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DO YOUR Christmas Shopping HERE.

Very few days left now in which to shop. Large varieties are here for you to look over. Shop early, get good choice, avoid the crush of the last few days.

LAOE CURTAINS.

The prettiest and daintiest assortment of Lace Curtains ever in our drapery department. Nothing could be more acceptable as a gift than Lace Curtains and you can get them here at any price you care to pay, at a pair \$15.00 to \$1.00.

TABLE COVERS.

Table Covers are again very strongly in vogue and nothing gives a room a more easy and furnished appearance than a nice table cover. If you are puzzled about what to give just think of a table cover—we have an immense variety at \$12.00 to \$1.00.

CARPET SWEEPERS.

A woman is really never happy until she is the proud possessor of a carpet sweeper. With carpet sweepers is forever connected the name of a "Bissell"—it is the "Bissell" make we keep every sweeper guaranteed—at \$3.50 to \$2.25.

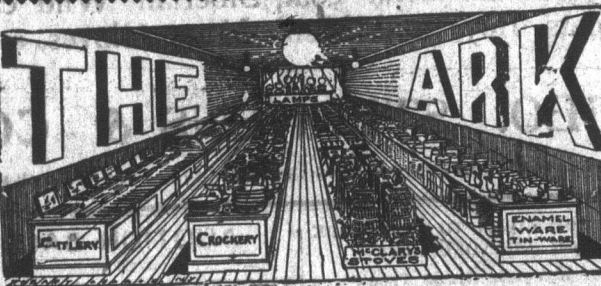
RUGS.

What a picture is to the wall—so is a rug to the floor—a room however well carpeted is not really furnished without a rug. The popular sizes are 20x30 and 30x72 inches. We have them in Wilton, Axminster, Moquette, Velvet, Smyrna, etc., in very handsome variety at \$7.00 to \$2.50.

HASSOCKS.

A foot stool is indispensable to the comfort of every man, woman or child. The person who is anxious to present a Christmas remembrance wants one. We have them in different shapes covered with Brussels and Velvet carpets at each 50c, 45c and 40c.

THOS. STONE & SON.



We Are in Advance

Of our usual time in our Christmas preparations for the usual rush at "THE ARK" We would now kindly ask our friends, every one who can, to come and make their selections before the rush of the last week before Christmas. The goods are now in place. We can attend with more comfort and pleasure to you now than later.

A Consignment Just Arrived of Fine China (American Beauty). Do you want some pieces? If you do you need to come quick.

WE HAVE SOME STOVES LEFT. Are clearing them out a discount of 10 per cent. off spot cash. See them in the rear room of "The Ark."

H. MACAULAY,

Prompt delivery of goods.

Full Dress Suitings...

WHEN properly clothed you feel more comfortable, and are better able to enjoy yourself. The winter gait is commenced. **Have you an up-to-date suit?** If not call and get one from a line of cloths specially ordered for these suitings.

Call and See Them

Albert Sheldrick,

MERCHANT TAILORS, CHATHAM

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CLAIM OF MAPLE CITY SOLDIER BOYS

The Moral Obligations of the Aldermen Pointed out by Ald. Scullard—Ald. Martin Slips a cog on his Time Record—Other Civic Business Attended to

There is a certain little alderman, elected last year, who has always prided himself on being on time at the Council meetings. It was quite a surprise, therefore, when the Council meeting opened last evening to find his seat vacant. It was soon rumored around the board that Ald. Martin was ill and would be unable to attend. The whispering grew as they went along until the last report was to the effect that he was so ill that he would be unable to go through the coming campaign. All fears were set aside, however, when he came struggling in a few minutes afterwards, looking in the best of health and wearing the ever present smile.

Ald. Edmondson thought that a vote of censure should be passed, as no alderman would in his own interests be either late or absent when the elections were so near. Ald. Taylor had a strong suspicion that Ald. Martin was stealing the public's time and using it for canvassing votes for next year.

Ald. Martin, however, assured his colleagues that he was in the building when the bell rang eight, and so the matter was dropped.

Every member of the Council was present at last night's meeting. Rufus Baxter's assessment was changed from \$1,600 to \$1,200. It was decided to sell the old horse cart to the town of Wallaceburg for \$30.

A letter from Henderson & Small, re Robinson of Inches estate, was referred to the Board of Works.

A petition against an asphalt block pavement on St. Clair street, from Head to Cornhill street, was reported not sufficiently signed. Received.

A petition against the initiatory proceedings for an asphalt block pavement on Victoria avenue was reported not sufficiently signed. Received.

The Forest City Paving Company asked for their marked cheque for \$500. Referred to Finance.

A letter from W. Woollett, re the Colbourne St. siding, was received.

S. T. Martin wrote the Council, stating the present position of the Victoria avenue pavement question. The residents now wished the Council to advertise for both asphalt block and brick pavements.

The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contracts for new phones.

FINANCE COMMITTEE. Chairman Marshall, of the Finance Committee, presented the following report:

1. That the assessment of J. J. Jenkins be reduced \$500, as asked for.

2. Re the communication of J. W. Young, re the balance of moneys due the Police Department, as per Auditor Macpherson's report, that we accept \$70.45, being the correct amount.

3. Re the appeal from W. J. Bradley, for damages arising from an accident, the city disclaims any liability. No action.

4. That the Harrison Hall account of \$71.02 be paid.

5. That the administration of justice account, \$348.25, be accepted.

6. We would advise the acceptance of J. Davis and O. E. Fleming as bondsmen for C. W. Caldwell on the King street and Lacroix street pavements, and of J. Piggott, Sr., on Blight & Fielder on the Thames and William streets pavements.

The report was adopted.

Ald. Mounter—I would like to ask why the light has not been placed on the corner of Patterson avenue and Raleigh streets. This was ordered some time ago. Ald. Taylor explained that the engineer has been waiting for a pole. It will be attended to in a few days.

Ald. Piggott—Is there a by-law limiting the time when dealers shall buy fuel on the market? Dealers were on the market last Saturday at nine o'clock.

The Mayor—This is a good point and should be attended to. The hour is ten o'clock and the authorities should force this by-law.

Ald. McColl called attention to a defective sidewalk on the north side of the Fifth street bridge.

Ald. Piggott complained of several lights being out.

Ald. Scullard presented a petition from a large number of the Regiment asking for the fulfillment of the Council's promise to pay the men of the Regiment 25 cents per man for twelve days drill.

Ald. Piggott seconded the motion, which carried, and the Mayor appointed the Finance Committee.

Ald. McColl asked that all accounts of the present Council be handed in before the close of the year so that no bad debts will be left over next year.

It was decided to grant the Humane Officer a Christmas box of \$5. He has been a faithful officer.

It was decided to advertise for tenders for plankton for bridges.

Two by-laws were then put through their several readings and finally passed. One was for the extension of the Bell Telephone franchise and the other was for the opening up of the alleyway from the market square to William street. The new street was christened last night and it will be called Jahne street.

ACCOUNTS PASSED.

Alex. McDonald, balance Wilson avenue sewer, \$19.10.

James Gutteridge, \$2.00.

R. Stevens, \$1.00.

R. Stevens, \$2.00.

Horn Bros, \$1.00.

Dominion Paving Co., \$1.00.

Dominion Paving Co., \$3,683.78.

W. M. Drader, \$379.63.

Chatham Paving Co., \$60.90.

Chatham Paving Co., \$91.26.

The Blondo Mfg. Co., \$148.87.

Geo. Lammiman, \$1-referred.

S. Hadley Lumber Co., \$11.50.

Musallion Stone & Fire Brick Co., \$13.14.

J. & J. Oldershaw, \$188.28.

Waterworks Department, \$4.99.

Waterworks Department, \$250.

Waterworks Department, \$7.07.

W. R. Baxter, \$1.75.

Waterworks Department, \$46.

Registry office, \$2.50.

Warren Paving Co., extras, \$901.75-referred.

W. R. Baxter, \$4.50.

Con. E. Shea, \$6.75.

Pay sheets, \$161.01.

The News, \$50-referred Finance.

McKeough & Trotter, \$87.80.

A. R. Crow, \$13.30.

R. G. Fleming, \$8.43.

Chas. Moore, \$19.75.

J. N. Newby, \$1.75.

McKeough & Trotter, 73 cents.

skirts of the town, rents for from 3 to 5 pounds per acre. Of course, as you get away from the town, land gets cheaper, down to about 20s. or even less, according to quality and situation. Within an area of 10 miles around Burnley there are some fine old mansions. In the town we have many places of worship and plenty of drinking places, the ruin of the young and the curse of the old.

I may say that the workers, speaking generally, go to work at 6 o'clock a.m. and quit at 5.30 p.m. Winter and summer, wet or dry, inside work goes on. The average wage of a worker is about 30 shillings a week, joiners 35 shillings, painters, plumbers and mechanics 36 shillings, farm laborers 18 shillings, and some less. Food is fairly cheap and clothing is also. You can get a good tailor made suit of clothes for 3 pounds.

I have a wife and five children, two lads and three girls, and they take a dream of Canada sometimes and wish me to ask you to write and tell us how you live over there.

Believe me,
Yours respectfully,
J. W. LORD,
86 Greg St.,
Burnley, Lancashire, England.

