MENDO THE "GRACIOUS"

The annual men's At Home wa deld in Park street Methodist Sunday, school rooms last evening, when The gentlemen of the church enter-Tained the ladies to tea and a concert. The event proved a big success, and the school room was packed all evening.

The early part of the evening was devoted to music, over which S. F. Gardiner presided in an able muniter. Those who took part in the gragram were:

Addresses-Rev. Mr. Rutledge and Mr. Gardiner.

Solo-Mr. Bushell.

Choruses by the men.
Quartet selection—Messrs. Wight-

saingham.

Solo—Charles Gammage.
The accompaniments were played by Geo. Hahn.
At the closs of the program retreshments were served, and the balance of the evening was spent in wocial way.

TO STOP CIGARETTES

Lansing, Mich., May 1 .- A bill to sappress the sale of cigarettes in Michigan and which the Attorney-General's department declares is in accord with anti-cigarette laws of fewa and Indiana, which have been derlared valid by the highest courts of those states, was favorably reported in the House this afternoon by the committee on state affairs.

WHEAT IS KILLED

Ernest Beach, a well known farmer residing near Northwood, was in the city yesterday. In a short conversation with The Planet he stated that the fall wheat in the vicinity of Northwood is all killed, but the other exops are all looking fine. The farmers are plowing up their, wheat fields and planting beans. There promises to be a large acreage of beans sown in this district this year.

Mr. Beach says Northwood is go ahead rapidly. The latest improvement is a new Grand Trunk

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PLEASANT "AT HOME"

Wallaceburg, May 1,-Mrs. James Wallaceburg, May, 1.—Mrs. James Parser gave an At Home last evening in honor, of Mrs. D. H. McMullen, of Minneapolis, who has been wisiting here. Mrs. W. D. McRae assisted Mrs. Purser in the parlor, and Mrs. Platt, Mrs. De Coursey and Mrs. D. A. Gordon received the guests. The Misses Ruby Gordon, Marie Fordam, Jean Fraser and Shea Murphy assisted in the fear room, where above assisted in the fear room, where above assisted in the tea room, where about assisted in the tea room, where about 150 guests were waited upon. Mrs. Purser wore, mauve echienne, while Mrs. McMullen wore cream crepe dechene over cream silk. Mrs. McMullen has returned to her home in Minneapolis, and the state of the s

MARKS DRAWS CROWDS

A large crowd were present and Brisco Opera House last night and the play witnessed with pleasure, the play "The Ragged Princess," presented by Marks Bros, Every, mamber was well weighted for their east, and special mention is for be made of W. F. Croekett as "Waggles, a., philosopher, in rags," and Gracie Marks as "Selma Silverton."

The specialties were an excellent The specialties were an excellent entertainment in themselves, the Sours' again scoring a distinct hit.

The illustrated songs were well sung and won much applause. On the whole, the company is a good one and are well deserving of praise and credit.

The play for to night is 'A Devit's Lane," and is announced to be very funny and a good laugh producer.

CHILD DRANK GIN

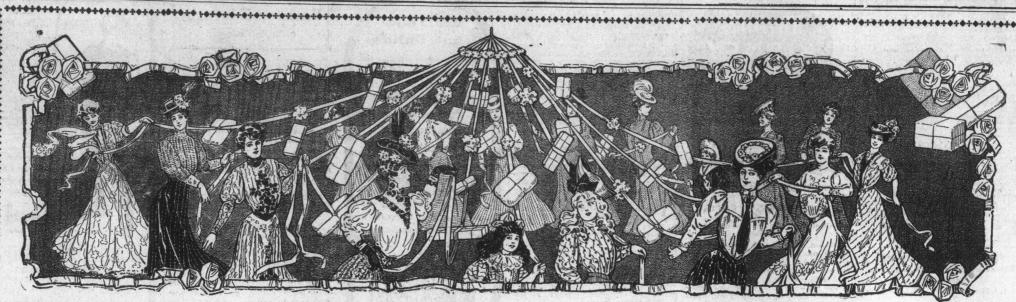
A St. Mary's despatch says: Mary Ann Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Miller, of concession 11. Gore of Bownie, died under peculiar cir-cumstances. It appears the parents had some Holland gin in a bottle. cumstances. It appears the parents had some Holland in in a bottle. The child had been troubled with the course and it had been their custom to give the child a little of the gin occasionally. On going to breakfast they left the bottle on a dresser upstairs where the child was in bed and during their absence the little girl had got out of bed and drank ats contents. The father found the child in a stupor in bed. Considerable time clapsed before the doctor survived. He at once noticed the child in the thaces of alcoholite poison. He tried antidotes but without avail, as it remained in a state of drowsiness till five ofclock, when death and its struggle.

