

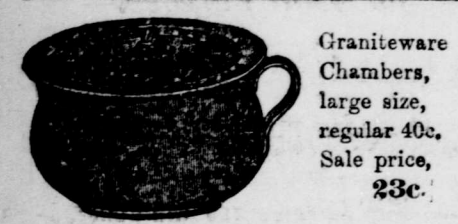
A Big Sale of Graniteware for January.



One of the biggest, if not the biggest, events at this store during January will be a Special Sale of Graniteware. We have two carloads that will be sold at prices away below the regular. The sale commences next Saturday morning at 8 o'clock.



Graniteware Tea Kettles, pit bottom, to fit No. 8 stove, regular 85c, sale price 53c; to fit No. 9 stove, pit bottom, regular \$1.00, sale price 65c.



Graniteware Chambers, large size, regular 40c, sale price 23c.

GRANITEWARE ROUND PUDGING PANS, holds 1 1/2 imperial quarts, regular 17c, sale price 10c.

GRANITEWARE CANDLE-STICKS, blue, green and white color, regular 25c, sale price 12c.

One Extra Special in Graniteware, on Sale From 8 to 9 O'Clock in the Morning.

144 GRANITEWARE LIPPED PRESERVING KETTLES, No. 28, holds 5 imperial quarts, reg. 45c. Sale price 25c.

ON SALE FROM 8 TO 9 A.M. ONLY.

Skates at Reduced Prices.

pairs "Henry Boker's" Club Hockey Skates, straight steel blade, regular 35c, Saturday 29c.

17 pairs Henry Boker's Perfect Hockey, welded and tempered steel blade, with puck stopper, regular \$1.10, Saturday 75c.

Hockey Pucks, hard rubber, Saturday 10c.

Skate Straps, per pair, Saturday 5c.

\$6.00 Lamps for \$3.25.

3 only Reading or Parlor Lamps, brass base and oil well, green enameled font, round center draft burner, fitted with nicely decorated globe, regular \$6.00, sale price \$3.25.

50c Berry Bowls and Cake Plates, 25c.

67 only, Fine China Berry Bowls and Cake Plates, neatly decorated, gold stippled border, regular 50c, sale price 25c.

Stock-Taking Sale On Main Floor.

Thousands of Dollars' Worth of New Goods To Be Sacrificed.

ATTEND OUR 8:30 AND 9:30 SALE.

500 pound tins Baking Powder, regular 15c values, Saturday, between 8:30 and 9:30, for tin 5c.

50 dozen suits, Men's Scotch Wool Underwear, regular 65c garment, Saturday, between 8:30 and 9:30, garment 29c.

8:30-9:30 Candy Special.

500 dozen Mixed Candies, pound 15c, 1,500 Mexican Oranges, regular 20c dozen, each 10c.

Stock-Taking Book and Stationery Sale.

The Great Envelope Sale.

100 boxes No. 7 Envelopes, 500 envelopes in each box, regular \$1.00 box, Saturday, for box 50c.

500 quires Silurian Note Paper, regular 10c quire, Saturday, for quire 5c.

500 packages Silurian Envelopes, regular 10c package, Saturday, package 5c.

Two Book Bargains.

500 Cloth-Bound Books, best authors, regular 25c, Saturday, 2 for 25c.

1904 Chatterbox, Saturday, each 25c.

Visit Our Office Stationery Department.

Everything in the office supply line, Stephens' Inks, etc.

1/2 pints, Stephens' Inks, in stone bottles, Saturday, between 8:30 and 9:30, for 10c.

25c Sheet Music, Saturday, copy 5c.

25 dozen Ladies' Silk-Fleeced Hosiery, regular 25c pair, between 8:30 and 9:30, Saturday, pair 12c.

Toys, Toys, Toys.

Clearing Sale of Toys, Games, Dolls, etc., at half-price, 8:30 Saturday morning. We will close out our entire Toy Stock. Room is needed.

Games and Blocks, Regular Price 10c, Reduced to 5c.

