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Christmas Stationery

ON SALE TO-MORROW



OW everybody come and secure bargains in boxed Note Paper. Our w buyer completed last week one of

the luckiest purchases in high grade Note Paper and Envelopes ever brought into Hamilton, purchased from a Montreal wholesaler who did not want the goods but needed the ready cash. The goods have arrived marked off and will be ready for your choosing to-morrow morning sharp at 8.30. Every line done up in pretty Xmas Boxes specially made for the Christmas selling. Makes an ideal Xmas gift and always acceptable. Read the good news and come and share in the savings.

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Gents' Mocha Gloves, in tan and brown, wool lined, all sizes, 1 dos \$1.00 per pair

Christmas Sale of Black Dress Goods Lovely Perfect Black Materials, Worth Regular \$1.00, Sale Price Tuesday 69c Yard

Christmas Suggestions In Nice Books

We have just received a shinment of about 500 beautifully bound Books, nice paper and large print; in the lot we have the Alger, Henty, L. T. Meade's, Augusta Evans, Wilson, Mrs. H. B. Stowe, J. G. Holland, E. D. E. N. Southworth, Charles Garvice and other popular authors; come Tuesday morning sharp at 8.30 and get your choice of these nice Books for 25c

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Beautiful Braided Net Blouse Lengths in Paris and ecru

shades; very special \$4.00 in boxes

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The dragon trees of Teneriffe are really a species of the second of the

DRAGON TREES OF TENERIFFE.

Giant Asparagus Said to be Thousands of Years Old.

The dragon trees of Teneriffe are lic asparagus.
One tree, situated the struck of the sland, the Guanchos, performed their religious rites in its hollow trunk.

trunk.

In 1807 the upper part of the tree was broken off during a storm, and though every effort was made to preserve the remainder it gradually decayed and there is now no trace of it left.

The sap of the tree, a resinous substance like dark treacle, is called dragnon's blood. It becomes brittle and crumbling when dry and is an article of commerce used in medicine. There are

other kinds of dragon trees in different parts of the world, but this particular species is peculiar to the Canary and Cape Verde Islands.—From the Wide World Magazine.

WASHING SILK. If you wish to have silk white, was with luke warm water and soap. Rinse thoroughly. Take a large cloth, wrap silk in it, and let it die for half hour. Press while damp. Do not expose it to the air, as the air turns it yellow. Any colored silk may be washed this way.

Saved From the Sea

"I'll come fast enough; ungrateful, beggars, too, when all last winter, when the depression was so great, you kept on the same wages at your loss; and now, when you must recoup, they start this! Lock them out, of course, if it keeps the mines unworked forever and a day."

He looked it just then; and involun-tarily Falconer thought of his own mar-riage, and how nil was any hope of changing this old man's obstinately im-placable dictum, despite his affection for himself.

"Of course," 'Mr. Orde added, "this is "Or course," Mr. Orde added, "this is only a threatening; the storm may never burst at all—certainly not yet awhile; but if it does, old Will Orde is ready for it and them. I don't care if I lock my gates for six months; I have plenty of money invested, besides the capital in the iron; so we won't bother about it now. I suppose I was rather basic to the provided of the capital in the iron; so we won't bother about it now. money invested, besides the capital in the iron; so we won't bother about it now. I suppose I was rather kucky to find you in—I won't say 'up,' because I know that you have never lost the good habit of being up in good time as a rule; but, Falconer, it is burning the candle at both ends."

candle at both ends."

"Whew! danger signals!" thought
Fale; but he laughed carelessly.

"Oh, it doesn't hurt me! Eels get
used to skinning, Uncle Will!"

"Perhaps; but then men aren't eels,
you see," aaid Uncle Will, dryly. "It's
high time you steadied down a little! I
should like to see you marry and settle,
my lad."

should like to see you all that, and a horrible fear struck-him that his uncle was about to open an aggressive warfare on that vexed question by producing some selected lady of his (the uncle's) choice for a niece-in-law. He answerd lightly:

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"I shouldn't like to see myself, then, as 'Benedict the married man,' I assure you. I like freedom better than chains,"

"Nonsense, Falconer! I am in serious earnest!"

earnest!"
"So am I, Uncle Will; so I hope you have not taken the idea much to heart, and, from the negative—that is, selecting the lady I must not marry—pass to the positive, and present me to a lady the positive, and present me to a lady with a view to matrimony, as the adver-tisements say."

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Mr. Orde looked full at the handsome speaker as he said:

"If I do, I don't think you will have to ask any girl twice. Now look here. Falc"—the old man leaned forward, but a kind of gray shadow of dread swept the younger man's fine face—"if you will marry some one I can approve of, I will act handsomely; for I'm quite sure you often outrun your allowance—liberal though it is."

"H'm! Well, yes—sometimes," said St. Maur, pulling his moustache—vexed, but irresistibly struck by the comedy of the wide difference between the reality and his uncle's very limited guess.

