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December Sale of

Silks

Our stock of Silks in blacks and colors is very large, larger than ever before. The assortment is very complete, only we have too many of them, and we depend on these prices for reducing the stock:

- 8 pieces Shot Surah Silks, in elegant colorings, reg. price 75c and \$1.00 a yd., Dec. Sale Price..... 50c
- 9 pieces Plaid and Stripes pure Japan Silks, regular 50c to 60c a yd., Dec. Sale Price..... 37c
- 8 pieces fancy figured and striped Japan Silks, reg. price 70c to 80c a yd., Dec. Sale Price..... 61c
- 6 pieces elegant Broaded Satins, pure silk, newest designs, reg. price \$1.25 yd., Dec. Sale Price..... \$1.08
- 5 pieces best quality Broaded Satins, handsome patterns, reg. price \$1.50 yd., Dec. Sale Price..... \$1.23

We are giving also during December, very special prices on all lines of plain black and colored Silks. Silks and Satins were never more fashionable than now and you never bought them so cheap.

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Discard those shoes that have been making your life miserable—put on a pair of our comfort-insuring shoes. You will make the days of delight, by trying our \$3.00 shoes.

TURRILL'S
... King Street



Great Sale of Holiday Dry Goods

Prudent people don't put off their Xmas buying until the eleventh hour, and then in the rush and crowd of the last day content themselves with any old thing that's left from broken assortments. Shop early, make your selections now. This store will care for them until giving time comes. Of course you wouldn't think of asking to have them exchanged after they had been kept for you. Make your selections now. When in doubt as to what you should give, select something useful. Always shop in the morning when possible, it gives a busy store a better chance. HOLIDAY CLOTHING

Come to this Store for Clothing Values.

- MEN'S heavy all wool frieze Ulsters, double breasted, high storm collar, lined, good value at \$4.50, Holiday Price..... \$4.00
- MEN'S very fine quality, d.b. frieze Ulsters, high storm collar, black and dark brown, strap on back, strap seams, perfectly tailored, 2 specials, Holiday Price..... \$6 and \$10
- MEN'S heavy English nap Frieze Jacket, navy, fine quality, velvet collar, d.b. all sizes, special Holiday Price..... \$5.50
- MEN'S good tweed Suits, all wool, new stylish patterns, our own make, worth at least \$6.00, Holiday Price..... \$4.95
- MEN'S extra fine quality tweed Suits a large range, best values we ever saw, use these goods, don't have to buy unless you want to, special Holiday Price..... \$7, \$8, \$9, \$10
- MEN'S black and grey stripe Pants, well tailored, all sizes, special Holiday Price..... \$2.75
- MEN'S odd Coats, all wool tweed, best lining and well made, reg. \$4.50 to \$6.00 value, Holiday Price..... \$3.50
- MEN'S odd Vests, all sizes, tweed and worsted, worth up to \$1.75, Holiday Price..... \$1.00
- MEN'S heavy frieze Pants, all sizes, special Holiday Price..... \$1.25

- BOYS' 2 pc. Suits, sizes 22 to 28, a very choice range of wearable goods, all shades, special Holiday Price..... \$1.75, \$1.98, \$2.50, up to \$3.50
- BOYS' d.b. navy Reefers, English nap, velvet and storm collar, all sizes 22 to 35, special Holiday Price..... \$2.75 to \$5.00
- BOYS' heavy frieze Ulsters, sizes 22 to 35, high storm collar, d.b. strap on back, tweed lined, special Holiday Price..... \$3 to \$4.50
- BOYS' all wool tweed knickers, all sizes, Holiday Price..... 50c to 55c
- MEN'S black Ballbriggs Lamb Coats best kind of fur for wear, high astrachan collar, No. 1 quality, regular value \$25.00, special Holiday Price..... \$23.00
- MEN'S black coney Cape, wedge, Holiday Price..... \$1.29
- MEN'S beaver, opponium, wedge, all sizes, best wearing goods, regular \$3.50 value, Holiday Price..... \$2.29
- MEN'S or Ladies' electric seal wedge first quality, all sizes, special Holiday Price..... \$4.50
- MEN'S Persian lamb wedges, all sizes, special Holiday Price..... \$4.50
- MEN'S astrachan gambrille, large size, with good large cuff, old faced, regular \$2 value, special Holiday Price..... \$5.00
- MEN'S heavy imitation astrachan gambrille, with and without front finger, special Holiday Price..... \$1.25 and \$1.45

