

Real "Live Wire" Christmas Specials For Thursday

Here are real "Live Wire" Christmas Specials that flash their wonderful savings into the homes of every good shopper for Thursday, the best day before the final rush hours. It is certain we can serve you better in the morning hours, open at 8.30, close at 10 p.m.

Gift Handkerchiefs at Half

Sharp at 8.30 a. m. on sale Women's Gift Handkerchiefs at half price. A wonderful sale event. Pure Irish linen, with fancy colored border and crossbar; fine sheer qualities.

At 7c formerly priced at 15c

At 10c formerly priced at 20c

At 12 1/2c formerly priced at 25c

Other Specials for Thursday

Women's Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, assorted letters, 18c, Thursday. 50 dozen Women's Pure Irish Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 8 and 10c, sale. Beautiful Swiss and Irish Drawn and Embroidered Handkerchiefs, in scalloped or hemstitched borders, 15 and 18c, Thursday.

Men's 50c Ties

Hundreds to choose from in scores of plain or novelty stripe or figured silk effects. All shades, too, in the open Derby or close ends. A man expects many ties in the holiday season. Each in a box. Special Thursday.

Men's Reefers \$1.25 to \$2.50

Men's Silk Reefers or Mufflers, in plain silk bengalines or in self or fancy patterns. All serviceable shades. A very suitable gift. Special Thursday. \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

In the Staple Section

5 dozen only Irish Bleached Huckaback Towels, large size, 27x40 inches, hemstitched ends, regular 35c each, sale.

Cash Linen Laundry Bags, with embroidered fronts, 50c, Thursday 35c.

A Traveller's samples of Tapestry Table Covers, in assorted patterns, full third savings, at \$1.69, up to \$3.50.

White Linen Lawn embroidered Cushion Covers, worth 75c, Thursday 30c.

Xmas Neckwear 50c Special

A large assortment of women's fancy chignon, lace and silk collars, lace Javots, and bows, in white and colors, a very pretty gift, in a neat box, special at 50c.

Paris Fans Greatly Reduced

Pretty Evening Fans, some hand-painted, Sequin and Lace trimmed, all styles, some very elaborate, were 75c to \$5, Thursday, 50c, 85c to \$3.

New Bradley Mufflers 50c

The new knitted Muffler for women, double fastener, in white, sky grey, Copenhagen, helio and black, a pretty gift in a box, sold everywhere, 50c.

Open To-night FINCH BROS. Open To-night

A BIG SUIT.

Hugh S. Brennen, of This City, Issues a Writ.

Hugh S. Brennen, of this city, has had a writ issued against the Bank of Hamilton, James Turnbull, Henry M. Watson and William Lees, all of Hamilton, and William Milne, of North Bay, claiming an account by the bank of its dealings with the Nipissing Lumber Company, Limited, the Leuty Lumber Company, Limited, the Mississauga Lumber Company, Limited, and the plaintiff, and of all moneys received by the bank or any person in its behalf from or on account of the said companies and the proceeds thereof, and of all securities now held by the bank, the property of the companies or the plaintiff. Watson, Lees and Milne are directors of the Nipissing Lumber Company, Limited, being manager. He further claims to have set aside an alleged sale to Milne by his co-defendants of the property of the Nipissing Lumber Company, Limited, known as the Spanish Mill, and the two timber limits of the plaintiff known as the Kitchener and the Roberts limits, and for their re-transfer and repayment of the amount of the loss and damage alleged to have been sustained by the company by the said defendants of the said company contrary to the policy and wish of the plaintiff, who is the chief owner of the shares therein. And the plaintiff asks for an injunction restraining the defendants individually and as directors or controllers of the company from making sale of the property of the company known as the Cache Bay Mill, and from further continuing to direct or control the business and operations of the company contrary to the wish and policy of the plaintiff.



DID GET AWEIGH WITH IT.

Doctor—I can hardly believe you are following my rules for reducing flesh. At how much do you tip the beam now?

Van Rieck—At 170 pounds.

Doctor—Hub, you didn't tip the beam—you tipped the fellow who weighed you.

