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A Merry Christmas to All is The Hearty Wish of The Times

WEATHER MAN IS UNKINDLY Christmas Outlook Throughout The Dominion Not Very Promising A FIVE YEAR CYCLE

What the Experts Think About it Large Amount of Money Sent Away in Christmas Presents Packages Chiefly Coming In

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TURKEY MOVING INTO THE DODO CLASS United States Report Shows Decline of Nearly Half in Ten Years

Washington, Dec. 23.—Unless something done in Turkey growing there generally such things as Xmas or Thanksgiving turkeys in the United States within ten years. The census bureau has issued a bulletin showing that in 1910 there were only 6,687,708 turkeys on farms in this country, while in 1900 there were 12,594,000.

WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

9 A. M. WEATHER REPORT. Toronto, 49 N. W. 15 Cloudy Montreal, 34 N. W. 4 Cloudy Quebec, 34 N. W. 4 Rain

Forecast—Southerly gales with rain, followed by strong westerly winds. Sunday strong westerly winds, cloudy and comparatively mild.

Local Weather Report at Noon. December 23, 1911. Highest temperature during last 24 hrs 46 Lowest temperature during last 24 hrs 34

CHRISTMAS AT CATHEDRAL. Pontifical high mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Monday next by His Lordship Bishop Casey, beginning at eleven o'clock. In the afternoon there will be a service and benediction.

ITALIANS SEIZE A BRITISH STEAMER Warship Captures Vessel in Red Sea—\$150,000 Cash Included—Representations to Home Government

(Canadian Press) London, Dec. 23.—The Kheibar Mail Steamship & Dock Graving Company, the owners of the British steamer Menahel, which was seized yesterday in the Red Sea, by the Italian cruiser Puglia, made representations today to the foreign office in regard to the capture of their vessel by the Italian warship.

ALL WENT DOWN WITH SCHOONER Three Master on Rocks at Break, Broke in two and sank to Bottom

Breath Master on Rocks at Break, Broke in two and sank to Bottom. During last night, a large three-masted sailing vessel, went on the rocks near Quillon and broke in two and sank with all her crew, before the life savers could reach her.

ALL DAY FIGHTING BY RUSSIANS AND PERSIANS St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—The fighting between the Russians and the Persians, which was reported from Tabriz on Thursday last, in the streets of the city, was reported today from the city. The old citadel was bombarded.

HEBREW WORKMAN IN LITTLE SHOP is on Eve of Receiving Great Fortune

(Canadian Press) Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23.—Struggling for an existence on a meagre salary in a little tailor shop here, Harold Price, 200, a Toronto Hebrew, soon will come into a fortune of about \$60,000,000. In Southern Russia is the baronial estate of his grandfather, comprising about fifty square miles, including a portion of a town and an extensive game preserve, of which Price is the sole heir, according to the will of his grandfather, a British subject.

A TRYING VOYAGE Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—The Trans-Atlantic steamer Eastport, which was reported to have met with a disaster at sea, arrived here yesterday after five days' ordeal with a story of a stormy voyage. The freighter left London on December 2 and soon met with a succession of storms.

POLICE COURT Nine prisoners charged with drunkenness were before the court today. Eight were fined 25 cents, while the ninth was remanded. Frederick Stewart charged with non-support of his wife, and Roy Wilson charged with assaulting his wife, were remanded for a little while to see what would be done with them.

NO TIMES ON MONDAY As Monday will be Christmas Day the Evening Times will not be published.

HEAVY TRAVEL AGAIN As had been expected, today was the heaviest for travel on the railway lines, due to such large numbers of people passing to their homes for the holidays. As a consequence, most of the trains were late. The first section of the Montreal and St. John's, which was expected to arrive at St. John's at 10 o'clock, did not arrive until 11 o'clock.

RICHES NOT LIKELY TO RECOVER (Canadian Press) Boston, Mass., Dec. 23.—Clarence V. T. Reason is close to death according to reports from the jail today. Septic poisoning is said to have developed in the wound inflicted by Reason, and it is now feared that he cannot recover.

ST. JOHN NEWS FROM ABROAD Newcastle Paper's Article on St. John Property, the C. P. R., Oak Hall and the Dufferin

(North Shore Leader.) A St. John man talking with The North Shore Leader this week, said, has information that leads me to conclude that the C. P. R. is to be in the forefront of the great industrial movement just about to start in the city of St. John—a movement that is bound to benefit the Miramichi and every part of the province.

TALK OF DOUBLING JOGGINS OUTPUT Senator Mitchell Was in Amherst Consulting About New Equipment

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 23.—Senator Wm. Mitchell of the Maritime Coal, Railway & Power Company, was in Amherst today consulting with Geo. B. Burchill, manager of the company, in reference to plans for the doubling of the output in the Joggins power plant at Chignecto.

CHINESE BRIGANDS MAKE A BIG HAUL Capture \$850,000 Being Transported by Imperial Convoy

Harbin, Manchuria, Dec. 23.—A band of Chinese brigands today attacked an imperial convoy, which was on its way to Kirin, the capital of the province of Kirin, with a large amount of bullion. The robbers carried off \$850,000.

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WEATHER CUTS DOWN PRICE OF POULTRY IN CAPITAL MARKET Turkeys 24 Cents in Fredericton—Personal Notes—The Dismissal of Major Weaver

(Special to Times) Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 23.—The weather has been quite cold for several days, turned soft last night and six inches of snow fell. Early this morning a heavy rain storm set in and continued without abatement until noon.

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GIRL MURDERED IN HYDE PARK; STABBED BY AN ITALIAN? Bridget Pritchard Attacked on a Bridge—Police Scour Italian Quarters in Vain

Hyde Park, Mass., Dec. 23.—Efforts of the police were renewed with considerable activity today in an endeavor to locate the murderer of Miss Bridget Pritchard, an eighteen-year-old girl, who was stabbed to death last night. Because of the girl's dying statement that it was an Italian who attacked her, the police visited the Italian sections of Boston and Hyde Park, but their search failed to reveal any clue to the identity of the slayer.

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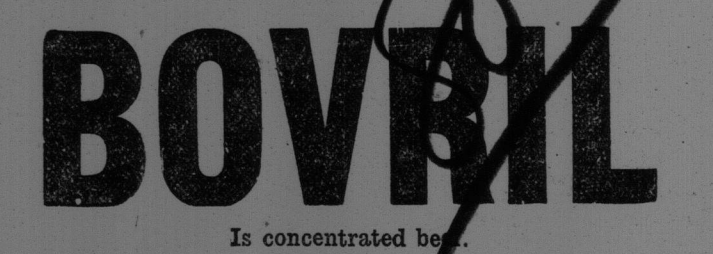
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RIVER FLOOD DRIVES PEOPLE TO THE HILLS Georgia Stream, Swollen By Forty Hours of Rain Climbs Over Danger Line—One Man is Missing

(Canadian Press) Macon, Ga., Dec. 23.—The Ocmulgee river, fed by forty hours of increasing rain in middle Georgia, flooded over the danger line last night in the flat lands of Macon and thirty families, with the water at their thresholds, had fled to higher levels for safety, many leaving their belongings to the mercy of the waters; John Hill, who tried to save cattle, swept into the river, missing.

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Death of Nobleman of Royal Blood Who Was Noted as an Explorer—Mr. Balfour Lord Rendel's Guest

Many of the grandest families of the old world aristocracy, as well as a number of members of the royal house of Bourbon, have been placed in mourning by the death of Prince Witold Czartoryski.

Prince Witold, who died in Paris, had made a name for himself as an explorer of northern Africa and of the Orient, especially of the Barbary States.

He was a bachelor and the whole of his property goes to his nephew and niece, the children of his only brother, Prince Adam.

The latter is the acknowledged head of the Polish aristocracy abroad. Indeed his father, the late Prince Ladislas, was treated by them as their sovereign in partibus and at receptions and dinners which he attended at the so-called Hotel Lambert.

Prince Adam, who spent several months traveling about the United States some years ago, has a commanding presence, and holds the first of his cabinet councils.

It is there that each Easter day all Poles in Paris assemble for a peculiar Polish religious and social function, entitled "Le Benit."

The Evening Chit-Chat

By BUTH CAMERON

YOU would laugh to know how much remorse I feel that I never gave children more toys in the course of my life.

I wonder how many toys there are among your Christmas packages. Surely I didn't hear you say "None at all!"

Why, my poor friend, that's a sad state of affairs, but certainly any reason why you should miss half the fun of Christmas.

I have a lot of girl friends, writes my correspondent, "who think nothing of waiting for me to come home, as if I were a man."

Have you written your Christmas letters yet? It seems to me that one of the sweetest of Christmas customs, and one which I am happy to see is growing rapidly.

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WISHING You a Merry Xmas.

