

Men's TIES,  
New, Neat and  
Nobby.

## THAT New Year's Gift.

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Have you overlooked any person? Here are a few suggestions which may help you:

## Silk Petticoats Silk Blouses!

of American make,  
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on Xmas week was  
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## Absolute Clearance of Ladies' Coats.

We have made a reduction of one quarter off in order to clear out all Winter Coats of every description. Remember there are many weeks of real Winter yet to come, and it is the acme of economy to buy a Winter Coat at this Clearance Sale.

## MARSHALL BROTHERS.

### Star Theatre.

Last night the Star Theatre was packed to the doors. "A Quiet Night's Rest" is a big drawing card, being the funniest act ever seen in St. John's. Then the splendid decorations are a big attraction in themselves. Jack Rossley deserves great credit for the manner in which he has carried out his management of the Star Theatre. Those wishing to see the funniest act in vaudeville must see it to-night.

### Trying to Free Bram

One of His Former Counsel Now U.S. District Attorney.

The greatest interest is manifested among the legal fraternity of Boston in the report from Washington to the effect that United States District Attorney Asa P. French has recommended a pardon for Thomas M. Bram, formerly mate on the bark Herbert Fuller, now serving a life sentence at the United States penitentiary at Atlanta for the murder of Capt. Charles J. Nash, his wife, Laura, and second mate Bromberg.

The bark arrived at Halifax in July, 1896, with Bram in irons and the dead bodies in a boat towing astern. Bram was taken hence to Boston, and was twice tried and on both occasions was found guilty. At both trials Bram was defended by James E. Cotter and Asa P. French, the latter now the government prosecutor.

Bram is now assistant cook at the Atlanta prison and is an excellent prisoner. Since his incarceration, now covering thirteen years, he has grown stout and weighs about seventy-five pounds more than he did when he was sentenced.

Attorney Cotter said Tuesday: "Bram wrote to me last year in regard to my obtaining a pardon for him. I informed him that as he was so far away it would be advisable for him to seek the help of some one in his immediate vicinity, with whom he could confer from time to time. In my judgment other persons who were on board the vessel had as good opportunity as Bram to commit the murder."

## NEW YEAR'S GIFTS!

The experience of everybody supports the wisdom of early shopping for Christmas.

The better selections and the more leisure possible now, make early holiday buying a pleasure.

We are showing a magnificent assortment of BEAUTIFUL FURNITURE for Christmas Gifts.

Just a few suggestions:—

Odd Chairs and Rockers,  
Parlor Cabinets,  
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Magazine Stands, etc.

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### Shuster Has Been Dismissed

Special to Evening Telegram.

TEHERAN, To-Day. Shuster has been dismissed by the Cabinet in compliance with the Russian ultimatum. He sent reply to the Cabinet yesterday which stated his willingness to hand over the accounts when his successor has been named, and added that his chief solicitude now was for the welfare of the fourteen American assistants concerning whom nothing yet has been decided. Telegram from Shiraz, where boycott has been instituted against Indian troops, report an other attack on the Indians near Kazeroun. The situation there is regarded serious.

### More Fighting.

Special to Evening Telegram.

MADRID, To-Day. Further fighting is reported in the official despatches from Melilla, Morocco. Several engagements between Riff tribesmen and Spanish troops. Five Spanish columns attacked Riffians simultaneously, the tribesmen were driven across the river leaving a large number of dead on the field and quantities of arms and ammunition were captured by the Spaniards, whose loss is reported two killed, forty wounded.

### Gave Up Fishing.

Mr. Az. Martin, of Cabot Street, who has demonstrated to his own satisfaction, at least, that a profitable winter fishery can be carried on from this port, has given up the voyage for this season, at least. He was on the ground yesterday and says that cod-fish are as plentiful as ever there, but it was impossible to engage in catching it in an open boat as she became quickly lee'd up. If he can secure the desired aid he will next year fish all winter with a decked boat of about 20 tons, and will transfer his present Ferro motor, which can do 10 knots, to her using sail also as an auxiliary. He will fish all next winter and deserves both encouragement and success.

