

LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, Nov. 29.

RETURN OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The Prince of Wales returns from his North American trip to take up a new position in England, for the verdict of the New World, although not readily accepted here in most things, is generally right about personalities. It was thought at first that the visit to the United States was a somewhat difficult experiment for English Royalty. Every ordinary English visitor there knows the circumlocution demanded in touching on American institutions and methods, scenery, and people. Our diplomatists in America have found orange skins and cellars flaps wherever they moved. The Prince, however, seems to have come triumphantly through his speeches and remarks. He has been fairly loquacious and no one has called him "reserved." Yet he has made no mistakes. If not witty, he was always bright, and his look of enjoying everything did the rest. In Canada his success was quite a great. I have spoken with several Canadian business men who were present at receptions of the Prince and who knew what was being said about him, and the general opinion there was that he was a live man with a quick uptake. An instance of this that I have not seen mentioned here may be given. At one city after the Prince had been made an honorary Doctor of Laws the Mayor said to him, "Well, Prince, what sort of doctor are you?" The Prince took in the full import of the question and replied: "I'm a doctor all right—would you like a line for a bottle or a barrel?" This greatly delighted the city.

FEWER CHILDREN'S PLAYS.

The coming Christmas will see fewer pantomimes and plays for children than there have been within memory. The reason is not necessarily any decrease in the demand for such entertainments. Good children's play is certain of crowded houses for seven or eight weeks. But theatrical impresarios are either too busy preparing spring productions, or doing too well, for any change to be necessary. The average child of to-day seems to be as pleased with a revue or a musical comedy as the child of ten years ago was with the usual pantomime. As far as is known recently, Drury Lane and the Lyceum will be the only theatres in London to provide pantomime; while "Peter Pan" will reappear at the New Theatre, and "Where the Rainbow Ends" will be put on at the Victoria Palace for matinees. In the suburbs there is a marked decrease in the number of pantomimes, and this is probably due to the ever-increasing popularity of the cinematograph. In fact, the proprietors of many suburban picture houses have arranged for the films of well-known pantomimes to be shown after Christmas.

FRENCH UNIVERSITY FOR LONDON.

Unlike our own, French propaganda has never been more active nor more lavish in a financial sense than since the Armistice. I am officially informed that the French Government, with the concurrence of the French Parliament, has voted an annual grant of not less than £20,180 for the establishment of a fully fledged French Faculty of Arts in London. This faculty will probably be so extended as to include a section devoted to political, economic, and administrative sciences. It represents an enlargement of the existing "Institut Français de Londres," which has done such excellent pioneer work for the spreading of French culture in this country. This Institute, was, as remains, what we should describe on this side as an affiliated college or recognized school of Lille University, and it is likely that the new university professors will be responsible to the academic authorities of Lille. But, although the studies of the faculty will be subject to the Lille rector, the general policy and direction will be largely autonomous, and in the hands of a council, where, side by side with prominent representatives of French diplomacy and education in London, we find numerous British representatives. The sum of £120,000 has been voted for a French University and French Schools in Brazil.

DEAFNESS AND NOISES IN THE HEAD.

If You Are a Sufferer—Go to your Local Druggist and order "Concentrated Soudal" price \$1 per tin. This new remedy gives almost immediate relief, and quickly effects a permanent cure. It penetrates to the actual seat of the complaint, and has completely cured many cases which were considered hopeless. If your chemist does not yet stock "Soudal" do not accept any substitute, but send money-order for a supply direct to the "Soudal" Distributing Co., 28 Station Road, Croydon, Surrey, Eng., and a package will be mailed per return with full directions. dec16,52,tues

EXTRAORDINARY STAMPS.