CORBET

196 Union St.

Save Money By Buying Your Christmas Gifts at This Store.

A dollar here means \$1.25 to you. That is why you will save 25c on every dollar you will spend here.

Gifts for women, men and children. Fancy neckwear of lace, silk and net; put up in nice boxes only 25c.

Men's Neckwear—a big assortment, one to a box 25c. Handkerchiefs of all kinds 5c to 50c each.

Ladies' Belts—large assortment, 25c. Ladies' Handbags, 50c up to \$1.50.

Fancy slippers for every member of the family, and hundreds of other things suitable for gifts too numerous to mention.

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A glove for any occasion in every shade, length, style.

CLEANSE YOUR TEETH WITH SOZODONT

SHIPPING

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Daily Hints For the Cook

FIG PUDDING. Two-thirds cup moist, soft bread crumbs (heaped), two eggs well beaten, half cup milk, half pound figs cut fine.

WHITE FRUIT CAKE. One cup butter cream, one and a half cup sugar, three eggs, beaten light.

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Boston, Dec. 22—Five persons were taken into custody after the discovery by the police today of the partly dismembered body of Miss Mary Bolduc, aged 22 years, of Manchester (N. H.), in the Forest Hill section of Jamaica Plains.

The discovery followed the receipt of word from the New Hampshire city authorities that they had been informed by a Manchester physician that a woman lay dead in that house.

The discovery of the body of the woman who had been dead three days, led the police to begin an investigation as to the possibility of other young women having been brought there from cities in Massachusetts and other New England states for the purpose of submitting to operations.

Within a few hours of the finding of the body Mrs. Sluttsok and Miss Hattie Hallett of Cambridge were taken into custody at the Forest Hills apartments.

The case is another outcome of the big cement merger. The suit is one of the largest taken in the local courts in many years.

Only One "BROMO QUININE" that Cures a Cold in One Day.

"77"

Humphreys' Seventy-Seven Breaks up Grip and Colds

Influenza got its name in the seventeenth century in Italy. It was attributed to the influence of the stars.

Symptoms—Chills, fever, coldness, down the spine, dry, feverishness, frontal headache, pains in the limbs and back, cough, nausea, pain and stiffness of the eyes, sneezing and extreme muscular prostration.

Remedy—"Seventy seven" meets the exigency, cuts it short promptly, precevents its return and prevents its invasion.

North Shore Fatality

Campbell, N. B., Dec. 22—Word has been received here of a fatal accident at Underhill camp, on the International railway. Wednesday John Planchard, of Bath, while employed at this camp by the Shives Lumber Company, was killed by a dead limb falling on him from the top of a tree.

The camp is far inland and the body was only received at Campbell last night. Mr. Martineau, the coroner, viewed the body today and granted a certificate of burial, the cause of death being accidental. Planchard has been here since the spring, and leaves his widow and nine children.

BUSINESS COLLEGE PRESENTATIONS. There was a pleasant incident at the close of the morning session in the St. John Business College yesterday morning when the students of the business department presented the proprietor and principal, S. W. Kerr, with a handsome gold mounted fountain pen.

Principal Kerr's assistants in the business department, Miss Brown and Miss Murphy, were remembered by the students also, each receiving a fine portfolio.

With this we wish you the season's greetings. WALTER J. SCRIBNER, W. C. MOWAT, E. A. ADAMS, Committee.

PILES CUR'D IN 6 TO 14 DAYS. Your druggist will refund to you if Piles do not cure after you use "Piles" Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 14 days. 50c.

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20th Century Brand
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1912
NEW YEAR

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

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Accounts may be opened in the names of two or more persons, to be operated by any one of the number or by the survivor. Joint account of this kind saves expense in establishing the account and the money after death, and is especially useful when a man desires to provide for his wife, or for others depending upon him, in the event of his death.

Dominion Trust Co. Stock

Is a good investment for your money; it gives a good return with every prospect of an increase in capital value. The Company is doing a very large business and making excellent profits, a good proportion of which are annually transferred to Reserve thereby building up the strength of the concern. If you have not already investigated, write for particulars.

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BANKERS
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MEMBERS MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE

We Offer Any Part of 300 Shares

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Dividends 6 p. c., payable May 1st and December 31st.
Par Value \$4.80.
Price 100 p. c., ex-div., to yield 5.80 p. c.

One half of the outstanding bond issue was redeemed in 1905 and it is expected the balance will be paid off at maturity in 1913. This will place the Preferred Stock in a very strong position.

Earnings have shown a satisfactory yearly increase for several years past, and for the year ending September 30th, 1911, give a substantial surplus over Preferred and Ordinary dividend requirements.

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Established 1873.
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Arrived Today:
Sloop J. L. Colwell, 98, Merriam, Annapolis Royal.
Claremont Today.
Coastwise—Sloop Dreadnought, 17, Boston, Grand Harbor; steamer Amelia, 103, Thetford, Yarmouth.

Apples from P. Nasc & Sons, Ltd., 60, Corner Main and Bridge. 12-27

LOCAL NEWS

Try Duval's. What for? Anything. 10753-12-23

Skate depot, Duval, 17 Waterloo street. 10752-12-23

Holly and Mistletoe. J. E. Quinn, City Market. 10783-12-23

Ask for Frank White's own make hard mixture. 10610-12-23

Fresh Xmas goods at Vincent's. 10690-12-23

Do not forget C. F. Francis & Co's annual sale of Xmas confectionery. 12-23

Good apples for sale cheap at the Barkers, Ltd. 10705-12-23

Turkey supper tonight, 25 cents, at Wannanaker's. 10705-12-23

Band on Carleton Bink Christmas afternoon and evening; admission 15c. 10714-12-23

There is no place like well Duval's Umbrella Store for gift umbrellas without gift price attachment. 10782-12-23

Reduced prices today, candies, fruit, nuts, toys, corner, London and Sydney streets.

Don't forget when buying your Christmas presents that Corbett, 186 Union, carries a special line of them.

If you want to save money, buy your confectionery and fruit at the Barkers, Ltd.

The Logrin Photo Studio, 38 Charlotte street, open Xmas day with special prices. 10826-12-23

To clear, fancy boxes and baskets cheap. Phillips, Union and Main streets. 10833-12-23

We wish everybody a very merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year. Phillips, Union and Main streets. 10834-12-23

The amazing prosperity of Canada! Socialist Hall, 36 Dock street; all invited. 10835-12-23

Good oranges 10 cents a dozen. Malaga grapes 15 cents a lb.; Xmas candy, 2 lbs. 25 cents—Phillips, Union and Main streets. 10834-12-23

The 2 Barkers are still in the red. Rainie 9c, and 10c a lb.; best oranges 7 1/2c a lb.; citron peel 1 1/2c a lb.; lemon and orange peel 1 1/2c a lb.

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Don't miss the big turkey supper at Hamilton's Restaurant, 74 Mill street, upstairs, Saturday night, Dec. 23. Served from 5.30 to 12 o'clock. 10779-12-23

Toys, dolls, games, books, fancy goods, manure sets, shaving brushes, and a large assortment of novelties, sold at the 2 Barkers, Ltd.

The 2 Barkers, Ltd., 100 Prince street, 111 Brunswick street, 43 Mill street, King street, west end, are offering this week 18 lbs. best granulated sugar for \$1; 85.50 per hundred.

Best blend flour \$2.00 a bag; best Manitoba flour \$1.00 a bag; best barley guaranteed by the 2 Barkers, Ltd., 100 Prince street, 111 Brunswick street, 43 Mill street, 248 King street, west end.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

Methodists' Big Meeting in Centenary, Then Gathering With Presbyterians and Congregationalists in King Square

The fourth annual rally of the Methodist Sunday schools will take place in Centenary church on New Year's morning at half past ten. It is expected that no less than eleven Methodist Sunday schools will take part, and it is believed that the capacity of even so large a church as Centenary will be taxed to the utmost to hold the gathering. The galleries of the church have been reserved for visitors, and it is expected that quite a number will be present.

The chairman of the gathering will be Rev. G. A. Ross. Short addresses will be made by Mayor Feink and Rev. H. R. Thomas. Telegrams of greetings will be exchanged with similar gatherings in the west, and the chairman of the executive, F. R. Murray, has just heard from Ottawa that His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, will send a message of greeting.

It was hoped that Halifax would have a similar gathering this year, but this has been deferred for another year. When this is done it will complete the chain from coast to coast.

After the meeting is dismissed a march will be made to King Square where the Presbyterian-Congregational gathering will join and will conclude with the National Anthem.

LOTS OF CHRISTMAS CANDY AT WASSON'S

Tonight come here to buy
You will like the fine quality of the kinds we offer. All confectionery in handsome gift boxes.

