

Our Annual Christmas Menu.

ELLIS & Co., Ltd.,

Family Grocer and Wine Merchants, 203 Water Street.

- Manhattan and Martini Cocktails.
- Russian Caviare.
- Fresh Oysters. Shrimps.
- Lobsters in Aspic. Prawns in Aspic.
- Hors D'Oeuvres.
- Royans a la Bordelaise.
- Fresh Salmon. Fresh Halibut. Fresh Smelts.
- Chicken Breasts.
- Norwegian Anchovies.
- Luxette. Norwegian Lax.
- Terrines Pate de foie Gras Truffled.
- Alouette and Caille au Perigord.
- Real Turtle Meat and Real Turtle Extract.
- Lusty's Choice Soups.
- Partridge. Pheasants.
- Red Currant Jelly.
- Irish Hams. Irish Bacon.
- Paysandt Ox Tongues. Yorkshire Bacon.
- Turkeys. Cranberry Sauce.
- Irish Sausages. Scotch Beef Hams.
- Chicken. Ducks.
- Plain and Stuffed Olives.
- Geese. Champignons.
- French Truffles.
- Sweet Potatoes.
- Brussels Sprouts. Cauliflowers.
- Haricot Verts Extra.
- Fresh Tomatoes. Eng. Garden Peas.
- Peeled Asparagus and Tips.
- Plum Pudding. Apple Pudding.
- Tart Fruits in Glass.
- Mince Meat. Custard Powders.
- Bartlett Pears. Pineapples.
- Cherries in Creme de Menth.
- Grape Fruit. Maraschino Cherries.
- Fruit Salad in Glass.
- Pineapple in Maraschino.
- Peaches and Pears in Brandy.
- Purple and Green Grapes.
- Dessert Apples. Bananas.
- Florida Oranges. Tangerines.
- Crystallized Ginger and Crystallized Cocoonut.
- Crystallized Ass'd. Fruits. Macedoine of Fruit in Jelly.
- Crystallized Cherries, Pears, Apricots, Greengages.
- Canton Ginger. Imperial Fr. Plums.
- Elvas Plums. Tunis Dates.
- Filled Turkish Figs. Filled Dates.
- Blanched, Salted and Jordan Almonds.
- Naples Walnuts. Brazil Walnuts. Chestnuts. Hazel Nuts.
- Bon Bons and Coscaques.
- Confectionery "of the finest kinds" and makes.
- Huntley's & Palmer's Cakes and Biscuits.
- Wines, Spirits and Liqueurs.**
- Convido Port. Newman's Old Port.
- Dry Sack Sherry. Don Carlos Sherry.
- Madeira. Marsala.
- Vintage Clarets.
- Moet & Chandon Champagne. 1904 and 1906.
- Pommery & Greno. G. H. Mumm Extra Dry.
- Pol Roger, Extra Quality Extra Dry.
- Beaune. Pommard.
- Chablis. Sauterne.
- Sparkling Burgundy.
- Sparkling and Still Hocks.
- Sparkling and Still Moselles.
- Grand Marnier Cordon Rouge.
- Creme de Cocoa Chouva. Russian Kummel.
- Cherry Brandy. Creme de Menth. Maraschino.
- Orange Curacao. D. O. M. Benedictine.
- Cherry Whisky. Apricot Brandy.
- Green and Yellow Chartreuse.
- Blackberry Brandy.
- Italian and French Vermouth.
- Anisette, Extra Dry.
- Koosh Bitters. Angostura Bitters.
- Sloe Gin—"Pedlar". Kirchenwasser.
- Martell's & Hennessy's Brandies.
- 20 Year Old Liqueur Brandy.
- 20 Year Old Medicinal Brandy.
- Ellis' Old Scotch Whisky.
- E. C. Liqueur Whisky.
- Walker's Canadian Rye.
- Johnnie Walker's Whisky. Black Label.
- Plymouth Old Tom and London Dry Gin.
- Schweppe's Mineral Waters.
- "Perrier", the Champagne of Table Waters.
- Tennent's Lager Beer. Bass's Beers.
- Versandt Munchen Beer.
- Stilton Cheese. Gorgonzola Cheese.
- English Cheddar Prize Cheese.
- Edam Cheese. St. Ivel Cheese.
- Mocha and Java Coffee. India Ceylon Teas.
- Cigars and Cigarettes.**
- "Calixto Lopez". Havana Cigar's.
- Flor Fina.
- Panetelas Extra. Eminentes & Invencibles.
- Regalia Reina Fina. Belvederes.
- "La Sabrosa" Jamaica Cigars.
- Governors & Conchas Especiales.
- H. L. Savory's Egyptian, Turkish and Russian Cigarettes (Plain, Cork and Gold Tipped).

