CHRISTMAS
..CAKES..
All sizes and shapes, the best money can produce.
See our window display. . . .
W. S. Richards
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G. W. CORNELL
DENTIST
Corner Sixth and King Street,
Over the Bee Hive.
'Phone 317.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

DIED.

FORBES—Yesterday, M. Forbes, aged 86 years and 2 mos.
Funeral will take place from his late brother's residence, Adelaide St., at 10.30 Wednesday morning, to Maple Leaf Cemetery.

PROBABILITIES.

Special to The Planet.

Toronto ,Dec. 16.—10 a. m.—Strong southwesterly and westerly winds, becoming colder with passing snow flurries. Wednesday, westerly winds, fair and moderately cold.

The following figures were registered to-day at seven a. m. at Turner's weather bureau:

Thermometer 34.
Highest yesterday 40.
Lowest yesterday 33.
Direction of wind, southwest.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

John Fengil went to Detroit to-day.

Albert Crotty, of Bothwell, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Cream Bon Bons, regular 50 cent goods, now 30 cents at McKay's.

All 20 cent candies now 10 cents pound, three for 25 cents, at McKay's.

A grand concert was given in the B. M. E. Church last night. It was managed by a quartette from Buxton.

Mrs. John Cooper, Mrs. Milton Bogart and W. H. Brackin will provide the musical part of the program to be given at the meeting of the Children's Aid Society, which will be held in the First Presbyterian Church to-night.

Mrs. S. F. Gardiner has just received from Japan a few choice pieces of Silk Embroidery, and would be glad to show them to anyone desiring such work, between the hours of two to four p. m. this week.

The West Shore Railroad announce a $10.00 excursion from Suspension Bridge and Buffalo to Boston and New England on Tuesday, December 23rd; the tickets to be god for return passage for ten days. tf

John Brady, who has been ill for some time, died yesterday at his home on Colborne St. Mr. Brady has been in the employ of the city for some and was very faithful in the performance of his duties.

FOR SALE

House, stable and ¾ acre lot on Park Ave., $1200.
House and lot on Park St., $750.
House and lot on Wellington St. West, $1300.
House and lot on Deleware Ave.' $850.
House and lot on Thames St., $650.
Large house and large lot on Taylor Ave. $900.
DUNN & MERRITT,
FIFTH ST. 1st Door from King St.
A ''FAMOUS'' Coal Stove, nearly new, for sale.

Alex Forbes, of Wallaceburg, was in the city yesterday.

Robert P. Glascow, of Detroit, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

Thomas Syer, of Thamesville, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

R. P. Wright, of Dresden, was a Maple City visitor yesterday.

W. Grenier, of Ridgetown, called on his Chatham friends yesterday.

Miss Mary Lenover, Dufferin Ave., who has been quite ill, is improving.

W. R. Hickey, of Bothwell, was in the city yesterday on legal business.

Mr. Fitzsimon, of the Dresden Beet Sugar Factory, was in the city yesterday.

Peanut, Marrowbone and Butter Scotch, 10c. lb., at Wigzell's New Stand. tf

Bert Ross, of the 2 T's, was confined to his home yesterday through illness.

The Sons of Scotland will meet to-night, when the officers will be elected for 1903.

C. W. Rekowski, of the Dresden Beet Sugar Factory, is in the city today on business.

James Clancy, M. P., of Wallaceburg, is calling on his many Chatham friends to-day.

Miss Irene Kerr, of the Model school, left yesterday for her home in Leamington.

Miss Allie Samson and Miss Ottley McGregor, of Blenheim, spent Sunday with friends in the city.

Lost, a valuable Scotch Colly bitch. Finder will receive reward by returning to Fred. Sheldon, Harvey street.

The journeymen painters and paper hangers of the city will meet to-morrow night for the purpose of forming a union.

Lancon Taylor, of Dresden, passed through the city yesterday en route to Pt. Arthur, where he has secured a position as cook in a hotel.

