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Our ... **White Goods** Opening
Annual on

Tuesday, January 9th

There are times when this store excels itself by demonstrating its supremacy—such a time is close at hand, it is our

JANUARY SALE OF WHITE GOODS

the wheels of which we will set in motion on Tuesday morning, 9th inst. Our previous success on similar occasions needs no comment from this source, nor is it necessary for us to tell of the many advantages our "White Goods Sales" of the past afforded buyers of every circumstance. It is enough to say that for January, 1900, our preparation backed by the knowledge and experience of previous sales has been more extensive, more comprehensive, and where possible more perfect than ever before—the values in particular are much better than previous years. We ask the privilege of showing you our goods, and promise the most attractive display ever shown in Chatham.



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Ladies' Gown, fine cotton, Empire style, frills of cambric and Valenciennes lace, special..... \$1.00
Ladies' Gown, fine Nainsook, Empire style, 5 rows Valenciennes insertion and two rows val. lace, special..... \$2.50
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Satin Venetian Cloth, fine French manufacture, pure wool solid weave, in shades of black, cadet, navy and purple, reg. value 75c, Sale Price..... 44c
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12 colorings, 44 in. Venetian Suitings, fine pure wool, rich finish, full costume weight, choice range of fashionable shades, good value at 65c, Sale Price..... 48c
44 in. Fine Camel's Hair Plaids, extra quality, in rich color combinations, good weight, correct styles for separate skirts, worth \$1.20, Sale Price..... 83c
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THE CRISIS ARRIVES.

Boers Begin a Desperate Assault on Ladysmith.

THE FIRST ATTACK GALLANTLY REPULSED WITH GREAT SLAUGHTER.

GENERAL BULLER MOVES OUT TO ATTACK COLENSO—GREAT ANXIETY IN GREAT BRITAIN OVER THE SITUATION—GENERAL WHITE HELIOGRAPHIC THAT HE IS HARD PRESSED.

London, Jan. 8.—General Buller cables that the Boers are making a well maintained assault on Ladysmith. It is believed their supplies around here, as previously reported, are running very short and that it is a desperate effort to end the siege and thus release the Boer army from its present undesirable position. At Laing's Nek a much smaller force could hold General Buller in check, while the remainder could go to Modder River and aid in crushing Methuen.

GEN. WHITE'S MESSAGES.
Saturday, 9 a. m.
From Buller, Frere Camp, Jan. 6.—

The following telegram was received from Gen. White, Jan. 6, 9 a. m.—
"The enemy attacked Caesar's camp at 2.45 a. m., in considerable force. The enemy was everywhere repulsed, but the fighting still continues."

Caesar's camp is a fortified British position about a mile and a quarter from the main camp, and under the shadow of Bester's Hill.

London, Jan. 7.—General Buller has wired the war office the following, dated January 6, from Frere Camp:—
"The following message was received from Gen. White at Ladysmith at 11 a. m. to-day:—

"Jan. 6, 11 a. m.—Attack continues and enemy has been reinforced from the south."

12.45 p. m.
"The following was received at 4 this afternoon from Gen. White:—
"Jan. 6, 12.45 p. m.—Have beaten enemy off at present, but they are still around me in great numbers, especially to the south; and I think renewed attack very probable."

"The sun has faded, and I cannot get further information from Ladysmith until to-morrow."

3.15 p. m.
Gen. Buller sends the following from Frere Camp, dated to-day:—
"This from White, dated Saturday, 3.15 p. m.—
"Attack renewed. Very hard pressed."

"I have absolutely no more news, and there is no sun."

"There is a camp rumor that White defeated the enemy at 5 this afternoon and took 400 prisoners."

"I sent all available troops yesterday to make a demonstration at Colenso. The trenches there were all occupied by the enemy."

SOME DETAILS.
London, Monday, Jan. 8.—A special despatch from Frere Camp, dated Saturday, Jan. 6, 7.20 p. m., says:—
"Gen. White heliograph that he defeated the Boers this morning. They crept up so close to the defending forces that the Gordon Highlanders and the Manchester actually repulsed them at the point of the bayonet."

A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Frere Camp says:—"Saturday's bombardment of Ladysmith was the heaviest yet recorded. All the heavy

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guns were working, and the Boers seemed to be pouring in shells from every available lighter gun."

The Daily Telegraph has the following from Frere Camp dated Saturday, Jan. 6, 10.35 a. m.—"A very heavy bombardment went on at Ladysmith from daybreak until 8 this morning. It is believed that an action was in progress, for musketry fire was also heard. It is possible the garrison was making a sortie, for the Boers at Colenso hurriedly left their trenches and rode towards Ladysmith."

"Our big naval gun at Chieveley Camp fired several rounds at the enemy as they were leaving the Colenso lines. Gen. Buller has ridden out to Chieveley with his staff."

GUNS ALL ROAR.

The Daily Mail has the following dated Jan. 6, at noon, from Frere Camp:—"At three o'clock this morning very heavy firing began at Ladysmith. It lasted fully four hours, and must have meant either a sortie by the British or a determined attack on the garrison by the Boers. Our shells could be seen falling on Umbulwama Hill and the enemy were replying. Besides the cannon reports, there were sounds indicating the smaller pieces of artillery in action. The fighting must have been at closer range than was the case up to now. Our naval guns at Chieveley sent their usual fire into the Boer trenches there, but there has been no further movement here."

BULLER ASSAULTS

The Boers Leave Colenso to Attack Ladysmith

And the British Forces at Once Move on It—Nothing Definite so far.

London, Jan. 8.—A special despatch from Frere Camp, dated Saturday, Jan. 6, 7 p. m., says:—"At two o'clock this afternoon, the whole of General Gler's division marched out of camp to attack Colenso. General Hildgard's brigade was on the left and General Barton's on the right with cavalry on the extreme right. When the attack was slowly developed, and at 4.30 the British field guns advanced on the centre and commenced shelling the Boer positions on the flat land between Ilwango Hill and Fort Wylie. About this time a heavy thunderstorm raged over the enemy's positions. At 5.30 o'clock our troops were still advancing and had reached a point very near Colenso. Our naval 4.7 and field guns were busily dropping shells into the enemy's trenches along the river; and the fort of the enemy had made no reply."

A despatch from the Boer camp at Colenso, dated Thursday last, and sent by way of Lorenzo Marques, mentions that a thunderstorm had turned the dry ravines into torrents and flooded the Tugela. Doubtless Gen. Joubert felt sure he had secured a couple of days in which he could attack Ladysmith without interference from Gen. Buller, who, even if he decided to attempt to relieve the town would probably occupy three days in reaching it by even a victorious advance."

NO NEWS SUNDAY.

London, Sunday, Jan. 7, 4.30 a. m.—Gen. Buller's telegram to the war office stating that General White at Ladysmith reported under date of Jan. 6, 9 a. m., that the enemy had attacked Caesar's camp at 2.15 a. m., and that the fight was still in progress, caused many late calls at the war office in expectation of the receipt of additional news. The officials stated at midnight, however, that nothing further would be issued during the night. No news has been received from other sources, though the day's despatches indicate that important events at the front are imminent, if not actually progressing at this time."

A CRITICAL MOMENT.

London, Monday, Jan. 8, 4.50 a. m.—The British public is at last face to face with a critical moment in the campaign. It may safely be said that at no previous time has there been such anxious hours of suspense as will be passed through until the arrival of further news regarding the fate of Ladysmith. The editorials this morning fully reflect the extreme gravity of the situation, with a painful undercurrent of ominous foreboding, mainly caused by the fact that, while the Boers have not changed their tactics and assumed the offensive, Gen. Buller is apparently unable to do more to assist General White than make a demonstration. As the heliograph ceased working yesterday (Sunday), it is presumed that Gen. White's last

message was sent by a pigeon or runner.

The Times publishes a despatch from Ladysmith dated Jan. 1, recording two night movements on the part of the Boers to assault the town. These had to be abandoned when the British defences were reached, but the correspondent says it was apparent that the great attack would not be long delayed. "Loyally supported by the civilians, the garrison can hold out for a considerable period. We are not yet reduced to half rations. The greatest difficulty is proper accommodation for the wounded and sick."

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THE WEARINESS OF CHRISTMAS.

Edward Bok writes, in the December Ladies' Home Journal, that "there must be some radical and growing departure from the right and best way of celebrating Christmas when each recurring year we hear a larger number of men saying, 'Well, I'll be truly thankful when this Christmas business is over.' And they are led to this remark bravely by seeing their wives, mothers, sisters or daughters each Christmas Day utterly tired out, with the prospect of a siege of illnesses as soon as Christmas is over. And it must be confessed that this state of affairs exists in thousands of homes. Women themselves frequently acknowledge their satisfaction when the day is over. Now, there is always something wrong when we make a burden of our pleasures. And if one of our sources of pleasure in the calendar's greatest gala day is derived from a feeling of thankfulness that it is over, there is something askew either in the way we prepare for, or spend the day."

THE POPE AND THE NEW CENTURY.

