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BISSEL

GOLD MEDAL	\$3.50
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Wholesale Furriers. Scane Block, Upstairs.
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MEN'S SLIPPERS
—FOR—
Christmas

Of course, real solid comfort may be possible without a pair of slippers—but it's surely more like the real Simon-pure article when the slippers are there.

That opens the way toward making somebody a present that will

Low or Opera Slippers	75c to \$2
High-top or Romeo Slippers	\$1.50 to \$2
Felt and Warm Lined Slippers	65c to \$1
Carpet and Rep Slippers from	40c

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200 Pairs Men's Shoes at \$1.00 and \$1.25, regular Price \$1.75 and \$3.50.

MEN'S SHOES
Wetted, \$3.50 Shoe at \$2.75
" 3.00 " 2.25
" 2.20 " 1.98
Regular Men's Shoe, \$1.00 and \$1.25, at 80c
LADIES' SHOES
Wetted \$3.50 Shoe at \$2.75
" 3.00 " 2.25
" 2.00 " 1.65
" 1.75 " 1.40
" 1.50 " 1.15
" 1.25 " 1.00

Misses' and Children's average \$1.25 shoes will be sold at \$1.00.
50 pair Youth's Grain Leather Shoes, regular price, \$1.35, will be sold at \$1.10.
All prices on these shoes has been correctly marked by A. A. Jordan.
250 Boys' Suits ranging in price \$2.50 to \$5 will be sold from \$1.25 to \$1.98. All garments guaranteed to be all wool and the best of workmanship.
Children's and Youth's Overcoats, sold from 75c to \$2.25, reg. price from \$2.50 to \$6.
M. SHAPERO King Street, Opp. the Market

Tin
Half-Past 9
O'Clock

OUR STORE WILL BE OPEN for the Sale of Groceries, Lamps, China, and Glassware, of which we have a Large Stock bought expressly for the Christmas Trade. We want your help to clear out these goods during the next 8 days. We will help you by reducing 7 per cent. from all Dinner, Tea, and Chamber Sets, also Lamps, China, and Glassware. Come Early and Get Your Choice.

GROCERIES.
Our Stock for Christmas is complete. The quality and prices are combined to please you:—
Seedless Oranges, 25c per dozen.
Select Raisins (cleaned), 8c per lb.
3 lbs. Currants (cleaned), for 25c.
Mixed Nuts, 15c per lb.
2 lbs. Pure Lard, 25c.
3 lbs. Mixed Candy for 25c.
Seedless Raisins, 6c per lb.
3 Cans (1 Corn, 1 Peas, 1 Tomatoes) for 25c.
Mixed Pickles, 10c per bottle.
Mince Meat, 9c per lb.
We shall be closed for the Sale of Groceries at 7 o'clock Every Night (except Saturday) to comply with the by-laws regarding the same. Groceries Must Not be Sold after 7 o'clock, but we shall be pleased to fill All Your Orders Until the Above Hour.

John McConnell,
Park St. Phone 190

A SHUDDER OF HORROR

Convulses Russia Over Fear of Return of "White Terror."

Moscow Soldiers Mutiny, But Surrender After One Day Out—Grenadiers Started It and Revolutionary Demands Were Made—Now Leaders Are In Dures—Lithuanian Revolutionists In Full Control.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—A shudder of horror has convulsed Russia. The Government claims it has given daily battle only to the "red" revolutionists, but the populace generally believes that the "white terror" has returned. Already the leaders of the proletarian organization who escaped capture Saturday night at the Economic Society and even men of the rank of Prof. Mikulskiy, are hiding from the police, who are hunting them down. The Government evidently anticipates a battle royal, and has made its dispositions accordingly. It fully understands that the proletarian will give blow for blow and answer the wholesale arrest.

A General Strike.
The Workmen's Council and the League of Leagues Saturday night issued a declaration of a general strike to begin immediately and consequently by an imperial edict publishing yesterday morning, all Governmental, military, and police forces throughout the Empire, who are cut off by telegraph, are clothed with almost dictatorial powers, being authorized without consulting St. Petersburg, to declare a siege and if necessary martial law.

Resolved on Repression.
Every development goes to show that the Government is resolved to make an attempt to repress the agitation now existing throughout Russia and restore order in the Empire at any cost.

News from the interior last night is very serious. The revolt in the Baltic has spread southward to the Province of Kovno on the border of Poland, which belong to the old Kingdom of Lithuania. The rebellion in Kursk is beyond control and the Government has information that a serious uprising is in course of preparation in the Ural regions.

An Official Warning.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—An official communication has been published especially warning those groups opposed to the carrying out of the reforms promised in the Imperial manifesto of Oct. 30, whose tenets are revolutionary and socialist, whose tactics are anarchistic, and who aim at the disorganization of the country, by the stoppage of the posts and telegraph that should the ordinary laws fail to stem the tide of revolution, the Government will have recourse altogether to exceptional measures.

Moscow Intensely Alarmed.
Moscow, Dec. 17.—(By telephone to St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.)—There is intense alarm among the population here because of the news from St. Petersburg of the inauguration by the Government of a policy of repression. Troops of the garrison are in open mutiny, and there are fears of a massacre by the "Black Hundred" Tuesday next, as proclamations have been issued inviting people to the red square of the Government.

Revolutionists In Full Control.
Berlin, Dec. 18.—A despatch to The Lokal Anzeiger, from Riga, dated Dec. 13, via ship to Reval, thence by messenger to St. Petersburg, and thence by courier to Stockholm, East Prussia Saturday says:

Lithuanian workmen today attempted to force their way into an electric light power house, which was occupied by troops. A volley was fired into the crowd killing twelve men. The rest fled. All the factory employees are striking and business is suspended.

The Librarian revolutionists hold all the approaches to the town, seize all vehicles and slaughter the horses.

TURKS USING ARTILLERY.
Strenuously Fighting a Revolutionary Outbreak in Transcaucasia.

Constantinople, Dec. 18.—The international fleet which has been making a demonstration in Turkish waters has been recalled.

A despatch received here from Batoum, in the Government of Kutch, Transcaucasia, reports the outbreak of a revolution there. It says that the streets were barricaded, and that fierce fighting took place.

The military employed artillery, and many persons, including subjects of the Ottoman Empire, was killed.

In response to a request made by the Turkish Consul, the Porte is now arranging for the despatch of vessels to Batoum to bring back refugees.

The despatch says that a similar state of affairs prevails in Poti, in the same Government, and in the Town of Kutais.

Forced Their Colonel.
They secured acquittals from several regiments. Finally they were met by Sumyhad Dragoons, who fired a blank volley, and thereupon they retreated to their barracks, locked themselves in, and sent a deputation to the colonel and forced him to surrender the colors of the regiment, which are now in their possession.

They mounted machine guns and defied the Sumyhad Regiment, and the other loyal troops, which surrounded the mutineers.

Three other Grenadier regiments, the Ekaterinograd, the Taurid and the Krasnaya, and the artillery garrison, in full sympathy with their Rostoff comrades, compelled all their officers to leave the barracks. The mutineers formally presented to Gen. Plavofeld, the division commander, a series of demands, principally relating to the service, but including also political reforms, and issued an appeal to the officers of the garrison to join in the fight for improved conditions.

