



YOU'D think to look in here that good old St. Nick had known just what you wanted—there's sure to be the style that pleases you most. And don't forget how welcome a gift a nice, new pair of shoes is for ANYBODY—or some comfortable slippers.

MEN'S SHOES

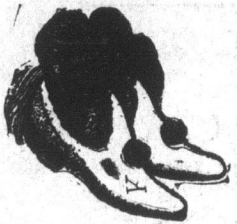
Our stock ranges all the way from the splendid solid shoe we sell at \$1.50 to those wonderful examples of superior shoemaking, the Kneeland shoes at \$5; also slippers in various fancy leathers, 40c to \$3.

WOMEN'S SHOES

You can begin at \$1.25, for which you get a first-class well-made shoe or you can work along by easy stages to \$4 which gets the very best. Pretty house slippers in patent leather and party slippers of every hue and color.

FOR THE CHILDREN

The best for each price—from 25c to \$2.00.



Geo. W. Cowan

The BIG BOOT Shoe Store

DRS. CORNELL & FISHER

Corner Sixth and King St.
Over the Bee Hive
Phone 317.

PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.

Toronto, Dec. 12—11 a. m.—North-
erly winds, light snowfalls and be-
coming cold. Tuesday, northerly
winds and very cold.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Mrs. O. I. Dolson is slowly recover-
ing.

G. W. Nicholls, of London, is in the
city today.

N. R. Baker, of Toronto, is a Maple
City visitor.

A. B. Carscallen, of Wallaceburg,
is in the city.

A. A. Fitzsimmons, Toronto, is reg-
istered at the Garner.

Thos. E. Griffith, of Chatham Twp.,
has announced his candidature for the
Township Council.

If Mikado Robin will send The
Planet his name as evidence of good
faith his letter will appear, but not
otherwise.

Detroit excursion Wednesday, 14th,
Grand Trunk, Royal Arcanum, at-
tractions Santa Claus and Maud
Adams.

For Christmas and New Year's W.
E. Rispin, General Ticket Agent, ad-
vises the following arrangements,
tickets issued at single fare Dec. 24,
25 and 26 good to return 27th, and
on Dec. 31, Jan. 1 and 2 good to
return Jan. 3rd, and fare and one-
third issued on Dec. 23, 24, 25 and 26
and on Dec. 30 and 31 and Jan. 1 and
2, all good to return Jan. 4, also
special rates for vacation to non-
resident students and teachers. For
further information call at the of-
fice of W. E. Rispin, 115 King street.

A cough medicine over sixty years old

This must mean merit, solid, genuine merit. It certainly must
be true that Ayer's Cherry Pectoral cures coughs, colds, croup,
bronchitis, asthma. Ask your own doctor to explain why it
strengthens weak throats and heals inflamed lungs. *J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.*



Diamonds!

From 1-8 to 2 1/4 Karat.

Why not call now and pick out that
diamond ring for Christmas and have
it laid away?
Our special value is a full 1 K., free
from flaws and perfectly white \$19

Mounted in any style of setting
from \$2 to \$4.

Ten Bros.

LETTER BOX

A CONTRADICTION.

To the Editor of The Planet:
Dear Sir,—We desire to contradict
the article contained in The Planet
of Saturday, the 10th inst., headed
"A Misleading Advt."

There never has been used, neither
at Wallaceburg, nor elsewhere, any
advertisement of "Erminie" contain-
ing any reference to Robin Hood, nor
to its director, Mr. Degew, of Detroit.
The only advertisement used in
Wallaceburg are the large cards with
"Erminie" in red ink, and the pro-
grams, the same as in Chatham, in
each of which the whole cast of the
opera is given, as well as the name
of the director and everybody else
connected with it, including the or-
chestra, together with the statement
that the opera is being presented by
the Chatham Choral Society and en-
tirely by local talent. "Erminie"
must succeed as its own merits, and
the management find it necessary to
"use the prestige" of the Robin Hood
Company "for advertising purposes."
For only untrue but ridiculous.

For fear that any person should be
so easily deceived, we wish to give it
an unqualified contradiction.

Yours truly,
J. E. JONES,
H. C. PHILP.

