

**Wm. Foreman & Co**  
Importers.

## Silks for Gifts

There is not a lady in the land that would not appreciate a gift of silk whether it be a waist or dress length. We always prepare for a good business in silks at Christmas. This season we have gathered in some of the rarest and most exclusive silks that have ever entered here, and in the lines our stock is well assorted.

### An Exquisite Stock of Waist Silks

Colored Taffeta in White, Cardinal, Resedas, Tuscans, Browns, Fawns, Castors, Pinks, Blues, Navy, very special at per yd, 75c

Colored Louise Silks in rich shades of Greys, Blues, Helio and White for waists at per yd, \$1.00

New Lasso Silks for rich Gowns or Waists, at per yard 50c and 75c

Peau de Soie in Black for Gowns at per yard, \$1.25, 1.35, 1.50, 1.65 and 1.75

Peau de Chene in a complete range of shades, per yd, 60c

### Lace and Sequence Collars Ideal Gifts

We just passed into stock a magnificent range of Collars in Lace and Sequence. They are well worth a visit to this store to see.

Lace Collars \$1.50, \$1.90, \$2.00 and \$2.75.  
Sequence Collars 75c, \$1.10 and \$5.00.

**WM. FOREMAN & CO.**



### FOR BUSY CHRISTMAS

Shoppers come to our store. Come early, and get the pick of our great showing of Christmas wear.

**Christmas Slippers**  
**Christmas Leggins**  
**Christmas Overalls**  
**Christmas Boots.**

How can you please any member of the family better than coming to the Boston Shoe Store.

**J. L. CAMPBELL,**

North Side King St., Chatham.

**Boston Shoe Store.**

### MY VALET.

will open his place of business, Room 2, McCall Block, on

**Monday, December 7.**



## Don't Pay

High prices for your China lamps, dinner or tea sets; see our goods, get the prices; this ensures us the sales. The goods are extra fine quality, very pretty, large assortment to choose from. Bought expressly for the Xmas trade.

### GROCERIES.

If you need these goods here are our prices:—

4 lbs Mix Candy 25c  
Mixed Nuts 15c per lb.  
Cream Candy 10c per lb.  
3 lbs. Selected Raisins 25c.  
" best Cleaned Currants 25c  
Lemon, Citron and Orange Peel, mixed, 20c a lb.  
Mince Meat 10c. a lb.  
7 lbs Best Rolled Oats 25c  
2 lbs Pure Lard, 25c.  
New Dates 7c lb.

**John McConnell,**  
Phone 190, - Park St.

Minard's Liniment for Sale Every where.

## DISTRICT DOINGS.

### BLENHEIM

Dec. 11.—Miss Edith Warner, who has accepted a position with George Boushall & Co. for the Christmas trade, is unable to attend to her duties this week through illness.

Robert Moore and Frank Knight have returned from visiting friends in Detroit.

Miss Charlotte Hoag, of Chatham, has been appointed senior teacher of S. S. No. 4, Harwich, at a salary of \$315.

H. L. Stratton has purchased a general store business at Mount Elgin, and will leave here about the first of the year.

Wm. Knight has moved from Peter Morrison's farm, Centre Line, Harwich, to his own farm on the Gravel road. Mr. Jones will move to the farm, vacated by him, some time in January.

On Monday evening "The Merchant of Venice" will be presented in the Opera House here, with Elmer Buffham as star.

Joseph Laird is spending this week in Guelph.

The Council decided, at a special meeting held Tuesday evening, to purchase a second dynamo for the power house.

Messrs D. Tedford and H. Collar are attending the Ontario Poultry Show at Guelph, where they have a number on birds on exhibition. Mr. Lugden, of the Bank of Commerce, is another Blenheim exhibitor.

A number from Blenheim will attend the concert given by Madame Pettit at Detroit on Monday next.

Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger of the Independent Foresters, will be in Chatham on Thursday, Dec. 17, when a large number will be initiated. After the initiation a banquet will be held. Many of the members of the I. O. F. in Blenheim will go to Chatham for the occasion, and a special train has been chartered to bring them home after the meeting is over.

### HEART PALPITATION AT NIGHT

Rattles even the strongest man, but to the average woman it is a taste of general purgatory. Take a little Nerviline in sweetened water, and away goes the palpitation. You'll be saved lots of worry by keeping Nerviline on hand, which is a treasure for all sorts of pains and aches. Nerviline cures headache, stomach and bowel troubles quickly. Costs 25c for a large bottle.

### THAMESVILLE

Dec. 9.—Miss Helen Abertson was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vincent, of Northwell, visited friends in town on Tuesday.

Mr. D. McFarlane spent the day in Chatham.

Miss Galloway, of Northwell, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Nels Cornwall.

Mr. Mat. Ruckle, of Winnipeg, paid a flying visit to Thamesville today.

