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25c and 50c each

These are put up specially for Christmas, by one of the big firms in England. They contain pretty toys, good candles, and you get a large variety for very little money

Christmas Crackers, 10c a doz.

Mixed Nuts, 18c a pound.

Fine Walnuts, 20c a pound.

Fine Almonds, 20c a lb.

Table Raisins, 20c and 25c a pound.

Cranberries, 12½ a quart.

Table Figs, 15c and 20c a pound.

Mocha and Java Coffee, 40c a lb.

Mixed Candy, 3 lbs. for 25c

Cream Chocolates, 15c a pound

Cardinal Chocolates, 30c a lb.

H. Malcolmson

See Ours First And Save Money

Great Clearing Sale this week at "THE BEEHIVE" of all

Toys, Dolls, Games, Books, Paperies, Toilet Cases, Calendars, Etc.

Also a splendid range of appropriate and useful Xmas Gifts.

Come Early and Avoid the Rush

G. W. Sulman's Beehive

Garnier House Block.

THAMESVILLE.

Dec. 21.—Wm. M. Drader, of Chatham, was in town yesterday. A very enjoyable tea meeting and concert was held in the Howard school house on the Ridgeway sidewalk, on Wednesday evening. A good program, consisting of recitations, solos and music was given. Warden John Davidson occupied the chair in his usual happy manner. The proceeds amounted to fifty dollars. A. J. Henderson, of Toronto, was a visitor in town yesterday. After an illness extending over a period of two years, John Haugh, of Camden, passed away last evening, at the age of 66 years. The deceased has lived here for a number of years, and was very highly respected by all who knew him. The funeral will take place in Florence, on Saturday. Mr. Westcott and daughter, of Dresden, spent the day here. Alex. Podlewski, is visiting his family here, after an absence of some years.

"AT BLOODY WATERLOO."

To-morrow, the Planet will publish a description by Dr. McKenough of the famous battle field of Waterloo. The doctor has even excelled his own previous articles in this letter and has written it so vividly that the reader can almost imagine he sees Napoleon hurrying his gallant veterans against Wellington's unflinching squares. The letter gives a much clearer conception of why Napoleon was beaten that day than any ordinary historical work, and takes much less space to do it in.

Sketches of all the latest and most approved pattern, at Morton's Hardware Store.

.....Hardware

.....Specialties

Electro Plate, Knives, Children's Sets, Table, Dessert and Pocket Cutlery,

Table and Dessert Forks and Spoons, Teat Forks and Solid Forks A Large Assortment Of Scissors.

John A. Morton's Hardware Store King Street.

LOCAL BRIEFS

John Haugh of Camden, is dead. Cigars in 10c and 25c, special for Xmas. Bennett's Kiddellows temple. H. P. Cummings, of Port Elgin, is in the city visiting friends.

Fine lines of outing flannels and shaker, from 5c to 15c yd at the Gordon store. 3rd. Did you notice VonGuten Bros. Watch Bargains for Saturday and Monday next?

Ladies' jackets at your own price at Gordon's. 3rd. The key is missing from the fire alarm box at the corner of Harvey and West streets.

See the large variety of ties and underwear and umbrellas at Thibodeau & Jacques.

"Way Down East," the greatest farm play of recent years, was booked yesterday by the management of the local theatre.

Gold stamping on Bibles and presentation books, or any leather goods at The Planet Bindery, while you wait. Pipes, cigar cases and tobacco pouches, a fine line for Xmas at Bennett's, L. O. O. F. temple.

Ten Indian braves will take part in the Harwich No. 1 S. S. entertainment this evening. Admission 25c, children 15c.

The Ladies of the Home of the Friendless wish to acknowledge a half ton of flour from Henry Dagneau, Humane officer, to be distributed in charity.

The 25c and 50c silk counters are a great attraction at the Gordon store. 3rd.

Miss Edith Holmes and Miss Meta Wilson have returned from Haverhill Hall, Toronto, for Christmas holidays.

