snap Sale" of Japanese China, floral designs, value up to \$1.25 for 35c
 The Orchestra commences selections at 7.30 p. m.

DAVID SPENCER, Ltd.

The House Painting and Decorating Department undertake with expert supervision the beautifying of the home, from the artistic decorations of exteriors and interiors to the designing and creating of furniture to suit the taste of the connoisseur. Skilled labor only employed at store prices. We will pay you to secure estimates, which are supplied free!

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Dr. Fagan Says Who Apathy of the

"Indifference born of ignorance, the words with which Dr. J. Fagan describes the attitude of the public towards the scheme for the establishment of a British Columbia tuberculosis sanatorium for the treatment of tubercular patients. The people do not realize, he says, the great importance of the disease to every individual residing in the West. It was not understood until the ravages of the White Plague had devastated the population of the country annually.

The Board of Trade members strenuously endeavoring to obtain protection for mariners against the dangers of the west coast of Vancouver Island. That was proper. But difficult, he thought, to recon- sider in this respect to their action in response to the request of the tuberculosis association for assistance.

This was only an illustration, Dr. Fagan said, of the apathy with which the public regards the disease. He had exhausted every effort in the effort to awaken a sense of their responsibility. He had succeeded in a slight extent but had not succeeded in a serious manner. In an address delivered by the Board of Trade it had been stated that tuberculosis was the worst affliction in the way of human progress. That was strictly correct, was not at all too strong. Full corroboration it was only to glance at the statistics.

Despite everything that has been done by him and those who have professed their co-operation, it remained unmoved. This fact, he had been more strikingly demonstrated by the fact that at the last announced meeting of the association, three people had taken that was an evidence of the fact that the disease is still a serious one. He had to be surrounded before a sufficient number of people could be gathered to enable the construction of the contemplated sanatorium to be carried out. Looking at the conditions which had been received up to now, he said, it was not possible to see how the money subscribed was being used. He had had to resort to a voluntary subscription, and had to be surrounded before a sufficient number of people could be gathered to enable the construction of the contemplated sanatorium to be carried out. Looking at the conditions which had been received up to now, he said, it was not possible to see how the money subscribed was being used.

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Rome, Dec. 11.—There is a situation in France, and news from the country is eagerly awaited. The Pope today received Cardinal Van Nottelli and in the conversation it is said the declined responsibility for what happen in France. It is believed here that the conflicts may prove more serious than those which occurred at the taking of the inventories.

Delegate Expelled
 Montagnani, secretary of the Vatican at Paris, who has represented the Vatican at this French cause, recall of the nuncio, has caused a serious situation. According to the Vatican, this step is an evident proof of the French government's wish to strike at the church as a religious institution, but to represent it as an ally of the republic and allied with the cause of the Vatican. Furthermore, the Vatican characterizes this step as an act of unbecoming conduct, as the French government knows the Vatican cause of its position, indigne in its action as a republic, with the Vatican who looking after the interests in Rome.

Adds to Difficulty
 The fact that diplomatic relations between France and the Vatican were broken, adds to the difficulty of the Vatican. M. Nisard, ambassador of France to the Vatican, having left Rome in 1914, has not returned. It is thought that Montagnani remained in Paris to a curious phase of the situation. Montagnani being at the Vatican, a protest against his presence or the searching of his house, communicated to the French government through the Italian government.

Pope Sit Up Late
 Rome, Dec. 11.—Contrary to his habit, the Pope remained up until tonight, for the purpose of reading the telegrams and other certain documents concerning the situation in France. With him is Cardinal Merry Del Val, the