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BUTTERICK PATTERNS THOMAS STONE & SON FASHION SHEETS FREE

...WE WISH YOU ALL...

A Merry Christmas

WE are open to-night till 10 o'clock and will make shopping interesting to you with these items.

Children's Tams and Toques

2 dozen red and navy heavy wool stockings toques for children, reg. price 25c each, to-night..... 11c
14 dozen children's Tams, in good serviceable colors, regular price 25c and 40c each, to-night for.... 13c

Veilings

15 pieces black, cream and colored veilings, in our millinery department, worth regular 35c to \$1 a yard, to-night very special at three prices per yard 16c, 9c, 4c

Facinators

Ladies' handsome wool and chenille facinators, in cardinal, sky, brown and black, regular 70c each, to-night special at..... 48c

Fur Sale To-Night

To-night we offer a special discount of 10 per cent. off any collar, capelet or gannets in the store—nothing reserved.

Handkerchiefs

25 dozen Ladies' fine Lawn Hem-stitched Handkerchiefs, very special to-night at 10 for..... 25c

For to-night we give you your choice of our immense range of 12c fine hemstitched and scalloped embroidered Handkerchiefs, special at 3 for..... 25c

Kid Glove Sale To-Night

10 dozen pair Jammies and Alexandre Kid Gloves, in 7 hook lacing and 4 buttons, including best shades of tans, browns and grays, all sizes from 5 1/2 to 7 1/2, worth reg. \$1.50 a pair, to-night very special for..... 73c

Linen Sale

We offer to-night a special discount of 10 per cent. off any piece of linen in the house, including d'oyles, centre pieces, etc., of linen, applique or Battenburg, pieces, linens, cloths, napkins, etc., 10 per cent. off.

Wishing You a Merry Christmas.

THOMAS STONE & SON

Direct Importers, 78 and 80 King St.

Christmas Gifts



The 2 T's

New Method Overcoats....

When we were ordering them for this season we did not neglect that popular and war-resisting fabric the Beavers. Though it was Dame Fashion's decree that rough faced garments should rule this winter we were certain that many men would remember that "beauty is only skin deep," and would not forsake the extreme serviceableness of the Beavers. We've provided a superb line at

\$10.00

They are made from fine smooth finished Beavers—blues, blacks and browns. The style is the Chesterfield—single breasted front, and they are tailored as are all of The 2 T's clothes—equal to any made-to-measure coats. The man who buys one of these garments will have the satisfaction of knowing he is properly dressed and that he has an overcoat that will be just as well-looking three years hence as now.

Christmas Gifts for Men

Just a few of the many articles that men will appreciate as presents:—

Mackintoshes.....\$5 and \$10
Neckwear.....25c, 50c, 75c and \$1
Mittens.....50c to \$2.50
Gloves.....\$1 to \$3.50
Shirts.....\$1 to \$2.50
Fur Gloves.....\$3 to \$5.00
Evening Dress Protectors.....\$1 to \$1.50
Umbrellas.....\$1 to \$7.50

Slater Shoes \$3.50 and \$5.00.
Slater Slippers \$2.00.

Thanking my many customers for their liberal patronage during the year, I wish them one and all

A Merry Christmas And Happy New Year

H. MACAULAY, "The Ark"

FOUND JOCKEY'S LIFE A HARD ONE.

Has Been Turned Over to the Humane Society to be Sent to His Parents.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 24.—Willie Spaczek, the 11-year-old son of Frank Spaczek, a cement layer living at 183 Chatham street, Montreal, Canada, was delivered to the Humane Society to be returned to his home. His parents contracted him as a jockey to James Locals, the Canada horseman. The judges at Windsor broke the contract on account of mistreatment of the boy. The lad was then taken up by William Grater at Fort Erie, who brought him here after the close of the Newport meeting and turned him adrift.

Great Luck of an Editor.

"For two years all efforts to cure Eczema in the palms of my hands failed," writes Editor H. N. Lester, of Syracuse, Kan., "then I was wholly cured by Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's the world's best for Eruptions, Itches and all skin diseases. Only 25c at A. I. McCall & Co's."

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

Rheumatism in all its forms is promptly and permanently cured by Wood's Sarsaparilla, which neutralizes acidity of the blood.

All people wishing to spend Christmas with their friends in the Old Country should call on W. B. Rispin early and make their steamship arrangements, as he is agent for all lines crossing the Atlantic and will give best possible rates.

ROBBED JACK'S PLACE FOR THE SECOND TIME.

The Police Believe They Know the Parties and are Trying to Run Them Down.

That burglar, like lightning never strikes twice in the same place, is a popular fallacy at least Mr. Jack, who resides just beyond the city limits in Dover on the Woods' survey is inclined to think so. Early in the fall Mr. Jack's place was robbed by two masked men. The operation was repeated by two masked men Sunday morning. The thieves first went to Mr. Coochran's house but, failing to effect an entrance, tackled Mr. Jack's house. They secured an entrance in the same manner as on their previous visit. Mr. and Mrs. Jack and their daughter were sleeping upstairs. The burglars got them all in one room and one guarded them while the other ransacked the house. He secured about \$10 in money, a gold watch and some clothing. Having finished this work, the thieves secured some cakes from the pantry and then departed. These were hungry thieves. On their former visit they drank milk and ate pies, but this time they seem to have preferred cake. Mr. Jack says that he recognized one of the men as Le Farr, a man who lived for two years near the Jack residence. The other man is believed to be Reilly, the fellow who, it is alleged, was associated with Le Farr in the clover stealing in South Harwich. Le Farr is known to the police. Chief Young has his photograph, which he received from Buffalo where, under the name of Baker, he was wanted for burglary. The chief wrote the Buffalo authorities at the time that the man was here, but received no answer. Chief Young telegraphed Detective Campeau yesterday morning and in the afternoon Campeau and Mahony came up and visited the scene of the burglary, but have as yet no trace of the whereabouts of the supposed robbers.

A SECOND ROBBERY.

Fred Woods' grocery was robbed last evening. Some croppers from the till and tobacco is all that Mr. Woods misses but it is difficult to tell just what was taken. Entrance was effected by breaking a light of glass in the front of the store. The opening was very small, only large enough to admit a boy. The doors at the back of the store were opened from the inside.

HE PITEOUSLY CRIED FOR THE AID THAT CAME TOO LATE.

Patrick Kennedy Wandered Onto the Treacherous River, Broke Through the Ice and was Drowned.

