



Annual Stock-Taking

We begin the new year with our annual stock-taking, which will continue until the 15th of January. During the next week we will offer some extra bargains in winter goods. Our holiday trade has been away ahead of our most sanguine expectations. We intend to make January a record breaker, by offering extra values in seasonable goods. If you are in need of any of the following it will pay you to buy now.

Blankets

Do you need Wool Blankets? Do you need Union Blankets? Do you need Cotton Blankets? Get them now and if you would economize. Here's one point for you to bear in mind, whatever kind of Blanket you need, Rest assured that we'll tell you frankly what it is. If its all wool we say so. If half wool, we say so. The prices run like this:

Wool and Union Blankets.....	1 50
Wool and Union Blankets.....	1 75
Wool and Union Blankets.....	2 00
Wool and Union Blankets.....	2 25
Wool and Union Blankets.....	3 00
Cotton Blankets.....	1 00
Cotton Blankets.....	1 25

FURS MUST GO!

The time for selling Furs is getting short, so some of our best Ruffs, Scarfs, Jackets and Muffs will be sold at bargain prices the next two weeks. If you want to buy a Fur Coat now is your opportunity. The prices are reduced during stock-taking.

Remnants

Some of our most popular and best selling lines find their way to the Remnant counter first. January is our clearing up month for remnants, so will find odd lengths of this season's choicest stuffs in this offering. Prices have been halved almost. Come early.

Women's Cloth Jackets

We have too many of them, including the very latest styles, mostly black and navy, of all wool Kersey cloth. You can get your Jacket want supplied here at about half the regular selling price. Drop in and have a look at our Jackets. We can save you money.

EXTRA SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

For Saturday next we will offer about twenty five dozen Bath Towels (Belfast make) good size; Towels that you pay 10c. and 12½c. in the regular way for. This lot will be put on sale at 8c. each, 15c. per pair; or two pair for 25c; or by the dozen 75c. If you are in need of Towels, this is your opportunity.

Look out for our special advertisement next week. We will have some very interesting new lines to offer. Special bargains on Saturday.

3 FARTHING'S.

The Great Bargain House.

The Busy Store.

The Beginning of the New Century.

To the Editor of The Express.

DEAR SIR.—It is most astonishing to find a large proportion of the people claiming that the 20th century began on Jan. 1st, 1900. At least one edition of a magazine, many public speakers, presidents of conventions and newspaper correspondents refer to the past week as the closing week of the century. I can scarcely conceive how this can become a subject of debate, yet we find lively debates in our city newspapers over this question. Let us see if I can make it clear. Let us suppose that the earth came into existence on last Monday morning, Jan. 1st, 1900, and continue to be the year 1, and continue to be the year 1 until the end of the year, Dec. 31st. At the latter date one year of the earth's existence would have passed, then it would require 99 more years to pass in order to have passed 100 years of the earth's existence, or one century, that bringing it to Dec. 31st, 100, the close of the first century. If the first century closes on Dec 31st, 100, it is evident that each and every century must close on the 31st day of Dec., and some multiple of 100 years, therefore the 19th century must close on 31st Dec., 1900. Yours truly, THOS. HAMMOND.

A Woman's Nerves.

NINE-TENTHS OF HER BODILY AILMENTS CAN BE TRACED TO NERVE DISORDERS AND BAD DIGESTION, SOUTH AMERICAN NERVE AID DIGESTION AND STRENGTHENS THE NERVES.

Miss Annie Patterson, of Sackville, N. B., writes: "Indigestion and weak nerves were the bug bears of my life for years. I tried doctors and proprietary medicines till I completely lost heart. Being induced by a friend to try South American Nerve, after taking one bottle I was greatly relieved. Three bottles effected a complete cure. I can recommend it as a valuable remedy and believe it to be the best nerve and stomach tonic in the world. For sale by J. E. Richards and E. A. Caughall.

The railway men know all our cases; There's not a mind they can't unravel! That's why they give their annual passes To folks they know just hate to travel. All ailments of children cured by Miller's Worm Powders.

MAPLETON

Mr. and Mrs. D. Finch spent Xmas with friends in Hamilton.

Mrs. C. Warwick, of Shedden, spent Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Johnson, of this place.

The November cheese was sold at the Mapleton factory for 11 15 cents per lb.

Miss Mabel Bray, of West Branch, Mich., is spending her holidays with friends here.

Miss Ethel Deo, of Seville, was the guest of Miss M. Charlton for several days last week.

Mr. D. Harvey, of Mich., is the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. M. Bray.

Mr. W. W. Charlton, of Courtright, and Mr. and Mrs. P. Charlton, of St. Thomas, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Charlton on Xmas.