A MILE-STONE WELL TURNED

Fitting Finale to an Important
Epoch in the History of
Park St. Church

Splendid Banquet and Subsequent Program of Speech and Song—Memorable Occasion

The re-opening services at Park St. Methodist church were right royally finished last evening by a sumptuous banquet in the Sunday school hall, followed by an excellent musical and literary entertainment in the church. The ladies of Park street Methodist church are to be highly complimented on their achievement in the banquet part of the evening. The supper served was luxurious in its entirety; all the good things imaginable were there in almost unlimited quantity. The tables were all daintily decorated and the viands delicately served by dainty hands of many fair young maidens and gallant gentlemen.

The ladies worked hard to make the affair a success and their zealous efforts were responsible in a great measure for the excellent success of the banquet. The many tables were filled quite a number of times with appreciative patrons. The entertainment in the church, which followed the banquet, proved a suitable finale to a most auspicious opening. The musical numbers were, without exception, almost perfectly rendered by many of the most talented in Maple City, musical circles.

The literary part of the evening consisted of addresses from different city ministers. Dr. Langford, of Stratford, and Dr. Griffin, of Toronto.

Dr. George T. McKeough presided and, as he always does, made an irreproachable chairman. His opening address was an oration well worthy of the doctor, and his happy remarks between each number were clever and well administered.

All speakers of the evening complimented the congregation on the splendid appearance of the church and upon having such an excellent and zealous pastor as Rev. G. H. Cobble. One of the speakers, in fact, said he was not at all surprised at the vast improvements which had been made, taking place in the present pastor's time.

Rev. Dr. J. R. Babbie, pastor of St. Andrew's church, opened the service with prayer and the choir, under the leadership of Miss H. Edythe Hill, rendered in fine style an anthem. The program followed: Chairman's address—Dr. George T. McKeough.

Solo—Miss Gertrude Somerville. Address—Rev. F. E. Malott, pastor of Victoria avenue Methodist church. Quartet selection—Misses Potten and Peate, and Messrs. Wilson and Sheldrick.

Address—Rev. Dr. Griffin, Toronto. Trio selection—Misses Somerville and Hill, and W. Brackin.

Address—Rev. T. Baverley Smith, rector Holy Trinity church. Solo—Miss Ada Ross.

Address—Rev. Dr. Langford, Stratford. Quartet selection—Misses McKellar, White, Peate and Hill.

Secretary's report—Wilson Taylor, B. A.

Closing address—Rev. G. H. Cobble, M. A., B. D.

Doxology.

W. W. Everett, of No. 1, Harwich Debating Society, was in Detroit yesterday, and arranged for costumes for the production of the trial scene from the Merchant of Venice, which will be put on in No. 1 next Friday evening. Mr. Lane, of the C. C. I., will take the cast through a rehearsal to-night and will superintend the production.



SULMAN'S BEEHIVE, Opp. Garner House.

THE SITUATION ON THE AVENUE

The following letter was received at the Council meeting last evening from S. T. Martin. It is worthy of the consideration of the ratepayers on Victoria avenue:

Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Chatham:

Gentlemen,—The paving Victoria avenue, many of our ratepayers seem confused as to how we stand in this matter, and, by way of explanation, I may say that your honorable body took initiative proceedings under a petition partially signed, proposing to construct a 27 ft. wide pavement of asphalt blocks, but a counter petition was sent sufficiently signed to prevent you going on with the work.

A large and representative meeting of the Victoria Ave. ratepayers assembled at the Police Station on the evening of the 27th of November to discuss the situation, and it was then unanimously agreed that a 24 ft. pavement should be made. A petition to that effect was hurriedly prepared and signed by all that were present, some twenty or more of these among the heaviest ratepayers, praying that the Council would construct a 24 ft. pavement, but on submitting the petition to our city solicitor he said the wording of it was such that he could not advise the Council to act upon it, and therefore no more signatures were solicited, until a properly worded petition could be prepared.

In the meantime a sufficient number of those who signed the said counter petition withdrew their names, leaving it in the minority, and thus leaving the Council at liberty to continue the initiative proceedings. I am informed that those names were withdrawn under a strict understanding with the Mayor that the Council would proceed only so far as to advertise for tenders for both asphalt block and for brick pavements, by the yard, and when those tenders came in the ratepayers will be asked to sign a petition properly prepared asking the Council for what they want. Knowing as they will the exact cost of each kind and having a petition sufficiently signed, the Council are to abandon the initiative proceedings and act upon the majority petition. I am, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
S. T. MARTIN.

BOOKS...

FOR
Holiday Gifts

All the Best, Both Old and New...

Some of the choice things—
"The Mistle of the Pasture";
"Barlisch of the Guard";
"Vice-Admiral of the Blue";
"The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come";
"A Checkered Love Affair";
"The Heart of Rome."

A book is an intelligent gift. It comes with the most grateful sense of remembrance when it represents absolutely the givers own selection. The variety is unlimited.

W. J. KENNY,

Phone 225. King St. East.

Dolls...

Of every kind and quality to suit every taste and purse—China, Kid, jointed, Unbreakable, Wool, Bisque, in fact everything that the factories produce, ranging in price from 1c. to \$6.50 each. The same remarks apply to all of our stock of

Toys and Fancy Goods for Christmas. Every line complete in price, quality and quantity.

Come to the store with the BIG ASSORTMENT.

We have just received a shipment of Palms and Holly for decorations. Palms from 30c to \$2.00. Have a look.

CHRISTMAS

—AT THE—
Central Drug Store.

CUT GLASS.

See our window display of Cut Glass, it is pronounced exquisite. You cannot get anything more acceptable for a Christmas present.

BURNT WOOD WORK

We have a good assortment of pieces for burning. If you have not tried this fascinating work, get a set and TRY IT. One of these sets would make a very appreciated present.

C. H. GUNN & CO.

Chatham's Millinery Store.

OUR HATS

Are going very fast—we have reduced them so low. A few Hats left at 49c, also a few at 75c.

See our \$1.95 and \$2.50 Trimmed Hats. They are extra quality.

C. A. COOKSLEY, KING ST., CHATHAM.

Headquarters for

Christmas Slippers

Men's Velvets, Kid or Patent Leather, at 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Ladies' Felt, Velvet, Plush, Kid, Patent Leather, at 25c, 50c, \$1, up to \$3.00....

Peace & Co.

IMPORTERS.

All reading notices of local announcements must be received at this office not later than noon of the day on which it is desired that they appear in The Planet.

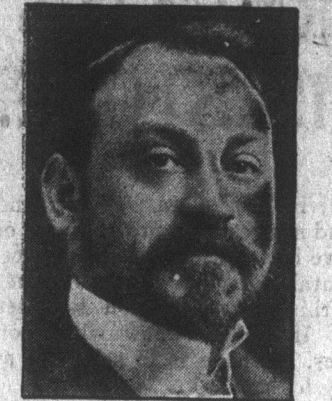
CAN MAKE MEN SOUND AND STRONG.

Detroit Specialist Discovers Something Entirely New for the Cure of Men's Diseases in Their Own Homes.

You Pay Only if Cured

Expects No Money Unless He Cures You—Method and Full Particulars Sent Free—Write For It This Very Day

A Detroit specialist who has 14 certificates and diplomas from medical colleges and boards, has perfected a certain method of curing the disease of men in their own homes; so that there is no doubt in the mind of any man that he can be cured.



DR. S. GOLDBERG,
The Possessor of 14 Diplomas and Certificates
Who Wants No Money That He Does Not Earn.

both the method and the ability to do so he says, Dr. Goldberg, the discoverer, will send the method entirely free to all men who send him their name and address. He wants to hear from men who have stricture that they have been unable to get cured, prostatic trouble, sexual weakness, varicocele, loss of manhood, blood poisons, hydrocele, emaciation of parts, impotence, etc. His wonderful method has not only cured the condition itself, but like-wise all the complications, such as rheumatism, bladder or kidney trouble, heart disease, nervous debility, etc.

The doctor realizes that it is one thing to make claims and another thing to back them up, so he has made his name to ask for money unless he cures you, and when you are cured he feels sure that you will willingly pay him a small fee. It would seem, therefore, that it is to the best interests of every man who suffers in this way to write the doctor confidentially and lay your case before him. He sends the method, as well as many booklets on the subject, including the one that contains the 14 diplomas and certificates, entirely free. Address him simply: Dr. S. Goldberg, 208 Woodward Ave., Room 2, Detroit, Mich., and it will all immediately be sent you free.

This is something entirely new and well worth a few lines more about. Write at once.

Christmas Gifts.

The range of our stock of jewelry is wide enough to satisfy everyone. If you want a R. F. Simmons Chain we have the genuine, fully guaranteed 15 years, 14k gold.

Gold Rings

If you want a plain Gold Ring, it's here, and prices as well as quality is right. Every Gem or piece of Jewelry you buy of us is guaranteed. We stand back of every sale. Just now we have an unusually fine assortment of

Rings, Solitaires, Clusters, Etc.

Ladies', Gent's, Gold and Silver Watches, Platemore of newest designs just arrived.

A call at the sign of the "Big Clock" will convince you it is the right place to make your purchase.

A. A. JORDAN

Sign of the Big Clock.

Try the PLANET Office Wedding Stationery

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff

HOUSES OF SAND.

