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Extensive Display of Ladies' and Children's Goods--Fur Coats, Dresses, Suits, Hats.  
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**BLUE PUTTEE HALL,**  
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## Kearney's Xmas Wish-- A MERRY XMAS!

Right out from our hearts go to you the world's oldest Xmas wish--unchanged, as warm as ever--from every one of us in the "Kearney First" Store.

To those who have backed us so splendidly in our greatest year--to those who know us and those who do not--to our competitors, marching with us in the great field of business--to those whom we have slighted, unwittingly,--we grant your grace now--friends all, to-day--take our wish as gladly and as cheerfully as we give it--

May your Christmas Day be filled with twenty-four hours of gladness--and then some!

May it never be darkened by one second of sadness.

May your Christmas dinner never taste better.

May it be but an appetizing prelude to an evening and night of wonderful surprises.

And may your Christmas stocking never be so full.



Again--  
A Merrier  
Xmas  
than you  
have  
ever yet  
seen!



**SMYTH'S,**  
GEO. F. KEARNEY.

## All Aboard for Toyland AT KNOWLING'S

Horns . . . 5, 8, 9 and 11c. each  
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Painting Books, 25, 30c., ranging up to \$1.25 each.

Boys' and Girls' Books, 38, 40, 45, 50, 55, 65c. upwards.

N.B.--Our Counters are worth inspection, for there are many odds and ends to choose from. Come early.

Church of England, Prayer and Hymn, A. & M., 55, 70, 90c. up to \$2.70 each.

Church of England, Prayer and Hymn, in cases, \$2.10 to \$3.50 each.



Painting Sets--Assorted prices.

Books of Poems--By Tennyson, Byron, Burns, Scott, Milton, Ella Wheeler Wilcox and others. All from \$1.20 up to \$5.70 each, in Cloth and Leather Binding.

Wonder Books--Of Navy, Air Craft, Animals, etc., \$1.80 each.

Boys' and Girls' Own Annuals, \$3.95 each.

Boys' and Girls' Empire Annuals, \$1.60 each.

Sunday at Home, \$3.95 each.

Christmas and New Year Cards, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10c. each and up to \$1.80 each.

Package of Cards, 30 and 40c. package.

Christmas Post Cards, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7c. each.

Boxes of Cards, 8 and 10 to box, 20c. up to 90c. per box; good value.

Roman Catholic Prayer Books, 9, 16, 30c. up to \$2.40 each.

Methodist Hymn Books, 48c. up to \$3.60; all bindings.

Holy Bibles--All prices.

Mechanical Toys, 80c., \$1.25, ranging up to \$2.40 each.

Motor Cars . . . . . 45c. each

Fire Engines, Ladder Trucks,

Skipping Ropes, Swords, Ludo,

Rook, Flinch, Fish Pond Lotto,

Tiddledy Wink, Snakes and Ladders, Painting Outfits,

Rubb' Balloons, Mouth Organs,

Stuffed Animals, Trains.

Dolls, all prices, 40, 55, 80, 90c., \$1.00, \$1.20.

Also a few Choice Dolls at \$3.60, \$5.50, \$7.80, \$8.00, \$9.30, \$10.50, \$11.00 and \$12.50 each

Books,  
Toy Books

## G. KNOWLING, Ltd.

Games,  
Mechanical  
Toys.

### CABLE NEWS.

#### JELICOE'S OPINION.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23. The "Citizen" this afternoon published the following: "There is reason to believe that Admiral Jellicoe's counsel is favorable to the principle of Canadian ships to protect Canadian commerce, and to operate in co-ordination with the Imperial Navy. The size of the Navy necessary to carry out this scheme or when it should be proceeded with are open questions."

#### CALLS HALT TO WHITE TERROR.

BERLIN, Dec. 23. The Vorwarts and Reichhalt publish an appeal from the Board of Directors of the German-Austrian Social Democratic Party to the working classes of other countries, particularly those of Entente nations, to demand that their nations call a halt to the White Terror in Hungary.

