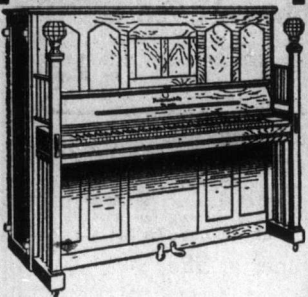


A Splendid Christmas Gift



About the finest Christmas gift one could give or receive would be a

HEINTZMAN & CO. PLAYER-PIANO

One always likes to give the best when making Christmas gifts. That is why we say a Heintzman Piano.

Every one who buys this instrument is more than pleased with it because it is the very best in player-pianos made.

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PIANO SALON
71 KING STREET EAST

SWEEPING SALE

Sultanas and Raisins, 4 for 25c
Hand-cleaned Currants, 3 for 25c
Tolled Raisins, 7 for 25c
Choice Rice, 7 for 25c
Corn, Peas, Tomatoes, 3 for 13c
Red Salmon 30c
Shelled Walnuts 30c
We are agents for the Reinhardt Salvador Brewery Co., also the Cosgrave Brewery Co.
2,200 kegs Lager at 90c
3,700 dozen quarts Ale, Stout and Lager \$1.00
900 dozen pints Lager \$1.40 per case
Splendid opportunity for the trade to fill Christmas orders.
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Cor. Cannon and Wellington.

WANT GRANT.

Deputation at Ottawa on Behalf of Selkirk Centennial.

Phoenix Co. Wants to Do Life Business in Canada.

(Special Wire to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The western delegation which is here urging aid to the proposed international exhibition in celebration of the Selkirk centennial was heard this morning in the Railway Committee room of the House of Commons by some fifty members of Parliament from all parts of the country, and several members of the Government. These were Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. Frank Oliver, Hon. George P. Graham and Hon. Wm. Patterson. The deputation was introduced by D. C. Cameron, the head of the exhibition company. He said that the exhibition had the assured support of nine provinces. There had been a great deal of preliminary effective work done, and if given adequate federal aid they could promise an exhibition of which the whole country would be proud.

J. W. Duff said the proposed exhibition would be national in spirit and international in scope. He believed that it would be a profitable investment as an advertisement for Canada and would bring in population and capital which would many times repay the outlay. The Banking Committee this morning approved of the bill of the Phoenix Assurance Company, which authorizes the company to engage in life insurance business in Canada. At present it is confined to fire insurance.

Ed. Martin, president of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, declared that if the Government could afford to spend two hundred thousand dollars a year for exhibitions abroad they should be able to spend eight or nine hundred thousand dollars a year for three years for a great exhibition in Canada. The amount which was wanted from the Federal Government to assure the success of this exhibition was two and a half millions.

William White, of the C. P. R., said that in his belief such an exhibition as it was proposed to hold would firmly unite the east and west, and would greatly strengthen the bond between Canada and the mother country. He declared that the railway companies would do their part to make the exhibition a success.

The application was supported by Mr. MacDougall, of Edmonton, and John Hendry, of Vancouver, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

Wife—You refuse to let me go to Nice, yet I notice you can buy yourself new boots?—Bon Vivant.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

The SHOREHAM Washington, D.C.

European Plan
Hotel of Metropolitan Standard of Excellence

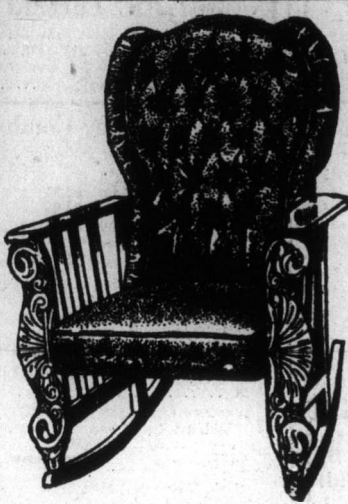
Within 5 minutes walk of White House and U. S. Treasury, etc.

Rooming single and en suite with baths at reasonable rates.

Cuisine and service the best.

JOHN T. DEVINE, Prop.

A. M. Souter & Co.



ROCK ROCK ROCK

Seems to be the latest song. Not only that, but it seems to be the latest incentive among gift buyers, judging from the Rocking Chairs, Easy Chairs and other comfort pieces chosen from this furniture store.