"Help, help, for God's sake help," was the agonizing cry that came out of the darkness and from the river startling the residents along the bank below First street on Saturday evening. Mrs. J. L. Bray had just gone to the back door and she heard the terrible cries for help. She at once notified the fire department and Dr. Bray at his office. Meantime Mr. Innes, John Piggott, W. E. Rispin, Chas. Hadley and many others had heard the appeals for help and gathered on the river bank. Mr. Innes, Mr. Rispin and Henry O'Keefe secured a rowboat at Capt. Stringers' and pushed it over the ice until the ice gave way. Mr. Rispin got wet up to his shoulders when the boat broke. The party then got into the boat and broke the ice ahead of it. Necessarily progress was slow and before the boat could reach the man he had become exhausted and sank beneath the cold waters of the river. The man had gone through the ice almost opposite the Riverside terrace and about the middle of the river. After one delay a boat had also tried to reach the man from the north side of the river but arrived too late. The men in this boat were like Richard, John Softly and William Connors. Those who saw the man say that he must have been in the water for twenty to thirty minutes before he sank and during all the time he was uttering the most pathetic appeals for help. Exhausted at last by the cold water he lost his hold and sank. Dr. Bray on being notified by his wife, hastened home and heard the man calling from the river. Chief Jacques, Harry Jacques, Frank Crump and Robert Potter went down from the firehall with the hook and ladder truck as far as the terrace but they say that they could hear or see nothing of the man. Frank Crump secured the man's hat. Mr. Innes from the bank was speaking to the man and encouraging him while the boats were making their way out. But assistance arrived too late.

THE VICTIM IDENTIFIED.

It was not known Saturday night who the man was. Sunday morning Dick Fullerton, Napoleon Pridem and William Fielder secured a boat and went out to look for the body. They made their way through the channel broke by the boat on the previous night and found the corpse just where it had sunk. The men brought the body to the surface with pike poles and took it ashore. Coroner Bray was notified and took charge of the remains. There were some bruises on the man's face. Dick Fullerton said yesterday that the bruises weren't made by a pike pole as the deceased's face was not touched and he was brought up by his clothing. The water was about 11 ft. deep where he was found. From papers on the body it was found that the unfortunate man was Patrick Kennedy, of Bothwell, a man about 50 years of age. He was the agent of Wm. Gray and Sons, and was in the city Saturday on business with his employers. Mark Daniels was notified and positively identified the man. Kennedy leaves a grown-up family of boys. He was married to a daughter of Michael Dillon, of North Chatham, and before his wife's death farmed near Sutherland's Corners, in Euphemia township. When Kennedy came to the Grand Central he had an overcoat on, but when found he had none. How he got into the river is a mystery. The night was dark and he, not knowing the city, must have wandered down on the ice. Wm. Gray & Sons were expecting him at the factory all day, but he didn't come. Percy Piggott passed a man about 7 o'clock, or shortly after, in front of the Richards' residence on King St. The man, who answered Kennedy's description, was much the worse of



Christmas Chimes...

Will Soon be Ringing

Sensible Holiday Gifts...

What would make a better or more sensible Christmas present for Father, Mother or the Children than Shoes or Slippers?

Papa and Mamma don't care for nick nacks, and Baby is sure to eat the paint off the monkey on the stick and make himself sick.

Our Men's Shoes - Men say good things about our Shoes—New styles, good leather, all sizes. Men's shoes at \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Our Ladies' Shoes - We have Ideal Shoes—Shoes that suit our Lady patrons. When there is a good thing on the market in Ladies' Shoes, we have it. Ladies' Shoes at \$1.00, \$1.25 to \$4.00.

Our Boy's and Girl's Shoes - We have Shoes for boys and girls of all ages and sizes—School shoes and dress shoes. Bring the children in and we will please them and save you some money. Boys' and Girls' Shoes \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Shoes for Baby - Come in and see what handsome shoes we have for baby. New ideas and pretty colors—25c to \$1.00.

Christmas Slippers for Everybody - If we have neglected to buy any good style for our Slipper stock, come in and tell us about it—we will have them all. The whole family can be shod here for little money. This is the Christmas Shoe Store.

Geo. W. Cowan

liquor. Mr. Piggott saw the body of Kennedy yesterday and said that it was the same man that he had passed Saturday evening. He must have come right down on the river at First street, for Percy walked down town and when he reached the Rankin House he met the hook and ladder truck going down.

THE INQUEST.

At Jhank's funeral emporium, Coroner Bray presiding, the following jury were empanelled and sworn to enquire into the death of Patrick Kennedy by drowning: W. E. Hamilton (foreman), Bernard O'Neill, Joseph McReuer, Gordon Boles, Henry Westmore, John Hooper, Robert Gollan, William Gamble, W. G. Burrows, W. R. Dunlop, James Northwood, Joseph Holman. Having viewed the body, the inquest was adjourned till Friday, 28th inst., at 7 p.m., at the old town hall, to secure the attendance of witnesses, some of whom live in Detroit. On Sunday the body was viewed by 800 to 900 people.

FACTORIES ARE CUT OFF.

The Supply of Natural Gas Having Run Very Low

Kingsville Manufacturers Have to Close Down so That Detroit May Still be Supplied.

Kingsville, Ont., Dec. 24.—At 6 o'clock Saturday night, the order of an agent of the United Gas Co. all factories in this town were shut off from using natural gas. The town at once connected its two wells, and will keep the furnaces going in the glass factory until Tuesday.

If the Government does not act promptly, by stopping the export to Detroit, the large glass factory will be closed Wednesday. The woollen mills and electric light plant are also badly handicapped. Great indignation is felt here, as, according to the terms of the order-in-council, Kingsville was to be furnished with all gas needed. Active steps are being taken to induce the Government to make some decisive move at once.

WINDSOR IS ALARMED. Windsor, Ont., Dec. 24.—This statement that the Essex county gas fields are giving out has raised a feeling of alarm in all the districts that are being supplied with natural gas. The failure of the natural gas supply would mean a dead loss to Windsor of over a hundred thousand dollars in money they laid out to take advantage of it. A very conservative estimate of the cost of connections, burners and all other necessary expenses to enable a family to use natural gas is \$55 for each house, not people claiming that the average price would be nearer \$75. Should the gas supply give out all this invested capital would be a dead loss.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE AND BROKER'S OFFICE.

FOR SALE—A few shares of the Chatham Manufacturing Co., Limited.

F. Marx

Minard's Liniment - Lumberman's Friend.

THE NORTHWAY CO., Limited

THE BUSY CASH STORE

THE NORTHWAY CO., Limited

Open Until Ten O'clock To-night

For the convenience of those who cannot shop during the day. We have an abundance of gift things that can be chosen in a hurry. Everything that old or young men or women, boys or girls could desire will be found here. Your wisest plan is to come direct to this store and let us help you to save money on your purchases. Holiday Goods of every description will be cleared out to-night at a fraction of their real value. Just a few suggestions to point the way.