#### GATTLE SCHEME REJECTED.

LONDON, Dec. 23. The Board of Trade Committee today rejected the scheme of A. W. Gattle to reform freight traffic in London by replacing the existing seventy-four freight depots with one central clearing house. The committee gives as its chief reason the huge capital expenditure involved in the displacement of a large portion of the population, the impracticability of dealing with trans-

fer over tracks connecting trunk systems with clearing houses, the congestion of street traffic created around clearing houses and the necessity of retaining also existing depots for coal and other minerals.

#### NO AGREEMENT REACHED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. Although Republican and Democratic Senators continued their conferences to-day on the peace treaty results, there were no concrete results, and leaders said they expected none for some days. There was a general feeling of confidence, however, that by the time the holiday recess ends on January fifth, a basis for an agreement will have been reached.

#### WELL KNOWN ACTOR DEAD.

LONDON, Dec. 23. Sydney Valentine, the actor, died here to-day. He was President of the Actors' Association.

#### READS LIKE A NOVEL.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 23. Six automobile bandits made an unsuccessful attempt to rob the first National Bank of Lookland, a suburb, this afternoon. The men were frustrated through the presence of mind of a girl employee, who pushed a button that set ringing a warning bell on the outside of the bank. The men drove up to the bank building in an automobile. Two of them remained in the machine and the other four went in to the bank. The latter at the point of revolvers lined up the cashier, the three paying tellers, and three girl

employees, the only ones in the bank at the time. As one of the robbers was trying to open a gate leading to the money vault, one of the girls stepped on an electrical contrivance connected with a large gong on the outside of the building. This rang, and when the robbers saw people running toward the bank from all directions they leaped into their automobile and sped away without obtaining any plunder.

#### MARINE WRECK.

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 23. The S. S. Canadian Recruit, of the Canadian Government Mercantile Marine, is likely to become a total wreck and there is practically no prospect of her being refloated. She had lost her rudder, which was the reason for her twice going ashore, and water in number two hold and in her engine room. She was built by the Collins-Wood Shipbuilding Co. at a cost of \$763,750, and is a vessel of 3,760 dead weight tonnage. The sister ship, the Canadian Shipper, is also drifting somewhere. The ice breakers Lady Grey and Lord Strathcona, which put out Monday to go to her assistance, were obliged to return to Quebec to-day on account of heavy fog.

#### ABOUT NAVAL DECORATION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. Rumblings of dissatisfaction within the Navy at the way Secretary Daniels has arranged awards of decorations for war service came to the surface to-day when it became known that Admiral Sims, former Commander of the American Naval forces in European waters, had declined to accept his distinguished service medal while awards remain as present. Admiral Sims in his letter does not appear to refuse his decoration unconditionally. He refused it under conditions to explain the reasons of his original recommendation. He said that the highest award he had been conferred, but he does ask for a revision of some of the lesser decorations.

#### QUIET IN DUBLIN.

DUBLIN, Dec. 23. There are still no arrests for the attempt against the life of Viscount

French. No demonstrations occurred to-day when the body of Savage, killed in the attack on the Viceroy, left Dublin for Sligo.

#### BANK NOTES STILL REVOKED.

LONDON, Dec. 23. A Royal Proclamation made public tonight revokes as from January first of 1914, which made bank notes issued by the leading banks of Scotland and Ireland legal tender to any amount. The Proclamation restores these banks as regards their note issues, to a pre-war status, except that they will be permitted to repay the notes in currency notes issued by the Bank of Ireland instead of in gold.

#### THE BELGIAN FOREIGN POLICY.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 23. The Foreign Minister, Paul Hymans, made a long statement to-day on the Belgian Foreign Policy concerning the revision of the treaty of 1839. He was unable to enter into details, but he said that Belgium would not enter into any agreement in the direction of returning to neutrality or restriction of her sovereign rights.

