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BUTTERICK PATTERNS THOMAS STONE & SON FASHION SHEETS FREE

## Extra Specials for To-night 7 to 10 O'clock Christmas Presents at Bargain Prices

Ladies' colored Kid Gloves, in best shades of tans, browns and grays—Jannetta, Julia, Alexandre and Eugene Gloves—best makes in this world—in sizes 5, 6, 6½, 7 and 7½, lacing and with 4 pearl buttons, regular price \$1.50 a pair, to-night special at..... 78c

25 pieces Japan and English Pongee Silks in elegant stripes and checks, dark and light shades, all colors are represented, the very ideal present of waist silk length, worth 50c, 65c, 75c and 90c yd., on sale to-night at per yard..... 33c  
4 pieces extra heavy English camel's hair Serge in gray, slate, brown, and fawn mixtures—very suitable for skirts or tailor suits, just the thing for a gift, regular price 75c, to-night special at..... 39c  
Japanese Silk Drapes in Cardinal, yellow, Nile and sky—embroidered ends with gold braid, regular price 75c, to-night at..... 48c  
White Lawn Aprons, hemstitched and tucked, nicely made with long wide strings—on sale to-night at 40c, 45c and..... 50c  
Ladies' fine Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, very special to-night at 10 for..... 25c

### FURS EXTRAORDINARY

Ladies' fine quality Electric Seal Jackets, 20 inches long, lined with extra quality heavy satin, regular price \$35, a handsome present, on sale to-night at..... \$23.50  
Gray and black opossum Ruffs, correct style for girls and ladies, suitably trimmed with six tails and two bands, regular price \$3.50, on sale to-night at..... \$2.35  
Gray Lamb Gauntlets for girls, real fur, well made, well lined and trimmed—a good present for you to-night, regular price \$3.50 a pair, to-night for..... \$2.55  
Ladies' black fur Muffs, good fur, well made and well lined, a very acceptable gift, on sale very special to-night at..... 59c

20 pieces black, cream and colored Vellins, in our millinery department, worth regular 35c to \$1 a yard, to-night very special at three prices per yard 15c, 9c, 4c  
5 dozen ladies' fine Lawn Handkerchiefs, fancy hemstitched and edged with fine Val lace, regular price 10c, to-night very special at 4 for..... 25c  
Bleached Linen Damask Carvers, sizes 20 x 30 hemstitched, neat designs, regular price 40c, to-night special at..... 29c  
3 pairs of ladies' lined Kid Gloves and 12 pair of children's lined Kid Mitts, worth 25c to 50c per pair, to-night special at..... 15c

We have the most elegant Cloth Jackets on sale to-night at the smallest prices you have ever heard of.

THOMAS STONE & SON Direct Importers, 78 and 80 King St.

## Christmas Gifts



### New Method Overcoats...

When we were ordering them for this season we did not neglect that popular and wear-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 fly front, and they are tailored as all of the 2 T's clothes—equal to any made-to-measure coat. 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  
Vestments.....25c, 50c, 75c and \$1  
Mufflers.....50c to \$2.50  
Gloves.....\$1 to \$3.50  
Shirts.....\$1 to \$2.50  
Fur Gloves.....\$3 to \$5.00  
Evening Dress Frocks.....\$1 to \$1.50  
Umbrellas.....\$1 to \$7.50

The 2 T's Slater Shoes \$3.50 and \$5.00.  
Slater Slippers \$2.00

## The Centre of Attraction Santa Claus at "The Ark"

Citizens  
Please  
Do Your  
Shopping  
Before  
Saturday



Farmer's  
Day is  
Always  
Saturday  
Our  
Market Day

Come one, come all.  
Something for the Children—Dolls, Toys, Games, Picture Books.  
For the Young People—Purses, Mirrors, Hair Brushes, Art China, Paper Knives, Travelling Sets, Albums, Companions and odd Bric-a-brac.  
For the Older Ones—Parlor Lamps, Dinner and Tea Sets, Fruit Sets, Vases, Silver Knives, Spoons and Forks, Toilet Sets, Famous Stoves—an endless assortment.  
Don't miss the place.

"THE ARK" - 89 King Street, Chatham.  
....Open Evenings....

## THE BIBLE IN SCHOOL.

Premier Ross Explains the Objections to it.

### In Reply to a Deputation—Its Introduction Might Lead to Trouble.

Toronto, December 22.—Premier Ross was waited upon by a deputation of very prominent men, representing various churches, who asked that half an hour be set apart two days a week in the Public schools for the purpose of giving practical religious instruction, using the Bible for this purpose. Those who urged this view were Principal Caven, Bishop Sweatman, Principal Sheraton, Rev. Dr. Potts, Bishop Baldwin and a number of other distinguished men. The Premier said their request opened up a serious question. The danger of the proposition was that the teaching might give a denominational tinge to the instruction, and in that way create discontent in the school districts in which they were engaged. The change might also lead to a demand for denominational schools, for if the scriptures were to be expounded in the schools each sect might want them expounded in their own way. In closing Mr. Ross expressed his sympathy for the fullest measure of instruction in religious matters compatible with non-denominationalism in the schools.

Crosscut saws—"Buffalo Bill," "Ma-lack," "Lance," and others, at Morton's hardware store.

## THE VOTING STRENGTH OF KENT MUNICIPALITIES.

Altogether it Exceeds 15,000—How the Figures in the Various Districts Stand.

County Clerk Fleming has prepared an interesting table showing the total municipal electorate figures for Kent county by township and the number of polling subdivisions there-as follows:—		
No. of polling sub-Div.	Total vote.	
Tp. of Camden	5	920
Tp. of Chatham	10	1,534
Tp. of Dover	8	1,239
Township of Hawick	11	1,880
Township of Howard	6	1,193
Township of Oxford	6	994
Township of Raleigh	10	1,689
Township of Romney	3	625
Township of Tilbury East	3	1,041
Township of Zone	3	467
Blenheim	4	663
Bothwell	3	307
Dresden	3	581
Ridgeway	4	797
Wallaceburg	3	770
Thamesville	2	295
Tilbury	2	320
Totals	91	15,634

## THE CAPE COLONISTS NOW IN OPEN REVOLT.

Sharp Fighting on a Larger Scale Likely Before the Rebellion Can be Crushed.

London, Dec. 22.—"We understand that private reliable advisers have been received in London, says the Daily Mail, 'to the effect that virtually all the districts of Cape Colony in the vicinity of the Orange River are in more or less open revolt, and that there is likely to be sharp fighting on a rather large scale before the invasion is crushed. The tactics of the Boers in rallying as many as possible of the Dutch in the back country to their cause are proving successful.' From its Cape Town correspondent the Daily Mail has received the following:—'The second invading force

was destined to occupy Bristown; but being checked by the De Aar troops, it has disappeared into the Cedarberg mountains. An enormous concentration of troops is being made upon the Beil country, occupied by the invaders, but it is not likely that the Boers will offer battle in large numbers. There is a renewed demand for the wholesale proclamation of martial law.' A Cape Town despatch says:—Gen. Brabant, commander of the newly-arrived Colonial division, has been ordered to the front, and will start tomorrow. A despatch from De Aar, Cape Colony, says that the Yeomanry have driven the Boers out of Houtkrail, the enemy retreating westward.

## HE COMPLAINS OF THE COST OF COAL.

A Correspondent Claims the Price is also too High in Chatham.

To The Planet.—The following advertisement is clipped from a Brantford paper:—  
COAL.—The coal strike is over and in consequence we have dropped the price of coal to \$6 per ton. This means the best Scranton coal, well screened.

This ad. naturally calls to mind that in Chatham we have to pay \$6.75 per ton, and coal is dearer here than in any neighboring town or village. Why is this? Surely our coal men can sell coal as cheaply as dealers in smaller places in this country. As you will see, the company offering coal in Brantford is a responsible company, and if that company can do it surely the same thing can be done here. Why will the Brantford and Chatham coal combine, if combine there be?

be? In The Mail and Empire Financeur recommends lodges to buy coal for their members, claiming that money can be saved by so doing. How would this plan work in Chatham? I merely throw out the idea and think it could be utilized. Again, has coal cost our dealers one cent a ton more on account of the strike?

CURTENNIS.

### PRESENTED WITH A PURSE.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. W. N. Morley of N. York, Thos. Snook called on Miss Callie Idle and, on behalf of the congregation of the Park St. Methodist Church, presented the young lady with a well-filled purse. Miss Idle cordially thanked Mrs. Morley and Mrs. Snook, and also the congregation through their representatives. The presentation came as a great surprise and it is highly appreciated by Miss Idle, not from the monetary value attached, but because the gift showed that Miss Idle's assistance in the choir had been appreciated by the members of the church.

Lost!—A new black gauntlet, between the C. P. R. Hotel and Gray's Carriage Shop. The finder will kindly leave same at the Planet office.

THE NORTHWAY CO., Limited THE BUSY CASH STORE THE NORTHWAY CO., Limited

## Remarkable Values at The Busy Cash Store To-night

We have no time to go into particulars. If you want your dollar to go further than ever it has done before come to the Northway Store To-night. Such prices as these make buying a pleasure. COME TONIGHT, IF NOT COME MONDAY.