So many people have thought that the papal decree appointing 1900 as a year of jubilee—the Holy Year—also gave the antithesis of the Vatican for regarding it as the first year of the new century, that we print the portion of the decree referring to this point:

"It is most becoming that we who are about to celebrate the commencement of the Holy Year, happily proclaimed by our Holy Father Leo XIII., should, in the depth of night, rise to greet the Author of time and prostrate before His altars."

"Since, moreover, at midnight of the last day of December of the coming year (1900) the present century will come to an end and a new one begin, it is very appropriate that thanks be given to God by some pious and solemn ceremony, for the benefits received during the course of the present century."

After reciting the manner in which the Holy year is to be celebrated, the decree says that it is to be so done "that it may end, after a prosperous course, by ushering in a still more happy century." The Pope, in common with all who have given the matter serious study, recognize the new century as beginning with the first of January, 1901.

NO MUNROISM FOR CANADA.

The New York Sun questions the moral right of Canada, as an American country, to join in a war of conquest in the old world. It says:

"It gives Canada a new relation to the British empire, assuredly, and, in so doing, it tends to give this hemisphere a relation to the continent of Europe which the American government is bound gravely and carefully to consider."

"For many years Africa has been virtually Europe. For an army to leave North America on an expedition of African conquest is wholly without precedent and pregnant with international complications to which the United States are traditionally averse."

From the extreme standpoint of upholders of the Monroe Doctrine the point is well taken. But let us look at it in this way: Canada is absolutely independent of the United States, has never accepted the principles of the Monroe Doctrine, and believes she is entitled to do as she pleases with her own. If she chooses to join the Empire in wars either of defence or conquest, what can the United States do about it? Nothing that we can see other than remodel her Monroeism to except this great and growing

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young country which certainly will not now nor in the future be guided by Yankee dictation.

The despatches tell us that the Toronto company were first inside that lager at Sunnyside. That's strange. As a rule it is lager which first gets inside Torontonians.

It is announced that Russia will adopt the new style in 1901, by omitting 13 days, the present error in the Julian calendar, at the end of their present year, making the first of January, 1901, to follow December 18th, 1900. If she does she will miss one Christmas.

Toronto seems to be a rendezvous for thugs and highwaymen these nights. Almost every night some respectable citizen is sandbagged and robbed on the streets. It is time the Toronto police did something to round up the thugs. Are they afraid of them?—Toronto World.

The Toronto police are all right, but are probably deterred from undue activity by the incomprehensible leniency with which dangerous and confirmed crooks are treated in the Toronto police court. Toronto justice seems to exhaust itself with the punishment of a few harmless drunks each day.

THEIR HISTORY.

Poultney Bigelow.

The history of the Boers is one-third war against England, one-third war with negroes, and one-third civil war.

BADLY NEEDED.

Detroit Free Press.

"There are misfit clothing establishments," she said thoughtfully. "There are," he acknowledged. "Then, why aren't there misfit Christmas present establishments?" she demanded, with some fierceness.

THE OVERTHROW OF MOSSBACKISM.

Hamilton Herald.

What a fine thing it would be if we could get the ratepayers of Chatham vaccinated with some of Hamilton's progressive lymph.—Chatham Planet.

Take heart, old man, it has taken a long time and much trouble to counteract the work of the moss-back element in Hamilton.

KRUGER OBJECTS TO THE SCOTCH.

Victoria Times.

President Kruger once said with great bitterness: "It's not the English who worry me; it's those confounded (verdamme) Scotch." There would never have been any Union difficulties if it had not been for the Scotchmen. A Scotchman would rather go without anything than his political rights. President A. Lincoln, strange to say, said pretty much the same thing—"First thing an Englishman wants when he strikes America is a hotel; an Irishman wants a uniform and a Scotchman a vote—and then he takes the rest!"

THE MUSE OF LABOR.

"And I Saw a New Heaven and a New Earth."—Revelations.

I come, O heroes to the world gone wrong;

I bring the hope of nations; and I bear

The warm first rush of rapture in my song.

The faint first light of morning on my hair.

I look upon the eggs from a tower;

I am the Muse of the Fraternal State;

No hand can hold me from my crowning hour;

My song is Freedom and my step is Fate.

The toilers go on broken at the heart;

They send the spell of beauty on all lands;

But what avail? the builders have no part—

No share in all the glory of their hands.

I have descended from Alcione.

I am the Muse of Labor and of Mirth;

I come to break the chains of infamy,

That Greece's blind hammer forges about the earth.

I have descended from the Hidden Place,

To make dumb spirits speak and dead feet start;

I feel the wind of battles in my face,

I hear the song of nations in my heart.

I stand in Him, the Hero of the Cross,

To hurl down traitors that mispend His bread;

I touch the star of mystery and loss

To shake the kingdoms of the living dead.

I come to overthrow the ancient wrong,

To let the joy of nations rise again;

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HERE AND THERE

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There were 249,145 marriages in England and Wales last year, more than in any years since 1876.

It is said that 4,000 Finlanders desire to settle in British Columbia. They ask nothing but the land.

Previous to 1834 the House of Commons was lighted by candles, which were affixed to massive chandeliers.

The latest estimate of the population of England and Wales is 31,009,000, the women being in a majority of 960,000.

In 1684—a normal year—the death rate of London was nearly 44 per 1,000, or one in 23. In 1889 London's death rate was only 14.3 per 1,000.

The Presbytery of Boston has refused to make total abstinence from tobacco a condition precedent of ordination in the case of the young ministers under its care and old elders elect.

Gottlingen University has established a seminary for "The Science of Insurance," with two sections, one mathematical, the other legal and administrative. There are over sixty insurance students already.

Hans Richter has decided to stay in Vienna, his salaries having been raised so that he will receive 17,000 florins a year. He has leave to attend to the engagements he has made for this year in England.

Picture postal cards have their disadvantages. Complaints have been made, especially in Germany and in Australia, that they are likely to disappear en route, probably to adorn the collections of postal clerks.

Six of the thirty-four State Senators of Missouri are over six feet tall. The "big four," as they are known, are Charles Schweichardt, 6 feet 2 1/2 inches, 210 pounds; Buell L. Matthews, 6 feet 2 inches, 210 pounds; E. B. Fields, 6 feet 2 inches, 225 pounds; and J. M. Rollins, 6 feet 3 1/4 inches, 245 pounds.

Snipe are scarce in Germany. They cost \$1.12 apiece in the market, and \$1.25 apiece to amateur hunters. At any rate it is known that 100 amateur hunters spent \$2,500 last year, near Munster, bagging altogether twenty birds.

The New Zealand birth-rate has been steadily diminishing during the last two decades. In 1882 it was 37.3 per thousand; to-day it is 25.96, or lower than that of any European country except Ireland and France. England's birth-rate is 30.4.

In Paris and other large towns in France, female bootblacks are increasing numbers. They wear a peculiar garb, not unlike that of Sisters of Mercy, which renders their appearance rather neat and attractive. Not a few among them attend to their work with gloved hands.

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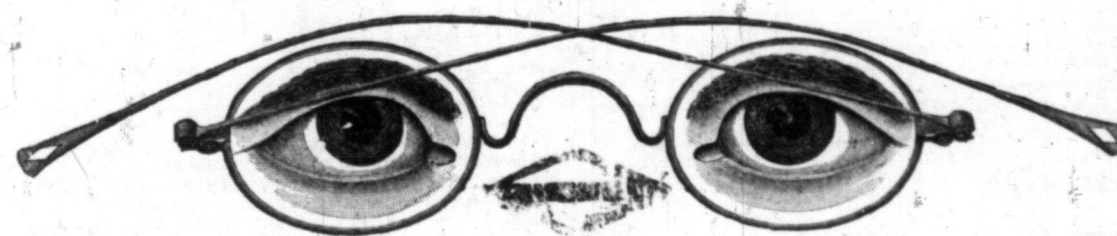
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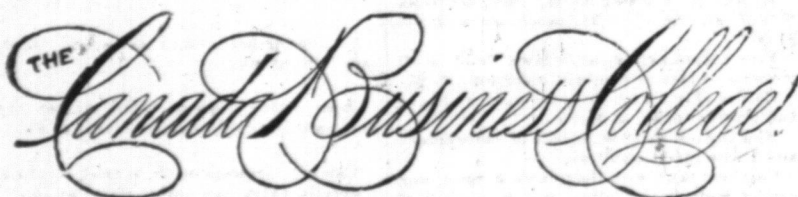
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SYNOPSIS OF THE OPENING CHAPTERS.

The story opens at Cairo, where Mr. Grimes, who passes as an American silver king; Sandy Barlow, a newspaper correspondent; Mr. Tanner, a millionaire traveller, and his daughter Molly, all meet. Mr. Grimes informs Grimes that his dahabiah on its way down the Nile picked up Mynheer Joe a messenger from Gordon. As both Grimes and Sandy know Joe they go down to the boat to find him. Joe gives them the first news of the fall of Khartoum and Gordon's death. They bring Joe up from the boat to meet Molly, Millionaire Tanner's daughter, who he recognizes as a girl he once saved from drowning at Malta.

Mynheer Joe obtains presentable clothes from Mr. Grimes and has an interview with Molly, who thanks him for saving her life.

At Shepherd's hotel in Cairo, where a ball is in progress, he finds a big man and a little one quarrelling. Thinking the little one is Molly's father, he takes his part.

