

DEPARTMENT STORE.

THE COUNTRY STORE WAS THE ORIGINAL.

One of the Ancient Kind Where Everything Can be Purchased—It is the same today as of Old—There Farmers and Sailors Bought Everything.

Kate Kip's description of a department store is not much overdrawn, and it is amusing to every one who is familiar with these modern Pandora boxes, in which it is alleged one may purchase everything from a paper of pins to a pulpit. This institution has a close parallel in the country "general" store in which I spent my boyhood days. Many men of my day and generation will recognize the description as true to life. My father's "department" store was also the general post office and the town telegraph station. The other departments were many and small, and could not be strictly classified and separated. For instance, paint and hardware were handled over one little counter back in a dark corner of the store. Sugar, crackers, spices, tobacco, periodicals, telegrams, and the morning's mail, confectionery, bread, shot and gunpowder, soap and washing soda, occupied the east of the store. Dry goods, boots and shoes, nails, screws, paints and oils, crockery, kerosene, rope and twine, clam-rake handles and woodenware occupied the west side. These were the principal divisions. On our grocery counter was a glass show-case for cigars, and on the dry goods counter a case for notions. In a convenient place on a third counter was an old-fashioned cheese case, which furnished many free samples of cream cheese to the lounging clammers, fishermen and farmers, who regarded the store something in the light of a Bishop Potter club room. At the rear of the room was a drug department enclosed in glass doors, where we supplied all proprietary and patent medicines and drugs. This contained a complete stock of soothing syrup, cordials and porous plasters, and in fact everything but a prescription counter. Once some advertising matter for a certain "German syrup" rough medicine fell into the hands of a neighboring German cobbler. He thought he would like to try some German syrup on his buck-toothed cakes, so came in with a pail and asked for "half a gallon" and was much disappointed at finding it to be cough medicine. The space in the middle of the store was pretty well filled with barrels of apples and potatoes, smoked meats, hoes, shovels and unpacked boxes of soap and dry goods.

The scope of the store was the more remarkable because we supplied many sailing vessels as well as the resident fishermen and farmers with groceries and other commodities. A back room contained a large stock of flour and feed, and the cellar was used for storing and retailing hard, butter, molasses, vinegar and salt-pork and fish. A fair specimen order for ship's stores might begin with sugar, salt, tobacco and spices, and wind up with a coil of rope or marline and a gallon of cider, with a few articles of ready-made clothing and tarpaulins or rubber goods included.

The farmers brought everything, including grain and feed, for in that part of the country—which was on an arm of the Atlantic ocean along the New Jersey coast—they raised very little grain, most of them raising truck and produce for the New York market. They came from a radius of perhaps ten miles to ship their vegetables and fruit to market on a little steamboat which was described on her time-cards as being large and commodious, she called once a day at high water. The trucks and fruit wagons would extend in several directions, sometimes for half a mile from the wharf, and from many of these we had orders to be put up, which were called for after the farm produce had been placed aboard the steamer, which had a considerable carrying capacity for her size.

The departments of our store were not all confined to the store building. We always had for sale good Jersey pine cord-wood, baled hay, coal by the carload and usually one or two kinds of choice pigs. The store was always brightly lighted at night, and some remarkable men were among our so-called loungers. One man, a Scotchman, was much admired for his ready wit and his propensity for practical joking. He would sit and hold a man in conversation and at the same time by tying a dinner pail to the rear end of the man's dog, then protest his innocence of having touched the canine. This was only one specimen of the home-slaying we might expect for an evening's entertainment. A little after lamp-light one of the star boarders, usually a thrifty Norwegian clam digger of intelligence, would begin and read laboriously all the news of interest in the New York papers. After this was over and the news had been discussed, we might be entertained by one of the clammers telling of his last trip to the "city" to sell clams, of his narrow escape from William Bunco, or of an evening spent in the then notorious Bowery, to which the stay-at-homes would listen in open-eyed wonder.

The Strongest Line of Men's Shoes

Shoes

Ever shown and sold in this city. It's a fact, our line of Men's \$3 Shoes are made by people who have been making shoes half a century. They are made on the plan that will keep the same people making shoes for another half century. But you see the shoes they can't talk, but they'll sell themselves.