The Great War has been responsible for many and various issues of postage stamps, especially since the signing of the Armistice. All the newly formed States of Europe have competed with each other in the production of postal labels, most of which have been in the nature of emergency or provisional issues. Such issues are naturally restricted, and are eagerly sought after by stamp collectors. The most extraordinary of these provisional stamps is undoubtedly the five kopeks red of the Republic of Lithuania, or Lettland. When the Germans hurriedly evacuated Riga, in 1918, a parcel of German ordnance stamps was left behind, and were at once used for the manufacture of postage stamps owing to the dearth of paper. The size of the maps permitted 228 stamps to be printed on the reverse side, the gum being applied to the maps themselves. A collection of 71 different maps was shown privately this week by R. H. Marmers. Both from the historical and philatelic point of view this collection is most interesting, as it shows the turn of the tide which swept the invaders out of Riga. Collectors will cherish this stamp as a curiosity, owing to the map printed on the reverse side. This is a very unusual occurrence, probably the only other case to approach it being when Nicaragua, in 1911, printed postage stamps on the back of ordinary revenue stamps. Russia, too, in 1915, issued three stamps, on thick paper, having an inscription on the left which made them available as bank notes for silver currency.

WHIST.

Symptomatic of the present thirst for money, and the ease with which channels whereby it can be diverted to the pocket are found, is the increasing vogue of whist drives for cash prizes. The card table and the dancing floor share in London to-day the greenest laurels of public patronage, but with the growth of the restless craving for games of gain, whist promises to outstrip its active partner. There are even now as many drives as dances, all with tempting prizes, and accessible to anyone at a florin for fees. In some cases as much as £60 are reaped by the winner. Both as a symptom and questionable inducement, moralists decry the growing craze; but whist lovers of the Mrs. Battle type, who enjoy a quiet rubber on Saturday nights and conscientiously cease at twelve midnight, may also regard these new means of money-making as a deplorable and debasing trepassing upon sentimental preserves and a distortion of a virtuous pastime.

CHESS AND THE COMMONS.

The House of Commons is responding with enthusiasm to the invitation of Senor Capablanca, the famous chess player, to encounter simultaneously any number of members of Parliament up to forty. Up to now about thirty members have enrolled for the tournament, which is to take place on December 2nd, while others have given notice of their desire to enter the lists, and Press Gallery will be represented, one of the members having very recently acquired the rare distinction of securing a draw with the redoubtable "master" in a stuffy-contested competition at the National Liberal Club.

NEW GERMAN "EVIDENCE."

Lloyd George has on occasion given the Germans a chance to use his words for their own ends in the days of war, but he little thought when he placed a wreath on the whitehall Cenotaph that his written tribute—"A humble token of gratitude to those who died that we might live more abundantly"—would be taken by the German newspapers as an admission, "astonishing in its frankness," of the real objects for which England went to war. Yet so they do, for it means, they say, that England's object was "the destruction of a successful competitor in the world's market." As an effort of German deduction this surely is not to be surpassed, and in its grotesque nonsense far exceeds their war invention (which amused all England) of the calling out of the Guards from Shepherd's Bush "to quell riots" in the pimprius of Regent Street.

HORRORS OF THE ORCHESTRA.

Modern composers for the orchestra have accustomed us for some time to an extensive use of what we might call the top department of the orchestra. Tambourines, castanets, xylophones, triangles, and various kinds of drums are now ordinarily employed. Even respectable instruments like the fiddle are made to do things they were never meant to do, and make noises that would have infuriated Amati or Guarnerius. But the innovations of Berlioz and Strauss pale into insignificance beside the repertory of unpleasant sounds introduced by the nigger minstrels who are so fashionable to dance to nowadays. They give us the noises of dropping bricks, breaking crockery, tearing

calico, hooters, scooters, and Fords. Yet even these have been outdone by the latest Russian Ballet at the Leicester Square Empire. Among other strange noises in "Parade" a real typewriter has been introduced into the orchestra. Typewriters rattled a refrain in one of the revues at the Ambassadors Theatre some time ago, but this is probably their first appearance in the hand. We shall soon be having an Office Symphony, with tuned telephone bells, a quartet of

typewriters, syncopated tape machines, stamping machines, and big ledgers shut with a bang for the big drum.

To be sure of getting a snappy, hot spark for your motor at all times, use Reliable Dry Batteries. They're Lively and Lasting.