6 doz. Children's White Wool Boas, fine lamb's wool, pure white, full, soft fleece, 36 in. and 45 in. long, at each 40c and..... 25c

30 doz. Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, fine quality, dainty new designs, clearing to-night at each 10c, 12c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 75c and..... \$1.00

Children's Fancy Handkerchiefs, choice patterns, special at TWO for 5c, THREE for 10c and each..... \$1.00

Lady's Combs, fine leather, folding case, silk plush lined, nickel clasp, containing brush, curlers, mirror, spirit lamp, soap and brush cases, reg. \$2.50 to \$3.50, to-night..... \$1.50

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Gentleman's Companion, fine russet leather, kid lining, nickel spring clasp, containing hair brush, comb, mirror, hat brush, toilet brush, tooth brush, powder and shaving soap cases, regular value \$3.50, special..... \$2.75

Fancy Silk Garters, with pretty buckles, assorted colors, done up in fancy boxes, special a pair at 25c and..... 50c

Sterling Silver Paper Knives, Tooth Brushes, Button Hooks, Shoe Horns, Corn Knives, Letter Seals, Toilet Bottles, Hair Curlers, Bracelets, worth 50c to 90c each, clearing at 25c, 35c and..... 50c

Ladies' Gloves and Handkerchief Cases, pretty styles, assorted colors, embossed tops, brass mountings, at for set of two. 35c, 40c, 50c, 65c and..... 90c

Collar and Cuff Cases, assorted styles, extra values at 40c up to..... \$1.75

Ladies' Purses, large assortment of new styles, at each 10c, 25c, 50c, 75c and..... \$1.00

Kid Gloves, best French makes, newest styles in all leading shades, every pair guaranteed at \$1.00, \$1.25 and..... \$1.60

Ladies' Ties, a choice assortment of styles in net, lace, silk, chiffon, etc. in black, cream, white, pink, sky and black and white, at each 25c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 65c, 75c, \$1.00 and..... \$1.40

Ladies' Aprons, fine quality lawn, beautiful styles, lace embroidery

Novelties Waist Materials

Fine French Amazon 45 in. wide, black ground, embroidered with silk polka dots, in 5 shades. SEE WINDOW.

and insertion trimmed, for about the bare cost of material, see those at 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 60c, 75c and..... 85c

FURS—Capelines, handsome styles, clearing at \$6, \$6.75, \$7.50, \$8, \$9, \$10, \$15, \$22.50 and..... \$28.90

Fur Gauntlets at \$4.50, \$5, \$5.50, \$6 up to..... \$10.00

Gray Lamb Caps, rich, full cut, heavy main lining, at \$2.40, \$2.75 and..... \$3.75

Fur Capes, long lengths, full sweep, at \$7.90, \$9.50, \$10, \$11, \$12.50, \$13.50 and..... \$16.00

Fur Coats, choice astrakhan curls, reg. \$25, to-night..... \$22.50

reg. \$30, to-night..... \$28.90

reg. \$30, to-night..... \$28.90

Cloth Jackets—If you have not already bought this is your opportunity. In black, lawn and navy jackets in latest styles, clearing to-night at about..... HALF PRICE

Men's Clothing, Men's Ties, Men's Undervests, Men's Shirts, Men's Gloves, in fact everything in men's and boys' furnishings, special prices to-night.

The NORTHWAY COMPANY, Ltd. CASH ONLY AND ONE PRICE

The Planet

DAILY AND WEEKLY

Chatham, Ont.

A DEFECT IN THE EDUCATION ACT.

Premier Roblin, of Manitoba, has promised to introduce a compulsory education bill compelling attendance at school of children between the ages of six and fourteen. That same provision is contained in the Ontario act and it is very defective. If Premier Roblin will take the advice of this great family journal, and it knows whereof it speaks, he will add after the fourteen, "and further until such time as they are placed at some proper and useful employment by their parents or guardians." As the Ontario act stands the fourteen year limit is a great encouragement to truancy. Where the parents are lax and a boy reaches fourteen he is in a position to defy the teachers and the authorities. He stays away when he likes and encourages smaller lads to do the same. A few boys of this kind in a school will almost demoralize it. The law should make school attendance compulsory up to such time as a youth is ready to begin the battle of life for himself. No matter what his age he is better in school than roaming the streets.

CANADA'S GROWTH.

It will soon be time for Canadians to discuss the increase in population of the Dominion during the decade. The result of the last census was, as every one knows, decidedly disappointing: the increase during the preceding ten years being very little, if at all, more than the natural growth. Present indications are that the approaching census will show a more hopeful state of affairs. Indeed, the Canadian Magazine for December predicts a showing of 25 per cent. increase. Of course, as it remarks, such prophecies are only prophecies after all. The present population of the Dominion ought to be, then, slightly more than 6,000,000. If this is correct, we may be reasonably well satisfied, at least at the moment, that from the older parts of the country there is still a considerable migration of the young men to the large American cities. The city and town population increased from 1881 to 1891 more rapidly than did the rural population. This, the authorities are quoting says, has not been the case during the present ten years. Still the cities have made satisfactory progress, the highest rate being naturally in the west. Vancouver showing a gain of 414 per cent., Winnipeg of 89 and Victoria of 70. Montreal shows 33 per cent., while Toronto is credited with only 12. Hamilton, it may be remarked, has grown more rapidly than has the latter city, her rate being 18. It is hardly necessary to say that in total population Montreal easily stands first with almost 289,000; while Toronto comes second with 212,560. Then Quebec, Ottawa, Hamilton, St. John and Halifax, in the order named.

THE CRADLE OF OUR RACE.

The old question as to where and when the human race originated, is discussed in a very interesting way by Mr. Samuel Waddington, in a recent number of the Nineteenth Century. Various localities have been given the honor of man's birthplace: the valley of the Euphrates, the Persian Table Land, the Barbary States, even the North Pole regions. Equally varied are the dates of his birth: from 4000 B. C. to millions and millions of years ago. Mr. Waddington's opinion is that human life began somewhat more than a million years ago, and that there is no force in the contention that the race is not more than 100,000 years old, based upon the fact that human bones have not been discovered anterior to the quaternary epoch. This is mere negative evidence, he says, to which but little weight should be given. He instances Lake Haarlem in Holland, which was drained by the government in 1853. This lake had been the scene of many a sea-fight, not to speak of wrecks and other casualties. And yet, when drained, only a very few relics were found, and human bones were entirely lacking. The writer's opinion is, that man appeared in the Eocene Epoch, the beginning of which Lord Kelvin places at 4,000,000 years ago; and that, as the earth cooled, man naturally first appeared toward the North Polar regions. To quote Mr. Waddington's words, "My own view is that the cradle of the human race was probably that vast tract of unbroken land lying between the Ural Mountains on the West, and Behring Sea, the Sea of Okhotsk, and Manchuria on the East." There the race may have remained an indefinite time before it began to disperse, the climate of that region being at that time, that of the South of France to-day. From this early home the transit to America, by way of the Allutian Islands, or of an isthmus now submerged, and to China to the South East, would have been com-

"Necessity Knows No Law."

