

The Planet

S. STEPHENSON - Proprietor.

Business Office: No. 33A
Editorial Rooms: No. 33B

RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION
THE DAILY PLANET, ONE YEAR \$4.00
THE WEEKLY PLANET, ONE YEAR \$1.00
THE PLANET will be sent free of postage to any address in Canada or the United States.

RATES OF ADVERTISING
Schedule of advertising rates will be promptly furnished on application to the business office.

TO CORRESPONDENTS
No notice can be taken of anonymous communications. Whatever is intended for publication must be authenticated by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

TO SUBSCRIBERS IN CHATHAM
We will confer a favor by reporting irregular service by telephone No. 33 A. The complaint will receive prompt attention.

TO SUBSCRIBERS OUTSIDE OF CHATHAM
If your paper fails to arrive regularly, or if you have a better connection, or a better route, please communicate with the circulation department.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

CHRISTMAS GIVING

The pleasure of giving is sweet, indeed, comments the London News. Probably no writer has been so successful in portraying the pleasure of giving as has Dickens in "A Christmas Carol." The transformation which the famous author worked in Scrooge's character serves to intensify the pleasure when one considers the former "grasping, scraping" character of the hardened old voluntary social exile. But after the ghost of Christmas had awakened in his breast the spark of humanity which was almost dead, and hailing a boy to buy the biggest turkey he can lay his hands on for a Christmas box for Scrooge's clerk, Bob Cratchit, the reader follows with intense interest the pleasures of the former miser as he reveals in the thought that he has for once in his life, anyway, made some person happy, and made himself happy, too, by giving rather than receiving. And, if there are any Scrooges amongst us, let them awake to the fact that if they are able to give, and do not give at Christmas time, one of life's sweetest pleasures is lost to them. Values are not what really count at Christmas time. A simple card of almost no intrinsic value whatever is laid away and cherished by the friend who receives it Christmas time. Values do not count — it is the friendship and good will behind the gift which is considered. But if you know of any who need help, help them if you can. Christ was generous in his salvation of us, one and all, and when his birthday comes around again, do not let it be said that there is one amongst us who lacks from a material standpoint what is necessary to have a merry Christmas. The poor have but few friends, and to the poor our attention should be directed. "I was hungry and ye fed me—I was naked and ye clothed me," said Jesus. But outside of helping the needy is the pleasure of sending a token of friendship to those whom we love or hold in esteem. Some there are with riches plenty, but who toss disappointed and out off from the world, on invalid's beds. How sweet is the smallest token to such a one! Others amongst us labor day by day, manage to make both ends meet but murmur at the struggle, and crave a word of encouragement and cheer. Send them a card, anyway, to show them they are not forgotten, that Christmas in God's time, that we are all brethren, and that we have not forgotten the existence of each other yet. Let us look up our relations, our family connections, our friends, and see if amongst the lot there are not some on whom we are spending of a few times would be money well spent. Let us bury all animosities, let us forgive and forget, and let us one and all join hands to make the approaching Christmas what Christ will be pleased to see it—a day on which we render glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men and good will.

Only another day in which to do Christmas shopping.
Have you read The Planet Advertising columns through? If not, get right to work on them. You'll be well repaid.
It must make President Baer's mouth water to read how the Russians suppress their strikes. If the suspiciously antiracist baron only had a corps of Cossacks to pour into his mines with orders to kill and spare not, he could indeed give thanks to the all-wise Providence that placed him in control of the situation.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Hamilton Spectator, is out with one of the best Christmas editions. The Planet has seen this season. The Spectator does things by halves and has a big reputation to sustain. Its

present issue is a crackerjack and this great home journal tends its Hamilton contemporary hearty congratulations. The Spectator's subscribers are indeed fortunate.

AMERICAN FIRE FIGHTERS.

They Are Admitted to Be the Best in the World.

Wherever the American goes in Europe it is with a feeling of satisfaction that he finds in the more important cities the adaptation of our ideas for fighting fire. Our steam fire engines, our brass poles that bring men down from the upper stories of their station houses, our hinged ladders that snap around the horses' necks at a touch are everywhere. At every important international exhibition of recent years, beginning even with that of Paris in 1889, American fire engines and ladder trucks have taken prizes.