The Chatham and in the eve
letter was an interview with the
director of Robin Hood. Upon being
interviewed again this morning, that
gentleman said: "I would indeed be
glad if Messrs. Jones and Philp could
satisfactorily explain and I would
very much like to have an explicit
explanation of the following notice
and other notices which have ap-
peared in The Banner and the Wal-
laceburg papers. Accidents might
happen once, but not several times:
Philp and Ed. Jones, of Chatham,
were in town yesterday intro-
ducing an opera entitled "Erminie,"
to be given in the Grand Opera
House, Chatham, Wednesday evening,
Dec. 14th, the singing being done
by the cast presented, the opera should
be unusually good. It is given by much
the same talent that put on Robin
Hood last year."—Wallaceburg cor-
respondent of the Banner, Friday,
Dec. 9th.

ALLEGED ASSAULT

At the police court this morning
a coal merchant was charged
by Edward Reardon with assault. It
appears that Reardon bought some
coal a few days ago and when the
coal was delivered it was not
coal, but a large pile of stones. The
coal man to see about it and was
quite angry. He claims the dealer
used him roughly and put him
out of his office and in doing so did
not use the means, but the
throw out was quite effective.
The dealer claimed Reardon came
in and wanted to fight, so after he
had refused to leave the office he
put him out, but he did not use any
violent means. He also claims that
after Reardon got on the street he
used insulting and abusive language.
The case was laid over until Dec.
19, when a charge will also be laid
against Reardon for using foul lan-
guage. Lewis appeared for the de-
fence.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Among the guests at the reception
to the Apostolic Delegate at the Ur-
suline Convent on Saturday, were the
following:—Dr. Albert Sinnett, Sec-
retary to the Delegation; Rev. B.
Merlin, S. J., Montreal; Rev. F. Mc-
Keown, St. Mary's Parish, London;
Rev. E. Egan, secretary to the
Bishop of London; Rev. Fr. James, O.
F. M., Chatham; Rev. Fr. Herman, O.
F. M., Chatham; Rev. Fr. Hubert, O.
F. M., Chatham; Rev. Fr. Prudhomme,
Stoney Point; Rev. Father L'Hercure,
Belle River; Rev. Fr. L'Adouceur, St.
Peter, and Rev. Frs. Curtois, Lang-
lois and Mugan.

CASE OF NEGLECT

Hattie Givins, the 16-year-old girl
who was charged with stealing \$40
from her father, came up for sen-
tence, Mrs. Lizzie Parrott, who was
also implicated in the theft, came
up for sentence also.

After being given a severe lecture
Hattie was let go on suspended sen-
tence. Mrs. Emerson, a good hearted
colored lady, volunteered to take
Hattie under her charge. "I think
if she will mind me," Mrs. Emerson
told the Judge, "I can make a good
woman out of her. I took her under
my care once but her father took
her away from me. She is not a bad
minded little girl, but she has been
sadly neglected and does not know
any better."

The father, Mr. Givins, was in the
police court and claimed the clothes
which Hattie bought with the money.
He thought he could sell them again.
"You will have to give the clothes
to Hattie," the Judge told him. "If
I did the right thing with you I
would have you arrested for not tak-
ing proper care of your child."
Mr. Givins finally came to the con-
clusion that he would give the clothes
to the child rather than spend a few
months in jail. He will have to give
\$1.50 a week towards the child's keep
and Mrs. Emerson will support it.
The police court in six months' time
to see how matters are going.
Mrs. Parrott was also let go on
suspended sentence.

2 IN 1 Shoe Polish

At all Dealers

P. M. TIME TABLE

The New Superintendent Says That
It Will Be Remedied in Time—
Handicapped by Condition
of Power.

J. S. Pyatt, the new superintend-
ent of the Pere Marquette, was in-
terviewed this morning by The Times
with regard to the complaints from
Chatham, Blenheim, and Windsor,
and other places, concerning the pas-
senger services since the new time-
table went into effect. Mr. Pyatt
said that the changes in time had
been made by his predecessor, Mr.
Woollett, and the general superin-
tendent who, being thoroughly pos-
ed on the local conditions, had doubt
had good reasons to justify them in
making the alterations in the time-
table. The Company's power, said
Mr. Pyatt, was in bad shape just at
present, and many of the changes
had been made to give the engines
the through trains time to make
the schedule. "Our new shops were
will soon be in operation," said Mr.
Pyatt, and then the engines will be
given a thorough overhauling and
put in first-class shape, and as soon
as this is done another time-table
which will, I hope, be satisfactory
to all, will be arranged."—St. Thomas
Times.