- BOYS' grey lamb Cape, wedge, all sizes, 2 specials for Holidays..... \$2.50 and \$3.50
- BOYS' union, wool ribbed and flannel Underwear, all sizes, special Holiday Price..... 20c, 25c, up to 50c
- MEN'S heavy ribbed Underwear, grey or black, colors, regular 40c value, special Holiday Price..... 25c
- MEN'S heavy all wool ribbed, Scotch knit, plain and fancy faced, a big range, all sizes, special Holiday Price..... 50c
- MEN'S all wool Scotch, knit, fancy stripe wool, and cotton faced goods worth up to \$1, special Holiday Price..... 75c
- MEN'S extra fine quality flannel Underwear, silk trimmed, put up one suit in a box, very suitable Xmas gifts, any size, reg. value \$2.50 the suit, special Holiday Price..... \$1.50
- MEN'S Neckwear, knits, four-in-hand, strap bows, Tom Tumbles, a big range, special Holiday Price..... 10c to 50c
- MEN'S silk Handkerchiefs, plain and initial special Holiday Price..... 25c to \$1
- MEN'S neck Mufflers, light and dark newest patterns, special Holiday Price..... 25c to \$1.25

Out of town customers can get these goods by mail

- 75c Crepe Silks, in Evening Shades, for..... 25c yd.
- 75c and \$1.00 Shot and Merve Silks, eight different shades, at..... 50c yd.

Jackets

Every Jacket must go, we never carry them over from one season to another. Our assortment of Ladies' Jackets is complete. It will pay you to buy at once, as first comes have the best picking.

Window Poles

We carry a most complete line of Window Pole Trimmings of all sorts. We make very special prices in them for December:

- 5 ft. Oak Pole, complete with brass ends, brackets and rings, at our very special Dec. Sale Price..... 17c

During December all Brussels and Tapestry Carpets are made free of charge.

- 3 x 6 Opague Shades, trimmed with lace 4 inches deep special Dec. Sale Price..... 30c

FOR MONEY

Why Ascher Killed Nichols

AN ERSTWHILE CHATHAM SPIRITUALIST ON TRIAL IN DETROIT FOR ALLEGED MURDER.

A jury was secured at Detroit yesterday for the trial of Ascher, the fake spiritualist who is accused of the murder and robbery of one of his victims, Valmore C. Nichols. Nichols, it will be remembered, was in Chatham for some time, where he duped the local spiritualists. He admits he is a fraud, but denies the murder.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Mandell opened the case for the prosecution.

"We charge this defendant with one of the most atrocious crimes that was ever committed," he said.

Then he told the story of Valmore C. Nichols' disappearance. To make the story more complete, he told the discovery of the body. He said that the people would show that Ascher at first denied ever having known Nichols and denied that he had been with him on the day Nichols disappeared. They would show that Ascher was hurrying across the Belle Isle bridge away from the island on the night of August 10; that arsenic was found in Nichols' stomach, and that Ascher bought two ounces of arsenic a few days before the murder was committed; that Ascher was seen in a store where copper wire is sold and that a clerk sold some copper wire to a person unknown to him.

They would show Ascher got Nichols interested in spiritualism. To make the story more complete, he told the story of Nichols' death. He said that Nichols' spirit would have gold on him. He went home and raised some \$200 or \$250. Ascher said that was not enough, the spirits would not do business unless Nichols had at least \$500 on his person. He went and borrowed the money, came to Ascher's room, and was not seen again until his body was pulled out of the Detroit river. He was murdered and robbed.

