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Methodists if I were Santa Claus,
I'd give up sleigh and deer,
There are so many spots on earth
Where snow doth not appear.
I'd give up sled and reindeer too,
And not disturb the sleepers,
By travelling round this great big
world on a Bissell's ("Cyclo"
bearing) Carpet Sweeper.

A Practical Useful Present

It is not necessary for you to waste your money buying presents that will not be appreciated when you can get a "Bissell's" Sweeper for such a small price.

Bissell's Champion Sweeper at \$2.25

Bissell's Standard Sweeper at \$2.50

Bissell's Grand Rapids Sweeper at \$3.00

Bissell's Gold Medal Sweeper at \$3.50

Buy them now. We will lay them aside for you, and deliver on Christmas eve.

Thomas Stone & Son

Leather Goods For Christmas Presents

FOR a serviceable Christmas gift and one certain to be appreciated there can be nothing better than something in leather—a Purse, a Card Case, a Music Roll, Travelling Companion, Chatelaine Bag, &c. We invite inspection of our Leather Goods Stock with every confidence. The assortment is large and well bought—purchased in fact direct from the makers—and our prices will be found very reasonable for really good goods. We offer below a few suggestions.

Music Satchels.

in solid leather, leather-lined, strongly sewed throughout, fitted with handle, in shades of tan, black, dark, green and red, extra value at \$1.50

Pebble Leather Music rolls in blacks, tans, browns \$1.25

Extra fine Solid leather Music Rolls, with handles finely made and finished, colors tans, black, purple, etc., special \$1.25

Playing Card Cases

A dainty gift for lady or gentlemen. Handsome cases in Seal, Morocco and Alligator at \$1, \$1.50 and \$2.

Every case fitted with best gilt edged cards, and pair of celluloid counters.

Finger Purses

have become a necessary part of a woman's shopping outfit. We have a special value finger purse at \$1.00.

Others at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and up in choice leather, and an assortment of colors, we put silver initial on all purses when desired.

It is no idle boast to say we carry the largest assortment of purses in the city. They range in price from 10c to \$3.00,

and in kind from the small coin purse to the handsome combination purse and card case. Purses in Seal, Morocco, Alligator, Monkey Skin, Texas Steer, Snake Skin, Etc. For a lady no more desirable present could be given.

This cut represents one of six lines of purses that are specially good value at 25c. Bought in the regular way these would sell at 35c. and 40c. These are good serviceable purses, made of leather, and finished with good strong frames.

Chatelaine Bags,

In Seal Alligator, Etc., colors black, brown and gray, at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.

and up. A most acceptable gift to a lady

Flat Leather Collar and Cuff Holders. \$1.00

Writing Portfolios made of Seal and Morocco, leather-lined and finely finished, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$6.00

Bill Wallets, Secret Pocket Purses For Men, Cases, Olgar and Olgarotte Cases. Almost every remarkable thing in leather is here

Travelling Companions, for lady or gentleman, made of leather and leather lined and fitted with all the necessities of travel—hair and clothes brush, tooth soap box, tooth powder box, salve pots,

The Price. \$2.50, \$3, \$4 and \$5

DINGMAN'S BOOKSTORE, CHATHAM.

THE MYSTERY AT DUTTON, ONT.

Many Strange Circumstances Surrounded the Death of W. C. Urtin.

Government Detective Sent for to Investigate—Post Mortem Being Held.

Dutton, Ont., Dec. 17.—In connection with the death of Wm. G. Urtin, whose body was found in a chicken coop in rear of his residence, by his brother-in-law, Albert, who lived with him, about 7.40 last Sunday morning, there are a number of mystifying circumstances, and the case is one in which, in the interests of the family and public, the fullest investigation will no doubt be made. Crown Attorney Donahue, K. C., has written the attorney-general giving the facts as far as he can learn in regard to the case, and has suggested that it might be in the interests of all parties to have Chief Inspector John W. Murray investigate the affair.