Messenger Boy 5c
Snap 5c
Fortune Telling 5c
Familiar Quotations 5c
Snake Game 5c
Shoot the Hat 5c
Peter Coddle 5c
Lost Hair 5c
Authors 5c
Dominoes 5c
Baseballs 5c
Seneca Spelling Blocks 5c

15c and 20c Games, 10c
War Pigeon 10c
Tiddley Winks 10c
Spider Web 10c
Nests of Blocks 10c
Building Blocks 10c

25c Games for 15c.
Maple Leaf 15c
Canadian Authors 15c
House That Jack Built 15c
Cock Robin 15c
Revers 15c
Christmas Goose 15c
Our Baby A. B. C. 15c
Grandmother's Blocks 15c

Rocking Chairs.
Child's Rocking Chair, large size, strongly made, Rocking Chairs, regular \$1.50, for 75c; 85c, for 50c.
Child's High Chair, regular 60c, for 35c.

Toys, Regular 10c for 5c.
Toy Horses 5c
Toy Banks 5c
Squakers 5c
Sand Pails 5c
Whips 5c
Pig Banks 5c

15c and 20c for 10c.
Jack-in-Box Wool Dogs.
Lamb 10c
Horn 10c
Baking Sets 10c
Tin Tops 10c
Drums 10c

20c and 25c Toys for 15c.
Jack in Box 15c
Sheep 15c
Horse and Cart 15c
Set of Tools 15c
Stuffed Cats 15c

Dressed Dolls.
In Dressed Dolls we will sell at great reduction. Handsome, Dressed Dolls, regular 15c, for 10c.

Undressed Dolls.
China, Rag and Washable Dolls, regular 10c, for 5c.

Dolls.
15c and 20c Dolls reduced to 10c.
25c and 35c Dolls for 15c.

Iron Toys.
Toy Banks 5c
Iron Reels 5c
Toy Irons 5c
Street Cars 5c
Fire Engines 10c
Tin Horses 10c
Delivery Wagons 15c
Trains 15c
Banks 15c
Engines 15c

Long Elderdown Komone, in blue, gray and white, with broad cashmere band around neck and sleeves and down front; special at \$2.75.

Ladies' Wrappers, in polka dot and fancy dress patterns, in cardinal, blue, navy and cerise, fitted waist lining and full skirt, sizes from 22 to 42, regular \$1.25, for 75c.

In Wrappette, deep frill on bottom, full around yoke and shoulders, neck yoke and sleeves trimmed with fancy braid, for \$1.25.

Gentlemen's Night Shirts, in Gray, pink and blue stripe, rolling collar, sizes 15 to 17 1/2, for 29c.

In Gray, pink and blue stripe, collar, pleat and cuffs trimmed with blue and red fancy braid, for 50c.

White and black Lustre Waists front, back, sleeves and collar made in fine tucking, perfect fit, reg. sizes 22 to 38, special at \$3.75.

Velvet Waist, in cardinal, blue, black and helio, corded back and shield front, and bishop sleeves, for \$2.00.

Flannel Waists, fronts made of four plaits, with four rows of stitching, lined or unlined, for \$1.50.

Ladies' Skirts, in gray and black cloth, with full flare, two bands of black attached silk, percale lined, velvet and broad binding, special at \$4.90.

In Oxford gray, navy and black cheviot, with percale lining, full flare, brush and velvet binding, special at \$3.25.

Black All-Wool Serge Linenette, lined full flare, brush and velvet binding, sizes from 38 to 44, regular \$4, for \$3.00.

Four dozen of Ladies' Mercerized and Sateen Waists, with bias and straight tucked fronts, plain and tucked backs, sizes 32, 34 or 36 inches; regular \$1.75, for 75c.

Seteen, sizes 32 to 38; regular \$1, for 50c.

Remember Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills cure the worst cases after other remedies fail.

Lax-Liver Pills cure Constipation.

THE LIBERTADOR

A British Ship Classed as a Pirate.

Belongs to the Aberdeen Steam Navigation Company—Strength of the Venezuela Fleet.

