

## Our January Sale of Dress Goods Remnants

The enthusiasm grows from day to day. Many ends of this season's choicest weaves. They are marked at half price. You're bound to get a genuine bargain among these ends of Poplins, Homespuns, Chevots, Prunella Cloths, Tweeds, Lustres, Serges and Cashmere.

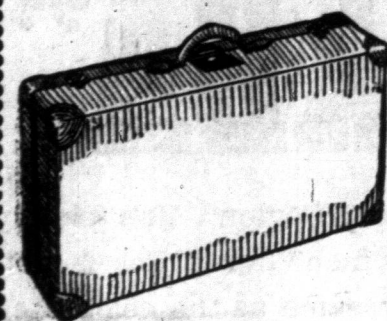
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### Black Dress Goods

We're specialists on Black Dress Goods. We always have choice black dress fabrics, no matter what season of the year you come for them.

**Prunella Cloths**  
Very desirable for morning costumes.  
**Broadcloths at \$1.50 and \$2.**  
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### PRESENT

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the best goods in this country for the money, largest selection to choose from. Our prices always the lowest.

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Leaves no after-taste in the most delicate foods. For tea biscuits and cakes it cannot be excelled.

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### .....RECOGNIZED STYLE.....

Has much to do with man's advancement. We make the clothes which will take a man anywhere. The quality of material, perfection of cut and finish, and that dressiness which only well tailored apparel has, are features upon which we base a claim for your patronage.

**MORLEY & CO. - The Leading Tailors**

**WELDON'S King Street, East.**

### TILBURY

Jan. 14.—The new village council for this year held their first meeting yesterday afternoon.  
Bert Wilson, of Chatham, spent Sunday with relatives here.  
Tilbury North Council met yesterday.  
Mrs. Morrison, of South Africa, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. F.

M. Scarff, leaves to-day to visit her sister in California.  
Miss Annie Smith, of Stewart, is visiting her cousin, Miss Mamie Smith.  
The local Hive of Maccabees will meet to-night.  
Several from the village attended the funeral of Israel Desjardins at Stoney Point yesterday.  
The Daily Planet is on sale at Johnson's Drug Store.

## WRITES FROM SUNNY SOUTH

Interesting Letter From Dr. J. H. Duncan, now in New Mexico.

An Old Chatham Boy Who is Fighting the Smallpox there—The Characteristics.

Writing to a member of The Planet staff under date of Jan. 8, from the Mesquero Las Vegas Hot Springs, New Mexico, Dr. J. H. Duncan, of this city, in a most interesting letter says:—

You may not have thought of receiving a letter from me but, before leaving for California, as I expect to do to-morrow, I thought I should drop you a line.

You may, perhaps, think very highly of the fact that we are at present 6,700 feet above sea level, but if you just consider that you are standing on Kings street and imagine the distance between you and Mr. Ross' greenhouse on the townline, set straight on end, imagine me looking down at you from that height, as you look up, and you may conceive of our present altitude.

The air here is beautifully clear and dry and light. We are, as you can readily imagine, far above your ordinary cloud line and are consequently in almost perpetual sunshine.

I find a curious fact that if a steer or horse dies on these lofty plains, the carcass does not decompose, there is no odor; it simply dries up and falls to pieces; showing the freedom of this atmosphere from the germs of decomposition.

I enjoyed the great pleasure yesterday and to-day of meeting Dr. Alfred Rolfs, so well known and so much beloved in Chatham, at his home. He informs me that he has seen a quarter of a million hang outside for three months, and still be in good condition for eating. The Doctor is very pleasantly situated in Watrous, which lies in a beautiful fertile valley. One of the finest lakes in this region lies less than half a mile from his home, and the valley is studied here and there with fine ranch homes, surrounded by trees and often by fine apple orchards. This valley is evidently one of the finest regions of fertile irrigated land in this State, but still at far over six thousand feet altitude.

About three years ago this whole region, far beyond and around Dr. Rolfs' section, was devastated by small-pox. The ignorant superstition of the native population caused them to refuse the protection of vaccination. Dr. Rolfs, however, determined if possible to save his favored spot, when a leading Mexican, feeling that his family was missing a privilege to which they had a right, went up to Waggon Mount, some miles distant, obtained some small-pox seeds, and gave the disease to his children. He had three. They all died of the disease. His Mexican friends crowded in, as they always do in sickness, and the disease was carried all through the valley.