Miss Florence G. Stephenson returned this afternoon from "Glen Mawr" College, Toronto, for the holidays.

Hubert Robert, who has been attending Sandwich College, has returned home for the Christmas vacation.

There was a great rush at Thibodeau & Jacques' kid glove counter yesterday and to-day but the three salesladies at that counter were able to fill all orders.

An interesting stereopticon entertainment of bible pictures and graphophone concert will be given in aid of St. Peter's church, Big Point, on Thursday evening 27th inst.

A grand Christmas tree and musical entertainment will be held in the S. S. No. 1, Harwich school house, this evening. Miss Margaret Huff, soprano, Dresden; F. Lowe, of Toronto, and a number of others will take part.

Remember the poor—Cash donations, groceries, vegetables, fruits, flowers, bedding, etc., will be thankfully received for distribution by the Ladies' Assistance Society. Communications addressed to Mrs. W. R. Landon will be promptly acknowledged.

The great Cut Sale of Watches for Saturday and Monday next, at VonGuten Bros., include Ladies' Solid Gold Watches in 10k and 14k, fitted with Waltham or Elgin movements, at 16 and 18 dollars, which include as well as the best bargain ever offered in a lady's solid gold watch a silk guard with gold slide, a fine watch-box also, engraved with any inscription purchaser may desire.

The officers of the 24th Kent Regiment held a meeting at the close of drill last evening at the offices of Lieut.-Col. Rankin. Much satisfaction was expressed at the progress made and it was decided to invite Lieut.-Col. Holmes to Chatham next Thursday, to consult upon further reorganizing the regiment.

Thos. E. Orr, of Chatham, accompanied by his assistant pianist, played at a select private dance given in the house of Mr. J. Hanston, the well-known Tibury druggist, on the 18th inst. The company including some excellent musical critics were unanimous in hearty applause and declared that the entertainment given was one of the best presented in Tibury.

The greatest snap ever offered in Ladies' Solid Gold Watches, stem wind, fitted with the genuine Waltham or Elgin movements, will be sold by VonGuten Bros., Chatham's reliable jewelers, Saturday and Monday next, for \$16.00. Don't think they are gold filled, or gold covers with filled edges, or with imitated domes, but guaranteed solid gold throughout.

For Christmas and New Year Holidays, W. E. Rispen, City Passenger and Ticket Agent, 115 King street, will issue return tickets at single fare to points in Canada, Dec. 22nd to 25th, returning 26th, and Dec. 30th to 1st of January, returning Jan. 2, and at fare and one-third, Dec. 21st to 25th, returning 27th, and Dec. 29th to Jan. 1st, returning Jan. 3rd; and will also sell at fare and one-third return tickets to points in Central Passenger Association Territory west of Detroit, Dec. 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th and Jan. 1st, good returning until Jan. 2nd. Also special excursion rates to teachers and students for the holidays. t Dec. 31

Seldom if ever before has the Planet been able to call attention to a reliable firm, such as VonGuten Bros., who are offering ladies' solid gold watches, the very latest design of hand engraving, fitted with the well known Waltham or Elgin movements, which they personally guarantee to keep in repair for five years, for \$16, which includes a solid guard with gold slide and a beautiful plush watch box, for Saturday and Monday only.

THE KINDERGARTEN CLOSING EXERCISES

At the Central School—they were Very Interesting.

For pretty conception, artistic surroundings, admirable order and graceful movements there are few more attractive afternoons than those spent with the little folks in the kindergarten.

Yesterday afternoon a delightful gathering of invited friends assembled at the Central School to witness the charming exercises of the class, Miss Green, the accomplished kindergarten principal, was in charge and with her was the pleasing assistance of Misses Eva Schwemler, Mildred Turner and Edith McCrae. The little ones numbered over 60 and their presentation was creditable alike to teachers and taught. The room was beautifully decorated with appropriate features. Flags and foliage intertwined and encircled pictures of our beloved Queen, Santa Claus and other children's favorites.