A Fiery Appeal.
Accompanying the demand was an ultimatum that if they are not granted by Tuesday next the mutineers would march out to the streets and parade the city.

The text of the appeal was as follows:

"All Russia has risen against the Government, which has involved the country in a useless war and brought it to the verge of ruin. We soldiers are firmly determined to break down the tyranny of our commanders and compel reform in the army. Now is the time for us soldiers to awake. Comrades, we summon you to dismiss your officers, to assume command until your grievances are redressed. All for one, and one for all. Hurrah for the army."

Col. Semanovsky, of the Grenadiers, by whose name, sent his sword to the Emperor and resigned.

The Ballon Comes Down.
But the mutiny collapsed ignominiously last night, owing to internal dissensions, and the discontent of a large number of the soldiers. The program of the Socialist leaders, who wished to force them into open collision with the loyal troops.

After a moment's pause yesterday afternoon the battalions and a machine gun detachment deserted. The mutineers sent a deputation to Gen. Plavofeld, saying they had returned to duty, imploring his pardon, and volunteering to enter the barracks and seize the revolutionary committee so as to prove their repentance.

Upon Gen. Plavofeld's ultimatum that he would open fire unless they immediately surrendered the remaining mutineers laid down their arms and delivered up Private Schabarov and other members of the revolutionary committee, as well as several civilian agitators, who were in the barracks.

Witte's Power Wanes.
The bureau of the zemstvo congress has called a meeting for Dec. 20, to answer the question as to whether to attempt to hold elections independently of the Government, in other words, to practically transform itself into a provisional Government.

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ALD. POTTER TAKES ACTION

Prompt Move by the Chairman of the Parks Committee to Prevent River Fatalities

Life Saving Boat and Equipment to be Installed at Fire Hall To Petition Govt.

Ald. Wm. Potter, the energetic chairman of the Parks committee, is taking prompt action to prevent any repetition of Saturday's sad fatality. After a lengthy consultation with Fire Chief Pritchard, Ald. Potter will introduce two strong resolutions at to-night's City Council session with a view to further minimizing the danger to life in the river Thames.

Ald. Marshall, that the Fire Department be equipped with a life-saving boat, and that the Government be petitioned to furnish life-preservers to be placed around the river front.

The action of Ald. Potter will be heartily commended by the entire community.

HAS WON MANY HONORS

Dr. J. L. Bray's Retirement From the Water Commission Regretted by Electors

Gives the Electors an Account of his Stewardship—A Universally Esteemed Public Officer

The retirement of Dr. J. L. Bray from the Board of Water Commissioners notes the passing from the life of a man who has had, possibly, more public honors conferred upon him than any other Chatham citizen. That these honors were deserved, and that he has at all times acted in the interests and for the welfare of the people he served, is conclusively

proved by his position on the Board is one that will not easily be filled. In retiring from office the doctor very appropriately addresses the following letter to the electors of Chatham:

To the Editor of The Planet:
In retiring from the Board of Water Commissioners, after seven years' service, as chairman, I deem it my duty to give the electors an account of my stewardship, and to include Mr. Shaw, who has worked with me all that time, and to whose thorough business capacity and sound judgment much of our success has been due. When we were first elected in 1899 we had to face an overdraft in the Bank of some two thousand dollars and found it very difficult at that time to meet current expenses, lay new mains, and keep up the plant out of revenue from the water consumers; but by exercising the strictest economy and aided by the superintendent and an efficient staff of employees, we managed to wipe off this debt. Besides having added to capital account in mains and services \$23,752.34, and given water to the city for hydrants, fire protection, street watering, parks, \$38,896, and in addition have handed over to the city treasurer \$12,000 in cash, with a prospect of \$5,000 more in a few days, making a grand total of gross profits of \$81,612.34, and at the same time have kept the plant up to its present state of efficiency at a very considerable outlay, besides reducing the cost of water by meter from 30 to 20 cents, or one-third per 1,000 gals., and readjusting the flat rates.

So, I feel on retiring from the Board, that we have given the city a self-sustaining waterworks system and a good paying investment, and what is worth more than all else to the citizens (as shown by a recent analysis) a water supply absolutely free from any bacteria, and as pure as water for domestic purposes can be. All this is a source of great satisfaction to Mr. Sheldon and myself, and I think my successors will continue the good work, and find it as congenial and pleasant as I have done.

In bidding adieu to the Water Commission, I wish to thank the citizens of Chatham for the confidence they have reposed in me during my municipal life, extending, as it does over a period of 30 years or more.

I am yours,
JNO. L. BRAY.
Chatham, Ont., Dec. 18th, 1905.

Wanted—A lady typewriter and stenographer, is wanted who is able to fill a responsible position. Address W. care Planet Office.

CLUB HOME

Macaulay Club Formally Inaugurates New Era—Mr. Scullard's Paper

Saturday evening the Macaulay Club formally took possession of its handsome new rooms in the Bank of Commerce building. The rooms are now furnished and present a most attractive and homelike appearance. The President, Dr. Geo. Musson, was in the chair and among those present were: Dr. T. K. Holmes, Thomas Scullard, H. D. Smith, C. E. Beeston, W. E. Gundy, R. W. Angus, S. B. Arnold, H. Collins, Edwin Bell, Fred. Stone, H. W. Anderson, F. D. Laurie, J. S. Lane, W. A. Coltart and others.

Ex-Ald. Scullard, the grand historian of the Club, gave a most interesting and illuminating address from the formation of the Club 25 years ago in the editorial sanctum of The Planet. The charter members were Mr. Scullard, Editor Gossell, of The Planet, Edwin W. Sandys, W. K. Merrifield and John Reeve. Mr. Scullard's historical paper will be inscribed in the minutes.

A reading from Mark Twain was contributed by H. W. Anderson, after which an impromptu debate: Resolved that the platform has exerted a greater influence than the press, was discussed. W. E. Gundy led the affirmative and H. Collins the negative. The President gave a very pleasant social time brought the evening to a close.

TP. BELIEVES HIM INNOCENT

Strong Representations to Crown in the Case of Tilbury's Ex-Treasurer

Ask That Criminal Proceedings Shall be Dropped—Further Adjournment Granted

At the County Court, before Judge Houston, this morning, the case of W. F. Robertson, the ex-Treasurer of Tilbury Township, was further enlarged for a week. Crown Attorney Smith appeared for the prosecution and W. G. Richards for the defense.

The resolution of the Township Council will meantime be considered by the Attorney General's department. It is as follows:—
That, whereas the claims of the corporation against their late treasurer, Mr. W. F. Robertson, and his sureties, have been fully satisfied and discharged, according to the offer of settlement embraced in the resolution of the Council, passed at its meeting on Dec. 13:

And, whereas this Council has learned that an individual ratepayer had instituted criminal proceedings against these said Mr. Robertson in respect of the corporation's claims aforesaid, all of which have been settled aforesaid:
And, whereas the said proceedings were not taken upon the request or the instance of this Council, and this Council being of opinion that the said Mr. Robertson was not guilty of intentional fraud in the matter,

We Are All Ready

FOR YOU TO COME AND Select Your Christmas Toys and Presents.