Kid Gloves, 53 pair ladies' kid gloves, black only, sizes 5½, 6 and 6½, sold reg. at 75c and \$1, to-night..... 39c  
200 Ribbon Remnants in lengths of not less than 1 yd. each, pure silk, 12 in wide, large assortment of colors, special to-night each..... 3c  
Sterling Silver Goods, choice assortment of useful articles, usually sold at 50c to \$1 each, clearing at 50c, 35c and 25c  
125 bottles perfume, fine French make, assorted odors, done up in fancy bottles, clearing at 50c, 35c, 25c, 15c, 10c and..... 5c  
35 doz. Ladies' Handkerchiefs, fine Swiss embroidered, in pretty new patterns, at each 10c, 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and..... \$1.00  
10 doz. Boys' Hose, extra heavy, firm rib, pure soft wool, heavy foot, all sizes, worth 35c a pair, special to-night..... 25c  
Ladies' Cashmere Hose, extra values to-night at 25c, 35c and..... 50c  
25 doz. Children's Fancy Handkerchiefs, pretty assorted patterns, fast colors, reg. 5c each, special to-night TWO for..... 5c  
Men's Ties, a splendid range of new patterns, in knots, four-in-hands, flowing ends and bows, at 15c, 25c, 35c and..... 50c  
Men's Linen Handkerchiefs, fine quality, medium and large sizes, taped and hemstitched borders, extra values at 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c and..... 40c  
Men's Gloves, fine kid and mocha lined or unlined, extra values at each 75c \$1, \$1.25 and..... \$1.50  
Men's Underwear, extra heavy fleece lined, unshrinkable quality, French yokes, remarkable value at each..... 50c  
Fine Wool, Fleece Shirts and Drawers, silk finished, special each..... 75c  
Scotch Knit Underwear, pure wool, soft rib, at each..... 50c  
Lamb's Wool Underwear, fine quality, satin facings, at each 75c, \$1 and..... \$1.25  
Ladies' Gauntlets, fine, rich zurl, wool lined, at each 50c and..... \$1.00  
Ladies' Ties, beautiful styles, in lace, net, silk, chiffon and mouseline de-soie, long lengths, at each 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, 95c and..... \$1.40  
Ladies' Silk Waist, fine, heavy taffeta silk, beautifully made, fine tucks and hemstitching, lined throughout shades cardinal and black, regular \$6.50 quality, to-night..... \$5.00

trousers at 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c and..... 40c  
Men's Gloves, fine kid and mocha lined or unlined, extra values at each 75c \$1, \$1.25 and..... \$1.50  
Men's Underwear, extra heavy fleece lined, unshrinkable quality, French yokes, remarkable value at each..... 50c  
Fine Wool, Fleece Shirts and Drawers, silk finished, special each..... 75c  
Scotch Knit Underwear, pure wool, soft rib, at each..... 50c  
Lamb's Wool Underwear, fine quality, satin facings, at each 75c, \$1 and..... \$1.25  
Ladies' Gauntlets, fine, rich zurl, wool lined, at each 50c and..... \$1.00  
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## Great Clothing Bargains To-night

FURS—Fur Ruffs with head and tails, in opossum, sable, thibet, etc., special at \$2.75, \$3.25, \$3.75, \$4.50 up to..... \$8.00  
Fur Collars and Capelines, choice quality and style, clearing to-night at \$3.89, \$4.50, \$5, \$6, \$7.50, \$8, \$10, \$10.50, \$22.50 and..... \$26.90  
Ladies' Jackets, reg. \$8.50 to \$10 Jack-ets, in black and fawn, all up-to-date style, to-night \$4.90 and..... \$5.70  
Ladies' Jackets, latest style, in black and fashionable shades, worth reg. up to \$7, to-night \$3.48 and..... \$3.98  
Ladies' Jackets, worth up to \$3.50, in black only, to-night..... \$1.75  
Fur Capes, extra values, long lengths, full sweep, high storm collars, clearing to-night at \$7.48, \$8.50, \$10, \$11.50, \$12.50, \$13.50 and..... \$14.50  
Fur Coats, don't think of buying without first seeing this stock, our offerings for to-night and Monday are the best in the city.  
25 doz. Ladies' Aprons, fine lawns, beautifully made, with fine Swiss embroidery, insertion and lace trimming, at less than bare cost of material, see them at 25c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 75c and..... 85c  
Don't forget our Millinery Sale, all our stylish trimmed Hats, year pick to-night at..... HALF PRICE

## 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—Newest shapes, good leather, all sizes. Men's shoes at \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Our Ladies' Shoes - We have ideal Shoes—Shoes that suit the lady patron. 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 think we have them all. Family can be shod here for little money. This is the Christmas Shoe Store.

Geo. W. Cowan

## Dr. A.W. Thornton Dentist

D. D. S. Toronto University.  
Office—First Door East of Standard Bank  
Telephone 164

## KRAUSE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.

Evening Mus'cale Friday, Dec. 21st, 1900.

PROGRAM  
Solo, Piano, Berceuse, Schytte — Miss Nellie Richards.  
Solo, Vocal, The Heavenly Song, H. Gray—Miss Pearl White.  
Solo, Piano, Twitting Bird, Billem—Miss Margaret McGregor.  
Solo, Vocal, When Love is Kind, A. L.—Miss Maude Wessie.  
Solo, Piano, Crescendo, Lassen—Miss Era G. Legge.  
Solo, Vocal, Indeed—Mr. Gunn.  
Duet, Piano, Beethoven—Misses G. Shillington and M. VonGuten.  
Solo, Vocal, For All Eternity, Marchion—Miss Ida Laird.  
Two Pianos, Fantasie, Gurrill — 1st Piano, Miss Flossie Bagart; 2nd Piano, Miss Lillian Pratt.

## ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT OF VICTORIA AVENUE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Last evening the annual Sunday school entertainment of the Victoria Ave. Methodist Church was held in the church, was largely attended and proved a most enjoyable affair. The superintendent, E. E. Parrott, occupied the chair.  
The program was an interesting and varied one, each class contributing one number. Recitations and dialogues were contributed and much enjoyed, while two variations were introduced, the flag drill by Miss Braddon and Mr. Blackburn's class, and the gun exercise by Mrs. Blackburn's class. Two splendid solos were also contributed by Misses Buxter and Clements. The presentation of awards followed. Mayor Smith at the beginning of the year promised a prize to the scholar who attended most regularly. Thirteen were present every Sunday, and his worship rewarded each last evening and delivered a capital address to the school. Dr. Thornton presented Miss Ruby Johnson with the handsome silver medal for passing the best examination on the lessons of the year.  
A Christmas arch, laden with gifts, was decorated by the ladies and the happy children departed homeward.  
Planet What Trays make a most suitable and acceptable Christmas present. They can be obtained at this office.  
Ask for Minard's and take no other.

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Castoria is for Infants and Children. Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. It is Pleasant. Its guarantee is thirty years' use by Millions of Mothers. Castoria destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. Castoria cures Diarrhoea and Wind Colic. Castoria relieves Teething Troubles, cures Constipation and Flatulency. Castoria assimilates the Food, regulates the Stomach and Bowels of Infants and Children, giving healthy and natural sleep. Castoria is the Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

## Castoria.

"Castoria is an excellent medicine for children. Mothers have repeatedly told me of its good effect upon their children."

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## Castoria.

"Castoria is so well adapted to children that I recommend it as superior to any preparation known to me."

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A Good Substantial...

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For their friends, whether man, woman or child, will find the right thing at Geo. Stephens & Co. They have children's sets, they have all kinds of household utensils for the women, they have buggies, sleighs, harness, robes, and nearly everything you can think of that would make a good present for a man. In fact, the line of goods that they carry cannot be found in any other one establishment in Western Ontario.

Their prices are always right, their goods are purchased in the cheapest market for cash, and are always of a good quality. Remember that no cheap trashy goods are sold there, so if you want a good article do not look further but come to us.

Geo. Stephens & Co.  
Here We Are Again

I have got them by this morn'g's express—

The Celebrated  
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The most wonderful talking machine on earth, guaranteed five years, only costs \$15.00. I wish to state to my customers who were disappointed on Saturday that I have a full supply on hand now. Also new records, at the sign of the Big Clock.

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## Why Don't You Get in Line

And order your fall Suit and Overcoat. We are ready for you with an exceptionally choice range of this season's novelties. \$15 and \$16 suits for \$13. Overcoats at \$15, \$17, \$19 and \$21.00. These special prices will last until Christmas. Order now from our choice selection.

Lemon & Avechouser.

## Wanted Immediately

## The Canadian Flour Mills Co.

Successors to the Kent Mills Co., Limited,  
Large Quantities of Wheat, Barley and Beans.

USE KENT MILLS FLOUR

THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST.