The Boston Shoe House

J. L.

Campbell

Sellers of Men's fine \$3 Shoes.

AN IMPERIAL SNUB

The City of Berlin Congratulates the Empress of Germany

And She Replies That She is Pained at Some Recent Irreligious Utterances.

Berlin, Nov. 21.—A great sensation has been caused by the Empress's letter to the municipality acknowledging the congratulations on Her Majesty's birthday in which she takes occasion to express pain at the fact that a teacher of the Royal University had dared to insinuate in a manner to most deeply injure all morality and above all Christian feeling. This refers to a speech of Dr. Prouss, a Jewish tutor, who paraphrases the passage of Job, "His Excellency gave and His Excellency tooketh away, blessed be the name of His Excellency." It appears that the Empress was displeased at the hostile attitude of the municipality to a regard to the levying of taxes to support the Lutheran churches, as the councilors, mostly radicals and socialists, opposed the measure. It is certain the council will not send the Empress any more congratulations.

CONTRACT AWARDED

For Winter Trousers for the Police For co-improvement in the Cells.

A special meeting of the police commissioners was held at Harrison Hall this morning. There were present the chairman, Judge Houston, Judge Bell and Chief of Police Young.

After introductory routine, tenders for the supply of the officers' winter trousers were opened. They were as follows:

Albert Sheldrick, with samples, at \$7.50, \$8 and \$8.50.
Morley & Co., with samples, at \$7.50, \$8 and \$8.50.
The contract was awarded to Morley & Co. at the latter figure.

The Chief reported that the new brick flooring was being put in at the police court and the proceeding satisfactorily.

FINE NEW SCHOOL

Section No. 11, Dover, now has One to be Proud of.

Appropriately Opened with a High Class Concert Last Friday Evening.

Last Friday evening a most successful concert was held in S. S. No. 11, Dover, it being the occasion of the opening of the new school which is perhaps the finest rural school in West Kent. It is a brick, with a stone basement, and is heated with a furnace. The roof is slate, and is adorned with a handsome bell-tower, which, along with the artistic front, gives the school a most majestic appearance. The school-room and cloak rooms are very commodious and are finished in the finest hardwood. Along the front and sides of the school room are fifty feet of the best quality slate black boards, and the seats are the famous Model double desks. The cost of this up-to-date school is about \$2,100.

The trustees, Norman Wemp, R. W. Stokes and Hugh Porter, deserve the greatest credit for the untiring interest they have taken in the building of this fine structure, and the teacher, Gordon Stewart, together with the pupils, may well be proud of the school in which they are to perform their respective duties.

The concert was a grand success, notwithstanding the almost impassable condition of the roads. The room was early packed with a large and appreciative audience, and with its walls hung with pictures, tastefully bedecked with evergreens, presented a most attractive appearance.

An admirable program was given, each number being greeted by rounds of applause. The only lack of the evening, was the failure of Inspector Park to be present through an unavoidable cause. However, in his absence, Matthew Rankin filled the chair in a most able manner.

The program was as follows:

Chairman's address, Matthew Rankin.

Inst. trio, Miss Pratt, Henry McCaw, J. W. Wilson.

Recitation, Miss Gertrude Swan.

Vocal solo, Mrs. John Cooper.

Recitation, J. C. Stewart.

Flute solo, J. W. Wilson.

Music on the bones, John Lane.

Recitation, Gordon Stewart.

Vocal duet, Mrs. John Cooper and J. W. Wilson.

Violin solo, Henry McCaw.

Recitation, Miss Swan.

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Farce—"The Doctor's Boy," Gordon Stewart, W. A. Lane, John Lane, Jos. Lane.

The concert was one of exceptional merit, as well as a financial success, the proceeds of the evening amounting to \$65, which is to be expended in purchasing a bell for the bell-tower.

DEATH PURSUES THEM.

Capt. Valiero, the remarkable upholder of the Bertillon system, died suddenly yesterday at Epinal, France. He is the fourth important witness at the Rennes trial who has since died. M. Labori's bullet is troubling him greatly at late. The doctors will radiograph the spot to see whether the bullet ought not to be extracted after all.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature in each box.

