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## Greetings

As the year 1925 draws to a close, we feel a very strong sense of gratitude to our good customers and friends.

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WE WISH YOU SINCERELY A

**Merry Christmas**  
and a

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**A Merry Xmas and A Bright and Prosperous New Year**

WE ALSO ANNOUNCE THE OPENING OF A WINTER SERVICE and will do our utmost to accommodate the General Public with a Prompt and Efficient Service.

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## A Christmas Song

(By Teresa Brayton.)  
O Lord, as You lay so soft and white,  
A babe in a manger stall,  
With the big star flashing across the night,  
Did you know and pity us all?  
Did the wee hands, close as a rosebud curled,With the call of their mission ache,  
To be out and saving a weary world  
For Your merciful Father's sake?

Did you hear the cries of the groping blind,  
The woe of the leper's prayer,  
The surging sorrow of all mankind  
As You lay by Your Mother there?  
Beyond the shepherds, low bending down,  
The long, long road did You see  
That led from peaceful Bethlehem town  
To the summit of Calvary?

The world grown weary of wasting strife,  
Had called for the Christ to rise;  
For him had poisoned the springs of life,  
And only the dead were wise.  
But, wrapped in a dream of scornful pride,  
Too high were its eyes to see,  
A child, foredoomed to be crucified,  
On a peasant Mother's knee.

But, while the heavens with glad acclaim  
Sang out the tale of Your birth,  
A mystic echo of comfort came  
To the desolate souls of earth.  
For the thrill of a slowly turning tide  
Was felt in that grey daybreak,  
As if God, the Father, had sanctified,  
All sorrow for One Man's sake.

A Child of the Promise! Lord of Love!  
O Master of all the earth!  
While the angels were singing their songs above  
We bring our gifts to Your birth,  
Just the blind man's cry, and the lame man's pace,  
And the leper's pitiful call;  
On these, over infinite fields of space,  
Look down, for You know them all.

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## Other Names for Christmas

THE OLDEST IS "THE FEAST OF LIGHTS."

Christmas Day's full title is "The Nativity of Our Lord, or the Birthday of Christ," to which the prayer book somewhat quaintly adds: "Commonly called Christmas Day."

The oldest name for Christmas is "The Feast of Lights." This has no reference to the multitude of lights burnt in churches and houses as part of the Christmas rejoicings. The name is in remembrance of the lighted heavens in which the angels appeared on the first Christmas Day.

Another Christmas name is "The Feast—or Festival—of the Incarnation." This holds the reminder that the coming of the Babe of Bethlehem meant the God was incarnate—in flesh—on the world.

Another name for Christmas was "Godde's Day," a term found in very old carols.

The word "Christmas" is, of course, a contraction of "Christ's Mass," in the same way that Michaelmas and Martinmas are contractions of "Michael's Mass," and "Martin's Mass."

"Mass" meant "service," in the church sense, thus "Christ's Mass Day" meant that on December 25, a special service would be held in remembrance of His birth.

Old carols prove that our forefathers did not, as we do, cut the word Christmas into "Chris-mas," and thus retained its real significance.

"Yule" is a very old name for Christmas, and there are a score or more explanations as to its origin and meaning. The one generally accepted is that "Yule" is a Christianised version of "Jule," which was a December pagan feast.

A Watch Chain or Fob will make an acceptable Xmas Gift. See our assortment. R. H. TRAPNELL, LTD.—dec21,22

## Slaughter of Pedestrians

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 15.—(Canadian Press Despatch).—"Hardly a day passes when the roads are not strewn with dead and wounded," said Mr. Justice Shearman at Glamorgan Assizes when he sentenced James Ernest Holland, a Newport dry dock manager to six months' imprisonment for the manslaughter of a cyclist. The judge added that if he were to treat the case lightly by saying that Holland took a risk in "cutting out" which other people were taking continually, and to pass it over, he would only encourage people to take risks again.

"The loss of life on the roads at the present time is appalling," said the judge. "On a recent Sunday, while being driven in my car, I saw twenty cases of people with motor vehicles who ought to have been prosecuted. The next day I was told by the chief constable that six people had been killed in the county on that Sunday."

Here is a delicious supper sandwich—battered toast; WILSON'S CERTIFIED BACON fried crisp; thin slices of fried tomato; season to taste.

## Two Officers Lost Papers Temporarily

PROBE INTO GROUNDING OF FREIGHTER AIREDALE IS CLOSED.

The certificates of Captain Butcher and Second Officer Hunter of the British freighter Airedale, which grounded at Ile aux Coudres, Saturday, December 5, were held temporarily by Captain Demers, Dominion Work Commissioner, after the enquiry into the grounding, held at Quebec yesterday. Captain Demers explained that this action was taken pending his decision, which would be given at Ottawa Saturday. The Airedale is scheduled to sail Saturday afternoon.

The enquiry, which rumor promised would be replete with sensation, was disappointing in this regard. The nearest thing to sensationalism came when Captain Butcher stated that the missing pilot, Jules Lachance, who had charge of the ship, when she grounded, was drunk. This and the rather fiery summings-up of the three attorneys, furnished what excitement there was.

Emile Parent, K.C., acted on behalf of the family of the missing pilot. Cecil Thompson represented Captain Butcher and A. R. Halcen appeared for the Canada Steamship Lines.