Amusements

Seats are selling rapidly for the engagement of Bertha Galland at the Grand, Christmas matinee and night, and two capacity houses are assured. Bertha Galland has always been identified with successes, and since the days of her last Canadian tour in "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall" she has been missed by playgoers of the Dominion. Her new play is a brilliant modern comedy of unusually novel theme. "The Return of Eve," which the Scabbits are sending here for the first time, is a story of a twentieth century Adam and Eve, brought up in a fenced garden of Eden in the wilds of West Virginia. This circumstance comes about through the fact that an eccentric millionaire wants to experiment over the possibilities of living as Adam and Eve did at the beginning of the world. The untimely death of the millionaire, however, causes Eve to be adopted by his sister, residing in New York, where she sees for the first time how the outer world lives. Here, however, all resemblance to Mother Eve ceases, for the modern Eve finds disappointment in society, and



MARGUERITE CLARK, To be seen at the Grand on Monday in "King of Cadonia."

lives happily ever afterwards with Adam. Miss Bertha Galland's work in the title role has won for her much praise, and in many cities the dramatic critics were enthusiastic. Of the star the Montreal Herald said: "Her work is convincing, successful and instinct with charm"; and of the play: "In its beauty, its charm, and its rare atmospheric suggestion of the strength of primal virtue and the ugliness of vice, the author must be conceded to have achieved dramatic success." The strong endorsement, however, is that of chief magistrate, Mr. Recorder Weir, of Montreal, who said: "I advise every young man and woman to see 'The Return of Eve' without fail."

BENNETT'S THEATRE.

In keeping with the cheerful spirit of the Christmas season is the merry holiday bill offered at the Bennett Theatre this week. Comedy predominates nearly every number, and it is all so pleasingly varied that fun never lags for a minute. One of the brightest and most attractive little offerings seen here this season introduces Lola Merrill and Frank Otto in "After the Shower." It has to do with a summer flirtation on the shores of Lake George and gives this capable pair excellent scope. Miss Merrill, in her pretty costumes, is a dainty and vivacious summer girl, and Otto, while he has plenty of breeziness in his manner, never overdoes it. Charles Leonard Fletcher, who presents clever impersonations of Mark Twain, some of Dickens' characters, Commander Peary, Dr. Cook and other celebrities, is a splendid entertainer. Fletcher scores his real hit with the G. R., although all his characters bear an artistic touch that commands admiration. Among the chief laugh distributors are Bendini and Arthur, comedy jugglers and travesty artists, and Munro and Mack, colored comedians, who have a screamingly little farce. The balance of the bill has many pleasing qualities.

Next week Gus Edwards' big act, "School Boys and Girls," will be the topline.

"KING OF CADONIA."

Seats will go on sale to-morrow morning for the "King of Cadonia," the English musical comedy, to be offered at the Grand next Monday night. In Toronto, where it is being presented this week, it is said to be one of the most gorgeous productions seen here in some time, and everybody likes it. The company is a particularly strong one. It includes such artists as Marguerite Clark, who was last seen here in "The Wishing Ring," William Norris, the comedian, who will be remembered in "The Cingalee," and Tom Jones; Melville Stewart, who was also here in the "Cingalee," and "The Country Girl," Clara Palmer, Zella Sears, Robert Dempster, and William Danforth. There are many other well known people and, altogether, the organization numbers about seventy. Hamilton is the only town in Canada outside of Toronto, where this great musical play will be seen, as it goes from here to New York, where it opens the following Monday at Daly's Theatre.

"THE LOST TRAIL."

To those who enjoy a play of unflagging interest, color and movement, a strong plot, well-seen contrasts, "The Lost Trail," which comes to the Grand next Tuesday, will appeal. It tells a love story that swarms the heart. It is said to be startlingly real in the dramatic scenes it presents in the lives of the people of the west. There is comedy of the choicest kind, and its character studies are noted for their simplicity and truth.

"Clothes make a great difference in people," said the thoughtful woman. "Yes," answered Mrs. Elmbilt. "I have known one of my new gowns to change my husband into a perfect bear."—Washington Star.

Be sure you are right and then keep everlastingly at it.—Chicago News.