Our Stock is now Complete. Everything for the Human Family from Babe to Old Age. The Most Complete and Up-to-date Stock in Canada.

"The Store With the Stock."

FOLLOW THE WISE ONES TO

SULMAN'S BEEHIVE, King and 6th Sts.

and he having made settlement as aforesaid:
Be it resolved:—
That this Council do now make known to the Crown authorities that it is not the wish of this Council that the said proceedings should be proceeded with, but, on the contrary, that the same should be withdrawn and dropped, for the reasons aforesaid.

And be it further resolved that a certified copy of this resolution be placed in the hands of the Crown Attorney for the County of Kent forthwith, after passing thereof. Carried.

Nothing is lost by bestowing a modicum of respect in the directions which seem to deserve it.

A broken promise is one of the hardest things to mend.

The Rush is on THE ARK

For the convenience of citizens, we will keep open every evening this week until 9 o'clock, excepting Saturday, when we will be open later.

Would again ask all who possibly can to come and make your selections early.

Goods Promptly Delivered.

H. MACAULAY, PHONE

The Planet.

Business Office 53
Editorial Room 102
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1905.

A SPLENDID NUMBER.

The Planet extends congratulatory greetings to its esteemed contemporary, the *Stratford Beacon*, on the excellence of its handsome semi-centennial issue. The souvenir is one of which *Stratford* has much reason to be proud, for the history of its progressive and enterprising paper. The issue is handsomely illustrated and the matter will delight every reader. Congratulations to the *Beacon*.

PROBABLE LEGISLATION.

Says the *Ridgeway Dominion*: Somebody has drafted a program of legislation for the next session of the Ontario Legislature and the press is passing it around. The program is quite an ambitious one, but on some points a little indefinite. The Government, we trust, in addition will have something to propose regarding the question of school books, of which so much was made in the Opposition days, and the measure of law reform should be a comprehensive one, doing away with the abuses and decreasing the cost of litigation. Below is the program referred to above and which is going the rounds:

Changing the methods of administration and management of the University of Toronto.
Amendment to the Mining Act.
Amendments to the Educational Act, which will effect both the Public and the High schools.
The creation of an electric railway commission, or extension of the powers of the Railway Commission.
Defining the permanent system regarding allowance or gratuities to civil servants.

Changes in the Agricultural and Arts' Act respecting the control and conduct of agricultural exhibitions.
A measure looking to the extension of the forest reserves.
The adoption of a definite policy in regard to the water powers of the province.

Acts granting aid for the development of the tobacco industry and farm reforestation.
A county council bill reverting to the old principle whereby county councils were composed of representatives of the municipal councils.
A measure of law reform, and important changes will be made in respect to procedure, particularly in respect to applications for private legislation.

DISTRICT DOINGS
TILBURY

Dec. 16.—Mrs. Hemsworth, of Litchfield, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Doleen.
Henry Chauvin, of Detroit, has taken a position in the grocery department of J. S. Richardson's store.
W. C. Crawford was in St. Mary's yesterday.

A concert will be given in the Separate school hall on Friday evening of next week.
Miss Kate Morton, the popular and successful evangelist of Toronto, will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist church here on Wednesday evening.
The brick work on the new three-story hotel of B. Ballor is nearing completion.

DRESDEN.

Dec. 16.—Mrs. Forshee is home from Berlin, where she has been for the last three months with her sons.
The young people around King's Ferry neighborhood gathered in a farewell party on Wednesday evening in honor of their popular young teacher, Miss Ruth Hyatt, of Blenheim. Although offered a generous increase in salary to remain next year Miss Hyatt has resigned and accepted the position of entrance class teacher in Blenheim.

Mr. J. D. Stott is far recovered from an attack of pneumonia to be able to walk out again.
Miss Seymour, of Essex, has accepted a position on the Public school staff here for next year to fill the vacancy made by Miss Campbell's resignation.

The L. D. K. Society held their last meeting for the year at the home of the Misses Hicks on Thursday evening and report a very successful and interesting time.
Mrs. Pomeroy, of Sarina, inspector of Canada Life Insurance Co., has been in town on business lately.

Capt. Chas. McDermid is among the first of our contingent of sailors to return to town for the winter.
Thursday evening the local lodge of Masons enjoyed an oyster supper among themselves.

The hardware merchants are busy fitting skates.
NEW YORK HOLIDAY EXCURSION.

On Dec. 15th the Lackawanna will run a popular priced excursion from all stations in New York to New York City. The week before Christmas is the best week in the metropolitan district for the season's glory; everything is at perfection. For rates, time of special and regular trains, reservations, etc., call on nearest Lackawanna agent or write Fred. P. Fox, D. P. A., Buffalo, N. Y.

MRS. HUBBARD A CANADIAN.

First Woman to Explore Labrador Wilds Born in Ontario.

In the Township of Hamilton, Northumberland, Ont., was born Mrs. Leonard Hubbard, the celebrated woman who is the first Canadian lady to explore the wilds of Labrador. The announcement that the much-heralded New York explorer is a Canadian will cause surprise, but it is authentic. According to Dr. Morgan, author of *Canadian Men and Women of the Time*, Mrs. Hubbard, just returned from her adventurous journey to discover the secrets of her late husband's failure and subsequent death in that bleak and inhospitable country, is one of our own countrywomen.

She is the daughter of James Bennett, a farmer of Bewdley, Township of Hamilton, County of Northumberland, Ontario. As a girl she qualified as a trained nurse, and while in the performance of her duties as such took up her residence in New York, where she was called upon to nurse Dr. Leonard Hubbard, Jr., through a serious illness.

It was a case on his part of love at first sight, and a marriage soon followed. The world knows how in 1903 her husband met his death in the Labrador wilds, and it was to clear up doubts and uncertainties, and also to complete the report of her husband's exploration, that she undertook the journey from which she has now returned.

When seen on her return to Quebec, she was found to be a small, slight, woman, of delicate and refined appearance, who would seem to be the last to face the dangers and hardships of such a journey through the wilderness. She politely but firmly declined to be questioned about her expedition. She would merely say that she had succeeded in her object, that she had followed the route taken by her husband from the coast to the point where he met his death from exposure and starvation, that she had found where he had diverged from his route and lost his way, that she had cleared up some important points in regard to the head waters of the Northwest River, which flows into Lake Melville and Hamilton Inlet, as well as in regard to Lake Mishikamun, the height of land, and the George River, which flows into Ungava Bay, and that she had not suffered much from the hardships of the journey.

Mrs. Hubbard emphatically denied that she went to Labrador to locate mineral wealth said to have been discovered by Mr. Hubbard on his fatal trip. She simply set out to complete the work which he began, and has succeeded in doing so.

MARK HANNA ROCK GONE.

Stood on the Pacific Coast and Was Graveside For Ships.

A recent despatch from Victoria, B. C., says: Notification has been sent by Lighthousekeeper Daykin of Cape Carmanagh to the resident agent of the Department of Marine, that "Hanna" Rock, otherwise known to navigators of the North Pacific as one of the many marine graveyards that decorate the western seaboard of Vancouver Island, has strangely disappeared.