On the one hand the facts point strongly to suicide, and on the other, there are circumstances which appear to require investigation and explanation. The deceased had been out of employment for ten or eleven weeks past and was reported to be despondent and melancholy, and, in fact, according to the evidences of Hertz, he at times gave evidences of unsoundness of mind to such an extent as to cause apprehension in the family. He was not seen after 3 p. m. Saturday until 7.40 a. m. Sunday, when his dead body was found in the chicken house, and when it is more natural to suppose that the case was one of suicide? But when the body was taken into the house and examined by physicians it was found that there were two bullet wounds from a 32-calibre revolver, one in the forehead, and the other in the back of the head, and the physicians, Drs. Cascarden, McKillop and Long, without a thorough examination, concurred in the opinion that it would be impossible for a person, if he could inflict such a wound, to inflict two such wounds, because of necessity the first would be fatal. Then there were no powder marks or scorching of the hair and flesh to indicate that the revolver had been discharged at short range, as would be the fact in the case of suicide. The revolver with which the dead was committed belonged to Albert Hertz, the deceased's brother-in-law, and had been found in the trunk of a car, in his trunk, empty for a year, but when found under where the body of the deceased lay, it contained two full and three empty cartridges, though there are said to be only two wounds in the deceased's body. What became of the third bullet? The evidence taken of the one witness at the inquest led to the effect that the bullet was frozen in the deceased's face and forehead, while again report has it that the body when found was warm and that rigor mortis had not set in. Another mystifying phase of the case is the apparent absence for four days. The deceased was only insured for \$200, and that was payable to his wife. In this case circumstances and apparent facts appear to be so conflicting that scope is left for all sorts of conjecture.

THE ARK

A Leader in the Supplying of Christmas Novelties—A Large Stock.

There is no store in Chatham where a better array of toys and fancy goods can be found than at the Ark. They are now very busy engaged with their Christmas trade and already the crowds have commenced to come.

Mr. Macaulay, the manager, has now been in business in Chatham

eleven years, and each year the business done has exceeded the one previous. They are now looking forward to the best Christmas season's trade that they have ever had and the prospects never were brighter.

Their stock is varied and up-to-date and everything sold is guaranteed to be of the best. In the window is a large display of cutlery, the best they have ever shown. Upon the right on entering is arranged their silverware and fancy chinaware, also a large variety of books and games. Upon the left is their fancy china display, including a big showing of fancy lamps. They also have here a large amount of celluloid and plush goods of every description, and fancy mirrors and frames, which are quite suitable for Christmas gifts. They also carry a complete line of skates, sleighs, lamp chimneys, crockery and staples. Their stock is varied and up-to-date. Then, too, they are agents for the famous McClary stoves and, although they are at present very busy engaged in their Christmas trade, their immense stock of stoves is always open for the inspection of their customers.

GIRL OF GRIT

Young Lady Representing the Cavalier of France has had Interesting Career.

A bright, vivacious young lady, of pleasing address and attractive personality, an entertaining conversationalist and, withal, possessed of sterling businesslike ability—such is Miss Lucille Dyer, who arrived in the city last evening upon a special mission in connection with the forthcoming presentation of "The Cavalier de France" under the direction of Shipman Bros.

Miss Dyer is a typical Southern girl and comes of a prominent family in Texas. She spent her girlhood in Kansas City and voluntarily decided to relinquish much of her social life and take up her present work, and her life since that time has been decidedly unique and interesting.

Miss Dyer speaks with the peculiar and pleasing accent of the Southerner and in a brief interview with The Planet chatted of her work, ambitions and mission.

"This is my third season for my present work," she said. "I made my theatrical debut in Kansas City—just an amateur," she added naively. "For my first attempt I succeeded in securing good support and by personal canvassing I secured a list of \$1,800 and played to an audience of 2,000. The papers had been very kind in assisting me in my canvass, but after the production the roasting—unmercifully, I thought. It was awfully discouraging, but I had made my choice and determined to stick to it."

"I wrote a book," and Miss Dyer smiled, "and entitled it, 'Impressions of the World and Theatrical People.' Quite a big title, wasn't it? But seven weeks after its publication the first edition was sold out. Then I went to Chicago and succeeded in securing a position with the Deanebrook Company, playing small parts. This did not satisfy my ambition and I finally went to New York, where I secured my present position with Mr. Shipman. At first I could not bring myself to take up the work. I had other ambitions and it was with many a heart-ache that I relinquished them, but I am glad now."