"Very well; if you will marry, and become a more steady member of society, I will hand you over on your wedding day a cheque for ten thousand pounds, and execute a deed of entail on you and your heir of half of my property, besides setting on you during my life your present allowance of a thousand a year. Come, is that a fair offer?"

"Uncle Will," exclaimed Falconer, "it is more than fair! You are generous indeed; but I can not promise to please you in this. I would if I could, but I can not marry a woman I don't love, and I could not fall in love to order."

"My dearest boy, I don't ask that; but there must surely be, amongst the women you meet in society, some fair and charming enough to attract you; there is far more of fire than ice about, you, unless—"

"Unless what, Uncle William? Speak out. I don't mind."

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"Well, Falc, I don't want to be hard on follies—I've been young myself; but if there is any entanglement—any unworthy attachment—that money—"
"There is none, on my honor," interrupted St. Maur, proudly, as he thought of his wife's pure, beautiful face. "But still, I have no thought or wish at all, or intention of marrying. We will change the subject, please, and I will ring for Rahmnee to order luncheon up soon."

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He touched an electric bell, that summoned his servant, gave the order, and then began speaking of political matters.

Mr. Orde wisely fell in with these tactivs, biding his time.

"I expect my business will keep me a week or town in town," he said presently, when he rose to depart, "so I shall do the sights a bit; and if you can spare me a little time as companion."

"Why Linda Will of coverage with

now, boy; just a trille of loose notes young fellows will be young fellows, I know."

Falconer started, the red blood flushing to his brow.

"Uncle Will—no, no, take it back—I don't want it. You are too generouskeep it."

But William Orde lightly struck down the impetuously outstretched hand.

"Nonsense, Falc; it's only—a little gift—only a couple of hundred—and you must take it or I shall be hurt. Goodbye—good-bye, my boy, till later."

He hurried off; but at the hall door St. Maur said, softly:

"Thank you, Uncle Will; your generous present shall be well used."

He went back to his room and focked up the packet of notes.

"Ay," he said to himself, with that rare, sweet smile of his, "it shall go to my darling, for she will use it worthily; and I—I might gamble it all away! My Christine, not this!"

So for the first time he unconsciously put temptation from him, with Christine's name on his lips.

Had her flym, loving hand been stretched out just in time to shut Pandors's box and keep hope in the world of their two lives?

A little before eight that evening St.

Maur and his uncle alighted at the Lyccum, and went to meir seats in the stalls, already filling fast. Mr. Orde was on Falconer's left hand, on his right were two vacant seats, into which the young man, whilst answering a question of his uncle's, did not see pretty dashing Helen Addison and Archer Northcote cone—she first, of course; but as 8t. Maur ceased speaking, a touch on the shoulder made him turn quickly.

"My dear Mrs. Addison, what good fortune! How do. Northcote?"

"Good fortune! I thought you meant to cut me," said the lady, with a coquettish glance.

"Cut you—impossible! I was speak-

"Cut you—impossible! I was speak-ing to my uncle. Allow me—Mr. Orde— Mrs. Addison, Mr. Northcote.'

"I am charmed to know you, Mr. Orde," Helen said, as bows were exchanged; "for of course I have heard of you from your nephew. Are you up in town for a permanency, may I ask?"

"Oh, no, Mrs. Addison, only for a week or two; and you see, Falconer has taken me in charge to make the most of the time."

"Quite right of him, and I shall hope—Ah! the bell; I must hush."

But presently, during the shifting of a front scene, she touched Falc, and as he bent his head a little, said in his ear

ne bent his head a little, said in his ear behind her fan:
"Prop in to-night if you can; just a nice little card party."

He nodded slightly, with the least bit of a shrug that intimated, 'If I can— doubtful."

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In the wait after the first act Helen said:
"I am going to give a ball next week; you will come, of course, Mr. St. Mourcela va sans dire—and Mr. Orde"—with the sweetest urbanity—"if you would come with your nephew, I should be so delighted."
"Madame, you are very kind to ask an old man whose dancing days are done: I fear I should be only in the way."

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"No, no, Mr. Orde. I will take no re-fusal. Mr. St. Maur, if you come without your uncle, I won't speak to you for a month, at least."
"Too terrible a fiat to even contem-plate and remain sane!" said Falconer. "I'll bring him for my own preserva-tion."

tion."

"Very well; Mr. Orde, I shall expect you, then I'll send your cards pro forma and introduce you both to two lovely heiresses and their friend—chaperon—such a handsome woman!"

The elder man bowed, smiling; the younger held his breath for a moment. He guessed at once, for he knew that Helen knew the Cliffords, as he had told his wife.

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"Thank heaven," he thought, "that Christine is her father's image, not her mother's—so her aunt said—so the photograph proved. Malediction! I wish fair Helen hadn't asked him! Bah! what a grim mask it is—tragedy and comedy—twins ever!"

When the play was over, he drove with his uncle to Brown's, bid him goodnight, and returned to his hansom.

"Wheer to now, sir?" Jehu asked the swell fare.