### Two Killed By Train.

Father of Seven Children and Youth Buried Under Pile of Christmas Toys.

New York, Dec. 26.—The father of seven children and a youth, the only survivor of his widowed mother, were hurled to instant death by a Long Island Railroad train at Queens at 8 o'clock last night. They were found dead amid a wealth of drums and dolls, toys, candies, Santa Claus, dresses and shoes, and a thousand other things, Christmas shoppers' purchases from James McCreery & Co., of New York. The two horses of the delivery wagon were ground under the wheels of the express train, which was making its west-bound trip on the long level stretch through Queens into Jamaica.

### McMurdo's Store News.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27, '14.

Have you ever seen these guaranteed Rubber Hot Water Bottles? They are well worth examining, and at this season a hot water bottle is often a necessity. Our Guaranteed Bottle represents the finest quality of bottle, and is warranted to stand full two years' steady use. Any that give out within that time are cheerfully exchanged free of charge. Each bottle is furnished with the Holdfast Stopper, securely fastened to the bottle so that it cannot get lost or mislaid. One of these bottles makes an excellent Christmas or New Year's gift, because you can be quite sure of the quality. Two sizes, prices \$3 and \$2.50.—adv.

### Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-Day. Wind W.N.W., blowing strong, weather fine. An unknown steamer passed west at 6.30 a.m. Bar. 29.15, ther. 34.

### SPECTATOR.

—You do not give your name. This will be necessary before we can publish your note.

Don't forget that little 10 cent bottle of Stafford's Ess. of Ginger Wine for New Year.—dec26,tf

S. S. WOBUN HERE.—The S.S. Wobun arrived this morning with 2,157 tons of North Sydney coal. One of the largest and best cargoes of coal that ever came in the Narrows.

Keeping a loaded pistol in a bureau drawer with her false hair proved to be a fatal mistake recently for Mrs. Celia Maclan, of Kansas City. The weapon became entangled with her switch and while trying to disengage the revolver it was discharged. She was shot in the head and almost instantly killed.

A newspaper in Kansas publishes the cheering information that in the body of the average man is material for 13 pounds of tallow candles, one pound of nails, the carbon of 800 lead pencils, 28 violin strings and bone for 500 knife handles, besides salt and sugar. The market price of the materials is figured to be \$4.50.

### AT HOME!

The Governor and Lady Williams will be at home to receive visitors on New Year's Day, from 3 to 6 o'clock.

T. C. FITZGERBERT, Private Secretary.

DIPHTHERIA AND FEVER.—Yesterday a case of diphtheria and one of scarlet fever were reported, and the patients are being nursed at home.

### Foundered With All Hands.

Special Evening Telegram.

GLASGOW, Dec. 26. The British steamer Guillemont, from London to Genoa, foundered in the Bay of Biscay Dec. 21st. Her captain and fifteen of the crew were drowned. Seven survivors were picked up by the British steamer Lincoln and landed here to-day. Immediately after rescuing the survivors of the Guillemont, the Lincoln sighted a Spanish steamer, name not learned, showing distress signals, but before the Lincoln was able to proceed to her assistance the Spanish steamer foundered, taking all hands to bottom.

### Declined to Attend Dinner

Special to Evening Telegram.

NEW YORK, To-Day. Ex-President Roosevelt has declined an invitation to attend the great Peace Dinner on Saturday next. In a letter declaring his sentiments he censures as traitors to their principles all who accepted invitations to dinner without agreeing with its purposes. Taft will be the principal speaker. There will be 1,800 guests.

### Japanese Immigration.

Special Evening Telegram.

OTTAWA, Ont., To-Day. Japanese immigration to Canada has been restricted by the Mikado's Government for some time, but in future will be absolutely stopped, was the statement made yesterday by Mikado Luywer, member of Jap. parliament, now at Ottawa enroute from Rome where he represented his parliament in the International Congress Members Parliament.

### One Hundred Killed in Persia

Special to Evening Telegram.

ST. PETERSBURG, To-Day. A telegram from Tabriz says the total loss to the Russians in killed and wounded in the fighting in that city numbered one hundred. The Director of the Persian Department in Russian Foreign Office interview said the Government was convinced the Persian Government were not concerned in anti-Russian outbreak in Tabriz and elsewhere. Those responsible were principally Armenians and criminals.

