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GREAT Corset Sale

CROMPTON CORSETS AT HALF-PRICE . . .

Including the following well-known styles:—"Queen Moo," "Clio," "Thelma," "Magnetic," "Imix," in price from **75c.** to **\$1.25 at Half Price.**
Sizes 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26.

CASHMERE and GAUNTLET GLOVES

Ladies' Black Imitation Suede Gloves and Kid Faced Gloves for Driving, also Black and White Golf Gloves, very special Monday and Tuesday at **10c.**

Shaker Flannel Embroidery.

Shaker Flannel Embroidery, 3 in. wide, white ground embroidered, in pink and sky, reg. price 10c. and 12½c, Monday and Tuesday at per yd, **8c**

New Linen Collars for Ladies.

All sizes and all the new shapes, just what you have been looking for, at each, **12 1-2c.**

Thos. Stone & Son.

GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

THOSE CHEAP COFFEE POTS
WENT OFF IN A RUSH . . .

Bargains This Week.

Triangular Stew Kettles, 35c.
Granite—3 in 1—save gas bills. Cook three things and over one gas jet.
Granite Pie Plates, heavy and large, 10c.
White Enamelled Wash Dish, 20c.
White Soap Dishes, 15c.
Wire is up. No. 9 Hard, Plain, \$2.50 spot cash.
No. 9, Crimped, \$2.85, spot cash.

GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

THE ARK TINWARE

Our Stock is the Largest. Our Prices the Lowest.
Read this List. A Few of Our Prices.

No. 9 Boilers with Copper Bottom, 41-45
No. 9 Teakettles with copper bot. toms, 60c.
No. 9 Steamers, stamped covers, 30c
No. 9 Quart Flaring Pails, full size, 2 for 25c.
14 Quart Flaring Pails, very large, 25c.
Large Dippers, 5c.
Steel Reinforced Dippers, 15c
3 1/2 in. Pie Plates, 10c.
Deep Jelly Plates, 5c.
Milk Pans from 6c. up.
10 Quart Sap Pails with Eureka Spiles 10c.
10 Quart Strainer Pails, 30c.
Wash Bowls, 7c.
Teapots, nice shape, 15c.
1 Quart Pudding Pans, 5c.
Egg Beaters, 5c.
Wire Broilers, 10c.
Heavy Teaspoons 8c. Dozen.
Heavy Table Spoons 15c. Doz.

No. 9—4 Pot Hole Steel Range, large oven, guaranteed a good baker, only \$14.
"Rangers" Ranges and "Famous Stoves" a specialty. See them at "The Ark."
Sneal Sale of *Fine China* will be continued this week. See the Window.

SPOT CASH. **H. Macaulay,** 89 KING ST

DYING IN EXILE

Paul Kruger's Mind Failing—
Loss of Cause Broke Old
Boer's Spirit.

St. Louis, Feb. 28.—A letter received in this city by General Benjamin Viljoen, formerly of the Boer army, announces that former President Paul Kruger, of the Boer Republic, is slowly dying as an exile at Mentone, France, and that Dr. Ritz, State Secretary under Kruger, is an exile in Holland, a constant sufferer from nervous prostration. General Viljoen says Kruger's mind is failing, and that he lives in seclusion, rarely conversing with any one. His compatriots applied unsuccessfully to the British Government for permission for his return to South Africa to spend the last days of his life in his native country. The loss of the Boer cause seems to have shattered his ambition.

POETRY IN FIGURES

An interesting meeting of the Macaulay Club was held on Saturday evening when a capital literary program was provided.

A letter was received from the Ladies' Guild of Christ church, expressing appreciation of the financial return to the ladies from the presentation of King Henry VIII.

A new member, Charles Jenkins, nominated by F. D. Laurie, was balloted upon and admitted to membership.

Answering the public comment of a city clergyman that a mathematician could not appreciate poetry in its true sense, Wilson Taylor delivered an entertaining and instructive address on "The Poetry of Mathematics," which was much enjoyed.

An old-time talk followed, the members each speaking five minutes extemporaneously upon a subject drawn from the billets in a hat. The drawings and speakers were as follows:—

"Should the Macaulay Club further impose on the public in dramatic efforts?"—S. B. Arnold.

"The Cool Situation in Chatham."—C. B. Sisson.

"Should man return to his primitive fig leaves in summer?"—W. H. Coltart.

"Local Option for Harwich."—C. E. Boston.

"Is the man of genius a degenerate?"—Fred. Stone.

"Female Beauty"—J. S. Lane.