Flour made by the new bolting and dust extracting system takes more water, and gives you a larger, whiter and sweeter loaf, and makes more loaves to the barrel than any other flour.  
Stevens' Breakfast Food and Family Cornmeal, freshly ground, always on hand.  
Farmers' Feed ground on quick notice by a three reduction roller process, much ahead of the old system of chopping.

## WORLD UPSIDE DOWN

A Discourse on the Revolution-  
ary Power of the Gospel.

## RELIGION IS ROBUST AND BRAWN

The Exclusiveness of the Church Must  
Come Down—God Will Rise Up and  
Break Down the Gates of the Churches  
That Have Kept Back the Masses.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Rev. Dr. Talmage to-day preached from the text, Acts xvii, 6, "Those that have turned the world upside down are come hither also."

There is a wild, bellowing mob around the house of Jason in Thessalonica. What has the man done so greatly to offend the people? He has been entertaining Paul and his comrades. The mob surround the house and cry: "Bring out those turbulent preachers! They are interfering with our business! They are ruining our religion! They are actually turning the world upside down!"

The charge was true, for there is nothing that so interferes with sin, there is nothing so ruinous to every form of established iniquity, there is nothing that has such tendency to turn the world upside down as our glorious Christianity. The fact is that the world now is wrong side up, and it needs to be turned upside down in order that it may be right side up. The time was when men wrote books entitled them "Apologies for Christianity." I hope that day has passed. We want no more apologies for Christianity. Let the apologies be on the part of those who do not believe in our religion. We do not mean to make any compromise in the matter. We do not wish to hide the fact that Christianity is revolutionary and that its tendency is to turn the world upside down.

Our religion has often been misrepresented as a principle of tears and mildness and fastidiousness, afraid of making somebody mad, with silken gloves lifting the people up from the church pew into glory, as though they were Bohemian glass so very delicate that with one touch it may be demolished forever. Men speak of religion as though it were a refined infelicity, as though it were a spiritual chloroform that the people were to take until the sharp cutting of life were over. The Bible, so far from this, represents the religion of Christ as robust and brawny—ransacking and upsetting 10,000 things that now seem to be settled on firm foundations. I hear some man in the house say, "I thought religion was peace." This is the final result. A man's arm is out of place. Two men come, and with great effort put it back to the socket. It goes back with great pain. Then it gets well. Our world is horribly disordered and out of joint. It must come under an omnipotent surgery, beneath which there will be pain and anguish before there can be perfect health and quiet. I proclaim, therefore, in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ—revolution!

The religion of the Bible will make a revolution in the family. The things that are wrong in the family circle will be overturned by it, while justice and harmony will take the place. The husband will be the head of the household only when he is fit to be. I know a man who spends all the money he earns in drink, as well as all the money that his wife makes, and sometimes sells the children's clothes for rum. Do you tell me that he is to be the head of that household? If the wife have more nobility, more courage, more consistency, more of all that is right, she shall have the supremacy. You say that the Bible says that the wife is to be the subject of the husband. I know it, but that is a husband, not a masculine caricature. There is no human or divine law that makes a woman subordinate to a man that is unworthy of her. When Christianity comes into domestic circle, it will give the dominancy to that one who is the most worthy.

As religion comes in at the front door, mirth and laughter will not go out of the back door. It will not huddle the children's feet. John will laugh just as loud, and George will jump higher than he ever could before. It will steal from the little one neither ball nor bat nor hoop nor kite. It will establish a family altar. Angels will hover over it. Ladders of light will reach down to it. The glory of heaven will stream upon it. The books of remembrance will record it, and tides of everlasting blessedness will pour from it. Not such a family altar as you may have seen where the prayer is long and a long chapter is read with tedious explanation, and the exercise keeps on until the children's knees are sore, and their backs ache, and their patience is lost, and for the seventh time they have counted all the rungs in the chair, but I mean a family altar such as may have been seen in your father's house. You may have wandered far off in the paths of sin and darkness, but you have never forgotten that family altar where father and mother knelt, importuning God for your soul. That is a memory that a man never gets over. There will be a hearty, joyful family altar in every domestic circle. You will not have to go far to find Hannah rearing her Samuel for the temple or a grandmother Lois instructing her young Timothy in the knowledge of Christ, or a Mary and Martha and Lazarus gathered in a fraternal and sisterly affection, or a table at which Jesus sits, as at that of Zacchaeus, or a home in which Jesus dwells, as in the house of Simon the tanner. The religion of Jesus Christ, coming into the domestic circle, will overthrow

Competitors may  
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labels, but they  
have never yet  
been able to copy  
the quality of....

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Your dealer sells it  
if he sells good  
goods.



all jealousies, all janglings, and peace and order and holiness will take possession of the home.

Again, Christianity will produce a revolution in commercial circles. Find me 50 merchants, and you find that they have 50 standards of what is right and wrong. You say: "To some one about a merchant, 'Is he honest?' 'Oh, yes,' the man says, 'he is honest, but he grinds the faces of his clerks! He is honest, but he exaggerates the value of his goods. He is honest, but he loans money on bond and mortgage with the understanding that the mortgage can lie quiet for ten years, but as soon as he gets the mortgage here, and begins a foreclosure suit, and the sheriff's writ comes down, and the day of sale arrives, and away goes the homestead, and the creditor buys it at half price.' Honest? When he loaned the money, he knew that he would get the homestead at half price. Honest? But he goes to the insurance office to get a policy on his life and tells the doctor that he is well when he knows that for ten years he has had but one lung. Honest? Though he sells property by the man, forgetting to tell the purchaser that the ground is all under water, but it is generous in him to do that, for he throws the water into the bargain."

Ah, my friends, there is but one standing of the everlasting right and of the everlasting wrong, and that is the Bible, and when that principle shall get its pry under our commercial houses I believe that one-half of them will go over! The ruin will begin at one end of the street, and it will be crash! crash! crash! all the way down to the docks. "What is the matter? Has there been a fall in gold?" "Oh, no." "Has there been a new tariff?" "No." "Has there been an unaccountable panic?" "No." This is the secret: The Lord God has set up his throne of judgment in the exchange. He has summoned the righteous and the wicked to come before him. What was 1857? A day of judgment! What was 1857? A day of judgment! What was the extreme depression of two years ago? A day of judgment! Do you think that God is going to wait until he has burned the world up before he rights these wrongs? I tell you, nay! Every day is a day of judgment.

The fraudulent man piles up his gains, bond above bond, United States security above United States security, emolument above emolument, until his property has become a great pyramid, and as he stands looking at it he thinks it can never be destroyed, but the Lord God comes and with his little finger pushes it all over.

Here is your money safe. The manufacturer and yourself only know how it can be opened. You have the key. You touch the lock, and the ponderous door swings back. But let me tell you that, however firmly barred and bolted your money safe may be, you cannot keep God out. He will come some day into your counting room, and he will demand "Where did that note of hand come from? How do you account for this security? Where did you get that mortgage from? What does this mean?" If it is all right, God will say: "Well done, good and faithful servant." Be prosperous in this world. Be happy in the world to come. If it is all wrong, he will say: "Depart, ye cursed. Be miserable for your iniquities in this life, and then go down and spend your eternity with thieves and horse jockeys and pickpockets."

You have an old photograph of the signs on your street. Why have those signs nearly all changed within the last 20 years? Does the passing away of a generation account for it? Oh, no. Does the fact that there are hundreds of honest men who go down every year account for

"All Dunlop Tires in 1900."

On macadam roads—on  
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Oh, no. This is the secret: The Lord God has been walking through the commercial streets of our great cities, and he has been adjusting things according to the principles of eternal rectitude.

The time will come when, through the revolutionary power of this gospel, a falsehood, instead of being called exaggeration, equivocation or evasion, will be branded a lie, and stealing that now sometimes goes under the head of percentages and commissions and bonuses will be put into the catalogue of state prison offenses! Society will be turned inside out and upside down and ransacked of God's truth until business dishonesties shall come to an end, and all double dealing, and God will overturn and overturn and overturn, and commercial men in all cities will throw up their hands crying out: "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither!"

The religion of Jesus Christ will produce a revolution in our churches. The non-committal, do-nothing polity of the church of God will give way to a spirit of bravest conquest. Piety in this day seems to me to be salted down just so as to keep. It seems as if the church were chiefly anxious to take care of itself, and if we hear of war and squalor and heathenism outside we say, "What a pity!" and we put our hands in our pockets, and we feel around for a 2-cent piece, and with great flourish we put it upon the plate and say, "I am amazed that the world is not converted in six weeks."

"But," says some one, "we are establishing a great many missions, and I think they will save the masses." No, they will not. Five hundred thousands of them will not do it. They are doing a magnificent work, but every mission chapel is a confession of the disease and weakness of the church. It is making a dividing line between the chasses. It is saying to the rich and to the well conditioned, "If you can pay your pew rents, come to the main audience room." It is saying to the poor man: "Your coat is too bad and your shoes are not good enough. If you want to get to heaven, you will have to go by the way of the mission chapel." The mission chapel has become the kitchen where the church does its sloppy work. There are hundreds and thousands of churches in this country that are on built and supported—gorgeously bright and sunny days are not half full of worshippers, and yet they are building mission chapels, because by some expressed or implied regulation the great masses of the people are kept out of the main audience room.