The Florence Lodge, "Daughters of Rebekah," visited the Thamesville Lodge, No. 51, and exemplified the work in a very creditable manner.

Mrs. Vincent, Grand President of the Rebekah Assembly, was present and gave the degree team great praise.

### NOT THE SLIGHTEST DANGER

In using Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut for constipation or piles. Highly recommended because they cause no gripping pains. For prompt and certain cure use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Price 25c.

### TILBURY

Dec. 11.—W. A. Clark leaves on Saturday to take a position in the Sovereign Bank at Belmont.

Ed. Lees, Jr., has taken a position in Stewart's bank.

Andrew Keith is leaving this week with his family for Walkerville.

Miss Margaret Bono, of Detroit, is visiting her father here, John

Bono, who is seriously ill. The junior hockey club re-organized this week and decided to enter the Essex and Kent league if it is organized.

The local hydrants were this week fertilized for the winter.

Mrs. (Dr.) Macdonald leaves after Christmas to rejoin her husband in St. Joseph, Mo.

W. C. Crawford is drawing sand for a large two-story brick building 25 x 200 feet, on Prospect street, between the Merchants' Bank and his cold storage building. The first floor will be used as a tin snail shop and the second floor for a hall for the use of societies.

Tilbury North and Tilbury West have finally been quarantined against hog cholera.

A number of the local Conservatives attended a political organization meeting on Wednesday night at Wheatley.

Billy Clark's Monarch Minstrels, billed for Anderson Hall here tomorrow afternoon and evening, are reported to have collapsed.

### NEWMARKET EXPLOSION.

Verdict of the Jury in the Agnew Inquest.

Newmarket, Dec. 11.—The adjourned inquest into the death of John Agnew, one of the firemen who met death at the United Factories, Limited, here on the 18th of November, was brought to a close yesterday.

The jury, after hearing the evidence of Mr. Harry Trivett, engineer, at his residence, returned to the council chamber, where the following conclusion was reached:

"That the said John Agnew came to his death from severe scalding and inhalation of steam caused by the explosion of No. 3 in a series of four boilers, contained in the building owned and operated by the United Factories, Limited. The jury are unable from the evidence to arrive at a conclusion as to the cause of the explosion, and are of the opinion that the men in charge of the boilers and engine were fully competent, and the jury are further of the opinion that the company have always shown the utmost care in the management of the boilers in their factories at Newmarket. The jury can not attach any blame whatever to the management of said factories or any of their employees."

### A LAWYER'S QUARREL.

Hopkins Fined 20 Cents for Kicking Steers.

Lindsay, Dec. 11.—At the County Court and General Sessions before Judge Harding, Gerard H. Hopkins was charged with an assault upon William Steers, on October 30 last. The parties are barristers, and were engaged on opposite sides in a case before Police Magistrate Deacon.

During Mr. Hopkins' examination of a witness an altercation arose between the two lawyers, in consequence of some interruptions Mr. Steers was making. Mr. Steers came around close to Mr. Hopkins, and a few angry words passed.

Mr. Steers then turned to go back, saying as he did so, that Hopkins was a pup and a cur, whereupon Mr. Hopkins kicked him.

In his evidence Mr. Steers stated that his intention was to irritate Mr. Hopkins and provoke an assault, if possible. Both parties subsequently apologized to Colonel Deacon for the breach of peace in his court. The jury found Mr. Hopkins guilty of assault. His Honor, while censuring both parties, commented with especial severity upon Mr. Steers' conduct and said the provocation was so great that a fine of twenty cents only would be imposed upon Mr. Hopkins.

### ANOTHER GAS EXPLOSION.

Revere House at Deloraine Wrecked —Porter Killed.

Deloraine, Man., Dec. 11.—A gas machine in the Revere Hotel here exploded about 6:20 yesterday. Robert McKinnon, the painter, was in the building badly wrecked. Luckily the fire was got under control, and not much damage was done by that element.

# ...Christmas Ideas...

Have you got the Christmas idea yet? Pretty nearly time you had. The weather man certainly has it, for he is putting up Christmas weather of the good old kind. Other people have it, too. We don't remember a December when people were as early to begin their Christmas shopping as they are this year, and it's the very best thing that could happen, for the early shopper is bound to get best selection and best service, and the chances are will be altogether better pleased than those who leave it till the hurry and scurry of the last few days. Those who are thinking of presents for men, will naturally turn to a men's store to do their buying. We would make the three following suggestions as suitable gifts.

**SMOKING JACKETS**—In Checks, fancy patterns and plaids, fine imported cloths, beautiful effects, edged with cord, some plain cloths with fancy cuffs and collar, a large display, all sizes, \$5, \$6 and \$7.00

**BATH ROBES**—A very complete assortment in fancy patterned eiderdowns, nicely trimmed with cord and tassels at \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$6.00

**FANCY VESTS** in a large variety of patterns, made from fancy duck, mercerized cloths and piques, very stylish and very dressy, all sizes, for both stout and slim men, at \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 up to \$3.50

Useful gifts are most appreciated and whatever is to wear must be useful. Christmas stocks are ready and at their best with plenty of salesmen to give you interested attention.