"Is a sailor's life better than a soldier's?"—Edna. Scotland.

"Books."—Wilson Taylor.

"The greatest freedom consists in obedience to just laws."—H. W. Anderson.

"Relative merits of the C. C. I. Board dispute with the County."—Harry Collins.

"TRUE" FISH STORY

Chief Detective Arch's Skiving, of the Lake Erie to-day, the Pere Marquette to-morrow, always has a fund of stories, but it is seldom that he enters the field of the fish yarners. That precinct belongs exclusively to such adept anglers as E. J. MacIntyre, Vital Goudreau, Chas. Mount, etc., etc.

"I was over in New York State recently and an old resident told me a true tale that almost made me shudder," remarked the detective. "He said that the fish of New York State are great for putting on airs and therefore require a great deal of air. The old resident was aware of this fact, so, remembering the coldness of this winter and the way the lakes had been frozen up, he went one day to take advantage of this fact for pleasure and profit. Securing a large lumber wagon, he drove to a nearby lake and cut a hole in the ice. The fish all came up to get air, and came so eagerly that they jumped out on the ice. The old resident filled his wagon with the bass and drove home, and when he left the fish were still coming and the ice was covered several feet with them."

Mr. Skiving says that the ancient mariner at least had a truthful look.

CHANCE FOR KICKERS

"Some time ago the City Council left a book with the City Clerk, in which to register complaints," said an observant citizen this morning. "Reports came in from all over the city that there was much dissatisfaction caused by the fact that there was no place to make any complaints in reference to civic matters."

"Since the first of the year the book has been there and it has only been used twice—once to complain of a dead dog on Park St., and another in reference to some dead limbs hanging over the sidewalk. The book is still there, but no use is made of it. Where are the kickers?"

UNDER FALLING WALL

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 27.—William Fairfax was killed and Walter Bell seriously injured late to-day, while at work raising a wall in the burned district. A number of other workmen were slightly injured by flying brick, but all of them continued to work pulling down dangerous walls.

GENUINE TREAT GREETED TEDDY

Visit of Maple City Men
Puts Pres. Roosevelt in
Rare Good Humor.

Extends Glad Hand and Warm
Word of Welcome—A De-
lightful Tour.

"I am glad to meet you, gentlemen, and I would have been sorry had I not been here to-day," such were the words of Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, when he shook hands at the White House last week with two of our illustrious citizens, J. M. Pike and ex-Mayor G. W. Sulman. The two were introduced to the President through the courtesy of a mutual friend, a Congressman. The President caught Mr. Sulman's name as Salmon, and in Salmon and Pike he doubtless thought he was up against a fishy outfit. The two Chathamites laughed heartily at the President's joke. They were his guests.

The Maple City deputation of two were shown all through the White House. They saw the green room and the red room and the blue room and the dining room. The blue room is where the diplomats are received. The President's dinner was already set out in the dining room. This proved a very interesting room, not on account of the promise of food, but on account of the many buffalo and deer heads that decorate the walls. They were shown a deep head which had been presented to the President by the late Senator Hanna only a short time ago.

Messrs. Pike and Sulman had the pleasure of hearing Senator Hoar's speech on the Panama question. He is 85 years old and one of the ablest old school orators in the Senate. He spoke from notes, something which he seldom does. They also saw the Senate ratify this bill and vote a hundred million appropriation to the navy.

The Congressional Library is a wonderful place and is probably the finest building in America. The walls are inlaid with colored mosaics forming frescoes. The buildings cover four and one-half acres and cost six and one-half millions exclusive of the ground.

Mr. Pike was also favored in having an opportunity to go all through the Treasury Department, and saw the stores of wealth which are there contained. He also saw more money in his hand for about two minutes than he ever dreamed of. Mr. Pike picked up a package of bills and bonds aggregating six million dollars in value and held it for some minutes.

The National Museum was another interesting place. They have there Washington's uniform and a collection of gold caskets and swords presented to the different generals, principally Grant. They visited Baltimore after the fire and saw the ruins. Many of the high buildings are still standing, but are gutted. The dynamite explosions added to the destruction. By fire. The explosions broke the glass in the windows of the high buildings and caused the fire to spread.

In Philadelphia they visited the old Independence Hall and Franklin's grave. They also admired the old and famous Liberty Bell. On the Pennsylvania Railroad, trains run every five minutes between New York and Philadelphia.

In New York they called on A. T. Macdonald, managing editor of the New York Daily News. The News is one of the leading papers and every Sunday they issue a 52 pages special edition. He is well liked, is looking well and is a big man in New York.