The illustration shows a very popular Rocker. Frame is solid oak, with spring seat, upholstered in New York leather. The chair is roomy and comfortable and the price—well, it's easy \$10 value, but we sell them at \$7.00

Dollie Go-Carts for Good Children

And where are the children that are not good especially "just before Christmas." These Carts are made with the same features as the larger ones. They fold up in small space, so that any child can carry them. Good, serviceable Doll Carts at \$1.25; same Cart with folding hood \$1.75, and Go-Cart, all steel, with fine hood and rubber tired wheels \$2.75

Extraordinary Good Value in Den Lamps

Imported Lamps for either electricity or gas, with colored glass shades, at \$4.00. More elaborate ones for a little more money.

To Lighten Woman's Labors Buy a Bissell Sweeper

The merits of these Sweepers are so well known that description is unnecessary. Come in and let us explain the difference in the grades: \$2.50 \$3.00 and \$3.50

Useful Secretaries for Boys and Girls

We don't speak of Desks that are toys, but handsome, well-made Desks, well fitted up and well finished, that any boy or girl will be proud to take care of. We bought a few that were being discontinued at the factories, and can give you good \$8.00 value for \$6.00

The Best Gift—An Elastic Bookcase

A good beginning is half success. If you start your friend right by buying a section or two of a Bookcase, you are laying the foundations possibly of a first-class library for him or her.

A Life Preserver for Your Wife
Something that will save her hundreds of steps a day, and prolong her life on the earth, a Kitchen Cabinet. A regular filing cabinet for the kitchen, in which everything is at hand for the day's work.

Handsome Holiday Hearth Rugs

There is always a big demand for these Rugs and we are prepared with as nice a selection as can be found anywhere, may be better.

Rest Easy Comfortable Couches

For sitting-room, dining-room or den, and at all prices from \$7.50 to \$40

Luxury Easy Chairs and Morris Chairs

Solid comfort is the feature of these well-known style of Chairs. They may not be pretty, but they do give rest to the weary. Come on in and find out for yourself whether your friend would like one or not.



For Girls Who Want a Pretty Dresser for Their Own Room

We suggest one of our Princess Dressers, small and dainty, and just the thing for a girl's room. Plenty of small drawer room and a lovely long oval mirror that will make it a thing of beauty and a joy forever \$15.00, \$18.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00

Music Cabinets That Help Make Life Merry All Year Round

Every worthy style is represented on our floors. Where there's a piano, such a gift will be appreciated, and you need have no hesitation.

Gifts Among Library Tables

Exclusive gifts, useful gifts, are found among these handsome Tables. In Mission style, golden oak, or mahogany, we think we can satisfy the taste of your friend, and yours, too.

Have You Thought of a Parlor Cabinet?

Be sure that any person on your list who doesn't have one of these handsome Cabinets will receive it with joy. And they are more than useful—they are a real bit of beauty, and decoration, in any parlor.

Lovely New Fancy Tea Tables

Charming styles in Mahogany Tea Tables, from \$5.00 to \$20

A Long Line of Handsome China Cabinets

These are receiving the admiration of the public. Nowhere else is so much space devoted to the showing of these important articles of furniture, and nowhere else can such values be obtained.

A. M. Souter & Co.

Cor. King and Park Streets

Large Leather Easy Chairs, wire back, No. 1 leather and upholstered in the best manner possible.

NEW YORK GRIND IS FALLING BEHIND.

New York, Dec. 10.—After a night of sensational sprinting, in which two teams gained laps, the riders in the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden were too weary in the early hours today to strike much more than a snail's pace around the saucer track. Ten teams were left in the race this morning, and at 7 o'clock six of them were tired for the lead, with 1,988.8 miles to their credit. The dragging work of the early morning had put them 9.8 miles behind the record.

CHRISTMAS FUND.

Only Drawback to Mr. Fatherly's Felicity in the Holiday Season.

"Christmas is still some distance off," said Mr. Fatherly, "but I am already confronted with a little difficulty which at this season annually arises to perplex me, this being something that we might briefly designate as a failure to keep within the appropriation, meaning in this case the Christmas appropriation."

"We are pretty intelligent people, we are, we think; and every year as the festive—if you look at it that way—season approaches we prepare for it well in advance so as not to get all mixed up and in a terrible hurry when Christmas is actually at hand. Weeks before, months before, I guess, the girls, meaning thereby our daughters, begin to decide on the presents they are going to give and how much they are going to pay for them, and when they have got this list approximately completed they come to me for an appropriation."

"The appropriation bill thus brought in to me, with schedules attached if I wish to see them, I never send the committee—consisting of Mrs. Fatherly and myself—for examination, nor do I ever argue over it with the girls; for experience has taught me that to seek in any way to hold the bill up would do no good. The girls would proceed to show me conclusively that so far from this bill being extravagant or a pork barrel or anything of that sort it was really very economical, actually cut down to the last necessary dollar, and so we pass the bill on the spot when it is first presented and announce that the amount called for in the same may be regarded as duly set apart for the purposes enumerated, subject to call on demand from time to time in such sums as may be required."