WASSON'S 100 KING STREET

LIGGETT'S
1 lb., 60c.; 1 lb., \$1.00; 2 lbs., \$2.00; 5 lbs., \$5.00

NEILSON'S
Small packages, at 20c. and 25c.; 1 lb., 30c., 40c., 50c.
1 lb., 60c., 75c., \$1.00; 2 lbs., \$1.50 and \$2.00; 5 lbs., \$3.50.
Party Box, \$1.00; Fancy Boxes, hand painted, 75c., \$1.50
Chocolate Dipped Cherries, 1 lb., 50c.; 1 lb., \$1.00.

HUYLER'S MIXED CHOCOLATES
1 lb., 40c.; 1 lb., 50c.; 2 lbs., \$1.00; 5 lbs., \$4.00; Bonbons and Chocolates, 1 lb., 30c.; 2 lbs., \$1.60; 5 lbs., \$4.00.
Chocolate Creams, 1 lb., 30c.; 2 lbs., 50c.; 5 lbs., \$1.20.
Nut Chocolates, 1 lb., 25c.; 2 lbs., 50c.; 1 lb., \$1.00.
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Shenandoah, Pa., Dec. 23.—Fire of mysterious origin, last night destroyed the West Shenandoah colliery, owned by the Philadelphia & Reading Company. The loss is estimated at a million dollars. The loss is estimated at a million dollars. The loss is estimated at a million dollars.

ARREST MADE IN POISONING CASE

Henderson, Ky., Dec. 23.—While the coroner began inquiry into the fatal poisoning of the Royter family at Roberts last night, the sheriff moved rapidly today, arresting Philip Burs, said to have been a rejected admirer of one of the Royter sisters.

THE LAST WORD FROM THE WEATHER MAN

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The weather forecaster has taken pains this morning to get out a particularly careful prophecy of the weather for the ensuing two days, as Monday will be observed at the meteorological office as a complete holiday, and the next weather bulletin will not be issued before Tuesday.

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PERSONALS

Miss Louise Burns of Bathurst and her little niece, Maria Fraser of Rockingham, N. S., who have been visiting Mrs. J. D. Maher, Douglas avenue, returned home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Albright arrived in the city yesterday from Boston to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Erb, King street, east end.

Rev. Clifford Clark, of the west side, who has been attending Newton Theological Seminary, arrived home yesterday to spend Christmas with his parents.

Percival L. Bonnell, who has been attending Tuft's Dental School, came to the city yesterday to spend Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Bonnell.

Mr. and Mrs. James Patton left last evening for Montreal, where they will spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert M. Rice left last night for Carleton to spend Christmas at Mr. Rice's old home.

John I. Robinson, manager of the Sydney Hotel, arrived in the city yesterday to spend Christmas with relatives here.

Miss Annie Colwell arrived from Boston yesterday to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Colwell, Paradise row.

E. H. Wood, travelling car foreman for the C. P. R., Montreal, returned to his old home here today for the holidays.

G. P. Leonard came home yesterday from Montreal to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. C. H. Leonard, Union street.

W. J. Doherty, of the C. P. R., Montreal, came home today to spend Christmas with his parents in North End.

L. G. Jost arrived today from Montreal to spend Christmas at his home in North End.

Edmund J. Doody came home from Montreal today for Christmas.

Miss Annie Colwell returned today from Boston to spend the festive season with relatives in North End.

Stanley Smith returned today from Montreal to spend Christmas at his home in Princess street.

Leonard E. Cronin came home from Montreal today for the holidays.

C. J. Discoli, chief clerk in the office of the assistant-general freight agent's office of the I. C. R., in Montreal, came home today to spend the holidays.

E. H. Wood, travelling car foreman with the C. P. R., Montreal, returned today.

David Russell, of Montreal, formerly of St. John, is expected in the city tomorrow and will leave again on Monday.

Leo Bradley of North End, came home today on the Montreal train.

Walter Rathburne returned today from Boston.

H. D. Lewis, arrived home today from Montreal.

Rev. Dr. O'Reilly is in Sydney, C. B., to spend Christmas with his parents.

ANOTHER STEP AHEAD.
In addition to the other rumors of new developments in the block in Prince William street between Princess and Duke streets, it is understood that the owner of one of the buildings in that block is considering plans for the remodeling of the building to fit it for a modern office building. The scheme has been under consideration for some time, but has remained dormant awaiting the definite announcement that the post office is to be erected on that block.

STEAMER NOTES.
The Manchester Corporation is due here tonight at seven o'clock.

The Manchester Corporation sailed at two o'clock this afternoon from Manchester for this port direct.

The Empress of Ireland docked at Liverpool last night at eight o'clock.

The Rappahannock will probably get away from port tomorrow afternoon about one o'clock.

The Kwara, Eocene and Salais will all sail from this port on Monday.

Christmas day, afternoon and evening, the Nickel will still sail and another first class attraction is the Count Kroger, the Merry Wizard. In exhibitions of English yuletide merriment, the Nickel will entertain greatly. He does numerous tricks entirely new to St. John, and his comely talk, broken accent and practical jokes upon members of the audience, make plenty of fun. The count will be heard and seen by everybody who is to work for all Christmas crowds. The Nickel has a fine strong holiday bill of pictures and good songs, with orchestra at usual doors open at 1.30 and 6.30 p. m.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Queen Square Methodist church, Rev. Wilfred Gust, pastor.—The service will be of a special character in this church morning and evening. An excellent programme of music will be rendered, in which the Pythian Quartette will take a prominent part.

Eleven a. m., Doxology, invocation, hymn, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," prayer.

Pythian Male Quartette, "While by My Sleep" (duet); Wm. J. Bamberg, S. C. Young, E. W. Bonnell, K. F. Bonnell, A. Palm.—(Read responsively: Gloria, New Testament Scripture; anthem: "The First Christmas Morn"—Ernest Morton); offertory; anthem, "Christians Awake"; hymn, benediction.

Seven p. m.—Organ prelude: Christmas Carol, "There Was Silence in Bethlehem's Fields," (Stainer); doxology; invocation; Anthem—"The Wondrous Birth," (Pekelley).

Pythian Male Quartette, "Silent Night," (V. E. Becker).

Prayer; anthem, "While Shepherds Watched"; (Shackley); Psalm reading; anthem, "Sing, O Heavens," (Brice); Scripture reading; Pythian Male Quartette; offertory.

Anthem, "He Came Upon the Midnight Clear"; (Stoner); hymn; sermon; prayer; hymn; benediction; vesper hymn.

Kenneth Bonnell is chorister and Mrs. Seely organist.

St. Andrew's church.—Morning service at eleven o'clock, subject, "Christ Present"; evening service at seven o'clock, subject, "The Song of Redemption." Rev. C. P. Goodson, recently of Chicago, will preach at both services; special Christmas music; all are welcome.

Waterloo street United Baptist church, Rev. F. H. Wentworth, pastor.—Morning eleven o'clock, preacher Rev. A. F. Newcomb, M.A., B.D., subject, "The Message of Christmas," evening seven o'clock, the pastor will preach, subject, "The Human Mother and the Divine Son," special Christmas music; all are welcome.

Centenary Methodist church.—Sunday services eleven a. m. and seven p. m. The music will be appropriate for the Xmas season. Rev. C. R. Flanders, D. D., morning and evening. The members of the Sunday school choir will assist the regular choir at the morning service, and the pastor will give a short address to the young people; Sunday school at half past two p. m.; Centenary Marsh Bridge Sunday school half-past two p. m. There will be a public service in Centenary Monday (Christmas morning), at eleven o'clock. First Church of Christ Scientist.—Service at eleven a. m.; 15th German street, subject, "Christ Jesus." Wednesday evening service at eight; reading room open daily (Saturday and legal holidays excepted), from 3 to 5 p. m.; public cordially invited to both services and reading room.

Mission church, St. John Baptist, Paradise row.—On Sunday, Dec. 24, Edly Eucharist (plain) eight a. m.; matins and litany, quarter after ten a. m.; high celebrative with sermon by Rev. H. A. Colville, eleven a. m. Festal evening with the singing of Christmas carols, seven p. m.

On Christmas Day—Holy Eucharist (plain), six seven and eight a. m.; matins and litany, quarter after ten a. m.; high celebrative and sermon by Rev. Fathers Gowers, eleven a. m. Evening prayer, half past five p. m. Catholic ritual, Santa free.

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BLOOD POISONING
Friends of Malcolm W. Jones, millwright in Stetson, Cutler's mill, North End, will regret to learn that it was necessary to operate upon him this morning for blood poisoning resulting from a slight scratch which he received a day or two ago. He is resting more comfortably today. Doctors MacLaren and Pratt performed the operation.

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CHRISTMAS We come again to that benign season when the Great Anointed sends over all Christendom the spirit of peace on earth and good will to men.