WIT AND HUMOR.

A rather "tall" tale comes from Glen-farg of the British Isles. While a number of ladies and gentlemen were enjoying a short spin recently a hare bounded into their midst and, quite bewildered, leaped into the arms of a lady member of the party and encased itself in her dress. The young lady let go her grasp of the handlebar of her machine and instantly the hare and its partner rolled on to the grass at the roadside.

The world would run more easily with a universal tongue. Witness the case of the American army nurse in Cuba who did not know Spanish. One day, just before hostilities had come to a definite end, she was startled by the unexpected of her Cuban laundress. The Cuban's hands seemed to speak of wounded men butchered and nurses cut to ribbons. "The nurse was frantic. She must know the worst. In the hospital was an officer very ill with typhoid fever. She knew he understood Spanish. Only in a matter of life or death would she disturb him, but this was obviously a matter of life and death. The sick man turned his head on the pillows. "She says," he whispered feebly, "she says the stripes in your pink shirt waist have run, and she doesn't know what to do with it."

Horace Greeley once was discussing in a general company the faults and needs of his own nation. "What this country needs," said he, in his piping voice and Yankee accent, "is a real good licking." An Englishman present promptly said, with unmistakable English accent: "Quite right, Mr. Greeley, quite right. The country needs a 'licking.'" But Mr. Greeley, without glancing in the Englishman's direction, or seeming to pay any attention to the interruption, went on in the same squeaky tone: "But the trouble is there's no nation that can give it to us."

"How can the pen be mightier than the sword," cried the poet, desperately. "when yonder sword-swallower makes more money than I do?" Now the fallacy of this was apparent. The pen was still mightier than the sword; the condition deplored by the poet, was due simply to his own foolish notion that swallowing pens in a curio hall wouldn't be art. Doubtless the logical grasp of his mind was somewhat affected by his not having had anything to eat for a week or ten days.—Detroit Journal.

MAN OF THE HOUR.

Say, really now, wouldn't you like to be the ice-man.—Philadelphia Record.

A good way to catch cold is to run after the ice-man.—Berlin (Md.) Herald.

The ice-man runs his business mostly on the black system.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

It is cold cash that a man must lay down for his ice bill.—New Orleans Picayune.

The ice-man doesn't kick because all that glitters isn't gold. He's got something just as good.—Philadelphia Record.

Rev. Gerald Willoughby, of Alvington, has been unanimously invited to take the pastorate of Colborne Street Methodist church in London in June next.

Minard's Liniment is used by Physicians.



Not a Lady

Within reach of this store should miss our bargains in Jackets and Millinery this week.

Special line Navy and Black JACKETS, regular price \$3.50 and \$4.00, selling at \$2.49

All of our \$5.00 JACKETS in Navy, Brown, Fawn and Black, selling..... at \$3.89
Big reduction in all our high price Jackets.

OUR MILLINERY has been a great success this season—Ladies' cannot help being charmed with the beautiful creations, and as a result we've found it difficult to keep pace with the demand. To keep up the excitement we have decided to place an assortment of 50 beautiful Hats during this week at about Don't fail to see our special at \$2.00.

Half Price

Ask to see our Tailor made Skirts and Suits, the latest from New York received weekly.

Thibodeau & Jacques

MADE JUST LIKE PAPA'S

There is every reason why a boy's shoe should be made of as good stock and put together as carefully, and be as correct in style and fit as any man's shoe.

SEE OUR LITTLE GENTS' SHOE—Made just like papa's—they come with pickle eyelets, also in black, all sizes from 8 to 10½, larger 11 to 13, prices \$1.25 - \$1.50

"EVERY PAIR WARRANTED."

...Geo. W. Cowan...

No matter what we sell

We try to have it the best of its kind. If it's a common chair its perfect in shape, good in color and sound. Poor goods at low prices are dear at any price. We carry a full line of low priced furniture and are always able to supply the wants of persons of moderate means and enable them to save money by purchasing from us. At present we have some specially low priced Dining Room, Parlor and Kitchen Furniture. Are you in need of any? If you are now is your opportunity to see what we have to offer. A Special line of \$2.00 Beds is now offered.