#### WILL REMAIN IN PARIS.

PARIS, Dec. 23. The German delegation here had decided not to return to Berlin to consult the Government over the terms of the Allied reply to the last German note.

When you want Sausages, get ELLIS' they're the best.

### THE MUSTY

#### RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS AND STORIES

NO more Christmas is upon us every year--the panorama of time is about to be rolled upon the events of another year--This essentially the season of retrospect, and my present purpose will be briefly to glance into some interesting circumstances in connection with the past.

If there is one advantage greater than another, that the Christmas Journal can claim as its own, it is that of keeping alive the events of the past. The Christmas Journal, in all climes and countries, is nothing more than a record of the past, told in a more or less amusing manner. These Journals come to us in the happy season of Christmas-tide, as a refreshing reminder of all the incidents of the years gone by. The rising generation have but little conception of how Christmas was spent, in even the far away past. In days gone by Christmas meant joy and contentment to all--want and penury were things unheard of then among our people. No family was so poor as not to be able to afford the proverbial goose, a roast-joint and all the other delicacies which go to make up the Christmas dinner.

In writing this article, I intend to confine myself to events which transpired in the outports, for it is there that real happiness was to be realized during the festive season of Christmas, and, in fact, all through the winter, to such an extent as to be beyond the conception of the denizens of the city proper. These were the seasons of remunerative seal and cod fisheries, and the people during the winter months, had very little to do beyond the enjoyment of the fruits of the spring and Summer toil. Then was the time when the planter, now an absolute being, reigned supreme in the outport village. He was looked up to with the same respect and deference as the country squire is in England or Ireland to-day. His home was open to receive all; his hospitality was unbounded, and he was a genial and whole-hearted host. Looking back at the past causes a feeling of sadness and depression, when contrasting the bounteous and plentiful times as compared with those of to-day. I have vividly before my mind an old-time entertainment, held at this season of the year in a well-to-do planter's house. There all were welcome. No distinction was known. Each vied with the other to extract the most pleasure out of the entertainment. The host himself, a stalwart and typical Newfoundlander, was there to receive them, and endeavored by every possible means in his power, to render his guests happy. The hostess, in new cap and real silk gown, was also at hand to do the honors of the house. The guests would be supplied with all sorts of edibles, both solid and liquid--the male portion of the company doing ample justice to the latter. The guests being all assembled, the main business of the evening would be proceeded with, by the host and hostess leading off in one of these popular dances, such as Sir Roger de Coverly or Cover the Buckle, which would require far more real agility than is necessary in any of the dances of the present day. To show that their entertainment would partake of a general nature, it was almost a regular thing to see the priest of the parish, usually a burly, good-natured six-footer, drop in, in the height of the entertainment, and signify his appreciation by a twirl of his well-polished black-thorn, accompanied by the familiar expression, in his stentorian voice, "God save all here, more power to ye, my hearties."

Having signified his approval by remaining amongst the company for a short time, he was invited to withdraw by the host, into a private apartment or the best room, where he was entertained with special honors. There was nothing save me greater pleasure in my young days, than listening to the stories of the old residents, as they sat before the open grate well-filled with the best North Sydney coal, which was purchased at four dollars per ton--sent home. Each of the old people had his or her particular cast allotted--one would read from a foreign newspaper--another provide music on the flute or violin, and yet another would tell stories in which he or she figured in youthful days. The one who interested me most was an old Englishman, named George Volsey. He was a sailor in his young days, and visited nearly every part of the world. When in middle age he started a rising-loft and did a prosperous business, there being several hundred vessels of all sizes sailing out of this port. There were ten or a dozen of these old fogies, who held nightly meetings in a cooper shop, and their custom was to pass away the time in telling stories of their early days, and I can assure you these stories were most interesting and instructive, although some of them were sufficient to deprive the younger portion of the privileged visitors of their night's rest.

I shall give you readers one sample of these stories as I remember it, as told by George Volsey. George was a genius in his way, and turned