Here and there discordant voices are raised to tell us that there is not peace but war in the world of men, and that in the religious world there is not concord but dissension. But in the very act of recording this unseasonable protest one realizes of how little moment it is, by comparison.

For, while there are minor wars, and while some of the creeds are in the crucible of thought, the great outstanding fact is the sustained and increasing brilliance of that star that shone above Bethlehem, which, after the lapse of centuries, holds more and more of the world in the warm glow of its radiance.

Talk there is of creeds, talk of changing beliefs, talk of peace interrupted by some rattling of the swords of the nations; but the world is not to be judged by a day or a year, or a generation, but by the steadiness with which it swings evermore truly toward the epoch star of truth. Men change in their conception of formula, but the fundamentals do not change. They are more broadly interpreted, so that they command more widespread allegiance from the thinking men of all nations.

The world is emerging from the clogging multiplicity of creed rules, and coming yearly to agree more and more upon the outstanding simplicities of religion. Love is service. This is the great creed, and yearly more and more of the world's people subscribe to it, realizing, even in an age stamped above all others as material, that selfishness is humanity's greatest foe.

PHASES OF HIGH COST OF LIVING (Toronto Mail and Empire) It has been well said that the reason for the high cost of living is the cost of living high; and that the consumers themselves are directly responsible for the sin of which they have accused the middleman.

The trial of the Chicago meat packers is going to occupy months and cost a mint of money. But the trial of the meat consumers has extended over many years and has cost many millions. Turn about is fair play.

The Modern Method They phone for what they want at the last moment, insist upon the choicest supplies, instantly delivered, and usually in small quantities. It is safe to say that there are few houses in Toronto, even in the fashionable and well-to-do quarters, where you can go into the cellar and find a fine side of beef or a back of pork hanging on a hook, ready to be cut into steaks or chops by the husband before he starts for work in the morning.

During the new year St. John will introduce commission government and will at least give thoughtful examination to the merits of gradually exempting improvements from taxation. This latter subject is of immense importance and ought to be studied by every taxpayer. It is a mistake to suppose that it would lead to injustice or the oppression of any one class. The reverse, rather, is true.

The suit by the Bank of Montreal against Sir Sanford Fleming may result in leaving the lead line into the water in the cement merger stock. Sir Sanford Fleming has money enough to afford to do a little submarine investigating, and he recently told several friends that before he got through he would turn the cement merger inside out. Beyond the disturb-

ance of a few financiers, there is no reason in the world why the public which buys stock should not see the works of the watch as well as the face thereof. So here is more power to Sir Sanford's elbow.

A tariff war between the United States and Russia is on the programme. A tariff war means a system of fines for the consumer. Such fines ought to be paid only by the politicians who raise the tariff. When the voting population of any country really studies its own interests it will quickly prevent tariff wars.

C. P. R. officials in Montreal deny that their company has purchased a site for a big hotel in St. John. This rumor persists in the face of many denials, a fact due probably to the universal belief that the C. P. R. will find it a good matter of business to establish a big hotel in St. John before the Grand Trunk Pacific has time to do so. When St. John's prospects for growth were poor, the big transportation companies could afford to wait. But that day is past. Next year even the C. P. R. will not be able to pick up a desirable hotel site in St. John for a song.

An Ottawa despatch to the Standard says that if Mr. Borden is knighted the honor will be given "in recognition of his fight for British connection and unity of the Empire in the recent election." The recent election had nothing whatever to do with British connection or the unity of the Empire; but in the year 1897 the Liberal party lead all the King's overseas dominions in giving British goods a substantial preference in this market. That great step toward Imperial unity elicited from Mr. Kipling one of his finest poems.

Later on the Liberal government increased the preference. No Conservative government has ever matched that achievement. Today a majority of the people of Canada—beyond question a very great majority—desire and would heartily welcome a further increase of the British preference. A duty in this respect squarely confronts Premier Borden. There is no way to evade it. He must lead the way in the matter, or refuse to increase the preference at the bidding of the selfish "interests."

The manufacturers have already told Mr. Borden that the preference must not be increased. And now this whole country is waiting to see what the Premier is going to do about it.

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Two servant girls had the following brief but pointed colloquy—"Well Sally, how are you?" "Oh, capital. My master's got the gout and can't wear his boots, so I haven't got to clean 'em of a morning; while the missus has got the indigestion so she can't eat, so I've got nothing to cook."

Oh, what luck! A host of modern paraphernalia that was not considered essential in the good old days when butter sold at a York shilling a pound, and when the customers would carry bags of potatoes on their shoulders from Parliament street over the Don.

Mayor Shank's Plan The most notable of contemporary movements against the high price of food necessities is that inaugurated by Mayor Shank, of Indianapolis. Becoming convinced that the retailers were charging unfair prices, and that they were combining to keep up prices, he boldly attacked them by constituting himself a market. He sent into the country and bought a number of carloads of potatoes from the growers at 40 cents a bushel, and after paying incidental charges, was able to sell them at 75 cents. At that time the retailers in Indianapolis were charging \$1.60 a bushel. When Mayor Shank began to cut prices the dealers a bushel, but raised them again to a dollar a bushel, but raised them again as soon as the Mayor's supply was exhausted. Then his Workshop invaded the fruit market, and similarly cut prices, while his supplies lasted. On Saturday he helped seventy-five people to get their Thanksgiving turkeys at 18 cents a pound. He also sold 300 dressed chickens and 200 pounds of country butter at prices considerably below those charged in the stores of Indianapolis. He declares that he will go on with the fight until the retailers abandon their ring.

Better and Cheaper Food The people of the city appear to be very strongly in favor of the Mayor's campaign, and never let him keep his stock long on hand. Probably they have figured out by this time why the government was a success. The Mayor has taught them to go to the market again. He does not deliver the goods. He has the supplies delivered at the market, and the people have to come for them. He fills no telephone orders, charges nothing, has no bookkeeping expenses, no high rent to pay, and the

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He feels again the rule of youth That thro' his childish hoarse started When Santa Claus was gospel truth To him in days now long departed.

Some incident of childhood days, That had for years been all forgotten, Again appears before his gaze At sight of each expectant stocking.

The sleeping doll, the gilded drum, The music-box with sweet vibration, The glittering sword, the polished gun, The skates for healthily recreation.

The odor of the painted toys, He's sorting out with feeble finger, Awakes again the vanished joys, That e'er in the memory linger.

For Christmas mirth will ever tend To wake the dormant chord of sadness, By recollections of the friend Who shares no more our festive gladness.

The vacant chair that's never filled, The happy voice whose ringing laughter, The heartless rascal rudely killed, To waken in the bright hereafter.

In every home such thoughts as these Are mingled with the season's greeting Throughout the world where'er you please You'll find them in the family meeting.

Forgive me, reader, if I wrote A line to mar your festive gladness, I only pen the lines to note How Christmas joys are linked with sadness.

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THE DICKENS BENEFIT

Dissention Over it But it Will Be Carried Through—Mrs. "Pat" Campbell In Pretty Way Makes Trouble—Sanley Sings Again

(Times Special Correspondence)

London, Dec. 22.—It is many a day since anything like the storm of angry recrimination provoked by the appointment of Charles Brookfield to be joint censor of plays with G. A. Redford, has been felt. I happen to have been in the centre of the cyclone and I can assure you it was no joking matter. There are few men who, in a quiet social way, have contrived to make more enemies for themselves than Brookfield. Dramatically his chief qualifications for censorship conferred upon him, are several adaptations from the French, all chiefly conspicuous for their "Frenchness."

Further he has openly avowed his contempt for the modern school of serious dramatics. His views in this respect display an extraordinary ignorance of a total disregard of the actual condition of things theatrical. Brookfield, too, is rather an invalid and virtually incapable in the shape of hard work. Of course the managers are, nearly to a man, ready to welcome him, doubtless because they imagine that a man who has shown such facility in his own writings will scarcely be likely to interfere with their freedom of action. Yet they may find themselves mistaken.

Meanwhile, Redford, the present censor, although boiling over with wrath, maintains a discreet silence, so far as any rate as the public is concerned. I have, however, had several intimate conversations with him and I am bound to say he has my entire sympathy. Naturally he expected that the office would be a life one and that he was secured a comfortable little income of \$5,000 to \$6,000 until the day of his death. Now he learns that that income is to be reduced to \$2,000 which sum is also to be paid annually to Brookfield.

Redford is furious at the idea of being bracketed with a monster, after seventeen years' service he should be made his partner and in all respects his equal, appears to him a most monstrous piece of jobbery. There is still the possibility, however, that in view of the wide and intense display of feeling which the lord chamberlain's action has provoked, Brookfield may find himself dispossessed of his position.