"Not at all, my dear fellow."

"Do you mean to say you have been in it?"

"I must plead guilty."

"They pitched on to you?"

"On the contrary, I think I did the aggressive. Never could see a big dog set on a small one."

"Oh, that's the way the game runs, is it? Well, did you chaw the big dog up?"

"I think I knocked him out. He's in that cluster over yonder. It's a lesson to him I hope, though I must admit the little chap was dented saucy, and the other didn't give way until forced almost beyond human endurance."

"For my part, I'd have let 'em at 'em. Because a man is small, it's no reason he should impose on those who are larger. The chaps need a lesson to teach 'em something," says the silver king.

Mynheer Joe laughs softly.

"Let me complete my confession, my friend," he says, with charming frankness.

"Willingly."

"There was another reason why I threw myself into the breach and took up arms against the more powerful side."

Mr. Grimes elevates his eyebrows and looks at his companion in a peculiar way.

"Well?" he says.

"It was on account of beauty that I took part in this disgraceful affair."

"What! Was the old villain beating his wife?"

"None!" The thought of Molly Tanner spurred me on to interfere."

"Come, no joking! What has she to do with the quarrel of street brawlers?"

"You are very obtuse, Mr. Grimes. It was her father who was in the affair."

"A light breaks upon me."

"Glad of it, sir. You see, I couldn't stand by and see a little man like Demosthenes Tanner being imposed upon. I brushed him aside and told his adversary to fight some one nearer his size. He did so, and—well the result is you-der."

"A little man, eh?"

"Well, he's small when compared with—say you or myself, for instance."

"Tanner—oh, yes, of course," with a grin.

"And, really, the other chap towered above him like a giant. I never felt better than when I faced him and gave him his quietus."

"Is he down there yet?"

"I think he's getting over it now. See the crowd part. That's him sitting there, with his hand up to his head. I reckon he's dazed."

Mr. Grimes looks.

Then he utters a low whistle.

"You've done it, my dear fellow!" he says, agitated.

"Oh, he'll be over it presently; may have a headache to-morrow. But these knock-out blows, if properly given, don't kill," says Joe, coolly.

"It ain't that," continues Mr. Grimes.

"What, then?"

"Well, you see—Deuce take it! Here she comes! Now there will be the mischief to pay!"

Mynheer Joe hears his words, and, turning his head, glances around. There is no difficulty in discovering just what is meant. From the direction of the piazza a figure in white advances hastily. The lights of the piazza flash from the diamonds in her ears and at her neck.

It is Molly!

Straight she comes to where they are standing, as if in that motley crowd her eyes have fallen upon these two figures first of all, and in them she recognizes friends.

Mynheer Joe feels a thrill of honest pride as it flashes upon him that this beauty will soon be thanking him from her heart for standing up in her dear old governor's place and meeting the attack of an enraged giant.

It is a pleasant sensation that creeps about his heart, for he feels that he has done a good action. In these days when a man dashes into a burning house and saves a child at the risk of his own life, he knows he has done a heroic act, though his modesty may prevent him from boasting about it.

Molly Tanner reaches them. It is Mynheer Joe she sees, and to him she appeals. Her looks are startled. He will

never forget how lovely she appears when she clasps his arm, and in a breathless manner, gasps:

"Oh, Mynheer Joe, is it true? Has my dear old governor been hurt? He is always so impetuous—so ready to take offense. Tell me the truth. I can stand the worst. Indeed, I can!"

Her voice is pleading. One would imagine that he is endeavoring to hold back something from her that she should know.

"Miss Tanner, calm yourself. I beg," he says, wondering how he can explain matters without bringing his own share of it into notice.

"I am calm. Now tell me all," she replies, assuming with an effort a repose she is certainly far from feeling.

"There has been a little affair here over a dispute. I believe your father was engaged in it. Blows were exchanged—"

"And my dear old governor—"

"Was unharmed. See, there he is yonder at this very moment," says the delighted Joe, pleased because she does not look upon little Demosthenes Tanner pummed and bleeding.

"He catches a cry close to his ears. Molly is no longer standing there. Quick as a flash of light, she flits across the open space. Mynheer Joe hears a hoarse chuckle beside him, and knows it proceeds from Mr. Grimes. His eyes follow the figure of the belle of Cairo. To his amazement, she passes the pug-nacious little bantam without a look. What does this mean? She is on her knees beside the recovering Western cyclone Mynheer Joe groans. He calls himself a fool, a dolt, as the truth flashes upon him and he realizes that it is Molly Tanner's dear old governor whom he has so scientifically knocked out!"

CHAPTER VII.

Mynheer Joe, for once in his life, feels a cold perspiration come out upon his forehead, which he nervously wipes away. He wonders this time. The man who has faced death in its most horrible forms, in the poisonous swamps of interior Africa, through the jungles of India, where cobras, tigers and venomous natives lie in wait; meeting the crazed Mohammedan derisives of the False Prophet face to face in many an assault at Khartoum—this man actually trembling with fear because he dreads the scorn of a woman!

He laughs at himself for the fancy, but it is a nervous laugh, not at all natural and, turning, finds Mr. Grimes surveying him in a comical sort of way.

"Tell me, did you really think that little nincompoop was Demosthenes Tanner?" asks the silver king, in a half-choked voice, for to him the whole situation is inexplicably funny.

"I certainly did," answers Joe, wondering if it will remedy matters any if he should pass over and shake the little terror until his teeth rattle in his head; he has conceived a sudden hatred for him.

"A terrible mistake, my dear fellow," grins the other, nodding his head seriously.

"Well, rather, under the circumstances. Tell me who that man is?"

Not that he is particularly anxious to know, but the question is a natural one and will help to carry him out of a predicament.

"The little man? That's the baron, one of Miss Molly's most devoted admirers."

"Confusion! How come it that he quarreled with her father. Anyhow, the baron is used to serfs, and imagines he can run things with a high hand wherever he goes."

"A Russian?"

"Heaven knows what he isn't—Russian, German and Austrian—he has served under all their flags. At present, I have learned, he is under Alexander, and bound for India by stages. Russia has dark designs on the rich possessions of England on the Indian Ocean, and some day the hosts of the White Czar hope to rush over the mountains and overrun the whole of the empire along the Ganges."

Mr. Grimes talks in this way with an object in view—he is interested in the subject, and at the same time hopes to divert the mind of his friend from the awful contretemps into which he has stumbled.

In this latter, he meets with a fair measure of success. As a traveller and explorer, Joe Miner is interested in the movements of armies on the chess-board of Europe, though his knowledge of diplomatic entanglements is very small compared with that of the war correspondent.

By this time Tanner is on his feet. His fate antagonistic: feels as though he would like to sink out of sight, but that he is in the least ashamed of the part he took in the recent engagement, but because he dreads the moment when Molly's eyes must fall upon him? or her father has pointed out the man to whom he owes his life and downfall.

(To be Continued.)

A GIRLISH DREAM.

"I'd like to marry a lawyer."

"Why for, my dear?"

"He wouldn't be always arguing with me."

"How do you know?"

"Lawyers never argue without a fee in sight."

The man who has nothing to do but clip coupons cuts quite a figure. The opinions of a child may be of no value, but they are at least honest.

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At \$1.35—Empress Gown, fine material, large collar, deep embroidery and insertion trimmed.
At \$1.25—Gown V shaped yoke, All-over embroidery, tucked and embroidered.
Finest at \$1.45, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.35 and \$4.00.

Corset Covers

15c Corset Covers, good material, well made.
25c Corset Covers, cambric frilled on neck and front.
25c Corset Covers, embroidered neck and front.
25c Corset Covers, cambric embroidery round the neck and sleeves.
45c Corset Covers, Lonsdale cambric fine pearl buttons, embroidered sleeves and neck.
50c Corset Covers, Lonsdale cambric insertion front, embroidered neck and sleeves.
Better at 75c, 85c, etc.

Chemise

50c Chemise—Fine American cotton, and fine embroidery trimmed neck, sleeves and front.
25c Chemise—Good plain cotton, cambric frilled neck and sleeves.

Embroideries

As usual we show a very large line of fine Embroideries, Insertions, All-overs, etc. All the newest patterns and finest qualities. Our quantities, quantities and prices are magnetic attractions.
At 3—Cambric Embroideries, fine qualities, 1 in to 2 1/2 in. wide.
At 5—A large line at this price, of Swiss and Cambric Embroideries and Insertions, worth up to 10c a yard.
At 6—Fine and heavy Cambric and Muslin Embroideries and Insertions up to 3 1/2 inches wide.
At 7c and 8c—Fine wide Swiss and Cambric Embroideries and Insertions, worth 12c to 16c a yard.
All-over Embroideries, All-over Lace Yokeings, Fancy Shirred and Tucked Muslins for Yokeings.
Tartans, Organdies, Swisses, India Linens, Lawns, Mulls, Long Cloths, Lonsdales, Lisle Lawns, Linens for fancy work.
A special line of fine, White Corded Dimities, at 12 1/2c.