The death occurred this morning of Rev. Peter Joseph Uzelle at the advanced age of 72 years. Deceased was an old Irish minister and a prominent figure on the street.

J. Wilmore, of this city, who has been farming for the last three years in the Northwest, has returned to this city, where he will spend the winter.

McKay's candy store at the corner of Queen and Richmond streets has been established a number of years and in that time has made a reputation for pure and good candies.

John Laing, a Tilbury young man, was arraigned before Judge Bell yesterday and pleaded guilty to the charge of rape. The prisoner was remanded till Saturday for sentence.

The parents and friends of McKeough school are very cordially invited to the Christmas closing given by the children of the kindergarten at half past two o'clock on Thursday afternoon, the 18th inst.

Alexander Baxter was sent in from Wallaceburg to the jail yesterday. The man was committed for trial by Police Magistrate McDougall, of Wallaceburg, on the charge of attempting to commit suicide.

At the meeting of Thames Lodge, Sons of England, last evening, Bro. Harry Horstead was presented with a fine fountain pen by the members of the Lodge. Mr. Horstead will leave in a couple of weeks for California.

Mrs. Richardson and children, who have been visiting Mrs. Johnson, Prince St., returned to-day to their home in Jacksonville, Florida. Mrs. Richardson, when she came here, was very ill. She underwent a critical operation in St. Joseph's Hospital and is now in perfect health.

Edos Cheff, Joseph Martin and Ovila Pelott, of Dover Township, were arraigned yesterday on the charge of trespassing on the grounds of the Big Point Club. The case was adjourned till Monday. G. G. Martin appeared for the Club and W. F. Smith for defendants.

Ex-Ald. John Edmundson has announced himself as a candidate for alderman. This year North Chatham has been unrepresented at the Board and Mr. Edmundson, if elected, will well represent that portion of the city, and prove an efficient and capable representative for all parts of the town.

Carlyle Camp, Sons of Scotland, will meet to-night in their rooms at eight o'clock.

Colonel Rankin has received a letter from Charles Ryall of Baden-Powell's Mounted Police Force in South Africa. Charlie is in good health and likes the country.

A new oil company has been started in Chatham under the caption of the Dominion Oil Company. The company is capitalized at $850,000. Chris. Smith, Chatham; Mr. Woodward, Petrolea, and Mr. Fennell, New York, are the promoters and charter members. They have 1,500 acres leased in Raleigh.

OIL CO. INCORPORAT'D

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 15.—A charter has been granted by the Ontario Government to the Dominion Oil Co., limited, of Chatham. The share capital is placed at $850,000, the provisional directors being G. M. Fennel, Martin J. Woodward and Christopher Smith. —Detroit Free Press.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. George Tomlinson wishes, through these columns, to extend her sincere thanks to the Independent Order of Foresters, the Sons of England, and the many friends who so kindly assisted her in her recent bereavement, also for the many wreaths of flowers, among which were: A shield from the Sons of England, a wreath from the I. O. F., a pillow from the water commissioners, a wreath from the water works employees, a cross from Mr. and Mrs. Mat. Tomlinson, and a bouquet from the Busy Bee Club.

BAD ACCIDENT

Mr. Arnold, who is employed as a farm laborer by Fred. Suitor, of Buxton, was found lying on the roadside a short distance out of town last night. Mr. Arnold was returning home when his horse ran away, throwing him out of the rig. He was stunned by the fall and could not move a limb when found. He was at once taken into the city and removed to St. Joseph's Hospital, where Dr. Bell attended him. It was found that no limbs were broken, although he received a severe shaking up. He will be all right in a day or two. It was raining very heavily at the time and Mr. Arnold had been lying on the road for some time before he was found, and was chilled through. Had he remained there in the rain much longer, the result might have been far more serious.

Otters.

The scent of an otter is conveyed to the pursuing hound while under water by the "chain" of bubbles which mark its devious course.