Fort De France, Island of Martinique, Jan. 2, via Haytian cable.—The British steamer *Ban Righ*, recently named the *Libertador*, which arrived here Dec. 24, from Antwerp, Nov. 29, having on board, as alleged, a cargo of munitions of war intended for the adherents of Senor Manuel A. Matos, the reputed leader of the revolt in Venezuela against President Castro, has left this port for the Venezuelan coast. She carried among her passengers Senor Matos, who is now referred to as General Matos, and several generals and other important personages of Venezuela, who joined General Matos here. Besides the leaders of the expedition, the *Libertador* has on board 300 volunteers, and it is understood that she will embark a number of other volunteers while on her way to the coast of Venezuela.

The Official Gazette, of Caracas, Dec. 31, published a decree, signed by President Castro, by which the *Ban Righ* (*Libertador*) was declared to be a pirate. The Government of Venezuela also offered a reward of \$10,000 and the cargo the *Libertador* carries to the Venezuelans or foreign ship which shall seize the *Libertador*, the Government taking the ground that she is being used in the interests of the revolution against President Castro.

THE LIBERTADOR.
The *Ban Righ* was built in 1870, at Glasgow, by John Elder & Co. She is 241 feet long, has 302 beam and is 16 feet deep. Officially the *Ban Righ* belongs to the Aberdeen Steam Navigation Company, Limited, of Aberdeen. She left London Nov. 23 for Antwerp. She sailed for the West Indies. For some time previous to her departure from London, the official there, it having been reported that her cargo of war munitions was intended for the Boers. She was released Nov. 12, at which time it was reported that her cargo was intended for the Colombian revolutionists. Her cargo, it is said, includes 10,000 Mauser rifles, 5,000 cartridges, and a number of cannon.

VENEZUELA'S FLEET.
It was announced in a dispatch to the Associated Press from Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 23, that the Venezuelan Government believed the *Ban Righ* (*Libertador*) was in the vicinity of the Island of Margarita, an island of Venezuela in the Caribbean Sea, and it was added that the Venezuelan fleet had been concentrated there.

The fleet of Venezuela consists of the following vessels: The steamer *Solivar* (formerly the Spanish torpedo boat *Gallea*, of 200 tons); the steamer *Rea* (formerly the Spanish torpedo boat *Rea*, of 200 tons); the steamer *Yacht Atlanta*, of about 180 tons; the steamer *Zamora* (bought in England, used as a transport ship); the steamer *General Crespo* (a gunboat); the steamer *Zumbador* (a tugboat, formerly the steamer *Rea*, of 200 tons); the steamer *De Mayo* (a tugboat, formerly the *Atlanta*); the steamer *Alvaro Margarita* (a tugboat, formerly the *Rea*, of 200 tons). The fleet is under the command of Gen. Alejandro Ybarro, and until recently had been stationed at Port of Spain, Trinidad, for upwards of a year.

THE TRADING STAMP BUSINESS SUSPENDED

Pending Decision of the Courts—Offices at Toronto and Other Places Closed.

Toronto, Jan. 2.—The Dominion Trading Stamp Company today closed its doors at 2500 Yonge street, hanging out a large card in the window to the effect that as the city council had passed a law prohibiting the giving or receiving of trading stamps, they had been obliged to temporarily suspend business. An appeal against the law is now in progress, and holders of stamps were advised to keep any they might have until the courts gave their decision. This announcement was a great disappointment to many, as some complaints were lodged at the police court clerk's office.

Kingston, Jan. 2.—The office of the Dominion Trading Stamp Company is closed, as a city ordinance has been passed prohibiting its continuing its business, and the company will keep closed, pending a decision of their case.

St. Thomas, Jan. 2.—The local office of the Dominion Trading Stamp Company is closed.

STRATHROY.

[Advertiser Agent, J. D. Meekison.]
Strathroy, Jan. 2.—The death of Thos. Campbell, aged 84 years, occurred in Strathroy on Sunday evening, Dec. 22. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon to the Strathroy cemetery.

The marriage of Miss Ada Ashwell to Thos. Campbell, took place on Wednesday, New Year's Day in St. Andrew's Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. J. Kane, pastor of the church.