Ready-made Pillow Cases and Sheets

Coronet Pillow Slips..... 12 1/2c
Defender Pillow Slips, 72 x 90, plain..... 20c
Defender Sheets, 81 x 90, plain..... 69c each
Defender Sheets, 81 x 90, plain..... 73c each
Defender Sheets, 90 x 90, plain..... 75c each
Defender Sheets, Hemstitched, 72 x 90..... 80c each
Defender Sheets, Hemstitched, 81 x 90..... 90c each
Defender Sheets, Hemstitched, 90 x 100..... \$1.00 each

Ladies' White Skirts

62c—Skirts, good material, 6 rows of tucking, Lonsdale Cambric frilled.
75c—Skirts, 4 tucks, deep embroidery frilled, very attractive.
\$1.00—Skirts, 6 tucks, fine and deep embroidery trimmed.
\$1.33—Skirts, 6 tucks and insertion, deep embroidered flounce.
\$2.00—Skirts, Lonsdale Cambric, 6 fine tucks, wide insertion in deep flounce.
\$2.25—Fine Umbrella frilled Skirt, wide insertion, muslin and embroidery trimmed.
\$2.50—Beautiful Lonsdale Skirt, fancy embroidery or lace trimming.
Skirts in large variety at \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.75, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.00 each.
It is our pleasure to show them.
Children's Skirts, hemmed in 6 sizes 23 to 36c, embroidered. Trimmed 50c to 75c.



Drawers

At 50c—Drawers fine Muslin, 4 rows tucking, torchon lace trimmed.
At 25c—Drawers, Hill Cotton, 4 rows tuck up, cambric frilled.
At 44c—Drawers, embroidered frill or lace trimmed and tucked.
At 48c—Drawers, our special.
At 50c—Drawers, 12 fine tucks and fine embroidery trimmed.
At 85c—Umbrella Drawers, extra wide, 14 rows tucking, fine embroidery trimmed.
At \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.35, special value, beautifully trimmed with lace insertion and embroidery.
CHILDREN'S DRAWERS, in 6 sizes, plain hem and tucked 25c all sizes.
Embroidery trimmed 25c to 45c.

We want everybody within reach of this sale to call and inspect

It is impossible to give full descriptions in print.

Remember early buyers secure the best choice.

WILLIAM GORDON

Our Pure Food Exhibit

The adulteration of food products has become a most common thing. Indeed the surprising extent to which our commonest foods are adulterated has called for intervention from the Dominion authorities.

Dr. Wiley, (the chief chemist of the Agricultural Department at Washington) in a recent report says—"That nearly every kind of food upon the market is to a greater or lesser extent adulterated, misbranded, or otherwise fraudulent." That is a very strong statement. We are sure that such strong remarks could not be properly applied to the Canadian trade. Yet when we think of the stuff that is sold as "pure lard"; the "compounds" that pass for pure spices; the acetic acid that is called vinegar; we may well consider where we are tending.

There is no doubt that a great deal of the indigestion trouble is due to improper foods. A great deal of that uncomfortable feeling might be got rid of were proper care exercised, in the selection and preparation of our foods.

It was this idea—the largely increasing demand for foods that are easily digested, that made us think of the "Pure Food" exhibit. Of course we cannot go into it on a very large scale, but what we are exhibiting, we know to be absolutely pure. For years we have paid a great deal of attention to this particular branch of the business, and we have found out some rather surprising things.

We shall be very much pleased to have you come in and inspect. Of course our business is to sell good, but we do not urge you to buy. This time we would like your close inspection. Examine everything thoroughly, we shall be glad to answer any question you may ask.

Besides as one of the pure foods, we will serve you a dainty cup of Baker's Cocoa and a nice biscuit. Come in and look around, you probably will find some things to interest you. You will not be asked to buy.

Baker's Cocoa will be served every afternoon of the week commencing with Tuesday.

H. Malcolmson

Chatham's Only Millinery Store

The Proper Place
to Trade!

Wishing all our customers and friends a very happy and prosperous New Year and thanking them for past favors during the year just ended, we will do everything in our power to have them continue during the coming year by giving the best goods, prompt, courteous service, and the lowest prices always.

C. A. COOKSLEY, Opp. Market

LOCAL BRIEFS

Miss Mabel Shaw, daughter of W. H. Shaw, returned to Toronto to-day.

The Marks Company in The Major's Bride appear at the Grand to-night.

The partnership existing between G. A. Deacon and A. I. McCall, druggists, has been dissolved. Mr. McCall continues the business.

In addition to the \$10 granted by the Sons of England to the volunteers' fund, a subscription list has been opened in the lodge, and already a large sum has been collected.

Two former Chathamites were married in Jackson, Mich., last Tuesday, when Harry McPherson and Miss Etta Nieves were made man and wife.

The best wishes of many Chatham friends follow them in their new life. The remains of the late Mrs. Silas C. West, Raleigh street, were laid to rest in Maple Leaf cemetery Sunday afternoon. The obsequies were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Hannan. The pall-bearers were Judge Houston, John Houston, J. H. Bignart, T. L. Pardee, M. P. J. John Monro, and Hugh Macaulay.

SUGGESTS A FUND.

"I am in hearty accord with the object of the proposed patriotic fund for the Chatham boys of the Canadian contingents," said Judge Houston this morning, "but I would prefer to see The Planet open a subscription list of, say \$1 and every day the lines adopted by other leading dailies throughout the country. I believe the fund would shortly grow thereby to splendid proportions."

A. O. U. W. INSTALLATION.

The officers of Pinular Lodge, No. 2, were installed in their several offices on Friday evening last a large number of the brethren being present to witness the ceremony which was conducted by Bro. Chas. Kelly, G. L. W. Jan. H. Shaw and W. Stone, past masters. Bro. Wm. Rancie has held the office of financier of the lodge for twenty years and is still in harness.

Special Sale
Stamped Linens

We have bought the entire line of samples of Stamped Linens of a large New York house, consisting of 3000 different pieces Table Cloths, Centre, Napkins, Cushion Covers, Laundry Bags, etc., etc., which will be placed on sale.

Thursday morning
Jan. 4th, at 9 o'clock
at the wholesale
cost price

This is a good chance to secure bargains in new goods and to have something different from anyone else, as of the entire lot no two pieces are the same.
(None of these goods will be on sale till Thursday morning.)

Sulman's Beehive
Garner House Block

John Serson was in the city Saturday.

Three carloads of mules from Chicago for South Africa passed through here yesterday.

Miss T. Allison, of Blenheim, who has been visiting her friend, Miss Steele, King St. East, returned home today.

An unknown, well dressed man, but without money or valuables, was taken from the Grand Trunk train at London Saturday night in an unconscious condition. He is believed to have got on at Detroit. The man is dying, probably from apoplexy.

The big barns of Patrick Major, of Puce, were destroyed by fire Friday night. Major succeeded in getting his horses out, but 30 head of cattle perished in the flames. About 1,500 bushels of grain, some farm implements and other articles were also burned. The loss is heavy, but is partially covered by insurance.

"If your eyes could talk," what a story of suffering and of abuse they could tell. How we strained them; how we taxed them with overwork; and then, because they were tired we rubbed them to make irritation worse. And to think that the most they needed, in fact, all that they were asking for in their quiet way, was a rest, a little help in the shape of a good pair of glasses, properly fitted. I can help you. Examination free. E. J. Mackenzie, leading optician, opposite Grand Opera House, Chatham.

On Friday Thos. McBrien, of Camden, met with an accident that nearly proved fatal, and one that will leave him maimed for life. He was engaged chopping down a tree, which in falling lodged in another. While endeavoring to free the tree it suddenly fell, pinning Mr. McBrien by the legs beneath. One leg was badly bruised, and the foot of the other literally forced from the leg. No bones were broken, although one of the leg bones protruded through the flesh.

One of Chatham's oldest colored residents crossed the valley of the shadow of death on Saturday in the person of Mrs. Nancy Hatter who passed away in her 95th year. Aunt Hatter has been known for years at her home near South Buxton. Having settled in that vicinity in the early days, she saw the bush cleared away and smiling farms take the place of the thick woods. She also survived nearly all her family and but few of them are left. The remains were interred in the South Buxton cemetery.

ALLEGED THEFT CASE.

At police court this morning George McCubbin, who was charged with the theft of \$60 from one Stephen Griffith, was remanded for a week, bail being granted. In this case Griffith alleges that he paid defendant the money to send to Sarnia and it was not sent. The defense, however, explains the circumstances in altogether a different light. It appears that Griffith was working for \$1.25 per day for defendant and his father on their threshing machine. The money in question belonged to McCubbin, so his alleged, Griffith having been paid his full wages, and was spent by the son on the funeral expenses of his father, who died recently. McCubbin threatens he will probably prosecute Griffith for alleged perjury on the conclusion of the case, for charging him with theft.

PRAYERS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

The services in Christ Church were very well attended yesterday considering the unfavorable condition of the weather. In the morning the rector, Rev. R. McCosh, read the annual appeal in behalf of the foreign mission work of the church, and announced that the annual collection would be made on Sunday next. In the evening Rev. W. H. G. Colles preached an excellent and appropriate sermon from the 8th chapter of Genesis, verse 22. Miss Ida Colles, leader of the choir, sang very sweetly and impressively that beautiful hymn, "Ashamed of Jesus." The choir, under the direction of the new organist, Prof. E. J. Forsythe, is making rapid progress and the music yesterday was much appreciated. Prayers for the cause in South Africa were offered, and the National Anthem sung at the evening service.