Now, I say that any place of worship which is appropriate for one class is appropriate for all classes. Let the rich and the poor meet together, the Lord the Maker of them all. Mind you that I say that mission chapels are a necessity, the way churches are not conducted, but my God speed the time when they shall cease to be a necessity. God will rise up and break down the gates of the church that have kept back the masses, and we will be able to stand in the way! They will be trampled under foot by the vast population making a stampede for heaven.

I saw in some paper an account of a church in Boston in which, it is said, there were a great many plain people. The next week the trustees of that church came out in the paper and said it was not so at all: they were elegant people and highly conditioned people that went there. I laughed outright, and when I laugh I laugh very loudly. "Those people," I said, "are afraid of the sickly sentimentalism of the churches." Now, my ambition is not to preach to you so much. It seems to me that you must be faring sumptuously every day, and the marks of comfort are all about you. You do not need the gospel half as much as do some who never come here. Rather than be priding myself on a church in front of which there shall halt 50 splendid equipages on the Sabbath day I would have a church up to whose gates there should come a long procession of the suffering, and the stricken, and the dying, begging for admittance. You do not need the gospel so much as they. You have good things in this life.

Revolution! The pride of the church must come down. The exclusiveness of the church must come down! The financial boasting of the church must come down! If monetary success were the chief end in the church, were I say that the present mode of conducting finances is the best. If it is to see how many dollars you can gain, then the present mode is the best. But if it is the saving of souls from sin and death and bringing the mighty populations of our cities to the knowledge of God, then I cry revolution! It is coming fast. I feel it in the air. I hear the rumbling of an earthquake that shall shake down in one terrible crash the arrogance of our modern Christianity.

Revolution! It may be that before the church learns its duty to the masses God will scourge it and come with the whip of omnipotent indignation and drive out the money changers. It may be that there is to be a great day of upsetting before that time shall come. If it must come, O Lord God, let it come now! In that future day of the reconstructed church of Christ the church building will be the most cheerful of all buildings. Instead of the light of the sun strained through painted glass until an intelligent auditor looks green and blue and yellow and copper colored, we will have no such things. The pure atmosphere of heaven will sweep out the fetid atmosphere that has been kept in many of our churches boxed up from Sunday to Sunday.

The day of which I speak will be a day of great revivals. There will be such a time as there was in the parish of Shotts, where 500 souls born to God in one day, such times as were seen in this country when Edwards gave the alarm, when Tennent preached, and Whitefield thundered, and Edward Payson prayed: such times as some of you remember in 1857, when the voice of prayer



Extreme cases of disease test the real value of a medicine. Many "tonic" and "stimulant" preparations, which have no real medicinal value, seem to brace up the users when they are feeling "played out." Any stimulant will do this whether bought at the liquor store or drug store. The true test of a medicine is when life itself is staked on its remedial power. In hundreds of such cases Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has been the means of saving life when even the "family doctor" had pronounced sentence of death.

"I had been a great sufferer for several years, and my family doctor said I would not be a living man in two years, but, thank God, I am still living," writes Mr. George W. Truett, of Lipscomb, Augusta Co., Va. "Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is what saved my life. I had heart trouble so bad that I could not lie on my left side without a great deal of pain. I nearly past work when I commenced your medicine. I can do more work now than I ever did. I cannot say too much for the benefit I have received."

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and praise was heard in theatre and warehouse and blackshop and factory and engine house, and the auctioneer's cry of "a half, and a half, and a half," was drowned out by the adjoining prayer meeting, in which people cried out: "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

In those days of which I am speaking the services of the church of God will be more spirited. The ministers of Christ, instead of being anxious about whether they are going to lose their place in their notes, will get on fire with the theme and pour the living truth of God upon an aroused auditory, crying out to the righteous: "It shall be well with you," and to the wicked: "Woe! It shall be ill with you." In those days the singing will be very different from what it is now. The music will weep and wail and chant and triumph. People then will not be afraid to open their mouths when they sing. The man with a cracked voice will risk it on "Windham" and "Ortonville" and "Old Hundred." Grandfather will find the place for his grandchild in the hymnbook, or the little child will be spectacles for the grandfather. Hosanna will meet hosanna and together go climbing to the throne, and the angels will hear, and God will listen, and the gates of heaven will hoist, and it will be as when two sons meet—the wave of earthly song mingling with the surging anthems of the free.

Oh, my God, let me live to see that day! Let there be no power in disease or accident or wave of the sea to disappoint my expectations. Let all other sight fail my eyes rather than that I should miss that vision. Let all other sounds fail my ears rather than that I should fail to hear that sound. I want to stand on the mountain top to catch the first ray of the dawn and with flying feet bring the news. And, oh, when we hear the clattering hoofs that bring on the King's chariot may we all be ready, with arches sprung and with hand on the rope of the bell that is to sound the victory, and with wreaths all twisted for the way, and when Jesus dismounts let it be amid the huzzas! huzzas! of a world redeemed!

Where and when will that revolution begin? Here and now. In your heart and mine. Sin must go down, our pride must go down, our worldliness must go down, that Christ may come up. Revolution! Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

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Choice wines and liquors at F.A. Robert's. Chocolate and Molasses chips are delicious, at Richards.

Call on F. A. Robert for your Xmas cheer.

Barrister J. S. Fraser, of Wallaceburg, is in the city to-day.

Leslie Shepley, formerly assistant at the Model school, was in the city to-day.

All kinds of fuffies at Richards', special lines for Christmas.

The total amount of city taxes for 1900 collected at per was \$73,500.

Miss Meta Wilson, is home from Toronto for the holiday vacation.

Miss Pansy Barfoot left this afternoon for Toronto to spend the Christmas holidays.

The Misses Putnam, of Bismarck, spent the day in the city.

Next Monday F. A. Robert will sell one gallon choice wine for 90c.

E. B. Northwood, of Duquith, is spending a few days with friends in the city.

The infant daughter of George Green, Chatham township, passed away Thursday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. M. McLachlan, of Grand Rapids, are spending the holidays in this city.

Walker's Superior Lager in quarts and pints at F. A. Robert's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Plowes and family left yesterday to spend the Christmas in London.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White left to-day for Toronto, where they will spend Christmas.

J. D. McKerrall, Grocer, North Chatham, will have Celery and Lettuce fresh on Monday.

Your Xmas Cheer! Secure it from F. A. Robert, the noted King street wine and spirit merchant.

Miss Jessie Houston, who has been attending the University at Toronto, returned home last evening.

Xmas Cheer! Your choice of ales and porters Walker's, Carling's, Labatt's white label, and spring Grant's brands at F. A. Robert's.

Reg. Jones, of the Merchant's Bank staff, leaves on Monday for a visit to his home in Forest.

Wm. Holmes, of Detroit, is spending the holidays with his father, James Holmes, Victoria avenue.

Oh, but it's good! What! Maple Walnut Cream Taffy, at Richards'.

Geoffrey O'Hara, of the Bank of Commerce, Hamilton, returned to-day to spend the vacation at his home in this city.

W. S. Richards has everything you want in the line of Candies, Nuts and Fruits.

Miss Edith Tackaberry returned last night from Toronto, where she has been attending Normal School.

The finest box of creams for 25c. You can buy in the world is at Richards'.

Richard Pope is being congratulated by his friends on the addition of another bouncing boy to his family.

Miss Edith Holmes returned last evening from Toronto, where she has been attending at Haverhill Hall.

## Xmas Perfumes!



Saturday and Monday are our Perfume Harvest Days. We expect a rush at our perfume cases, but we think we are fully prepared for it. Come with the crowd. You'll find competent salespeople to wait on you.

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R. J. Brown leaves for Toronto and New Market for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Guy and two children leave on Sunday for Peterboro to spend the Christmas holidays.

Chief Young came to this city in 1892. He said he never saw such a crowd in the city as were with us to-day. Many farms couldn't get accommodation at the feed tables for their horses.

The subject for debate at the Macaulay Club to-night is "Resolved that the franchise should be extended to Women." Leader of the affirmative, R. L. Brackin; leader of negative, Fred Hall; reading, Thos. Scullard.

Fred Goodland has received a copy of the Tiverton Gazette from friends in England. The paper contains an account of the presentation of a handsome sword, inscribed with gold and jewels, to Gen. Buller. The inscription on the sword is: "Presented to the Right Hon. Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, V. C., C. B., K. C. M. G., by the county of Devon, in recognition of gallant service in South Africa."

KEY IS STILL THERE.

Chief Jacques says that the key has not been removed from the box at the corner of Harvey and West streets, but that he moved the key box to the other side of the post owing to the repeated breaking of the glass. Inside ten days the chief put seven new pieces in the key box. Several times also, the key hole of the alarm box has been plugged with mud. A watch is being kept for the guilty ones. Boys in the neighborhood are believed to be responsible.