"William Archer, the famous critic, usually so mild mannered, makes the most pointed and entertaining of the outbursts against the appointment. He writes:—

"You ask me how I view the Brookfield appointment? I view it as a final proof of the fact—already too amply demonstrated—that the lord high chamberlain's department is hopelessly devoid of any understanding or sympathy for the unfortunate art which an obsolete statute consigned, nearly two centuries ago, to its tender mercies.

"That the adapter of 'Dear Old Charlie' should glorify in cynical audacity—should be selected as the censor of the dramatic literature of a great nation, is a stroke of exquisite humor, quite the most delicious in the history of an office always prolific of absurdities.

"But if that were all we could afford to laugh without too much bitterness. Our laughter, however, turns to something like exasperation and despair when we find the autocrat elect celebrating his appointment by a public proclamation on January 7. Many prominent actors and actresses have already promised their cooperation. E. J. Williams will emerge from his retirement to play Tom Pinch, while artists like Sir John Galt, Sir Squire Bancroft, Mrs. Kendall and Sir George Alexander, to mention only a few names, will contribute in one way or another.

"The programme is to be purely Dickensian. There will be dramatized scenes from some of his most popular novels, there will be recitations, while some of the songs to be set to music by English composers and sung by distinguished vocalists.

"The manuscript of a little play written by Dickens himself has been found in the office of 'Punch' and it is a performance of that which will probably be a feature of the evening. The great attraction, however, is to be the living presentation of Dickens himself in his study at Gad's Hill, followed by a series of tableaux depicting well known incidents and characters drawn from his novels.

"The only dissentients so far are Tree and Arthur Bourchier, who had intended to give a dramatic performance at His Majesty's in support of the scheme. But, learning that Stall had anticipated their purpose, they have now withdrawn altogether.

"I hear that there is a prospect of Sir Charles Wyndham coming back to the London stage before very long. True, his health has not been of the best lately; nevertheless, one sees him everywhere and, outwardly at any rate, there is no abatement of his marvellous energy. It was stated that Julia Neilson and Fred Terry had determined on a revival of 'Sweet Nell of Old Drury' at the New Theatre of which they hold a lease from Wyndham. It is practically certain, however, that Fred Terry will not be able to act for six months at least, the doctor even hints at a temporary retirement, consequently, the revival is to be the work of Julia Neilson alone, considering the idea.

Sanley Sings at Edwardes Dinner

A dinner given to George Edwardes recently at the Savoy, in celebration of his twenty-five years' management of the Gaiety, proved a distinct success. The menu was excellent, the speeches pleasantly brief, and in the chair and proposed the health of the guest of the evening. He was perceived in his happy vein at the banquet. In his happy vein at the banquet. In his happy vein at the banquet. In his happy vein at the banquet.

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Reynier Suede Gloves, white, black, grey, pair \$1.60

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WEEKLY COTTON NEWS

(From E. & C. Randolph's Weekly Market Letter, furnished by J. M. Robinson & Sons.)

New York, Dec. 21.—Covering has probably been the chief factor on the recovery of last week in the local cotton market. Buying by trade interests, particularly by those with foreign connections, has been much in evidence, while there has been some fresh buying for long account; reflecting both the operations of reactionists and a disposition in some circles to take a bullish view of the situation on the ground that, owing to the willingness of the foreign spinner to protect himself against remote requirements combined with the apparent ability of the south to hold the market may hold its ground until it comes under the influence of reduced acreage reports this spring.

The south, however, increases its offerings on advances, both in the way of differences in the matter of actual offerings in the interior and it seems as though the sympathetic influence of the December month rather more uneasy than consistent with the broader facts in the market.

Moreover, the recent relative firmness of Liverpool and the comparatively wide spread of arbitrage buying, which has helped the local market, and the advance in our opinion, has been at the expense of the technical position owing to the reduction in the speculative short interest, and the accumulation of long accounts—partly in the way of a trade interest, but partly speculative.

At any rate we see nothing in the developments of the past week to cause us to change the opinions recently expressed.

Meanwhile, the south, having sold a very large amount of cotton during the last four weeks, appears to have limped up again, particularly with reference to lotter grades, but it still seems to us that advances can only bring out more cotton than the market can absorb, and while there has been some modification of minimum price views, even in radically bearish circles, the more immediate possibilities on the bull side are certainly limited and those who begin too early to discount a reduced production next year are running the chances of seeing the market considerably against them.

STILL GOING ON THE SALE OF NOVELTIES IN BRASS COPPER NICKEL AND ART SILVER

Great chance to secure nice gifts at low prices.

MORNING LOCALS

The smoker of "D" company, 62nd Regiment, last evening was greatly enjoyed. About thirty members were present and an impromptu programme was carried out. Captain Dundfield presided.

There was a persistent rumor here yesterday that the G. P. R. had purchased the Dufferin Hotel property. This has often been reported before and as often denied. A high official of the company said to the Telegraph's Montreal correspondent when asked about the matter last night: "It is not true. We have not purchased the property."

At the annual meeting of Court Yukon, Canadian Order of Foresters, last evening the following officers were elected: R. M. Thorne, chief ranger; J. E. Arthur, financial secretary; J. A. Marshall, recording secretary; R. W. Wignome, treasurer; H. Talbot, orator; Dr. G. G. Melvin, auditor; G. Doucy, senior woodworker; J. H. Pierce, junior woodworker; H. Stackhouse, S. B. E. Williams, R. B. Dr. Melvin, court physician; J. O. Brown, R. B. Stackhouse, R. M. Thorne, trustees.

The Hogan liquor case was resumed in the police court yesterday afternoon and judgment reserved. W. J. Mahoney appeared for the defendant and G. A. Henderson for the prosecution.

It is reported that a new scheme is to come before the St. John branch of the N. B. Temperance Federation at its next meeting in regard to the enforcement of the liquor license law. It is now proposed to have a provincial board of license commissioners and one inspector, with county deputies to see that the law is fulfilled.

The boys of the Boys' Industrial Home gave a very pleasing Christmas entertainment to friends and relatives last night. An excellent musical and literary programme was carried out, after which the boys received prizes won for good conduct, etc., during the year. The usual Christmas dinner and tree will be held on Monday.

Miss Helen Edkins and W. Heber Hugard, both of Norton, were united in marriage by Rev. Dr. Young, in Norton, on Wednesday. They left on a honeymoon trip to Hartford, Conn.

R. B. Bennett, M. P., for Calgary, was in the city yesterday on his way to Albert county, to attend Christmas. He has been in the west fourteen years, and comes home every Christmas. In speaking of immigration matters he said, "take an inventory of all the available farming land you have and then, with the cooperation of the federal government, start a select immigration campaign, and soon you will find the pulse of prosperity beating in the east."

FARMER FINED \$300

Spring Gun in His Hen House Caused a Man's Death

Dedham, Mass., Dec. 23.—The use of a spring gun in a hen house cost Henry Sharp, a well known farmer of Norfolk, \$300. Upon his plea of guilty of manslaughter in connection with the death of Anthony Nicola, this fine was imposed by Judge Quinn in the Superior court here. Sharp had been greatly annoyed by chicken thieves and to prevent further raids of his poultry he rigged a spring gun in his henhouse, intending, he said, to capture the intruders.

Nicola entered Sharp's hen house on the night of August 7, and exploded the gun and was killed.

NEWS OF FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 22.—Major W. J. Weaver, Army Medical Corps, has received notification that his services as surgeon at No. 3 Regimental Depot in this city are no longer required. The announcement came as no surprise. Major S. T. A. Wainwright, 7th York Regiment, is supposed to be in line for the job. Major Weaver's dismissal was made purely for political reasons, he being a capable officer and popular with the men of "H" company, R. C. I.

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Guilds Association was held here this afternoon and the annual dinner at the Queen Hotel tonight. Officers for the ensuing year are: Honorary president, Hon. J. K. Flemming; president, W. H. Allen; vice-president, S. P. Thomas; secretary, J. Harold McMurray; executive committee, Moore, Bert Moore, Lorenzo Savage, Chas. Cremin, John Jarvis, John Murphy; committee to interview Premier Flemming, Arthur Bringle, Chas. Cremin, W. H. Allen, S. P. Thomas.

The Guides report a successful year and game more plentiful than for several seasons. About thirty persons attended the annual dinner.

The death occurred at the Victoria Hospital early this morning of Susan, the wife of Enoch Welton, of Minto, after a short illness, at the age of seventy-one years. The deceased is survived by her husband and a large family of sons. The remains were taken by train to Minto this morning.

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Mr. Follis—"Why are sheep the most dissipated animals?"
 Mr. Silly—"Because they gambol all their lives, spend most of their time on the turf, many of them are black-legs, and all are fleeced in the end."

