Ayre & Sons, Ltd.,

HARDWARE and GROCERY DEPARTMENTS.

We thank you sincerely for the past year's patronage, and now in the truest sense of the word wish you all

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

This Department, with the others of our firm, will be closed all day Friday stock-taking.

On Saturday morning we shall be open, and with our usual attention be ready to fill your esteemed orders.

Dr. Lehr

Wishes one and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and begs to announce that he will open his New Dental Parlors on Monday, January 5th, 1920, in Strang's Building, 329 Water St., where he will have greater facilities to attend to his rapidly increasing practice. Address:

Dr. A. B. Lehr,

329 Water Street, Strang's Building,

(3 Doors West of A. Goodridge & Sons.)

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Japanese Have Many Names.

In Japan an old system prevails in regard to the naming of boys. The child receives his first name when he is just a month old. Then three different names are written on three slips of paper and thrown into the air in the temple while prayers are addressed to the family deity. That which falls first to the ground bears the name the child is called until he is three years old. Then he receives a new name. At fifteen the Japanese boy receives another name in honor of his coming of age. His name is changed again on the occasion of his marriage, and on any advance in his position. Even mortal illness does not aid this confusing state of affairs, for when death comes a name is given him which presumably he is to be known by in the spirit world.

Elephant Doomed.

There is a reason to believe that the elephant in its natural state is destined speedily to follow the buffalo into extinction. According to a London correspondent, South Africa's last herd faces complete destruction. The capacity for property demolition possessed by the elephant make it imperative that some action be taken. The animals sally out of their reserve in quest of food and water. They break own fences, stampede cattle, destroy crops and frighten and sometimes injure human beings. They bathe in the irrigation canals, with consequences to the banks and levees that may easily be imagined.

Chinese Goddess in Boston.

A religious statue of the Chinese Goddess of Mercy, believed to be the work of some sculptor of the Seventh Century, has been brought to Boston from the Orient and is now on exhibition there. Standing slightly more than six feet in height the idol is of white marble, and represents the goddess draped in robes, with a closed basket on one arm and a lotus flower, symbolic of forgetfulness, in the other hand.

Abraham's Oak Venerated by All Religions.

When Abraham was promised possession of the land of Canaan, it is recorded, he was commanded to walk through the land whereupon he removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar to the Lord. It is said that this spot is still marked by a great oak tree, venerated alike by Christian, Jew and Mohammedan. Its preservation in a region cleared of almost all trees by the improvident Turks is attributed to the protection accorded by all religions.

The Forgotten Gift!

Have You Forgotten--

Father,
Mother,
Brother,
Sister,
Fiance.
?

In the worry of your Xmas work? You haven't? Checked off your buying list; gave to everyone you intended to give? Haven't left out anyone because you couldn't get what you would have liked to give?

Think!

What of your other friends—those who performed good turns for you; those who helped you on your vacations; those who tendered you Nfld.-famed hospitality? Those who assisted you in any way?

Think!

Have you given to all?

There is plenty of time yet, until New Year. 1919 is the time to remember favours received in 1919—not 1920.

You may need the same assistance — friendship — hospitality, next year—appreciate it now with something more solid than spoken words.

The Gifts!

FOR THE MAN.

Neckwear finds instant favour with all men. It is Men's Gift to Men. The Xmas business has not shrunk our stock of these favourites in any noticeable way. No "closing out sale" sign fronts our door. No "New Year Cut Prices" entices gullible buyers to an overloaded stock room. The pickings of tie-craft from famous looms still mark our progress.

Let us do the selecting—you stand—and watch—and praise.

Prices 75c., $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $2.50, $3.00, $4.00.

FOR THE LADY.

Daintiness comes uppermost. It is seen in our Wool or Silk Scarves. "None left," say others. "Plenty left," say we. The reason is evident—we were prepared. Colours picked with a discriminating eye—with the other eye on quality. Gloriously heralding your appreciation.

Prices $3.50, $4.00, $4.50, $5.00, $6.00, $8.00, $12.50.

SMYTH'S.

Manager, - - - George F. Kearney.

Babies Begging Biscuits.

Caucasian Batum, the port sits on the southeast corner Black Sea, is a Cathedral town. venues of trees, fine gardens, splendid buildings and beautiful children. Speaking of the latter a soldier correspondent says it would be hard to find a prettier lot of children. He noticed two little girls who stood outside the army hut and buttonholed every soldier or sailor who came out with a "Gib it biscuit." "I did not see a man refuse them," he continues, "and those who had not bought biscuits retired in double-quick time to buy the wherewithal to pay toll. When the two had collected a good apronful each they danced off with the spoil to their homes and were back in a minute or two to take up their posts again."

MAJESTIC THEATRE

A Big New Year's Bill

REX BEACH'S

Fascinating Mystery Story in 6 Acts,

"The Crimson Gardenia."

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Fashions in Suicide.

It seems that there are fashions in suicide. The Journal of the American Medical Association traces their history from the stone age, when man sought death by jumping from cliffs or disappearing in the sea. The ancient Egyptians poisoned themselves with prussic acid extracted from peach kernels; the Italians of the Renaissance used weird combinations of arsenic. Shooting came with the cheapening of firearms, asphyxia with the use of gas for lighting. Carbolic acid was the favorite method when every household kept a bottle of this for fighting bedbugs. The death of a Georgia banker from an accidental dose of mercuric chloride set still another fashion, which is giving place to opium compounds as a means of exit from life.

When you want Roast Beef, Roast Veal, Roast Mutton, Roast Pork, try ELLIS'.

TO CORRESPONDENTS!

Correspondents are requested to accompany contributions with their real names, not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee of good faith. In future no correspondence will be considered unless this rule is adhered to.

Manufacturing Jewe

There is a factory in the subu of Paris at which are made every rubies, sapphires, and other perc stones—not imitation stones, but jewels, made of exactly the s materials as the natural ones and the same process—heat and press This was made possible by the sc tists' discovery of means of prod ing intense heat. Many years diamond crystals were found in meteorite that had been sent to P for examination, and it was dedu that diamonds and other preci stones were the product mainly heat and pressure. The preci stones were analyzed and the co ponent minerals of most were fo to be few and easily obtained. the old fuel-burning furnaces wo not give the requisite heat and s makers had to wait for the invent of the oxy-hydrogen blow-pipe the eleciric furnace. With tempe tures of 300 degrees Fahrenheit more all the chief stones were s produced artificially, and after mu experimenting, a factory method w volved of making the chief jew except the diamond.

By Bud Fisher.

IT'S GONNA BE A TOUGH WINTER FOR MUTT IN HIS CUPID'S ATTIRE.