Two SPECIALS IN Two

20 MEN'S ULSTERS,
with large storm collars, dark colors, well trimmed, worth \$5.50, clear at..... \$3.98

20 MEN'S HEAVY FRIEZE ULSTERS,
large storm collar, in Black and Browns, well made and trimmed, worth \$6.50, clear at..... \$4.50

Scott & Co.

Chatham's Leading Clothiers.

DOWN GO THE PRICES AND OUT GO THE
GOODS AT THE

GREAT CLEARING SALE

MEN'S - BOYS' WINTER WEAR

Ridley's

Everything in heavy goods must be sold. Men's Ulsters that were \$7.50 now \$5.00. A fine stock of large sizes in Overcoats and Ulsters, some of them were \$12.00, \$15.00 and \$16.00 your choice while they last.

\$10.00

Men's \$5.00 Ulsters for \$4.00. Boys' \$4.50 and \$5.00 Overcoats and Ulsters for \$3.00 and \$3.50. Boys' all-wool School Pants 75c and 85c, special on sale Saturday for 49c. The balance of Boys' Underclothing 1 off.

Ridley's 46 King St.

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

John E. Birrell and Andrew Darby were killed at Mosboro, near Guelph, while driving over a Grand Trunk crossing.

The broom manufacturers of Canada and the United States have decided to advance the price of their goods 25 cents per dozen.

There is no clue to the footpad who killed Miss Ferguson with a sling shot at Toronto Friday night. The motive is said not to have been robbery.

Cardinal Vaughan has notified the Roman Catholic churches of England to keep Jan. 14 as a day of special prayer for English forces engaged in the war.

It is said that a worse case than that of Prince Aramburg, charged with killing a subordinate in Africa without provocation and torturing his victim while dying, is still pending in the courts, the culprit being Captain Von Damsberg, of the colonial troops, who ordered several blacks shot and a number of others beaten to death amid tortures. The case will be brought up in the Reichstag soon.

With the object of encouraging honest horse racing a bill is proposed at Washington to compel racing associations to offer purses of not less than \$1,000 for each race.

LIZZIES VISION.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Lizzie Baxter, who claims to have seen a vision of the Virgin Mary on two occasions at her home in Marlborough, recently, was seen by a reporter, to whom she said she intended going to see Archbishop Duhamel and report the occurrence to him. The young lady claims to have seen and conversed with the vision.

WHAT A TALK IT TELLS.

If that mirror of yours shows a wretched, sallow complexion, a jaundiced look, moth patches and blotches on the skin, it's liver trouble; but Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the liver, purify the blood, give clear skin, rosy cheeks, rich complexion. Only 25c. at A. L. McCall & Co.'s Drug Store.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature in each box.

Sudden Chills Cause

Sudden Ills....

The frequent changes of temperature are responsible for fully 90 per cent of all Chest and Lung Troubles.

Chamois Vests

will protect you against sudden changes—Keep out the cold and retain the normal heat of the body, the surest safeguard against Colds, Coughs, Pneumonia, etc. Our

"Frost King" and "Frost Queen"

Chamois Vests are handomely finished and made of the finest material. The knitted sides makes them close fitting and comfortable.

Central Drug Store
C. H. Gunn & Co.

Yeuknow

The holiday presents have to be bought—you will find a good assortment of Fancy Lamps and China. Also a full line of Dinner Sets, \$5.50 and upwards, Tea Sets \$2.50, Chamber Sets \$1.80. They are low in price. Call and see them.

Our New Fruits are in:

3 lb. Selected Raisins..... 25c
3 lb. New Currants..... 25c
1 lb. Mixed Peel..... 20c
Pure Lard, per lb..... 9c
Mixed Candy 7 lb., 4 lb. for..... 25c

Golden Star, Park St., East

John McConnell

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NEW AND SECOND-HAND FURNITURE BOUGHT, SOLD AND EXCHANGED.

Rice Block, Next to Ford's Butcher Shop, Market Sq.

BIG BARGAINS

Ready-Made Clothing

Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps

AT THE BANKRUPT STORE

JENKINS' MARKET SQUARE

Our Stock is more complete than ever

and new up-to-date goods. Gent's and Ladies' Silver and Gold

WATCHES

Ladies' Gold Chains, Rings in endless variety. Just received a lot of Diamond and Opal Rings of the latest style. Solid Gold Gem Rings for \$1.00. Silverware the cheapest in the city. Our prices in Fine Shoes and Fancy Slippers is far below anything ever offered before. All are invited. Don't forget the Sign of

The Big Clock A. A. Jordan

Minard's Lintment is used by Physicians.

SWEATING GOLD COIN

THIS TRICK OF SWINDLING IS EASILY PERFORMED.

Aqua Regia, a Mixture of Nitric and Hydrochloric Acids. Does the Business—John Chinaman Has Even a Safer Way of Juggling Coins.

Sweating a coin is merely robbing it of a portion of its legal weight without in any manner altering its appearance. Manifestly gold coins alone would hardly appeal to the sweater, for silver would hardly pay for the trouble. In countries where paper money is employed, sweating has taken no root. Also in countries like England, where the largest gold coin is a sovereign, the practice would hardly become epidemic. On the Pacific slope at one time the nefarious business assumed such proportions that the government found it necessary to pass measures against coin sweating, but even then the manifest injustice of arresting a person for merely "passing" such a coin, such person being almost certainly quite innocent, appealed to legislators to such an extent that the law was made only to affect the actual manipulator of the unlawful process. The consequence of this has been that the authorities have had the greatest difficulty in securing convictions against the malefactors, who have debased no end of coins.

The process of robbing a coin of a part of its metal is simple. The goldpiece is merely immersed, or suspended, in aqua regia, a mixture of nitric and hydrochloric acids, which attacks the metal at once. The manipulator keeps the piece in the bottle only a short time, for a few minutes suffice for the mixture to absorb and hold in solution as much as a dollar's worth of the gold from a \$20 piece. The coin is then washed in water and polished with whiting, as otherwise its surface would betray the ordeal through which it had been passed, showing "pockmarks" in great variety.

The process is continued with other coins until the acid is "saturated," when it will absorb no more of the metal. The coins are exchanged for silver or other currency, as only an expert could detect the small subtraction in weight, and the silver is then re-exchanged for more gold, upon which the operator performs his little game in due course. It is only necessary for the villain to boil down his acid to complete evaporation, when the residue in the kettle will be found in the shape of a gleaming button of pure gold, varying in size according to the amount of acid and the charge it carries in solution.

In San Francisco the government secret agents have waged a long and bitter war with sweaters. They have captured many who were guilty enough in all conscience, but against whom no conviction could be obtained for lack of evidence, and they have placed others beyond all worldly temptation for various terms of years. One of the loiterers of this nefarious business, who finally was obliged to sojourn for a rest in the penitentiary at San Quentin, was named Goodrich. He was an exceedingly modest and retiring man. He occupied an ordinary dwelling and conducted his operations in the chimney on top of his house. At the time of his capture a small bottle of greenish fluid was found, and this, upon being carefully reduced in fumes, yielded up a button worth fully \$10. A few coins were discovered in the man's pocket and also in his residence. These, to all appearances, were honest coins. Under the microscope they were found to be fairly cross hatched with tiny lines, which had been produced by the process of polishing to remove the traces where the acid had eaten away the metal.

Invidious as this acid thieving may appear, it might be regarded as crude by those who are acquainted with the "tricks that are rain" exercised by the "heavenly Chinese." John Chinaman is numerous in California. He gets his long hands on many a golden disk, and with great reluctance does he ever relinquish his grip. He has never learned the "art" of sweating the coins with acid, but he accomplishes his purpose in his characteristic patient manner. He simply places many coins together in a buckskin bag and then proceeds to shake and toss, and otherwise agitate that receptacle by the hour or by the week until he has worn off by abrasion \$10 or \$20 worth of fine dust of gold. The coins wear one another. They present the appearance when at length they emerge from the sack of having been regularly abraded by pocket to pocket circulation, and therefore to all intents and purposes nothing illegal has been done. As a matter of fact, no Chinese has even been apprehended or put on trial for this work. It is doubtful if the authorities have ever taken cognizance of the practice. Only a few people ever realized what the sly Celestials were at when witnessing the hourly agitation of the coins. It is of course unlawful to bore a hole through a gold coin or to perform any other mutilation, but Mr. Chinaman cannot be said to mutilate the money he wears out so artfully, and therefore he pursues his course serene and unmolested.

There have been clever rogues from time to time who employ a slender tool with which to "cut" a coin. Their method is to make a small incision in the edge of a coin and then patiently dig out the inside, after which they refill the hollow space with baser metal. "High art" like this has become almost obsolete, for the acid business has frequently proved safer and less difficult of performance. Laws will multiply and detectives will wax more and more like Sherlock Holmes, but the makers and administrators of penal regulations will be obliged to arise early in the morning to prevent for all time the effort of man to accumulate his "pile" for "nothing."

The Scot's Gratitude.