Professor Theodore Pult's company

MILBURN'S HEART AND NERVE PILLS FOR WEAK PEOPLE.

AND THOSE TROUBLED WITH Palpitation, Throbbing or Irregular Beating of the Heart, Dizziness, Shortness of Breath, Distress after Eating, Nervousness, Headache, Spasms or Pain through the Breast and Heart, Lethargy, Loss of Sleep, Nervousness, Anemia, General Debility, Loss of Appetite, etc.

Remember Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills cure the worst cases after other remedies fail.

Lax-Liver Pills cure Constipation.

There is no solution possible now, as



THE WEATHER TODAY—Fair and decidedly colder.
A very important announcement, interesting to all ladies, will be made in Monday's papers. Watch for it.

January Linen Sale.

It is customary to get bargains in Linens at this store all the year around, but this is our great January Sale, and particularly special inducements are offered to make a general clearance before stocktaking. We do nothing by halves at this store. We've been preparing for some time back to make it one of the most important opportunities of the year for housekeepers and others interested in buying good Linens at bargain prices. Supposing you have spent a lot of money on presents, and supposing you have but little left—that's all you need at this sale. The goods offering are not a lot of odds and ends, but new, clean, bright patterns, in qualities that have built up our linen trade and made this THE LINEN HOUSE OF THE WEST.

Lot of Seconds in Fine Table Cloths, Napkins and Towels

Just received, and will be included in this great sale. They are marked at wonderfully low prices for such splendid quality.

Five pieces 60-inch Unbleached Tabling, to go at this great sale at, per yard 20c
One piece, 67-inch, half-bleached, one of our special all-linen 40c qualities, to go at, per yard 35c

Exceptional Values at 40c, 50c and 65c Per Yard.

Two pieces, 72-inch, all linen, half-bleached Tabling, our best 55c quality, during our Linen Sale to go at, per yard, only 79c

Three pieces, 70-inch Bleached Damask Tabling, regular 65c quality, during our Linen Sale will offer the lot at, per yard, only 75c

Five pieces, new pattern 80-inch Bleached Damask Tabling, to go at, per yard 89c

One piece, 72-inch Bleached Damask Tabling, one of our special dollar qualities, during this great sale to go at, per yard 1.05

Two pieces, 72-inch Bleached Damask Tabling, these would be considered good value at \$1.00 per yard, but have been selling here at \$1.25, we have made another 20c cut on them, and during this great sale they go at, per yard 1.05

If you have an extra wide table see our 90-inch Bleached Damask Tabling, good patterns and great value, per yard 1.85

Here Are the Seconds—Great Bargains.

Seconds are none the worse for being seconds, but they make a great big difference in price. Oftentimes we can scarcely detect the imperfection ourselves, but they are there, else they would cost us a great deal more, and consequently you would pay a great deal more. The big saving in prices makes you more than overlook any defect there may be.

TABLE CLOTHS. NAPKIN SECONDS.

Bleached and Bordered All Around.

2x2 yards, at each, \$1.25, \$1.45, \$1.65, \$1.75, \$2.00.

2x2 1/2 yards, at each, \$1.50, \$1.65, \$1.80, \$2.00, \$2.25, and \$2.65.

2x3 yards, at each, \$1.85, \$2.00, \$2.10, \$2.25, and \$2.65.

2x3 1/2 yards, at each, \$2.15, \$2.25, \$2.35, \$2.50, and \$3.15.

2x4 yards, at each, \$2.35, \$2.50, \$2.65, \$2.80, and \$3.35.

Nearly 27 dozen Damask Towels, 15x29 inches, at very low price of, each 6c

One lot Hemstitched Damask and Hemmed Huck Towels to go at a great bargain, each 10c

Fringed Damask Towels, a wonderful bargain, indeed, at, each, only 7c

One lot assorted Damask and Huck Towels, a great bargain while they last, at, each 12c

Also a Lot of Perfect Towels to Clear.