Changeable Hair.

In a Berlin insane asylum is a patient, it is said, whose hair changes color with her temperature. When she is cool and quiet, her hair is a light yellow, but when she is restless and excited it becomes auburn.

The Banana.

In the Canaries the banana is never cut with a knife, because the fruit when cut through exhibits what is regarded as a representation of the crucifixion.

Napkins.

Napkins became popular in France sooner than in England. At one time it was customary at great French dinners to change the napkins at every course, to perfume them with rosewater and to have them folded a different way for each guest.

An Acre of Paint.

The panorama of London, painted in 1829 by Mr. Horner, covered over an acre of canvas.

Police Dogs.

The city of Ghent has a number of police dogs, which the officers use at night and which are intelligently trained. They cannot only leap high walls, but swim with ease in light or darkness.

OIL MAD

Yesterday's Detroit Tribune in its "Current Comment" column publishes the following:

F. H. Macpherson, Windsor, Ont.: "To my mind, Chatham never experienced such a boom as the oil strikes have caused. Everybody there, I believe, is oil mad."

DROPPED DEAD

Mr. A. Forbes, Adelaide St., dropped dead from heart failure yesterday afnoon at 4.30 o'clock. He had eaten a hearty dinner and was resting, when he got up and suddenly fell back to the floor. He died before medical assistance could be procured. Heart failure is supposed to be the cause of death.

Deceased was 86 years of age and a widower. His brother died just a week ago. For the last few days he had not been feeling well, but his death came quite unexpectedly.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

GIRL WANTED—No washing or ironing; references required. Apply to Mrs. J. W. McLaren, corner Park and William Sts. 10

AUCTION SALE
—OF—
Farm Stock and Implements
On Lot 13, Con. 6, Tp. of Harwich, corner of 6th Con. and Centre Line,
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17th, 1902
Commencing at 10 o'clock a. m.

1 span general purpose horses, coming 7 yrs. old, 1 brood mare in foal, 9 yrs. old, 1 carriage horse, 9 yrs. old, 1 work horse, 8 yrs. old, 2 colts coming 2 yrs. old from Raven, 2 colts coming 3 yrs. old from Raven, 1 colt coming 3 yrs. old, general purpose, 1 1 spring colt from Raven, 3 fresh milch cows just in, 1 milch cow coming in about time of sale, 6 milch cows supposed to be in calf, 3 steers coming 3 yrs. old, 5 steers coming 2 yrs. old, 5 heifers coming 2 yrs. old, 1 yearling heifer, 2 yearling steers, 5 spring calves, 3 fall calves, 5 good ewes, 1 Deering binder, nearly new, 1 Deering mower, nearly new, 1 Sharp rake, 1 Noxon hoosier 12 tube drill, 1 Dale steel roller, new, 1 Albion cultivator and bean cutter, 3 walking plows, 2 sets iron harrows, 1 lumber wagon, 1 Gray farm truck, nearly new, 1 demograt, 1 phaeton, new, 1 open buggy, 1 road cart, 2 cutters, nearly new, 1 pair bob-sleighs, 2 hay racks, 2 wagon boxes, 2 fanning mills, 1 scraper, 1 platform scale, 2000 lbs., 1 bag truck, 1 corn sheller, 2 sets heavy harness, 1 set double driving harness, 2 sets single harness, 3 dozen good grain bags, 1 large kettle, 1 copper kettle, about 15 tons of first-class timothy hay in barn, also forks, chains, hoes, and other articles too numerous to mention.

Everything must be sold without reserve, as the proprietor has rented the farm.

The above Stock is all well bred and in good condition, and Implements all in excellent shape.

Accommodation provided. Lunch at noon.

TERMS.—All sums of $10 and under cash; over that amount 10 months' credit on furnishing approved joint notes. A discount of 6 per cent. per annum allowed for cash on credit amounts.

