

Annual Concert at S. A. Hall.

The S.A., No. 111 Hall, Duckworth street East, was the scene of a very animated gathering on Monday (Christmas) night, it being the occasion of the young people's annual concert and Christmas tree. The hall was packed to its utmost capacity, and numbers could not gain admittance. The program was presented over by Eustice Cornick, who made a very capable chairman and outlined a programme of recitations, songs, drills, etc., which was full of interest and elicited hearty applause from the audience. It is no exaggeration to say that there was not a dull moment in the meeting, and those responsible are to be congratulated on the splendid success achieved. Santa Claus, who arrived at the close of the programme, was heartily welcomed, and the presents distributed were gratefully received.

In Memoriam.

FRED CURREN, M.M.

Another veteran of the Great War has passed away yesterday afternoon we laid to rest Freddie Curren, M.M. as we stood over the open grave our thoughts went back to the days when Fred was "one of the boys". When the call for volunteers went through the land, Freddie, although only a lad of 17, was amongst the first to answer. His number was 122. He left home with the first contingent and after the training period we find him taking his place in the line at S. A. Hall. Like most of the lads, he was stricken down with illness and was invalided back to Blighty. After a short period there we see him back with the Battalion in France. Freddie possessed a remarkably memory. He knew every ship in the convoy and every unit on the Plains. Often in a friendly argument in the camp after "lights out" we would turn to Freddie for correct information, and he could certainly supply it.

The next place we see him is at Monchy le Preux April 14, 1917. When the Hampshire Regiment came up to relieve our boys on that memorable night they found a mere handful of men, and Freddie was amongst them. It was for conspicuous bravery at Monchy that he was awarded the Military Medal. We next see him at Marcoing, November 30th, 1917. We were in dugouts under the village church. Freddie still had not seen a few gas shells and spoiled our breakfast. Shortly after word was passed along that the enemy were entering the village.

The writer can see Freddie now smiling as he pressed nine in the magazine and one up the breech and pass out for a hard day's work. We next see Freddie in the Regimental Band. How proud we were of our Band as they played Retreat on the square at Poperinghe. At the Armistice we see Freddie still a private as he had wished. But Freddie was a private with a greater knowledge of the game than most of us; as he was a rifleman, machine gunner, signaller and bandsman. He mastered them all. He passed from army life back to civilian, but not for long. We laid him away yesterday to await the final roll-call. Good-bye, Freddie, till we meet again.

Obituary.

At Cupids, on Saturday, at 4 p.m. there passed to its eternal reward the pure soul of Marguerite, eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Beahan, who had suffered from a lingering illness lasting two years, which same was borne with the greatest of Christian resignation. From her childhood Marguerite had shown marked musical talent. At the age of five, the late Dr. Harahan said of her voice, that it far surpassed that of any child within the superintendence. Besides giving much glory to God by her beautiful singing of His divine praises at her own school-chapel, Cupids, she raised many a soul to Him by the sweetness of her notes filling the sacred edifice of St. Brigid, of which church choir she was a member. The death of Marguerite has cast a gloom over the settlement, which is made all the more heavy by coming at this Holy season of gladness. By her winning ways she was a favorite of all who came in contact with her, especially to her teachers and schoolmates. What must be the void in the home that now has her vacant chair? But her grief-stricken parents will find consolation in the host of beautiful and comforting memories of a saintly young girl, full of true Christian piety. The funeral took place at 3 p.m. Christmas Day, and was one of the largest seen in Cupids for years. Over one hundred members of the Sodality of the Immaculate Conception, of which Mrs. Beahan was a devoted child, attended the obsequies and preceded the casket to the church, where the burial service was read by Rev. Dr. Murphy, after which "Nearer my God to Thee" was most solemnly sung by all the Sodality. The cortege then proceeded to the cemetery, where all that was mortal of this beloved child was laid to rest to await the Resurrection. The prayer of the members of the Sodality is that we may all meet in the Choir Celestial, and join in songs of eternal praise—COM.

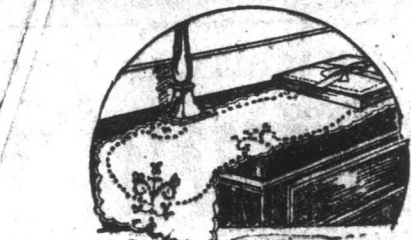
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Fancy Plaid Skirts.