But a law of Nature bows to the necessity of keeping the blood pure so that the entire system shall be strong, healthy and vigorous.

To take Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier, is therefore a law of health and it is a necessity in nearly every household. It never disappoints. Erysipelas—Had a severe attack of erysipelas, suffering from dizziness and nervousness so that I could not rest at night. Tried Hood's Sarsaparilla with good results, and now recommend it to others. M. CHAMBERS, Toronto, Ont.

Tired Feeling—Was all run down and had no appetite. Was tired all the time. Hood's Sarsaparilla was suggested, and a trial benefited me so much that now I would not be without the medicine. Mrs. G. D. BAKER, Central Norton, N. B.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Never Disappoints

Hood's Pills cure liver ill, the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

paratively easy. And China, it must not be forgotten, has one of the most ancient civilizations of the world; while the Ainos, of Northern Japan, that peculiar race so little understood, may be the remains of our primitive ancestors. Mr. Waddington holds, of course, the evolutionary theory as to the race. "Man, as he first appeared, was, the writer holds, not as he is, even physically, to-day. He more nearly resembled the tree-climbing apes. When he emerged from the forests, however, and took up his abode on the great plateaus and plains, there was no opportunity or necessity for exercising the gentle art of climbing, and he consequently gave up the habit, and began to walk on his 'back hands,' as the writer expresses it or, as we should say, on his feet."

AN EXAMPLE TO ALLEGED CIVILIZATION.

A correspondent in the N. Y. Sun confutes the truth and justice of Minister Wu's criticism of American society and the family. He writes: "All educated people lament the almost universal lack of filial duty due from children to parents and the barbarous tout ensemble of our colleagues, and in a lesser degree, the proletariat, whose case seems in both cases to despise the parents if not 'up-to-date,' and to glory in the 'plug,' 'revolver' and back entrance to music halls."

ASEPTIC PILLOWS.

The pillow stuffed with pine needles, with poppy leaves, or with eucalyptus leaves and shavings, must give away to the aseptic pillow which now threatens to change every Christian bed into a quasi-hospital. The new aid to health is a double pillow, or really one pillow which has been split longitudinally. In the centre of each half is a pocket filled with dried sponge, Japanese sponge, or similar material. Upon this the owner pours such drug or combination of drugs as may be required by the physical system. According to the new idea each destructive germ has

NICE BABY

All babies are "nice," to their mothers.

We all love children. Great big men, with hard hands, have soft hearts for helpless new-comers to earth with the smile of heaven fresh on their innocent faces. No man is too high or low, too proud or humble, too busy or idle, too good or bad, too great or small except a few very small mean men—to throw up their hats at the sight of a plump little cherub; or to pity a thin one.

Plumpness and thinness are accidents. Nature is bountiful; parents want to be. Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil corrects their mistakes.

We'll send you a little to try if you like. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto. Minard's Lignum—Lumberman's Friend.

its own specific antidote, and every kind of sore or diseased tissue its own particular remedy. Camphor oil and camphoric acid and listerine are among the favorite preparations. All are strongly aromatic, and all possess a germicide character. When the pillow is not in use the diffusion is small, but when the owner is lying down the heat of the head and body and the movement of the sleeper increases the evaporation and charges all the air around the pillow with a small percentage of the aseptic. For those to whom any one of the substance is distasteful there are strong essential oils which can be added to conceal the odor. While the new project is a great deal of a fad, it nevertheless accomplishes much in particular cases. For coughs, colds and coryzas it seems to be very beneficial.

A Merry Christmas.

Many Happy returns of the day of days. The shop windows of Chatham are a credit to the artistic taste of the merchants.

The Government of New Zealand has decided to despatch another contingent to South Africa. New Zealand is a game little island. It is bound not to quit the contest until it is over. But what about Canada?

As to-morrow, Tuesday, is Christmas day there will be no issue of the city dailies, hence our esteemed local but dilatory contemporary, the Banner-News, will be unable to republish what appears in this number of The Planet before Wednesday.

JINGLES AND JESTS.

The Man Who Never Writes. He never answers letters, though the time his pen invites; He's averse to ink and paper; he's the man who never writes! No thought of written sorrows or your well expressed delights; He's the man who never writes, never writes! You may say the earthquake swallowed half your house and all your land; Likewise your poor relations; he will read and understand; And sigh with secret sorrow, but no letter he indites; He's the man who never writes, never writes! You may tell him that you're happy and you want to shake his paw; Have him all your creditors, likewise your much admired; Will he send congratulations; will he hail you on the heights? He's the man who never writes, never writes on the heights!

When he passes from your vision, from this weary world of sin, Do you think you'll know the country he is then?—sejourning in? Is it hot or cold or "middle," in the depths or on the heights? He's the man who never writes, never writes on the heights!

Doing Well. Coming in on the train the other day was a family with a little, nervous mother and a flock of children. As we neared the door the mother began to question if everything was all right. "Have you got all the umbrellas, Johnny?" "I should say I had. I had four when I started, and now I've got six!"—Boston Beacon.

Heredit. "That girl is an enigma." "No wonder. Her mother was such a mere butterfly." "Indeed?" "And her father was a regular lobster." Even the smart set, pray observe, are not altogether exempt from the subtle laws of heredity.—Detroit Journal.

In the Wrong Business. Under the worsted chestnut tree The village smithy stands; The smith is a mighty man he, With large and stony hands, And the muscles of his brawny arms Are strong as iron bands.

With one fell blow the smith could crush The rarely conquered Fitz; Just as he sits he could reduce McCoy to bleeding bits. Did he desire to stand, say ten, Star fighters in a row, His trade as smith would give him strength To kill them with a blow. And yet the smith, alas, is poor; He has not many dimes. The smith, poor duck, was ill advised These get-rich-quick times! —St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Other Way. "I caught cold last night while sitting on the grand stand watching the fireworks at the 'Fall of Peking,'" he complained. "Perhaps it would have been better to sit on the fireworks and watch the grand stand," put in the innocent bystander.—Baltimore American.

More Information. Tommy—Say, paw? Mr. Figg—Well? "What is low water mark?" "It is usually about the top of your neck if some one didn't keep an eye on you when you are washing your face."—Indianapolis Press.