12 dozen, 25x42 Fringed Huck Towels, good value at our regular price, during this great sale at \$2.25 the dozen, or each 19c

15 dozen, 25x42 Fringed Huck Towels, regular price was 20c each, during this great sale will go at \$2.75 the dozen, or each 23c

Other lines will be on sale, which in some cases are in limited quantities, hardly large enough to mention here, but at great bargains. Especially if you know how it feels to be disappointed in not securing some of our former bargains.

Do Your Buying As Early As Possible.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM,

149, 151 and 153 DUNDAS STREET.

will appear in the Lyceum for one week, commencing Monday, Jan. 6. Professor Pult will deliver hypnotic seances at every performance.

Arthur Drew, of the Watson Manufacturing Company, Paris, is spending the holidays with his parents here. College, Toronto, is spending the holidays here.

BRITISH VIEW OF SITUATION

Intervention Is a Myth That Must Not Be Considered.

No Solution of the War Is Possible at This Late Stage, Except a Military One.

[New York Sun.]

Of about twenty-seven and one-half millions of religious communicants in the United States, nearly six millions are Methodists, divided between seven or eight different bodies bearing the Methodist name. Taken together, they make up the most numerous Protestant denomination in this country, the Baptists coming next with about four and a half millions gathered into thirteen distinct branches. The Roman Catholics number between eight and nine millions, according to statistics prepared by Protestant communicants, though they themselves claim to a much larger following. Methodism was third among our Protestant denominations in the number of communicants in 1900, but it now occupies the first place.

These facts we obtain from the Methodist Year Book for 1902, an annual publication which pays attention to the branch designated especially as the Methodist Episcopal Church, or the largest of the different Methodist communions, with an aggregate membership approaching three millions. The annual expenditures of this body are between \$2,000,000 and \$2,400,000. The number of its churches is 27,000, of its preachers between 12,000 and 13,000. The state in which its membership is largest is Ohio, 297,651, with these states close behind: New York, 237,546, and Pennsylvania, 233,451.

The growth of American Methodism, impelled especially by the great religious revivals of the early part of the last century, has been one of the most remarkable in the history of religious development. In New York, in 1786, "a godly woman called a few Methodists to their duty in a ringing loft."

The whole number in the American colonies was only 5,000; now the membership in all the branches is nearly six millions.

Yea Book opens with an eloquent tribute to President McKinley, in which we are told that "his election to the chief magistracy of the nation conferred on the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the first time in the history of the government, the exalted honor of being represented in that high office by one of its beloved communicants." This will probably surprise most people, because usually in the descriptions of our presidents, Lincoln, Johnson, Grant and Hayes are also set down as Methodists, but, apparently none of them was a communicant.

Traces of the influences of the spirit of criticism which has entered so largely into modern religious thought appear among the Methodists, but un-

less the Baptists are to be excepted, they are fewer there than in any other Protestant denomination. Great changes among them, however, have taken place during the last quarter of a century, and in the large towns especially. Once they were a "plain people," sedulously eschewing worldly display, and their meeting houses were humble and without ornament; but now they have churches notable for a pretentious ecclesiastical architecture, and in them much richness of attire is displayed by the attendants. Thus a time seems to have come when Wesley's warning to them that if wealth came in by the door religion would fly out of the window, has peculiar force. The great excitement which marked their camp meetings in the past has given place to conventional religious decorum. Sinners no longer blanch with terror under the preacher's description of the awfulness of hell fire.

We Serve It Up.

Just the suggestion of a taste because Scott's Emulsion really contains the pure cod-liver oil and lots of it. We serve it up in its most palatable form, and for this and other reasons Scott's Emulsion is superior in every respect to the raw oil.

ABSOLUTE SECURITY.

Genuine Carter's Little Liver Pills.

Must Bear Signature of

See Fac-Simile Wrapper Below.

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CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

FOR HEADACHE, FOR DIZZINESS, FOR BILIOUSNESS, FOR TORPID LIVER, FOR CONSTIPATION, FOR SALLOW SKIN, FOR THE COMPLEXION.

CURE SICK HEADACHE.

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