New Process Will Erect Houses as Durable as Granite—Perfected by an Englishman.

Houses built of sand, but as substantial and durable as granite, have been made possible by a process just perfected in England by Mr. L. P. Ford of Grosford.

Mr. Ford is well known in South Africa, where before the Boer war he founded Fordsburg, a suburb of Johannesburg, and also the Johannesburg Electric Lighting Company.

A bed of clean sand and ground quicklime are all the materials needed for the new artificial rock. The ingredients are mixed in proper proportions mechanically and forced by a screw into a mold formed of a very strong steel cylinder.

After the mold is filled it is placed in a box, and the air it contains is sucked out by an air pump. Hot water is then admitted. The water rushes into every minute space and sets the particles of lime to slacking. The lime swells and causes a great pressure in the mold, while at the same time an intense heat is produced.

Under the influence of the heat and pressure the sand and lime are molded into a rock which has 60 per cent. as much strength as the hardest granite. It is ready for use in eight hours.

The rock is of the same composition as the old Roman cement, the most durable of building materials. The secret of making this Roman cement has been lost for ages.

The new building stone costs but 23 cents a cubic foot. The secret of Mr. Ford's success is said to lie in his use of a cylindrical mold. Others who tried to make effluvia of lime building stone used square molds. They did not get an even distribution of the internal and external strains, and the stone produced was full of cracks.

Kipling's Pants Bag at the Knees.

The latest picture taken of Rudyard Kipling, whose new book, "The Five Nations," published a few weeks past, is considered one of the great



RUDYARD KIPLING'S LATEST PICTURE.
Literary events of the year, reveals the disconcerting evidence that Kipling's trousers bag at the knees. O tempora! O mores! O poetic pants!

Living in a Grave.

A remarkable saint has recently made his appearance in Bengal and professes to effect miraculous cures of incurable diseases. During the recent cold weather he passed fifty-one days in a tank by keeping nearly the whole of his body under water, and now he is living inside a "pucca" grave six feet deep. This has been wholly covered over with masonry, leaving only a small hole (the diameter of which is about two inches) through which to serve him with his daily food, simply consisting of an orange or pomegranate juice with one almond only. In this state he will remain for fifty-one consecutive days, and through the hole a string has been passed into the grave, one end of it being tied to a bell suspended on a bamboo post to enable him to give an alarm in case of any danger or mishap. He also uses it to respond to calls inquiring after his health, signifying thereby that he is all right. The saint entered the grave with his bedding, some holy books, two or three bottles of rosewater and one or two vials of attar of roses, after which the opening was blocked up, barring the hole, and then, leveling the place with earth, some greens were sown, which being regularly watered, thrive nicely. The saint has taken the rosewater with him in lieu of plain water to wash his face, hands and feet before saying his prayers. But the saint was not without an eye to the main chance, for one day a money order came to his address from Bombay, which, being rolled up, was dropped into the grave through the hole. It was shortly after passed back duly signed by the holy man.—East Indian.

Lined was once celebrated for a very beautiful glove made from the skin of a young calves, lambs or kids, and so fine that a pair might easily be enclosed in a walnut shell.



LOVE

Often leads to poverty. No real woman ever sold her heart for the luxuries of life.

But many a woman who has gladly faced poverty for the man she loved, may well doubt her wisdom when pain becomes the mate of poverty. If she were rich, she thinks, she could find a way of cure. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is within the reach of every one. It lifts the burden of pain which weighs down those who suffer from womanly diseases. It establishes regularity, dries weakness, drains, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness.

"You have my heartfelt thanks for your kind advice to me," writes Mrs. Geo. Fletcher, of 101 Victoria Avenue, Galt, Ontario. "I was troubled with catarrh of uterus for over a year. The doctors said I would have to go through an operation, but I commenced to use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and Golden Medical Discovery, and after taking a few bottles of Dr. Pierce's medicine, I am completely cured, after using six bottles of Dr. Pierce's medicine. I am now able to say my medicine has made me a new woman."

Weak and sick women, especially those suffering from diseases of long standing, are invited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter. All correspondence is held as strictly private and secretly confidential. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are easy and pleasant to take. A most effective laxative.

Finger Prints.

The Chinese were the first to use finger prints for means of identification.

Hot Spots.

The following are the temperatures at some of the hottest places in different countries: Haidarabad, 105 degrees; Lahore, 107 degrees; El Paso, 113 degrees; Mosul, 117 degrees; Agra, 117 degrees; Death valley, 122 degrees; Algeria, 127 degrees; Fort Yuma, 128 degrees; Jacobabad, 122 degrees; Bahrain, 140 degrees.

French Doctors.

There are a few physicians in Paris with incomes of \$40,000 to \$50,000. The average income of French physicians, however, is only \$550 a year, or \$720 in Paris.

Smoking Competition.

At a "smoking club" in Thailingen, southern Germany, a competition was held, the object of which was to smoke a cigar as long as possible without letting it go out. The prize winner smoked his cigar seventy-four and one-half minutes, while none of the other competitors' records was over one hour.

Horses.

A good authority on horses says that the gray will live the longest and that the roans come next in order. Blacks seldom live to be over twenty, and creams rarely exceed ten or fifteen.

A Chinese Edict.

During a rebellion in China in 1833 an imperial edict was issued at Peking ordering officials to destroy all sulphur deposits, to prevent insurgents from obtaining material for gunpowder. As these deposits were chiefly active volcanic crateries, the officials had their task full.

Scientific Forestry.

In scientific forestry the young trees are thinned out, the underbrush is moved and every means possible taken to give air and sunlight to the growing trees.

Don't Snuffle!

You make people sick—You keep yourself sick.

Cure that Cold.

You can do it if you exercise common sense and use only Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. It relieves colds and catarrh and cures headache in a few minutes. If you have common sense and catarrh you will use it now.

Rev. L. McPherson, of Jefferson St. Church, Christ, Buffalo, N. Y., says:—"Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder relieved me in ten minutes and is a blessing to mankind."

The URSULINE SISTERS of St. Bernard's, Grand Forks, N. Dak., state:—"We have been using Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder in our institution. We find it a very good remedy."

The Great South American Nerve Tonic

is first a nerve food and then a physician, searching out and strengthening every weak spot in the body of man, woman or child. It means nerve, health, vigor, hope, liveliness, lightheartedness and life.

Sold by Messrs. Gunn and McLaren, Druggists, Chatham.



THE STAGE

"All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players."

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the Chatham Grand:—Gibney Stock Co.—Dec. 14 to 19. Cecilian Co.—Dec. 25. Royal Hungarian Court Orchestra—Jan. 1.

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

WELL PLEASED AUDIENCE.

The Gibney Stock Company, under the management of John T. Powers, opened a week's engagement at the Grand last night to a large and appreciative audience. The company is by far the best organization playing week stands that has visited Chatham in many years.

The bill last night was a sensational melo-drama in four acts, entitled "Woman's Power," in which every member of the company took a strong part and played it well. Miss Nellie Gibney the lady who sought revenge, Mr. Morgan Gibney the man who mixed drinks and politics, Mr. Arthur Rutledge the head of the house, and Miss Marian Gibney a lady drifting in a great city, were all worthy of special mention, and each displayed a wide knowledge of their profession.

The illustrated songs were put in between acts three and four and were without question the nicest views and the plainest that were ever shown in the Grand. The machine, which is one of the most expensive, was operated by Mr. Lewis Bennie; the songs were sung by Mr. G. Walter Thompson, who received four encores.

The specialties were rendered by John T. Powers, Lewis Bennie, G. Walter Thompson and Miss Marian Gibney, each receiving several encores.

Manager Powers came before the curtain at the end of the third act and announced the bills for each night during the week. To-night the play will be "Down in Maine," with new songs and specialties, and no doubt the Grand will see another big house. The Gibney Stock Company is worthy of as large a house as the Grand will hold. The prices are 10, 20 and 30c.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

DRESDEN

Dec. 14.—One of the oldest residents of this section passed away on Thursday last, in the person of Mrs. Sarah McKay, nee Brown, of Dresden. The funeral took place on Saturday at 1:30 p. m., from the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Hugh Jones, Brown street, to the Dresden cemetery. Services were conducted at the house by the Rev. S. Bond.

Dr. J. J. Wiley was in Chatham on Friday as a witness in the Currie damage suit.

Geo. Morden was a Chatham visitor on Friday.

G. A. Miller was in Chatham Friday and Saturday conducting the Model School examinations.

Miss Eva Aiken was a Chatham visitor on Friday.

Jas. Colter was in Chatham all last week attending court there.

Miss Abbie Davies and the Messrs. Jesse and Helen McVean, of the C. C. I., are taking holidays now.

The funeral of Amos Cairns, Tupperville, took place on Saturday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Armstrong conducted the services, interment being made in the Dresden cemetery.

Miss Irwin, of the Public School staff, spent Saturday in Chatham, visiting her sister.

Mrs. Peter Blackburn was a Chatham visitor on Saturday.

Miss Mary Stephens, who is working in Chatham this week, the holidays, spent Sunday at her home here.

G. E. Weir was in Chatham on business Saturday, the 12th.

Miss Lillie Campbell spent Saturday in the Maple City.