Exhaustion. Baffling sort of wink his eye; Goodby, Miss Summertime. He's underling to you come by; Goodby, Miss Summertime. His voice it does not hold an earnest, An still it says—goodbye; He sings so much that he got hoarse; Goodby, Miss Summertime. Rose a-dyn on de bush; Goodby, Miss Summertime. You smiled on it as made it blush; Goodby, Miss Summertime. He braved his secret right an' left, Will sweetness wait on each leaf? Rose done bloom like't to drift; Goodby, Miss Summertime. —Washington Star.

AN ANOMALY.

Eva—You can't make a bit of an impression on that young Marsh. May—I know it. It's strange, too, for he's so soft. "These boxes must be terrible people."

Don't Come Down Town Without Visiting Our.....

Toy Department

If you haven't children of your own you will surely want something for some of your friend's children. Toys that will make the little ones dance with glee and bulge with wonder and astonishment.

The mechanical Toys that run, squirm and perform various antics exactly as in real life—Dolls that are lifelike enough to talk, in fact some of them do say Papa and Mamma; Games that will keep the boy off the street; Iron and Wooden Toys of all kinds, Etc.

For your own interest do not put off buying a day longer. You know the value of early choosing.

.....Come in Forenoon it Possible.....

Sulman's Beehive

Garner House Block

Money to Loan.

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MONEY TO LOAN

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N. Y. Telegraph.

Frank Manning, of London, Ont., and Jason White, a member of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club, of this city, had an argument yesterday morning in a Sixth avenue restaurant situated not far from Forty-third street.

The two men, who had been recently met, were sitting drinking with a number of friends. They ordered something to eat, and when the food was brought to them White intimated to the cookery was so far inferior to that he had been accustomed to he could find no words to express his feelings.

Whereupon Mr. Manning insinuated it was the reverse of good taste to speak of such a thing in a public place.

Mr. White demanded an explanation and received the best portion of a cup of coffee in the features, which half blinded him for the moment.

FRIENDS WERE CHEERFUL.

The friends refused to interfere and proposed the two should have their argument out without further loss of time.

Both were agreeable, the fuss was commenced with a water carafe hurled by White at the Canadian.

Mr. Manning retaliated with a sauce bottle. Then match safes, cups and saucers, plates and knives and forks flew indiscriminately about the room.

Two waiters who attempted to interfere were placed out of the running by bread trays, and retired to consult with the proprietor, who was upstairs.

The combatants came to close quarters and used the weapons nature had furnished them.

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He sat down and drank up all the liquor the others had left on the table, and then, with blood streaming down the side of his face, demanded more victims. The proprietor sent a messenger boy for a doctor, who stitched up the wounds, after which Mr. White and his friends went out.

Mr. Manning was left alone in the place, and with a towel tied around his head had another drink before leaving. He told the waiter that he was living temporarily.

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Geo. M. Bird, preparing minutes for publication, \$15.

A. Denholm, fee re arbitration S. S. No. 5, \$8.75.

Jas Leslie, do., \$10.63.

W. H. G. Colles, do., \$11.95.

Geo. M. Bird, expenses, do., \$3.

H. D. Smith, solicitor's fees, do., \$20.

Geo. M. Bird balance salary 1900, \$85.

S. G. Story, salary, M. H. O., 1900, \$20.

D. Johnston, work on scraper, \$6.50.

Wm. Townsend, placing a barrier on Lake Shore road, \$1.

Postage on notices, Locke drain, 80 cents.

Moved by Young and McCormick, that the court of revision on the Union-English drain be adjourned until the 14th day of January, 1901, at 2 p. m.—Carried.

The report of the M. H. O. was read as well as that report of the chairman of the board of health and referred to the local board of health.

I hereby report on the grievance of Samuel Burk re the cleaning of the drain through Clarke's and Coleman's.

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He sat down and drank up all the liquor the others had left on the table, and then, with blood streaming down the side of his face, demanded more victims. The proprietor sent a messenger boy for a doctor, who stitched up the wounds, after which Mr. White and his friends went out.

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The report of W. G. McGeorge on the completion of the Kelly Ext. drain was read and adopted.

We hereby report that the box drain at Fargo is in a dangerous condition, and find that it will take 94 feet of 24 inch pipe, and 70 feet of 18 inch pipe to repair the drain and make it safe. Messrs. White and Gaughill agree to do the work if the township furnish the pipe. They also agree to pay for six carloads of gravel.—Report laid over.

Harwich, Dec. 10.

We, the undersigned, who were appointed a committee to investigate the claim made by Samuel Johnston for compensation for damages claimed to have been received in crossing McGregor's Creek bridge on 18 and 19 April, beg leave to report to the ratepayers of the locality as to the condition of the bridge and the nature of the team Mr. Johnston was driving, would recommend the payment to Mr. Johnston of \$25 to satisfy said claim. This offer is made without prejudice. Carried.

Moved by Buchanan and Morrison, that this council tender Mr. S. Johnston \$30 in settlement of his claim in full for damages received in crossing the bridge over McGregor's Creek, near McCully's, on 18 and

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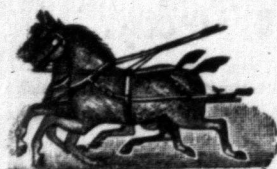
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Very different were the recollections
interchanged between two middle aged
Porchester women.

"She was drinking tea at my house
when her sister Sairey came running in
with the news that the baby she had
left at home wasn't quite right. That
was her first child, you know."

"Yes, yes, for I was with her when
that baby came," broke in the other,
and such joy as she showed when they
told her it was alive and well I never
saw. I do not know why she didn't ex-
pect it to be alive, but she didn't, and
her happiness was just wonderful to see."

"Well, she didn't enjoy it long. The
poor little fellow died young. But I
was telling you of the night when she
first heard he was ailing. Philemon
had been telling a good story, and we
were all laughing when Sairey came
in. I can see Agatha now. She always
had the most brilliant eyes in the coun-
ty, but that day they were superbly
dazzling. They changed, though, at
the sight of Sairey's face, and she
jumped to meet her just as if she knew
what Sairey was going to say before
ever a word left her lips. 'My baby!'
(I can hear her yet). 'Something is
the matter with the baby!'

And though Sairey made haste to tell her
that he was only ailing and not at all
ill she turned upon Philemon with a
look none of us ever quite understood.
He changed so completely under it,
just as she had under Sairey's, and to
neither did the old happiness ever re-
turn, for the child died within a week,
and when the next came it died also,
and the next, till six small innocents
lay buried in yonder old graveyard."

"I know, and sad enough it was, too,
especially as she and Philemon were
both fond of children. Well, well, the
ways of Providence are past finding
out! And now she is gone, and Phile-
mon—"

"Ah, he'll follow her soon. He can't
live without Agatha."