The proceedings were exceedingly bright and entertaining. The children marched in with songs and Christmas greetings, kneeling for the pretty opening prayer and continuing with the season songs, tracing the physical changes from midsummer to Christmas, the departure of the birds, the

falling of the leaves, the winter winds and the snow flakes that are booked to come.

Then the students separated into classes and did special work. The initial exercises consisted of Santa Claus on pretty cards, others worked with holiday scenes, others again manufactured little stars with sticks while Miss Schwemler told a fourth group Christmas stories which the little ones illustrated on their slates. The Christmas gifts made by the children were as follows:—

Miss Green's class—Cornucopias for hair receivers. Miss Schwemler's class—Calendars, prettily etched and worked. Miss Turner's class—Handkerchief boxes covered with foldings.

Miss McCrae's class—Photo holders in shape of stars. After the games came the unloading of the laden Christmas tree. Dr. R. V. Bray proved an ideal Santa Claus and this closing feature was much enjoyed.

SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS.

In order to meet the convenience of the travelling public, the Canadian Pacific Railway will run two extra trains, one leaving the Chatham station for Toronto and eastern points, on Sunday at 2:36 a. m., and another will go west at 1:05 on Monday morning. The usual round rates will be given.

Wanted!—Old pipe and tea lead, at once. The Planet.

What... Shall I Give?

For the troubled ones who are endeavoring to solve the problem what to give for Christmas we offer the following limited suggestions from our large and varied stock. These would make nice gifts

For Him

A Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen
A Cigar Case, in Leather
A Bill Wallet
A Walking Stick
A Collar and Cuff Box
A Leather Travelling Companion
A Necktie and Handkerchief Box
A Good Book or a Bible
A Nice Ink Well
A Photo Frame with your Own Portrait

For Her

A Pretty Party Fan
A Finger Purse with Initial
A Box of Nice Note Paper
An Ebony Hand Mirror
A Nice Gift Book or a Bible
A Photo Frame with your Own Portrait
A Leather Writing Portfolio
A Comb and Brush Set
A Scissors Set in Leather Case

For Boys and Girls

Black Boards—25c and 35c
Drawing Sets
Picture Books—all prices
Boys' Own
Girls' Own
Chatterbox
Crokinole Boards
Caroom Boards
Pencil Boxes

And many other pretty and useful gifts. We invite inspection of our stock, with every confidence that we can please.

Dingman..

Gordon's Christmas Chimes

Christmas is at hand again with its unselfish happy plannings, merry whispered secrets, sly dodging to quite corners, smiles upon smiles and smothered laughter, snatches of old songs, fat mysterious stockings, trees blazing with glory, hearts dancing with love, eyes shining with joy, yet sometimes filled with memories' tears—such is Christmas. Presents for the boys and girls, and the blessed babies, sweet sixteens, big brothers and sweethearts, for fathers and mothers, dear old grand-mas and grand-pas, uncles, aunts, cousins and old batchelors—Cheer them every one with a present from our large stock and our low prices.

MISS CATHCART

For Xmas trade will sell Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats at ½ and ⅓ off. Widows' Dress Caps for presents. Tips and Wings at ½ price.

Waist Silks and

Silk Waists

A table of fancy silks, reg. values 38c, 40c, 10c and 60c per yd. 25c
20 pos. fancy waist silk, reg. value 75c
cut and 1½ at per yd. 60c
SILK WAISTS, MANUFACTURERS
SAMPLES of fine taffeta silk waists, 3 reg value, a beautiful Xmas Box sure.