At the Paris exposition of two years ago an American fire team from Kansas City, fourteen men under Chief George C. Hale, carried off all the most important honors at the International fire congress, at which were represented America, France, Portugal, Holland, Norway, Belgium, Switzerland, Denmark, Italy, Germany, Turkey, England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, New Zealand, India, Austria, Mexico and Peru. Nearly 8,000 firemen took part in the competitions. The first contest was made with steam fire engines on the banks of the Seine. About 100 engines competed. The test was made from cold water in the boiler. The average time for foreign engines in getting a stream from the hose was from eight to twelve minutes. Their streams reached about half way across the river. In five minutes and thirty seconds the American engine threw a stream that wet people on the opposite bank, a distance of 310 feet. The size of the stream was nearly double that thrown by the other engines. —Philip C. Hubert, Jr., in Scribner's.

A Peculiar Catfish.
"Within the last few years many new fishes have been found in Mexico," remarked a member of the United States fish commission a few days ago. "Among the more recent ones is a catfish that has the peculiar habit of carrying its eggs and young in its mouth. It is a popular belief that all fish simply lay their eggs in the water and leave them to be hatched as best they may. Such, however, is not the case by any means. This new catfish mother is much more careful and modern, for she makes the father care for the eggs and young. She drops the eggs around anywhere, while the poor father, swimming after her and gobbling the eggs up in his mouth, must carry them for some weeks before they hatch. He can eat nothing during this time and so grows thin and lean and lank."

The Lion of Lucerne.
A great deal of anxiety is felt in the country through the discovery that one of Switzerland's chief historical monuments, the Lion of Lucerne, is threatened with destruction. The lion, which was chiseled from the solid sandstone rock by Thorwaldsen in 1792, commemorates the massacre of the Swiss guard during the French revolution, and as a work of art is unique. It is situated in rather damp surroundings, above a pool in the glacier garden at Lucerne, and the water has trickled through the sandstone, which threatens to crumble and thus destroy the statue. An expert has been examining the rock, and by his advice it has been decided to cut away the surrounding rock and isolate the lion. —Globe's London Chronicle.

TRIALS OF AN OLD LADY

Could Scarcely Walk, and Sleep and She Were Strangers.

Kidney Complaint Was The Trouble—Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured It and Now She Can Both Sleep and Walk.
Bear River, Digby Co., N. S., Dec. 22.—(Special).—Of peculiar interest to aged people is the statement made by Mrs. Elizabeth Berry of this place. Mrs. Berry is sixty-five years of age and for over eight years she was troubled with Chronic Kidney Complaint. She was so bad that she could scarcely walk from one room to another, she could not sleep and she required assistance even to dress herself. Dodd's Kidney Pills cured her. Here's what she says herself: "A friend advised me to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. I took one box, but that not helping me, I left off taking any more for three years. I at last got so that I could not dress or undress myself and could scarcely sleep more than five minutes at a time. Then I resolved to give Dodd's Kidney Pills a thorough trial. I took five boxes and they proved such a success I took seven more boxes. Now I can sleep much better and am completely cured of Kidney Trouble. "When I started taking Dodd's Kidney Pills I could only walk from one room to another. Now I can walk a mile."

Dodd's Kidney Pills make the old feel young again.
Love is a virtue for heroes; and immortal as every great soul is that struggles, endures and fulfills.

TIDINESS ABOUT THE FARM.

A Hint From an English Journalist You May Make Valuable.

A party of English journalists recently traveled through Canada, seeing much of the country and taking note of all they saw. They were all men of wide experience, trained to observe closely and to criticize frankly and fairly. In Canada they saw much that aroused their wonder and called forth their warmest praise. Before they came they knew the extent of our country as expressed in figures, but they realize what those figures mean for they have journeyed across the land when the harvest was being gathered and with their own eyes have seen evidence of the country's greatness and fertility. Having returned home they are now telling the British public about the forests and the wheat fields, the farms, the villages and the towns of Canada. With their descriptions and their praise is some criticism and advice which is worth at least, the attention of our people.

In the course of an interview given by the leader of the party, just before they set sail from Canada, a suggestion was made that our country people should pay a little more attention to the appearance of their homes and their surroundings. The English journalist is reported to have said: that there was much that could be done in the way of improving places they had noticed in a tree. For instance, the planting of a tree, the whitewash brush, or the clearing up of a few flowers. All this might come later, but there was no reason why it should not come at once, as it was so easily done, and if done by every one the aggregate of pleasure and the uplifting tendency would be great.