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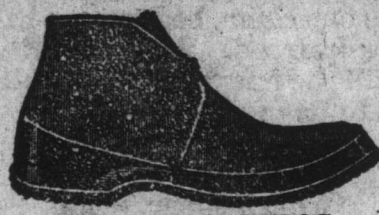
Winard's Jammet-Caree Diphtheria

Suggestions for Christmas Gifts

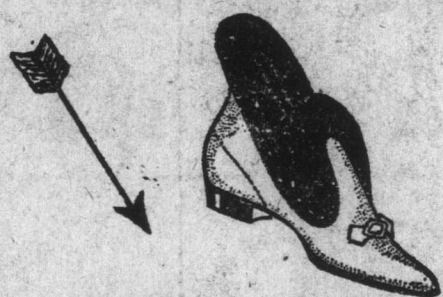
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Limited.

The Shoe Men.

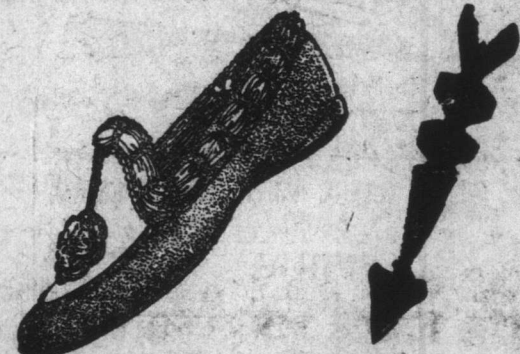


MEN'S ARCTICS.
"Foot warmers",
only \$2.60 and \$2.70.
Ideal Christmas Gifts.



WOMEN'S FELT SLIPPERS.
Leather Soles and Heels,
\$2.30 to \$2.50.

In Blue, Black, Brown, Red, Grey, Wine and Purple,
with Fur and Ribbon Trimming.



WOMEN'S KOZY SLIPPERS,

with soft padded insoles and crome outsoles. In colors of Pink, Baby Blue, Grey, Red, Helio, Purple, Old Rose, Navy Blue and Khaki,

\$3.00 the pair.

Extra Quality Slippers."



WOMEN'S BUTTON GAITERS,
\$2.60 and \$3.60.

Low Heel.

WOMEN'S HIGH BUTTON GAITERS,

High Heel,

\$3.60.

WOMEN'S EXTRA HIGH CUT,

15 buttons, \$4.20.



WOMEN'S 1 BUCKLE, 2 STRAP
GAITERS, at \$3.60.

WOMEN'S 4 BUCKLE GAITERS, \$3.60.

A SHOE STORE

—FOR—

ALL PEOPLE!

A Merry Xmas

This store says Merry Christmas to all its Friends!

That means a lot of People, too!

Now here's a Christmas Suggestion that is a practical and sensible one—

Shoe up the entire Family for Christmas.

A far better proposition than wasting money on useless gifts!

For instance—

A pair of Warm Arctics for Grandpa — comfort Shoes for Grandma — House Slippers for Mother—Dress Slippers for Sister—Skating Boots for Brother, or Rubber Boots.

Splendid Suggestion!

Don't you think so?

WE MAKE ANY EXCHANGE AFTER CHRISTMAS.

ALL PURCHASES DELIVERED ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

We have a large range of seasonable and serviceable stock to select from.

Shop early while our stocks are complete.

Parker & Monroe,
THE SHOE MEN.

PARKER & MONROE

Limited,

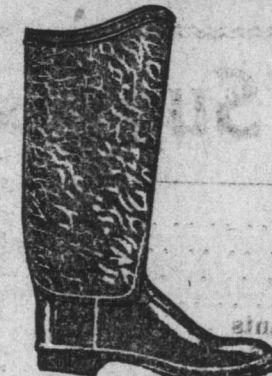
The Shoe Men.



SKATING BOOTS

make ideal Christmas Gifts. We have Women's Skating Boots in Black, Brown and Pearl Grey,

from \$8.00 to \$10.50.