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

HALF TRUTHS.

By RUTH CAMERON.



"I overheard the other day a scrap of conversation which I take the liberty to reproduce: 'What I advance is true,' said one. 'But not the whole truth,' answered the other. 'Sir,' returned the first (and it seemed to me there was a smack of Dr. Johnson in his speech), 'sir, there is no such thing as the whole truth.'—Stevenson.

I agree with Stevenson that there is no such thing as the whole truth. There is always another side to every question. But there are two distinct kinds of half truths. One is the kind of half truth which he who offers it sincerely believes to be the whole truth. The other kind of half truth is that which is spoken with the deliberate intention of conveying an impression other than the truth.

For instance. We were talking about the various methods of teaching children to read which are used in our schools, when the proud mother of an only son announced, "My boy was never taught to read. He learned by himself." The only son is not a particularly brilliant specimen, and it seemed difficult to me to credit this; so instead of taking it for the whole truth and receiving it with exclamations of wonder and admiration as she apparently expected, I put a few

Household Notes

rug becomes quite black; then get a fresh piece and continue until the shoes are clean.

When towels become dingy looking, cover with cold water, in which are dissolved shavings of pure white soap and juice of a lemon. Place the towels on the back of the stove and allow to come slowly to a boil. Rinse in the chief trouble with these half dry in the open air.

Suffering from moist feet may be relieved if an ounce of boracic acid is mixed with one ounce of fine powdered starch. Put a little bag of coarse muslin with this, and before putting on the stockings shake the powder on the feet and inside the shoes. The same receipt will do for moist hands.

The age of an egg may be accurately decided by making a solution of salt containing about eight ounces to the pint. When the salt is dissolved, drop the egg gently into the vessel. If the egg is one day old, it will sink immediately; if it is three days old, it sinks just below the surface; if five days old or older, it floats.

Chop leftovers of steak, roasts or stews very fine; then grease a deep pie dish; put a layer of cold mashed potatoes in the bottom, then a layer of meat, then a layer of bread crumbs; sprinkle with salt and pepper; put here and there a few pieces of butter; moisten with half a cup of beef gravy, then another layer of potatoes. Bake in a moderate oven for half an hour and you have a palatable luncheon dish.

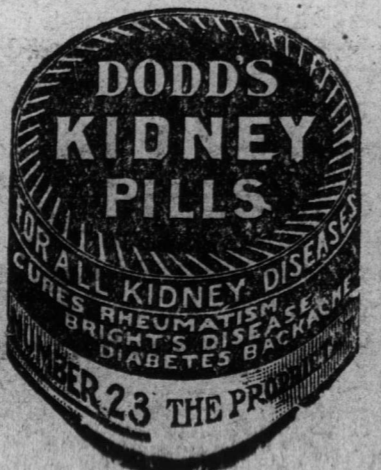
For Cherished Friends.

At such a season as this, when the supreme desire is to give something that goes straight to the heart, think of the spineless usefulness of Globe-Wernicke Bookcases, the sectional construction of which permits them to be added to as books and space demand. Think of the exquisite workmanship, the quality of materials, the artistry of the designs and the beauty of finish. Then think that the price per section is no more than that of a good gift book and you realize that the ideal Christmas gift is a Globe-Wernicke Sectional Bookcase. MR. PERCIE JOHNSON will be glad to show you a selection of charming finishes and to quote attractive prices.

Stringency as Breathing Spell.

Hamilton, December 13.—The Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, attended the annual banquet of the Hamilton branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association last evening, and made a most optimistic address.

The Finance Minister gave no indication of any change in tariff policy, but made a reassuring pronouncement regarding what the future held out for Canada. His prediction was that the present financial stringency was only temporary. It was not a thing to cause alarm, he said; it was merely a contraction of credit following a period of prosperity, a pause of a nation, a breathing spell to gather strength for the next great forward step.



IN STOCK TO-DAY:

- BACON.
- 2 pcs. Choice Spiced English Breakfast Bacon.
- TABLE BUTTER.
- 2 boxes Choice Canadian Creamery Butter, 2 lb. blocks.
- EGGS.
- 10 cases "fresh from the nest" Selected Eggs. Good to sell.
- FRUITS.
- Valencia Oranges, Cal. Oranges, Jamaica Oranges.
- Porto Rican Oranges, Wagner Apples, Stark Apples, New Dates, Cranberries, Partridge Berries.
- Finnan Haddies, Kipperd Herring, Parsnips, Carrots, Beets.
- SOPER & MOORE**

Minister Decides

Against Liquor by Parcel Post.