The rock until very recently reared steep above the water near Bonin Point, off Carmanagh, the Canadian sentinel at the entrance of the Straits of San Juan de Fuca, opposite Cape Flattery, on the American shore. The rock was named for the Ohio statesman and Republican organizer by Lighthousekeeper Daykin, because of the remarkable likeness its contour bore to a facial silhouette of the late American Senator. Apart from this distinguished feature, however, there was another peculiarity about Mark Hanna Rock which in earlier times had made it famous. It was said that it possessed a remarkable magnetic power, for its rugged and storm-beaten base many a vessel has pounded to destruction.

But the rock is no more. It was destroyed some weeks ago in the seismic and electrical disturbance felt in slight degree here and to a greater extent at Nanaimo. It was noticed, black and grim, rearing itself through the storm in the afternoon, presaging the shake. In the morning Lighthousekeeper Daykin observed with amazement that it had lifted itself from the deep.

The question is now being debated among local scientists whether or not the strange magnetic force said to be a property of the rock had ought to do with its final demolition.

Adopting Ontario Methods.
The Provincial Department of Agriculture has received an interesting note from Scotland. Mr. George Bain, editor of the *Nairnshire Telegraph*, called at the Department last year, and among the publications given him were some of the Nature Study bulletins issued by the Department for Public School teachers. Mr. Bain states that some of the teachers of the Nairn district are very much interested in these, and intend to use them as the basis of their nature study work. The steady demand for these bulletins from Ontario Public school teachers has exhausted the bulletins on "Weeds," "Grasses" and "The Making of Collections." The bulletin on "Weeds" has been revised by Prof. Froehner, making it more suitable for teachers, and it will be reissued during the winter.

Flight of Birds.
Pigeons fly at the rate of fifty-five miles an hour, swallows at the rate of ninety-two, rooks at the rate of twenty-five. There was once a three-mile race, got up for a wager between a dozen birds and a down pigeon. The first bird finished a quarter of a minute before the first pigeon, and he won all round, although they were handicapped somewhat by being previously rolled in flour for the purpose of identification.

How Canada Was Saved.
In reviewing Capt. Mahan's book, "Sea power in its relations to the war of 1812," The *London Post* says: "We doubt whether his narrative brings out as fully as facts justify that it was the patriotism and gallantry of the Canadian militia which saved Canada during that uphill game of the first twelve months."

Westman Bros.

Will Play Santa Claus to their Customers by a

Christmas Bargain Sale

20 PER CENT REDUCTION

All Table Cutlery, Pocket Cutlery, Carvers, Carving Sets, Spoons, Silverware, Graniteware, Heating Stoves, Cook Stoves, Mitts, Robes, Horse Blankets.

DON'T MISS

THIS OPPORTUNITY

BARGAINS FOR EVERYBODY

Westman Bros.

BIG HARDWARE

Local Briefs

Skates sharpened at Briscoes'.
Mr. David Latimer, Montreal, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Dennis, 112 Raleigh street.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Young left on the 519 train, Saturday, for Brantford, where they will take up their residence.
Nice Berried Holly Wreaths, 10c, with American Beauty Ribbon, 25c, at the Victoria Ave. Green Houses. Order early, as supply is limited.

Mrs. Charles Ladds gave a seven o'clock tea to a number of her friends Friday night, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

The parents and friends of Mr. Keough School are cordially invited to the Christmas exercises of the school, to be held in the assembly hall of the school, Tuesday, Dec. 19th, at 2.30 p. m.

K. L. McIntosh, of the C.B.C., has secured a position on the staff of the Willis Business College, of Ottawa. He leaves on Wednesday to spend his holidays at his home in Morrisburg, and will commence his new duties New Year's.

Christmas giving—Nothing more useful, nothing quite so nice, as a fine gaiters or leather attaché. Call and examine our stock, which is the largest and best assorted in the country. Backus & Dennis.

Messrs. J. & E. Chinick, Locust Hedge Farm, breeders of shorthorns, sold, last January, a fine yearling heifer, "Duchess of Gloster," and got by "Prince of the Forest," imported to Messrs. J. A. Countryman & Son, of Rochelle, Illinois. At their annual sale, Oct. 11, she headed the list of 48 cattle sold, going to Mr. J. A. Kigour, Sterling, Illinois, for \$600.

Friday, Saturday and Monday, ladies can find the following gifts for gentlemen, at Lailley's Jewelry Store—Scarf pins, cuff buttons, watch chains and chains, solid gold and gold-filled watches, signet and other rings, ebony brushes, combs, shaving mirrors, razors, briar and cigar cases, leather purses, fountain pens, wallets, match safes, and a sterling silver thimble 15c, only one to each person. Lailley, the Jeweler.

FLETCHER.

W. and J. Kelly spent Friday in Chatham.
P. Murphy has returned to Windsor, after spending a few weeks in Fletcher.

T. Keenan was the guest of T. Breen on Friday.
Miss Hancock, of Ridgeway, has returned home, after visiting friends here for the past two weeks.
A very sad accident occurred here on Friday evening. While Wm. Stevenson was walking home on the M. O. R. he was struck by an express and instantly killed.

THE TROUBLE.

I can't seem to keep my head above water.
The trouble with you is you're always too busy keeping your nose above whiskey.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

New Corsets Have High Bust-Aprons For Little Girls in Many Styles.
The new corsets all show high busts, and the woman who clings to low bust effects can find models at reduced prices on the bargain counter.

Aprons have come back into favor for little girls and have brought with them odd little age distinctions. For



WHITE TAFFETA BLOUSE.

the tiny girls almost everything in aprons is made with a yoke and full skirt, while older girls wear aprons that are belted in and have a short, full skirt only from the belt. Then there is the play apron, made with sleeves, that covers the entire dress.

Lingerie shirt waists are again to be first matinee favorites and when the breezes blow are worn over a slip of china silk.

Heavy linen, called by the French "toile ancienne" is the material employed in the smart tailored shirt waists. The most approved model has a double box plait down the center and is danked by two similar ones arranged from the shoulders. Small pockets with pointed flaps are set on at the bust line.

The attractive blouse illustrated is of heavy white taffeta. The front has a vest fastened with scalloped buttonholes. At the bust the front fullness is gathered in a second dim on the developed flaps. The bishop sleeves have tiny turnback cuffs edged with scallops. The collar and deep wrist cuffs are of Irish lace.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

LINGERIE NOTES.

Blind Embroidery a Favorite Trimming—Seed Stitch is Also Used.
The new nightgowns have effective touches given their sleeves by the introduction of blind embroidery on the sleeve itself and not only on the ruffle or cuff. Blind embroidery in its various forms is liked best for lingerie, although broderie anglaise holds its own splendidly. Seed stitch, that filling in



DAINTY CAMBOLLE.

of outlines with mere dots or stitches, is more popular than ever, but, of course, only on finer pieces.

Petticoats become more and more attractive each day in decoration. The handomest of these lingerie petticoats are a mass of real Valenciennes, and narrow widths are used, but quantities of it. The umbrella flounce is very full, and the lace insertions strip it all the way round, with every third or fourth row separated not like the others with narrow strips of material, but with long triangles of it, each embroidered with three polka dots. A large dot is placed in the widest part and two smaller ones above. At the top of the flounce polka dots are introduced in the same way, the largest just above the joining of the flounce.