Douglas W. Clinch, who has spent the last month in the woods studying wild life, and taking pictures, in company with Mr. Hunter, of New York, returned home yesterday to spend Christmas.

RECENT DEATHS

Mrs. Mary Browning, wife of William Browning, died at her home at River de Chure yesterday, aged seventy-five years. Four sons and three daughters survive. Her husband is critically ill.

A woman was reading about lions to her little boy. A little later the boy ran from a mouse, which amused his mother. "I thought you were not afraid of lions," she said.

"There is a good deal of difference between a lion in a book," the boy said, "and a real mouse."

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A PAGE OF SPECIAL FEATURES FOR SATURDAY TIMES READERS

TRAGEDY AT A COURT MARTIAL

French Soldier Brings Death Sentence On Himself RULERS OF THE AIR

Government at Paris Draws up Regulations for Aviators—The Wealth of the Rothschilds—Brave Boy's Tussle With a Mad Dog

Paris, Dec. 22.—A strange and painful incident at a court-martial held at Lille is reported. It was presided over by the colonel commanding the 8th Regiment Mounted Chasseurs. Among the prisoners was an infantry soldier named Mottais, who came from Havre. While in the penitentiary last October he threw his wooden shoe at the head of the visiting surgeon. When brought up for trial he appeared to be sorry for his offence, listening without comment to the evidence of the surgeon and chief warder.

A third witness was called in the person of a trooper named Beuzoboo, who had not been in the penitentiary for desertion. While there, being himself a native of Havre, he had struck up a very warm friendship with Mottais, and conceived the idea of committing a similar crime in order to have the same punishment awarded him, so as not to be separated from his comrade. Accordingly he had scarcely been brought into court before he sprang on to the steps of the dais on which the officers were sitting and flung his shoe violently in the face of the president, accompanying the act with abusive epithets.

On the colonel asking him if he was sorry he replied that he had come expressly to do what he had done. Then and there he was arraigned for striking a superior officer, and, after a brief deliberation, he was sentenced to death, while Mottais was told of the verdict, he grew pale and nearly swooned away.

The extraordinary severity of the sentence must serve as a terrible example of the strict notions of discipline in the French army.

SUICIDE FAMOUS WAR SPY

Man Who Leaped From Dome of High New York Building

Went Into Southern Army Quarters and Learned all About the Confederate Position—A Thrilling Tale of War Time

This is a story of Pryce Lewis; not the whole story nor a great part of it, for that could scarcely be. It was Pryce Lewis who served the country as a spy in the Civil War and who came as near death in the line of his duty as a man can well come and escape. It was Pryce Lewis, too, who followed many intricate matters through to the end, in peril of his life, and to whom Lewis was made until he was 88 years old, and then he jumped from the dome of the Pulitzer building to the streets of Park row. He did that last Wednesday afternoon, says the New York Sun.

The Pinkertons picked Pryce Lewis to go south. The headquarters were in Cincinnati. The young Englishman already had a reputation as a spy, and he had been recommended to his chief, that he was given permits to travel from the start. He had an accent and a drawl. He had also an excellent knowledge of the Confederate war, which he had got as an agent in England during the history of the Crimea. It was suggested that he be an army officer who wanted to see action in the Confederate ranks, and he was offered an opportunity to use his wit and talent in a chance as events proved he got all that he was looking for.

So he called himself Lord Tracy, hired a carriage and pair of horses, and started out from Cincinnati. There was nothing lacking to create the illusion of high station. Lewis was a man who knew much of life. He could assume the manners of a politician. And Pinkerton had him out with all the items necessary to carry off the play. He had fine clothes. He had a British accent, and he had a good deal of gold. He had a gold cigar case, which was engraved with an impressive crest.

Thus clad, and with the appearance of the civil war, he had not far to go before he fell in with Confederate leaders. General Grant was not far from Cincinnati. It was an easy task for the Englishman to convince the first Confederate officer he met that he was kindly disposed. The accent, the silk hat, the gold cigar case, the cockman, the familiarity with a great war and the assurance of a high position, were all in his favor.

FABLES IN SLANG

Series of 1911 -- BY GEO. ADE

THE NEW FABLE OF THE LIFE OF THE PARTY (Copyright, 1911, by George Ade.) One night a Complimentary Dinner was given to a Captain of Industry by some Friends looking for Orders. The Chairman of the Arrangements Committee was a popular Wine-Drinker, consequently the volunteer Search Parties were out for Three Days after, gathering up the Dead.



Both Would Retire to the Corners Breathing Heavily, But Full of Combat. Man connected with the Jobbing Trade got up to say a Few Words. He was keyed to Concert Pitch and the Audience was Piped and all the old sure-fire Bokum of a Sentimental Nature simply Killed them in their Seats.

THE NEW FABLE OF THE HONEYMOON THAT TRIED TO COME BACK

One's there was an undivided Couple that would get up every G. M. and put on the five-o'clock Mitts and wait for the Sound of the Gong. Each was working for the Championship of the Flat and proved to be a Glutton for Punishment.



And Seeing Herman Seated Opposite, Would Remark, "Stung" for each was too game to be a Quitter. Their Married Life, which started out with American Beauty Roses in every vase and a long Piece in the Paper, now settled down to a Thirty Years War with all the Attendant Horrors.

Armchair Reflections

BY H. L. SPENCER

I was astonished when I awoke from a few moments of my unconscious to find Ellen seated on the arm of my chair and scanning my features with her searching eyes. "Drowsy Head!" she exclaimed, "sleeping like a top, while we are all waiting for a run in the orchard! Just listen! Don't you hear the thud of the ripe apples as they fall to the ground? Don't you smell their breath? Don't you hear the robins singing and the tinkle of the brook? Here we are, all waiting for the sluggish to awake from his slumbers."

Wedding Rings

There is always an element of romance about a ring, and the interested in that plain gold circle—the wedding ring. A century or two ago wedding-rings of tin contained very modest inscriptions. And if the Ladies were present that was where he worked in the Bird-Calls and ordered to the Expectation Tables of the Insurance Actaries, probably he will Stick Around for 32 years more and never find that he is a Pest.

Leads in Live Stock

In one department of farming, Ireland easily holds pre-eminence. Her total exports of all classes of live stock in 1910 were three times the value of live stock imported into Great Britain from all other countries. This great trade amounted to more than \$77,000,000 and in addition to that England took more than \$20,000,000 of dead meat from Ireland.

Assault on Judge in Court

An exciting scene took place at the Birmingham Assizes recently when a violent prisoner threw a stool at Mr. Justice Ridley. His Lordship was struck in the face, but happily, was not seriously injured. The prisoner was Thomas Field, aged thirty-four, who was on trial charged with housebreaking. While the first witness (Continued on page 8, fifth column)

NEW BATTLESHIPS TO HAVE NO RIVAL

PROSPERITY OF IRELAND IN TRADE FIGURES

Exports Almost Wholly Farm Products and Manufactured Goods Which Have Brought Good Wages to Workers—Only Six Per Cent Raw Materials

RAPID GAIN IS NOTED

Dublin, Dec. 12.—The trade statistics for the last two years, which have just been compiled, show that Ireland is not only no longer a poor country, but that her prosperity is increasing at a phenomenal pace. The figures show that her foreign trade in 1910 was valued at £100,000,000, an increase of more than £20,000,000 over the total foreign trade in 1909. Another most encouraging feature of the figures is that the value of her exports is increasing at a much greater proportion than the imports, thus showing that Ireland is becoming more self-supporting and is even producing a surplus to be sold to other nations.