The Currie trial was finished on Saturday, the plaintiff being awarded \$500 damages.

Thomas Leatherdale was in Chatham on business last week.

Mrs. H. Waddell was a Maple City visitor on Friday.

Alex. McElroy, of Port Lambton, visited friends in town yesterday.

Jas. E. Crafts, an old resident of Camden township, died on Friday, Dec. 11th, after a very brief illness. He was taken ill on Monday and died on Friday of the same week. The cause of his death was acute pneumonia.

The funeral services were conducted to-day at 1 p. m., in the Dawn Mills Methodist church, by the Rev. Mr. Taylor; interment in the Chatham cemetery.

Miss Grace Laird spent Sunday with friends in Chatham.

The sale of work held by the ladies of Christ Church Parsonage Guild on Saturday, was well attended, and very successful notwithstanding the unfavorable weather. About \$50 was realized, and a few things were left over, which will be disposed of a few days before Christmas.

Dec. 15.—Wm. Wagg, one of the Times staff has secured a good position in the News office, Chatham. His many friends wish him every success in his new position.

The half yearly examinations are being held at the Public School this week.

Smith Hazard, an old Dresden boy, but now a resident of New York State, is visiting his parents, North Dresden.

Miss Emma Wheelahan, who has been attending the Chatham Model School, has finished her course, having tried the final examinations on Friday and Saturday of last week.

Miss Amy Birch, who has been spending the last three months on the northern shore of Georgian Bay, returned home last week.

Sandy Herby is back from his season's work on the Great Lakes.



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They combine use and beauty and cannot fail to please the recipient. We have the best designs of the best Canadian makers and the largest stock ever shown in town.

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We show the same designs in Mahogany finish at the same prices.

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FRESH OYSTERS served in all styles and for sale in bulk.

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Monday, December 7.

ADVERTISE IN THE PLANET

DENTAL

A. A. HICKS, D. D. S.—Honorary Member of the Dental Association of Philadelphia, Pa., also honor graduate of Royal College of Dental Surgeons, Toronto. Office over Turner's drug store, 28 Rutherford Block.

LOGGERS

WELLINGTON Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., meets on the first Monday of every month, in the Masonic Hall, Fifth St., at 7:30 p. m. Visiting brethren heartily welcomed.

ALEX. GREGORY, Sec. F. D. LAURIE, W. M.

MEDICAL

DR. OVENS OF LONDON Surgeon, Oculist, Specialist Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Will be at Chatham on SATURDAY, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 26. Glasses properly fitted. Office at Radley's drug store.

L. E. CURL, OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN, SPECIALIST IN CHRONIC DISEASES; Examination Free. Office, Sixth street opposite Fire Hall. Hours—8 to 12 a. m., 1 to 5 p. m., 7 to 9 p. m.

LEGAL

I. B. BANKIN, K. C.—Barrister, Notary Public, etc., Victoria Block, Chatham.

A. F. SMITH—Barrister, Solicitor, etc., Office, King Street, west of the Market. Money to loan on Mortgages.

I. B. O'FLYNN—Barrister, Solicitor, Conveyancer, Notary Public, Office, King Street, opposite Macpherson's Bank, Chatham, Ont.

SMITH & GOSNELL—Barristers, Solicitors, etc., Harrison Hall, Chatham. Herbert D. Smith, County Crown Attorney, R. L. Gosnell.

WILSON, PIKE & GUNDY—Barristers, Solicitors of the Supreme Court, Notaries Public, etc. Money to loan on Mortgages, at lowest rates. Offices, Fifth Street. Matthew Wilson, K. C., W. E. Gandy, J. M. Pike.

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MONEY TO LOAN ON LAND MORTGAGE at lowest rate of interest. I also have a few farms for sale. I also sell buggies and carriages. Call and see me and get my prices and you will save money by doing so. Henry Dagnese, Chatham.

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Brick house, two stories, 7 rooms, lot 40 feet front by 208 feet deep, \$1100.00.

Frame house, 8 rooms and summer kitchen, lot 60 ft. by 208 ft., good stable, \$1100.00.

House and lot, 9 rooms, \$1050.00. House and lot, 5 rooms, \$400.00.

Farm in Township of Raleigh, 80 acres. All cleared. Good house and barn, \$3100.00.

Farm in Township of Harwich, 200 acres. Large house, barn and outbuildings, \$12,000.00.

Farm in Township of Raleigh, 40 acres. Good house, new stable and granary, \$2250.00.

Ten acres in suburbs of Chatham, \$1500.00.

Valuable suburban residence, 11 rooms; with seven acres of land. Good stable, \$2000.00.

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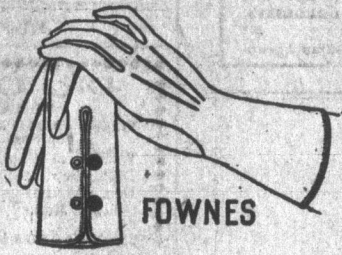
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What is nicer for a Christmas Gift than a nice pair of



They are put up in a handsome box as shown in our window.

Our little window is full of Christmas HANDKERCHIEFS, sold at from 25c up to \$1.50 Each. Special prices in half dozen lots.

Our Fur Neckwear talks for themselves. We invite you to come and see them.

It will pay you to buy Ladies' Furnishings in a Ladies' Furnishing Store the only one West of Toronto—

The Urban Store

PRIMEAU & PELTIER.
Garner House Block.

PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.
Toronto, Dec. 15—11 a. m.—Fresh westerly winds, continued cold; snowflurries, Wednesday, continued cold.
The following figures were registered to-day at seven a. m. at Turner's weather bureau:
Barometer 29.68.
Thermometer 12.
Highest yesterday 16.
Lowest yesterday 11.
Direction of wind, west.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Ladies' Aid Shoe Sale to-morrow, at Cowan's.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mann, Murray street, are in Sarnia to-day.
Warm House Shoes, wool lined rubbers or overshoes, get them to-morrow, at the Ladies' Aid Sale, at Cowan's.

Christmas Perfumes.

It is unnecessary to say that Perfumes make good Christmas presents—everyone knows this. They are very acceptable either alone or with something else. No matter what you give as a gift, a neat case of perfume goes well with it. Our trade in Christmas Perfumes has increased ten fold in the last five years. Take a look at our window and see what a beautiful line we show.

The following is a list of manufacturers whose perfumes we handle:—

Seely Manufacturing Co.,	Detroit
Stearns & Co.	Detroit
John Taylor & Co.	Toronto
Crown Perfume Co.	Toronto
Colgate & Co.	New York
Roger and Gallet	Paris
Guerlain	Paris
Piver	Paris
Lubin	Paris

SATCHET POWDERS—We have a large assortment of these powders, including all the most popular odors.

A. I. McCall & Co., Limited
DRUGGISTS AND OPTICIANS,
CHATHAM AND DRESDEN

It's to-morrow Ladies' Aid Society of Park St. Methodist Church Shoe Sale at Cowan's.

A special train from Peterborough, passed through to Wallaceburg to-day at 2.30, conveying passengers to inspect the sugar beet factory.

Snow Windows were put on the windows of the College Institute this morning and as a result the school is now much warmer.

Ald. W. T. Pigott is in Owen Sound to-day attending the annual meeting of the Sun Cement Co. The alderman is a stockholder in the company.

Dr. Griffin, who has been spending a few days in the city, left this morning for Detroit.

County Treasurer Fleming has received the county rate from two municipalities so far. On Nov. 25, Dresden sent its share of the county rate \$398.51, and to-day Hurwich did the same. The check of the township was a little larger, being \$5,151.21.

Hon. Dr. Oromhyatka, Supreme Chief Ringer of the Independent Order of Foresters, arrived in the city last night at nine p. m. and will remain here 300 members into the Order to-night at the I. O. F. Temple. After the initiation the meeting will be open to the public. George W. Wanda.

Miss Jessie Patterson, daughter of D. S. Patterson, Principal of the College Institute, leaves to-day for Chicago, having completed her Model school examinations here. While in Chicago, Miss Patterson will write on an examination qualifying her to teach school in the United States. Her many friends in this city wish her every success.

At a meeting of the creditors of Thos. J. Ford, who conducted a grocery store on the corner of Park and Queen streets, was held last night in the office of S. B. Arnold. W. G. Richards and Ward Stanworth were appointed inspectors and it was decided to sell the stock at the store on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Andrew Thomson is the assignee, and S. B. Arnold is the solicitor for the assignee.

W. H. Hipp, representing the Massillon Brick Co., called on Mayor McKeough to-day. Mr. Hipp understands his business and is conversant with pavement affairs in this city. It may be inferred from his remarks that vitrified brick will be cheaper next year and that he is looking for a slice of the pavement that will be laid in this city next year.

The cold snap has been responsible for a good ice forming on the waterworks basin. Preparations were being made to-day, by J. L. Scott, and if the weather holds out the work of cutting the ice on the basin will be commenced to-morrow. The ice on the river is also getting thick enough to cut and operations will be begun shortly, harvesting river ice. This year is a record breaker, and it is a long time since preparations for harvesting the ice crop has been started so early in the season.