JOHN J. DONOVAN, Proprietor.
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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM
CHRISTMAS
AND
NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS
1902—1903
BETWEEN ALL STATIONS IN CANADA
All stations in Canada and to and from Detroit and Port Huron Mich., Buffalo, Black Rock, Suspension Bridge and Niagara Falls, N. Y.
GENERAL PUBLIC
GOING DATES AND LIMITS—At lowest one-way first-class fare, December 24th and 25th. Tickets good returning from destination not later than December 26th, 1902, and also on December 31st, 1902, and January 1st, 1903. Tickets good returning from destination until January 2nd, 1903.
At lowest one-way first-class fare and one-third December 22nd, 23rd, 24 and 25th, and also on December 29th, 30th, 31st, 1902, and January 1st, 1903, good returning from destination not later than January 5th, 1903.
SCHOOL VACATIONS
To teachers and pupils of schools and colleges on surrender of School Vacation Railway Certificate signed by the principal.
GOING DATES AND LIMIT—At lowest one-way fare and one-third, from December 6th to 31st, inclusive. Tickets good returning from destination until January 19th, 1903.
Tickets, folders and all information from agents.
W. E. RISPIN,
C. P. & T. A., 115 King St., Chatham,
J. C. PRITCHARD, Ticket Agent, station.

CHEESE
MacLaren's cheese in 10, 25 and 50c pots.
STILTON
A very fine old Stilton cheese, fine flavor, and well aged, just the thing for Xmas.
VEGETABLES
Hubbard squash, onions, parsnips, carrots and Tweed turnips, Spanish onions and good potatoes.
APPLES
Fine Greenings for cooking, and Spies for eating.
ORANGES
Florida Russets, sweet; Jamaica's very fine California lemons.
FINE OATMEAL
Just received, for your oatmeal cakes, very fresh.
CAKE DECORATIONS
Smith Caraway candies, Wintergreen berries, cake mixtures (different colors of Cowan candy.
RED SUGAR
Icing sugar.
Geo. A. Young'
OUR GROCER,
Phone 151.

HELPFUL HINTS TO... GIFT GIVERS...
Now comes the perplexing time just what to buy for so-and-so. We flatter ourselves that we have anticipated your wants so clearly that you will have no trouble in selecting after seeing our stock.
Military Hair, Cloth and Hat Brushes in Ebony and Rosewood
Toilet Cases
With Sterling Silver Mountings, in Ebony, Rosewood, Satinwood and Quartered Oak.
English Bevel Plate Mirrors.....
Shaving Sets,
Gentlemen's Cases,
Chatelains,
Ladies' Purses.....
Our Perfumes
in bulk and cased good, contain all the leading makers, among them we might mention Roger & Gallet, Pinaud, Piver, Gelle, Freres, Lubin, Coudray, Marchal, Plassard, Colgate, Eastman, Seely, Stearns, &c.
Manicure Sets.
Xmas Cigars
in cases of 10, 25 and 50, all the best brands in Domestic and Imported.
Ganong's Choice Confectionery.....
in dainty cases from 10 cents to $2.00.
Our time is at your disposal. Call and see what we have at the
CENTRAL DRUG STORE.
C. H. GUNN & CO
Cor. King and Fifth Street.
CHATHAM, Phone 105. ONT.

Children's Shoes THAT FIT.

Quite a novelty—most of them don't; we make it a point to carry a much greater variety of widths and styles and sizes that can be found in most stores. Consequently, we are sure of being able to fit perfectly any child's foot; besides having special shoes for children who "toe in" or have weak ankles or flat feet Also shoes built on a foundation that keep the feet warm and dry. If you investigate you'll find prices are no higher than are asked elsewhere for poorer shoes—and less kinds to choose from.
Rubbers, Plain or warm wool lined to fit all the different shaped shoes.
Geo. W. Cowan
Chatham.