MIXED CANDY

PER POUND 5c

250 lbs. Brown Mixed Candies, regular 8c per lb., going while they last at 5c per lb. They are pure candy and good enough to eat. Royal Mixed Candies, just the very nicest, 9c lb., 3 lbs. 25c. Mixed Creams, Peppermints or Humbugs, per lb. 10c. Jumbo Gums, 9c lb., 3 lbs. 25c. Molasses Kisses, 13c lb., 2 lbs. 25c. Chocolate Walnuts, 13c lb., 2 lbs. 25c. Maple Walnuts, Chocolate Walnuts, Cream Walnuts, per lb. 20c.

Table Figs Per Package 5c

500 packages new and choice Table Figs. Were imported to sell at 10c per package, but they are not quite large enough, and they go while they last 5c per pkg. Choice Table Figs, full pound package, 10c. Teddy Bear Dates, 2 pks. 15c. Farde Dates, per lb. 12c.

Cranberries and Table Raisins

We have handled lots of Cranberries, but never saw a nicer sample. They are thoroughly ripe and every berry sound. Make a perfect jelly or sauce; 13c quart, 2 quarts 25c. Table Raisins, choicest clusters, per lb., 20c, worth 30c. Extra fancy Table Raisins in fancy one-lb. boxes, the choicest fruit in the nicest box, per box 35c.

Nuts

Walnuts, Almonds, Filberts, per lb. 15c. Brazils, per lb., 17c. All mixed together, equal quantities of each, per lb. 15c. Shelled Almonds, per lb. 40c. Shelled Walnuts, per lb. 35c. These Nuts are new, every one of them, and of the finest quality obtainable.

Oranges and Grape Fruit

The choicest fruit we can buy. Navel Oranges, Jumbo size, 50c per doz., 6 for 25c; large size, 30c doz., worth 40c. Florida Oranges, large size, rich flavor, juicy and sweet, per dozen 25c, worth 35c; smaller, 12c per doz., worth 20c. Mexican Sweet Oranges, large size, worth 30c doz., for 20c. Grape Fruit, Florida, very fine, 5c, 6 for 25c; last time this price. Messina Lemons, new and ripe; per doz., 15c, worth 20c.

Baker's Cocoa, per tin 10 and 25c
Cowan's Cocoa, per tin 10 and 25c
Lowney's Cocoa, per tin 10 and 25c
Epps' Cocoa, per tin 10 and 25c
Huyler's Cocoa, per tin 10 and 25c
Bensdorf's Cocoa, per tin 10 and 25c
Cowan's Soluble Cocoa, per pound 25c
Bakerized Coffee, per pound tin 40c
Lipton's Coffee, per pound tin 40c
Social Coffee, per half pound tin 15c
Java and Mocha Coffee, pound 40c
Carroll's Special Coffee, pound 25 and 40c
Golden Rio Coffee, per pound 15c
Lipton's Tea, per pound 25, 30 and 40c
Social Tea, per pound 25, 30 and 40c
Pyramid Tea, regular 50c pound, for 40c
Carroll's Own Blend Tea, per pound 10c
Baldwin Apples, basket 25c
Alliance Jelly Powder package 5c
Lipton's Jelly Tablets 3 for 25c

Pickles, Sauces, Etc.

Rowat's Pickled Walnuts, White Onions, Gherkins, Mixed or Chow, per bottle, 10c. Maconochie's Pickles, mixed, chow, Onions or Walnuts, regular 15c bottle, for 12c. Queen quality Sweet Pickles, regular 15c bottle, going Thursday and Friday, per bottle 13c, 2 for 25c; Jockey Club Pickles, mixed or chow, large bottle, 15c; Nation's Sauce, large bottle 10c; Punch Sauce, bottle 25c; Panyan Sauce, bottle 20c; Celery Relish, bottle 10c; Horse Relish, bottle 10c; Alliance Catsup, large bottle 15c; Lily Catsup, bottle 10c; Heinz Catsup, bottle 15c; Heinz Baked Beans, tin, 10 and 15c.