Walter Bray was also found busy at work in the New York office of the Sutherland Innis Co.

Frank Lyle is manager of the exchange department of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Parade is all the go in New York. Boxes are \$100 and seats can be secured at \$10 each.

Immense crowds attend. There was a string of carriages that would reach from the post office to Alexander's lined up waiting for the opera to come out, the night that the Chatham gentlemen were there.

Twenty-four women fainted in the crush that night.

Messrs. Pike and Sulman came home on the Lackawanna R. R. Their train was pulled by Engine No. 981, which engine was exhibited at the World's Fair, Buffalo. The distance between New York and Buffalo was covered in nine hours, or at the rate of 50 miles an hour, including stops. The car the Chatham men were in was switched to the Washak at Buffalo and they arrived home at 1 o'clock this morning on time.

The man who parades his virtues is not always so successful in collecting his votes.

BARS GO?

Speculation as to Ross' New Liquor Bill—Selling in Hands of Civil Servants.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—Civil servants as beer vendors and wine clerks will be one of the features of the new Temperance Bill. Premier Ross has interviewed several temperance leaders lately upon what in their opinion is the best form for the bill. They have suggested the abolition of the bar, the cancellation of all the liquor privileges included, and the establishment of shops, which are to be of a limited number, one to every 5,000 of population in small places, and one to every 10,000 in large cities. The government is to have direct control, and will place a civil servant in charge of each place. He will receive his salary only. It is thought this will have a tendency to reduce the sale of liquor, as he will not be interested in pressing the sale.

A FRUIT FAMINE

Col. Sam Holmes says that the field mice have done thousands of dollars worth of damage to the fruit trees of this country. It has been so long since this kind that the farmers and fruit growers have become a little careless and have not watched their trees. It used to be the custom for owners of trees to visit them and tramp the snow around the roots. Those who have neglected to do this will feel the effects this year in the loss of their trees.

Mrs. Theodore Holmes, on the old McGregor property, Harwich township, is one of the heaviest sufferers. She had 125 peach trees that were just beginning to bear. Last year they furnished their first crop. Every tree has been gnawed. The field mice have done a sick job. They have just cut a band about 8 inches wide around each tree near the roots. They have made a neat job of it, too, and the bark has been removed as clean as can be. Colonel Holmes thought he had escaped until he visited his farm yesterday. He knows different now. The young fruit trees at his farm are destroyed and the peach trees and grape vines at Alma House, his suburban property near Pickering, are ruined. Joseph Cote, who has Alma House, went out the other day with his dogs and killed 40 field mice in a little over an hour.

Col. Holmes says he couldn't replace the trees he has lost for over \$800, and that Mrs. Holmes' loss is even greater.

DIED IN DOVER

Annie Cantlay, the beloved wife of James Cantlay, lot 20, ninth concession, Dover, passed away Saturday, aged 43 years. Deceased has been ill for about a year with lung trouble. Last spring she took a trip to the Northwest in the hope that her health would be improved. She found, however, that she has lost for over \$800, and that Mrs. Holmes' loss is even greater.

Rev. Mr. Neally, of Dover, conducted obsequies.

COWAN'S BIG SALE

Pedestrians on King street Saturday afternoon about half past four o'clock might have been surprised to notice a crowd of purchasers flocking the street in front of Cowan's shoe store. The matter is easily explained, however, when it is remembered that at the present time Mr. Cowan is conducting his semi-annual low rate sale.

A Planet reporter called upon Mr. Cowan Saturday afternoon and found matters exactly as described above. After working his way through the crowd with considerable difficulty he entered the store and found even a greater jam than there was outside. The store was completely packed with busy purchasers and the large staff of clerks were the busiest men in town. Mr. Cowan's sale is without doubt one of the largest and most successful ever held in Chatham. It seems as if every man, woman and child in Chatham has been waiting for this sale and are now buying enough shoes to last them until the next. No doubt the reason for the wonderful success of this sale is the fact that matters are exactly as advertised. Every shoe and rubber in the store is sold with the exact reduction that Mr. Cowan has advertised. Mr. Cowan is one of the most enterprising and energetic business men in Chatham and his present success is well deserved.

The horizon of life is broadened chiefly by the enlargement of the heart.

Individuals are virtuous when they sacrifice their personal interests to the interests of all.

Ask for Minard's and take no other.

SITUATION IN FAR EAST

Cossacks and Japs Engage
in Fight in Northern
Korea

Japanese Imposing Strict Cen-
sorship to Keep Their Inten-
tions from Russia

Tokio, Feb. 28.—Korean soldiers on the Ham-Gyong frontier have been attacked and dispersed by Russian troops.