PATTI IN DETROIT

A large number from this city visited Detroit yesterday and heard Patti singing in the Light Guard Armory. Her renditions left little doubt that Patti is in truth making her last farewell tour. Her initial number proved this and showed that her high notes have lost much of their sweetness. Her middle register, however, is clear and sweet yet. "Robin Adair," "Home, Sweet Home," and "Comin' thro' the Rye" were the solos where the great singer shone. She attempted but little of the classical now. Her age is the undoubted cause, but Patti has lost none of her charming stage presence. Her voice may not be what it was, but her personal attractions she still retains. All from Detroit were delighted, and paid a loving homage to the once great Queen of the Concert Stage. There were other numbers on the program, but interest in them was lost in the desire to hear Patti. She was no disappointment.

DISTINGUISHED GUEST

The Independent Foresters of the city will hold a large joint initiation and banquet in the I. O. F. auditorium to-night. Geo. Wanda, the local hustling District Supreme Chief Ringer, has been working hard to make this affair a success and his efforts have not been in vain. Dr. Oromhyatka, the Supreme Chief Ringer of the Order, will be present and deliver an address at the banquet.

Dr. Oromhyatka arrived in the city this morning and is registered at the Garner House. A delegation from the city, including Mayor McKeough, was present to welcome him into the city. High Chief Ringer Harrington, Matthew Wilson and Dr. T. K. Holmes were among the men who called on him this morning. Mr. Stephenson, one of the highest men in the order in the United States will arrive in the city this evening, and will speak at the banquet.

Dr. Oromhyatka will welcome the Foresters of the city in his rooms in the Garner House to-night between five and six o'clock. Three hundred candidates will be initiated to-night.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

The Central school kindergartens will celebrate their Christmas festival in the kindergarten room on Friday next.

Miss Green's pupils will entertain their friends at 10 a. m. and Miss McTaggart's little folks will assemble at 2.30 p. m.
The programs of morning and afternoon kindergartens will be almost entirely different. Parents and friends are cordially invited.

Minard's Liniment is used by Physicians.

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Our "Julietts," our Turkish and Felt Slippers, our Worsted Slippers; House Slippers of every size for **Children, Misses, and Ladies** at prices to suit the pocket book.
Repairing done at the store

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TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

The Presbyterian church at Fort Frances was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. R. S. Dunlop of Chatham dropped dead while walking to church.

Mr. Edwin Chow, father of Rev. E. A. Chow, Toronto, died at Kingston.

It is announced that rich gold fields have been discovered in the Congo State.

The Hamilton Brewing Association have purchased the Kuntz brewery for \$270,000.

Reports regarding the negotiations between Russia and Japan are more reassuring.

Mr. George D. Grant, M.P., was nominated by the North Ontario Liberals for a second term.

Correspondents of The London Times say that Russia fears an Armenian revolt in the Caucasus.

The Grand Lama of Tibet has returned, unopened, communications from Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India.

BLenheim

Dec. 15.—Ed. Massey, of Chatham, was a Blenheim visitor yesterday. "The Merchant of Venice" played to a fair sized house here last evening. This evening the new skating rink will be opened.

The Misses Turpholme are visiting friends in town.
Miss Edith Warner, who has been indisposed for some time, has resumed her duties at Geo. Boushall & Co's store.

To-morrow evening there will be an Assembly in the Opera House, which a large number of our young people purpose attending.
Geo. Merritt of Chatham, was in town yesterday on business.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Reported by F. B. Proctor, Broker, Northwood Block, Chatham, Dec. 15, 1908.

Wheat	open	high	low	close
Dec.	79 1/2	79 3/4	78	78 1/2
May	81 1/2	80	80 1/2	80 1/2
July	77	77	78 1/2	78 1/2
Corn				
Dec.	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
May	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
July	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
Oats				
Dec.	35	35	34 1/2	34 1/2
May	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
Pork				
Jan.	1137	1137	1130	1130
May	1177	1177	1130	1130
Lard				
Jan.	645	645	642	642
May	662	662	660	660
Ribs				
Jan.	610	610	607	610
May	630	630	625	627

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed, bulk or separate tenders will be received at the office of James Yates, Esq., secretary of the Building Commission, up till seven o'clock p. m. Wednesday, December 30th, 1908, for the several branches of work required in the erection and completion of a brick Methodist church to be erected at Goderich, County of Huron, Ont. Plans, specifications and details to be seen at the office of James Yates, Esq., Goderich, and at the offices of James L. Wilson & Son, architects, Chatham, Ont.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Materials for Goderich may be shipped by boat to Goderich.

REV. GEO. DANIELS, Chairman.
JAMES YATES, Esq., Secretary.
JAMES L. WILSON & SON, Architects,
Chatham, Ont.
Chatham, Dec. 12, 1908.

The pitcher that never goes to the well never brings any water; and it may fall off the shelf and be broken.

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Fire, Life, Accident, Plate Glass, Boiler and Marine Insurance.

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Have you heard McConnell, Park St. is selling off his whole stock of fine china, lamps, and glassware. Now is your chance to buy china and glassware for Christmas presents. We have some of the best. The cut in prices will astonish you. It must all go. Dinner, Tea and Chamber Sets will be sold at lower prices than ever before. Come, see the goods, the prices will sell them. I want to clear it all out before Jan. 1st. My store is not large enough to attend to crockery and grocery business properly, as the latter has increased rapidly. So that I shall give all my attention to the grocery and provision business in the future.

Thanking the people for their liberal patronage in the past and asking a continuance of the same, I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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Bound Poets and other Literary Works.
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DR. A. W. THORNTON
DENTIST,
has removed to his New Office,
Corner King and Fifth Streets,
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FRESH CREAMS, perfectly fresh.

MOLASSES TAFFY, the kind mother used to make.

Just in, NAVELE ORANGES.

TAFFY and CRISP, 10c per lb.

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Northwoods
Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc.

Up-to-date Millinery. **C. AUSTIN & CO.** Fashionable Dressmaking.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PERMEATES THIS STORE.

Walk almost when you will in this extensive store and you will find much to remind and suggest to you the giving of gifts. Hundreds of lines that are both seasonal and serviceable and many that are ornamental. If you don't know what you want, take a walk through this store and you will see much to help you to a decision. If you do know what you want, you will find, in most cases, we have it to sell and at prices that are a material saving for you.

Hints for the Gift Giver.

French Flannels for fancy waists, dressing gowns, kimono, etc., a very acceptable present. We have a very choice assortment of fancy patterns in light and dark colors, per yard 50c.

Tucked apron Lawns, 40 inches wide, several rows of tucking with valencienne and embroidery insertings, fine quality, 29c, 30c yd.

Applique Shams, Dresser Covers, Etc., all the latest novelties. New designs, at 40c, 50c, 75c to 1.50 each.

Extra Fine Flannelette Waists, single finish, in Pink, Blue, Green, Cardinal, Linen, Grey and Black ground with fancy Persian and floral designs, good washing colors, Special per yd 12 1/2c.

10 yards fancy wrapperette cloth, good width, choice patterns, big range of colorings, 85c.

A pair of 5 lb all pure wool White Blankets, soft finish, fancy Pink and Blue borders, sizes 60x80 in. special \$2.50 pair.

Fancy Damask Towels, knotted fringed ends, with Canary, Cardinal, Blue and Salmon color borders, large size, special, 25c each.

Choice Linen Side Board scarfs, hem-stitched ends with snow drop or carnation designs, 16x70 and 18x84 in. special 60c and 75c each.

Special Table Napkins, choice assorted patterns, 1 and 2 sizes, at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50 per dozen.

Half Bleached Table Damask, Choice Designs, Pure Irish Linen, good wearing quality, superior finish, 60, 62, 64 inches wide as 50c, 60c yd.

For Children's white aprons, new satin check muslin, good patterns, excellent quality. Per yd. 10c, 12 1/2c.

Choice flannelette waistings, American novelties, wide widths, handsome patterns, special 20c, 25c yd.

Special, plain, hemstitched or open work lunch cloths, pure linen, 30x30 inch size, plain or fancy damask, special each 60c, 85c and \$1.00.

CLOTHING DEPT.

Speaking of Overcoats

We believe that we have the best ten, twelve and fifteen dollar overcoats in the city right here, for you to come and look at. We sell them by the hundred every season and don't know what a complaint about one of them would sound like. Made of all-wool Oxford mixed chevots, lined with best quality black Italian, silk mohair sleeve linings, velvet collar, full of swing and style, broad shoulders, loose fitting, \$10, \$12 and \$15. Same way down the line from \$6 to \$10. EXAMPLES:—

At 7 1/2—Overcoats of Oxford-mixed all-wool chevots, well made and stylish, all sizes.

At \$10.—Overcoats, made from imported black beaver, in the always dress three quarter length coat, No. 1 linings, beautiful black, very special, \$10.00.

Men's Suits at \$10.00.

That means a saving of \$2 to \$5 on suits men would be glad to buy at their full prices, but then they would expect full size lines; these are broken, so we pay them for their trouble by saying **Ten Dollars a Suit**, of fancy worsteds, handsome new tweeds, dark and medium effects, all the new cut, what's left of some of our most popular styles of \$12 and \$15 suits.



Men's Fancy Vests

Some very handsome lines, made from imported fancy English Vestings, single and double breasted styles, dark grounds, with very pretty coloring combinations, sizes 38 to 44, prices range \$1.4, \$2.00 up to \$3.00.

