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## DO YOUR.... SHOPPING on Thursday and Friday

You will be better served on Thursday or Friday than you will on Saturday. Christmas shopping this year is made easy by our Sale prices. Just the things you want to buy for useful and acceptable gifts at much smaller prices than you have been accustomed to pay.

### Carpet Sweepers

Not a lady in the world who would not appreciate the gift of a Carpet Sweeper. We are agents for the best sweeper in the world.

Bissell's "Gold Medal"

Sweeper, at our sale price of \$3.00.

### Silks for Gifts

4 yards of silk for a waist—12 yards of silk for a dress. The cost for a waist or a dress is very considerably less this year than it has been for years past.

Pure Silk Black Merv., regular \$1.25 for 90c.

27 in. wide pure Japan Silk—best quality in cream, white, black and all colors, for 45c.

Extra quality black gros-grain Silk, wear and dye guaranteed for per yard \$1.10.

Pure French Taffetas in stripes, checks and other sweet color combinations, reg. \$1.50 for \$1.20.

Special fine finish black Taffeta, reg. 90c quality for 75c.

20 pieces fancy Japan Silks in stripes and checks, reg. 50c a yd., special for 35c.

Ladies' Skirts  
Black Moreen, black Satens, and a combination of both, made up into the very latest of petticoats. One is yours for yourself or to give away for very little money—our sale price on these goods are:

\$2.50 and \$3.50

## 52 Pieces of Black and Colored Dress Goods at 25c a Yard

On Thursday morning we will place on sale 52 pieces of Black and Colored Dress Goods, worth from 50c to \$1 a yd. for 25c. This lot includes plain Cashmeres, Serges, Canvases, Cloths, dark and light Fancies, all double width goods, none worth less than 50c a yard. This is the greatest offering since our sale began, and affords you an exceptional opportunity of securing a dress length for immediate or for next season's wear.

### Gifts for Men

Men's all-wool Black Cashmere Socks, very special, at per pair..... 23c  
Men's extra fine White and Colored Suspenders, for per pair, special..... 46c  
Men's Silk Neck Scarfs, in Scotch Plaids, Black and Polka Dots, special..... 69c  
Men's pure Linen Hemstitched Pocket Hdkfs, extra fine, for per doz. \$2.25 and..... \$2.75  
Men's good, durable, warm lined Kid Gloves, in black and brown, for per pair..... \$1  
Men's Black, all-wool, fine Mitts per pair..... 46c  
Men's fine White Shirts, Laundered or Unlaundered, open front or back, exceptional values at our sale prices, 46c, 69c, 89c and..... \$1.12

### Less than 50c a yard, for goods worth \$2.00,

15 Dress Lengths of 7 yards each, worth from \$7.50 to \$15 the dress—will be placed on sale Thursday morning for

### \$3.00 each

This is without doubt the greatest dress opportunity we ever offered. These dresses are all good colors and very suitable at the present time for house dresses. There is nothing you could get for the price that would make a richer or more desirable gift.

### Floor Pictures

Nothing is more acceptable than a good, useful, pretty rug. We have all sorts and sizes, and the prices are the most surprising feature about them:

80c, \$1.12, \$1.56, \$2.20, \$3, \$4.26, \$6.87.

All representing our cut sale prices.

### Sale of Boys' Underwear

We have about 10 dozen Boys' Flannel Shirts and Drawers, nearly every size, worth from 25c to 30c a garment, these will all be placed on sale Thursday morning for

14c each.

### Sale of Ribbons

12 pieces of heavy Gros-grain and Double faced Satin Ribbons, in only cream color, widths No. 16 x 22, (2 and 2 1/2 in.) worth 18c, 20c and 25c a yard, will be placed on sale Thursday morning for

8c a yard.

### Ladies' Furs

An exceptionally fine range in neck ruffs and capelines, in

Coney, Sable, Electric Seal, Coon, Oppossum.

Commencing as low as 50c each and ending at \$7.50, all prices being our sale prices and very far below the regular values of the articles.