K. O. T. M. OFFICERS-ELECT.

The K. O. T. M. held a lunch and smoker after their special meeting, called for the purpose of electing officers. The following officers were elected:—

Past Commander—J. M. Pike.

Commander—R. O. Springer.

Lieut. Commander—Wm. Hammon.

Record keeper—Chas. Hammon.

Chaplain—Wm. Courtney.

Segeant—W. Deszela.

Master-at-arms—Jos. Tilt.

2nd master of guards—H. Jacques.

Sentinel—Sydney Woods.

Picket—Chas. Hammon.

Physician—Dr. Tyne.

Auditors—J. M. Pike and Chas. Brandt.

ST. ANDREW'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

The annual Christmas entertainment of St. Andrew's Sunday school was held last evening and the gathering of scholars, pupils and parents proved a happy one. The school room was well filled with a very appreciative audience. The program consisted of choruses by the school children, a solo by Miss Minnings, a recitation by Edna Huson, and a hoop drill by the girls of the Sunday school under the direction of Miss Kerr. A demonstration of the Fletcher system of music, kindergarten songs, and a play by the children of Mrs. S. H. Marshall. This part of the program was the most entertaining feature of a splendid concert. It showed explicitly and intelligently the case with which children, from six to ten years old, could be taught the rudiments of music. The work of Mrs. Marshall was highly appreciated and it exhibited a thorough understanding of music and piano playing. The entertainment concluded with the annual visitation of Santa Claus with his usual equipment of sweetmeats. James Grant officiated as the venerable old boy to the intense satisfaction of the juveniles.

The Puzzle of the Day.

What shall I give as a Christmas Present to my son? That question can be solved to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned by buying him a Scholarship in The International Correspondence Schools, of Scranton, Pa. You want your son to make his way in the world; give him a technical education that will make him capable of filling responsible positions at high salaries. The prices are low and you can pay cash or on easy installments. For particulars, see or write local representative, W. J. Medford, Chatham.

A GREAT MARKET.

There was one of the largest markets in the history of the Square to-day. Everything in fresh meats and poultry to vegetables and fruits were on sale, and in addition to the large number of sellers the market was crowded with buyers. There was probably not enough produce and meats on the market to feed an army a month, as Capt. Bell, of the 21st Battalion, estimated, but aforementioned army would probably have managed to exist on the several days without feeling at all a lack of food. The offerings of poultry were very heavy and the birds were all choice. Turkeys were most in evidence and were ready sellers at from 50c. to \$2. Other poultry was plentiful without any change in value. There was a good supply of fresh meats. Beef sold at 5c. to 5c. per lb. and mutton 7 to 8c. Vegetables were plentiful at the prices that have ranged for the past month. Lettuce sold at 20c. per lb. and potatoes at 35 to 40c. per bag.

SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS.

In order to meet the convenience of the travelling public, the Canadian Pacific Railway will run two extra trains, one leaving the Chatham station for Toronto and eastern points, on Sunday at 2:30 a. m., and another will go west at 1:05 on Monday morning. The usual round rates will be given.

A. O. J. W.

To-day life insurance is studied as never before. Men are becoming better posted, they are coming to know the work as well as the strong points. The insurable quality of men as well as quantity, is what keeps this order in a healthy, prosperous position, while its graded rates, and rapidly increasing reserve fund give added advantages. Further information supplied.

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George McLoughlin, of Detroit, is holding a sale in the Maple City.

In the hearing of claims against the late Chatham Banner Co., in liquidation, at Osgoode Hall yesterday, Mr. Neff, the liquidator, said that the claimants against the company total \$8,000, but half of them are being disputed. The assets are \$5,000, the amount obtained from the sale of the paper.

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Yours respectfully,

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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.

S. S. CLOSING EXERCISES.

Rev. Fathers Solanus, Herman and Gabriel, and the Mother Superior of the Convent, attended the closing exercises at the Separate school yesterday. Miss Laura McDonald, daughter of D. J. McDonald, read an address to the clergy and each of the priests was presented with a cup and saucer. Father Herman entertained the children with magic lantern views. The scholars on being dismissed were each presented with a package of candy.

FOR SALE.

For Sale—About 28 acres of land, with plenty of fruit and water, modern buildings; half mile from station and 60 acres, excepting lot 166 about 100 acres, in the hands of the late Chatham Banner Co., in liquidation, at Osgoode Hall yesterday, Mr. Neff, the liquidator, said that the claimants against the company total \$8,000, but half of them are being disputed. The assets are \$5,000, the amount obtained from the sale of the paper.

TENDERS WANTED.

The undersigned will receive at Charing Cross on or before Dec. 29th, 1900, sealed tenders for the maple and elm on the north part of lot 166 about 100 acres, in the hands of the late Chatham Banner Co., in liquidation, at Osgoode Hall yesterday, Mr. Neff, the liquidator, said that the claimants against the company total \$8,000, but half of them are being disputed. The assets are \$5,000, the amount obtained from the sale of the paper.

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Men's and Boys' wool mittens, nice colorings, a pair.....25c

Men's fine black cashmere gloves, value.....25c

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## Come in To-night.....

And see our Candy Display, you will find it larger and better than ever.

Monday is the last day of shopping before Christmas, we hope to see you then, as well as to-night

FOR MONDAY  
Fresh Lettuce—Fresh Celery.

H. Malcolmson

## See Ours First And Save Money

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

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

Also a splendid range of appropriate and useful Xmas Gifts.

Come Early and Avoid the Rush

G. W. Sulman's Beehive

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Scotch Elysians! Fashionable Grays, Beautiful Goods.

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## Candies, Candies

We always carry a

Choice line of Confectionery

A trial will convince you that our stock and prices are right.

WILLARD McKAY, Wholesale and Retail Confectioner

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Ask for Minard's and take no other.

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### Specialties

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

Table and Desert Forks and Spoons, Meat Forks and Salad Forks, A Large Assortment of Scissors.

John A. Mortons' Hardware Store

King Street.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

Church Notes.  
Rev. J. S. Henderson, of Hensall, will preach both morning and evening in the First Presbyterian Church to-morrow.

In Christ Church to-morrow Rev. Mr. Colles will conduct the services and preach both morning and evening. Young People's Church and S. S. Society will meet on Monday evening at a quarter to eight.

Christ Church Sunday School will meet at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

The Baptist Sunday school will meet to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock.

Holy Trinity Sunday school will meet to-morrow at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Rev. J. J. Ross will occupy his own pulpit in the William St. Baptist Church at both services to-morrow and conduct the service for Bible study in the afternoon. Morning subject, "Unconscious Strength." Evening subject, "Ought Christians to Keep the Sabbath?" or "Is Seventh-Dayism Biblical?"

The B. Y. P. U. of C. E. will meet on Monday evening at eight o'clock. All young people will be welcome.

The pastor, Rev. H. W. Locke, will preach in Victoria Avenue Methodist Church to-morrow morning. It will be a Christmas service, the subject being, "The Lost Star." Rev. Dr. Hannan will occupy the pulpit in the evening.

Divine service will be held in the Latter Day Saints' Hall, King St. at 7 p. m. to-morrow, by Elder B. St. John, a missionary.

There will be services held in the Union Baptist Hall, Fifth St. Bridge, to-morrow morning at 10.30 and in the evening at 7.30. All are welcome. Sabbath school at 3 p. m.

Special services will be held in the Campbell A. M. E. Church to-morrow as follows:—Morning subject, "The Miraculous Birth of Christ." Evening subject, "Memorial service for the late Bishop M. M. Moore, D. D." Sunday school at 3 p. m. The choir will render special music during each service.

To-morrow will be observed as Christmas Sunday in many of our city churches. Pastors will make the occasion the subject of their themes and the choirs will contribute their best music. The Planet accordingly, as its custom, presents its readers with full programs of the services.

The services at Christ Church, Holy Trinity and St. Joseph's will take place on Tuesday—Christmas Day—the musical programs for which will appear in Monday's issue of The Planet.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Musical Director—Mrs. John Cooper.

Organist—Wm. H. Brackin.

Morning.

"The Heavens are Telling," Simper.

Choir.

"Glory to God," Tolst—Miss Jessie Taylor.

Evening.

"Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices?" Verdi—Choir, with obligato solo by Mrs. John Cooper.

"The New Born King," L'Espresso—Miss Florence Stephenson.

Quartet (unaccompanied)—Mrs. John Cooper, Miss Ada Ross, W. H. and R. L. Brackin.

PARK ST. METHODIST.

Musical Director—Miss Elida Idie.

Organist—Miss Lillian Pratt.

Morning.

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," Arthur Sullivan—Miss Elida Idie and choir.

"Night of Nights," Van de Water—Miss Elida Idie.

Evening.

"Nazareth," Gounod—Miss Alice Allie Humphrey and choir.

"O, Sing to God," Gounod—Miss Elida Idie and choir.

WILLIAM ST. BAPTIST.

Musical Director—Mrs. A. James.

Organist—Miss M. Gemmish.

Morning.

"The Birthday of the King," Nedlinger—Choir with obligato solos by Mrs. A. James.

