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The  
Reliable  
Store

**Thos. Stone & Son**  
ESTABLISHED 1852.

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## SUGGESTIONS

... FOR ...

## CHRISTMAS

From now until Monday evening much worrying will be done. "What shall I give to this one, what on earth shall I give to that one". We try to do our share by making your shopping as pleasant as possible. We have extra help to serve you, extra facilities for showing goods and as convenient an arrangement as possible of all wanted goods. Come in and see us.

HANDKERCHIEFS	KID GLOVES	RUGS AND SWEEPERS
An indiscribable wealth of Handkerchiefs is here. Every wanted style at every wanted price from 3c each up to the hand-made Honitons at \$6.00.	Every pair of Kid Gloves we sell is guaranteed. We put every pair in a fancy box, and nothing makes a more acceptable gift.	Our Christmas shipment of the great Bissell Carpet Sweeper is here. These sweepers are gotten up with special care, choicest woods being used and special finish put on, \$2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00.
Fine cambric hemstitched handkerchiefs, 5c to 12c.	Ladies' kid gloves, of lace and suede, long and short, fur lined and cloth lined, at pair \$1, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50 and 2.75.	We have just received our Christmas assortment of Rugs and our showing is now complete:—
Fine linen hemstitched handkerchiefs 10c to 40c.	Children's Kid Gloves, neatly made, good quality, nice shades, at a pr. 75c.	Wilton Rugs 27x60.....3.50 36x72.....5.00 Smyrna Rugs 27x60.....2.25 36x72.....3.50 Velvet Rugs 27x60.....4.50 36x72.....7.00 Axminster Rugs 27x60.....3.50 36x72.....5.00
Embroidered handkerchiefs 10c to \$1.50.	Men's lined kid mocha gloves, genuine and imitation, special at per \$1 and 2.00.	
Plain hemstitched, put up in immense variety of pretty boxes, 3 and 6 in a box at per box 15c to \$1.50.		

HAND BAGS 50c	PILLOW TOPS 19c	TRAY CLOTHS 20c	EMBROIDERED HOSE 50c
Leather Hand Bags, neat metal mountings, moire lined, inside purse, very special at 50c.	The kind you always pay 25c to 35c for, artistic designs, good material. 10 dozen of them for 19c each.	Unbleached Tray Cloths 19x29, fringed all around, neatly hemstitched design in centre, special at 20c.	Ladies' fine pure wool cashmere hose, neatly embroidered with white silk, special at a pair 50c.

SILK WAISTS.	FURS.	FUR LINED COATS.
If you are not sure of the size we would be glad to exchange any waist after Christmas.	If your gift inclination tends toward Furs this is the store for you. Dealing in furs for 54 years we know where to buy what is best. Come to us for Furs.	Ladies' Fur-lined Coats, made of the very finest quality
Made of extra Tamein silk, good to wear, neatly tucked and stitched, trimmed with buttons, all sizes in black, navy and cardinal, special at \$3.98.	Prime Canadian Mink Collars, stoles, ties and throw overs, special values at \$21, 25.00, 35.00 up to \$75.00.	all-wool Kersey cloth, neatly strapped and stitched, 46 in. long, lined with extra quality
An evening waist, in white only, made of fine Japan silk, deep yoke of Val. lace and insertion, deep cuff sleeves to match, very special at \$4.	Genuine undyed Alaska Sable Ruffs, storm collars and stoles, special at \$10, 12.00, 13.50, 16.00, up to \$40.00.	Hanister fur, with Columbia sable and Isabella fox collars, in black, myrtle and navy blue, very special values at \$44 to \$50.
	Choice Isabella Fox pieces in short and long ruffs, stoles and collars, well-made, serviceable and extremely stylish, very special at \$5, 6.75, 10.00, 12.00, up to \$23.	
	Ladies' Fur jackets in near seal, astrachan, beaver, and Persian lamb, beautifully made, warranted satisfactory, special values at \$25, 40.00, 45.00, \$5.00 up to \$185.00.	