An old farmer coming home from the Paisley market lost his pocketbook, containing a considerable sum of money, in the station. He looked for it, but could not find it, and had given up all hopes, when a newsboy said to him, "Here, mon, A'ye fun' yer book."

The goldman was overflowing with gratitude, and expressed himself thus: "Thank ye, ma lad. If ye happen tae be passin oor farmhouse step in an A' gie ye a guid drink o' soor milk."—Scottish American.

The total number of battles fought during the American civil war reached the astounding figure of 3,125. The figures are taken from the official records.

Cheese

When of fine quality is both appetizing and healthful, we have the nice clear cutting in a good cheese. It is very good to get from the County of Oxford where the very best cheese in Canada is produced.

In Our Feed Department

We have in stock the very finest Ruled Hay and nice bright Oat Straw, baled especially for our trade.

J. A. Wilson

Union St. (1st) RR. Phone 75

CAN'T BE DONE NOW.

Probably the Clerk Didn't get the Raise he Sought

But he gave the Pompous Manager a Raise of a Different Nature

"An increase of salary!" exclaimed the pompous manager of a small omnibus company to a clerk who had just made that request. "I am afraid, sir, that you are too extravagant!"

He toyed with his heavy watch chain and looked severely at the young man, who returned his stare boldly. It was the set phrase on such occasions, and the applicant had heard it all before. He meant to have that rise or go somewhere else.

"Excuse me, sir," he replied respectfully. "I haven't any chance to be extravagant on what I earn."

"Young man," continued the pompous gentleman, "I have risen from the monkey board. How? By being careful. When I was young I made money by saving 'bus fares.'"

"Ah, that was in the old days," said the young man, with a knowing wink. "But with the bell punches and the present system of inspection, you would find you couldn't save sixpence without being collared, however careful you were."

The manager nearly fainted, and the young man had to seek other employment.—London Standard.

Getting Rope Sense.

A peculiarity about roping horses or steers with a lasso is that after getting a hard fall a few times they quickly get "rope sense." I have often seen them, in a corral, stand stock still when the rope falls across their backs—even when, as a matter of fact, they are not caught. If any reader has ever encountered a clothesline while running at full speed in the dark, the line stretched at about the level of the throat, he will notice that he doesn't run across that lawn any more after nightfall. He's got "rope sense," in fact.—Wide World Magazine.

Why She Enjoyed It.

On Sunday, as a certain Scottish minister was returning homewards, he was accosted by an old woman, who said: "Oh, sir, well do I like the day when you preach."

The minister was aware that he was not very popular and answered: "My good woman, I am glad to hear it. There are too few like you. And why do you like it when I preach?"

"Oh, sir," she replied, "when you preach I always get a good scolding!"—Scottish Nights.

Queer Lot.

Stranger—I have heard that you have a good many queer people in this town.

Citizen—As odd a lot as you'd find in a year's travel. They are a queer set, the whole of 'em, outside my family. And my wife is almost as bad as the others. But then, you know, she wasn't originally of my family.—Boston Transcript.

A peculiar clock of the time of Charles I was the lantern, or birdcage style, which hung from the walls high up, with its works exposed.

Submarine volcanoes are constantly being discovered, and are at times, owing to their sudden appearance, a great danger to navigation.

Figures may not lie, but when a girl looks like 100 pounds and only pulls the scales down at 116, there is something wrong somewhere.

EAT MOUNTEER'S MEAT

Pure Pork Sausage, Frankfort Sausage, Bologna, Liver Sausage, Headcheese

Ground Green Beans to make the chickens lay, 10 lbs. for 25 cents.

E. A. MOUNTEER, Phone 83, Cor. King and William

AT A COUNTRY PICNIC.

Observations of the Man Who Sat on the Fence.

I sat on a fence to see the girls go by, writes a correspondent.

They were very pretty. Some were prettier than others. The handsomest woman I saw that day was not the youngest.

Oh no, indeed, Mandy; not by a great many long years.

They were all tastefully dressed and for the occasion.

Herkimer county girls are noted from here to Manila for good sense.

Dress parade and tea for a picnic is not good taste.

How many women would go to church now if they had to wear sun-bonnets, calico dresses and calfskin shoes?

How many men would sit on the fence to see the girls go by now, if they (the men) wore home-made straw hats, tow breeches and cowhide boots?

Some men think a woman is just as handsome in a hundred-dollar, tailor-made silk get up, as in a good calico dress.

It depends altogether upon the woman.

Whatever else I don't know, my judgment is good on women.

There was not a homely or ill-dressed woman at the C. C. picnic.

The prettiest woman on the ground was the one who could—the most great-grandchildren.

An Object Lesson.

It seems that in the lecture room one day the doctor was much annoyed by the inattention of the students.

"Gentlemen," he said, with emphasis, "a physician's first duty is accurate observation and rigid attention. You are neither looking at what I am doing nor hearing what I am saying. I shall dismiss the class now, but hereafter, remember, I shall exact the closest attention."

The next day the doctor came into the lecture room with a bottle containing a very dirty-looking liquid. "Gentlemen," he said, "I hold in my hand a bottle of jalap. Of course, you are aware that as physicians we have very many disagreeable duties to perform. We must, for instance, test such messes as this in order that we may accurately know their taste. It is a somewhat nauseous operation, but a necessary one. Observe, I first place my finger in the bottle and then in my mouth."

The class was visibly disgusted, but the lecturer had placed it on the ground of a physician's duty. So, with many grimaces, they all dipped a finger in the bottle and then placed the same finger on their tongue.

When the bottle came back to the doctor he chuckled audibly.

"Gentlemen," he said, "had you remembered my remarks at the last lecture about accurate observation, you would have saved yourself a very disagreeable experiment. An accurate observer could not have failed to notice that I put my forefinger into the bottle and my middle finger in my mouth."

A Testimonial for Veracity.

Pearson's Weekly tells this story: "It's a mighty fine thing to have a character for truthfulness," remarked O'Grady when he returned home the other evening.

"Fadade an' it is that same," agreed Mrs. O'Grady, with an approving nod as she hauled one child out of the fender and scraped the cinders off his frock. "An' what makes ye say that, Phelim?"

"Cause me master believes in me veracity intirely," was the response of Phelim. He lighted his short pipe and took his accustomed seat on a broken chair near the chimney. "I told him this morning that I couldn't help being late, an' that I had run a mule in a minute an' a half to get there in time. An' what do you think he said?"

"Mebbe that ye deserved another expeince a week."

"Better than that. These are his very words: 'O'Grady, sez he, 'O' wud just as soon believe ye if ye sed ye had done it in half a minute.' So ye see what faith he has in me veracity intirely."

A Point of Resemblance.

They were dancing. The music was heavenly. The swish of her silken skirts was delightful. The fragrance of the roses upon her bosom was almost intoxicating.

"Ah," she said, looking up into his face and smiling sweetly, "you remind me of one of Whitman's poems."

A sudden dizziness seemed to seize him. It was as if he were floating along in a dream. When he could catch his breath to speak, he asked: "Which one?"

"Oh, any one," she replied. "The feet are all mixed up in all of them."—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Young Harvard Man's Hard Rap.

A youthful graduate of the Harvard law school went out West and opened an office in a small frontier town. His first client was a man accused of stealing a horse. The case came to trial before an old judge and a jury composed of bewhiskered ranchers, and though there was no doubt of the guilt of the defendant, he had a regiment of friends who swore he was forty miles away when the horse was stolen. This evidence the prosecution was unable to break down, and the young lawyer puffed himself on a certain acquittal.

The jury retired and five minutes later came back into court.

"Have you agreed on a verdict?" asked the judge.

"We have," answered the foreman, as he shifted a gun he carried on his hip. "We find the defendant not guilty, an' we recommend the defendant's lawyer, own to his youth and innocence, to the mercy of the court."

And What Cox & He Do?

Mrs. Strongmind—What made Professor Henpeck desert the woman's suffrage cause after making that strong speech in favor of it?

Her Husband—I believe his wife told him that she thought women had enough to do as it is.



Lasts long lathers free—a pure hard soap—low in price—highest

in quality—the most economical for every use.

That Surprise way of washing—gives the sweetest, whitest, cleanest clothes

with easy quick work. Follow the directions. Saves

weary work—much wear and tear.

Surprise Soap is the name—don't forget.

Ask Your Grocer

For

Eddy's

"Eagle" Parlor Matches, 200

"Eagle" Parlor Matches, 100

"Victoria" Parlor Matches, 65

"Little Comet" Parlor Matches

The Finest in the World.

No Brimstone

The E. B. Eddy Co. Limited

Hull, Canada.

Stone and Company

Have Purchased

The Bankrupt Stock

of

W. M. Stone

AT

45c on the Dollar—Cash

And will the Public the benefit of the deal.

We are simply cutting prices in two in every line.

Such an opportunity was never offered the general Public before

As a sample of our price-cutting, we mention the following lines:

Hats, Former Price \$3.00—Slaughter Price.....	\$1.50
Hats, Former Price \$2.50—Slaughter Price.....	\$1.25
Hats, Former Price \$1.50—Slaughter Price.....	.75
Hats, Former Price \$1.00—Slaughter Price.....	.50
Hats, Former Price 50c—Slaughter Price.....	.25

All other lines of goods in this store reduced in the same proportion. We are simply giving goods away.