Ernest W. Green, teacher at the Detroit School for Boys, testified to having discovered the body of Nichols while rowing above Belle Isle bridge. He noticed some men at the Detroit Boat Club House and told them to call a coroner. Those who pulled out the body testified to the clothes being rumpled and the shirt pulled up. The purpose of the prosecution in showing the condition of the clothing with the shirt drawn up from front to rear, is the theory that the murderer pulled up the shirt to secure the belt in which Nichols carried \$500 in gold about his waist, next to the body.

DUELS MUST STOP

GENERAL WOOD HAS TWO BELICIOUS EDITORS ARRESTED

Because They Hungered for Each Other's Gore—Going to Fight to the Death.

Santiago, Dec. 15.—General Wood, military governor of the department of Santiago, stopped a duel yesterday that had been arranged between Senor Trujillo, editor of El Porvenir, and Senor Colera, editor of Cuba Libre. An article recently appeared in Independence, accusing Senor Trujillo, charging him with being a swindler and with numerous crimes. Senor Colera, and sent the latter a challenge, but accepted the challenge. Under the conditions agreed upon the duel was to be fought yesterday afternoon on San Juan hill. The contestants were to use "six shooters," beginning at 20 paces, and walking toward each other, firing at will. If neither were injured by the other's six shots, the antagonists were to reload and start again. The matter was reported to Gen. Wood by the chief of police, and he had both men promptly arrested and confined in their own houses under guard.

F. W. Cornish, has returned to the city for the winter. Mr. Cornish was engineer on the government cruiser Dolphin all season. The Dolphin was cruising in Georgian Bay and Lake Superior. The weather this fall was roughest in years. The government boat did good work and lifted a number of illegal nets.

Miss Rothwell, of Park St. Methodist church, will sing "The Land of the Maple Leaf" and "Hale Briton" at the C. C. I. on Friday, the 16th. Mr. J. G. Mullin will also sing, and Alphonse Thibodeau will recite. Mr. Fiegh's Pictures Travel Talk is a most of literary construction, concise, bright and full of information. The pictures are artistic specimens of rich coloring.

This morning one of the workmen on the ice at the sedimentation basin met with a cold bath and succeeded in giving himself and his colleagues a nasty fright. The ice broke away from under him and the unfortunate man went down under water several seconds. On rising, however, he was soon helped out by his fellows, little the worse for his risky plunge.

BELL & DUNN'S PRACTICE FORMS.

With reference to the new book of legal forms just published by Edwin Bell, barrister, of this city, the following footnote appears in the Toronto papers of yesterday under the heading of "Bell & Dunn's Practice Forms": Forms and Precedents of Practice in Proceedings under the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario, the Surrogate Court Rules, the Statutes of Ontario, and the Statutes of Canada, compiled, collected, revised, and arranged by Edwin Bell, LL. B., and Herbert Langwell Dunn, B. A., Osgoode Hall, barrister-at-law, Toronto: The Canada Law Journal Company. This is a really capital book of office practice. No work of more value to the members of the legal profession has appeared in Canada for many years. It can be safely recommended for a place on the shelves of every practicing solicitor in the Dominion.

ACROSS BY CABLE

The Most Interesting of the Old World's News.

Madrid, Dec. 15.—A mob of women at Grenada, considering that the discovery of America was the principal cause of Spanish misfortunes, stoned the statue of Columbus there.

WILL HOLD CRETE.

London, Dec. 15.—The Daily Mail says this morning:—"We understand that the British occupation of the island of Crete is to become permanent."

BANK OF ST. PETER.

Rome, Dec. 15.—There have been numerous applications for shares in the Bank of St. Peter, newly founded under Catholic auspices in opposition to the Liberal Bank. Branches of the Bank of St. Peter have been established in Genoa, Naples and in South America.