There are few parts of the country to which the hint of our English visitors does not apply. A little more tidiness about the farm house, in the yards and along the fences would wonderfully improve the appearance of the whole. The cost of this in time and labor would be amply repaid by the satisfaction every thrifty farmer feels in seeing things neat and clean; but besides this there would be in almost every case a tangible reward for greater tidiness in an increase in the profits of the farm. One of the greatest eyesores about farm buildings and yards is the weeds, the bareness of the ground, the world over. They are not only a blemish to the home and its surroundings but they are a menace to every field in the neighborhood. By destroying them the appearance of the home is improved and an enemy of the whole farm removed.

Another unnecessary blemish is the heap of rubbish that often litters a corner of the yard or encumbers a portion of the garden. When the first deposit of refuse is made there the intention is that it shall be only temporary; but the heap grows in size and unsightliness and there it remains a monument to someone's laziness and procrastination. Let it be shared the fate of the weeds and what an improvement is wrought in the appearance of the place.

A crazy fence before the house, a rattletrap gate hanging by a single hinge, broken windows in the out-buildings—all these can be mended without much expense, but they cannot be allowed to remain in their dilapidated condition without inconvenience and loss to say nothing of their unsightliness, and their depressing effect upon the farmer and his family.

To follow the advice of our English visitors would not be a great undertaking for if each farmer would devote each year only a few hours to good housekeeping about his home the tidiness of the whole country would be wonderfully increased.

Crime in London.
Rarely does any official report contain such depressing matter as that on prisons just issued from the home office. It formally records that during the last year the number of people in prison increased by between 17,000 and 18,000, as compared with the previous year. In London criminality has so largely increased that between 3,000 and 4,000 prisoners of both sexes have to be transferred to provincial jails for lack of adequate accommodation in the metropolis. Nor is this terrible growth of lawlessness of an abnormal character; it appears to have acquired normality, judging from the fact that the number of London commitments increased from 38,373 in 1891 to 58,591 in 1901. During the whole of the period, and long before, it was highly improved and extremely costly educational machinery was in full operation as a corrective of criminal instincts, but, so far as can be seen, it appears to have rather acted as a stimulant. One thing is quite clear at all events—the existing system of punishment does not produce that deterrent influence among persons predisposed to crime which was hoped for.

Sold a Shot at the Ducks.
A story is told of the famous Richard Brinsley Sheridan that one day, when coming back from shooting, with an empty bag, he did not like to go home completely empty, and, seeing a number of ducks in a pond and a man or farmer leaning on a rail watching him, Sheridan said: "What will you take for a shot at the ducks?" "Well," he said, "I will take half a sovereign." "Done!" said Sheridan, and he fired into the middle of the flock, killing a dozen. "I'm afraid you made a bad bargain," "Well, I don't know," said the man; "they weren't mine."

Good News by Wholesale.
A postal card sent from Billville to one of the absent brethren reads: "Dear Jim,—Nothing but good news to tell you. Your brother broke out of jail, and your daddy has just got \$1,000 out the railroad for running over his leg. Ain't Providence providing?"

MEYNELL'S...

Just a few days to Xmas, just a few days to make your selection.
MEYNELL'S IS THE PLACE.

Until then you will have a chance at our Great

Holiday Sale...

Never before have tailor-made Men's Suits, Overcoats, Reefers, Boys' and Children's Clothing been offered at such low prices.

SPECIAL VALUES IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

Your Christmas dinner will taste the sweeter if you sit down to the table knowing that you have saved from \$3.00 to \$5.00 on your new suit or overcoat.

A pair of Embroidery Suspenders in fancy Box, 25c.
A pair of Gloves.
Initial Handkerchiefs.
A Silk Square Muffler.
A Stylish Hat.
A Dozen exclusive Pattern Ties.
See our Special Ties at 25c., 50c.
Silks.
House Coats.

SEE OUR WINDOW. G. MEYNELL 3 Doors West from Market, King St. CHATHAM.

NURSERY NOTES.

Try giving castor oil in warm weather with plenty of sugar. The baby's lips will smack over it.
It is much easier to dress baby on the bed than on your lap. You will have both hands free and greater liberty of motion.
If the baby kicks much in his bath it will be well for the first month to bathe him with his bladder on. This will prevent all danger of straining.
There is nothing children love more better than in almost every case, but low tables are more rare. They should have them also.

Mothers make the memories that are to be the inheritance of their children during all our lives. What a tribute to mother love it is, when the silver-haired man or woman says: "We did have such good times when we were children!"
It is always a good sign for a baby to sleep a great deal, and delicate and puny infants who sleep much become strong and healthy children. Even babies who are large and thriving at birth, unless they get a great deal of sleep, become weak and sickly.