One family of Mexicans comprised five children. Three of these had been vaccinated. The two unvaccinated ones took the disease and died. One of these vaccinated took it very lightly and recovered after one day in bed. The other two vaccinated ones did not take the disease at all.

Of the vaccinated Mexicans only one, the case mentioned above, took the disease, while over fifty of the unvaccinated died during the epidemic.

Among the Americans only two took the disease, a young lady whose vaccination had taken only poorly—she recovered nicely without being seriously marked. The other was the young cowboy mentioned above. He took the disease and died in wild delirium.

In the general store there were four clerks and the proprietor. Diseased Mexicans were constantly coming in and going out, and the clerks, picking the dry crusts off their faces and allowing them to fall on the floor. Still,

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The destruction among the Mexicans would have been much more terrible but for the intelligence of their priest, who, recognizing the scientific facts upon which vaccination protection was based, co-operated with Dr. Rolfs, urging his flock to accept the one means of safety offered. Many availed themselves of it and all were saved. It seems strange that among even those imperfectly civilized Mexicans, such blind ignorance should prevail in the light of such demonstrations of well established truths.

Dr. Rolfs and family are well and enjoying this lovely climate immensely.

We all find the air delightful and the change doing us much good.

I am delighted to hear that Chatham is not Mexican, but is giving itself freely to the often painful blessing of vaccination.

Dr. Duncan asks to be remembered to his many Chatham friends.

### WORRY AND LATE HOURS.

Worry and late hours seriously affect the system, causing exhaustion, nervousness, general debility and sleeplessness. "Climax" Iron Tonic Pills are great blood makers. They strengthen the nerves, invigorate the system, restore wasting vitality and cure all constitutional irregularities. Each box contains ten days' treatment. Price 25 cents, at all druggists, or mailed on receipt of price. Address: Dr. Hall Medicine Co., Kingston, Ont.

## THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE CHATHAM BINDER TWINE CO. LIMITED.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—The directors appointed by you on the 10th of April last, beg leave to submit the following report:

After the last general meeting of the shareholders held on the 20th of April, the directors finally accepted the offer of H. Clements for the factory site, Colborne street, paying for the same \$2,700 and received a clear deed of the whole property. They at once set about making preparation for the factory, sold their old buildings by auction for \$112 and asked the architects of the city to submit plans for a factory building.

The plans prepared by T. J. Rutley were chosen and as the directors knew very little of the requirements necessary for a Binder Twine factory, Mr. Wilson, the president, and Mr. Bullis, accompanied by the architect were sent to Brantford and Walkerton to examine the buildings for similar factories, to find out something in regard to space occupied by machinery and the best way to arrange the same. The people of Brantford received the deputation somewhat coldly and would give no information whatever on the subject. They however looked about them, made good use of their eyes and so gathered valuable hints from observation. The people of Walkerton on the other hand gave them all the information they wished. The superintendent of the factory showed them all its good points and pointed out where improvements could be made.

As a result of this visit plans were prepared for a two-story building, 43 x 107 with boiler and engine room 37 x 72 as it was considered better to make arrangements so that the plant could be increased to a capacity of five tons per day at any time, without any inconvenience or extra cost. Tenders were called for, and the lowest, that of The S. Hadley Lumber Co., Ltd., for \$11,324, was accepted.

The matter of appointing a Superintendent to oversee the work of constructing the factory was discussed but the directors decided that instead of appointing any one they would take turns in overseeing the work themselves. This was done at considerable inconvenience to the members of the board personally but with profit to the company, as they charged nothing for their services.

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## January Reductions

You know already what queer things we often do in January. With all the really cold weather yet to come, with four months left for the wearing of winter clothes, we drop all profit on any line of garments that we think should be here in lesser quantity after New Year's day. Here's a demonstration of our way of doing things, a reduction of the swift, clearance sort, a price to send your indifference spinning and bring you here full of eager earnest:—

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