Stout women should select as a material for their corset covers a rather firm lining that does not assess in the shape, for a large woman necessarily shapes her corset cover a little tight.

Nearly all of the new corset covers are made with a tail piece—circular bits below the waist that take up little room. Some of the covers are cut in the back with slits about the waist put into tiny tucks, which end just below the waist belt and supply the right amount of fullness over the hips.

The camisole in the cut is made entirely of insertion and strips of material laid alternately. It is tight in the back, with slits about the waist put in and set at the waist into a narrow band edged basquewise with lace.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

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Seven Stores

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MATCHLESS HDKFS. VALUES.—

Thousands of dainty styles to select from, all bought direct from the largest makers in Ireland and Switzerland, the values are simply matchless—see them before you spend one cent in handkerchiefs.

PURE LINEN HDKFS.—

Plain, hemstitched, lace, embroidered, insertion, tuks, drawn work and footings trimmed, at each 12 1-2c, 15c, 19c, 25c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 75c, 90c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

SWISS EMBROIDERED HDKFS.—

Fine Swiss, lawns, hemstitched and embroidered, at each 5c, 8c, 10c, 12 1-2c, 15c, 19c, 25c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

CHILDREN'S HDKFS.—

Fine Swiss lawn, fancy borders, done up three in a fancy box, at a box 15c.

MEN'S PURE LINEN HDKFS.—

Plain and hemstitched, fine pure qualities, matchless values at each 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c and 40c.

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Fine sheer qualities, done up one-half dozen in fancy box, at each 20c and 25c.

LADIES' SILK WAISTS \$3.19—

42 only, rich quality, Taffeta Silk Waists, made in latest designs, black and colors, worth regular \$5.00 each, our special holiday price \$3.19.

FINE LINENS.—

Pure bleached satin damasks, 68 to 72 inches wide, warranted every thread pure linen, choice patterns, at a yard 75c, 90c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

LINEN SETS.—

Cloth and napkins, superior quality, pure Satin Damask, size 2x21-2, new designs, special a set \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.90 and \$7.90.

PATTERN CLOTHS.—

Fine, rich, satin finish, pure linen, sizes 2x21-2, 2x3, 21-4-3, matchless values at each \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00.

NAPKINS.—

All pure linen, in wide range of patterns, at a dozen \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.90.

Seven Stores The Northway Company, Ltd. Two Factories

Canadian Bank of Commerce

Statement of the Result of the Business of the Bank for the Year Ending 30th November, 1905.

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, brought forward from last year	\$25,736 39
Net profits for the year ending 30th November, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts	1,376,167 63
Premium on New Stock	664,996 00
	\$1,998,890 02
Which has been appropriated as follows:—	
Dividends Nos. 76 and 77, at Seven per cent. per annum	\$666,784 27
Written off Bank Premises	219,233 99
Transferred to Pension Fund (annual contribution)	25,000 00
Transferred to Ret. Account	1,000,000 00
Balance carried forward	\$8,871 76
	\$1,998,890 02

TORONTO, 12th December, 1905.

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank will be held on Tuesday, the 9th day of January, 1906, at 12 o'clock noon.

GENERAL STATEMENT

30th NOVEMBER, 1905.

LIABILITIES.

Notes of the Bank in circulation	\$8,738,670 68
Deposits not bearing interest	\$19,425,688 84
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date	\$4,947,802 12
	74,373,490 96
Balances due to other Banks in Canada	128,832 92
Balances due to other Banks in foreign countries	225,477 32
Dividends unpaid	429 37
Dividend No. 77, payable 1st December	349,824 61
Capital paid up	\$10,000,000 00
Reserve	4,500,000 00
Balance of Profit and Loss Account carried forward	\$8,871 76
	14,558,871 76
	\$98,375,897 62

ASSETS.

Coin and Bullion	\$3,391,576 69
Dominion Notes	4,877,839 75
	\$8,269,416 64
Deposit with Dominion Government for security of Note circulation	400,000 00
Notes of and Cheques on other Banks	3,496,517 07
Balances due by other Banks in Canada	29,555 86
Balances due by Agents in Great Britain	2,485,681 31
Balances due by Agents of the Bank and other Banks in foreign countries	1,042,220 85
Government Bonds, Municipal and other Securities	5,711,102 77
Call and Short Loans	11,252,325 87
	\$32,686,620 37
Other Current Loans and Discounts	64,308,041 40
Overdue Debts (less fully provided for)	101,327 86
Real Estate (other than Bank Premises)	71,023 66
Mortgages	\$1,378 41
Bank Premises	1,000,000 00
Other Assets	182,305 92
	\$98,375,897 62

B. E. WALKER,

General Manager.

BOOK BINDING.

Orders for bookbinding should be left at this office. It is surprising how nice a volume can be made of those magazines, even though they are somewhat soiled from much handling. Books, magazines, or periodicals bound or rebound in any style at very reasonable prices. Blank books such as journals, ledgers, day books, with any kind of ruling, made to order. All work warranted first class.

SANTA CLAUS SPECIAL.

In connection with the cheap excursion to New York on Dec. 15th the Lackawanna will run a special extra train, leaving Buffalo at 9.00 a. m., making principal stops only at Buffalo, Albany, and New York at 6.55 p. m., in time for dinner and the theatre. Choice of six other fast trains. One fare plus one dollar for the round trip, tickets good ten days. For full particulars of this and all other trains, see nearest Lackawanna agent or write Fred. P. Fox, D. P. A., Buffalo, N. Y. A maxim is a page of good sense boiled down to a paragraph.

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Having Purchased the Business of Mr. W. H. Currens we desire to inform the public that we have had many years experience in the business and shall maintain the same high standard of Meat and Poultry the public have been getting. Hoping to have the old customers and many new ones.

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SURGEON, OCULIST, SPECIALIST Diseases of Eye, Ear and Nose treated and glasses fitted properly. Will be at the City Drug Store, Chatham. Next Date of visit, Wednesday, Dec. 23rd.

Our Table Raisins

Are delicious this year. Each Christmas season we try to get the best possible and this year we think we did better than ever before. The fruit is large, dark, and really delicious in flavor.

20c, 25c and 30c per lb.

Special prices by the layer (5 1/2 lbs.)

ENGLISH WALNUTS, 20c p und

FINEST ALMONDS, 20c a pound

FRESH BRAZILS, 20c a pound

EXTRA LARGE PECANS, 20c lb.

SWEET SICILY ELBERTS, 15c a pound.

ALL THESE MIXED, 18c pound

TABLE FIGS, 15c and 20c a pound

FINEST NEW DATES, 3 pounds for 25c.

EXTRA LARGE OLIVES, 25c to 75c a bottle.

RICH OLD CHEESE, 18c a pound

MACLAREN'S CHEESE, 25c a jar

ENGLISH PICKLES, 25c and 35c a bottle.

FINE GREEN GRAPES, 20c lb.

SWEET ORANGES, 25c to 50c a dozen.

MOCHA and JAVA COFFEE, 40c a pound.