Coughs, colds, soreness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Cressle's tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

Keep Minard's Liniment in the House.

My, Oh My!

Our large stock of Fancy China, Lamps and Glassware bought expressly for the Xmas trade and marked at low prices will, for the next seven days be sold at a still further reduction of 10 per cent. off all the above goods.

Someone is going to get big bargains, is it?
Also 10 per cent off for cash on Dinner Tea and Chamber sets. That means:

\$5.90 Dinner Sets \$5.31
10.00 " " 9.00
8.00 " " 7.20

And the same reduction on all the above goods.
Come, compare our prices with any other house in the city. Again reduce 10 per cent off that.

Groceries...
Best cleaned Currants 7 cts. per lb.
New Lemon Peel 15 " " "
Select Raisins 10 " " "
Good Mixed Candy 7 " " "
Dark Sugar for cooking 3 " " "
5 lbs. New Prunes 25 cts.
New Dates 7 " " "
Lunch Bacon 15 " " "
Pickles 10 cts. per bottle.

We give 1 lb. Good Baking Powder and a game of Ping Pong for 50 cts.
John McConnel's
Park St. Phone 190

THE NORTHWAY CO., Limited

THE BUSY STORE

THE NORTHWAY COMPANY Ltd.



To-night,
To-morrow and
To-morrow Night...

The last hours of holiday shopping. No time for hesitation now. We are well prepared for the final rush. Never in our history have we owned such large stocks; never have we made prices so inviting; never have we served so many customers. Every day the crowds of buyers are increasing. Come when you will we will serve you well and save you money.

New Waist Materials, just arrived, another shipment of novelties in waist materials.
Cream Bedford Cord, fine wool, 42 and 44 in. wide, firm weave, special per yard 50c and 75c.
All Wool Batiste Waistings, fine, firm quality, 29 in. wide, in choice range of new stripe designs, rich colorings, special per yard 50c.
Ladies' Ties, a choice collection of newest novelties in neckwear, silk, lace, chiffon, and ribbon ties, beautiful styles in fashionable colorings, at each 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00.
KID GLOVES—Every pair guaranteed.
Trefaussi's Fine French Kid Gloves, plain or stitched backs, two dome fasteners, colors black, tan, brown, pearl, grey, brown, etc., fully guaranteed, special a pair \$1.00.
Trefaussi's Kid Gloves, 3 dome fasteners, superior quality, plain or stitched, in black, and every fashion—special a pair \$1.25.
Children's Kid Gloves, fine French Kid, 2 dome fasteners, plain and stitched, backs, colors tan and brown, special a pair 75c.
Ladies' Undressed Kid Gloves, colors white, black, brown and grey, plain and stitched backs, special a pair \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75.
Ladies' Wrappers, Special—5 dozen ladies' flannellette wrappers, choice patterns and colorings, fast dyes, stylishly made, prettily trimmed, flounced skirts, lined waists, sizes 32 to 42, regular value up to \$1.35 each, special at \$1.00.
Feather Boas, fine ostrich feather boas, 48 in. long, full and fluffy, colors fawn, grey, black and black and white, special each \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$3.50.
Children's White Lamb Boas, large, fluffy quality, pure white, 36 in. to 40 inch, special each 25c.
Linen Table Cloths, a special purchase of fine Irish Linen Table Cloths, away below their regular values, enables us to quote exceptionally low prices on fine linens, as follows:—
Pure Irish Double Damask Cloths, fine, grass bleached quality, beautiful designs, size 2 yards by 2 1/2 yards and 2 yards by 3 yards, special at each \$3.00.
Size 2-1/2 by 3-1/2 yards, special each \$4.00.
Fine Napkins to match at special prices.
French Flannel Waists, fine, pure wool, assorted colors, pretty styles, prettily trimmed, special each \$3.50.
Silk Waists, handsome styles in fine Tamaline Taffeta and Liberty Satin, perfect fitting garments, at \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$9.00 and \$10.00.
Fur Coats—Choice Astrakhan coats at \$25.00, \$35.00 and \$40.00.
Electric Seal Coats—Rich full fur-red, best satin linings, at \$15.00 and \$20.00.
Russian Lamb Coats—Rich round curi, choice skins, best satin linings, Special each \$50.00.
Greenland Seal Coats—Lamb collar and lapels, very choice, at each \$29.50.
No. 1 Russian Lamb Coat—Rich, silky curl, selected skins, superior satin linings, special at \$100.00.
Grey Lamb Coats—Full round curi, guaranteed quality, rich satin linings, special at \$50.00.
Ladies' Jackets—Extraordinary values, sweeping reductions in prices, don't invest a dollar in a coat until you have seen these bargains.
Children's Coats—A special lot of manufacture samples and overstock at almost HALF PRICE.
Hats—Hats—Hundreds of pretty styles to select from at each 5c, 10c, 12-1/2c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c up to \$1.00.

