

In Grocery Selling

It does not do to drop all care and push once Christmas and the holidays are over. Things to eat cannot be too good in January as well as in December. Fish at this time of the year will be most acceptable—a decided change from the many rich things we have been taking.

HADDIE, 10c a pound.
CODFISH, 8c a pound.
BONELESS CODFISH, 10c a lb.

H. Malcolmson

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Wednesday January 2nd, 1901
Chas. E. Blaney's Greatest Success

A FEMALE DRUMMER

ALL STAR CAST

—INCLUDING—
Nellie O'Neill, The Handsome Costumes
Willie F. Sweetnam, Breezy Music
Harry Laddell, Music
George Richards, Oscar Figman,
Nellie Byron, Madeline Merli,
Harry James
AND 40 OTHERS.

The Highest Salaried Farce-Comedy Organization in the World.

ALL SPECIAL SCENERY!
Prices \$1, 75c, 50c, 25c.

Intensely the biggest and best farce-comedy action that has ever visited Chatham. I have seen the production and this is with one exception, the best I have ever seen. It is a real, clever fun by the best people in the business, with enough music for a comic opera. Don't miss it.

NOTICE

Parties wanting mineral water from the Chatham Mineral Water Company, Limited, can procure the same from Mr. E. S. Bromfield, at the well, between the hours of 2 and 4 p. m., or in small quantities at Room 9, Victoria Block at any time.

Chatham Mineral Water Company, Limited

Pure Kettle Rendered Lard

11c lb.

Fine Sugar Cured Smoked Hams and Bacon

At the Pork Packing House
F. Chaplin
Opera House Block
PHONE 240.

TO CONTRACTORS.

Separate and bulk tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned architects up till 7 o'clock p. m., Friday, the 4th day of January, 1901, for the erection of a Brick Church near Pardoville. Plans and specifications at the office of the architects. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JAMES L. WILSON & SON,
Archts.
Chatham, December 24th, 1901.

REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE AND BROKER'S OFFICE.

FOR SALE—A few shares of the Chatham Manufacturing Co., Limited

F. Marx

Hardware

Specialties

Electro Plate,
Knives,
Children's Sets,
Table, Dessert and
Pocket Cutlery.

Table and Dessert
Forks and Spoons,
Flat Forks and
Solid Forks
A Large Assortment
Of Scissors.

John A. Mortons' Hardware Store
King Street.

Give the Boys a Pair of

Skates and a Hockey Stick

....You can get them at....

WESTMAN BROS., Big Hardware

AT THE THEATRE. CITY STORES WERE TOUCHED.

Over \$500 Worth of Goods Secured by Shop-lifters During Xmas Season.

One of the most phenomenal successes of the season, Charles E. Blaney's Female Drummer, will be seen at the Grand Theatre. The comedy is written in the prolific author's happiest vein, and is overflowing with refined wit. It deals with the trials and tribulations of Smooth and Silk, the two proprietors of a large department store, and the efforts of Hase Bargain, a female drummer to force her particular line of goods on the market. The troubles of Smooth and Silk are further augmented by the antics of Buttons, the elevator boy; Super, a superstitious negro, and Nellie O'Neill as Carrie Cash, whose constant habit of chewing gum causes consternation among the firm and employees. Her style and manner are unmistakably fit for the part. She is ably supported by Oscar Figman, Willie P. Sweetnam, George Richards, Albert Faverier, Henry Laddell, Madeline Merli, Helen Byron, and the lesser parts are in the hands of a very capable company of 40 people, together with 25 pretty girls who add enjoyment to the performance. The company is equipped with elaborate scenery for the entire three acts of the comedy. Altogether it will be one of the most enjoyable productions to be seen here this season.

ONE MAID'S SAD PLAIN.

Thinks Some Maple City Young Men Have Distorted Ideas of Vocalism.

And Would be Inclined to Endorse Drastic Measures for Their Suppression.