Five British Fighters On Sea in The Programme

DREADNOUGHT OUTDONE

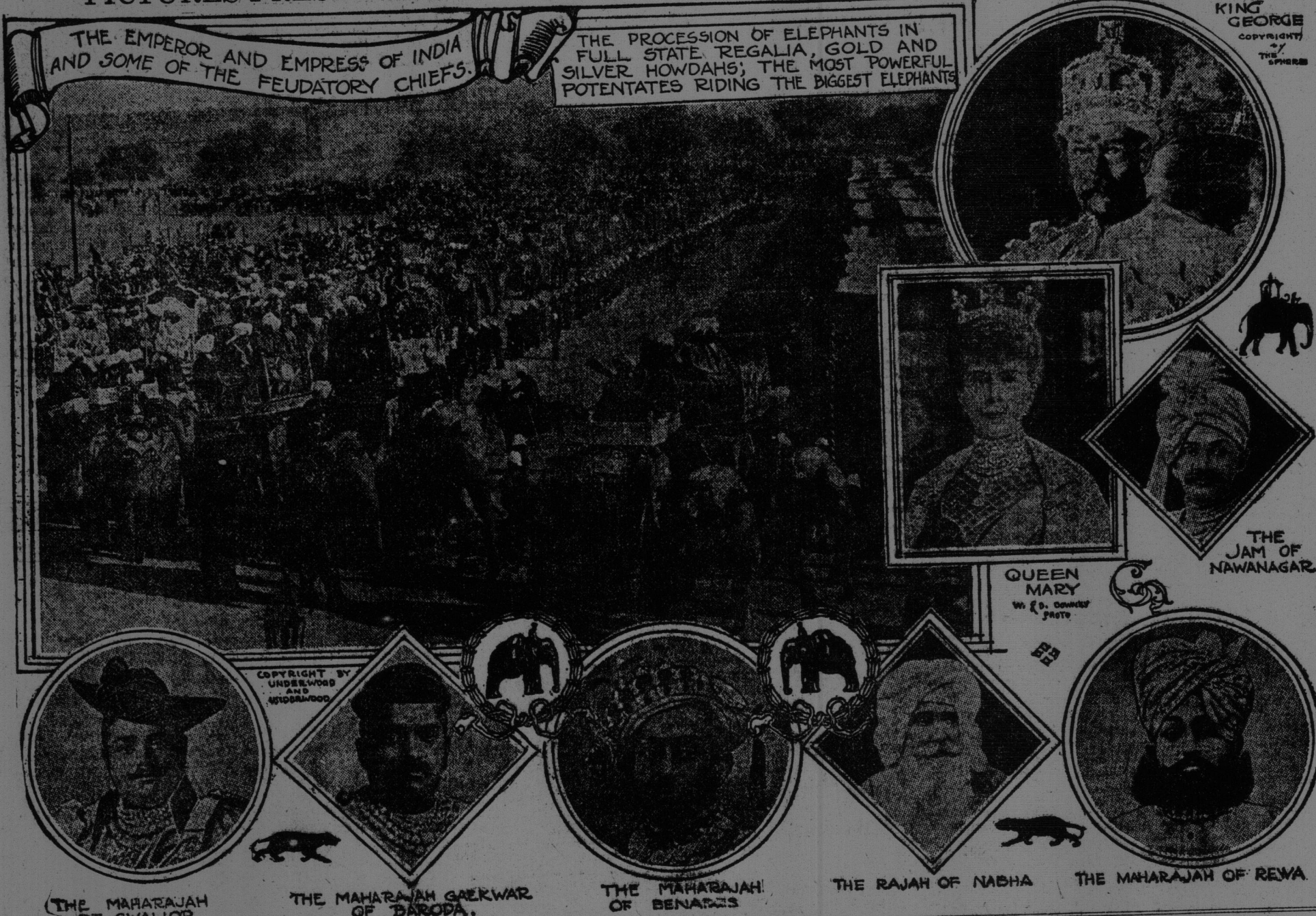
Will Carry 13.5 Inch Guns—Making Men-o-war Practically Unsinkable—Judge on Bench Hit by Stool Thrown by Prisoner

London, Dec. 12.—The five battleships of this year's ship-building programme, which are about to be laid down, will be superior to the Dreadnought and her sisters as the Dreadnought was to the vessels which preceded her. The five new battleships—or, to be strictly accurate, four battleships and one battle-cruiser—which are now under construction, will be the most remarkable ships yet conceived by the naval constructor. They will not be the largest armored ships in the world (though larger than any hitherto added to the British fleet), but in offensive and defensive power and speed—in fact, in the combination of all the most valuable fighting qualities—they will be without a rival.

Prosperity of Ireland in Trade Figures

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PICTURES FRESH FROM SCENE OF THE CORONATION DURBAR IN INDIA



SPORT NEWS OF A DAY; HOME AND ABROAD

Table with columns for Bowing, C. M. B. A. 482, and A. O. H. listing names and scores.

Colleges To Take Up Rowing. New York University is contemplating taking up rowing, and Michigan, too, is a remote possibility in aquatic.

The Ring Hogan Beats Nelson. New York, Dec. 22—"One Round" Hogan was given the popular decision over Battling Nelson, former lightweight champion of the world, in a ten-round bout at the Madison Athletic Club here tonight.

Wrestling Frenchman Won Easily. Ottawa, Dec. 22—The Cazaux-O'Mors wrestling bout at the Grand Opera House tonight proved a sore touch to home rule advocates.

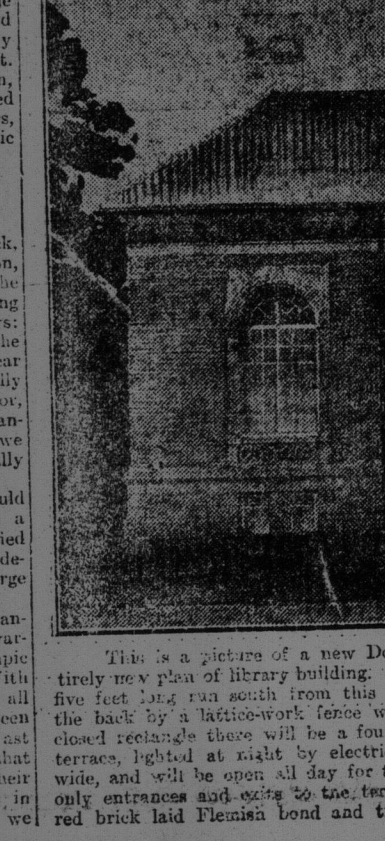
Athletic The Olympic Games. Some little time ago James G. Merrick, president of the Canadian Athletic Union, was asked by the Montreal Star how the chances looked for Olympic games being held in Canada.

can develop athletic material that is capable of winning for us a moderate number of events in the different competitions, it would be a mistake to hold the games here.

With regard to the above I am speaking altogether athletically. From a commercial and advertising view point the holding of such games in Canada, would be of very great value, particularly at the present stage of our development.

George Moreland, the baseball statistician, has compiled a record of Fred Clarke's work at the bat and on the bases in the last 19 seasons, and shows us that the veteran, who says he has retired from active playing for good, has made 1,039 runs and 270 hits, has stolen 327 bases and has a grand average at bat of .328.

A new library for Toronto. This is a picture of a new Dovecourt district branch public library, which is to be erected in Toronto on an entirely new plan of library building.



that he has retired permanently to the bench that, according to report, he has already wagered nineteen suits of clothes that he will not get into a game next year, even as a pinch hitter.

AMUSEMENTS IN ST. JOHN; WHAT THE PLAYHOUSES OFFER

OPERA HOUSE. It will be a Merry Christmas day at the Opera House, as W. S. Harkins Company is to appear in two successive comedies here to St. John.

LYRIC. Ed and Lulu Woenecker, known as the Woeneckers, will occupy the board of the Lyric for the first half of Christmas week.

UNIQUE. The Unique management announces an attractive programme for Christmas Day, featuring a two-reel picture entitled From the Bottom of the Sea.

HE'S FROM GAY PAREE. Marcel Moreau, the middle weight champion boxer of France, is now in New York to try conclusions with some of Gotham's top notchers.

THE W. S. HARKINS CO. Two Weeks—Commencing Dec. 23 CHRISTMAS MATINEE 2-30 Clyde Fitch's GIRLS

HOGAN WAS TOO MUCH FOR NELSON. New York, Dec. 23—Battling Nelson failed to show his old championship form in the ten-round bout with "One Round" Hogan, last night.

TIM FOR THE PIRATES. "Big Tim" Jordan, the old Brooklyn first baseman, is being sought by "Fred" Clarke for his pirate crew.



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Exasperated Learner (to caddy)—"Why are you dragging that lump of turf all over the links?"

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May Be Purchased Here at Extremely Low Holiday Prices

Ladies' Christmas Coats
Very Dressed Coats at \$7.50, \$10.00 and \$12.50. These are certainly wonderful values.

Christmas Waists
in Silk, Net and Lawn. In dainty gift boxes.

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White, Golf Coats.

Christmas Umbrellas
For Ladies and Gentlemen.
Ladies' \$1.00 to \$4.50
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Ladies' Christmas Neckwear
All marked at holiday prices
New Collar and Jabot combined.
Dainty Bows and Jabots.

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Very special value at \$1.00 and \$1.25. Other prices 75c, 70c, 50c.

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A Customer's Reasonable Wish Is This Store's Pleasure.

DYKEMAN'S

WE Wish to extend to all our friends the compliments of the Season and thank them most heartily for giving us the most successful season yet.

Did we say yet? We mean by that this store will keep on increasing its usefulness and we expect next year to beat even this year's record.

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Perhaps you'll be surprised to see the shoes we are selling at \$3.00. We believe you will. Our great \$3.00 shoe is our Regent Shoe—it's our leader. It's made in a Ladies' Shoe and Gentlemen's Shoe, and if there is a better shoe on earth sold for \$3.00 tell us about it and we will throw this shoe out and sell the better one, but until we do find it we'll stick to the Regent Shoe. The winter styles are here, made from the best stocks and on the new lasts. All sizes and widths, and on the foot you can't tell our \$3.00 shoes from a \$5.00 pair.