The testimony of First Officer Jas. F. Scott, who joined the ship in Montreal three weeks ago, brought out that the voyage to Quebec, was not without incident. He said that half the crew came aboard drunk and that the ship's carpenter ran amuck with an axe soon after they left Montreal.

Icy Decks.

Second Officer Thomas Hunter, who was on the bridge with Lachance when the Airedale grounded, produced the log-book which showed the course taken just previous to the grounding. He also said that there were no openings in the bridge or deck rails, but added that the deck was covered with ice and that it was raining.

Captain Butcher said that the last time he had seen Pilot Lachance was thirty minutes after the accident. He said the ship was searched for half an hour after the pilot had been missed, before it was decided that he had fallen overboard. He said that he had failed to launch boats then, because he thought it would be useless on account of the dark night and the six mile current. He said that it was the last thing anyone thought that the pilot would have fallen or jumped overboard, until a complete search of the ship proved that he was not on board.

Emile Parent, in summing up for the parents of the missing man, said that there was no suspicion of foul play, but that he did think that the captain did neglect to do everything possible to locate Lachance, as soon as he was missed.—Montreal Herald, Dec. 17.

The Shoe worth while—"K" at F. SMALLWOODS.—dec17,18

## Dean Ince Says "They Have All Missed"

"There are many people who go through life with no eyes except for what may help or hinder them in carrying out their schemes for 'getting on.' These are the so-called 'practical men,' who, as they trot along the broad road in their self-chosen blinkers, miss all the finer meanings and nobler uses of life more completely than the average commonplace and unambitious person whom they despise. Their doom was uttered long ago. 'He gave them their desire, and sent leanness withal into their soul.' They have chosen to live without love, and in missing that they have missed all.

"The great crises of history, and the great revolutions or revelations in human knowledge, have been most strangely impotent to move the mass of mankind out of their familiar ruts. For instance, the City of Rome, owing mainly to obvious geographical advantages, was for many centuries mistress of the Mediterranean basin, which then almost comprised the civilized world; and so strong is the force of habit that to this day many millions of Christians are convinced that in the counsels of God there must always be a universal Church with its seat of government on the Tiber. Again, modern astronomy has long ago shattered the old religious geography of the universe; but old habits of thought are too strong for new knowledge. The world of many Christians is still a building in three storeys."

The above is from a discourse "Christ's Call to Awake," by Dean Ince, in a book entitled Advent and Christmas Sermons.

## MOTORISTS!

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## Torture by Bandits

SLOW-BURNING AN OLD MAN'S FEET.

Memories of the famous bandits of the Somme, who years ago terrorised the country, have been revived by the feat of three masked burglars, who broke into an isolated house near Abbeville. The only inhabitant was an elderly man named M. Merchez, whose son is a lawyer.

The three men, who were armed, demanded that M. Merchez should show them where he hid his money, and when he said that there was nothing in the house, his money being at Abbeville, they tied his legs together and placed his bare feet before a blazing wood fire. He screamed with pain for an hour, before the bandits alarmed at the prospect of being overtaken by dawn pulled him roughly from in front of the fire and made off.

## The Search for a New Anæsthetic

Ernest search is being made for an anæsthetic more satisfactory than any now known. Ether is effective, and it is convenient in being liquid at ordinary temperature and pressure, but its after-effects of bronchitis or sickness are unpleasant, and its inflammability makes necessary much care in its use. Nitrous oxide, or laughing gas, is not always dependable, while its gaseous form is a disadvantage in handling. Various hydrocarbons of anæsthetic properties have been tried in recent years, and three of the new sleep-producing gases—acetylene ethylene and propylene—have been for some months under special investigation by British physicians at St. Guy's Hospital, London. Acetylene dissolved in acetone is by the Germans compressed in cylinders under the name of narzylen. Though the acetylene produces satisfactory anæsthesia, trial of it is discontinued, on account of its odor, the difficulty of separating it from the acetone, and its tendency to cause salivation. Ethylene, which has given good results, but is also prophylic, The Lancet suggests that future improvement may lie not in the substitution of other agents for nitrous oxide and for ether, but in the discovery of methods and measures by which these two faithful servants may be purged of their defects.

## What Fossils Are

Bones do not become fossil by impregnation with silica, as has been so long supposed. From a thorough investigation of 300 different examples, collected from every continent and representing many geological ages, A. F. Rogers has proven that fossil bone is almost entirely the amorphous mineral collophane which is not a definite chemical compound, but seems to be a hydrous solid solution of calcium carbonate, with some fluoride and sulphate, in calcium phosphate. Collophane is also the principal constituent of phosphate rock. Of all fossils seen only three are silicified, but silica and calcite more commonly associated with the collophane.

## Wine Takes Place of Hard Liquor

Two Million Gallons More Wine Were Consumed in Great Britain Last Year.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Britons are reverting more and more to the habits of their forefathers in the matter of drink. The consumption of wine in this country is on the increase. It is stated in the report of the customs and excise for the year which ended last March, that 15,533,703 gallons of wine were consumed during that period. This was an increase of two million gallons over the previous twelve months.

The consumption of spirits is decreasing, there having been a drop of 600,000 proof gallons in home made spirits and 180,000 proof gallons of foreign spirits.

Experts say empire wines are increasing in popularity. A liquor from South Africa which is produced from an old Boer recipe, is having an increased sale.

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