Mr. S. Marshall of Corinth, spent Xmas with his daughter, Mrs. J. Warwick.

Mrs. George Legg, an old resident of this place, passed over to the silent majority, and was buried on Wednesday of last week in the cemetery near the church of the Disciples. She leaves two sons, Mr. S. Legg, of Lyons, also one daughter, Mrs. Randal Learu, of Aylmer.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

CALTON

Mr. Albert Pritchard is reported very ill again.

The remains of the late Mr. James McDiarmid, a highly respected resident of Lakeview were interred in Calton cemetery on Friday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McConnell are receiving a visit from their cousin from Woodstock.

Mr. John Procuror and Miss Montie Brady were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon McConnell spent Xmas with friends in Mr. Clemens, Mich.

Geo. Wilson, of Tilsonburg, visited his mother here Xmas week.

All who attended Professor Grant's show in the hall here express themselves as well entertained.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

GROVESEND

Revival services began in the church here on Monday evening, conducted by Revs. Staples and Moorhouse, also a brother of Mr. Moorhouse will be with them to assist for a few evenings.

Mrs. J. McClellan spent New Years with her daughter, Mrs. E. Russ, of Yarmouth.

Quite a number from here attended an oyster supper at Mt. Salem on Saturday night, given by the Royal Templars.

La Grippe is again in the neighborhood, Mrs. S. Irwin has been quite bad with it for the past few days.

At the school meeting last week Mr. E. Chute was put in trustee in place of Mr. R. Chute.

A PHYSICIAN is not always at hand. Guard yourself against sudden coughs and colds by keeping a bottle of Pain-Killer in the house. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. 25c. and 50c.

LITON.

Miss Hope Hill has returned from visiting St. Thomas friends.

Miss L. Haggan leaves on Thursday for St. Louis, where she will spend a few weeks with her uncle, Dr. R. Hill.

Mr. E. Pritchard and bride have returned from their honeymoon trip.

Mrs. F. Dunn is spending a few days with her daughter at Grovesend.

Mrs. I. Chambers, of Alvington, has returned home after a few days visit with her sister, Mrs. A. Harrett.

About twenty of the friends of Mr. G. Scott met at his home on Thursday evening last, and gave him a very pleasant surprise prior to his departure for Guelph.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

Rosy cheeks, good health and good spirits—Miller's Compound Iron Pills.

SOME QUEER DREAMS.

VISIONS THAT RESULTED IN THE CAPTURE OF CRIMINALS.

Marvelous Manifestations That Baffle the Ingenuity of Man to Explain and Which Prove Anew That Truth is Stranger Than Fiction.

A very remarkable instance of the tracing of a criminal by means of a dream occurred in St. Louis. A woman named Mary Thornton was detained in custody for a month, charged with the murder of her husband. A week or so after her arrest she requested to see one of the prison officials and told him she had dreamed that an individual named George Ray had murdered her spouse, giving the official at the same time full details of the tragedy as witnessed in her vision. The man Ray was not suspected at the time, but the prison authorities were so much impressed by the woman's obvious earnestness that a search was at once made for him.

After some delay he was traced and charged with the crime, the details of the same as seen in the dream being rehearsed to him. Overcome with astonishment, he then and there confessed that he had committed the crime. Curiously enough, the woman had only met the murderer once and believed him to be on the very best of terms with her husband.

Almost as remarkable was the case of a woman named Drew, who dreamed one night that her husband, a retired sailor, had been murdered by a peddler at a Gravesend tavern, where the said husband was in the habit of putting up when visiting the town in question. The first news that awaited her on rising in the morning was that her spouse had been assassinated at the very tavern she had seen in her extraordinary vision, whereupon she burst into hysterical tears and cried out that her dream had come true.

She calmed down somewhat after a few hours and then handed the police officials an exact description of the peddler of the vision, giving a minute account of his dress, which included a blue coat of a very peculiar pattern. Marvelous as the fact may appear, a man wearing such a coat and following the occupation of a peddler was discovered two days later at an inn some six miles from Gravesend, and on being taxed with the crime, he at once admitted that he was guilty and that robbery had been the motive of the outrage. He was hanged soon afterward, his doom having been brought about by the flimsy evidence of a woman's dream.

Women as dreamers seem more successful than men, but a rather peculiar instance of a crime being traced by a vision and in which the dreamer was a member of the male sex comes from Rennes, in France. A worthy merchant, having quitted his office one Saturday evening, proceeded home to dinner and after enjoying a substantial meal lay down on the couch and fell into a light doze. A very vivid dream then came to him wherein he saw two men of the burglar type engaged in rifling the safe in his office, and so much impressed was he by the vision that he resolved, upon awakening, to at once go to the office and see that everything was under lock and key.