## MASTERLY INACTIVITY

### Characterizes the Situation in South Africa--Britain on the Defensive.

London, Thursday, Dec. 21, 4.30 a.m.—The gravity of the military situation is again becoming accentuated in the public mind owing to the complete absence of news. Nothing has been heard from Lord Methuen since Sunday, and it is feared that his communications have been cut. A correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing from Modder River last Saturday, says:—The Boer position, already formidable, on December 11, has since been greatly strengthened, extending for an area of 12 miles. It is entrenched according to the most modern methods through its entire length; wire fences have been placed before the trenches at every point; guns have been brought into position and there is every intimation that the Boers are well supplied with ammunition. A determined attack in force can expect to make a successful attack.

The Times, in an editorial, lamenting the position of the British troops, quotes the maxim of Napoleon in concentrating and regrets that Lord Methuen did not retire to Orange River a week ago. The latest despatches seem to show that the British forces are standing on the defensive at all points. Gen. Buller is ordering the troops now arriving at Cape Town to proceed to Durban to reinforce the regular column. Absence of news from him leads to the surmise that he is trying to join Gen. White by a flank movement. The Daily News this morning has the following despatch from Cape Town, dated Dec. 16:—The Boers intend to make a big stand at Stormberg and are massing a great force at the abandoned British camp. One commando of 2,000 consists chiefly of rebel Dutch.

## VERY BAD TONGUE ALL MOUNTED MEN

### Secured Paul Derooude a Sentence of Two Years.

He Reviled His Judges and Denounced the President of France.

Paris, Dec. 21.—In the Senate yesterday, sitting as a high court of justice, M. Derooude, who, though ill, was present, virulently denounced the senators and law officers for being "subservient to the government's orders." Amidst immense uproar, M. Derooude added:—"I wish to be condemned. I will say what I think of these scoundrels. This assembly is infamous and dishonors France and the Republic." During increasing din M. Derooude continued:—"I include in my denunciation both the Senate and the president of the Republic." The prosecutor with difficulty made himself heard in the tumult which ensued, and demanded the prompt punishment of M. Derooude, who continued to hurl insults at the high court, coupled with the assertion that he desired punishment. The session was eventually suspended and the court retired to consider the situation. They decided to impose a sentence of two years imprisonment on Derooude for libelling senators.

### RHEUMATIC STING.

South American Rheumatic Cure Sways the Wind and Suffering Ceases in a Trice.

Mr. A. S. Kennedy, 44 Sussex Ave., Toronto, says: "I had been attacked very frequently with acute muscular rheumatism, afflicting my shoulders and arms. I used South American Rheumatic Cure and found immediate relief after a dose or two. My family have used this remedy with the most satisfactory results. I think it truly a very efficacious remedy for this very prevalent ailment."

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Valencia Oranges, per dozen..... 20c  
MALAGA GRAPES, per pound..... 20c  
TABLE RAISINS, from per lb..... 15c to 20c  
NEW DATES, 3 lbs. for..... 25c  
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ficers and men. They will be mobilized and recruited at the headquarters of the different batteries. London is the headquarters of the Sixth Field Battery. Nothing has yet been done about the command. Meantime the Department of Militia is busily engaged in getting everything ready for outfitting and equipping the contingent. It is feared that there may be some delay in securing transports. The Aliens have offered the Laurentian and Parisian for transport purposes. The Northwest companies may have half-breed scouts attached to them.

## HARD SIDE OF LIFE

### Three Little Boys Left to Shift For Themselves

By Heartless Parents—Taken Charge of by the Children's Aid Society.

"Say, please sir, will you tell me where I can find Chief Young?"

The enquiry was put to a representative of The Planet on Thames street yesterday from a little lad, lily clothed and of pinched and stunted appearance, who shivered as the brisk December breeze whistled through non-regulation rents of his well-worn clothing. He was accompanied by a midged brother, perhaps a little more comfortably though erratically clothed.

The reporter was on his way to the police court and the two youngsters accompanied him to the Chief's office, where they immediately huddled by the heater register, while the elder briefly told the officer his story.