Butter, Eggs and Cheese

Choicest Fresh Creamery Butter, per lb. 30c; choicest Dairy Prints, per lb. 29c; Dairy, large rolls, per lb. 28c; small quantity No. 2 Dairy Rolls, per lb. 24c; Eggs, cold stored, good, per dozen, 30c; Cheese, new and mild, per lb. 15c, rich June Cheese, lb. 17c; Cream Cheese, 10c pot, for 8c; 25c pot for 17c.

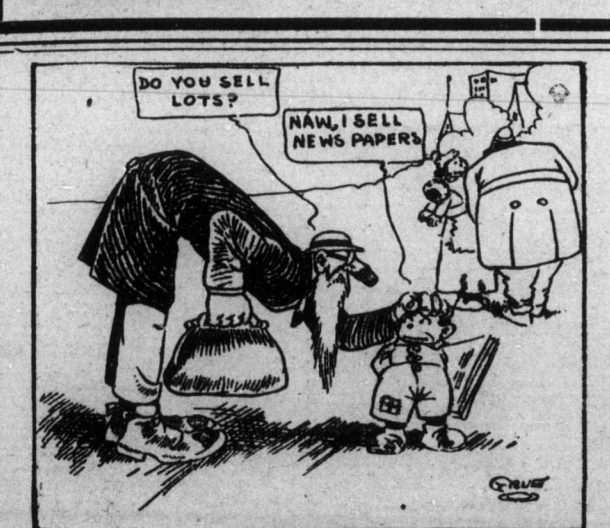
Sugar

Crystal Granulated Sugar, 20c lbs. \$1.00, 10 lbs. 50c. 5 lbs. 25c. Best Granulated Sugar, 19 lbs. \$1.00, 9 1/2 lbs. 50c, 4 1/2 lbs. 25c, 20-lb. bags \$1.05, 50-lb. bags \$2.50, 100-lb. bags \$4.95. Bright Yellow Sugar, 20 lbs. \$1.00, 10 lbs. 50c, 5 lbs. 25c. Dark Brown Sugar, 6 lbs. 25c. Best White Iceing Sugar, 3 1/2 lbs. 25c. Vanilla Flavored Iceing Sugar, 3 lbs. 25c. Cut Leaf Sugar, 3 1/2 lbs. 25c.

Can Goods.

Corn, Peas, Tomatoes, Pumpkin or Beets, 3 tins for 25c. Large tins Beets, 11c. Golden Wax Stringless Beans, per tin 10c. Raspberries, Strawberries or Peaches, per tin 15c. Plums, per tin 10c. Sliced Pineapples, per tin 13c, 2 tins 25c. Vernon Catsup, 7c tin, 4 tins 25c.

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THE ARTLESS ANSWER.

THE SAFE COURSE.

Mrs. Wilson's husband was often obliged to travel on business, and frequently did not reach home till after midnight. His wife had been in the habit of sleeping peacefully at these times, says a writer in the Spokesman-Review, but a number of burglaries in the neighborhood during one of Mr. Wilson's trips had disturbed her calm.

On one night of his return Mr. Wilson was stealing carefully up the front stairs, so that his wife would not be awakened, when he heard her voice, high and strained.

"I don't know whether you are my husband or a burglar," came the excited tones, "but I am going to be on the safe side and shoot, as you are Henry you'd better get out of the way!"

STANLEY MILLS & CO., Limited

Wednesday, December 22nd, 1909

Christmas Aprons 39c

We have the best assortment of Christmas Aprons that has been shown in this store. Prices and styles cannot be duplicated. We have Aprons with and without bibs, the all-over style, also the dainty Tea Aprons. The prices range from 25c up. We have a big special for Thursday, selling at 39c.

A Christmas Coat \$12.50

Women's Coats in a number of the latest styles, including semi and tight-fitting, single or double breasted; mannish or storm collar; new tailored sleeves; half lined, in black, navy, brown, green, taupe, London smoke, Burgundy, and fawn; good range of sizes; regular price \$15 and \$16.50; on sale Thursday special \$12.50.

Men's Shaving Sets 50c

Men's Shaving Sets, in a nice fancy box; china mug; decorated and mirror, special 50c.

75c Perfumes 49c

Our 75c Perfumes, in fancy boxes, satin lined, dainty bottles with glass stoppers; regularly 75c; on Thursday, special 49c.