"You see by discharging it in instalments in this way I happen right along in a lump sum at the start I continue to get the use of some of the money for a little while."

"And then the girls begin buying and in about two days something like this happens:

"There is a certain article that they have fully decided upon that they are going to give to somebody and that is to cost \$2.35. They have seen the thing they are going to buy and they know all about it; and that's settled. But when they come to do the actual buying they see another article of that sort costing \$4.90 that is so much better than the thing they saw first that really think they ought to get it, and when they come to consider that its costs only \$2.55 more, why, there's no question about it; and so they buy the \$4.90 article."

"That's just a sample, for from then on things like that happen right along. The original appropriation was large for us, but we could have 'raided' that. The trouble is that they always exceed the appropriation."

"But what can we do about it? Nothing. The girls don't understand about money, and a dollar or two more on a single thing doesn't strike them as much. They don't know, they haven't come to realize yet how dollars count up, and we can't throw 'em down. They are the loveliest girls that ever lived and the most dutiful, and we want them to have what they want and we never deny them anything if we can provide it; and so, in this Christmas season when they are buying things, when they come along and say 'This would be so much nicer and it costs only a dollar and sixty-three more,' why we smile and say 'All right, children, let us get it.'"

"By the end of the Christmas season we find that we have exceeded our first appropriation by as much again, we have spent twice as much as we expected to; and do you know that to provide this money sometimes pinches us?"

"Yes, sir, actually pinches us; but I

THE BLOND'S SERIAL.

(By Stuart B. Stone.)

At 24th street two young women boarded the car. They were chic and pretty; faint waves of hair, and they followed them down the strap-bus aisle. The young women sat down, patting their voluminous hair-puffs and adjusting their crinkly skirts.

Then the blonde girl leaned in pretty confidence toward the chestnut-haired girl. "It was simply awful, Mabel," she shivered daintily as she spoke. "It must have been," agreed Mabel. A business man tore his eyes away from the Yale-Harvard scrimmage and looked inquiringly.

"I could see him enter the house at midnight," continued the blonde, in a subdued murmur. "He had the awfulest knife—oh, it was fierce—like a Turk's scimitar!"

"Goeh!" shivered the brunette. The business man let the pink supplement fall to the floor.

The conductor punched the 32nd street transfers for the 44th street.

The blonde girl continued in stagey murmurs. The man slipped down the hall. I held my breath. He was heading for Mag's room. I was afraid to scream!

I'd have fainted," put in Mabel. The business man leaned forward. Three ladies forgot to get off at 33rd street. The conductor called "Sherman avenue" for "Dumbarton street." A police officer perked up his ears.

"There I was," continued the blonde, "afraid to cry—afraid to breathe—afraid to look. Mag asleep in her room—a lot of diamonds on the dresser—nobody else in the house. The man stopped just in front of Mag's door. It was Tom Murchison."

"A-h-h-h! Tom Murchison!" groaned the brunette, and the blonde nodded impressively.

The business man clinched his palms. The conductor allowed a woman with four small children, a go-cart and a market basket to run three blocks past her destination. The police officer listened in a Sherlock Holmes pose.

The blonde began to make nervous little gestures. "Well, I thought I'd die! Now listen—I haven't told a soul but you. Tom Murchison opened that door right easy and tiptoeed in. I could see him lying there asleep. He raised that big, curlew sword and waved it in the air."

The business man stood upright. The conductor stood unimpressed on a stout woman's toe, while the motorman, looking back at the commotion, hit a pusher. The police officer wrote in a notebook.

The blonde raised both hands in a wood-chopping gesture. "And Tom Murchison raised that awful Turk's sword and brought it down ker-whap—"

The entire audience arose and groaned.

don't know what we can do but let it pinch and smile over it. For that matter I like old Santa Claus myself; I think he's a fine old man, and I like to have him come around. My pleasure at his coming would be quite unalloyed if it were not for the annual Christmas appropriation that his coming entails."—New York Sun.

ed. "Aw-w-w-w!" The police officer stepped over and touched the blonde on the arm.

"I am afraid, madam, I will have to detain you as a witness."

"And just then I woke up," finished the pretty blonde. Then, looking at the officer, "Sir?"

"Oh, nothing," replied the sergeant. "But there ought to be a muzzling law in this town."

"Goodness, look where we are!" said the blonde. The car had stopped at the barn at the end of the line.

Five minutes later the same crowd boarded No. 332 on the return trip. This time there was an ominous silence.