IMPORTANT LITERARY WEDDING
W. J. Kenny announces the marriage of "BARBARA LADD" and "DONOVAN" PASHA" which is to take place in "THE HEART OF THE ANCIENT WOOD" among "THE KINDRED OF THE WILD." The bride will be attended by "CECILEA" as maid of honor, while the groom will be supported by "BELSHAZZAR" his best man. The bride will carry a large bunch of "FLOWER O' THE CORN."
A unique musical entertainment will be rendered by "THE LITTLE WHITE BIRD" assisted by "A SPLENDID BIRD."
The bride has been made happy by "THE CONFESSION OF A WIFE" and "THE RIGHT OF WAY" has been given.
Contrary to the usual custom, however, the bride will not be given away, but may be found with the other participants at
W.J. KENNY'S
Book Store - King St.

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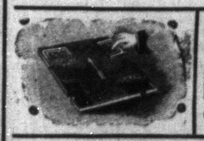
For Christmas Presents....
Handsomely made and enclosed in boxes to suit the different sizes, Samples can be seen at
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PRESENTS THAT PLEASE
The gifts to be found in our Furniture Department cause a thrill of pleasure to the recipient—not simply on account of their artistic value, but because they will last. At Christmas give something worthy and enduring—that will for life be a reminder of one of life's greatest occasions—and of you.
Lovers of best furniture will be greatly pleased at the provision we have made for holiday furniture buyers. Everything that the heart could wish for is displayed at the most equitable prices, and the selection of a Christmas gift becomes an easy matter at the Furniture Department in The Bargain Centre.