Nearer home the old sexton was
chattering about the six gravesites
raised in Porchester churchyard to
those six dead infants. He had been
sent there to choose a spot in which
to lay the mother and was full of the
shock it gave him to see that line of
little stones, telling of a past with
which the good people of Sutherland
town found it hard to associate Phile-
mon and Agatha Webb.

"I'm a digger of graves," he mused,
half to himself and half to his old wife
watching him from the other side of
the hearthstone. "I spend a good quar-
ter of my time in the churchyard, but
when I saw those six little mounds
and read the inscriptions over them I
couldn't help feeling queer. Think of
this! On the first tiny headstone I
read these words:

STEPHEN,

Son of Philemon and Agatha Webb,
Died, Aged Six Weeks.
God be merciful to me, a sinner!

"Now what does that mean? Did you
ever hear any one say?"

"No," was his old wife's answer.
"Perhaps she was one of those Calvin-
ist folks who believe babies go to hell
if they are not baptized."

"But her children were all baptized.
I've been told so; some of them before
she was well out of her bed. 'God be
merciful to me a sinner!' And the child
not six weeks old! Something queer
about that dame if it did happen more
than 80 years ago."

"What did you see over the grave of
the child who was killed by lightning
in her arms?"

"This:
'And he was not, for God took
him.'"

Farmer Waite had but one word to
say.

"She came to me when my Sissy had
the smallpox, the only person in town
who would enter my doors. More than
that, when Sissy was up and I went to
pay the doctor's bill I found it had
been settled. I did not know then who
had enough money and compassion to
do this for me; now I do."

Many an act of kindness which had
been secretly performed in that town
during the last 20 years came to light
on that day, the most notable of which
was the sending of a certain young lad
to school and his subsequent education
as a minister.

But other memories of a sweeter and
more secret nature still came up like-
wise, among them the following:
A young girl who was of a very
timid but deeply sensitive nature had
been urged into an engagement with a
man she did not like. Though the
conflict this occasioned her and the
misery which accompanied it were ap-
parent to everybody, nobody stirred in
her behalf until Agatha Webb took it
up. She went to see her, and, though
it was within a fortnight of the wed-
ding, she did not hesitate to advise the
girl to give him up, and when the poor
child said she lacked the courage
Agatha herself went to the man and
urged him into a display of generosity
which saved the poor, timid thing
from a life of misery. They say this
was no easy task for Agatha and that
the man was sulky for a year. But
the girl's gratitude was boundless.
Of her father, which was always on

the side of right and justice, the sto-
ries were numerous. So were the ac-
counts, mostly among the women, of
her rare tenderness and sympathy for
the weak and the erring. Never was a
man talked to as she talked to Jake
Cobblesh the evening after he struck
his mother, and if she had been in
town on the day when Clarissa May-
hew ran away with that Philadelphia
rascal many said it would never have
happened, for no girl could stand the
admonition or resist the pleading of
this childless mother.

It was reserved for Mr. Halliday
and Mr. Sutherland to talk of her
mental qualities. Her character was
so marked and her manners so simple
that few gave attention to the intellect
that was the real basis of her power.
The two mentioned gentlemen, how-
ever, appreciated her to the full, and it
was while listening to their remarks
that Frederick was suddenly startled
by some one saying to him:

"You are the only person in town who
has nothing to say about Agatha Webb.
Didn't you ever exchange any
words with her, for I can hardly be-
lieve you could have met her eye to
eye without having some remark to
make about her beauty or her influ-
ence?"

The speaker was Agnes Halliday,
who had come in with her father for a
social chat. She was one of Freder-
ick's earliest playmates, but one with
whom he had never assimilated and
who did not like him. He knew this,
as did every one else in town, and it
was with some hesitation he turned to
answer her.

"I have but one recollection," he be-
gan, and for the moment got no fur-
ther, for in turning his head to address
his young guest he had allowed his



"You are the only person in town who has
nothing to say about Agatha Webb,"
gaze to wander through the open win-
dow by which she sat into the garden
beyond where Amabel could be seen
picking flowers. As he spoke Amabel
lifted her face with one of her sug-
gestive looks. She had doubtless heard
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I am a candidate for alderman for
this city for the year 1901, your votes
and influence are respectfully solicited.
Wishing you all the compliments of
the season, I remain
Yours etc.,

DAVID A. HUTCHISON.

To the Electors of the City of
Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for re-election as
alderman for the incoming year, and
if my past record meets with your ap-
proval, I shall be glad to have your
vote and influence.

W. S. MARSHALL.

To the electors of the city of Chat-
ham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a number of citi-
zens, I have been induced to offer my-
self as a candidate for alderman
for 1901. Your vote and influence I re-
spectfully solicit.

Yours truly,

JOHN WADDELL.

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To the Electors of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your vote and influence are respect-
fully solicited for my election as al-
derman for 1901.

Yours faithfully,

G. G. TAYLOR.

To the Electors of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for alderman for
1901 and if my past services has met
with your approval, I once more ask
for your support. (Thanking you for
past favors I am,

Yours respectfully,

A. B. McCOIG.

To the Electors of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the urgent request of several re-
presentative citizens, I have consented
to offer myself as a candidate for
alderman for 1901.

I would like your support.

Yours, W. F. SMITH.

Barbrier.

To the Electors of the City of
Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my intention to again offer my
services as Alderman for 1901.
I trust that my record as alderman
during 1899 and 1900, and as chairman
of the Finance committee in the latter
year is such as to entitle me to your
confidence. If elected, I will, as be-
fore, strive to look after the city's
interests to the best of my ability,
and I respectfully solicit your sup-
port.

Yours faithfully,

S. R. ARNOLD.

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To the Electors of Ward No. 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for the of-
fice of School Trustee. Your vote and
influence is respectfully solicited.

R. M. PAXTON.

To the Electors of Harwich and
Blenheim.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a large number of the
electors I have again consented to be a
candidate for the office of alderman.
Your vote and influence would be thank-
fully received and, if elected, I promise you
to faithfully discharge the duties of said office.
My past record is the best guarantee of good
work in the future.

JOHN VESTER.

To the Electors of the Township
of Harwich.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again offering myself as a
candidate for the position of reeve for
the coming year. I thank you for the
splendid support you have given me in
the past, and I trust that I may still
retain your confidence, by an honest
endeavor while in office to guard
your interests, and if again elected I
will put forth my very best efforts to
guard your interests honestly and im-
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THE ELEVATOR BOY.

SOME PERSONAL EXPERIENCES RELATED BY HIMSELF.

Mr. Mosswell was a kind and good man to Sammie until one unlucky day which neither Mr. Mosswell nor Sammie will forget.