GOOD SERVICES

Rev. J. C. Tolmie, the popular pas-
tor from Windsor, occupied the pul-
pit in the First Presbyterian church
at both services yesterday. There
were very large congregations both
morning and evening and Mr. Tolmie
preached two excellent sermons.

He chose as his evening text "Oba-
diah feared the Lord and feared Him
next, Dec. 14th, the singing being
admired. He said that everyone
admired Obadiah, but he thought Ob-
adiah was just as worthy of admi-
ration. He said in his text there were
three surprises: first that Ahab and
Jezebel would allow Obadiah to stay
in their city. He explained that it
was because he was an honest man
and they felt the need of an honest
man. Second that Obadiah stayed in
this city of vice. He said that he
stayed because he felt that he was
needed and could do good in the city.
In this respect the speaker urged
that good men should enter politics.
The third surprise was how Obadiah
continued to be a religious man with
so much vice around him. This was
not because Obadiah feared the
Lord and he was thus not affected
by what the people around him said
or did.

Both sermons were very greatly en-
joyed and the speaker by the choice
of an appropriate special nature.
Mr. Tolmie will give an address
to-night on his trip to the Holy
Land.

FOR THE YOUNG MEN

At Park street Methodist church
yesterday morning Miss May Peate
took the solo part in the anthem,
and Miss Pearl White sang a solo,
entitled "A Clean Heart." In the
evening Mr. Harry Flowers rendered
a very acceptable solo. Rev. Dr.
Young, of St. Thomas, officiated very
ably at both services, in the evening
speaking especially for young men
from the text Matt. 19, 21, "If Thou
wilt be perfect, go sell that which
Thou hast." Dr. Young's remarks
were particularly convincing, and made
a very favorable impression upon his
many hearers. It is to be hoped that
the reverend gentleman will pay
Chatham a visit again. Rev. Dr.
Chown, general secretary of the tem-
perance movement, will preach both
services next Sunday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GIRL WANTED—At once, apply to
Mrs. E. B. Northwood, William St.
10t

FOR SALE, CHEAP—House or corner
Ursuline avenue and Popular street,
contain parlor, back parlor, china
closet, pantry, large kitchen, three
bedrooms with closets, bath, and
each, one bedroom down stairs, bath
room complete, hot water connec-
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1904-Christmas-1904

..LOOK..

See Samples of Christmas Cake
and Plum Puddings

IN SOMERVILLE'S WINDOW
Cakes in endless variety, Grapes,
Oranges, Nuts and Candies, Fresh
Oysters in bulk, Lunches at all hours

Every day is bargain day
at **Somerville's**.
Come early and avoid the rush.
Compliments of the Season.

Wm. Somerville

PHONE 36

LOOK!

Brick house in central location for sale
Parlor, dining room, kitchen, pantry, 3
bedrooms, clothes closet, city water, ci-
stern, sink, sewer, etc. Lot
52x104. Price.....\$1250.

Six roomed frame house
on Scane St. for sale for.....\$475.

DUNN & MERRITT,
Fifth St., Phone 295.

Bad Weather Coming.....

which demands good strong
SCHOOL SHOES for the
BOYS and GIRLS.

WE'VE GOT THE BEST SCHOOL SHOES

in stock now that we ever had,
and at small prices, too.

Our Lines at \$1.25
and \$1.50 are extra
good quality.

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SELLS THE BEST
SCHOOL SHOES..

Briscos'

Opera House Block

Chatham's Greatest

Toy Display

It is here. Our Toy-
land is in complete readi-
ness for the little ones,
ready for the grown-ups
as well. Ready with stocks
of Dolls, Toys and Games
that will bring gladness
to thousands and thou-
sands of children. Folks
who take time by the fore-
lock will have a most
comprehensive assort-
ment to select from, will
escape the hurry and con-
fusion the final buying
days will bring.

Dolls

Child body dolls, jointed dolls,
kid body dolls, wooden dolls,
washable dolls, cloth dolls, and
doll heads
Dress dolls from 10c to \$3

This Christmas Store saves
money for prudent folks.

Don't delay, come early to do
your shopping—only 11 more
days.
Parcels kept for Christmas de-
livery.