THE LESE MAJESTE CASE.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The trial of Mr. Frank Knack, of New York, charged with lese majeste, in referring to Emperor William as a "sheep's head," has been fixed for Dec. 20. He is still in prison, bail being refused, and the United States Embassy being unable to interfere in the case. The defence will prove that Mr. Knack, on the day he is said to have spoken disrespectfully of his Majesty, was intoxicated, and that when he was sober he always spoke respectfully of the Emperor.

GOT AHEAD OF JAPAN.

London, Dec. 15.—A despatch to the Daily News from Paris says that the Ministry of Marine believes that Russia has acquired a number of warships and are building more in the following manner:—Japan, in ordering the ships, expected to pay for them from the Chinese war indemnity, and therefore agreed to their forfeiture if she did not complete the payments by a certain date. Russia, knowing this, exerted her influence at Peking and caused a delay in the payment of the indemnity, and then purchased the vessels. The Ministry of Marine hopes that this will place Japan at a disadvantage and lessen the superiority of Great Britain in the far east.

MUST HAVE A LICENSE.

London, Dec. 15.—It had been supposed that Mrs. Anna Maria Druce, after her long fight, in which she was apparently a winner, was about to succeed in having the tomb of her father-in-law, T. O. Druce, opened in order to determine whether or not the body of Druce was really buried there, as a now said, however, that the company which owns the cemetery at Highgate, where the body is supposed to have been buried, has received intimation from the Home Office to the effect that the tomb cannot be opened without a license from the Secretary of State for Home Affairs. This is regarded as likely to prohibit the disclosure of the contents of the coffin for the present at least.

RITUALISTIC ROW.

It Takes an Acute Form in Belfast, Ireland.

A cable despatch says that the Ritualistic disturbances continue at St. Clement's church, in Belfast, Ireland. At the morning service on Sunday things passed off quietly, but at night the church was crowded and the congregation very disorderly. A general disturbance took place as the priest, containing the offertory were placed on the communion table. Having done this the rector continued for less than a minute with his back to the congregation. Whereupon cheers and shouting and cries of "No popery" and "Down with the priest" arose.

The demonstration continued for about 10 minutes, when the congregation broke up in disorder, trampling on pews and upsetting things generally. Finally the people left the church, singing, "God Save the Queen" and "Rule, Britannia."

The Irish Times (Dublin) of November 28th contains the following advertisement:—"Matrimony—Affection, pretty, refined, attractive and accomplished young lady, comfortable income, seeks loving husband. Private address, Miss Mary Jones, care of general delivery, London P. O., Canada."

Farmers should be very careful in cutting up meat not to cut themselves for if they do, blood poisoning is almost sure to result. John Foy, of Dover, and George Barr, of Chatham Township, are both suffering from accidents of this kind.

ICEBOUND!

Many Boats Frozen Up Fast.

FERRIES ARE CARRYING THEIR FOOD AND FUEL—MAY BE IMPRISONED ALL WINTER.

The ice situation at the head of Lake Erie has grown worse. Not only has the intensely cold weather of the past thirty hours made it more critical, but the shift of wind from a northerly to a southerly direction has driven the great field back into the clear channel along the north shore. This has not shut in everything near Amherstburg, waiting to go through, but has caught several that were trying to make their way through this channel and get beyond all ice to their destinations.

The ferry steamers Promise and Fortune have done heroic work among the beleaguered vessels. Both were loaded down with fuel and provisions for for such of the ice-bound steamers as need aid, and several have been helped. The ferries lay along-side the George Stone, off Kingsville, the greater part of Tuesday night, giving her enough fuel to enable her to work her engines for a couple of days, at least, and feeding her crew. Two show the hard time they are having in what was clear water Tuesday. The two steamers undertook to break a way for five freighters through the same route yesterday, and were all the morning making three and a half miles.

Though two score or more of steamers are in the ice on this lake and Lake St. Clair—and probably the number is underestimated—the most perilous position is that of those in the ice-pack between Pelee Island and Pelee Point.

WE ARE IN ADVANCE

Of our usual time with our

CHRISTMAS

Preparations for THE RUSH at

"The Ark"

We would strongly recommend all who can to come and make their selections before the rush of the last week.

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