FANCY LINENS	SILK UNDERSKIRTS	UMBRELLAS
An assortment direct from Ireland and Japan, that would do proud to any store five times our size. Hand drawn and hand embroidered linens, just the things for gifts, always acceptable, all sizes from d'oylies to table covers—25c to \$5.	Ladies' silk underskirts, made of extra quality shot taffetas, in very choice colors, with deep accordion pleated flounce, edged with ruching of silk, a good wide, liberally made skirt, regularly sold at \$5 each, on sale very special at \$3.75.	Did you ever see the lady or gentleman who was not pleased to be the recipient of a nice umbrella. We have them with the good serviceable fine gloria tops, with nice silk cases, and handles in the very newest styles, \$1.50 to \$5.

LADIES' COLLARS	LADIES' BELTS
No lady ever has too many collars. For a gift that cost little money, they are just the thing. Our variety extends from the simple narrow wash collars up to the elaborate chiffon and lace creation, 10c to \$3.00.	The style of very many dresses demand the wearing of a belt. Silk belts of course are always dressy and proper, but just now we also show a pretty variety of new jet and steel bead belts which are extremely stylish, 25c to \$2.50.

BEADED BAGS	SILKS	EIDER COMFORTERS	APPLIQUE SHAWLS
Beaded Bags in steel and jet, in plain and fancy designs, neatly made, stylish, useful and serviceable, \$2.50.	Silk waist lengths, put up in neat boxes ready for presents, plain and fancy, very special values at 39c, 50c and 75c a yard.	Covered with very handsomely designed satens of good quality, filled with pure light fluffy eider down, \$5, 7.50, \$10.	Fine white Swiss applique sets, shawls, dresser covers and scarfs, all to match, in very effective designs, 45c, 50c, 59c.

## FIRE WAS WITHIN ACE OF REACHING LARGE OIL CANS

Blaze Breaks Out At 8.15 Last Night In Westman Bros' Hardware

### FIREMEN'S GOOD WORK

Lois Covered By Insurance—Fire Originated From Ash Pail In Tin-smiths' Room

Once again Chatham's crack fire department arrived just in the nick of time to avert what if it had not just a few more moments headway, would have proved a most disastrous and costly conflagration.

About 8.15 last evening Mr. P. K. Morley, of Morley & Co.'s tailoring establishment, was preparing to go home. When he went out to the rear of the establishment to get his wheel, he noticed what appeared to be the reflection of a fire in the back yard. On making a further investigation, he found that the reflection came from a window in the warerooms to the rear of Westman Bros. hardware store. The window had broken, and smoke and fire were belching out through the opening. Mr. Morley hastened to the telephone, and sent in the alarm to the fire department. He experienced some delay in getting the department over the 'phone, but once the alarm was in, the firemen lost no time in getting on the scene. The trucks were run up Dymally alley to the rear of Westman's store, and two lines of hose were quickly attached to the Queen street hydrants.

The firemen at first concentrated their energies to keep the fire away from the large oil and benzine cans, which were in very dangerous proximity to the blaze. Had the fire once got to these cans, an explosion would undoubtedly have occurred, and the blaze would have been scattered over a much larger area, and would have been a great deal harder to get under control. Two streams were kept playing through the windows, on the central section of the warerooms, where the blaze appeared to be at its worst. Several attempts were made to break in the rear door of the warerooms, but these attempts proving futile, Fire Chief Pritchard and Mr. James Richards broke in one of the rear windows, and entered the building. The fumes inside were so strong and thick that both men were nearly overcome, but by crawling along close to the floor, the Chief finally managed to reach the door, and unlocked it.

As soon as the rear door was open, a hose was taken inside the building, and turned directly on the

spot where the fire was at its worst. Some acids and sulphur in the upper portion of the building had caught fire, and these made the fumes almost suffocating. The firemen had a hard night's work of it, and it is a great credit to Chief Pritchard and his men that they got the blaze under control before any worse damage ensued.

It was afterwards found that the fire had spent itself on a few feet distant from the oil and benzine cans. If these had caught, it is doubtful as to whether the store could have been saved.