[Copyright, 1900, by C. B. Lewis.] When Mr. Mosswell came to my skry-scraper as a tenant, I thought that he was one of the most fatherly men I ever met in my adventurous elevator life. His desk had hardly been put into room No. 237 when he sent for me and said:

"Sammie, my boy, the owner of this building I do not care to know, and I shall pass the agent by with a cold nod. The janitor and the engineer will be brought to me, but I wish for the good will and friendship of the elevator boy. I hear that you are fatherless. Let me be a father to you. I hear that you are trying to pay off a mortgage on your widowed mother's little cottage. Take these \$5 as freely as they are offered. Let us be father and son—comrades—friends."

That's the way he talked, and he won my young and innocent heart at once. I started right out to make life worth living for him. He was agent for a smoke consumer, and I told everybody who got into the elevator that I beat anything ever invented and ought to be in every respectable family. When a girl came looking for a situation as typewriter, I told her how

benign and fatherly Mr. Mosswell was, and that if he employed her she ought to be glad to work for \$3 per week and pay for his ginger ale besides. I stole lemons and mint from Mr. Rasher, the agent, and carried them out to room 237 on hot days, and when collectors came around with bills I lied to them and said Mr. Mosswell was out in California to develop a \$3,000,000 gold mine. No elevator boy on the face of this earth ever set out to do more for a benign tenant. For four weeks the harmony existing between us was the next thing to love. We got to be known around the building as Damon & Co.

When about a month had passed and our bond of friendship seemed to be growing stronger every moment, Mr. Mosswell called me up one day and said:

"Sammie, have you observed the pale faced, careworn woman in No. 235?" "You mean the red checked, jolly looking stenographer?" I said. "Do not argue with your adopted father, Sammie. To me, at least, she looks pale and careworn and something tells me that she is not long for this world. Her salary must be very low, as old Banks is known as a stingy man, and she must want to buy flowers to lay on the grave. Here is a bouquet. When she is out at lunch today, I want you to leave it on her desk. There is no card attached. Other bouquets will follow and eventually she will get to know the name of the donor and sympathizer."

I couldn't make things out. Miss Jared, the only woman in room 235, had cheeks like roses and was always laughing, and she could beat me at jumping over chairs. I took the bouquet, however, and had just placed it on the desk when old Banks came out of the inner room. As soon as he saw the flowers he grabbed me by the hair and yelled:

"You young villain, but what masher has dared send my niece flowers? Give me his name, or I'll twist your neck." "They are for her sister's grave," I said. "You young liar! She never had a sister!"

"Then they are because she looks pale and careworn."

"That's another lie!"

Then he shook me about till I told him who had sent the flowers. I didn't want to, of course, but I thought Mr. Mosswell had been mistaken and it would do no great harm.

"Oh, it's that old howled dog, 'bud,' sneered old Banks as he let go of me. 'All right—I'll toy with him. Come along and see the fun.'"

He entered room 237, and he grabbed Mr. Mosswell by the neck and slung him over his shoulder, while Miss Jared stood in the door and clapped her hands. When my adopted father became a wreck, he was flung under the desk, and the wrecker took his departure. It took 20 minutes of "first aid" on my part to revive Mr. Mosswell, and the first thing he did after getting his breath back was to yell at me:

"You scum of the earth, but I'll burn you at the stake for this!"

"But what have I done?" I asked.

"Given me away!"

"But what was there to give away?"

"Can't anybody send a pale faced, anxious woman, working on starvation

wages, a bouquet to lay on her sister's grave?"

"Retal!" he whooped as he made a grab for my hair.

I had to leave him. His benignness had fled, and he was no longer my adopted father. He might help other elevator boys to pay off the widow's mortgages, but he had no more plunks for me. I went down stairs with heavy heart, and that was our last meeting. I got the janitor to go up as a mutual friend, but Mr. Mosswell threatened to brain him with a chair.

Two days later he moved out to give him a parting kick, and Miss Jared chuckled to see him go. In the elevator, as I took him down, I started to express my sympathy, but he tried to cross his right and find the point of my jaw as a reward. I am gripped and sorry, but I cannot blame myself. There are wild adventures and strange mysteries in all lives, but in none more than in the life of Sammie, the elevator boy.

M. QUAD.

INSECTS IN METAL.

How They Are Made—Ingenious Device of a Frenchman.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Pictures quickly framed at Tilt's.
John Welsh, Pontiac, Mich., is visiting his father, Head St.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Snell of London, are spending the holidays in this city.

James Innes' Scotch terrier has not yet been returned although a libel reward is offered for its recovery.

Wm. Strong and Jon. McGregor, of Toledo, are spending the holidays in this city.

Pipes, cigar cases and tobacco pouches, a fine line for Xmas at Bennett's, L. O. O. F. temple.

Clairmont Monteth sang an excellent solo at St. Joseph's church last evening.

Benj. Gayman of Buffalo, N. Y., spent a few days with his cousin, Mrs. Geo. Wylie, Tilbury West.

Chas. Renaud, of Belle River, has purchased the flour mill in that village. He is a practical miller.

W. W. Lasey, of Rodney, who has been the guest of the family at R. S. Lasey, returned home today.

Tilbury West paid out during 1900 over \$300 for charity. The House of Industry will prove far cheaper for that municipality.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper left today on a week's holiday trip to Toronto.

Mrs. A. James and daughters left this morning to spend Christmas with relatives in London.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrard C. McBrayne, Detroit, are spending Christmas with Maple City relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Fred Stephenson and daughter, Mrs. W. W. Winnipeg, arrived from Ottawa today.

A large assortment of handsome pictures, ready framed, at Tilt's, at low prices.

Roy E. Marcotte, of the Leamington Post, formerly of this city, is spending the Christmas vacation in Chatham.

Fred. Wainwright, of the London News, formerly of The Planet, is spending the holidays with relatives in this city.

Christmas presents at Taylor's Cigar Store. Every person that purchases expects a new pipe and tobacco, or a box of Taylor's Christmas cigars. Two doors east of the Standard Bank.

Divine service will be held in Christ church to-morrow.

The church will be beautifully decorated and the service in keeping with the festival of Christmas. All are very cordially invited.

We must have a number of reliable persons and families in this locality to work for us whole or spare time, good wages paid. No canvassing. Write for position to-day. People's Syndicate, Dept. A, 130 Yonge street, Toronto.

The adjourned annual general meeting of shareholders of the Chatham Manufacturing Company (Limited) will be held at the office of the company on Thursday, the 3rd day of January, 1901, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The following is the program for the Christmas services in St. Joseph's: 5 o'clock a. m., matins immediately after low mass; 7 and 8:30 low mass; 10:30 solemn high mass and sermon; 7:30 p. m. vespers, sermon and benediction.