A FACTOR OF DECENCY.

The Royal Northwest Mounted Police Force of Canada.

The Royal Northwest Mounted Police force of Canada is a combination of all sorts and conditions of men blown together by the round-up of the winds of heaven. In the ranks we find western broncho-busters, eastern log-buriers, lumberjacks, unspiced cockneys, Cree-Scot half-breeds, time-expired men from every branch of the imperial service, side by side with the French-Canadian born "Cree boys below Kebeec."

Two years the roll-call of one troop included in its rank and file a son of a colonial governor, a grandson of a major-general, a medical student from Dublin, an Oxford M. A. two troopers of the imperial forces and half a dozen ubiquitous Scots. For many years a son of Charles Dickens had honorable service with this force, and there served beside him a runaway circus clown and the brother of a Yorkshire baronet. Several of the full privates have tucked away in the bottom of their mess-kits medals won in South Africa, Egypt and Afghanistan, but the lost legion of gentlemen-rankers predominates, and it is Rugby and Cambridge out here on the unbroken prairies that set the fashion in muffs and manners.

A compelling factor making for dignity and decency in a border country red-coated riders, scarcely a thousand as big as Europe is this little band of in number, spurring singly across the plains with sealed orders and turning up just when most wanted.

The beat of the mounted policeman is from Hudson Bay to the Pacific and from the forty-ninth parallel to the frozen Arctic, and he does not take tips or sleep on duty; you cannot bluff him, you cannot bulldoze him, and it is not exactly safe to try to "square" him. Of this man, as of Lord Bots, we may say, "E don't advertise"; it is the boast of the service in Canada that they seldom get into print. Yet it is strikingly true that on the margin of every page of the unwritten history of this great, lone land, the figure of this solitary horseman is vignetted. From Agnes Deans Cameron's "Sentinels of the Silence" in the Christmas Century.

Those Girls.

Lottie—At the charity fair he gave me a sovereign for a kiss!

Dottie—Yes; there's nothing he wouldn't do for charity!—Life.

STANLEY MILLS & CO., Limited

Friday, December 10th, 1909

Clearing Sale of all Suits

At 8.30 sharp to-morrow morning we start a clearing of every woman's suit in stock. This includes Suits of Broadcloth, Venetian, Ottoman Cord and Cheviots, in blacks, greys, navy, rose, raisin and other popular colors. Every Suit thoroughly well tailored and perfect fitting; all sizes. Choice as follows:

Regular \$15.00 to \$18.00 Suits for \$10.95
Regular \$20.00 to \$22.50 Suits for \$13.95
Regular \$24.00 to \$27.50 Suits for \$16.95
Regular \$30.00 to \$37.50 Suits for \$19.95

At 8.30 Sharp in Toyland

15c Dolls' Oak Chairs for 9c
15c A. B. C. Blocks for 9c
15c Kid Body Dolls for 9c
\$1.50 Gas Ranges for 30c
12 only \$1.25 Shoo Fly Rookers for 80c
12 only \$1.00 Pianos for 60c
24 only 65c Pointer Sleighs for 48c
6 only \$3.50 Coaster Wagons for \$2.87
6 only \$2.00 Indian Suits for \$1.49
24 only 25c Christmas Trees for 15c
6 only \$2.00 Buster Brown Jiggers for \$1.46
12 only 35c Noah's Arks for 22c
12 only \$1.00 Horse and Carts for 68c
6 only \$2.50 Dolls' Carriages for \$1.48

SPECIALS AT 8.30 SHARP

Berlin Wool

Will make delightful and acceptable Christmas gifts. We have a beautiful range of shades, and the wool makes beautiful bedroom slippers, tea cosies, etc., on sale 8.30, skein 7c

Wool Slippers

Neat Wool and Mercerized Silk Slippers in new shades, well made and in all sizes, on sale pair \$1.50 to \$1.50

Bath Robes

There are about 2 dozen left in this \$4 quality of Bath Robes, so come quickly if you would get one of these 8.30 bargains, in sizes 34 to 42, special at 8.30 sharp. \$3.20

Black Waists 75c

Black Satin Surtrwaists, with neat trimming, sizes 34 to 44, special at 8.30 sharp. 75c

Embroidered Handkerchiefs 10c

Special line of embroidered Handkerchiefs, scalloped and hemstitched, on Saturday, each 15c

Children's Handkerchiefs 25c Box

Children's Handkerchiefs, with neat colored border and initial; three in a dainty gift box, for 25c