He was 17 years of age, he said, although he did not look more than 12 or 13 and his name was George Comer. He was born in Chatham, but had resided nearly all his life near Thamesville. His father had left them nine years ago and they did not know where he was, while their mother had deserted the family some three months ago and had gone to the States with another man. There were three children, himself George, and his brothers Lou, aged 11, whom he had domiciled with George McKenzie, of Mull, and Ed., 9, for whom to find a home was his mission to the Chief.

"I've been a workin' fall ploughin' and sawin' wood," he told the Chief, "an' keepin' him just as well as I could till now. I paid my way in on the freight from Kent Bridge this mornin'. They let him ride free, you know. He's such a little un."

The boy said he had work farming with Albert Aikens, near Petrolia, at \$10 a month and he wanted to get his little brother a home.

On learning his story Chief of Police Young referred the lads to Dr. R. V. Bray, executive officer of the Children's Aid Society.

Dr. Bray at once busied himself in their interests. He knew the case, having investigated it as early as last February, when the mother refused to give the lads up to the society, and told The Planet that the lad's story was perfectly true. The doctor had a photograph taken of the two lads, just as they were when they visited him, yesterday morning, and told George he would see that his little brother got a good home.

"And you will write him sometimes, sir," was the anxious enquiry.

"Oh, yes, certainly," was the doctor's prompt response.

"And I can leave for Petrolia right away?"

"How are you going to go?"

"Oh, walk," was the cheerful reply.

Dr. Bray told the lad to remain and he would secure him railroad transportation, whereat the youngster was in great spirits.

"He's just all right," he told The Planet describing the kindly executive officer. "Just the right sort, you know. I'd like to do somethin' for him."

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Dress Goods	Table Linen	Silk Seal Gauntlets, extra quality, fine kid facings, flannel lining, with full size cuffs, special at.....\$1.25
4 patterns Black Crepons, 44 in. wide, in choice designs, reg. 75c, this week at..... 58c	Just now we are showing exceptional values in fine table wear, extra quality double damask, pure dew bleached, satin finish, in very choice patterns, full 2 yds. wide, special at 90c, \$1.00 and..... \$1.25	Gray Persian Lamb Gauntlets, kid facings, for lining, special at.....\$4.00
Black Blister Crepons, in rich designs, fine ripp grounds, warranted not to pull, bright silky finish, 6 choice patterns, suitable for skirts or dresses, reg. \$1.25 quality, this week..... 89c	Bleached Damask, 66 in. wide, extra heavy pure linen, choice designs, special at..... 50c	Electric Seal Gauntlets, choice quality satin lined cuffs, fine kid facings, extra value at.....\$6.00
Gold Medal Serges, the best made, 42 and 44 in. wide, pure wool, firm weave, extra value at 46c and..... 50c	Cream Table Damask, 66 in. wide, extra heavy pure linen, choice designs, special at..... 50c	Nutria Beaver Gauntlets, very fine quality, lamb skin lined, velvet lined cuffs, special at.....\$5.50
10 pcs. Covert Venetian Suiting, 44 in. wide, pure wool, heavy weight latest colorings, worth 65c, special at..... 50c	Heavy Union Damask, 58 in. wide, in neat designs, special at..... 25c	Fur Capes, fine Bekharan kid capes, 30 in. long, bright glossy curl, full sweep, deep storm collar, silk lined throughout, worth \$10, special at.....\$12.89
30 pair Blankets, pure white, heavy weight, extra large size, fine soft finish, handsome borders, a bargain at \$3.00, special at.....\$2.69	3 doz Children's Wool Boss, 36 in. long, pure white, extra full and fluffy, special at..... 22c	Australian Goat Capes, 25 and 27 in. long, high storm collar, quilted Italian lining, clearing at \$7.95 and.....\$8.48
	Children's Astrachan Gauntlet, (imitation lamb) kid facings, flannel lined, in gray, red, white, seal and black, extra value at 80c and Ladies' Gauntlets, gray and black Astrachan (imitation lamb) kid palm, extra quality lining, special at.....\$1.00	Cushion Covers, rich silk plush, in handsome designs, beautiful colorings, real value 75c, clearing at 43c

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