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

The costumes worn in Robert B. Mantell's new play, "A Free Lance," were purchased by Mr. Mantell during his visit abroad this past summer.

They were absolutely correct from a historical standpoint as are also the many elaborate settings and accessories provided by Manager M. W. Hanley.

All people wishing to spend Christmas with their friends in the Old Country should call on W. E. Riepin early and make their steamship arrangements, as he is agent for all lines crossing the Atlantic, and will give best possible rates.

Robert B. Mantell, who has spent this summer in Europe, passed much of his time in North Germany.

He devoted himself to the study of the locality and its people. Mr. Mantell is enthusiastic over his role and both he and his manager, M. W. Hanley, believe that it will prove one of his greatest successes.

Gold stamping on Bible and presentation books, or any leather goods at The Planet Bindery, while you wait.

The pulpit of the First Presbyterian church yesterday was occupied by Rev. Mr. Henderson, M. A., of Hensall. Mr. Henderson is an earnest and forcible speaker and a gentleman of exceptional ability and deep thought. His two splendid discourses yesterday were much appreciated by large congregations.

WAR CRY XMAS NUMBER.

The Planet is in receipt of the Christmas number of the War Cry, the organ of the Salvation Army. It is an exceedingly creditable production, both from an artistic and literary point of view. The illustrations are especially good and include several excellent half-tones. The reading matter is both interesting and instructive and gives an admirable idea of the great work being carried on by the Army. Photos of General Wm. Booth and Commissioner Eva Booth are features.

HISTORICAL DRAMA.

Though the characters in "A Free Lance," Robert B. Mantell's new play are actually mythical yet the drama is really historical in that it gives an accurate and faithful picture of life in North Germany in the fifteenth century.

Few writers of popular histories have dwelt upon this locality and in the preparing of the play it was necessary for Mr. W. A. Tremayne the author, Mr. Mantell and Manager M. W. Hanley to make exhaustive research among books and records of which the casual reader knows little in order that the atmosphere of the period might be obtained. To the theatregoer this is a new and interesting play.

"A Free Lance" is besides a stirring drama, a new page of history of a period unsurpassed for picturesque and romantic.

Wm. Birch, Northwest representative of the Corticelli Silk Co., is visiting at his home on Leane Ave. for Christmas, en route for Montreal and St. John, Que.

The steamer Owen was sold today to Capt. Wm. Simmons, of Kingston, who is in the city awaiting the transfer. During the winter the boat will be thoroughly overhauled and made ready for next year's work and when navigation opens will be taken to Kingston.

Barrister Geo. G. Martin is in receipt of a letter this morning from his friend, Provost Alex. Macpherson, F. S. A., Kingussie, Badenoch, Inverness-shire, Scotland, stating that there is a costly genuine cairn-gorm stone on the way to Mr. Martin by separate registered packet as a Christmas gift.

Mr. Martin simply says, "Good night, good night, my friend, in your native language. The Provost is manager of the British Linen Bank, Kingussie."

FIFTY TONS OF CANDY

Have Been Sent to Our Soldiers in the Philippines Islands by the Government.

Fifty tons of candy have been sent to the soldiers in the Philippine Islands by the commissary department of the army during the past three months and large amounts to the soldiers in Cuba and Puerto Rico.

This is done upon the advice of the medical officers of the army, because it is a psychological fact that a moderate consumption of confectionery promotes health and satisfies a natural craving of the stomach.

Candy was never furnished to the United States army before although it has been commonly used as a ration by the French and British troops in the tropics.

This explains another old-fashioned theory that sweets were injurious to the digestive organs, while a moderate use of sweets is actually beneficial.

Very few things are injurious, and the food cranks who advocate the use of a few grains and vegetables and decry the use of sweets and meats are in error, as a wholesome variety of meat and vegetable food is absolutely necessary for the maintenance of the highest condition of health.

The best rule to follow is to eat what the appetite craves, and if there is any discomfort or trouble in digesting meats and sweets, the difficulty can be readily overcome by the regular use after meals of some safe digestive composed of pepsin and dinstase which will assist the stomach, by increasing the flow of gastric juice and furnish the natural peptone lacking in weak stomachs.

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AT THE THEATRE.

"The Female Drummer," which comes to the Grand Jan 2nd., is in Cleveland all this week.

"The Tide of Life," said to be a thriller in the melodramatic line, comes to the local theatre Jan. 14th.

C. J. Whitney proprietor of the Detroit Opera House, the Grand in Toronto, the Grand in Hamilton, and half a dozen other theatres, was in the city on Friday evening.

To-night's production of "A Free Lance," will without doubt prove one of the most satisfactory of the season. Mr. Mantell delighted a crowded house on the occasion of his last visit to Chatham, and comes this season with a new play, which the critics throughout the country have pronounced the best piece he has ever had. It is a romantic drama and is staged most lavishly, the company carrying with it absolutely everything used in the production. On account of being Xmas eve Mr. Cairns has decided to not raise the curtain till 8:45 in order that it may be possible for the theatre-goers to do their Xmas shopping and see the play afterwards.

Opera House orchestra will, however, be in their places at 8:15 and will play until the curtain rises.

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Class IV jr.—Maggie Henry, Isaac Robertson, Willie Coulter, Roy Henderson.

Class III.—John Stark, Bob Henry, Ed. Yott, Muriel Beach, Burwell Coulman, Bob Bowers, Fred Bowers, Frank Coulter.

Class II.—Rhoda Wicks, Gertie Dorsey, John Colman, Beatrice Henderson, Ruth Wicks, Elmer Beach, Miles Lee, Laura Henderson, Villa Wagner.

Part II.—Donald Henry, Claud Colman, Harry Yott, Hattie Beach, Alice Evans, Maud Colman, Carl Dawson.

Sen. I.—Harold Lee, Eddie Dorsey, Geo. Coulter, Jas. Henderson, Myrtle David, Jno. Wagner, John Yott, Josie Yott.

Jr. I.—Hazel Colman, Evelyn Stark, Nelson Henderson, Eliza Oliver, Forest Bowers, Eddie Bowers, Pearl Meredith, Ruby McNeil.

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Last Moment

Suggestions

No time now to go into details; these last hours are precious to both buyer and seller. If you have forgotten anything or are still perplexed what to give, come with the crowd to the Bargain Centre, where the largest display of suitable and sensible articles for gift giving are displayed at convincing prices.

We have a largely increased staff to wait on you. Shop early to-night and Monday morning. Run over this list of suggestions, what you want may be among them.

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Silk Mantle Drapes

Piano Drapes

Table Linen

Table Napkins

Chenille Table Covers

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