She doubtless has musical ideas of her own. She is decidedly a student in all the arts and is an adept in many. But, although it was New Year's day, the season's smiles and brightness were absent from the beaming picture which peeped from the snow-flecked furs, and the chilling, biting sarcasm of her utterances made the winter winds and zero at midnight seem as the balmy breezes and sultry sentiment of the midsummer moonday.

She confided her grievance to The Planet.

"The late Robert G. Ingersoll and other eminent authorities," she began without preface or preamble, while the reporter covertly secreted the prayer-book he was carrying, in his overcoat pocket, "have held that suicide is justifiable, while the law maintains otherwise, and makes it a penal offense if the unfortunate victim escape with his life after dropping from the bridge, hacking his jugular or eating holes in his coppers with the biting, blistering carbide."

"Now the tenor singer of a Brooklyn quartette, who, as I saw by The Planet some days ago, blew himself to the contents of a six shooter, in the middle of the last stanza of 'Goodbye, Sweetheart, Good-bye,' adds considerable weight to the Ingersollian side of the argument. The consensus of public opinion will sustain him."

"And she continued warmly, 'the spontaneous, sentimentally inclined amateur quartette is a menace to society. When four throaty young bunk clerks, whose voices never blend, assemble on Victoria avenue, beneath a sleeping maiden's window at 3 a. m., and throw their heads back and lay at the moon like so many dogs in discordant concert, the value of human life may be considered inconsequential. If one of the party knows how to pick a mandolin, not only self destruction, but felonious assault and murder in the first degree become clearly justifiable."

No Heart too Bad to be Cured.
—Testimony could be piled high in commendation of the wonderful cure wrought by Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. No case stands against this great remedy where it did not relieve the most acute heart sufferings inside of thirty minutes. It attacks the disease in an instant after being taken.

Sold by J. W. McLaren, Chatham.

In Many Instances the Culprits are Well Able to Pay the Price of Pilfered Plunder.

It is estimated that, during the recent holiday season, over \$500 worth of goods were stolen from Maple City merchants.

This fact is both serious and deplorable, perhaps the more so because in the large majority of cases the culprits are of the fair sex, who have better facilities for rapidly secreting their pilfered plunder. In many instances, of course, the theft is instantly noted or discovered, but the unwillingness to deal harshly with a patron and the dislike of creating a scene have occasioned the dropping of police court prosecution on the restoration of the article or the purchase of it.

The Saturday preceding Christmas proved the gala day of the season for the shop-lifters. The immense throngs which crowded all the leading mercantile establishments and the consequent generous exposure of the goods was all in their favor, and results were as stated. The most inexplicable feature is the fact, as stated by the merchants themselves, that many of the larcenies are perpetrated by individuals whose pocket-books and purses are bulging with greenbacks and coin of the realm.

"One often hesitates to believe their own eyes when they catch a culprit red-handed," said one merchant to The Planet, "when it is a person whose wealth can be measured by the thousands. On one occasion during the past week I saw a wealthy lady from a neighboring town take a piece of silk from one of our counters and place it with a her cloak. In fact, even after she had proffered her contrived apologies and settled in full for the silk from her well-filled purse, I found it hardly possible to realize it of her. But we caught eleven such girls during the day and how many got away with us we now cannot tell."

Another theft was spotted in a dry goods store by one of the clerks, as the result of which a quantity of dress goods were returned from under the cape of a shoplifter. When the confiscated property was being extricated from its hiding place a pair of rubbers, also pilfered in an adjoining shoe establishment, were disclosed.

On another occasion two young ladies entered a saleroom and requested to be shown jewelled belts. Deciding not to purchase on the spot, they exhibited two spoons of thread and were ordered. While procuring these one of the purchasers cleverly slipped a belt from the counter into the arms of the clerk, who was to it.

"What to do is a mystery," remarked a sufferer to The Planet. "I guess we lose and that's all there is to it. By the way, I pray devoutly that, with the dawn of the new century, these help-yourself individuals may determine to turn over a new leaf and stick to their resolution."

DRESDEN.

Jan. 2.—Miss Merritt and Miss Kate Garrett, of Chatham, are spending New Year's week with Mrs. J. Wright, Hughes St.

