

CHRISTMAS
CAKES

All sizes and shapes, the best money can produce.
See our window display.

W. S. Richards
CONFECTIONER

G. W. CORNELL
DENTIST

Corner Sixth and King Street,
Over the Bee Hive.
Phone 317.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

O. L. Lewis, barrister, is quite ill with symptoms of typhoid fever.
Miss Pearl White, King street west, who has been ill for a few days, is improved.

Mrs. Wm. Daryl left for Detroit to-day, where she will reside. Mr. Daryl is an employee of the M. Campbell Fanning Mill Co. there.

Captain Strong, of the tug "C. M. Newman," went to Sarnia to-day to secure the material for the remodeling of the old barge which lies at Piggott's dock. He will be here the greater part of the winter.

In the County Court yesterday Walter Doyle was fined \$2 and costs, \$6.87 in all, for trespassing on the premises of Bernard Schaefer, 8th concession, Raleigh Township.

James Haskell, confined in the jail, was released yesterday on bail. Two sureties were furnished, Joseph Haskell, of Tilbury Township, in \$400, and Samuel Hitchcock, Raleigh Township, in \$400.

W. E. Gandy appeared before Judge Bell in Chambers to-day for the purpose of passing the accounts in the matter of the Crawford estate. Fred Stone appeared for the official guardian.

R. L. Gossnell was in the city to-day in connection with the passing of the accounts re the estate of the late Levisa Stephenson, of Blenheim. The Trust and Guarantee Co. of Toronto, are the executors.

The five white male of Iris Vick was tied to a post near J. Gilbert & Co.'s this morning, when it became excited, and breaking its tie strap, ran away. The excited animal was running wildly down Queen street when Joseph Caplan, the wholesale butcher, heroically happened along and stopped it before it came to harm.

Miss Abram, Miss Samson, Miss Irving, Miss Garrett, Miss Young, Miss Holmes and Miss Aylesworth, of the McKeeough school teaching staff, entertained their colleagues and ex-principal Brackin to a dinner last evening at the school. After the splendid repast prepared by the entertainers had been enjoyed, an impromptu toast, list was given and a merry time spent.

Levi Dillon, an aged farm-hand, was admitted to the County House of industry to-day. The old man doesn't know his age. He was born in Tennessee and came to Wardsville with his mother and brother when he was 12 years old. He has lived in Chatham Township, Dresden and Harwich, working for farmers. The old man had \$200.50 saved up, which he made over to the County.

Yes, we intend to fill our window on Monday next with the largest assortment of Ebony ever shown in Chatham, says Mr. VonGuntzen, and anyone wanting to get a piece and have it suitably engraved must move fast, as we have over 100 pieces now and, from appearances, by the middle of next week we will have as much as it will be possible to get ready for Xmas. No extra charge for engraving and enamelling. Clothes brush engraved complete as low as 75c.

Christmas
Goods = =

Are being put in shape rapidly in our store. In another two or three days we shall be in a position to show you one of the finest displays of Christmas Goods ever shown in the city. We have been successful this year in getting the exclusive right to sell a line of fine Morocco Goods with Ebony Brushes. Our sale of these last year was so large that we have put in an immense stock of them this year.

We invite you to call and look over our stock whether you buy or not.
See our splendid stock of Perfumes and Fancy Goods.

A. I. McCal & Co.

Druggists LIMITED. Opticians
16 King St. Cor. King and Fifth Sts. Dresden, Ont.

CONCERNING UGANDA

Thos. Scullard gave an excellent address on Uganda at the meeting of the Young People's Society of the First Presbyterian Church, last evening.

Mr. Scullard dealt with the discovery and subsequent progress of the protectorate of Uganda and pointed out the steps by which this fertile section of South Africa was first brought within the sphere of British influence and afterwards became a protectorate. The eloquent harpist described in particularly vivid language the physical characteristics of the country, its flora and fauna.

In the course of his address, Mr. Scullard read extracts from the reports of Sir Harry Johnston, the Government commissioner, and others, showing that Uganda is especially adapted for European immigration. The thermometer seldom goes below 50 degrees and never above 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Europeans can live in this country in comfort, although it is in the equatorial region. The country is very fertile as well as healthy, and produces rubber, coffee and other articles of food and commerce very profitably.

Mr. Scullard told a little about the people and about the important work done amongst them by A. M. McKay, who is in charge of the church missionary society in Uganda.