LONG RUBBERS.

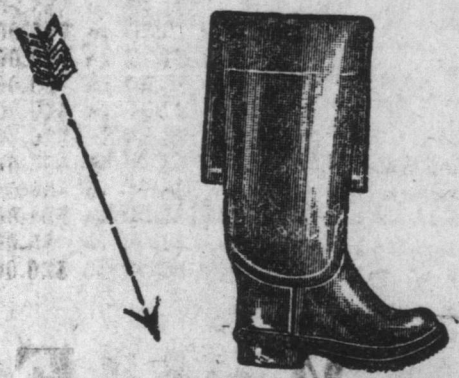
For girls, bright finish, water wave top,

from \$2.05 to \$2.70.

LONG RUBBERS.

For women, bright finish, water wave top,

\$3.00.



LONG RUBBERS.

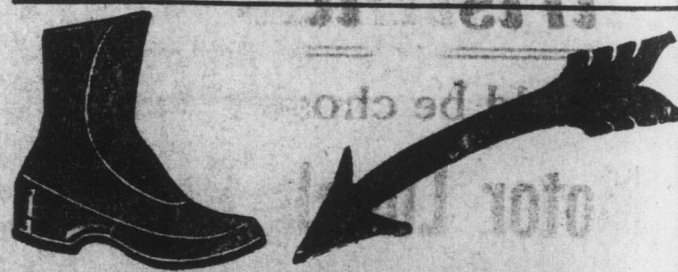
For boys, heavy dull finish,

from \$2.90 to \$4.90.

CHILDREN'S EXTRA HIGH CUT
LONG RUBBERS.

Bright finish,

from \$3.70 to \$3.90.



CHILDREN'S GAITERS,

from \$1.85 to \$2.35.

HOCKEY BOOTS, \$8.50 to \$10.00.

PUZZLE

To know what to buy for Christmas? You? We carry the most sensible, up-to-date goods in our line of business.

French Ivory Manicure Sets . . . \$5.75
French Ivory Baby Sets . . . \$5.75
Perfume—Beautifully packaged . . . \$6.75
Cutex Manicure Sets . . . \$6.75
Toilet Water—Handsome bottles . . . \$6.75
Colgate's Combined Comforts—Containing
Tooth Paste, Toilet Water and
Powder, per package . . . \$6.75
Stationery—Enclosed in handsome boxes
lopes tied with white silk ribbon.
Armour's Combination Package—Containing
cakes Soap and tin Talcum Powder.
Apollo Chocolates—"The gift always
wanted"; dainty packages . . . \$6.75
Will you not look over the many
provided for you? Yes! Come to-day.

PETER O'M

The Druggist, Water Street

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Xmas Suggest

Pearl Beads . . .
Coral Beads . . .
Assorted Beads . . .
Prayer Beads . . .
Gold Filled Pendants . . .
Solid Gold Pendants . . .
Signet Rings . . .
Emblem Rings . . .
Gem Rings . . .
Cameo Brooches . . .
Gold Filled Brooches . . .
Solid Gold Brooches . . .
Gold Filled Neck Chains . . .
Solid Gold Neck Chains . . .
Gold Filled Watch Chains . . .
Solid Gold Watch Chains . . .
Pocket Watches . . .
Gold Filled Wrist Watches . . .
Solid Gold Wrist Watches . . .
Silver Wrist Watches . . .
Silver Links . . .
Gold Filled Links . . .
Solid Gold Links . . .
Tie Pins . . .
Fobs . . .
Lockets . . .
Bar Rings . . .
French Ivory Toilet Sets . . .
French Ivory Manicure Sets . . .
Toilet Sets . . .
Emblem Buttons . . .
Emblem Drops . . .

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Could be chosen

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or a

Chase Motor

Come in and see

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Overland District

City Club Building.

The First Essential.

"When I thought running a house was simple, I made a big mistake, and the young wife."

"Practiced will teach you a lot," said the older friend. "Of course, there are books, you know. Have you a good one?"