"Christmas Song," Adams—Mrs. James.

Evening.

"O Be Joyful," Pfleger—Choir.

"Night of Nights"—Mrs. James.

VICTORIA AVE. METHODIST.

Musical Director—Miss Blanche Bixler.

Organist—Mary Brackin.

Morning.

"Hail the Morn"—Miss Jackson and choir.

"Christians, Awake"—Choir.

Offertory Solo—Miss Bixler.

Evening.

"Come Let us Worship"—Miss Bixler and choir.

"Carol, Carol, Christians"—Choir.

"Dream of Paradise"—Miss Bixler.

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

## ALD JOHN LIDDY DECIDES TO RETIRE

He Announces That he will give Somebody Else a Chance at the Council Board.

To the Planet.—Will you kindly allow me space in your valuable paper to say that I am not a candidate for any municipal office at the approaching election. So many of my friends have asked me to come before the people as a candidate for the mayoralty or again for the council, that I feel it my duty to announce that I am not in the field. I have been in the council for the past six years, and the fact that the electors wish me again to enter the field is a matter of much gratification to me, and I desire here to sincerely thank the citizens of Chatham for the generous support they have given me on so many occasions. I can only say that in return for the confidence they so often reposed in me, I have faithfully tried to do my whole duty by them, and have worked always with but one object—the welfare of the city. While it would be a pleasure to me to continue to serve the people in some public capacity, and that I have done for six years and feel that it would only be fair for me to step down and make room for some of the new aspirants, and so let the honor go round, I thank you, Mr. Editor, for your valuable space, I remain, yours faithfully.

J. F. LIDDY.

Dec. 22, 1900.

## GOOD REASON FOR IT.

The Success and Popularity of the New Catarth Cure.

The remarkable success and popularity of the new catarth cure, Stuart's catarth Tablets, is largely because it not only cures catarth, but because catarth sufferers who use these tablets know what they are taking into their systems; no secret is made of what they contain. They are composed of Hydrastis, bitter root, guaiacum and being dissolved in the mouth, they take immediate effect upon the mucous lining of the throat, nasal passages and the whole respiratory tract. The cures that Stuart's Catarth Tablets have accomplished in old chronic cases are little short of remarkable, and the advantage of knowing just what you are taking into your system is of paramount importance when it is remembered that the cocaine or morphine habit has been frequently traced as the result of using secret catarth remedies, as so many of them are well known to contain these injurious drugs.

Stuart's Catarth Tablets meet with the approval and cordial support of physicians because their antiseptic character renders them perfectly safe for the general public to use and their composition makes them a complete catarth cure for all forms of catarth trouble.

With nearly all advertised catarth cures it is a matter of guess work as to what you are taking into the stomach and the proprietors, while making all sorts of claims as to what their medicines will do, are very careful to keep it a close secret as to what they really contain.

This is one reason why Stuart's Catarth Tablets have been so widely recommended, because they are not only pleasant and convenient to take, but the patient also knows he is not putting into his stomach anything of an injurious character.

These tablets are sold by druggists everywhere in the United States and Canada at 50 cents for complete treatment and probably there is no better remedy ever devised for the permanent cure of catarth whether located in the head, throat, bronchial tubes or in the stomach.

IN KINGSTON HOSPITAL.

Kingston, Dec. 20.—James L. Bradshaw, late of the Standard Bank in this city, who recently returned from South Africa, is in the General Hospital with scarlet fever. He was shot at Paardeburg through the throat, and at one time it was feared his voice had been destroyed.

## TERIBLE CONSEQUENCES

A cough or cold neglected quickly develops consumption. When the first symptoms of sore throat, bronchial or chest troubles are felt, use Harvard Bronchial Syrup, as it always allays inflammation and irritation, strengthens the throat and lungs, and protects from the terrible consequences of consumption. Ask for Harvard Bronchial Syrup and take no other.

For sale by C. H. Gunn, & Co., druggists, King Street, Chatham, Ont.; R. C. Burt, druggist, 28 King Street, Chatham, Ont.

Dec. 22, 35-124.

Spend a little of your Xmas money on Monday night, and see a production worth seeing.

Observant Customer.—"What do you think of these 'O R. C.' rubbers that I see advertised?"

Conscientious Dealer.—"They are unsurpassed for wear, fit and style."

THE PROBABILITY.

G. N. W. Special.

Toronto, Dec. 22-10 a. m.—Strong south easterly winds, fair and mild to-day. Sunday, showery, and likely to be turning gradually colder by Monday.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

Eat Richards' Bread.

Chas. a. in tens and two five special for Xmas at Bennett's, Oldham's temple.

On Monday next F. A. Robert will sell Walker's Superior Lager in quarts at 90c and pints 50c per doz.

J. D. McKerrall, Grocer, North Chatham, will have Celery and Lettuce fresh on Monday.

Master Walter Ball returned home from Ridley College, to spend his holidays with his parents.

Try Turkish Delight, at Richards'.

Last Monday evening Mayor Graham, of Ridgeway, entertained his council to an oyster supper.

Mrs. Archie Campbell, Toronto Junction, is the guest of Mrs. Spencer Stone, Head street.

Harry Webb's celebrated chocolates and caramels, at Richards'.

Arch Campbell, ex-M. P., will spend Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Spencer Stone.

Fleming oil and water colors at almost their own price at Tit's.

Twenty-eight acres of land with plenty of fruit for sale. Address "Farmer" care of this office.

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

Manager J. E. Thomas has purchased an 18 ft. yacht for his son Frank. The boat is a pretty little craft built this year by Capt. Stringer.

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

Ex-Grand Master Weaver, by dispensation from Grand Master J. C. Richards, opened a lodge in Harrow, this week with twenty-three Master Masons.

Monday will be the last day for shipping and if you still have anything for presents over Von Gunten Bros' display—novelties of every kind will be sold at a bargain.

A couple of seats for Mantell's magnificent production of "A Free Lance" Monday night would be the most acceptable Xmas present you could offer anyone.

Christmas presents at Taylor's Cigar Store. Every person that uses tobacco expects a new pipe and tobacco, or a new box of cigars, as the most acceptable Xmas present you could offer anyone.

Many of the Ruthven citizens refuse to pay the price demanded for gas, and are using wood. They should sink a well and use gas, as the town is well supplied with the gas belt. It would be a good investment for private funds.

Duncan Robertson, Von Gunten Bros' head clerk, certainly deserves credit for what he has done for the city. He has a somewhat dressed window in Chatham and from an artistic point of view it certainly is a gem. Watches and diamond rings play a prominent part and it certainly is the most acceptable Xmas present you could offer anyone.

A farmer's team, attached to a load of oats ran away yesterday afternoon from in front of the Kent Mills. The horses were turned at the 5th St. bridge and the load upset, stopping the runaways. The load of oats was dumped out on the sidewalk in front of Campbell's store, but no damage was done to the rig or the horses.

Say, have you had any of those Chocolate and Molasses Chips at Richards' yet? If you haven't, you must try them. They are simply the nicest you ever ate.

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

BLENHEIM.

Dec. 21.—The Blenheim Gun Club will race on Thursday, Dec. 27th. The young gentlemen of the town gave another assembly in the opera house last night.

Trinity Church Sunday school will hold their annual Xmas entertainment in the Opera House to-night, the main feature being a cantata entitled "The New Santa Claus."

Mrs. B. Snider and family left to-day for Saint Ste. Marie, which place they intend to make their future home.

Mrs. W. D. Sanford entertained a party of her friends to a fish party last night.

Jan. Greenwood went on an extended tour yesterday, seeking information in regard to electric light matters.

THE QUEEN STREET PROMOTION LIST.

Pupils in That School Who Have Passed.

From 1st class part 1 to 2nd class part 1.

Willie Foster, Jennie Harris, Clementine Kerr, Ida Kelley, Millie Nash, Walter Pelele, George Leard, Russel Martin, Lulu Smith.

From 2nd class part 1 to 3rd class part 1.

Louis Baker, Alice Judson, Walter Lapp, Bert Lane, Hattie McGowan, Mariel Palmer, Elliot Parkin, Ray Rouse, Robbie Turner, Ince Roach, Beatrice Seaton, Maud Simon, Mildred Warren.

From 3rd class part 1 to senior part 1.

Loyd Guckey, Mabel Dyer, Willie Keiver, Eva Lane, Earl Raymond, Willie Savage, George Simonton, Gladys Tewkesberry, Hazel Taylor, Dot Shepley, Bobbie Field.

From part 1 to part 11.—Pearl Blake, Jean Cumming, Laura Cuyler, George Coyle, Ethel Clements, John Foster, John King, Elmer Mounter, Russell Taylor, Philip Westmore.

Senior Part II. to Senior Part II.—Mabel Armstrong, Reginald Brown, Frank Barrett, May Buckingham, Charlie Carr, Lloyd Clark, Frank Clark, Elwood Douglas, James Euson, Arthur Harris, Nettie Kelly, Nellie

# Gordon's Christmas Chimes

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

## MISS CATHCART

For Xmas trade will sell Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats at 1/2 and 1/3 off. Widows Dress Caps for presents. Tips and Wings at 1/2 price.