His amazement may be imagined when, on arriving there, he discovered the door forced and a burglary in progress. To summon a couple of gendarmes was the work of an instant, and five minutes later the thieves, who proved to be notorious housebreakers, were on their way to the police depot, where the prosecutor told his extraordinary story. In view of the fact that the safe contained valuables to the extent of some thousands of pounds, the dream in question proved a very fortunate one for the dreamer.

How to explain these marvelous manifestations, which prove once more that truth is stranger than fiction, is a task beyond the ingenuity of man to compass. Perchance the theory of telepathy may have something to do with the mysterious business, but even that theory would appear rather inadequate in such cases as the aforementioned.

A skillful forger who moved in the highest circles of society was once detected by the agency of a dream. The affair occurred in Boston and caused the greatest excitement of the time.

The forger, a young man of eight or nine and twenty, had become acquainted with a rich publisher, at whose house he became a constant guest. One day the publisher's bankers discovered that some one was forging their client's signature to various large checks, and two detectives were at once instructed to look out for the culprit.

Their efforts proved useless, but one evening the publisher's youngest daughter, a little girl of 11, dreamed that she saw a man whom she described as "like Mr. Blank," the visitor to whom reference has been made, sitting in a room in Maine street copying her father's signature. The child's dream was communicated to the police, who, though inclined to ridicule the same at the outset, eventually promised to have the gentleman in question watched, with the result that his lodgings were raided and a complete plant for the making of bank notes found there. It then transpired that he was a man who was wanted for manifold forgeries throughout the Union, and he was sent to prison for a very long term.

The child's dream was all the more extraordinary in view of the fact that she was too young to understand the leading incidents of the business and attributed the copying of her father's signature in the dream to the "gentleman wanting to write nicely, like papa." Strange, very strange, but none the less true, and proving once more that, as Hamlet remarked, "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamed of in your philosophy."—Philadelphia Times.

THE BUSY CORNER.

The Bargain House of Aylmer

Careful buyers find by a comparison of Goods and prices that we are selling every day in the week, and every week in the year, from 10 to 20 per cent. less than regular prices, and the year 1900 will find us doing the same.

Great Inducements for Jacket Buying.

Here is an opportunity to get strictly up-to-date Garments at much below their value. We want to sell every Jacket. It is our aim to start each season with an entirely new stock. If there is a Jacket here you want, be early. First come will get them.

2 only black Beaver Cloth Jackets, high collar, were \$4.90, now \$2.00.

2 only Black Diagonal Cloth Jackets, coat collar, were \$4.90, now \$2.00.

4 only black Beaver Jackets, high collar, were \$3.50, now \$2.50.

2 only black Beaver Jackets, high collar, were \$4.50, now \$3.00.

4 only fancy Heather Tweed Jackets, high collar, worth \$5.00, now \$3.00.

3 only Heather Frieze Jackets, cord and Velvet Trimming, high collar, were \$5.00, now \$3.75.

2 only Brown Curl Cloth Jackets, high collar, fancy buttons, were \$7.50, now \$4.00.

2 only black Beaver Jackets, high collar, braid trimming, were \$7.00, now \$4.50.

2 only green Beaver Jackets, very high collar, velvet trimmed, were \$6.75, now 4.50.

3 only Fawn Beaver Jackets, coat collar silk lined, pearl buttons, were \$7.50, now \$5.00.

5 only Fawn Kersey Jackets, silk velvet coat collar, were \$7, now \$5.00.

1 only Black Beaver Jacket, braid trimmed, high collar, \$8.50 for \$6.00.

2 only Fawn Kersey Cloth Jackets, fancy linings, plaid buttons, velvet coat collar, were \$10, now \$7.00.

2 only Black Curl Cloth Jackets, high collar, trimmed with broadcloth and satin, were \$10, now \$7.50.

Simpson & Case

Dry Goods Importers and Clothiers.

Not a Banquet

but a bargain feast—a spread to help your pocket book. You are invited; so are all your friends.



Every cent you invest in our seasonable stock will go for thoroughly honest and reliable goods. Come and save enough money to be merry over.

The methods we employ are all legitimate, and our promises are fulfilled to the letter. We sell only high-class Goods at low-class figures, and good value is apparent in all our offerings.

Our New Stock is Replete with Bargains

Inspect our goods, examine the quality, learn the prices, and you will find that it is sometimes economy to spend money and extravagant to save. This is one of the times. All summer Goods at reduced prices.

Christie & Caron.

Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Gents' Furnishings.