The fire originated from an ash pail which had been left in the tin-smiths' shop in the upper portion of the warerooms. The ashes had been dumped in this pail in the earlier part of the day, and it is surmised that the heat from this pail must have ignited the floor beneath. A large portion of the upper flooring was burned, but the fire did not get much chance to make any headway in the lower portion of the building. The loss is covered by insurance.

Mr. Frank Shoemaker and my son were working in the front portion of the store when the fire broke out," said Mr. A. D. Westman this morning. "We had just decided to go home when we smelled the smoke, which was coming through the crevices in the double doors which connect the store with the warerooms. We did not open these doors, as this would have given a draught to the fire. I immediately went to ring up the fire department, but by the time I reached the 'phone, I found that the alarm had already been sent in. If those fire proof doors had been opened, and the draught allowed in, I believe the fire would have got much more headway. The firemen did good work."

Mr. Morley says that when he saw the smoke and fire coming out the window of the warerooms, he thought it was all off with the hardware store and the buildings close by. "I knew the oil cans were quite close to the spot where the smoke was issuing from," he said, "and I expected every minute to hear the explosion when they caught. The firemen showed great nerve in working so close to those cans, when an explosion might have happened any minute."

In entering the building to open the rear door, the Fire Chief and Jim Richards inhaled so much of the sulphur fumes, that they had to have medical attention afterwards. A number of the firemen were also more or less affected by the fumes.

Later in the evening, Mr. A. D. Westman tendered the members of the fire department an oyster supper at Smith's restaurant, which, after their evening's hard work, was thoroughly enjoyed.

### O'REILLY--DOYLE

The following is taken from the Mt. Clemens Daily Leader of Dec. 15: "From Pittsburg comes J. D. O'Reilly, a prominent steel man, and takes away with him Miss Laura H. Doyle, one of our popular trained nurses, a graduate of St. Joseph's Sanitarium School. They were quietly married last Tuesday at St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, by the Rev. Fr. Dempsey, took a few days' trip, returned yesterday, and then hid away to Chatham, Ont., former home of the bride. They will visit New York and eastern cities before going to Pittsburg."

The Miss Doyle mentioned is a daughter of Michael Doyle, of Doilies, and attended the Collegiate Institute of this city for some years before she entered the Sanitarium in Mount Clemens to train as a nurse.

### CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

The Christmas closing exercises of the McKeough school kindergarten were held yesterday afternoon. The room in which the Christmas tree was placed was darkened in order to heighten the effect of the candles in the tree. The tree was decorated on a German plan, the decorations being supplied by Mrs. Lane.

The attendance was very large and everything passed off in a most pleasing and successful manner. Trustee R. L. Brackin distributed the prizes. The afternoon's program was in charge of Miss McTaggart and her assistants, Misses Verna Craft and Rose Morrison.

A superfluity of ambition is almost as useless as a total want of it.

## A FASHION TALK

Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, Has Something to Say on How People Dress

Speaking of fashions in his church in Galt last Sunday, Rev. R. E. Knowles said that there were women in the pews before him who had the bodies of dead birds on their hats, and who would despise the wearing of these ornaments if they would only stop to think of the bloodshed and suffering that was entailed in procuring these trimmings. Still the dictates of fashion had to be lived up to.

Mr. Knowles also denounced evening dress as being only kept in vogue by the demands of fashion, and also denounced the extravagant funerals that fashion called for.

Continuing, the speaker said we were all slaves, menials and bondsmen, and not inclined to believe that fashions pass away. Fashions also caused people to live beyond their means, and to-day there were toilers and hard working men and women in Galt who would not be able to buy their little Christmas remembrances because people had not yet paid for the clothes they were wearing. Even the working girls of the present day were contaminated by their worship of fashion, and they would as soon have a spotted reputation as a garment that did not fit properly.