Waist Silks and Silk Waists. A table of fancy silks, reg. values 38c, 40c, 50c and 60c per yd. 25c 30c. fancy waist silk, reg. value 75c and \$1, at per yd. 50c. SILK WAISTS, MANUFACTURED SAMPLES of fine taffeta silk waists, 1 reg value, a beautiful Xmas Box sure.

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

Purses, satchels, shopping bags, chateleine bags, chain purses, etc. Ladies' Belts, everything in this line you can desire from 25c to \$1. Rose supporters, garters, elastic notions.

Specials. Combs—Pompadour combs, side and back combs, fine and coarse combs, hair and tooth brushes, etc., from 25c to 1.00. Belt buckles, scarf and hat pins, brooches, cuff buttons, etc. Wide fancy ribbons for belts, cushion frills, sashes, etc., per yd., 10c. Baby's bonnets, hoods, tucks, tams, etc., from 25c to 1.00. Dolls—handsome dolls, 5c, 9c, 12c, 25c.

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

Fine French Flannels and American imitations, fine silk and wool plaids. These are the kind for a ladies' waist for presents. A new dress pattern, either in wool or silk, is a thrilling Xmas box, we have them from \$1.50 to \$4.00 and \$6.00 in wool, and from \$3.00 up in silk.

Fancy Knit Shawls for Xmas, sample lot at from 50c to \$3.00, 1/2 to 1 below regular prices.

AN UP-TO-DATE GROCERY. John McConnell, the Park street grocer, is doing a heavy business these days. He says that his sales of crockery and fancy china ware, have never been so large. He is showing a splendid assortment of lamps, dishes, china tea sets, and fancy cups and saucers. (This year he is selling a lot of opal ware. This is something decidedly new, dainty and cheap. If you desire to give any of your friends a pretty jar, fern pot, or table ornament you can make no mistake by selecting any of these articles that Mr. McConnell is offering for sale. In addition to a large stock of fine groceries, Mr. McConnell is selling the best currants at 12 1/2 c. per lb., mixed peel at 10c. per lb., select raisins at 10c. a lb., candied fruit at 8c. a lb., and lemon at 12c. a lb. Excellent oranges, nuts, table-sauces, etc., are also on sale. In fact everything that one desires for a good Christmas dinner.

Customer—How is it that rubbers in this country are so heavy and clumsy? Dealer—"Perhaps you have not tried 'O. R. R.' rubbers. They combine light weight with wear, fit and finish."

Gold stamping on Bibles and presentation books, or any leather goods at The Planet Bindery, while you wait. Pictures quickly framed at Tit's.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ritchie left yesterday morning for Chatham and other places for a six weeks' visit among relatives. Mr. Williams, of Georgetown, is here visiting his son, Dr. Williams. Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Wright, left this morning for Leamington to spend Christmas with his son Leslie J. Wright. Salted peanuts at Richards'.

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### Mayoralty

To the Electorate of the City of Chatham

Ladies and gentlemen:  
I am a candidate for mayor for 1901, and I respectfully ask for your vote and influence.

Faithfully yours,  
W. E. McKEOUGH.  
Chatham, Ont., 19th Nov., 1900

ALDERMEN.

To the Electors of this City.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for alderman for this city for the year 1901, your votes and influence are respectfully solicited.

Washing 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 approval, I shall be glad to have your vote and influence.

W. S. MARSHALL.

To the electors of the city of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a number of citizens, I have been induced to offer myself as a candidate for alderman for 1901. Your vote and influence I respectfully solicit.

Yours truly,  
JOHN WADDELL,  
Grain Merchant.

Dec. 21st, 1900.

To the Electors of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of several representative citizens, I am a candidate for alderman for 1901.

I would like your support.

Yours, W. F. SMITH,  
Barriester.

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 1898 and 1899, 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 before, strive to look after the city's interests to the best of my ability, and I respectfully solicit your support.

Yours faithfully,  
S. B. ARNOLD.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

To the Electors of Ward No. 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for the office 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 county councillor.

Your vote and influence would be thankfully 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 impartially. Thanking you for past favors and wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I am yours faithfully,

R. B. TOLLE.

Ask for Minard's and take no other.

## The Mystery of Agatha Webb.

By Anna Katharine Green.

Author of "The Leavenworth Case," "Lost Man's Lane," "Hand and Ring," Etc., Etc.

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with their native town. They had left behind them six small graves in Portchester churchyard, but though evidence of their affliction were always to be seen in the countenances of either they had entered with so much purpose into the life of their adopted town that they had become persons of note there till Philemon's health began to fail, when Agatha quit all outside work and devoted herself exclusively to him. Of her character and winsome personality we can gather some idea from the various conversations carried on that day from Portchester green to the shipyards in Sutherlandtown.

In Deacon Brainerd's cottage the discussion was concerning Agatha's lack of vanity, a virtue not very common at that time among the women of this busy seaport.

"For a woman so handsome," the good deacon was saying, "and I think I can safely call her the finest featured woman who ever trod these streets, she showed as little interest in dress as any one I ever saw. Calico at home and calico at church, yet she looked as much of a lady in her dark sprigged gowns as Mrs. Webster in her silks or Mrs. Parsons in her \$10,000 seal skin."

As this was a topic within the scope of his eldest daughter's intelligence she at once spoke up: "I never thought she needed to dress so plainly. I don't believe in such a show of poverty myself. If one is too poor to do decent, all right; but they say she had more money than most any one in town. I wonder who is going to get the benefit of it?"

"Why, Philemon, of course. That is, as long as he lives. He doubtless had the making of it."

"Is it true that he's gone clean out of his head since her death?" interposed a neighbor who had happened in.

"So they say. I believe Widow Jones has taken him into her house."

"Do you think," asked a second daughter, the least one of the family, but the brightest, "I'm sorry for Betsy, she always gave me cookies when I went to see Mrs. Webb."

"Betsy was a good girl for a Swede," allowed the deacon's wife, who had not spoken till now. "When she first came into town on the spars of that wrecked ship we all remember, there was some struggle between Agatha and me as to which of us should have her. But I didn't like the task of teaching her the name of every pot and pan she had to use in the kitchen, so I gave her up to Agatha. And it was fortunate I did, for I've never been able to understand her talk to this day."

"I could talk with her right well," lisped the little one. "She never called things by their Swedish names unless she was worried, and I never worried her."

"I wonder if she would have worshipped the ground under your feet, as she did that under Agatha?" asked the deacon, eying his wife with just the suspicion of a malicious twinkle in his eye.

"I am not the greatest hearted and most capable woman in town," retorted his wife, clicking her needles as she went on knitting.

In Mr. Sprague's house on the opposite side of the road Squire Fisher was relating some old tales of bygone Portchester days. "I knew Agatha when she was a girl," he avowed. "She had the grandest manners and the most enchanting smile of any rich or poor man's daughter between the coast and Springfield. She did not dress in calico then. She wore the gayest clothes her father could buy her, and old Jacob was not without means to make his daughter the leading figure in town. How we young fellows did adore her, and what lengths we went

to win one of her glorious smiles. I was, John and Jacob Zabel, have lived bachelors for her sake to this very day, but I hadn't courage enough for that. I married and—"

"Something between a sigh and a chuckle filled out the sentence."

"What made Philemon carry off the prize? His good looks?"

"Yes, his good looks. It wasn't his snap, of that you may be sure. James Zabel had the snap, and he was her first choice, too, but he got into some difficulty. I never knew just what it was, but it was regarded as serious at the time, and that match was broken off. Afterward she married Philemon. You see, I was out of it altogether, had never been in it perhaps, but there were three good years of my life in which I thought of little else than Agatha. I admired her spirit, you see. There was something more wonderful as that was. She ruled us with a rod of iron, and yet we worshipped her. I have wondered to see her so meek of late. I never thought she would be satisfied with a brick foored cottage and a husband of failing wits. But no one, to my knowledge, has ever heard a complaint from her lips, and the dignity of her afflicted wifehood has far transcended the haughtiness of those days when she had but to smile to have all the youth of Portchester at her feet."

"I suppose it was the loss of so many children that reconciled her to a quiet life. A woman cannot close the eyes of six children, one after the other, without some modification taking place in her character."

"Yes, she and Philemon have been unfortunate, but she was a splendid looking girl, boys. I never see such grand looking women now."

In a little one storied cottage on the hillside a woman was nursing a baby and talking at the same time of Agatha Webb.

"I shall never forget the night my first baby fell sick," she faltered. "I was just out of bed myself, and, having no nearer neighbors than now, I was all alone on the hillside, Alec being at sea. I was too young to know much about sickness, but something told me that I must have help before morning or my baby would die. Though I could just walk across the floor, I threw a shawl around me, took my baby in my arms and opened the door. A blinding gust of rain blew in. A terrible storm was raging, and I had not noticed it. I was so taken up with the child."