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Reliable Clothiers.

A LARGE SHIPMENT OF OLIVES....

Direct from the packing house - came in a few days ago. You can depend on these being the very finest - they are high grade olives, carefully selected.

25c, 40c and 65c

MANZANILLA OLIVES, 1 lb. and 25c a bottle.
PURE OLIVE OIL, 25c, 30c and 50c a bottle.
SALAD DRESSING, 25c, 30c and 50c a bottle.
TOMATO CATSUP, 15c and 30c a bottle.
SHELLED ALMONDS, 40c a pound.
NEW SHELLED WALNUTS, 40c a pound.
FINEST NEW MUSHROOMS, 25c a can.
BAKER'S CHOCOLATE, 25c a cake.
BAKER'S COCOA, 25c a tin.
EXTRA FRENCH SARDINES, 15c a tin.
C. & B. PICKLES, 20c and 35c a tin.
PREPARED JELLY POWDERS, 3 packages for 25c.
KNOX GELATINE, 2 packages for 25c.

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Our Holiday Line is Here

In variety and novelty our present holiday stock cannot be surpassed. It is unusual too, in the matter of prices. Buying as big a line as we have gave us an advantage in getting bed-rock prices, and all of this advantage we pass on to you. We do this right in the start because

We must sell the goods

We cannot afford to carry such a stock over and so have put prices down to where they will compel buying. We have gifts for both old and young.

Perfumes.—The very latest designs in beautiful package, 25c to \$5.

Fine Toilet Articles.—We have added several new lines this year, in ebony, leather, celluloid, etc.

In these lines we have

Everything that is new,
Everything that is worth giving
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TO-NIGHT.

The Gibney Stock Co., Grand Opera House, at 8.15.
Chatham Lodge, No. 29, I. O. O. F., Oddfellows' Temple, at 8.
I. O. F. banquet, Auditorium, after regular meeting of lodge.

Local Briefs

Brisco's for toys, games, skates, etc.
Fred Phelps left yesterday morning for McGregor.
Frank Tachibana was in Detroit on business yesterday.
Father Babat, of Ridgetown, was in the city yesterday.
J. H. Doy, of Blenheim, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.
Dr. J. H. Ferguson, of London, was in the city yesterday.
F. M. Scarff, of Tilbury, was a visitor in the city yesterday.
William Weston, of Dresden, spent yesterday with his Chatham friends.
M. Phillips and A. Chubb, of Wallaceburg, were visitors in the city yesterday.
Misses Nellie Rhody and Del McLean went to Detroit yesterday to hear Patti King.
John Lee, M. P. P., of Highgate spent yesterday with his Chatham Chatham friends.
Mr. and Mrs. Fremont and Mrs. L. B. Little, of Detroit, were guests at the Garner yesterday.
The Gibney Stock Co. played one of the best shows of the season at the Grand Opera House last night. Down in Main is the bill for to-night.
Mr. Fred. Sax, of Raleigh, has lately purchased a handsome Dominion Piano Organ from the music rooms of J. H. Tyrrell.
Mrs. Gould and daughter Elda, Joseph street, have returned after spending Saturday and Sunday with friends in Wallaceburg.
Miss Maggie Rhody, a nurse in St. Mary's Hospital, Detroit, has returned home after visiting relatives in the Maple City.
Geo. Taylor, Duke street, who fell on the sidewalk some time ago, is improving nicely from the injuries sustained.
Geo. Lampan, of Kingsville, who has been attending the C. B. C., was called home, owing to the illness of his father.
Stephen Dennis, a well-known character around town, died yesterday morning. He was stricken with paralysis four years ago.
I will have some of those sterling silver match cases left for \$1.00, \$1.50 and as high as \$5.00. E. J. MacIntyre, leading jeweler and optician.
The parents and friends of Mr. Keough school are cordially invited to attend the Christmas closing given by the children of the kindergarten, at three o'clock, Thursday afternoon, the 17th inst.
Lost, on Saturday evening, between Gordon's store and Miles Hotel, a black chatelaine, containing a purse and a sum of money and some small papers. The finder will be suitably rewarded if left at the Gordon store.



BABY'S OWN SOAP
used by particular people both young and old. Keeps the skin soft, clear and white.
No other Soap is just as Good. See ALBERT TOILET SOAP CO., MRS. MONTREAL.

Walter C. Eaynham, and Frank O'Connor, of Ridgetown, are Chatham visitors to-day.
Miss Edna Dennis, Grant street, who has been confined to her home for the last few days, is much better and will be able to be out shortly.
Marly M. Maxwell, of Cleveland, is the proud father of a baby daughter that arrived on Sunday. Mr. Maxwell is a son-in-law of George Wadsworth, Lorne avenue.
Beef—Any part in the fore-quarter 8 cents per lb., sausage 3 lbs. for 25 cents, fresh or salt pork 10 cents lb. E. Purnam, Queen street.
R. V. Dr. Griffin has been the guest of Dr. Geo. T. McKeeough during his stay in the city in connection with the opening of Park street Methodist church.
New York soldiers' diamonds and rings from \$7.00 as high as you wish to go, also a fine line of jewelry and five o'clock diamonds and other stones from \$10.00 to \$100.00, and more expensive if you wish them. E. J. MacIntyre's, leading jeweler and optician.
"There has been a horse in the field near the lighthouse at the mouth of the river for some months past," P. C. Jim Dodson told a Planet reporter this morning, "and all the poor animal has to live on is the dry stubble. It has no shelter whatsoever and is in a wretched state. Something should be done by the proper authorities."

The funeral of the late William Wason will take place from his residence, Taylor Ave., to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock to the Salvation Army barracks. The body will remain there until two o'clock in the afternoon when the funeral service will be commenced. The funeral will leave the barracks at three o'clock, and will proceed to the Maple Leaf Cemetery.

Charles R. Simmons, who for 30 years conducted a machinists' business in Chatham, arrived in the city yesterday from Spokane, where he moved some time ago, and will spend Christmas with his friends and relatives in the Maple City. Mr. Simmons speaks very highly of Spokane. He likes the country very much, but still has a warm spot in his heart for Chatham. The weather was very cold when he was coming from St. Paul to Chatham. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kenny, St. George street.

EARLY OPENING

"I have often thought of one thing the newspapers should advocate," said Judge Houston to The Planet this morning, "and that is the early commencement of public entertainment. You often see an entertainment advertised for a certain hour, say half-past eight, and in Chatham, it is invariably half-past eight before the performance begins."

"The people have become accustomed to this, and now when they see eight o'clock, sharp, they always think of half-past eight. This is not right, because it is a fraud on the people who go on time. It would be a good thing in the matter of entertainments to commence the first number at the stated time, close the doors and let the late comers wait outside. You will notice the people come to the Police Court on time," concluded the genial judge, "for the simple reason that it is run by strict rules. Why can't this rule be enforced in the matter of other entertainments?"

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BERLIN'S NEW CHURCH.

Mrs. Sbarretti Attends the Dedication.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—The opening and dedication of the new and magnificent St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church took place amid unusual pomp and splendor. Never in the history of Berlin has there been a church opening which attracted larger crowds and keener interest than on this occasion. The fact that his Excellency Monsignor Sbarretti, the Papal delegate to Canada, attended and participated in the services, added more interest to the event. Besides this distinguished visitor, Right Rev. Thomas J. Dowling, Bishop of Hamilton; Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor, Bishop of Peterboro', and Right Rev. Bishop, McEvoy of London assisted in the impressive ceremonies. A large number of priests from the United States and various parts of Canada and former students of St. Jerome College were also in attendance. The members of the Catholic Order of Foresters, the St. Boniface Society and the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association met at their halls and at 9 o'clock marched to the church, where they formed a guard of honor from the presbytery to the church for the procession of priests in their Pontifical robes.

The first of the church was turned in the spring of 1899, and the cornerstone was laid on Sunday, Sept. 30th, 1900. It is built of red pressed brick and its dimensions are 120 by 64. The tower, which will be built in a year or two, will be over 200 feet high. It is constructed in the shape of a cross. The walls and ceilings are of pure white and the woodwork is in light colors. The seats and windows are finished in oak. The altars and confessionals are handsome and the stained glass windows magnificent. The edifice is illuminated by over 85,000 incandescent bulbs. It cost over \$85,000, and the entire sum has been raised to pay for the magnificent edifice, which is a credit to the congregation and a pride to Berlin.

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We have already gotten our boxes out and they are being filled with fine assortment of candies for Christmas Gifts. We sell

Boxes of Sweetness

from 15c to \$2 per pound. A box of Algetta Assorted Chocolates would be a nice gift. Then we have the regular Christmas candies from 10c to 40c per pound, and all the usual candies are here. We'll mix them to suit.

Willard McKay,

Garner House Block.

and Cor Richmond & Queen

Leggings.

CHILDREN'S HIGH BUTTONED above the knee, Jersey leggings (sizes 6 to 10) 50c

MISSIES' HIGH BUTTONED above the knee, Jersey leggings (sizes 11 to 2) 65c

LADIES' HIGH BUTTONED above the knee, Jersey leggings, (sizes 3 to 7) 85c

These are new goods in this week, and at about ONE-HALF THE USUAL PRICES.