Ottawa, December 13.—The Hon. L. P. Pelletier, Postmaster-General, in a statement last night confirmed the recent unofficial announcement that liquor will not be carried in the parcel post mails.

Mr. Pelletier stated that, while he had received many resolutions on the subject from temperance organizations, he was not taking this action at the request of any such bodies, political or quasi-political in character. The question, rather, had been considered and dealt with wholly upon its merits.

The Postmaster-General stated that he might give many reasons for his action, but he would cite only two. One was that he did not wish to put liquor within reach of his employees, who were strictly forbidden to use it, while the transmission of spirits to local option districts would thwart the will of the people who desired local prohibition.

The Postmaster-General added that the question was settled, and would not be re-opened.

The Hon. Mr. Pelletier is known as a strong temperance man, and was for many years a member of the anti-Alcoholic League of Quebec. It is felt that his action will have the strongest measure of public endorsement.

Says Africa Had an Ancient Civilization.

London, Dec. 12.—Sir Harry Johnston, presiding to-day at a meeting of the African Society, said it has been proven that South Africa had a very ancient civilization.

"Starting intelligence will shortly be received from South Africa," he said, "concerning the antiquity of man there. I am empowered to mention in detail the discoveries to which I refer, but they concern skulls and art, indicating that South Africa has a very ancient human history. Some of the skulls seem to indicate a 'Caucasian' rather than a Negro origin."

Hit the Referee.

Paris, December 13.—Jack Johnson met the Librarian Spoul in a catch-catch can wrestling match in the Nouveau Cirque last night.

The combat was marked by the utmost ferocity on the part of Spoul, who fouled persistently, and attacked the referee when the latter intervened. Johnson warned Spoul that he would "knock him out" if he continued such tactics, and his warning having no effect, he finally felled Spoul with a blow on the solar plexus, to the huge delight of the audience. Spoul had to be carried out.

Aboard a Bun.

"Buns give me the creeps," said a sailor.

"Why?" asked the vicar.

"Well, once we were bound for China, with self-raising flour and currants. We struck on a rock, and, having no boats, it looked all up. But the flour started workin', an' it frothed up through the hatchways and sizzled over the side in big lumps, which got baked hard by the sun and bobbed about like tremendous buns. I got aboard a big one, although the water swarmed with sharks. They started eating the edges of the bun. Daily it grew less, until I was cramped. Then I got washed ashore with only two bun bites left. Now I never see buns without a shiver. If you offered me a pint o' beer an' a pork pie, now—"

But the vicar fled.

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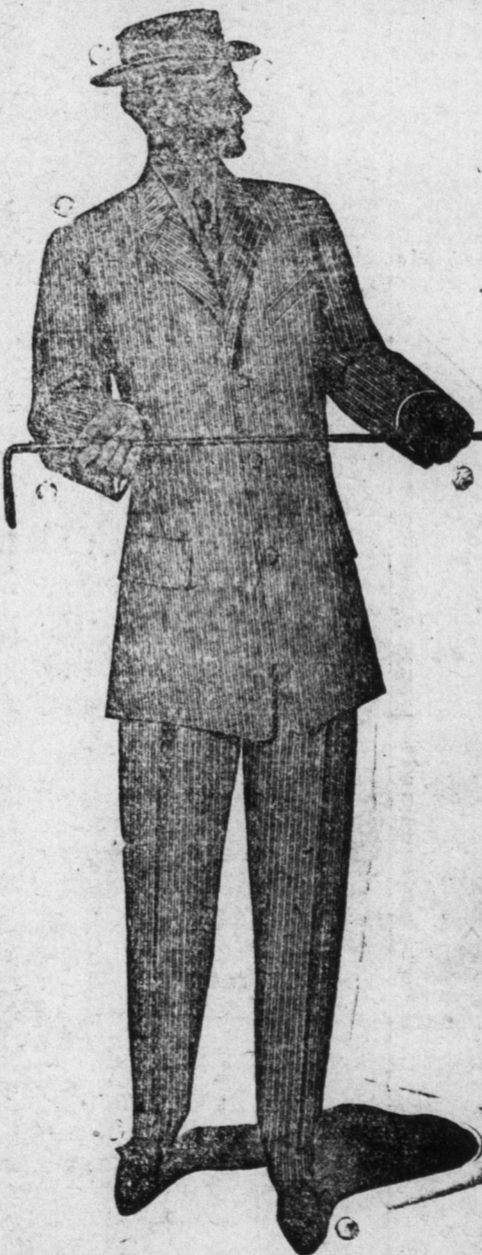
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Xmas Boots for the moccasin styles, and White, daintily bonneting. Friday and Saturday.

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