"I could not face that gale. Indeed, I was so weak I fell on my knees as it struck me and became dripping wet before I could drag myself inside. The baby began to moan, and everything was turning dark before me when I cried: 'Is there room in this house for me till the storm has blown by? I cannot see my way down the hillside.'"

"With a bursting heart I looked up. A woman was standing in the doorway, with the look of an angel in her eyes. I did not know her, but her face was one of bring comfort to the saddest heart. Holding up my baby I cried: 'My baby is dying. I tried to go for the doctor, but my knees bent under me. Help me, as you are a mother—I—'

"I must have fallen again, for the next thing I remember I was lying by the hearth, looking up into her face which was bending over me. She was white as the rag I had tied about my

body's throat, and by and by her breast heaved she was either very much frightened or very sorry."

"I wish you had the help of any one else," said she. "Babies perish in my arms and wither at my breast. I cannot touch it, much as I yearn to. But let me see its face. Perhaps I can tell you what is the matter with it."

"I showed her the baby's face, and she bent over it, trembling very much, almost as much indeed as myself."

"It's very sick," she said, "but if you will use the remedies I advise I think you can save it." And she told me what to do and helped me all she could, but she did not lay a finger on the little darling, though from the way she watched it I saw that her heart was set on his getting better. And he did. In an hour he was sleeping peacefully, and the terrible weight was gone from my heart and from hers. When the storm stopped and she could leave the house, she gave me a kiss, but the look she gave him meant more than kisses. God must have forgotten her goodness to me that night when he let her die so pitiable a death."

At the minister's house they were commenting upon the look of serenity observable in her dead face.

"I have known her for 30 years," her pastor declared, "and never before have I seen her wear a look of real peace. It is wonderful, considering the circumstances. Do you think she was so weary of her life's long struggle that she hailed her release from it, even that of violence?"

A young man, a lawyer visiting them from New York, was the only one to answer.

"I never saw the woman you are talking about," said he, "and know nothing of the circumstances of her death beyond what you have told me. But from the very incongruity between her expression and the violent nature of her death I argue that there are depths to this crime which have not yet been sounded."

"What depths? It is a simple case of murder, followed by theft. To be sure, we do not yet know the criminal, but money was his motive. That is clear enough."

"Are you ready to wager that that is all there is to it?"

"That was a startling proposition to the minister."

"You forget my cloth," said he. The young man smiled. "That is true. Pardon me. I was only anxious

to show how strong my conviction was against any such easy explanation of a crime marked by such contradictory features."

Two children on the Portchester road were exchanging boyish confidences.

"Do you know what I think about it?" asked one.

"Now. How should I?"

"Well, I think old Mrs. Webb got the likes of what she sent. Don't you know she had six children once and that she killed every one of them?"

"Killed 'em, she?"

"Yes. I heard her tell granny once all about it. She said there was a blight on her house. I don't know what that is, but I guess it's something big and heavy, and that it fell on every one of her children as fast as they came and killed 'em."

"Then I'm glad I ain't her child."

To be Continued.

A Bull by Lord Russell.

"The late lamented Lord Chief Justice Russell had, I believe, little in his accent to indicate that he was born on the other side of the St. George's channel," says a correspondent, "but now and then, like all his countrymen, he would betray his nationality by perpetrating what is called a bull. I remember, a good many years ago, I was at a political meeting at Balmaloe. It was in 1880 or thereabouts, when coercion was the burning question. Lord (then Sir Charles) Russell made an impassioned speech in favor of liberty, in the course of which he said: 'Ladies and gentlemen, if the government coercion bill is carried no man in Ireland will be able to speak upon politics unless he is born deaf and dumb.' 'Curiously enough, nobody laughed. Every one seemed so overpowered by the eloquence of the speaker that the bull to all appearance passed unnoticed, a testimony surely to Lord Russell's power as an orator.'—London News.

Cleopatra and Her Pearl.

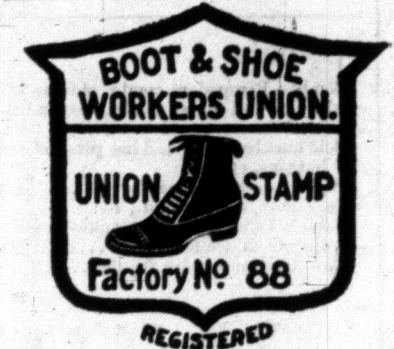
It is said that Cleopatra made a banquet for Antony, the coquetry of which excited his astonishment, and when Antony expressed his surprise Cleopatra took a pearl earring, which she dissolved in a strong acid, and drank to the health of the Roman triumvirate, saying, 'My draft to Antony shall far exceed it.' There are two difficulties in this anecdote. The first is, that vinegar would not dissolve a pearl, and the next is that any stronger acid would be wholly unfit to drink. Probably the solution is this: The pearl was sold to some merchant whose name was synonymous with a strong acid and the money given to Antony as a present by the fond queen. The pearl melted, and Cleopatra drank the health of Antony as she handed him the money.

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Powley's Liquefied Ozone is at a large size, 50c small size, at druggists, or from the laboratories of the Ozone Co., of Toronto, Limited, 48 Colborne street, Toronto

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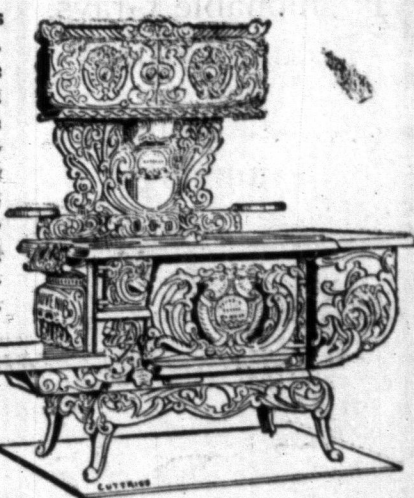
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Dec. 21.—There will be special Christmas sermons in the Methodist Church on Sunday. In the evening the choir will render Shelley's anthem, "Hark! Hark! my Soul."

Maud Watterworth has returned from Gloucester to spend the holidays with her mother.

Dottie Lawrence, who has been attending college in Ottawa, is home for the holidays.

G. A. Miller Principal of the Public School, leaves to-day for Toronto and other points to spend his Christmas holidays.

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- A Walking Stick
- A Collar and Cuff Box
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- A Good Book or a Bible
- A Nice Ink Well
- A Photo Frame with your Own Portrait

## For Her

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

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- Black Boards—25c and 35c
- Drawing Sets
- Picture Books—all prices
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- Chatterbox
- Crokinole Boards
- Carom Boards
- Pencil Boxes

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

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## THE OYSTER CRAB.

A Network of Curious Stories Have Been Woven About It.

The little crab about the size of a pea, resembling a bleached out spider, is the oyster crab. In Europe it is called the pea crab and is decidedly scarce, rarely seen except by naturalists. It is common on our coasts, not only in oysters, but also in mussels and scallops.

Washington crab is a name that has been suggested for it, as it was considered a great delicacy by our first president, says The Scientific American. The oyster crab has been known from the earliest history, and a curious network of stories have been woven about it.

Aristotle the Greek and Pliny the Roman, naturalists, believed that a definite relation or understanding existed between the shellfish and its lodged and even went so far as to say that death would be the result if the crab should desert its host. The watchful crab, living within the hollow of the shell and stupid oyster, on seeing small fish approach, would wait until one more bold than the rest of his companions ventured within the open shell; then, gently slipping the oyster, he would be closed and the fish held a prisoner. Thereupon the two, the host and his guest, would feed at leisure upon the body of the venturesome fish.

Another story, which held its own until late in the last century, was that this little crab played the part of the "king's jacks." who hunted by night for his majesty the lion. It would slither forth and bring food to the helpless nassel or oyster and on returning from the hunt, should it find the house closed, would give a cry, which was recognized by the host, the door instantly opened, and it was allowed to enter. Study has shown that the crab never leaves its home and cannot cry, but as for the lion, who, in fact, often gets the food for the jackal, so it is that the little crab feeds upon the substances which are swept in by the current of water made by the bivalve in order to bring its own food and to freshen the water for its respiration.

Again, the crab was said to warn its protecting host from danger by a timely pinch, so that the doors could be closed against some crafty octopus or insidious starfish, and for which service the crab was rewarded by board and lodging.

It is true the oyster crab may act in such manner that any intelligent understanding exists between the two. We have all seen how a crab will hurry back and forth on the approach of danger, will dart into the first crevice to escape its foe and when in safety brandish its formidable claws with the greatest show of bravado. So the little oyster crab may with the same instinct run back and forth within the sensitive mantle of the oyster and, retreating, push against its soft body, which will indicate to the stoical intelligence of its host that something is wrong outside, when it will discreetly close its well as the better part of valor.

Blenheim, Dec. 20, 1900.

## NINETY-EIGHT PER CENT.

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You say you love me—can I trust that said by many wood? By me, at length, has had her heart To constancy subdued? Perhaps some other love is there? But do not tell me so: When knowledge would but bring us grief.

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Yours truly,

H. DRANE.