"I travel in advance of the companies—there are six of them—and canvass for tickets to ensure successful business. That is my mission to Chatham, and I like the look of your town. My ambitions! Yes, I still have big ones. I want to build a theatre on Broadway, New York, by joint stock company, and also a circuit of six in Ontario. Maybe Chatham will be one."

To-day Miss Dyer is engaged in pushing her lists among the citizens.

BOER LEADER WAS CAPTURED

Commandant Lidenhorst and Fourteen Burghers Taken Prisoners.

Two Hundred Boers Taken Oath of Allegiance—Canadian Casualties.

London, Dec. 17.—A despatch from Lord Kitchener, dated from Belfast, about half way between Pretoria and the frontier of Portuguese East Africa, received here to-day announces that Commandant Kritzinger, the famous Boer commander who has figured so prominently in connection with the invasion of Cape Colony, has been captured, badly wounded, by General French.

Kritzinger was trying to break the blockhouse cordon at Hanover Road.

London, Dec. 17.—Gen. Kitchener reports to the War Office that Col. Brander's and Dawkin's columns, operating with each other, have captured Commandant Lidenhorst and fourteen other Boers at Starkfontein. He adds that the effect of this important capture will be good.

RETURN OF REFUGEES.

Johannesburg, Dec. 17.—Within three months 10,000 refugees are expected to return here. Permission has been granted to the mines to start a hundred new stamps weekly. The railway is now able to cope with the increased traffic. Eight new engines were bought in the last few months, and there have also been large additions to the new rolling stock. The Stock Exchange will shortly re-open. The Star newspaper will start after January 1. The registry of the Supreme Court will open in January for the issuing of writs. The court will sit in March.

BURGHERS TAKE THE OATH.

Bloemfontein, Dec. 17.—Over two hundred burghers have lately taken the oath of allegiance in the Harrismith and Bethlehem districts.

MORE DEATHS IN CAMP.

The Gazette publishes a further list of 220 deaths in the refugee camps in the Orange River Colony.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The following cables have been received by Lord Minto —London, Dec. 12.—Regret to inform you that Arthur Timbrik, S. A. C. died of wounds 9th December. Krugersdorp. Father, R. Timbrik, New Westminster. B. C.—Chamberlain.

London, Dec. 17.—Regret to inform you that Sgt. Geo. Armstrong, S. A.

C. dangerously ill, enteric fever. Father, W. L. Armstrong, Bulah, Man.—Chamberlain. Casualty Department, Cape Town, Dec. 17.—Please inform Mrs. Sophia Johnson, Georgetown, P. E. I. that son, Charles Johnson, Canadian Scouts, died of enteric fever at Pretoria, 9th Dec.—Casualty.



...Xmas...

Slippers

A MORE appreciable present for your gentlemen friend can not be had than a nice comfortable pair of slippers or a pair of

'Invictus Shoes'

a number of advance spring styles of "Invictus Shoes" just to hand.

INVICTUS SHOES WEAR LIKE IRON....

P E A C E, S
4th Door From Mkt
Clash Shoe Store



Santa Claus

IS NOW AT THE Ark

WITH HIS LOAD OF Christmas Toys, Dolls Books & Games.

WE INVITE all the Chatham boys and girls to call and see our display and leave their order for what they want this week. It will take Santa a long time to deliver the many things he has for our boys and girls and the roads are in bad condition. So call early, pick out what you want and talk it over with pa and ma and we will see that you have your stocking filled on Christmas morning.

New Sleighs, 25c, 35c, 50c 75c and \$1.00.

Skates, 50c and \$1.00, all Sizes.

Steam Engines, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25

Magio Lanterns, 50c, 75c, \$1 to \$4

Dolls from 1c to \$3

THERE IS ONLY ONE ARK AND THAT'S THE PLACE TO BUY . .



:: 25c ::

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For Children

THESE goods are made of Felt, warm and comfortable. Suitable for

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Our \$1.00

Felt Millies are beauties

Men's Gum Rubbers SNAG PROOF

These goods are guaranteed not to break in the upper either low or high cut. At popular prices. In Overshoes and rubbers we have the best that money can buy.

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