FINEST ENGLISH BREAKFAST TEA, 60c a pound.

OUR FINEST BLACK TEA, 75c a pound.

The Local Budget

Guaranteed Ingersoll watches \$1.00 at Brisco's.

John Longwell, of Chicago, is spending the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. Ireland (nee Miss King) is visiting her sister, Mrs. Kingsmill, William street.

Be sure and attend Tschirhart's big music sale between now and Christmas only.

Gillette safety razor outfit is an ideal present for any gentleman.

John Longwell, of Chicago, is spending his Christmas holidays at his old home in the Maple City.

Mr. and Mrs. Pyne, of Dresden, spent Sunday with friends in the city. They are at present thinking of coming to Chatham to reside.

Gold pens, gold headed canes, gold headed umbrellas, a beautiful line to choose from. E. J. MacIntyre, leading jeweler and optician.

Mrs. Dr. W. Webster, of Chicago, and Mrs. I. B. Webster, of Dresden, spent Sunday with Mrs. M. J. Webster, McKeough avenue.

All 10, 25 and 50 cent music ten copies for 50 cents from now until Christmas at Tschirhart's.

Lost, Dec. 16th, black purse with "wear Campbell's shoes" on same, containing a sum of money. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at this office.

A silk waist makes an ideal Christmas gift. The Foreman Store is making the finest display of waist silks in Western Ontario. See their display.

At the Park street Methodist church yesterday excellent music was rendered. In the morning Stewart McKeough sang a solo and Miss Potter sang in the evening.

Miss Hazel West, of Wallaceburg, spent Sunday in the city the guest of Mrs. Annie Steinhoff, Lansdowne avenue.

Earl Sheldrick, of Winnipeg, arrived home unexpectedly and will spend the Christmas holidays in Chatham. He will return to Winnipeg after New Years.

The Park street Epworth League will hold a literary evening at the regular meeting to-night. The meeting will assume the form of a Christmas Eve entertainment.

Lost, a counter book between the Aberdeen bridge and Park avenue west. Finder will please drop a card or return to Richard Reaume, the grocer, or box 387, Chatham.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hicklin wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Edna May, to Milton Pritchard, which is to take place at their residence, Fourth St., on Jan. 1st, 1906.

Remember the Auction Sale of Household Furniture, Brass Beds, Carpets, Dining-room Furniture, Coal Heater, Dishes, etc. Everything almost new. All must go. Forsythe & Co., on Tuesday, at one o'clock. K. L. McIntosh, Prop.

NO REPENTANCE AFTER DEATH

Rev. J. W. Hoyt of William St. Baptist Church Delivers Another Sermon

Good Services Held Yesterday Church Was Crowded to The Doors

A large crowd was in attendance at the William street Baptist church last night to hear the sixth sermon on the theme "Questions the people are asking," preached by the pastor of the church, Rev. J. W. Hoyt. The question under discussion was Is there a chance to repent after death?

The question under discussion was Is there a chance to repent after death? and taking his authority from the Scripture, the preacher held out no hope for those who reject Salvation in this life. The text selected for the discourse was found in Rev. 22, 11: He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

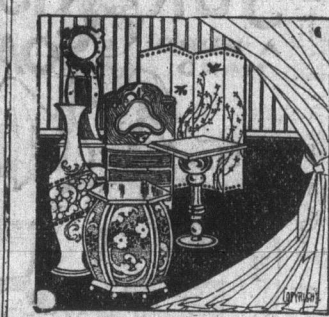
It is all important that we should have no misconceptions on this subject for should it be proclaimed without any authority from heaven that there would be another chance given to those who had made shipwreck of their lives here, and should men be found to lead a willing ear to this doctrine not because they are convinced by the force of any arguments brought forward in support of it, but because they wish to believe it true, there is a terrible awakening in store for them, when too late, they discover in another world they have suffered themselves to be deluded into a false sense of security and to be betrayed into a fatal, irrevocable error.

God holds out no hope of another chance, for "If a tree fall toward the south or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be." It is claimed that when a man gets into the next world and sees the mistakes he has made, the anguish and pain will cause him to reform. The lives of those about us furnish ample proof that this statement is not correct; men give up their lives to dissipation and crime and in spite of the anguish and pain which they suffer in sickness or behind the bars, as soon as they are liberated they go back to the old life again.

To a man who makes a failure in this life, reformation in the other world is rendered absolutely impossible. Every abuse of physical life deranges the bodily functions, and gradually renders them intolerant of the exercises and pleasures natural in health. What vice of dissipation does to the physical nature, sin will do to the spiritual nature.

It is also claimed that this life is too short, and in the next life man will have a longer time to bring out the good that is in him. According to Gen. 4 and 5, the people lived to be nearly a thousand years old, but they grew worse and worse until the corruption was so great that the earth had to be washed and scrubbed and soaked and anointed for a hundred and fifty days before it was fit for man to live upon again.

From that time the lives of the people grew shorter until man's allotted time became three score years and ten. God saw that man could do better in a shorter time and God's time is now. It is claimed that in the future state evil influences will be withdrawn and good influences will be substituted, and so man will be able to reform. But we read in the scripture that the righteous will be taken away and a division will be made and a great gulf will be fixed between the righteous and the sinners, so that they cannot cross. If God will take away the evil in the



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William Gordon

lette, consisting of Mesdames Richards and Oldershaw, and Messrs. Reeve and Brown, also sang a hymn of invitation at the close of the sermon with telling effect.

The preacher announced that next Sunday evening he would speak on the question, "Is it right for Christians to play cards?"

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To California are run over the Union Pacific, via Omaha, 16 hours other line. No change of roads, no detours, "The Overland Route" all the way. Be sure your ticket reads over the Union Pacific. Inquire of H. P. Carter, T. P. A., 14 James Building, Toronto, Canada, or F. B. Choate, G. A., 126 Woodward avenue, Detroit.

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District Doings

TILBURY.

Dec. 18.—Mrs. F. M. Scarff, of Georgetown, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. S. Sloan.

Mrs. George Wands, of Chatham, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Henderson.

Miss Minnie Campbell returned on Saturday from a three weeks' visit in Toronto and St. Mary's.

Miss Dora Weber, of Detroit, is the guest of Miss Mary Adair.

Mrs. Crawford and Miss Bell Shaw are spending the day in Detroit.

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To 1st January 1906 we will sell

Selected Raisins, per lb. 7c

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Men's Fine Shirts

STIFF AND SOFT

50c Necktie Shirts, now	39c
75c Shirts now	59c
W. G. & B.	75c
\$1.00 Shirts now	75c
1.25 " "	\$1.00
1.50 " "	1.15
2.00 " "	1.50

Underwear

Men's Wool and Cotton Fleece Underwear, regular	37c
50c a garment, now	37c
All Wool Elastic Ribbed Underwear, regular \$1.00, now	75c
The best Fancy Fleece Underwear, regular 75c a garment, now	59c
Underwear from 50c to \$3.00 a garment, all to go at	OUT PRICES.

Socks

20c Socks now 2 for 25c.	
25c Black and Grey Wool Cashmere Socks now 5	
pairs for \$1.00.	
Fancy Cashmere, regular 50c Socks now 40c.	

