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CHRISTMAS TIME.

Father, mother and wee Bess,
With tiny Tim and Flo,
Are gathered round the Christmas tree;
Outside is white with snow.
It is the children's bedtime,
And Santa comes to-night,
To fill the stockings big and small
With good things, ere it's light.

The children's eyes shine like the stars,
Their excitement is intense.
They wonder if old Santa can
Climb o'er the high board fence.
Kind daddy says he'll leave the gate
Wide open all the night,
So Santa can walk in with ease
And treat the children right.

The little tots now snug in bed,
Each sleepy eyelid closed,
While Santa fills the stockings full,
Then silently he goes.
They wake right early in the morn—
To find all kind of toys
And happy is the Christmas spent
With children's glee and noise.
—Alfred Rothwell, Toronto.

THE MONEY WENT BACK.

Illustrative of the wrinkles and kinks developed during the financial flurry a story is told by a central Iowa banker who was carrying a time deposit of \$4000 for a farmer who took alarm and demanded his money, altho his deposit certificate did not require payment until Jan. 1 next. Persuasion and argument proving



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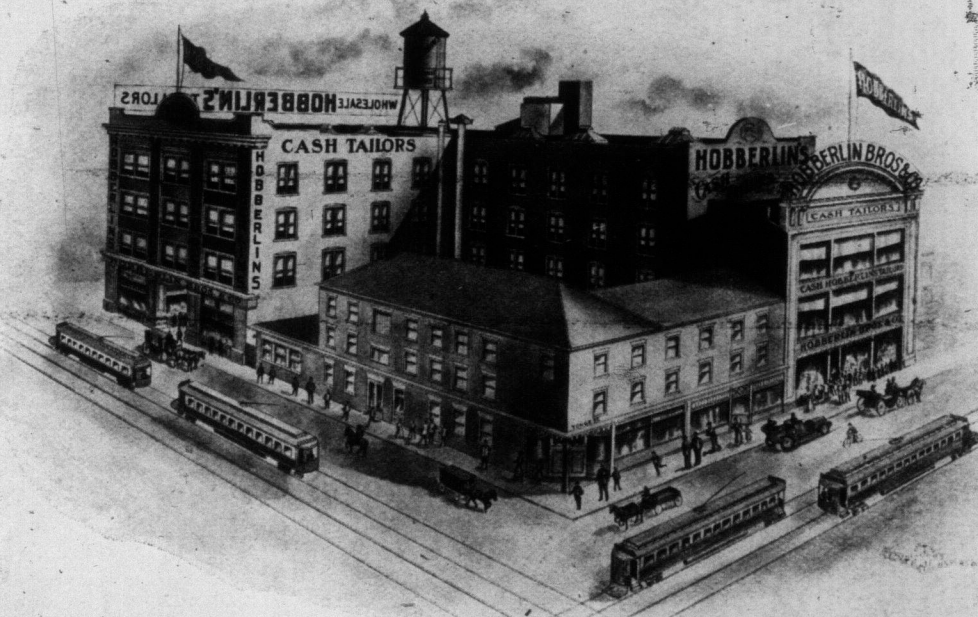
futile, the banker decided to appease his irate customer by paying him, subject of course, to forfeiture of the interest, amounting to \$80. As a salve to his injured feelings he handed out the money in metal, anticipating that when the depositor saw its bulk he would relent. But the depositor was determined and shouldering the bag of coin, strode across the street to the postoffice and made a peremptory call for \$4000 in money orders. "I'll trust Uncle Sam and nobody else,"

he declared. He received his orders in due time, a pocketful of them, paying \$40 for the privilege of making the post-office his custodian of funds. His total cost, to protect himself, as he imagined, was \$120. "Well, I can go home now and breathe easy," he remarked complacently as he tucked the orders away. "Yes, you've got a good debtor," assented the postmaster, "but will you do me a favor?" "Sure!"



ANNA HELD, AT THE PRINCESS, ALL THIS WEEK IN "THE PARISIAN MODEL."