London, Feb. 28.—The following official despatches have been received at the Japanese legation here:

"Tokio, Feb. 28, 9 a. m.—A number of the enemy's cavalry appeared at a point 700 metres north of Ping Yang, Korea. Our infantry fired on them, causing them to retreat."

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—A despatch received here from Liao-Yang and dated Feb. 28, says that Chinese on the Yalu river report that an advance guard of Russian cavalry, which has penetrated Korea for a distance of about 200 versts across the river, had an encounter with a detachment of Japanese and that the Japanese were compelled to retreat and fled, leaving their horses, which were seized by the Cossacks. Gen. Linewitch despatches cavalry and a body of infantry in pursuit with an order to occupy northern Korea.

Seoul, Feb. 28.—Details of a skirmish at Ping Yang last Friday show that fifty Russian cavalrymen approached the north gate of the Japanese camp and fired at a distance of 1,000 metres. A sharp fusillade took place and the Russians retired. All foreigners are safe.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—The official announcement by Maj. Gen. Pliginskii, chief of staff to Viceroy Alexieff, that Russian cavalry had crossed the Yalu river, is expected to be followed shortly by news of rather heavy land fighting, as, according to seemingly trustworthy reports, Gen. Linewitch has sent a whole army corps of infantry to support the Cossacks, who have penetrated to a point below Ando and who are reported to have beaten the Japanese in several skirmishes.

Newspapers, if this movement is force is progressing, it must not be assumed that the Russians have taken the offensive, but rather that they are taking up a strong position in northern Korea in order to check the advance of the formidable army of Japanese landing on both shores of Korea, while the concentration of Russian troops behind the Yalu is being completed. This concentration is making better progress than is generally believed abroad.

JAPAN KEEPING RUSSIA IN THE DARK.

London, Feb. 28.—In reference to the severity of the censoring exercised by the Japanese Government over the news despatches of foreign correspondents, Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, said to-day:

"I have had numerous representations from English and other newspapers upon this subject, but I believe that our position in the case is not only right, but will be admitted to be such by those who look carefully into the circumstances."

"We are fighting against numerical odds which are quite out of proportion to the odds against any combatant in recent wars. We are fighting for our existence and our only hope of maintaining it is to begin the war in the first blows means more to us than, I think, it has ever meant to any belligerent and to ensure this it is vital for us to demand a degree of secrecy which has not been necessary in any recent warfare. Even at the risk of alienating temporarily the friendship of the press of the world we must prevent even a whisper of our real intentions reaching our powerful enemy."

DIFFERENT PROPOSITION

"Before war was declared I knew that our military authorities had decided that our censorship must be more rigid than ever before attempted. One line would have ruined our first attack on Port Arthur—one line might ruin our projected land operations."

"When we fought China we gave the war correspondent free latitude, and in many cases they took advantage of this to predict our future movements. That did not matter much when China was our enemy, but against a power like Russia, so immensely superior in eventual resources, it might turn the scale. When you fight for life, everything else becomes of minor importance."

"I cannot believe that Japan will lose friends in the world because she has been obliged to impose such a careful censorship. I do not think the present rigor of this censorship will be continued very long, but momentarily the condition of the campaign makes even insignificant movements clues towards our main naval and military objectives. When our preliminary operations are complete, I have no doubt the censorship will be relaxed."

"Our own press and people are un-

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Beads

Are the Fad
of the Hour.

Can you think of anything nicer to make than bead work? It will be the rage all summer. We have made arrangements accordingly and now have in stock a full assortment of all shades. We would be pleased to have you call and make inquiries about the work.

Novels

Just at hand 2,000 of the best and most popular novels, at the price of 10c. each. Call and look them over.

Toilet Soap

See the line we are using as a trade winner in our Sixth Street, Windsor, 3 for 10c, worth 5c. cake straight. It's good soap, we guarantee.

Sulman's Beehive

Opp. Garner House,
King and Sixth Sts.
The Finest Retail
Store in Ontario.

Shoe stores are of two sorts
in regard to their

Shoes.



Some buy of reliable makers and get good goods whether fine or not. The others give no heed to character, buy of irresponsible anybody, buy and sell by looks and by nothing but looks. You know which sort of dealers is rare.

The argument in favor of this business rests on these facts:—

Perfect Service
Reliable Makes
Exclusive Styles

and our guarantee to make right anything that's wrong. It seems that we understand just about what is wanted. Trade says as much.

Turrill,

THE SHOE MAN.

Repairing done at store.