Hugh McDonald

Dealer in Carpets, Furniture, etc.

THAMESVILLE.

Nov. 21.—The Presbyterian Sabbath school will hold their usual Xmas entertainment on Friday, Dec. 22nd.

R. Ferguson, M. P. F., and Dr. Stewart attended the corner stone laying of the new Presbyterian church at Wallaceburg yesterday.

A lecture on Japan will be given in the Methodist church on Wednesday evening.

Miss Fannie Richardson returned to Chatham yesterday.

John Howat is recovering from his recent illness.

At Toronto burglars made a haul of about \$400 worth of silverware and cutlery from the hardware and house-furnishing store of Fletcher & Sheppard, Queen street west.

Merrill, the Druggist, of Brantford, offers \$1,000 reward to anyone who will make a better cure of constipation than Merrill's system Tonic. This medicine is not a simple cathartic, but a positive and pleasant to take cure for habitual constipation. In this way it cures dyspepsia, impure blood and nervous trouble. 50 doses—price 50c., at the Central Drug Store.

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Speaking in general and for everybody

THERE'S a profound pleasure in writing these trade invitations for this store, from the fact that we can do so much better for you with the goods themselves than we can in telling about them—the reality here is better than your expectations.

Here we are—at the door of December—the month of brown leaves and frosty weather—with every department fairly running over with new goods—right up to the mark in fashion—equal in every way to the good stores of Montreal.

This is such a safe store, too. Never a doubt of reliable quality, never a doubt of dependable values, every customer treated in the same courteous manner, and if for any cause you wish to return your purchase we give you your money back without a murmur.



New Method Clothing for Men

Top Coats, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50, and \$15.00.
Suits, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50, and \$15.00.
Trousers, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, and \$4.00.
Fancy Vests, \$3.00, \$4.00, and \$5.00.

These prices are enumerated to illustrate variety. At each price the lines of sizes are full. So far as quality of material and tailoring are concerned, there isn't a merchant tailor who can fit you better or make more durable clothing, even at thrice the prices.

We repeat the warning to look out for "cotton mixtures." The markets are full of them, but the "New Method label" is a sure guard against deception.

Handsome Headwear that's as good as it looks

Which by the same token, is not common elsewhere. This splendid Hat Store stands "next to the makers," in other words, we deal direct with the factories. This insures the up-to-date in fashion, while saving you the jobber's profit. Likewise keeps us first with novelties.

There's an especial strength in our Hat values for men in the "Barrington Special" Derby at \$2.50, better quality not possible at any price. The "Broadway" Derby at \$3.00. Correct copy of the "Dunlap" at \$3.00. Correct copy of the "Youmans" at \$3.00. Correct copy of the "Knox" at \$2.00. Fedora Hats, \$1.50 to \$3.00.

Tiger Brand Clothing for Boys

A good deal of annoyance and fatigue will be avoided by bringing the Boys directly here, simply because this is the only really good clothing store for Boys in the city. It's full stocks here against handouts elsewhere, besides here alone does fashion find full representation, and with newness and variety go absolute worthwhileness.

Vest Suits, 3 to 9 \$3.50 to \$10.00.
New Sailor Suits, 3 to 10, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.50, \$8.00 and \$9.00.
Double Breasted Suits, 7 to 17, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.50 to \$12.00.

Here's a Furnishing Store equal to any other in the land

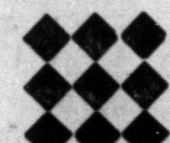
Don't care where you go, you can't find better selections, or better values. There's no "hit or miss"—a master hand spreads before you a continuous stream of fresh goods that are right in style as well as quality. Our immediate connections with New York keep us full a month ahead of competition with the new fashions.

We invite you to look over the
New Neckwear for Men, 25¢, 50¢, to 75¢.
New Gloves, New Handkerchiefs, New Collars.
Full Weight Underwear, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50.
New Half Hose, imported and domestic.
New Fancy Colored Shirts, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.

THE 2 T'S

Trudell & Tobey
ONLY BLACK AND WHITE STORE IN THE WORLD.

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in
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Sole Agents for
Tiger Brand Boys' Clothing
—AND—
New Method Clothing for Men