He showed the progress the country was making in civilization and then wound up by showing how fortunate it was not only for Uganda, but for the world, that Great Britain had stepped in. This was because it had been one of the centres of the slave trade and Great Britain was putting down this traffic in human lives as rapidly as she could. It was also the key to the head waters of the Nile and was an important point both politically and commercially.

Robert Campbell, president of the Young People's Society, presided.

MAY BE BOMBARDED

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methods: "deprived made by the Venezuelans for the destruction of their navy, in the seizure of British ships and the arrest of German and British subjects, practically have developed the relations between the countries into those of real war, although technically the principals prefer to designate it as something less. In doing so, Great Britain and Germany simply are following the course taken during the war with China, when, notwithstanding the fact that the allied fleet battered down Taku and captured and distributed a number of Chinese naval vessels, no declaration of war was forthcoming.

London, Dec. 13.—The Foreign Office officials said they had received information that the effect of the Venezuelan blockade. No effect that Venezuela had requested Minister Bowen to act as arbitrator. They think it is not likely the proposition has been made, but if such is the case they do not consider that arbitration at the Foreign Office here refuses to believe the vessels were sunk, and will not credit the report until contradictory news is received officially from the German side. It is added, if the vessels were sunk, it was the result of joint action of both squadrons, and meeting resistance.

The Foreign Office has published two of Minister Bowen's despatches, which were communicated by the State Department at Washington to Minister Herbert and which were reported last night. The despatches relate to the attack upon the German Legation at Caracas, and give Mr. Bowen's steps to obtain the release of the 54 German and British subjects arrested in Caracas, and the announcement that all the persons apprehended had been released.

Caracas, Venezuela, Thursday, Dec. 11.—The Government has taken preventive measures at La Guaira. All the deposits of coal at the navy yard and all the British cars on the La Guaira Railroad have been brought here, rendering impossible the transportation of the allied troops by rail. General Ferrer, the Minister of War, spent all day to-day in choosing spots in the mountains where trenches are to be dug.

Her despatches have issued the following decree: "All Venezuelans living in the Federal district between the ages of 18 and 30 years must enroll themselves in the militia; any person refusing to enroll voluntarily, as a patriot demand, will be declared a traitor and sent before the tribunals." It is reported that the plan of the British and German forces to secure the ports of La Guaira and Puerto Cabello.

The English telephone office has been seized. La Guaira, Venezuela, Dec. 13.—The defensive operations at the strategic points on the heights back of the town are being vigorously pushed forward. The deposits of powder in the fortresses of Lavigia and San Carlos have been removed. Great patriotic demonstrations are being made, and everyone capable of bearing arms is offering his services. The embargo placed upon the harbor corporation has been removed.

The authors of the greatest achievements in life always come without heralding.
—The fact that most diseases arise from an impure or low condition of the blood, is fully proven by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

English Bevel Plate Mirrors, Shaving Sets, Gentlemen's Cases, Chatelains, Ladies' Purse.

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, Marchale, Plaisard, Colgate, Eastman, Seeley, 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.

CHATHAM, Phone 105. ONT.

EASTERN CONSOLIDATED OIL CO.—Officials say price is 50c, going to \$1 in January, pays 24 per cent. per an. quarterly, and better promised.

A buyer before last rise, needing funds, will sell part, up to 1,000 shares, at \$35 per 100. At this cost dividend equals 23 per cent. Who will take this rare bargain? Write promptly or wire, G. K. Morton, private banker, St. Thomas, Ont. 6

Minard's Liniment Cures Gargol in Cows.

Candy

We are making a big display of Xmas Candy and if prices will do it we will sell every pound of candy we have bought.

Our Mixed Candy, a dandy 3 lbs. for 25 cts.

Our Cream Candy, nothing better. 2 lbs. for 25 cts.

Taffy, all kinds, 15 cts. lb.

We have Fancy Boxes of Chocolates at 25 cents that are well worth 35 cents and others from that up to \$1.50 each. Let us show them to you.

We also have filled stockings for the children, and Ping Pong sets and Cracker Jacks for the older ones are very amusing.

Give our Candy a trial.

Fresh Lake Huron Trout.
Fresh British Columbia Salmon.
Smoked Halibut and Pinnan Haddock.

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' Purse.

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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 "CECILIA" as maid of honor, while the groom will be supported by "BELSHAZZAR" his best man. The bride will carry a large bunch of "FLOWER OF 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.

FOR SALE

House, stable and 3 acre lot on Park Ave., \$1200.