Morris Chairs in mahogany finish and quarter cut oak frames reversible velour cushions, in prices ranging from
$7.50 to $16.00
Ladies' Dressing Cases, an excellent line in all the new designs in solid mahogany and quarter cut oak, at $14.50, $18.50, $20.00, $25.00, $30.00 and $40.00.
NO TROUBLE TO SHOW GOODS
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Our first consideration is in having only Reliable Furs, and as a safeguard to for those who buy we guarantee our fur qualities to be reliable and exactly as represented, or money refunded.
Ladies Norway Sable Ruffs, 36 inches long, trimmed with 6 tails,
Price $5.00
Ladies, Muffs, 6 only black fur muffs, well lined and nicely trimmed,
Price $1.50
Ladies' Norway Sable Ruff, 30 inches ong, trimmed with four large tails,
Price $6.50
Ladies' Astrachan Caperines, large storm collar, good curl, trimmed with tails and satin lined
Prices $6.00, 6.50 and 7.50
Ladies' silver fox Ruff and Muff to match, 42 inches long trimmed with head and tail
Price $10.00 for Set
Ladies' Sable Ruff, 34 inches long, trimmed with 8 tails
Price $8.50
Ladies' Alaska Sable Storm Collar wit long tabs 25 inches long, trimmed with tails
Price $35.00
Children's grey lamb Collar, small curl, in light and dark fur
Price $6.00 and 8.50
Ladies' and children's fur Gauntlets in grey lamb and astrachan.
Children's white wool Ruffs, 36, 45 and 54 inches long
Price 25c, 40c and 50c
THE NEW CARPETS
That we opened to-day are part of our spring order of Wiltons and Velvets sent out early specially for Christmas buyers. Nothing finer for Christmas present than one of our carpets, nicelylaid. We add a few details but printer's ink fails to convey a correct idea of their richness.
ENGLISH VELVET CARPET—Here are plenty in only new spring patterns latest colorings of reds, greens, pinks autumn shadings, a carpet with a reputation for wear at the economical price, made and laid, of - - $1.15 per yd
ENGLISH BRUSSEL-WILTON CARPET—For rich effects this weave stands unrivalled, and added to this its proven ability to wear well. Shown in the new Oriental effects also in pretty Florals, our price, made and laid is $1.40 per yd.
N. B.—While in our carpet room see our new Rugs, Tapestry, Coverings, Cushion Cords, Lace Curtains, Portieres and Carpet Sweepers.
Special Display of Pictures, 100 Only, 25c, 35c, and 50c each, on Second Floor.
MEN'S AND BOYS' CHRISTMAS WEARABLES
Stylish Suits
There is a refined air of gentility about these men's ready-to-wear Suits that are made of fine pure worsteds, tweeds, serges, etc. in the most approved styles. New colorings and artistic workmanship. Our regular lines at $12.00 to $13.50. December Suit sale price your choice at . . $9.98
New Lot of Overcoats
For the Holiday Trade
Just passed into stock this week, the season's most popular coat, 50 inch Raglanette. Full range sizes, nice Oxford grey Cheviot, full and roomy, Austin made at $12-00, very special values at $5.00 to $10.00
Boys' Overcoats, Suits and Reefers
New Lines in This Week.
Boys' long Raglanette Overcoats, dark Oxfords, full range sizes for ages 6 to 16 years at . . . . . $2.50 to $6.50
Boys' Swell Russian Overcoat with detachable capot, swell leather belt very nobby for ages 5 to 9 years, at $6.00
Boys' Dress and Storm Reefers, heavy frieze and chincille, for ages 4 to 16 years, big collar, tweed lining, . $1.50 to $3.50
Boys' serviceable Tweed Suits, neat patterds, dark effects, single and double breasted, 2 pc., ages 5 to 13, . . $1.98 to $3.50
Boys' 3 pc. blue worsted serge Suits, single and double breasted styles, handsome qualities for ages 9 to 16, $5.00 and $6.50
Holiday Neckwear
A very tasteful collection of Men's Neckwear, all the new colorings and shapes are now ready. Bows, Strings, Puffs, Four-in hand, Flowing Ends, . . 25c, 50c, 75c
Holiday Shirts
The kind you are sure to appreciate, effective colorings, novelty patterns, open back and front, separate cuffs. The latest fad of the season in all sizes, the satisfactory W. G. & R. qualities at . $1.00 and $1.25
Holiday Suspenders
In Separate Boxes.
The handsomest range of holiday braces ever shown, put up in separate boxes. The celebrated Harris Suspender, best made on the continent, sold as high as $1.50, the Austin price . . . . . 75c. and $1.00
A Glove Bargain
We just got a big snap of men's and boys' Gloves in Swede and kid, handsome fancy stripe lining, worth $1.50 of any man's money, on sale at . . . . . $1.00, boys' 50c.
Neckscarfs for Xmas
Some very special values in gentlemen's Neckscarfs, all the stylish shapes in black and fancy colors from . 25c, 50c, to $1.00
Holiday Handkerchiefs
Holiday Jewelery
Holiday Hats and Caps
Holiday Gloves
This Store will be open every night next week up to Xmas.
C. Austin & Co.
The Bargain Centre

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We do not pretend to handle everything suitable for Christmas giving, but we do claim to have one of the best assorted stocks in Ontario in our line. We are Druggists and Opticians and we confine our attentions entirely to goods which are usually sold in Drug Stores and Optical Parlors.
We make a specialty of Brushes and Perfumes for Christmas and these two lines embrace a great deal more than the names would indicate.
This week, from day to day, we shall give you a list of articles in these goods, and we assure you, it will pay you to call and look over our stock.
A.I.McCall&Co
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Three Stores: Two in Chatham One in Dresden

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Need not be overcoat extravagance, for no matter at what price you buy a coat of us it will be made up in the latest style, every detail is entrusted to competent and careful workmen. The way a coat is put together has just as much to do with the elegance of its appearance as the fabric of which it is composed. That is why our overcoats at whatever price have a distinctive air about them that ordinary coats do not possess.
We have some Overcoats as low as $5.00 and $6.00 but we can show you a good line of durable coats, well made and lined, good and warm, with velvet collars, at
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