### Xmas Services at George Street Church.

The Xmas services at George Street Methodist Church were more than ordinarily pleasing and satisfactory. Rev. Mr. Webster gave us an excellent sermon on Sunday morning, and Rev. Mr. Bartlett in his usual form on Sunday evening.

The Xmas Day service was conducted by the pastor of the congregation, Rev. Mr. Bartlett, who preached an impressive sermon from the text "Unto you a child is given." Four very instructive lessons were drawn from the incident and manner of the birth of the Child Jesus, who of His own volition chose in humble form of entrance upon the divine mission to this world. Mr. Bartlett's discourses are always instructive and interesting.

A full choir was present at the service and it was very pleasing to sit in calm repose and hear beautiful Xmas selections translated into exquisite musical harmony by cultured voices that could not fail to lend a charm and inspiration to the large congregation present on that occasion. Mr. H. Courtenay, who always seems to be in pretty good form, simply excelled on Sunday in rendering the solo part of an anthem by the choir. The decorations were very good indeed—very chaste, very becoming. There was nothing excessively gaudy or ill-paced about them, and all who took part or assisted in any way in connection with this service deserve the highest congratulations and the best wishes of the season for the manner in which their services were performed. The decorations consisted of over 100 electric bulbs all aglow and a large bell suspended from the ceiling artistically done up with greenery. The work was done by Mr. Frank White of the Government Engineer's Office.—Com.

### Special to Evening Telegram.

BOSTON, To-Day. In connection with the Richardson trial for the murder of Miss Linnell, a petition was filed yesterday for the consideration of the incoming Legislature, asking for the new law permitting private trials in cases involving decency and morals of the community. As the Legislature meets on the 3rd of January there would be time before the 15th to enact such legislation to conduct this celebrated trial may be private.

### THE NICKEL.

Wednesday and Thursday.  
MID-WEEK SHOW!

### In Old Madrid.

A romance of the  
ancient days.

### The Derelict Reporter.

A breezy newspaper story of  
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### The Accomplish

A drama of the gay white way.

### Tunis, Africa.

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### English Xmas Numbers

With Beautiful Presentation Plates. Holly Leaves, the Xmas Number of the Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News, with large Black and White Supplement—Balalaeva, "The Charge of the Six Hundred." The Graphic Xmas Number with coloured Supplement—"An Encore too Many." The Queen Xmas Number with large Sepia presentation plate—"Mother's Treasures." The Sketch Xmas Number with panel supplement from an original painting by Henrietta Ral, entitled—"Songs of the Morning." The Lady's Pictorial with Sepia presentation plate—"Swift and Stella." Illustrated London News Xmas Number with large Sepia supplement—"Wake Up! It's Christmas Morning." Black and White Xmas Number with black and white presentation plate—"Ways of Woollong." The Art Journal Xmas Number with pretty satin supplement, entitled—"The Three Christmas Roses."

Xmas Windsor.

Xmas Pearson's.

Xmas Royal.

Xmas London.

Xmas Strand.

Xmas Cassell's.

Xmas New.

Xmas Everybody's.

Xmas Pall Mall.

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Thorne's Chocolates, 40c.

Fry's Chocolates, 40c.

Breakfast Bacon, 35c. lb.

Sinclair Cured Hams, 30c. lb.

Windsor Bacon, 30c. lb.

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the doors. Mr. Rossley is putting on

good sketches.

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Bay Service. Mr

The S. S. Home leaving Bay of Islands to-day will make her last trip down the Straits for the season.

Next Friday the Ethie, Dundee and Clyde will leave their railway ports on their last trips.

The season just closing has been a very successful one and not a serious mishap has occurred. The freight receipts are over 20 per cent. in excess of those of last year. The passenger traffic also has greatly increased. The Clyde and Dundee have been filled with freight each trip since August last.

Editor Even-

Dear Sir,

Since I have been

reporting on the

business of the

city, I have been

amused by the

way in which the

city is now a

head of the

and all over

assured a

the way de-

bridge