Corset Cover Embroidery

Corset Cover Embroidery, 1½ yards in each piece, with beading, for 65c

Handkerchief Boxes 19c

6 dozen Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, in blue leatherette, with Dutch designs; nicely lined, in pink; special from 8.30 till 11 o'clock 19c

SPECIALS AT 8.30 SHARP

Veiling at 7c Yard

From 9.30 till 11 o'clock we will sell 100 yards of Veiling in the large and small mesh, all desirable shades, with and without spot; also some Chiffon Veiling, with silk border; regular 20 to 35c yard, from 9.30 till 11 o'clock per yard. 7c

Glaze Kid Gloves \$1.00

Fine Kid Gloves, that are made of the best selected skins, in the correct shades of tan, mode, brown, grey, green, black and white; in all sizes; pair \$1.00

Storm Veils 75c

We have 24 Silk Motor or Storm Veils, extra long, with hemstitched ends, in cream, grey, tan, brown, black and navy; special 8.30, in all sizes; pair 75c

Corset Covers 25c

At 8.30 sharp there will be offered an extra special in Corset Covers, of fine white Satinook, with a deep lace yoke, finished with ribbon lace, in all sizes, at 8.30 each 25c

Another splendid value in Corset Covers is made, having a dainty yoke of lace and embroidery insertion, finished with ribbon, lace and beading, sizes 34 to 44, very special on Saturday at 8.30 sharp 50c

Knitted Undershirts 95c

Warm Knitted Undershirts, in black or brown, finished with contrasting colors, regular \$1.25, on sale at 8.30 sharp 95c

Pin Cushions 15c

Fine White Linen Pin Cushions, in eyelet or solid embroidery, for lacing together, special at 8.30 sharp 15c

Stanley Mills & Co., Limited

Sensible Holiday Gift Suggestions

This will be a season of practical gifts, sensible things that are more thoroughly appreciated by the reason of their serviceability. You'll find lots of gifts here you would like to receive, and that you will take pleasure in giving others. But for to-morrow we specially emphasize Gloves and Handkerchiefs, some attractions being:

Sensational Handkerchief Selling

Value and savings that are sensational which shall mean sharp selling from 8.30 a. m. in our new Handkerchief Section.

18c Initial Handkerchiefs 12½c

A printer's mistake yesterday made us say there Women's Pure Irish Hemstitched Initial Handkerchiefs were worth 25c. Anyway, one woman told us they were the best she had seen at 12½c, easily worth 18c. To-morrow they again go on sale at 12½c, or six in a fancy box for 75c

15c Crossbar Handkerchiefs 2 for 15c

12 dozen only for morning shoppers; colored crossbar and hemstitched border, pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, fine soft quality; formerly 15c, Saturday 2 for 15c

8c, 10c Linen Handkerchiefs 5c

50 dozen on sale all day; Women's plain pure Irish Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, good quality, 10c values, Saturday 5c

20c, 25c Crossbar Handkerchiefs 8.30 a. m., 12½c
Pure Irish Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with plain or crossbar centre and colored borders, 20 and 25c, Saturday 12½c

Men's Linen Handkfs., 3 in Box 69c, Value 85c
Men's plain fine Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs, 3 in a fancy box, sold formerly at 85c, Saturday sale 69c

Your Best Xmas Glove Store

If quality and value count for anything this store makes the strongest pull for your glove trade. Here's a few other reasons:

Lined Cape Gloves \$1 Special

Women's Cape Kid Wool-lined Gloves, in tan, brown or black; also Black Kid Mitts for elderly women, two dome all sizes. Special \$1.00

Fur Mocha Gloves \$2.50 and \$2.95

Women's real Mocha Fur-lined Gloves, long wrist length, pique sewn, squirrel lined, all sizes, at \$2.50; also fine quality, special \$2.95

25c to 40c Woolen Gloves 19c

Women's Ringwood and Cashmere Gloves, in two dome and jersey wrist in black, wistaria, rose and other assorted shades. Formerly 40c, 8.30 a. m. 19c

75c Women's Suede Gloves 50c

Women's Suede Cashmere Gloves, two dome wrist, silk stitched backs, all colors and sizes, value 75c, special 50c

Perrin's Kid Gloves in Gift Boxes at \$1

The man choosing a suitable gift for mother, wife, sister or friend couldn't do better than select "Perrin's" at \$1.00. Women know they are the standard of value. Extra fine quality French Kid, two dome wrist, complete color range and sizes. Put up in fancy Christmas boxes, at, per pair \$1.00 worth regularly \$3.00

Christmas Gift Umbrellas FINCH BROS. Christmas Card Section

Life is not real if it not altogether earnest among people of a type recently mentioned.

"I s'pose John