STRICTLY CASH THE NORTHWAY COMPANY, Ltd ONE LOWEST PRICE

To the Electorate of 1902 - 1903

You will need clothes and good clothes and will want to save your money. By coming to us we will attend to all. If you visit our store we will convince you that we have the largest assortment by far, of Imported Worsteds, Scotch, Irish and English Tweeds and Overcoats, also the largest stock of Canadian goods to choose your Fall or Winter outfit from, of any tailoring establishment in the West.
Give us a trial. Our prices are right and we have nothing but skilled workmen. We guarantee our work to be perfect. Also see our ready-made pants at \$1.50 and \$2.00, the best in the land.

TO THE LADIES.....

By visiting us we can show you the very latest Dress Goods, from the finest to the coarsest also see our cape and mantle cloths, steamer rugs, flannels, yarns etc. We are offering special inducements in Plankets this season. When in want give us a call and you will not regret it.

THE T. H. TAYLOR CO. Limited, Flour and Woolen Mills

LEGAL.

J. B. RANKIN, K. C.—Barrister, Notary Public, etc., Victoria Block, Chatham.
W. F. SMITH—Barrister, Solicitor, etc., Office, King Street, west of the Market. Money to loan on Mortgages.
J. B. O'LENN—Barrister, Solicitor, etc., Conveyancer, Notary Public, Office, King Street, opposite Merchant's Bank, Chatham, Ont.
SMITH & GOSNELL—Barristers, Solicitors, etc., Harrison, Hall, Chatham; Herbert D. Smith, County Crown Attorney; R. L. Gosnell.
WILSON, PIKE & GUNDY—Barristers, Solicitors of the Supreme Court, Notaries Public, etc. Money to loan on Mortgages, at lowest rates. Offices, Fifth Street. Messrs Wilson, K. C., W. E. Gundy, J. M. Pike.
HOUSTON STONE & SCANE—Barristers, Solicitors, Conveyancers, etc., Notaries Public, etc. Private loans at lowest current rate. Seave's Block, King Street.
M. HOUSTON, FRED STONE, W. W. SCANE.

Trust and Private Funds to Loan

On farm and city property. Terms to suit borrowers. Apply or write to THOMAS SOULLARD Room 26, Victoria Block.

A WISE IDEA

To get your old carpet manufactured into beautiful durable rugs, at prices that are right. Call and see samples. Factory opposite J. & J. Olds' shoe's block.

THE CHATHAM RUG FACTORY Phone 85

Minard's Liniment For Rheumatism.

A Few Users of Smith Premier Typewriter Figures Cannot Lie

I. O. Foresters..... 27
Canada Life Assurance Co..... 18
G. N. W. Telegraph Co..... 17
North American Assurance Co..... 17
Salvation Army..... 16
Provincial Building..... 16
C. P. R. Telegraph Co..... 15
Imperial Bank..... 9
York County Loan and Savings Co..... 12
Massey-Harris Co..... 8
Bank of Nova Scotia..... 8
A. B. Ames & Co..... 6
A. M. J. Haney..... 6
Norwich Union Fire Insurance Co..... 4
Western Assurance Co..... 4
Anglo American Insurance Co..... 4
Steele Briggs..... 4
Robt. Simpson & Co..... 4
P. W. Ellis & Co..... 5
Manufacturers Life..... 4
McLaughlin Electric Belt Co..... 3
John Kay Son & Co..... 3
McKenzie & Mann..... 3
Langmuir Manufacturing Co..... 3
And hundreds of others using from 1 to 3

Newsome & Gilbert, 68-72 Victoria St., Toronto Sole Agents

EVENING DRESS.

The height of the winter season is now here. With the midwinter holidays begins the round of dances, dinners, parties and evening functions. It will be most profitable for you to see our large new stock of Evening Dress Novelties.

Albert Sheldrick,
Marchant Tailor, King St., Opp. Grand Opera House