Latest models; medium length; accordion pleated; assorted sizes. Reg. \$6.75 each for \$5.95

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In colors of Saxe, Navy and Fawn; well cut and finished with neat flounce. Reg. \$5.25 each for \$4.50

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LEDGERS—Hard cover. Reg. \$1.80 25.00 each for \$1.45

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FRIPPS TOILET SOAP—Special per cake 11c.

STORK CASTLE TOILET SOAP—Special per cake 18c.

LEMON OIL TOILET SOAP—Special per cake 9c.

TURKISH BATH SOAP—Special per cake 14c.

CAMPBELL ROSE—In tubes and tins. Reg. 20c. for 17c.

CAMPBELL VASELINE—Reg. 30c. tin for 26c.

COLGATE'S MECHANIC SOAP—In tins. Special per tin 18c.

PALMOLIVE SHAMPOO—In bottles. Reg. 70c. bottle for 60c.

Everything in Men's Wear

What is found marked at very reasonable prices in our Men's department; let us help you "look your best" for New Year Calls.

Men's Shirts.

A large assortment of fine Shirts in a variety of smart patterns; sizes 14 to 16½; soft double cuff and starched neck bands. Reg. \$2.00 each for \$1.79

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In Brown shades only; seamless feet; all sizes. Reg. 75c. pair for 68c.

Men's Heavy Wool Socks.

In shades of Fawn, Grey and Canary; assorted sizes. Reg. 80c. pair for 72c.

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Silk and near Silk; all the newest designs and colors. Reg. 60c. each for 54c.

Men's String Ties.

Self colors of Brown, Navy and Crimson. Reg. 85c. each for 79c.

Men's Velour Hats.

In shades of Grey, Fawn and Mauve; best English velour; dark Ribbon bands. Reg. \$8.75 each for \$7.90

Men's Felt Hats.

Winter weight Felt Hats in shades of Brown, Grey and Fawn, perfect fitting sizes; Leather sweat bands. Reg. \$3.75 each for \$3.15



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Made of high grade soft finish Flannelette; Military Coats; with braided Frog fasteners; assorted colors and stripes; sizes 36 to 42. Special per suit \$3.40

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All wool knit in shades of Grey only; sizes 36 to 42; shawl or military collar Special each \$3.39

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Women's Driving Gloves.

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Dent's Kid Gloves.

Unlined Kid Gloves in shades of Tan; 2 dome fasteners; perfect fitting sizes. Reg. \$2.20 pair for \$1.85

Reg. \$2.50 pair for \$2.10

Women's Suede Gloves.

Fur lined wrist and fore tops; finished with strap; wool lined; all sizes. Reg. \$6.30 pair for \$5.65

Men's Tan Kid Gloves.

Wool lined; one dome fastener; sizes 8 to 10½. Reg. \$2.00 pair for \$1.60

Reg. \$3.90 pair for \$3.20

Reg. \$3.50 pair for \$2.95

Hosiery Specials

Women's Cashmere Hose.

Heather mixtures; plain Browns, Greys and Heathers; spliced feet. Reg. \$1.20 pair for 80c.

Women's Plain Cash. Hose.

Fashioned leg; spliced feet; colors of Grey, Fawn and Brown; all sizes. Reg. 95c. pair for 86c.

Reg. \$1.10 pair for 90c.

Misses' Cashmere Hose.

In Black only; high grade Black Cashmere; sizes 4, 5 and 6. Regular 85c. values for 75c.

The Inventor of The Marcel Wave.

How many of the thousands of women who bow their heads before a hairdresser and ask for a Marcel wave realize the romance that lies behind this invention?

Hairdressers from all parts of the world recently celebrated, in Paris, the fiftieth anniversary of Marcel waving, for it was in 1872 that M. Marcel, who is still alive, put his invention into practice.

M. Marcel was born in the Vienna Department, and began his career as a stonemason. Finding that trade too hard for him, he became apprenticed to one of the best barbers in Paris.

Keeping the Secret.

Then, having an aged grandmother, a mother, a wife and three children to keep, he opened a little barber's shop of his own. Admiring his mother's natural wave, it occurred to him that by turning his curling-tongs upside down he could impart a permanent wave to all women's hair. The first wave he tried lasted five weeks.

In a short time the wave had become fashionable, and M. Marcel, having kept his secret, was soon on the road to fortune. Fashionable women were willing to await their turn and pay \$10 for treatment. Repeatedly he was called to London, his fee on such occasions being £50, and eventually he opened a branch shop in the Metropolis.