STONE & COMPANY Garner House Block Sign of the Big Hat.

(No goods charged—everything spot cash.)

This is King Quality

It is a pretty nice looking shoe, but fine as it looks, it feels a great deal finer. The King Quality should be worn by every woman who desires comfort, style, durability, and wants it economically. This describes the King Quality Shoe.

It costs \$3, and it is worth more.



Made by J. D. King & Co Limited, Toronto

If You Are One Of The Few

Who don't know that you can save money on everything in shoes and rubbers and all foot wear by trading at this store. There never was a better time to find it out than now. Our store is full of conveniences to be seen every day, if you have a yen to examine our stock there is a pleasure in store for you. We are sellers of the J. D. King, King quality \$3.00 shoes, in bal. and button, sure fitters and wearers.

The Boston Shoe House
J. L.

Campbell

Seller of J. D. King's fine shoes, for Ladies and Gents.

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WANTED.—A good instrument. Address with full particulars to Box 137, Chatham.

EXPERIENCED GIRL WANTED.—Apply at No. 1, RIVERSTREET TERRACE, 14-16.

WANTED.—Trustworthy persons to solicit orders for "War in South Africa" by William Harding, the famous author, traveler and editor. Fastest selling book ever published. Tells all about the battles, marches and stages of this remarkable war. A bonus as for workers. Big remunerations. Freight and duty paid. Credit given. Quills free. Address the Dominion Company, P. O. 6, Chicago.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

FOR SALE.—Five Georgia and Virginia Stags. Warranted Pit Game. Address Importer, care of this office.

SQUARE PIANO FOR SALE.—American make, in good repair, very little used. Address G. J. Place, Office.

LOTS FOR SALE.—One and one-half acres at head of Victoria Avenue, and six lots on Maple Street. Apply to MRS. TISSMAN, 196 St. Victoria Avenue, or the Planist Office.

TWO HOUSES FOR SALE.—Corner Harvey and Lacroix sts., fine gardens attached to each, city water. Almost sight unobscured. Walk from Post Office. Apply to LOUIS STANISLAW, Planist Office.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed separate and bulk tenders will be received by the undersigned architects up to Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1900, 1 o'clock p. m., addressed to John Doyle, Esq., for the erection of a frame residence in Raleigh township. Plans and specifications to be had at the office of the architects. Lowest of any tender not necessarily accepted.

JOHN DOYLE, Esq., Proprietor.

JAS. L. WILSON & SON, Architects, Chatham, Ont.

MR. BOYES PASSES AWAY.

Thomas Boyes, well and favorably known in this city, passed away in his 57th year, at his residence, Grey St., on Saturday. Mr. Boyes had been in poor health for a number of years, but was able to continue at his work up till about two weeks ago, when his illness assumed an alarming condition. No hopes were given of his recovery and he only lingered till Saturday. Born in Quebec, Mr. Boyes came to this country in the early days of Kent, when his father and the family moved here and settled on the Middle road, Raleigh. A good part of his life was passed in this city, where for many years he was in the hardware business both alone and in partnership with his brother, Joseph, and also with Joseph Dale. Four years ago he entered the employ of Geo. Stephens & Co., with which firm he was at the time of his death. Mr. Boyes' demise is particularly sad in that his mother died only two weeks ago, and one of his two married daughters last January. Besides his widow, two daughters and a son survive. They are a married daughter in Toledo, Miss Edna at home and Stanley, of Detroit. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

APPALLING LIST.

The Market is Full of Adulterated Food Stuffs.

A Pure Goods Exhibit This Week at Hugh Malcolmson's Grocery.

There are more frauds practised now in the grocery trade than the public dreams of," said H. H. Malcolmson, of the Malcolmson grocery.

"Few people, with the exception of the grocers, realize to what extent adulterated food stuffs are sold and knowing as we do the injurious effects of the vile compounds put on the market in place of the real foods, we have thought for some time that the people at large should be better informed in regard to the adulterations practised in trade. With this end in view, we have decided to make an exhibition of pure goods in our store and we trust that our efforts in this direction will be appreciated by the community and that the information furnished will be of some benefit.

"Purity in food stuffs, as in everything else, is of essential importance and the use of pure provision tends to decrease indigestion which is so prevalent at this time of the year. I think that indigestion is more rampant from impure food than from any other one cause and the public have very little idea of the extent of the adulteration practised. The goods which are sold and recommended to be just as good as something else, only cheaper, are in nine cases out of ten, vicious compounds and it is this addition of foreign and cheaper substances that makes the difference in value.

"Take baking powder for instance. In it may be found ammonia, alum and phosphates. The use of alum cannot, however, be called adulteration because it is put in for a purpose but baking powder without it is much healthier.

"I sent some of our baking powder to the public analyst at London and in his reply he said, 'I have examined sample of baking powder sent and find it chemically pure, there being nothing in it at all which would come under the head of adulteration.'

"Lard is one of the most commonly adulterated substances in the grocery store. Wholesale dealers sell two kinds of lard, one kettle rendered and the other steam rendered. The former is made from the pure leaf lard taken from the hog, the other from tallow and stearine treated by steam.

"It is so easy to tell difference between the two lards when you have them together, but more difficult when they are separated. However, it is an easy matter for anyone knowing anything about lard to distinguish between the two and no housewife should be deceived for a minute.

"Coffee is another article of diet in which the purchaser is often deceived. The worst adulteration of this delicious drink is made by the use of common peas and beans colored, ground up and mixed with coffee. Often the grocers themselves are deceived in what they sell for, where the coffee is already ground when purchased, it is practically impossible to tell of what grade it is. The only way in which grocers can be sure of their purchase is to buy their coffee beans in the green state and roast them themselves.

"Cocoa is also found amongst the long list of adulterated groceries. It is made from a bean, and the best cocoa comes from Mexico. Chocolate some as it is a delicious food as a whole, but for this reason, as well as for the fact that it is so easily adulterated, German physicians recommend good cocoa to nervous or excited persons, also to the weak and to women and children. This pleasant and palatable beverage is often adulterated. Sugar, arrowroot and corn starch are commonly used for this purpose.

"Baker's cocoa, it may be mentioned here, will be served to each visitor at the Malcolmson store this week. It is the recognized standard of purity in cocoa.

"Cheap vinegar is most commonly concocted from a mixture of acetic acid made from wood. As is known, as acids are injurious to the stomach, eating up the lining of the organ. So generally has the debasement of vinegar taken place that some people will not eat pickles unless homemade, and then the vinegar used must be of known purity. Cross & Blackwell, the famous pickle manufacturers, of London, Eng., use pure vinegar, which is made from the use of red peppers. Their goods we handle.

"Compounds of mustard are made from flour colored with turmeric and made hot by the use of red peppers. This compound, of course, is not so injurious, but still, people do not get what they pay for. When the best dealers, such as Keene, put up anything not pure they always mark it compound, so that dealers can tell the difference between the pure and impure.

"Pepper imitations are made in many ways, and for this purpose powdered leaves of weeds, starch, carbonate of lime, plaster paris and pepperette are used. Pepperette is a pale yellow or cream-colored powder, and is said by Professor J. C. Brown to be ground olive stone. This is put in for the purpose of making the pepper weigh heavy. It is a very injurious ingredient, however, as the eating of it this year must naturally be followed with unhealthy results. The sweepings of the factories where pepper is ground were also sold, and this became such a source of profit that sweepings were manufactured.

"These," concluded Mr. Malcolmson, "are only a few of the many articles of food adulterated but we intend making an extensive display as to the pure pure foods exhibit so that the public may see the articles themselves which we guarantee as pure though very generally put on the market now in an adulterated condition."

A DEEP MYSTERY.

It is a mystery why women endure Backache, Headache, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Fainting and Dizzy Spells when thousands have proved that Electric Bitters will quickly cure such troubles. "I suffered for years with kidney trouble," writes Mrs. Phoebe Cherley, of Peterborough, "and a lame back pained me so I could not dress myself, but Electric Bitters wholly cured me; and, although 73 years old, I now am able to do all my housework." It overcomes Constipation, improves Appetite, gives perfect health. Only 50c. at A. I. McCall & Co.'s drug store.

WALLACEBURG

Jan. 8.—The Marks Bros. closed a successful week's engagement here with "Myrtle Fern," given at the Saturday's matinee and "Somebody's Daughter," in the evening, at which many were unable to gain admission. The company has established a reputation in the hearts of the playgoers which will no doubt assure them good houses if ever again they come to Wallaceburg.

Joe Taylor, of Marine City, is visiting in the town. The many friends of Miss Edith Glass, formerly of this place, deeply regret to hear of her death.

The K.O.T.M. give their first annual ball in the hall this evening. The benevolent have made great preparations for their ball to-morrow evening.

THAMESVILLE.

Jan. 8.—Burglars entered the post office on Friday night through a side window. They secured about \$5 in stamps and coppers from the till and made an attempt to open the safe which proved unsuccessful, after skimming around among drawers and desks they apparently left and then visited T. W. Evans' bakery and confectionery shop where they took several boxes of cigars, cans of salmon and over \$4 in loose change from the till. There is no clue yet.