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THIS EVENING

Motion pictures, singing and orchestra at Nickel.
Motion pictures, and vaudeville at the Lyric.
Pictures, orchestra and singing at the Gem.
Moving pictures and singing at the Unique.
Motion pictures and singing at the Star.

NO TIMES ON MONDAY
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LOCAL NEWS

AT MOBILE
The schooner E. M. Roberts, Captain Grandmark, arrived yesterday at Mobile from Cardenas, Cuba.

TWENTY-THREE BABIES
The reports to Registrar J. B. Jones this week are eight marriages and twenty-three births—twelve boys and eleven girls.

LAND PURCHASE
A. G. Turney, provincial horticulturist, has purchased from C. C. Carter, 400 acres of land at Burton, Sanbury county.

NICE LOT OF CHICKENS
A St. Martins farmer named Chablin disposed of five pair of his season's chickens in the country market this week. The combined weight was 30 1/4 pounds.

TEN DEATHS.
There were ten deaths during the week, from the following causes: Consumption, two; Bright's disease, two; apoplexy, heart disease, spinal disease, acute indigestion, cancer of stomach, one each.

EVERY DAY YOUNG
Rev. Dr. Raymond will speak at the Every Day Club tomorrow evening at 8.30. The orchestra will play the girls' quartette of Brasses street church will sing and there will be solos by Miss Blanch and Alex. Simmons.

WINS A MOTOR CAR
The drawing for the touring car offered as the prize in the lottery held by the Clipper Club, Waterloo street was held last evening. The winning ticket was 1411, which is held by Thomas Miles, Silver Falls.

TEMPERANCE.
R. B. Addison will be the speaker at the Thorne Lodge temperance meeting tomorrow afternoon in the Haymarket Square hall at four o'clock. There will be special music by the choir of the Tabernacle Baptist church.

GREETINGS FROM BOSTON
The season's greetings came in the Times' mail this morning from Miss F. Nugent of the Massachusetts School of Pharmacy in Boston "to all the employees of the progressive Times-Star," and to all the St. John people for a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Mr. Nugent was formerly of St. John.

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Kastalia, Glasgow, Dec. 8.
Sardinian, London, Dec. 10.
Mount Temple, Liverpool, Dec. 13.
Manchester Importer, Manchester, Dec. 16.
Inishowen Head, Glasgow, Dec. 16.
Remore Head, Ardrossan, Dec. 16.
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Two young women sat sipping tea and chatting while they now and again puffed cigarettes with apparent enjoyment and with the facility born of experience.

PAY DAY.
The members of the I. C. R. employ were pleased yesterday at receiving their envelopes before Christmas.

STORES OPEN TONIGHT TILL ELEVEN O'CLOCK

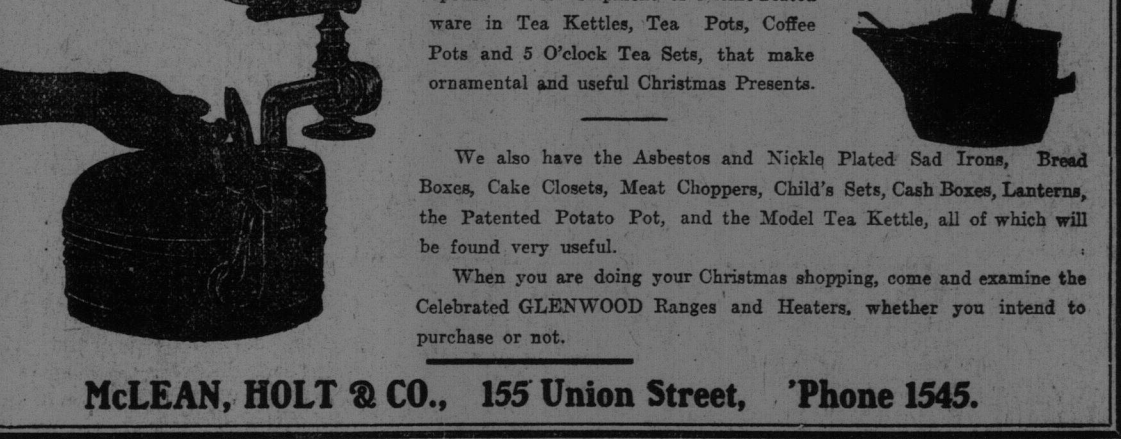
SENSIBLE GIFTS FOR MEN AND BOYS

Men's Sweater Coats, 75c. to \$3.75
Boys' Sweater Coats, 85c. to 1.75
Men's Shirts, 50c. to \$1.50 each
Boys' Shirts, 50c. to 75c. each
Men's Gloves, lined and unlined, 75c. to \$2.00 a pair
Boys' Gloves, 25c. to 75c. a pair
Long Silk Mufflers, \$1.00 to \$2.00 each
Knitted Mufflers, to button tight at neck, 50c. each
Xmas Neckwear, in fancy boxes, 25c. and 50c. each
Fancy Armlets, in separate boxes, 20c. to 35c. a pair

Men's Braces, in separate boxes, 25c. to 75c. a pair
Combination Sets, including Armbands, Garters and Suspenders, \$1.25 and \$1.50 per set
Silk Handkerchiefs, in plain white and fancy borders, 20c. to 75c. each
Linen Handkerchiefs, at 20c. and 25c. each
Excellent Handkerchiefs, in plain white or fancy borders, 2 for 25c.
Knitted Motor Scarfs, 50c. to 1.00 each
Suit Cases, from \$1.60 to \$10.00
Travelling Bags, from 2.00 to 8.50
Also Umbrellas, Canes, Collar Bags, Leather Purses, Dressing Sets, etc.

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for the home, come and see our line before making your selection. We have just opened a fresh shipment of Nickel-Plated ware in Tea Kettles, Tea Pots, Coffee Pots and 5 O'clock Tea Sets, that make ornamental and useful Christmas Presents.

We also have the Asbestos and Nickel Plated Sad Irons, Bread Boxes, Cake Closets, Meat Choppers, Child's Sets, Cash Boxes, Lanterns, the Patented Potato Pot, and the Model Tea Kettle, all of which will be found very useful.

When you are doing your Christmas shopping, come and examine the Celebrated GLENWOOD Ranges and Heaters, whether you intend to purchase or not.

A List of Gift Hints for Last Minute Shoppers in Our Men's Furnishings

—and each of the items mentioned is of that dependable style and quality so doubly essential in a gift. We've made special efforts to secure exclusive styles as well as excellent values. Good choosing for late shoppers.

LEATHER TRAVELLING GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

House Coats	8.00 to 15.00	Shaving Sets	2.00 to 5.00	Belt and Pouch to match	1.50 per set
Longing Robes	3.15 to 18.00	Shaving Mirrors	1.25 to 4.00	Scarf Pins	5c. to 25c.
Bath Robes	3.25 to 6.00	Smokers' Trays	25 to 82.00	Cuff Links	25c. to \$3.00
Fancy Vests	2.50 to 10.00	Card Cases	25 to \$1.50	Vest Sets	\$1.00 to \$1.75
Silk Knitted Mufflers	2.00 to 8.00	Neckties	25 to \$2.00	Military Brushes	\$1.00 to \$5.50 per pair
Wool Mufflers	1.00 to 3.50	Silk Slippers	3.00	Clothes Brushes	\$1.00 to \$2.00
Ties and Hose to match	\$1.00 per set	Brush Note Boxes	50 to \$1.00	Gloves	50c. to \$5.00 per pair
Silk Handkerchiefs	25 to 1.00	Brass Bridge Counters	25 to \$2.00	Suspenders	50c. to \$2.00
Linen Handkerchiefs	10c. to \$2.00 p. box	Men's Suits	\$6.00 to \$35.00	Gold Tie Clips	25c. to \$1.00
Silk Half Hose	50c. to \$2.00 pair	Men's Overcoats	\$8.00 to \$30.00	Watch Fobs	50c. to \$2.50
Pyjamas	\$1.25 to \$6.00 per suit	Men's Hats	\$1.00 to \$4.00	Leather Collar, Boys'	75c. to \$1.25
Men's Shirts	.75 to 4.50	Men's Caps	50 to \$2.00	Travelers Fitted Rids.	\$1.50 to \$12.00
Sweaters	1.00 to 9.00			Cigar Cases	50c. to \$3.00
Umbrellas	1.00 to 8.00			Tobacco Pouches	\$1.00 to \$2.00
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Imitation Ermine Sets, \$3.00 and \$4.00
Thibet Sets, \$4.50, \$7.00, \$8.00
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