House and lot on Park St., \$750.

House and lot on Wellington St. West, \$1200.

House and lot on DeLaware Ave., \$850.

House and lot on Thames St., \$650.

Large house and large lot on Taylor Ave., \$900.

DUNN & MERRITT,
FIFTH ST.

A "FAMOUS" Coal Store, nearly new, for sale.

C. AUSTIN & CO.

Chatham's Greatest Store

THE BEST STORE FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS.....

Up-To-Date Dress-Making | C. AUSTIN & CO. | Chatham's Greatest Store

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS.....

Best for more reasons than one. Best because you have a larger variety to select from than in any other store in Chatham. Best because quality is never lost sight of in this store, quality and quantity go hand in hand. Best because our strict rule of one price only is always the best possible you can get. Best because our rule is if goods are not satisfactory or as represented, bring them back and get your money back if you want it.

DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT
SUITABLE XMAS PRESENTS

Here is a list of suitable articles for Xmas presents. They are pretty, serviceable and sure to be appreciated. The values are exceptional—nowhere can they be equalled.

Ladies' Fascinators

In solid colors and dainty combinations of white, pink, pale blue and yellow, at 75c, \$1.00, 1.25 and 1.50.

Circular Shawls

Hand made of fine Shetland 5/8, cream with colored trimmings at \$1.00 and 1.25 each.

Fancy Shawls

All colors in plain and fancy knit-fine wools, pretty designs at 40c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50 each.

Wool Capelines

A novelty in ladies' wear in all colors with fall and fringe trimmings at \$1.25, 2.00 and 2.50 each.

Silk Waist Lengths

All the newest designs in fancy silks—a special line for Xmas trade, no two alike, 4 yards in each, at \$3.00, 4.00 and 5.00 each.

Ladies' Dress Skirts

Pretty designs in flares and dounce skirts in new styles and colors. All our own make at \$2.00, 2.50 up to 7.00 each.

SHORT TALK ABOUT FURS

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

38 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 long, trimmed with four large tails, Price \$6.50

Ladies' Astrachan Capelines

large storm collar, good fur, trimmed with tails, 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

L. line Alaska Sable Storm Collar

with 4 tails, long is 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, nicely laid. 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 wave 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.

STAPLE DEPARTMENT

A thoroughly equipped stock of everything that's necessary for the year, Special values in Flannels, Tweeds, Flannelettes, Wrapper Materials, Waist Cloths, Blankets, Etc.

Heavy 54-inch Tweed Suits for boys and men's wear, dark mixtures, pure wool, regular, \$1.50 and 2.00 values for \$1 and 1.50 a yd.

Heavy all wool flannel shirtings in black and red, black and grey, black and blue, black and blue stripes. The correct material for warm undershirts At per yd. 35c

15 pieces choice cashmere finished, wrapper and waist flannels, in spot, stripes and floral effects, heavy quality, At per yd. 10c

20 pieces heavy English reversible wrapperettes, black and red, black and grey, big assortment of patterns, special values Per yd. 10 and 12-12c

Choice assortment American wrapper and waist flannels in black and grey, red and white, blue and white and fancy Persian effects, heavy cloth, cashmere finished, 12-12c per yd.

Grey flannels in plain or twilled, dark and light shades, extra values, soft finish, free from burs, union makes, At 12-12, 15 and 20c yd.

Pure wool makes at 25, 30 and 35c a yd.

Fancy shirting checks at 25c a yd.

All wool, dark stripes at 35c a yd.

Navy blue shirt flannels at 35 and 40c yd.

Special 60x80, pure wool, white blankets, fancy blue borders, with make, value \$2.50 a pair.

Extra values in fancy comforters, large size, heavy makes \$1.75 and 2.00

Choice quality, plain cream, white, pink and light blue shaker flannel, heavy qualities, soft makes at per yd. \$1-2-10 and 12-12c

36-inch special shaker flannel, for sheets and undergarments in plain grey, royal and cardinal shades, 15c value for 12-12c yd.

Double width eiderdowns for opera cloaks, bath robes etc. in plain blue, pink, cardinal, grey and cream shades, regular \$1 value for 80c yd.

Fancy striped Eiderdowns for racques, cloaks, etc. Big range of patterns, single width, 50c value at 40c yd.

Remnants of Wrapperettes

Grey Flannels, Prints

Underskirts, Tulle Linens

French Flannels, Etc.

all at CLEARING PRICES.

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