Briscos'

Home and Headquarters of
Santa Claus

NEW THINGS

—IN—

Photography

We have just received from the
Housh Co., of Boston, the finest col-
lection of Calendars, Monies, and
Albums ever seen in Chatham.
Nothing is more appreciated at
Christmas than the "Home" pictures,
the "very own" of the amateur.
The beautiful new things we are
showing will surely be a delight to
those who have hitherto struggled
with ordinary mounts and more or
less ugly calendars. We invite every
amateur to come and see them.

J. H. DENNIS,

DRUGGIST
Phone - 375

Up-to-date Millinery. C. Austin & Co.

YOUR HOLIDAY PURCHASES V

MOST SATISFACTORY IF MAI

The Bargain

Most satisfactory for two reasons. YOU will have obta-
value for your money, and the RECIPIENT will know that th
the BEST quality and is the essence of approved design. SO W

Buy at Austin's

No matter how attractively alluring dealers' statements may be,
self the justice to "look around," but above all other things see the stock.

OUR FURNITURE DEPARTMENT, as you know, is not
on King Street, and this gives us the price supremacy of the city. You
test to our quality and quantity supremacy when you see the stock.

PARLOR SUITES and ODD CHAIR

3 piece Parlor Suite, birch frames, finished mahogany and well pol-
ished, upholstered in fine velours, with plush bands on backs.
Price only \$11.75

Other 5 piece Suites in prices up to \$60.00

Parlor Suites, 5 pieces, polished mahogany finish frames, upholstered
in finest quality Belfast Velours, assorted colors. Price - \$26.00

Parlor Suites, 5 pieces, hardwood frames, upholstered all over, double
stitched spring edge, covered in fine figured Velours. Price, \$32.00

Same covered with best quality English Rugs, with plush bands on
seats and backs. Price - \$38.00

Old Chairs, Settees, etc., from \$2.00 to \$30.00

A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR

Christmas Shoppers!

IN OUR NOVELTY DEPARTMENT

Women's Embroidered Hose

This is a lot of very attractive em-
broided cashmere hose, warranted
fast black, full fashioned, seamless,
sizes 8-12, 9-12, a splendid range
to choose from, at 35c to 75c.

Ladies Initial Handkerchiefs

We are showing a nice range of in-
itial handkerchiefs for women, boxed
in half dozens, they are all linen;
and make a suitable gift; also a full
range of handkerchiefs for ladies or
gentlemen at 25c to \$1.00

Ladies Dainty Neckwear

An alluring assortment of neck
pieces and sets, they are designed
and made with the care and taste
and skill that marks our neckwear,
At 25c. to \$1.50

Leather Goods for Gifts

We are particularly proud of our
present stock of leather goods, each
style in the collection has been care-
fully selected and represent the
choicest articles in leatherdom.
Purses made of real alligator; pure
genuine and hand bags, wallets
hand bags, etc. Prices 25c up to \$6.50

Japanese China

We have a limited number of Jap-
anese china pieces, they are very
handsome patterns and colorings, to
every piece and comprise three piece
sets, chocolate pots, biscuit jars,
plates, cups and saucers, pin trays,
plaques, marmalade jars, etc., 25c up
to \$5.00

Just What a

Man Wants

Just what a man wants in furnishings
is sure to find here. There's no hit or miss
it. We spread before our patrons a con-
stream of fresh ideas that are right in style
ity and price.

Our Furnishings are Differ

Our Gloves, Neckwear, Underwear,
Hosiery, Collars and Cuffs, Suspenders,
different.

Different from the common horde and
in price, because we never ask fancy fi-
anything. We're looking Christmas.
A little early you'll think, but none too
choice selections.

Our \$1 Colored Shirts

Here's a collection of \$1 Shirts that every man is interested in. 8
good looking shirts at a moderate price will want to see. The patterns a
such choice and carefully selected designs that particular men will at-
them. The shirts are remarkable because they can be compared favor-
with those costing \$1.50 elsewhere.

No other dollar shirts are in the same class with them. Not only are u
materials and designs unmatched under \$1.50, but the shirt making is of the h
character, and shows all the nice details of good workmanship.

Celebrated Harris Holiday Fancy Suspenders—We have

opened up a big selection of Holiday fancy suspenders, handsome coloring c
binations put up in separate boxes, price range 50c, 75c, \$1.00

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The Leading and Reliable Clothiers