"Vale Road, Kensington," was the answer

"A nice little card party," Helen had said.
Play was high at ...e Addisons' sometimes; but still within the limits of good form—that strong, if unwritten, canon of society. (To be Continued.)

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

PUBLIC DUTY OF CITIZENS.

Rev. Beverley Ketchen Declares in Favor of Reduction.

tion of a true citizen's public duty in its broader aspects was given yesterday

morning by Rev. Beverley Ketchen, M.

However, and the began speaking of political matters that began speaking of political matters at the began speaking of the speak of the second chapter of St. Luke, "Expect my business will keep me a week or town in town," he said presently, when he rose to depart, "so I shall do the sights a bit; and if you can to a spare me a little time as companion—"
"Why, Uncle Will, for course—with pleasure always, you know," said the young man, with affectionate reproach." I am at your service, and I'll make you unite dissipated. Will you come to the Lyceum to-night? Snowball shall go at once and take stalls or a box—or do you prefer something else?"
"No, dear boy, no; that is the best, and I shall enjoy it. Dine with me, them, at my hotel—Brown's—at shiftirty, if you are disengaged?"
"On, by the bree," said Mr. Orde, quickly, taking a small packet from his breat pocket and popping it down on the table before his nephew," in early force to give you that—stupid of me. Look it up. Fale."

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SIGNET RINGS

KLEIN & BINKLEY 35-37 James St. North

TRAVELERS' GUIDE

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

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'Jagara Falls. New York-*2.27 a.m., *5.57 a.m., *9.65 a.m., *10.05 a.m., 5.37 p.m., *7.30 p.m.

'Catharines, Niagara Falls, Butfalo-*5.57 a.m., *9.86 a.m., *10.05 a.m., *11.20 a.m.

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1.m., 15.35 p.m. 171 Hope. Cobourg, Belleville, Brockville, Montreel and East—77.50 a.m., *7.05 p.m., *8.55 p.m., *9.05 p.m. 10.05 p.m., 19.05 p.m., 19.05 p.m., 19.05 p.m., Lindsay. Peterboro—†11.30 a.m., †3.40 p.m., 5.35 p. m.,
Daily. †Daily, except Sunday. ‡From King street depot.

CANADIAN FACIFIC RAILWAY.

7.49 a. m. for Toronto, Lindsay, Bobcaygeon, Tweed, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal,
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Brampton, Forest, Harriston,
Wingham, Coldwater and immediate stations.

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Una leave Toronto 7.59 a. m., (daily).

a. m. (daily), 1.15 p. m., 3.45 p. m., 5.20

... (daily), 7.10 p. m., 11.10 p. m.

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Hamilton Detroit, Chicago and Hamilton
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**1.00 p. m. Brantford, Waterford and west ... *2.09 p. m.
Toledo and Chicago ... *2.09 p. m.
**1.40 p. m. Brantford, Waterford and west ... *5.20 p. m.
Sleeping cars on Michigan Central connecting at Waterford and west.
**Dally. except Sunday.

HAMILTON & DUNDAS RAILWAY Terminal Station—*6.15, *7.15, 8.15, 9.15, 10.15, 11.15 a. m., 12.15, 1.15, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15 c.15, 7.15, 8.15, 9.15, 10.15, 11.15 p. m. Leave Hatt St. Station, Dundas—*6.00, *6.15, *7.15, 8.05, 9.15, 10.15, 11.15 a. m., 12.15, 1.15, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15, 5.15, 7.15, 8.15, 9.15, 10.15, *11.15 p. m.
*115 p. m.
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HAMILTON RADIAL ELECTRIC

Hamilton to Burlington and Oakville—"6.10,
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BRANTFORD & HAMILTON RAIL-

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*Daily, except Sunday.

HAMILTON, GRIMSBY & BEAMS-VILLE ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

Leave Hamilton-@6.10, *7.10, *8.10, 9.10, 10.10, 11.10 a. m. *12.10, 1.10, 2.10, 3.10, 4.10, 5.10, 6.10, 7.10, 8.10, 9.10, *10.10, *11.10 p. m.

Leave Beamsville-"5.40, *64.00, 7.40, 8.40, 9.40, *10.40, 1.10, 6.10, 8.40, *9.40, *10.40, 1.10, 6.10, 8.40, *9.40, *10.40, 1.40, 5.40, 6.40, 7.40, 8.40, *9.40, *10.40, *0.40,

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Richard Parr's Claim in Sugar Trust Frauds.

New York, Dec. 19 .- William Loeb, jun., collector of the port of New York has approved the claim to moity by Richard Parr, the deputy collector and original informer in the sugar frauds, on the \$2,135,486 paid into the United States treasury by the American Sugar

States treasury by the American Sugar Refining Company as restitution for duties evaded by underweighing.

According to the statutes regulating such awards, Parr will receive "not exceeding in amount one-half of the net proceeds," which will mean in this case, if the claim is approved by the Treasury Department, approximately \$1,000,000.

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