Tilbury oil Boom
Tibury, May 1.—The oil fields are as active as eyer and tan of twelve splendid wells were brought in dursplendid wells, were brought in during the past few days. One on the Harwick farm, a mile northwest of of what is called the Shallow Field, as good for 100 barrels, a day, and this means that a large district will be explored during the summer.
Partridge & Co brought in a couple in the Shallow Field that are

ple in the Shallow Field that are good for 100 barrels, each day. Two more great ones were drilled in on the Tremblay property, and they are among the best in the field. On the Nelson farm towards the south a gushen was struck on Tuesday might, and that will open the field in that a direction.

The deep field east of town is also showing up well, and everything in dicates that the foil industry up no flash-in-the-pan business, but is here. to stay.

AT PARK ST. CHURCH



Wonderful May Merchandise Movement



Prices Drop---Down! Down! Down! Bargains Are Unmatchable And Innumerable

Listen! All ye thrifty pecple of this city of thrift—and take heed to all this page contains. It tells of bargains greater than any you ever knew of —it points out saving opgortunities too profitable to overlook. And all owes origin to the vast movement and shifting and assorting and reducing our Spring Stocks are undergoing.

This Spring our weather man hasn't worked in unison with this store For April we purchased all sorts of beautiful "warm weather goods". For April he sent us all kinds of bad weather-rain, winds, snow hail-and disagreeable chilliness. Every kind in fact excepting what we wanted.

The result is an overstock of Spring Goods. No good store-keeper will abide by such a condition, So we resort to heroics. Stocks are reviewed—we learn they must be greatly reduced and so prices are cut mercilessly and fear-

The Sale will open with a rush. Our aisles will be filled up with eager shoppers from the opening hour. The best bargains will go first—naturally. These are the bargains you want—so you will do well to come early.

MAY MERCHANDISE MOVEMENT BEGINS FRIDAY 9 O'CLOCK A. M



	MILL EN	IDS TA	BLE	LINEN.		
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With slight imperfect	tions in weave, from	m I to 12 of a	a pattern,	all high-class good	ls, in beautiful desi	gns,

75c Dress Goods 39c Per Yard

Hundreds of choice ends in lengths of 1½ yds each, this season's best selling goods in black and colors, clearing at Almost Haif Jailet Mate

Men's 20c Merino Sox 121/20

Men's Suits to only, Men's Tweed and Serge Suits, 8.50 and \$10, Sale Price \$5.48

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45 pieces new dress goods, includi g wide range 44 inch tweed suitings in checks, stripes and mixtures. 42 to 54

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Including wide range 5 incess, tweed
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stripes etc., regular 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25
per vd. Sale Price 880

50e Jap Taffeta Silk 36c

Full 27 inch wide, fine pure silk, washable quality, colars cream, white and black, reg 50c yd, Sale Price 36c

15 dozen men's medium weight grey Merino Sox, seamless double heels and toes, elastic rib tops, regular 20c value, Sale Price 12% c Good large size, new

Men's Raincoats]

In tweeds, coverts and paramattas, colors grey, fawn and black, clearing as follows—reg 56 coats for 3.98, Reg 53 coats, sale price 1.50. Reg 54.50 coats, sale price 2.50

Percale Shirt Waist Suits \$1.89

65c Dresden Ribbons 29c yard Rich heavy pure silk, 6 in. wide, in 10 choice designs and colorings, reg 65c yd.,

Sale Price 29c

20e Wash Belts 11c each

6 dozen rich white mercerized belts

SEVEN STORES

6, dozen rich white mercerized belts prettily embroideried, harness buckles, reg 20c value, Sale Price 11c White Lawn Suits \$2.89

20c Fancy Lace Collars 11c each

In sets of 5, assorted sizes, fine white Swiss, prettily applequed, regular 25c sets. Sale Price 190 mil. Regular 35c sets, " 230 Regular 50c sets, " 390