Cushion Tops 19c

Tapestry Cushion Tops, in designs of scenery and figures, in dark shades; regularly 35c, special 19c.

Piano Drapes \$1.75

Pure Japanese Silk Drapes, for pianos or mantels, in light or dark colors; on sale Thursday, each \$1.75.

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BEWARE OF THE MAN WHO TELLS.

(By Bert Kennedy in Chicago Tribune.) If you have a brick handy, present it without ceremony to the man who is always telling you what other people say about you. You will injure him with the brick, and you will doubtless be locked up for assault; but you will gain in the end. For you will have rid yourself of a friend who is more dangerous than the most dangerous foe.

I am a man who adores peace with the heartiest adoration—I revel in it—but when I meet the man who tells me in confidence of the ruffianly thing that some one has said of me, I feel like indulging in war. I feel like letting him have one of the best under the chin. Know, my dear reader, that everybody talks about you when you are not present in quite a different way from what they would talk were you face to face with them. It is human nature. We are all critics of one another. Even your dearest friend knows that you have little faults. And when the occasion comes he speaks to others of these little faults. He does this even though he is your best and most reliable friend. And you do the same by him. We all speak of one another's little faults. We can't help it. We were born that way. We don't really mean anything by it. But we do it. And there's an end of it.

It is alleged, to be sure, that there are some perfect persons who never say behind a man's back what they wouldn't say before his face. I say alleged, because I must confess that, in a somewhat wide experience of life, I have never had the fortune to meet these persons. And I am driven to the conclusion that, if they exist at all, they are as rare among us as white blackbirds.

My experience of life has shown me that human beings find it the finest and most stimulating fun going to laugh at the failings and oddities of others behind their backs. In fact, I would go so far as to assert that this trait in our common humanity is the root and foundation of our social life. In the good old prehistoric days men laid down their flint clubs and indulged in humorous comment concerning the way some acquaintances escaped from, or was gulped up by, the sports animals with the long names. And they found this comment upon the fortunes or misfortunes of others so delightful that they made a habit of it, and thereby laid the foundations of social intercourse as we know it now.

The one who tells is a spoil sport and a traitor. And, what is more, he is that worst liar of all—the liar in whose life there is part truth. For the fact that he tells you of is divorced from its context. If you yourself had been there and heard what was said before and after it, you would have placed quite a different construction upon it. You would see that the thing that he tells you of, and that sounds so malicious in the telling, was said in joke, that there was nothing behind it, and that there was meant to be behind it. Oh nothing it would have felt a bit sheepish, perhaps; but it would not have rankled as it rankles now. You would not have felt as you feel now—that you have lost a friend.

The one who tells is a spoil sport, in the sense that he spoils the fun of gossip. He likely enough laughed as heartily

Persian Lamb Muffs \$25

Persian Lamb Muffs, best selected skins, made in open rug shape, also new Empire style, lined with best quality black satin, silk wrist cord, very special at \$25.00. Butterfly Ties to match 15.00.

Misses' Fur Sets \$10

Misses' Grey Lamb Sets, splendid curl; Muff made in Empire shape, with small tie or throw to match; marked per set 10.00.

A Skirt for \$4.89

Women's Skirts, in a variety of styles, in both pleated and plain gored, finished with self or silk strappings and self folds. The materials are Venetian, Panama and Worsted Serge, in black, navy, green and taupe, well tailored and perfect fitting, good range of sizes, regular \$6 to \$7.50, on sale Thursday at \$4.89.

Waist Lengths 50c

20 only Waist Lengths of white Mercerized Vestings, in pretty damask patterns, silk finish, put up in gift boxes, regular 60c lengths, on sale at 8.30 sharp per box 50c.

Musical Specials

No Place for a Minister's Son 19c
I've Got Rings on My Fingers 19c
We Willie Winkie, march 19c
Little Lady 19c

Christmas Lunch Set 35c

Christmas Lunch Sets, containing large table cloth, 12 napkins, 12 doilies and 6 plates in holly design. 35c.

Burnt Wood Outfits

Burnt Wood Outfits, complete with extra good needles, in stamped box, ready to burn 15.00.

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