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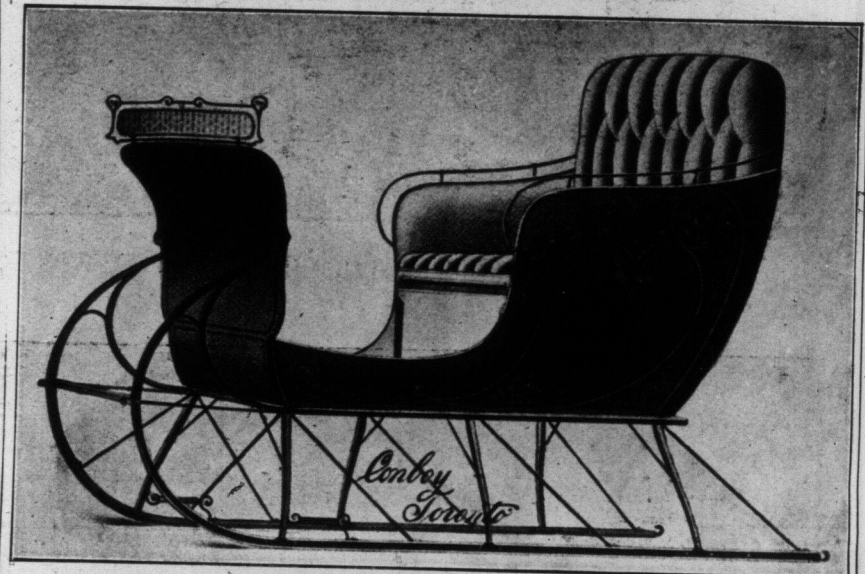


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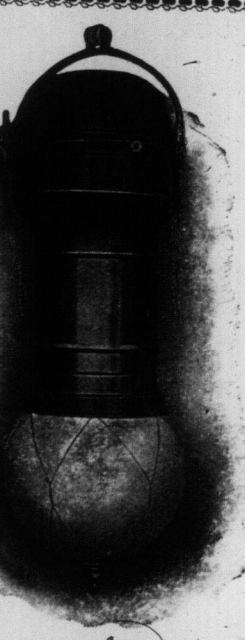
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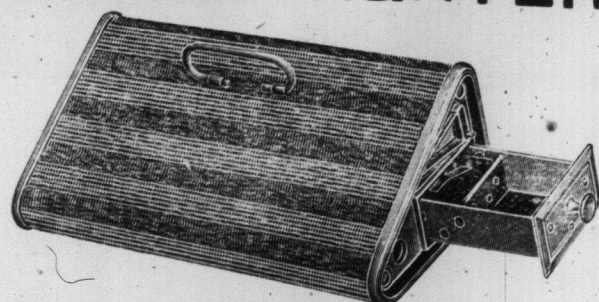
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"Well, I've got rheumatism in my back and I've got to get that bag over to the bank to deposit it. Just tote it over and I'll be yours truly." The reassured capitalist complied, but his subsequent conversation was so sulphurous, in an earnest effort to express his chagrin to see that the money went back to the bank from which he had drawn it that the town marshal experienced the necessity of taking him in hand.—Breeders' Gazette.

Long Enough.
"How long would you be willing to wait for me?" she asked in tones so low he could scarcely catch the words. And then she went on: "You know, George, I have recently invested in a silver mine and he is going there at once, and I cannot leave mother alone. So I ask you again, George, how long would you be willing to wait for me?" "Wait for you, my darling?" repeated George, with deep emotion, for his was no fleeting love, dear reader. "I will wait for you until we learn how the silver mine turns out."

A Fugitive Bit.
"Lend me a pencil," said the press humorist.
"Thought of something funny?"
"No, but I've thought of something that will pass muster as a joke."

Advice to Boys.
"I advise boys to give up smoking altogether until at least 15 years of age, and then, if they will smoke, to get a pipe," said Mr. Fordham at the North London Court yesterday.