Rubbers Cheapest in Chatham.

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WITH CHRISTMAS GREETING

THE GORDON STORE presents a price list of some sensible and suitable articles for you to select from before hand, which may save you time and money when you come to buy your Christmas presents; mark what you intend to buy and cut this list out as a guide. Read carefully, don't skip a line.

Handkerchiefs.

in great variety lace, embroidered, hemstitched, colored bordered and mourning handkerchiefs from 1c to \$2

Silk Handkerchiefs

For men and women, plain and fancy hemstitched, initialed, etc., from 19c to 75c

Initialed Handkerchiefs

A Ladies' special, all linen, 10c
A Man's " 19c to 25c

Silk Ties

For ladies in a great variety of new styles and materials from 15c to \$1

Collars and Stocks

For Ladies, all the new shing, lace and embroidered Collars and Collar Points, ranging in price each from 10c to \$1

Large Collars

Lace, Silk, Battenburg and net, tasty and fashionable, from 25c to \$2

Ladies' Garters, plain and all styles, per pair 10c to 50c.

Babies'

Mittens and Booties from 10c to 25c.
Bibs in variety from 5c to 25c

Ribbons,

Baby and Hair Ribbons from 1c to 10c
Fine line of wide 18c and 25c goods at half-price.

Hose,

Babies' fancy Cashmere Hose, all colors, 25c
Girls' Cashmere Hose, ribbed and plain from 20c
Women's fleeced and heavy wool hose from 12c
Heavy Cashmere and worsted Ribbed Hose, from 25c to 75c
Women's Silk Hose, White, Pink, Blue and Black, \$1

Belts,

For Ladies, Black and White, from 25c to 1.60
Belt Buckles, 15c to 50c; Sets 38c to 50c.

Pocket Books,

10c to \$1.50
Wrist Bags in variety, 25c to \$1.65

FURS.

Ladies' new Seal Jackets from \$25 to \$64
Astrachan and Bocharan Coats from \$14 to \$50
Persian Lamb Jackets, choice \$50 to \$150.
Grey Lamb Coats, a special, \$35
Muffs \$2.50 to \$30; Ruffs \$2.50 to \$50
Capelines \$1 to \$30; Gauntlets 40c to \$5; Men's Fur Lined Coats and Fur Caps; Children's Furs.

Coats

Ladies' Kersey Cloth, satin lined \$18 garment for \$10
Fawn Kersey Coats, velvet collar, lined and stitched, \$8.50 for \$5
Ladies' Becuna Cloth, latest sleeve, up-to-date every way, \$7.30
Misses' New Blue Coronation Cloth Coats, stylish \$5
Girls' Santa Claus Coat, fancy collar and metallic buttons, lined, \$3.45

Combs,

Circular Combs from 10c to 40c
Back Combs 10c to 25c
Side Combs 10c to 40c

Ladies' Perfumery and Witch Hazel, per bottle, 15c to 75c

Notions.

Blouse Sets, Fans, Hair Retainers, Hat Pins, Scarf Pins, Sleeve Holders, etc.

Gloves and Mitts.

Women's and Children's Ringwood Scotch Gloves, 15c to 75c
Heavy Black Knit Silk Mitts and Black and White heavy knit Silk Gloves at 1.75
Black Wool Mitts for Women and Children, 18c to 25c
Kid Gloves—Gordon's Joan, a variety of styles for \$1, and Black and Colored Suede, \$1.50
Children's Kids 75c
Mocha Kid \$1 and \$1.50
Lined Kid Gloves \$1, etc
Mocha Mitts—Lined, Brown and Grey, \$1
Black Mocha \$1.30
Children's Mocha and Kid Mitts, 30c to \$1

Mens' Kids,

Lined 50c to \$1.50; Mocha Lined 75c to \$2; Scotch Gloves 50c to 75c
Boys' Mocha and Kid Gloves 50c and 75c; Gents' Dress Kid Gloves 50c to \$1.00

Skirts

Of Black Taffeta Silk, latest fashion, from \$18 to \$25
Grey, Black, Navy \$2.50 skirts, stitched, bonaced \$1.72
All wool Ladies' Cloth, 7 rows satin plating, black, navy, \$3.50
Heavy Grey or Black Frieze, nicely made \$2.45

Petticoats

Black and Colored Silk Petticoats from \$6.98 to \$12
Black Mercerized Petticoats from 75c to \$3

Golf Jackets

And GOLF VESTS combine comfort and style, \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2
Rider Down Dressing Jackets \$1 to \$1.60
Wrappette Dressing Jackets, 60c to 65c

Silk Waists

Black and Colored Silk Shirt Waists from \$3 to \$8.50
A special cut for Christmas—\$6.45
Waist for \$4.50
Fascinators, Umbrella Shawls, Opera Scarfs, etc

Dress Goods

Fine imported Dress Patterns at Half Price, for holiday gifts—\$3, \$5, \$8, \$10 each
\$4 in. wide Grey, black, Navy Cloth for children only, 25c yd
New Christmas Dress Waists, all wool, choice, 35c yd.

Linens

Fringed and open work Doilies from 5c to 10c
Tray Cloths from 15c to \$1
Lunch Cloths 50c to 25c
Tambour Pillow Shams, Stand Covers, Drapes, etc., all prices.
Table Napkins, per doz, from 50c to \$6
White Damask Table Cloths \$1, \$1.50, \$3, \$3.50, 4 to \$10
Bath Towels, white and colored, Bath Mats, etc, from 12 1/2c to 75c
Hand Towels from 5c to 50c
Hemstitched Towels, 20c to 25c
Sheets, ready to use, from 65c to 90c.
Pillow Slips, 15c, 18c and 20c

Men's Wear

Braces from 20c to \$1.
Boys' from 15c to 25c
Socks, Black Cashmere, silk toes and heels, 25c
Heather Dye Scotch Yarn Socks, from 25c to 50c
Flowing Huds 25c; Puff Ties and Derby Ties, 25c.
Neck Scarves and Squares 25c to \$1
Special Underwear Bargains—Boys' Sweaters from 50c to \$1.35
Fathers' Sox and Mitts for men and boys, 25 to 30c

Christmas Millinery

Black Velvet Plumed Christmas Hats \$5; Elderly Ladies' Christmas Bonnets; Children's Christmas Headwear.

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Miss Nettie Blackmore, Minneapolis, tells how any young woman may be permanently cured of monthly pains by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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BIRDS IN THE ARCTIC.

The Spring Rush That Breaks the Monotony of the Year—Fox is Very Nearly Their Only Food.

The one great break in the monotony of the whole year along the Arctic coast is the coming of the birds in the spring. The nature of it is almost violent. The last of May they begin to arrive. The notes of the first few comers are musical and buoyant with a feeling of messages from home and friends. But the stream of birds rapidly grows, and the few first joyous notes merge into a ceaseless, hideous, distracting din that robs one of his rest and for a few days becomes unbearable. Swans, cranes, geese, brant, ducks, gulls and terns swoop down upon the coast by thousands. The old birds are delighted at the sight of the old family nesting ground and the young ones at reaching once more their birthplace, and the thousands of them are all talking and screaming at the same time. The contrast of the now endless days of sunshine and abundant and animated life with that of the still Arctic night is very great.

In a few days, however, each happy family has settled down in its own little home, and quietude reigns supreme through the short summer, and then again sets in the long solitudinous night.

Many interesting things may be learned of the birds that annually visit the Arctic coast for the purpose of bringing up their families—of their intelligence displayed by them in many ways. They have not the same ideas there they have farther south. The fox is very nearly their only foe, and they find so many ways of avoiding it that it would surely go very hungry were it dependent on birds for food. Little islands in lakes and streams that are free from foxes become great nesting places, and the birds swarm to them until on many of them every available space suitable for nesting is pre-empted. From "Camp Life in Arctic America," by Andrew J. Stone, in Scribner's.

NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR.

Sir Henry Mortimer Durand is an Experienced Diplomatist.

Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, who has been appointed British Ambassador to the United States to succeed Sir Michael Herbert, has had a long experience in the diplomatic service of his country. He was Ambassador to Spain when given his new post.

It is said that the appointment of Sir Mortimer, as he is called, having dropped the Henry, created somewhat of a surprise in diplomatic circles, as he is not considered a Foreign Office man. Sir Mortimer was a protégé of the late Lord Salisbury and was imported into the diplomatic corps from the India civil service.



SIR HENRY MORTIMER DURAND.

vice, where he attained high position. Sir Mortimer was Minister to Persia before he was appointed to his present post at Madrid and in St. Petersburg was considered the most astute diplomat Great Britain ever sent to Persia.

Sir Mortimer is an expert shot and had many adventures with big game while hunting in India, where he was closely connected with Lord Roberts, serving as his political secretary during the famous Kabul campaign in 1879.

Sir Mortimer was born in India in 1850 and is a son of the late Major General Sir Henry Durand. During the Burmese war of 1886 he accompanied Lord Dufferin to Mandalay and conducted the Tibet frontier negotiations two years later. Aside from his reputation as a diplomatist Sir Mortimer has been successful as a writer. His novel, "Helen Trevelyan," written under the nom de plume of John Roy in 1896, met with considerable success. He has also written a memoir of his father and a work on the Afghan war.