At the end of ten years Marcel had become a French millionaire. He bought a country estate, and retired.

Wealth From Water.

What will be among the largest artificial lakes in the world are being built in Sardinia, one of the Islands off the Italian coast.

They are being constructed for purposes of irrigation and to furnish the water power for electric-lighting stations. At the present moment, the mining industry of the island produces more than a quarter of the entire Italian output. Of zinc alone 300,000 tons are mined every year, but the minerals have to be exported to other countries to be manufactured into articles of commerce.

When the lakes are completed this state of affairs will be altered. There will be sufficient water-power available to drive works where the various products can be manufactured into the finished article.

The change will bring great prosperity to the island, which will, it is hoped, become one of the richest parts of the Italian kingdom.

Where Women Wear Trousers.

In the Balkans, where women tend goats and cattle in the mountains, it is necessary for them to wear trousers; skirts would be too cumbersome among the rocks. In Albania, however, women wear trousers in accordance with an old custom.

An Albanian woman takes pride in wearing trousers as voluminous as possible, and as a result the garments do not in the least resemble the ordinary masculine attire with which we associate the word, but appear like tremendously full, heavy skirts.

The richer the woman, the more extensive are the trousers, and it is not at all uncommon to see women wearing trousers that are made of ninety feet or more of cloth.

When an Albanian girl is to be married all her relatives contribute to provide her with trousers as well as with the full costume of an Albanian woman, including cape adorned with gold and pearls. The complete dress weighs more than sixty pounds.

How Billiards Began.

Now that the long winter evenings are approaching, hundreds of people will be taking renewed interest in billiards. How many of them know how their favorite game started?

Billiards had its origin in an outdoor game called "paille maille," an old French pastime played like croquet. It was this game which gave its name to a famous London street—Pall Mall—which is built on the site of an alley where "paille maille" was played in the old days.

When the billiard table was invented is not known, but it is mentioned in a manuscript dated 1591. For many years the indoor game continued to be played on the same lines as "paille maille." The cues were curved like hockey sticks, and the balls, which were made of wood.

Gradually the hoops of the original game were replaced by pockets and the table was reduced to its present size. The balls and cues were also altered as time went on, and for the last hundred years or so the game has remained the form with which we are familiar to-day.

INADVERTENTLY OMITTED.

Through an inadvertence the name of Miss Maud Hutchings was omitted from the cast of the Admiral's Daughter, as advertised yesterday, and which is being played in the Astor Theatre on New Year's Night.

Bouffant dance frocks are of vivid shades combined with silver or gold.

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Specials for New Year.

Plain Wine Glasses, 1.05 for ½ doz.

Key and Circle Pattern Wine Glasses, 1.58 ½ doz.

Champagne Glasses, Plain, 2.50 for ½ doz.

Liqueur Glasses, Plain, 1.25 for ½ doz.

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This Queer Old World.

It is queer how things go by contraries here. The always too cold or too hot. And the prizes we miss, you know, always appear.

To be better than those that we've got. It is always too wet, or too dusty and dry.

And the land is too rough or too flat. There's nothing that's perfect beneath the blue sky.

But It's a pretty good world for all that. Some people are born but to dig in the soil.

And sweat for the bread that they eat. While some never learn the hard meaning of toil.

And live on the things that are sweet; A few are too rich and a lot are too poor.

And some are too lean or too fat—Ah, the hardships are many that men must endure.

But It's a pretty good world for all that. The man who must think envies them that must be.

Ever pounding and digging for men. And the man with the pick would be happy if he

Might play with the brush or the pen! All things go by contraries here upon earth.

Life is empty and sterile and flat; Man begins to complain on the day of his birth.

But It's a pretty good world for all that.

New Year's Night! Come to the College Hall and enjoy the Methodist Guards Combined Vocal and Band Concert. Reserved Seats at Dicks & Co., 50c. General admission 30c.—dec28.11

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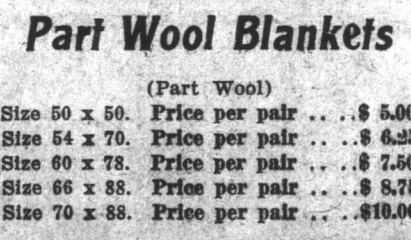
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