Handkerchiefs

Children's colored bordered. 2c to 5c
Ladies' plain hemstitch and lace bordered. 5c to 12c
Ladies' initial embroidered handkerchiefs. 12c
Ladies' initial linen handkerchiefs, at 10c to 12c
Ladies' fancy embroidered special 5c, 10c, 14c and 25c
Ladies' fancy lace handkerchiefs from 25c to 50c
Gents' Cambric Handkerchiefs, from 5c to 15c
Gents' Linen Handkerchiefs, from 12c to 25c
Gents' Hemstitch Linen Handkerchiefs, from 18c to 25c
Gents' Initial Lawn Handkerchiefs, at 25c
Gents' Initial and Hemstitch Silk Handkerchiefs, from 25c to 50c

Purses, satchels, shopping bags, chateleine bags, chain purses, etc.

Ladies' Belts, everything in this line you can desire from 25c to \$1.

Hose supporters, garters, elastic notions.

Specials

Combs—Pompadour combs, side and back combs, fine and coarse combs, hair and tooth brushes.
Belt buckles, scarf and hat pins, broaches, cut buttons, etc.
Wide fancy ribbons for belts, cushion frills, sashes, etc., per yd., 10c.
Babies' bonnets, hoods, tucks, tams, etc., from 25c to 1.75
Dolls—handsome dolls, 5c, 9c, 25c

Furs!

Full description would require an extra edition of this paper, we will quote prices and particulars when you visit us, new goods daily.
Special Seal Jackets from \$25.00 to \$45.00
Astrachan Jackets, specials and samples, 22, 24, 27, 30, 34, 36 in long.

Astrachan Capes, from 27 to 30 in. long.
Sable Colletttes and Capelines, with muffs to match.

Electric Seal Ruffs, collars and muffs.
Astrachan Ruffs, collars and muffs.

Combination and Fancy Furs.
Ladies' and Children's Gauntlets of all kinds.

Jackets and Tailored Suits

When buying for another bring the best measure, we can do the rest, and if we miss it we can change it.

Tailored Suits, from \$4.75 to \$6.75, lined or unlined jackets, best of linings and trimmings, nothing neglected.
Separate Skirts, traveler's samples, no two alike, at less than the price of the materials—\$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98.

Dress Goods

We are noted for the largest, best assorted, most fashionable stock of black and colored Dress Goods in the city and at economical prices, with a dress lining and trimming department to match. We could say more, but a visit will convince you best.

Fine French Flannels and American imitations, fine silk and wool plaids. These are the kind for a ladies' waist for presents. A new dress pattern, either in wool or silk, is a thrilling Xmas box, we have them from \$1.50 to \$4.00 and \$6.00 in wool, and from \$5.00 up in silk.

Fancy Knit Shawls for Xmas, sample lot at from 50c to \$3.00, ½ to ¾ below regular prices.

Kid Glove Attractions

At 50c a good line from broken lot of \$1.00 and 75c goods, all sizes.
75c Le Chateau lawn laced kids, bargain.
\$1.00 Fawcett's celebrated Kid Gloves, with black and white fancy backs.
\$1.00 white Kid Gloves, all sizes, black white, stitched backs.
\$1.00 white Kid Gloves, all sizes, stitched back.
\$1.25 Jaumette Daphne, black or colored fancy stitched backs.
\$1.50 party Kid Gloves, all lengths.
Gents' Gloves, fine mocha knit Hainings.
\$1.50 and 25c.
Silk lined fine mocha Gloves. \$2.50
Lined Kid Gloves, all sizes, \$1.00 and 25c.
Kangaroo and kid unlined Gloves \$1.50.
\$1.00 and 25c.
Men's fine black wool Mitts. 75c.
Men's fur and imitation Gauntlets. from \$1.00 to \$9.00.

Men's Furnishings

Neckties—A fine exhibit of Neckwear 15c, 20c and 25c.
Neckwear, full assortment 25c, 50c and 75c.
Black satin Chest Scarfs, silk lined, for ladies and gentlemen. \$1.00
Braces, a large variety 25c, 50c and 75c.
Fine Underwear of every description, from heavy cotton goods at 25c up to wool 35c, 50c, 75c, finest imported wool. \$2.00

Umbrellas, Ladies' and Gents'

For presents \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3 to \$5.00

Rain Proof Coats for ladies' and Gents'.
Lounge Rugs, beauties, \$1.00, \$1.25 to \$2.00.
Ladies' eiderdown Dressing Jackets. special values \$1.00, \$1.50 and 25c.
Fancy German Flannel Shirt Waists, all sizes, at 25c.