The Transparent Man
A strange human freak has just died at Toplitz, Bohemia, in the person of "Count" Orloff. This individual, who was known as "the transparent man," and was exhibited all over Europe, was almost entirely fleshless, his frame being but skin and bone, and his bones possessed such a peculiar quality of transparency that one could read the dial of a watch through his leg. Needless to say, Orloff was a considerable puzzle to the medical fraternity when in the flesh, a term of strictly figurative application in his case.

Elm Leaves.
The leaves of an elm tree, averaging 7,000,000 to a full grown tree, will transpire water to the amount of seven tons during the normal summer day. Were it not for the ingathering of the stomata during the night a few elms would soon draw off all the water from a district. As it is every market grower knows what elms are like near fruit or market gardens.

ABNER DANIEL

By WILL N. HARBEN

Author of "Westerfield"

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Pole Baker left the office with long, swinging strides. There was an entrance to the Johnston House through a long corridor opening on the street, and into this Pole slouched. The hotel office was empty save for the clerk, who stood behind the counter looking over the letters in the pigeonhole key rack on the wall. There was a big gong overhead which was rung by pulling a cord. It was used for announcing meals and calling the porter. A big china bowl on the counter was filled with wooden toothpicks, and there was a showcase containing cigars. Pole glanced about cautiously without being noticed by the clerk and then withdrew into the corridor, where he stood for several minutes listening. Presently the dining room door opened, and Wilson strolled out and walked up to the counter.

"What sort of cigars have you got?" he said to the clerk.

"Nothing better than 10—three for a quarter," was the respectful reply as the clerk recognized the man who had asked for the best room in the house.

Wilson thrust his fingers into his vest pocket and drew out a cigar. "I guess I can make what I have last me," he said, transferring his glance to Pole Baker, who had slouched across the room and leaned heavily over the open register. "Want to buy any chickens—fine fryin' size?" he asked the clerk.

"Well, we are in the market," was the answer. "Where are they?" said Pole dryly. "I never do till I know what they are a-bringin'." You'd better make a bid on a dozen of 'em anyway. They are the finest ever raised on Upper Holly creek, just this side of whar old man Bishop's lumber paradise begins."

Pole was looking out of the corner of his eye at the stranger and saw his hand, which was in the act of striking a match, suddenly stay itself.

"We don't bid on produce till we see it," said the clerk.

"Well, I reckon no harm was done by my axin'," said Pole, who felt the eyes of the stranger on him.

"Do you live near here?" asked Wilson, with a smile half of apology at addressing a stranger, even of Pole's humble stamp.

"No," Pole laughed and waved his hand toward the mountains in the west, which were plainly discernible in the clear morning light. "No, I'm a mountain shagbail. I reckon it's fifteen mile on a bee line to my shack."

"Did you say you lived near old Mr. Bishop's place?" asked Wilson, moving toward the open door which led to the veranda.

"I don't know which place o' his'n you mean," said Pole when they were alone outside and Wilson had lighted his cigar. "That old scamp owns the whole o' creation out our way. Well, I'll take that back, for he don't own any land that isn't loaded down with trees, but he's got territory enough. Some thinks he's goin' to succeed from the 'United States' an' elect himself president of his own country."

Wilson laughed, and then he said: "Have you got a few minutes to spare?"

"I reckon I have," said Pole, "ef you've got the mate to that cigar."

Wilson laughed again as he fished the desired article from his pocket and gave it a match to Pole. Then he leaned against the heavy railing of the banisters. "I may as well tell you, he said, "I'm a dealer in lumber myself, and I'd like to know what kind of timber you have out there."

Pole pulled at the cigar, thrust it well into the corner of his mouth, and the fire end smoking very near his left

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eye, and looked thoughtful. "To tell you the truth, my friend," he said, "I rally believe you'd be wastin' time to go over that."

"Oh, you think so?" It was a vocal start on the part of Wilson.

"Yes, sir; the truth is old man Bishop has simply raked into his dern clutch ever' acre o' fine timber out that away. Now, ef you went east, over t'other side o' the mountains, you mought pick out some good timber; but, as I said, old man Bishop's got it all in a bag out our way. Sawmill?"

"No, I don't run a sawmill," said Wilson, with an aversive sparkle in his eye. "I sometimes buy timbered lands for a speculation; that's all."

Pole laughed. "I didn't see how you could be a sawmill man an' smoke cigars like this an' wear them clothes. I never knowed a sawmill man to make any money."

"I suppose this Mr. Bishop is buying to sell again," said Wilson tentatively. "People generally have some such idea when they put money into such property."

Pole looked wise and thoughtful. "I don't know whether he is or not," he said, "but my opinion is that he'll hold on to it till he's in the ground. He evidently thinks a good time's a-comin'. That was a feller out thar t'other day with money to throw at cats. He been tryin' to honeyfudge the old man into a trade, but I don't think he made a deal with 'im."

"Where was the man from?" Wilson spoke uneasily.

"I don't rally know, but he ain't a-go'n' to give up. He told Neil Filler at his store that he was goin' home to see his company an' write the old man a proposition that ud fetch 'im ef thar was any trade in 'im."

Wilson pulled out his watch. "Do you happen to know where Mr. Rayburn Miller's law office is?" he asked.

"Yes; it's right round the corner. I know whar all the white men in this town do business, an' he's as white as they make 'em an' as straight as a shingle."

"He's an acquaintance of mine," said Wilson. "I thought I'd run in and see him before I leave."

"It's right round the corner an' down the fust side street toward the courthouse. I ain't got nothin' to do; I'll p'int it out."

"Thank you," said Wilson, and they went out of the house and down the street together, Pole puffing vigorously at his cigar in the brisk breeze.

"Thar you are," said Pole, pointing to Miller's sign. "Good day, sir; much obliged fer this smoke," and with his head in the air Pole walked past the office without looking in.

"Good morning," exclaimed Miller as Wilson entered. "You are not an early riser—like we are here in the country."

He introduced Wilson all round and then gave him a chair near his desk and facing him rather than the others.

"This is the gentleman who owns the property, I believe," said Wilson suavely as he indicated Bishop.

Miller nodded, and a look of cunning dawned in his clear eye.

"Yes, I have just been explaining to Mr. and Mrs. Bishop that the mere signing of a paper such as will be necessary to secure the loan will not bind them at all in the handling of their property. You know how cautious older people are nowadays in regard to legal matters. Now, Alan here, their son, understands the matter thoroughly, and his mind is not at all disturbed."

Wilson felt into the preliminary trap. "Oh, no; it's not a binding thing at all," he said. "The payment of the money back to us releases you—that is, of course," Wilson recovered himself, "if we make the loan."

Several hearts in the room sank, but Miller's face did not alter in the slightest. "Oh, of course, if the loan is made," he said.

Wilson put his silk hat on the top of Miller's desk and flicked the ashes from his cigar into a cuspidor. Then he looked at Mrs. Bishop suddenly—

"Does the lady object to smoking?"

"Not at all," said the old lady; "not at all."

There was a pause as Wilson re-lighted his cigar and pulled at it in silence. A step sounded on the sidewalk and Thorne put his head in at the door. Miller could have sworn at him, but he smiled. "Good morning, squire," he said.

"I see you are busy," said the intruder hastily.

"Just a little, squire. I'll see you in a few minutes."

"Oh, all right." The old lawyer moved on down the sidewalk, his hands in his pockets.

Miller brought up the subject again with easy adroitness. "I mentioned your proposition to my clients—the

proposition that they allow you the refusal of the land at one hundred thousand, and they have finally come round to it. As I told them, they could not possibly market a thing like that as easily and for as good a price as a company regularly in the business. I may have been wrong in giving such advice, but it was the way I felt about it."

Without realizing it, Wilson tripped in another hole dug by Miller's inventive mind.

"They couldn't do half as well with it," the Boston man said. "In fact, no one could, as I told you, pay as much for the property as we can, considering the railroad we have to move somewhere and our gigantic facilities for handling lumber in America and abroad. Still I think, and our directors think, a hundred thousand is a big price."

Miller laughed as if amused. "That's five dollars an acre, you know, but I'm not here to boom Mr. Bishop's timber land. In fact, all this has grown out of my going down to Atlanta to borrow twenty-five thousand dollars on the property. I think I would have saved time if I hadn't run on you down there, Mr. Wilson."

Ah I surprise you,

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Wilson frowned and looked at his cigar.

"We are willing," said he, "to make the loan at 5 per cent per annum on two conditions."

"Well, out with them," laughed Miller. "What are they?"

"First," said Wilson slowly and methodically, "we want the refusal of the property at that figure—"

"he asked, almost in a tone of contempt. Wilson hung fire, his brow wrinkled thoughtfully.

"Till it is decided positively," he got out finally, "whether we can get a charter and a right of way to the property."

"That's entirely too indefinite to suit my clients," said the lawyer. "Do you suppose, Mr. Wilson, that they want to hang their property up on a hook like that? Why, if you didn't attend to pushing your road through—well, they would simply be in your hands, the Lord only knows how long."

"But we intend to do all we can to shove it through," said Wilson, with a flush.

"You know that is not a businesslike proposition, Mr. Wilson," said Miller, with a bland smile. "Why, it amounts to an option without any limit at all."

To Be Continued.

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