John Gordon, of Wallaceburg, was in town on Monday.

Dr. Armstrong, of London, is visiting at Rev. Mr. Galloway's.

Mrs. Geo. Caister and family, of Windsor, are visiting friends in town.

All. Post, of Chatham, is visiting his parents here.

TILBURY.

Jan. 2.—The hockey match which was to have taken place between Tilbury and Chatham yesterday did not materialize, owing to the scarcity of ice.

Married, at the residence of the bride's father, yesterday, by the Rev. T. Dobson, Miss Nellie Elliott to Dan. Shaver.

Miss How's, of Chatham, and Miss Sawyer, of Detroit, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Richardson yesterday.

Jas. Powell and wife spent yesterday in Leamington.

H. S. Shaw returns to Toronto today.

In Tilbury North the entire council is elected by acclamation.

At the conclusion of the nominations he is on Monday night speeches were delivered by the aspirants for municipal honors. The candidates for county representatives also had their say.

There promises to be a spirited contest for the reeve and councillors in the village. The race between T. Sharp, the present reeve, and H. Call-

Annual White Wear Sale

The Gordon Store

...Announces their customary...

January Sale Of White Wear

...To commence on Election Day...

Monday, the 7th January

Watch this space for particulars

...William Gordon...

LEAGUE FOR KENT COUNTY.

Proposal to Organize a New Football Competition Very Shortly.

Manager Laurie Suggests the Donation of a Trophy For Contest By County Clubs.

There is every prospect that Kent will possess a strong compact County Football League during the approaching spring season.

Last week the executive committee of the Darrell club waited on Manager F. D. Laurie, of the Maple City organization, submitted their plans to him and solicited his interest and assistance in the matter of formal organization. Mr. Laurie heartily endorsed the project, promised to attend the meetings of the proposed league and to do all in their power to further it.

The proposal at present is to form a league consisting of the Darrell, Kent Bridge, McKay's Corners and Thamesville clubs, all of whom are understood to be anxious to enter the lists, while all clubs bona fide within the county limits—with the exception of the Chatham Penitentiary League team—will be eligible and every effort will be made to induce as many clubs as possible to enter the competition.

When interviewed by The Planet concerning the matter Mr. Laurie said, "The proposition is an excellent one and I think the county clubs deserve much credit for their enterprise in entering upon it. When the Darrell representatives submitted the matter I told them the Chatham club would do all in its power to assist. There seems to be every prospect of an excellent little league being formed and The Planet cannot do better than to suggest that some generous individual donate a trophy for competition each season. From what I have seen and heard of the four clubs mentioned I know they possess much excellent playing material, that will make the contests at all times fast, interesting and clean. Kent is a county rich in young athletes and has in time past turned out many excellent players. I am sure there is an equally bright future ahead in the county league."

Mr. Laurie added that of course the Chathamites would not be eligible in this organization, but it was to their interests in every way to extend the interest in the game and build up the standard of play in the district by lending an earnest, energetic, helping hand.

Vapo-Crescens quickly cures colds, coughs, sore throat, whooping cough and croup.

—Lameness in the muscles and joints indicates rheumatism. Don't dally with it a minute. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla and cure it.

Wanted!—Old pipe and tea lead, at once. The Planet.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for alderman for 1901, and as such would respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

GEO. W. COWAN.

To the ratepayers of the Township of Harwich.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the urgent request of a large number of the ratepayers of the township, I have consented to become a candidate for councillor for 1901. I would ask each and every one to give me your vote and influence and will promise in return, if elected, to fulfill duties of office to the very best of my ability.

SHERMAN LANGFORD.

WYETH'S.. MALT

We have just received a large shipment of this well-known favorite remedy for convalescents. We have sold this Malt for years and can confidently recommend it.

Price 35c per Bottle

A. I. McCALL,

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Good Tailoring

And our name stands together—the one is never seen without the other.
The young men like the cut and style of our apparel, and the old men appreciate the quality.
We have goods to suit the quiet tastes of the one or the design for more pronounced patterns of the other.
The value we give will please both.

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