### CHRISTMAS CLOSING

The annual Christmas closing exercises of the Central School Morning Kindergarten was held this morning. There was a very large attendance of parents and friends of the children. The following was the program rendered, all by the children:

Opening Exercises.  
Prayer.  
Hymn—God's Care.  
Greeting to friends.  
Songs—Jack Frost, Autumn Wind, The Snow, Christmas Hymn, Santa Claus, Christmas Carol.  
Games—The Blacksmith, The Lambkins, The Brownies, The Partners, Ship Bury, The Bell Ringer, Test Some of Hearing, Hiding the Pebble, Test of Sight, The Quiet Game.  
Presentation Song.  
Presentation of gifts, made by the children, to parents. These gifts consisted of tea pot holders and stands, woven by senior children, hand-painted photo frames containing a picture of Lorelle's Arrival of the Shepherds, hand-painted blotters, and calendars, made by the little tots.

Trustees Robertson and Somerville were Santa Claus helpers. Miss Gree was assisted by Miss Walker and three young lady students—Misses Meacham, Cumming and Blackburn.

Miss Walker presided at the piano.

### WATER TEST

Chairman Potter of the Property Committee, Water Commissioner Cornell and Fire Chief Pritchard will make a test of the water pressure from one of the city hydrants this afternoon.

The test will probably be made on the hydrant on Sixth street.

Hope is fed by the contemplation of ideals and anticipates and strives after their realization. Prudence is the child of experience. A truly sound judgment implies that hope and prudence are in due balance.

## For The Accomodation Of Our Large Patronage

Who find it inconvenient to buy their Christmas presents and toys during the day our store will be open every night this week till 9 o'clock. Our large assortment of Toys and Christmas Presents is still perfect, and we have every thing you can think of in our line of goods. Come to the store with the stock.

## SULMAN'S BEEHIVE

King and Sixth Streets...

PHONE 96

## FAMILY BUTCHER.

STALL No. 1, MARKET SQUARE, AND 'PHONE 414.



BEST FRESH AND SALT MEATS, SAUSAGE AND POULTRY.

Orders Promptly Delivered.

W. J. EASTON.

## The Christmas Bargain Sale At Westman Bros. A GREAT SUCCESS.

LARGE NUMBERS SHOW APPRECIATION.

ALL NEW GOODS.

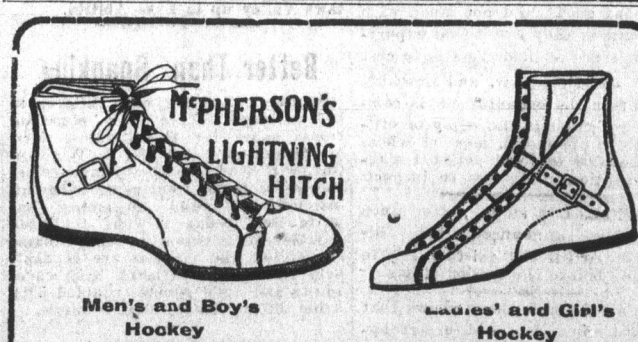
ALL MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES.

Look at Some of the Reductions.

\$1.00 Carvers.....	\$0.80	\$1.00 Nickel Teapots....	0.80
1.25 ".....	1.00	1.00 Coffee Pots.....	0.80
1.50 ".....	1.20	0.75 Granite Teapots....	0.60
5.00 Tea Knives.....	4.00	1.00 Leather Mitts.....	0.80
3.00 ".....	2.40	0.75 ".....	0.50
1.75 Pie Knives.....	1.40	0.50 ".....	0.40
2.25 Salad Spoons....	1.80	2.00 Horse Blankets....	1.60
0.50 Nut Cracks.....	0.40	1.75 ".....	1.40
1.00 Butter Knives....	0.80	1.25 ".....	1.00
Safety Razors.....	1.50	10.00 Robes.....	8.00
".....	3.50	6.50 ".....	5.00

COME AND GET SOME OF THE BARGAINS.

WESTMAN BROS.' BIG SALE.



Men's and Boy's Hockey

Ladies' and Girl's Hockey

## Skating Shoes!

Must have And Also You Want As well as Strength Flexibility Moderate prices All Sizes

Add these up and you get a fair idea of our line of Skating Boots.

GEO. W. COWAN

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