William Gordon...

SOLE AGENTS FOR STANDARD PATTERNS

PAYNE SCHOOL'S CLOSING DAY.

A Pleasant Time spent by the Scholars—The Promotion List.

Thursday was closing day at Payne school. The afternoon was spent in popping corn and a short concert was given by the children. The teachers then treated the scholars to pop-corn, candy and nuts. The exercises closed by awarding diplomas, singing God Save the Queen and giving three cheers for Mr. Wilson and the trustees for the holiday on Friday.

PROMOTION LIST.

Part I to Part II—Ida Graham, Frank Blencome, Willie Pryor, Lloyd Dale, Willie Gant, Willie Snook, Edna Vanstone, Roy Nicholls.
Absent—Levene Davis, John McMurray.

Part II to III—George Somerville, Roy Nelson, Fred Robinson, Lida Mathers, Charlie McGregor, Clarence Davy, Mollie McGregor, Beatrice Wilson, Roy Reid, George Somers.
Part I—Class I to II—In order of merit: Lyle Kellar, Margaret Sulman, Wallace Taylor, Fred Taylor, Eva Perry, Laura Dale, Marie Moore, Vera Etches, Kenneth Brown, James Marshall, Frank Liddy.
Class II to III—John McDonald, Edith Graham, Josie Hayes, Charles Haley, Russell

all Haley, Joe Johnston, Rhea Turtle, Grace Johnson, Lyle Payne, Edna Magge, Maggie Dean.
Diplomas, junior class—George Somerville 76 per cent, Roy Nelson 72, Fred Robinson 68, Lida Matthews 67, Charlie McGregor 68.

Senior Class—Charlotte Somers 82, Willie Dean 78, Edith Harris 76, Alice Hayes 75, George McMurray 60, Ethel Morrison 60. Diplomas awarded to all who obtained 60 per cent and over of all marks obtainable during term.
Class II—John McDonald 80, Edith Graham 62, Josie Hayes 61, Charles Haley 60, Russell Haley 60.
Class III—Ida Graham 84.5, Frank Blencome 71.5, Levene Davis 63.45, John McMurray 59.45, Willie Pryor 59.25

AT THE THEATRE.

To-night's bill will be "Jerry the Tramp," which proved to be the hit of the engagement when the Marks Bros. were here the last time.

At to-morrow's matinee of "Cinderella or the glass slipper," a very handsome doll will be presented to the little girl in the audience who holds the lucky number.

Seats are now on sale for to-morrow (Saturday) night's big double show at the Grand. Tom Marks and his company of

entertainers will give their regular performance of "Myrtle Ferns," with all the specialties, after which their will be an amateur contest among local performers for \$2.50 in gold. Twelve names have been handed in for the contest already and it promises to be very amusing.

Manager Cairns of the Grand promises his patrons that Robert Mantell's production of "A Free Lance" on Monday night will be one of the handiest ever offered them. Everywhere that Mantell has presented this play so far this season he has received the most extravagant praise from the critics, and his staging of the piece has been pronounced superb. The company carries absolutely everything, even to the furniture used.

Robert B. Mantell is an actor who probably could carry to success even a bad play and when he gets a notably good play as he has this season in "A Free Lance" there is practically no limit to its possibilities in his hand. Mr. Mantell, however, hasn't had a bad play for he is undoubtedly one of the lucky stars who meet year after year with success. A great share of all this has been based upon his own sound judgment in play, selecting and the home discount of his manager, M. W. Howley, in directing his tours. This season they both feel that they have in "A Free Lance" the best, strongest and most picturesque drama they have yet presented.

Mimard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.