Men's Sweaters

All wool Sweaters, regular 75c. value now

\$1.00 Sweaters now 75c

1.25 " " \$1.00

1.50 " " 1.25

2.00 " " 1.50

3.00 " " 2.50

Mufflers

Regular 75c Ways' Mufflers now 50c.

\$1.00 Mufflers now 75c

1.50 " " \$1.25

50c " " 50c

Handkerchiefs

Handstitched Lawn Handkerchiefs, 8c, 4 for 25c

25c Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, now 19c

50c Silk Handkerchiefs, now 40c

75c " " 59c

Ties

A line of 75c Neckties now 50c

Also a line of 50c Ties now 25c.

Fancy Boxed Ties, now 59c

25c Ties now 2 for 25c

Gloves

Men's Fine Mocha Gloves and Mitts, regular \$1.00 now 75c

\$1.25 Gloves now \$1.00.

1.50 " 1.25.

2.00 Silk Lined Gloves now \$1.50

2.50 Fur Lined Gloves now \$2.00.

Mitts

All 50c heavy Working Mitts now 40c.

75c Mitts now 59c.

Caps

50 Caps now 40c.

75c Caps now 59c.

\$1.00 Caps now 75c.

Soft and Stiff Hats

\$3.00 Hats now \$2.50

2.50 " 2.00

2.00 " 1.50

1.50 " 1.00

House Coats

Regular \$10.00 House Coats now \$7.00.

Pants

Men's \$1.00 and \$1.25 Tweed Pants now 80c.

\$1.75 and \$2.00 Pants now \$1.40.

\$2.50 and \$3.00, now \$2.25.

3.50 and \$4.00 Pants now \$3.00.

Suits

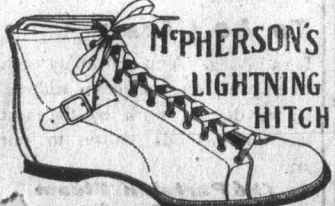
\$6.50 and \$7.50 Suits now \$5.00

9.00 and \$10.00 Suits now \$7.50.

Any Suit or Overcoat in the store now \$12.00.

\$10.00 OVERCOATS now \$9.50.

8.50 " now \$6.50.



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For Boys at \$1.25 and \$1.50

For Ladies at \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50

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How do the hundreds read yours—well dressed, therefore careful, has good taste, and is prosperous? Or badly dressed—therefore careless and "not doing well"?

"Progress Brand" Clothing

is the clothing for men who want their appearance to count FOR them, instead of against them. It looks good, and it makes the man in it look good.

There is success ahead for the man who backs up his good appearance in Progress Brand Clothes, with good work.

Clothes can't make a gentleman. But if he IS ONE, "Progress Brand" clothes will make him look the part.

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\$1.25 Gas!

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If you now use Gas for fuel, you can at very small cost have the necessary piping and fixtures installed, pay a small sum monthly on the completed work, and pay the low price through one meter, for fuel and light, of \$1.25 per 1,000 cubic feet of Gas.

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Just the coat for driving or for travelling. There will be no delay, merely a matter of making your selection at

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WON BY A YARD

By F. J. KNIGHT ADKIN

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"Yes, yes, I am perfectly willing to acknowledge that you are hardworking, honorable and trustworthy. Surely I have proved that by taking you so completely into my confidence in business matters. But that is not sufficient. The man who marries my daughter must have shown some striking evidence of business acumen before I give my consent." Mr. Brampton, banker and diamond merchant, wiped his glasses and sat back in the comfortable chair of his private office, dismissing the whole matter with a wave of his hand.

Eric Wilmont, his confidential secretary, also tried to forget the matter, temporarily, but with less success. "He's such a self-willed old gentleman," he thought, "that if he weren't Doris' father I should call him a stubborn old fool." This heretical train of thought was broken by the entrance of a clerk with a card. He took it. "Mr. Wilfred Norton Harrington to see you," he said. "I don't think he's a client of ours."

"Harrington, Harrington," murmured his employer. "I don't recollect the name. Oh, yes, though I fancy he must be the son of that wealthy old Harrington of San Francisco who died a couple of months ago. I heard that the young man was going to settle in New York. Send him in," he added to the clerk.

The latter retired and presently admitted a tall, clean shaven man of about forty, dressed in a top hat and fashionably cut frock coat which did not seem to fit him.

"Mr. Brampton, I believe, I should like to transact some private business with you if you can spare the time," said the stranger.

"My secretary is entirely in my confidence," answered Mr. Brampton. "In fact, I depend on him a good deal, so you may speak quite freely."

Mr. Harrington sat down and placed a red morocco jewel case on the table. "I have no doubt you know of my father's death some two months ago, and also that I have purchased No. 8—Fifth avenue. I have my affairs pretty well settled now, but in looking over the jewelry left by my father I find that there are several things which I don't care to keep. Pearls, for instance, my wife has a superstitious horror of. She refuses to wear them and it would be ridiculous to keep them locked up in the safe." He paused for a moment and took from the case a magnificent rope of graduated pearls. "Here is a string of 175 pearls that I am willing to dispose of."

The other two bent over him with interest; they were indeed a handsome set.

"I think I remember being notified that your father was collecting these, some five years ago, and sent him a few, on approval, I fancy," said Mr. Brampton, at last jotting down a conservative estimate of \$45,000 on a writing pad, which he dropped in a drawer where his secretary could see the figures.

The latter took it, and wrote \$50,000 beneath, and returned it.

"I have as many pearls now as I care to handle," the banker went on, "but if you will put a price on these I will see if we can make a deal."

"My wife insists so strongly on my disposing of them that I have decided to let them go at a price considerably below their value, \$35,000."

The other two men looked at each other. "It is not a matter to be decided offhand," said Mr. Brampton, "but if you give me time for consideration I think we can come to an agreement."

"If a few hours would be sufficient," suggested Harrington, "I should be very pleased if you would dine with us and we can settle the matter this evening."

"That is excellent," replied the banker as the visitor rose. "Good day."

"I suppose you would like to telegraph to San Francisco to make sure that everything is all right," said Eric when the door was closed.

"I will wire the Pacific bank as receiving me in his own house will be really sufficient. Every one knows he's bought No. 8—Fifth avenue." Mr. Brampton wrote and dispatched the message immediately.

A satisfactory reply arrived before they left the office. Mr. Harrington had removed a considerable amount of jewelry from that very bank to his New York house about a fortnight before.

"If I can conclude this purchase satisfactorily it will mean a considerable turn over," said the banker as he left the office. "You lack real business instincts, Wilmont, in being too cautious. Wilmont, you didn't like this man's appearance, and you would have let the matter go, very like."

"I shall be anxious to hear what kind of an understanding you come to this evening," said Eric.

At 10 o'clock next morning Mr. Brampton arrived at the office in an excellent frame of mind. "I have bought the pearls for \$35,000," he said as he hung up his hat. "Those Harringtons are charming people. Of course I was the only guest, as they are still in mourning."

"How did you like the lady of the house?" asked Eric.