Mrs. Wm. Coyne is seriously ill. Mrs. Lingwood of Fergus, is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Buchanan, of London, is visiting relatives in this vicinity. Miss Marie Kerr is the guest of her cousin, Miss Kerr, in St. Thomas, this week.

Our boys have the hockey craze now and are preparing to do some good work before the season is over.

The Misses Ferguson were in Chatham on Saturday.

John Coutts was in Ridgetown on Saturday.

WORLD'S CHAMPION HEALER

"I tried many remedies to cure piles," writes W. R. Smith of Latham, Ill., "but found no relief till I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I have not been troubled with piles since." Grandest pile cure on earth and the best eat-pickles unless homemade, and then the vinegar used must be of known purity. Cross & Blackwell, the famous pickle manufacturers, of London, Eng., use pure vinegar, which is made from the use of red peppers. Their goods we handle.

A BOY WHO GETS SCOLDED

for wearing out his shoes is the kind of a boy we like to shoe.

We just like to put his feet into stout, well made shoes, easy to wear, but not easy to wear out. Just the thing boys for who romp and play vigorously. The prices on new ones in this week are as follows:

Geo. W. Cowan

BOYS' Grain, High Lace Shoes, solid leather soles and counters, a good fitting, strong, nice looking shoe, in sizes 11, 12, and 13..... \$1.00

BOYS' SAME LINE, in sizes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5..... \$1.25

BOYS' High Lace Shoes, toe caps, boots, got up in good shape, will wear well, in sizes 11, 12, and 13..... 85c.

BOYS' SAME LINE, in sizes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5..... \$1.00

THE INAUGURAL.

Members of the New Council Duty Take Office.

The Mayor in His Inaugural Flakes a Number Of Valuable Suggestions.

The inaugural meeting of the city council for 1900 was held at Harrison Hall this morning at eleven o'clock. The members who were all present were seated as follows from the right: Ald. Summa, Scane, Stephens, McCoig, McKeough, Marshall, Fleming, Taylor and Liddy. There was a fair-sized audience of citizens.

After introductory routine City Clerk Merritt announced that all the aldermen elected had taken the oath of office.

THE MAYOR'S INAUGURAL.

His Worship Mayor Smith then delivered his inaugural address. He congratulated the members of the old council upon the renewal of the confidence of the citizens and the new members upon their election, stating that there were a few matters to which he desired to draw attention at this time.

One of the most important matters for consideration was the paying of King St. In a business centre such as Chatham it was a disgrace that we had a main street no better than the corduroy roads of 75 or 100 years ago. It was the poorest advertisement Chatham could have and he trusted something substantial would be done. The mayor also earnestly advised the board of works to let all improvements be of a substantial and permanent character.

Alluding to the efforts to secure the establishment of factories in the city, his worship said he had personally interested himself in this matter. It might be true that it was very difficult to secure the location of large manufacturing plants, but all should put their shoulders to the wheel to secure small factories which constantly have the encouraging chances of growth.

There was another subject to which the Mayor desired to allude, although his ideas might not be generally understood—the matter of boring for natural gas. He saw by the waterworks records that the council had last year paid \$4,270 for coal, from which it could realize what an immense saving natural gas would entail. It would cost about \$1,000 to sink a well. True, it was an experiment, but he thought the saving possible was sufficient to justify the test. The Mayor understood that a company was about to be organized to explore for natural gas. If they appealed for a franchise liberally and not take a leaf from the records of 74 and turn them down.

The city was thoroughly satisfied with its resolve to abolish the ward system in aldermanic elections. His

LOCAL BRIEFS

Wm. Moog, an old-time Chatham baseball player, now in the employ of the M. C. R., was in the city yesterday.

Miss Nettie Hendershot, Emma St., left this morning on an extended visit to Toronto and other eastern cities.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Buchelder, of Chicago, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Caspar Schwenker, corner William and Duluth Sts.

W. J. Kenny has received the new flag for the Oddfellows' building. It is a scarlet ensign with the letters I. O. O. F. interwoven, and measures 15 feet by 7 feet.

The Advisory Board of the Children's Aid Society will hold the first meeting for the year to-morrow afternoon at 4.30 in Christ Church school room. A full attendance of the new board is requested.

J. B. Rankin, B. A., Q. C., and Chas. Macdonald will address the inaugural meeting of the city council this evening to ask for a civic grant to the young men who have left to serve in the Canadian contingents to South Africa.

CHATHAM BOYS STILL IN OTTAWA Under date of Jan. 5th, Corporal Victor Skirving writes his parents from Ottawa. He says: "We have fine quarters at the exhibition grounds. There are about 475 men here and all are enjoying themselves. We don't expect to leave Ottawa until the 18th and will no doubt get a grand send-off."

A. O. F. OFFICERS FOR 1900.

The newly elected officers of Court Hope, No. 6244, were installed last Friday evening by District Chief Ranger, Chas. R. Cape, assisted by P. C. R. A. E. Lenfestey, as installing Woodward. There was a very large attendance and two names were proposed for membership. The committee appointed to make arrangements for the At Home to be held on the 19th Jan., reported satisfactory progress. The following officers were installed:

P. C. R. Bro. James Bowers. C. R. Bro. Wm. Conibear. S. C. R. Bro. John Head. Secretary, Bro. Wm. H. Bensen. Treasurer, Bro. Ed. R. Cape. S. W. Bro. Benj. Longley. J. W. Bro. Walter Dezelu. S. B. Bro. Thos. Oldershaw. J. B. Bro. Wm. Wood. Medical officer, Bro. Geo. T. McKeough.

Trustees, Bros. J. W. Humphrey, J. C. Wanless, and Thos. Kime. Auditors, Bros. Wm. Coupland, Jonathan Maine, and John R. Snell. Organist, Bro. T. V. Challinor.

DRESDEN.

Jan. 8.—Miss May Miller, who has been visiting Misses Eibet and Clemmie Sharpe, returned home this morning.

Uncle Tom's Cabin at the Grand last Saturday evening met with a large and appreciative audience.

The first meeting of the new council takes place at 12 o'clock to-morrow, when they will appoint the several committees. At 8 in the evening they meet in the council chamber to transact regular business.

Miss Jean McGlochon is confined to the house through illness.

TILBURY.

Jan. 8.—Miss Ettie Nichol, of Leamington, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mrs. W. Moffat returned on Saturday from a visit in St. Thomas.

The W. F. M. S. will hold their monthly meeting at the residence of Mrs. J. S. Richardson next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will give a birthday party at the residence of James Stewart, on the 16th inst.

H. A. Olney contemplates a business trip to England next week. At the nomination on Friday Dr. Sharp was elected reeve by acclamation.

The Chatham Daily Planet is on sale at Johnson's Drug Store.

The War Office has decided upon immediate steps for sending an eighth infantry division to South Africa. Some of the regiments for this division will be taken from Gibraltar to Malta. They will be replaced by militia.

The British government will continue its policy of searching foreign vessels for contraband, no matter what effect the course has on other nations.

Palace Meat Market

1900 1900

Meat Cheap for Cash

Start the new year right by buying your meat for cash, at the following prices:

Beefsteak..... 10c per lb. Good Roasts..... 8c per lb. Ribs Stew..... 6c per lb. Lamb Chops..... 10c per lb. Roast Lamb..... 8c and 10c per lb. Pork in Pieces..... 8c per lb. All other meats as cheap in proportion. Nothing but first-class meats handled, and nothing charged at these prices. A trial order solicited.

E. PUTNAM, QUEEN ST.

We have an excellent lot of Naval Oranges

30c, 40c and 50c per doz.

Gorrie's

Phone 163. 108 King St.

OUR IMMENSE ENLARGEMENT SALE.

IS NOW IN FULL SWING—HUNDREDS OF SHREWD BUYERS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF IT SATURDAY.

This Week We Will Offer Still Greater Inducements

We must make room—the carpenters are already crowding us to the front of the store. Look at our prices and compare them with the lowest in the city. Here are just a few prices:

JACKETS		DRESS GOODS		MEN'S UNDERWEAR	
An odd lot of JACKETS, regular \$3.00 to \$4.00.....	For 98c	30 PIECES, plain and novelty goods, regular 30c and 40c.....	For 22c	MEN'S Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers, regular 50c and 60c, selling.....	For 43c
17 only JACKETS, new and stylish goods, reg. \$3.50 to \$4.50.....	For \$1.89	5 PIECES, Black Serges, regular 45c and 50c.....	For 29c	MEN'S BEST WOOL Fleece Underwear, regular 75c.....	For 64c
14 JACKETS, regular \$5.00 and \$6.00, selling now.....	For \$3.29	7 PIECES, Black figured Poplins, regular 60c.....	For 47c	BOYS' UNDERWEAR, form 32 cents.....	To 39c
CHOICE OF OUR \$9.00, \$10.00, and \$12.00 Jackets.....	For \$6.48	48 INCH Black Serge, regular 60c.....	For 49c	ALL-WOOL Canadian Tweed, for Men's and Boys' wear, reg. 40c & 50c.....	For 29c
		FANCY POPLINS, Matalasse Crepons, in black reg. 85c and 98c.....	For 69c		

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