## Thornton & Douglas, Limit'd

### THE STAGE

"All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players."

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the Chatham Grand:—

Gibney Stock Co.—Dec. 14 to 19.

Cecilian Co.—Dec. 25.

Royal Hungarian Court Orchestra—Jan. 1.

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

### GIBNEY STOCK CO.

No two bills are alike in the plays presented next week by The Gibney Stock Co., which will be at the Grand Opera House. Headed by Morgan Gibney, the king bee of popular price attractions, the company is a strong one throughout. In addition to the attractive bills, the company carries the strongest vaudeville acts of any repertoire company on the road this year. This branch of the entertainment is headed by Mr. John T. Powers, who is seldom seen outside the larger cities. His inimitable song and dance never fails to draw him the applause he merits.

Miss Marian Gibney sings all the latest "coon" songs, including that tremendous success, "Buzzing Around" and "We've got to move to-day."

G. Walter Thompson in illustrated songs, which are said to be the finest ever seen in Canada. The machine used for this act is owned by Mr. Lewis Bernie, and operated by Mr. Lewis Bernie, and is the only one of its kind in operation. It is a triple projecting, dissolving view machine with rippling water, falling snow and sun rise effects. And, lastly, Lew Bernie in Hebrew and German dialect monologues, during which parodies on all the latest songs are introduced.

Prices for the entire engagement will be 10, 20 and 30 cents, except on Monday, when ladies' free tickets will be honored, and at the Saturday matinee, at which time school children's 5c. tickets and adults 15c. are in force. Seat sale opens to-day at Brisco's.

### Special Showing of Parlor Lamps—Gray's China Hall

Every lamp this year's latest production. All colors are burnt on. Every burner is guaranteed. Best assortment west of London. Prices from 75 cents to \$12.00.

**J. E. GRAY, KING ST.**

## Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

for colds, coughs, bronchitis, consumption. We have been saying this for 60 years. And so have the doctors.

### ACID-THROWING CASE.

Mrs. William Roy Acquitted at Owen Sound.

Owen Sound, Dec. 11.—The case of Mrs. William Roy, who was charged with throwing carbolic acid in the face of a woman named Emma Boyce in August last, occupied the time of the County Court, at which Judge Hutton is presiding. Very little that was new developed in the evidence, the defence setting up an alibi, members of the family declaring that their mother was home at the time the atrocity was committed. At 10 o'clock to-night the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, after less than half an hour's deliberation. The grand jury found no bill in a charge of abducting a Crown witness, which was coincident with the other case, and thus the cloud which at one time threatened the complete demoralization of a respected family has passed away. The court room was crowded during the progress of the trial, and it was evident that the County Court was a popular one. J. B. Lucas, M.P.P., and A. B. Cressor, B.A., defended the prisoner, John Armstrong, B.A., presenting the case for the Crown.

### MOTHER'S COMPLAINT

Judge Houston has received the following anonymous letter:—

"Dear Sir,—In the leading hotel of this city they have been running two slot machines under the very nose of the Commissioners and Inspector. My son has lost most of his earnings in this way, which I have complained of before. I cannot afford this loss, as it is almost our only support. The enclosed clipping shows that they are not allowed elsewhere, and if not suppressed I will look to higher authority. Trusting you will give this matter your immediate attention and oblige."

A MOTHER.

Judge Houston says that his duty is to try the offenders, and that complaint should be made either to the police or the Crown Attorney. Besides, he never pays any attention to anonymous letters. People must sign their names to have their letters considered. Matters which are not worthy the names of the writer cannot be considered by Judge Houston.

# PROVE IT, SIR!

Look the town over, visit all the clothes shops, examine, investigate, price—see us last or first. If last, you'll seek no further; if first, you'll come back, for we give you only this season's correct styles in assured quality, and at New Method prices, which mean positive saving with every purchase.

## Men's New Method Suits and Overcoats

\$7.50 to \$18.50

HOLIDAY HABERDASHERY, such as neckwear, gloves, mufflers, Handkerchiefs, stick pins, link buttons, suspenders, smoking jackets, lounging and bath robes, shirts, underwear, hosiery. New Slater Shoes, \$3.50 and \$5.00; Boys' Slater Shoes, \$2.50 and \$3. We are sole agents.

Ways' Sweaters and Mufflers, 25c to \$1.00. New American styles in Hawes' Hats for Christmas. Your name and address stamped on every hat you buy from us. Complete wedding outfits for men. Get the habit of buying from

Garner Block.

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King St., Chatham.

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