Good large size, new styles, in brown and black. handsome mounted handles, reg, 55c. Values, Sale Price 39c

\$2 White Lawn Shirt Waists \$1.48

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Patent Leather Belts 16c each

15 dozen Patent Leather Belts, dip front,

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10 doz. fine lawn waists, latest New York styles, beautifully trimmed with embreidery insertion, tucks, lace, etc., short or long sleeves, 'size 32 to 42, reg. up to \$2 each,

Sale Price 1.48

Percale House Dresses \$1.25 Each

Good quality percale in black and white polka dots, wide skirt with full flounce, bloused waist with lining, sizes 34 to 40,

Sale Price \$1.25 34 to 40,

CHATHAM

MILL ENDS BLEACHED TABLE LINENS.

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MILL ENDS, TOWELS.

Huck, Damask and Crepe Linen Towels, hemmed and fringed, good large sizes, slightly imperfect in weave

12c Towels for	10c	22c To	wels for	r	170
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In every wanted size, wide range designs and colorings to select from in unions, wools, tapestry, beussels, velvets and wiltons at special

Big Reductions on Carpets

6, dozen rich white mercerized belts prettily embroideried, harness buckles, reg 20c value, Sale Price 11c

25c and 35c Fancy Collars 16c

5 dozen Fincy Lace Collars and Turnovers, all new styles, regular 25c and 35c

Sale Price 16c

Sale Price 18c

Sale

\$5 Tapestry Curtain \$3.89—7 pair rich bleached finish, fine even weave heavy Portiere Curtains, reg. up to \$5.50 a pair, Sale Price \$3.89 English Long Cloth Cetten 8½0 Vd.

\$1 White Cambric Gowns 68c

6 doz ladies fine white Lonsdale cambric gowns, 3 handsome styles, trimmed with tucks, lace embroidery, ribbon insertions, and beadings, the best dollar gown in the city.

Sale Price 690

\$3 Gowns 1.68

568 Pairs Lace Curtains—direct from the largest European mills, the best styles and values ever shown in Chatham.—Come, buy and save money during our lay Sale Price 8½C. Prints 5a Vd. 490 yds. heavy Canadian prints contains the contains a second contains and contains a second conta

TWO FACTORIES

Percale House Dresses \$1.50 Superior quality in blue with white hair line stripes, full skirt with deep flounce, bloused waist, trimmed with 6 rows briar stitching down front, stitching on collar and cuffs, cambric lined, at each, Sale Price 1.50 And Sale Wide, good range patterns, regular up to 45c yard, Sale Price 29c May Sale Prints 5c vd. 490 yds. heavy Canadian prints, good range patterns, light and dark colors, at a yd., Sale Price 5c. Millinery Unusual offering in ladies' and children's 'High class Millinery during this May Merchandise Event.

New Silk Waists \$1.39

5 doz. pure silk Japan taffeta waists, washing quality, cream only, made with all-over tucked yoke, tucks on collar, cuffs and down back, sizes 32 to 42, reg. \$2 each, Sale Price \$1,38

\$1.25 and 1-50 Underskirts 98e Rich black sateen, made with deep flounce trimmed with tucks, ruffles, pleat-ings, stitching, etc., lengths 38 to 44, reg. up to \$1.50 each, Sale Price 98c

\$5 Silk Petticoats 3,89

Rich black French taffeta silk, cut wide swith full deep flounce, trimmed with ruffles and tucks, reg. \$5, Saie Price \$3.89 \$6.50 Raincoats 4.89

27 only fine cravenette coats, full lengths, pleated back, loose or fitted styles, with or without belts, colors grey, fawn and green, reg. \$6,50 each, Sale Price 4.39

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25c Gurtain Materials for 12 1-2c Yd. 23 pcs. curtain laces, curtain muslins, curtain nets, and curtain serims, 18 in, to 50 in. wide, choice range, plain ruffled and fringed, reg. 15c, 18c, 20c and 25c yd., Sale Price 12/20

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Manufacturer's samples, 1 yd. to 1½ ds. long, in tapestry and Brussels, just ight for mats, Sale Price Almost

600 yds. plain and knotted wool rug fringe in every wanted color, Sale Price a yd. 12 % c and 1 oc.