"She seemed a very fine woman, but just a trifle common. I thought she spoke with a slightly foreign accent,

but I may have been mistaken. She seemed very anxious to get rid of the pearls, said they always brought her bad luck or some such foolishness, and so we concluded the bargain. Mr. Harrington promised to bring them around at noon, and I'll give him the check. By the way, there was a man in the telephone booth who came through the outer office. Is anything the matter?"

"Yes, the building is being rewired, and for today they have put us on a party wire."

Mr. Brampton nodded, and they proceeded with the business of the day. Shortly after noon Harrington arrived.

"Good morning," he said. "I trust that we can transact our business quickly, as my wife is waiting in a cab outside, and I am rather pressed for time."

"Certainly," the check is already drawn out," answered the banker. "Ring up the bank, Wilmont, if you please, and notify them that Mr. Wilfred Norton Harrington is coming round to cash my check."

Eric shut himself into the booth in the outer office, and put the receiver to his ear. He was about to call "Hello!" when he heard a voice, which he recognized as that of Walters, a lawyer in an office below, saying:

"Is this Mr. Harrington?"

"Yes," answered another voice. "Thought it was your voice, Wilfred. Just come from Frisco?"

"No, my wife and I made a flying trip to Europe on business, and got back a day earlier than we expected."

"Well, you kept every one pretty well in the dark. Have you opened up your new house yet?"

"No; but my valet and my wife's maid have everything ready. I am going up there as soon as I've seen my things through the customs."

At this point Eric broke into the conversation and persuaded Mr. Harrington to the point to which he had better present himself at the offices of Brampton & Brampton within half an hour, if he valued his property.

Then he rang up another number, and after a short conversation hung up the receiver and returned to the private office.

The others were a little impatient at his delay. "I think you will be received properly at the bank," Eric said politely.

He even went to the extent of fetching the visitor's hat and cane.

Mr. Brampton noticed the alteration in his manner. "I see your opinion of Mr. Harrington has altered now," he said presently.

"I suspend judgment for half an hour," laughed Eric enigmatically.

Some ten minutes later the door flew open and in rushed Harrington No. 2.

In less than a minute Mr. Brampton was once more in his office chair.

In the scene that ensued the principal actors had the stage to themselves, except when the lawyer was called upon, while Eric sat back and enjoyed the excitement.

First the rightful owner of the gems raved at the loss, and then, when he found them intact; then the banker realized that he was \$35,000 out of pocket and gave way to his feelings accordingly.

"Can't you do something instead of sitting there like a fool?" he shouted. "Telephones to the police to watch every railroad station and dock!"

"I don't think that's necessary," answered Eric quietly. "He and his wife, too, I hope, are already in their cells. Let's get a cab and go there. Perhaps Mr. Harrington can identify them."

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"Well, I can see you've pulled this matter off pretty well, my boy," he said, wiping the perspiration from his forehead. "Now tell me how it happened, and what it all means."

"It was simple enough," explained Eric modestly; "the real Harrington had given the pearls to this man Tomkins, his valet, to put in the bank, just before he started for Europe, and also had given him orders to help this French maid to get the house ready for them on their return. Thus they were enabled to pose as Mr. and Mrs. Harrington and invite you to dinner to hull suspicion. I realized this from the conversation over the telephone, and called up the bank to have them arrested when they appeared, in order to avoid the fuss of detaining him here till the police arrived."

"Well, you have saved me \$35,000," commented Mr. Brampton.

"Would you describe that as a striking instance of business acumen?" questioned Eric mildly.

The banker remembered the conversation of the day before.

"Why, yes—no—that is—I give in, my boy. You've won her fairly."

"I've won," murmured the young man triumphantly; "won by a yard—of pearls!"

Sensitive About Names.

Three times the clerk made an ineffectual attempt to spell the name. Finally she gave it up and said, "How do you spell it, please?"

The customer with the polysyllabic name smiled and spelled it right off the alphabet. "It's funny you couldn't get that," she added angrily.

"I knew she'd get mad if I asked her how to spell it," sighed the clerk.

"They all do. No matter how odd a woman's name, she seems to think that everybody else should spell it right off. Failure to do so is construed as a downright insult. Evidently no woman likes to answer to a name that stumps everybody else, and it is only when the girls behind the counter fall down over it that she realizes how impossible it really is. Then she takes her spite out on the poor clerks. Since I have learned that peculiarity of shoppers I generally guess at the spelling rather than make them angry."—New York Press.

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Getting Real Lemons. A dealer in New York held up a small bottle filled with a pale amber liquid. "Smell it," he said, drawing the cork. The visitor inhaled an odor which seemed to call up visions of orange and citron groves of ancient Greece.

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Then the sponge has taken up the sprays of about a hundred rinds it is wet enough to be squeezed out. An ounce or so of clear and fragrant oil then flows from it."

Irving's First Success.

In 1874 Henry Irving achieved an immense success by his performance of "Hamlet" at the London Lyceum theater. His interpretation of the part was so striking and unusual that the play had a run unprecedented at that time, continuing for 200 nights. Of his experience in playing this part Sir Henry gave, some years before his death, an interesting account.

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DO FISH SHOW TEMPER?

The Finny Tribe May Indulge in Both Fun and Indignation—Their Mental Characteristics.

A fish inquisitive or in a temper is undoubtedly an absurd idea at first sight, but the absurdity lessens on reflection. All animals of whose ways we have intimate knowledge reveal the emotions which the fishermen deny to fish. For example, children, lambs, young tigers, young lions, young monkeys, kittens and puppy dogs rush at things which attract their eyes, and that without thought of eating them, and if they are thwarted or injured in the contact they are apt to rush at them again in irritation. If, then, we take it for granted that fish are incapable of curiosity and irritation, we are assuming that the minds of fish are fundamentally different from those of all living creatures with those natures we are familiar.

That, when one thinks of it, it would be an assumption so gross that it is impossible of acceptance until it has been justified by the clearest reasoning. No reasoning whatsoever can be offered in its favor, and the only one offered against it. We have no authority for believing that the mental characteristics of fish are different from those of animals generally. We are used to believing this, but the usage is unintelligent. It probably springs from the separation of sympathies which come from our living in an "element" other than that of the salmon and the trout. If we were amphibious we should have a clearer insight into their ways and perhaps find that both fun and indignation lurk at times under the saturnine aspect of their visages.

As it is, some of us who have been in the accidental neighborhood of a shark have had cause to realize that even a "hungry man is an angry man" a hungry fish, when annoyed in pursuit of his meal, is angry, too, and not unwilling to risk his skin in vindication of his appetite and his wrath. Besides, all fishermen, to their sorrow, know that there are times when salmon and trout rise brisily, but "not in earnest."

Many an exasperating hour have we of us spent with fish who give our flies a frequent poke or a frequent nibble at the tails of them and escape untouched. Many a time also have we found them rising at the fly not with their mouths, but with their tails, seeking to flick them under the surface and to "draw" them, to all appearance in the spirit in which a cat plays with a mouse. The analogy between fish and other creatures in the matter of curiosity and gambling goes even further. It may have been observed that it was the young of tigers and cats and dogs and other creatures that spoke of as given to playing with things that attract their eyes, not the elderly animals so much.

Well, fish are in exactly the same case.—London Standard.

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Heaton, who is a member of Parliament for Canterbury

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