



A Merry Christmas For You

We want every one of our friends and patrons to accept our

"Merry Christmas"

as a personal one. We wish it were possible for us to take everyone by the hand and extend the compliments of the season. We can't do this, but we have

A Hearty Christmas Greeting For All

Our store will be closed on Christmas Day,---business will give way to good cheer.

Union Clothing Company

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ST. JOHN, N. B.

ALEX. CORBET, Manager

ATTEND THIS CHRISTMAS SALE

A Dollar acquires Double Purchasing Power That Enters Here

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JAS. A. TUFTS & SON, Germain and Church Streets.

KEITH'S THEATRE First Performance Will Be Given This Evening

Weddings James Craigie and Miss Carrie W. Brown were married at the residence of Rev. J. C. B. Appel last Tuesday evening, Dec. 18. The happy couple will reside at 51 Harrison street.

TIMES DAILY PUZZLE PICTURE



December 24, 1886--Sixteen years ago today Joseph Donaghy, of Newbury, N. Y., won the international amateur skating championship in England. Find a loser. ANSWER TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE. Left side down, behind Lafayette.

AWFUL WRECK ON "500" LINE

Ten Dead, Six More Will Die and Twenty-five Are Injured

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 23--Ten persons are known to be dead, six others are fatally injured, and at least 20 others were hurt in the wreck today of an eastbound accommodation train on the Minneapolis and St. Paul and South St. Marie railroad at Enderling (N. D.). The train from Moorhead, Canada, is due at Enderling at 11:45 p. m., but last night was about two hours late. The engine was running at high speed in an endeavor to make up lost time. As he swung around a curve just before entering the yards at Enderling, a switch engine was shifting a string of box cars to a side track. The cars did not clear the main line and the passenger train collided head-on with the switch engine. Both engines were wrecked and the passenger cars were thrown in confusion down a small embankment at the side of the track. Several of the day coaches were turned bottomside up and the passengers pinned beneath the wreckage, which took fire from the stove.

C. L. Drury is here from Toronto to spend Christmas.

Daily Fashion Hint for Times Readers.



HOUSE DRESS OR WRAPPER. This plate shows a beautiful gown of violet cashmere, trimmed with bands of lace just above the neck and about the collar. The lace on the collar was further ornamented by little scrolls of very narrow gathered silk ribbon. The little pointed yoke had this ribbon embroidery about the top of the collar and there was a little row of violet silk slipped through the lace at the base of the collar.



QUAINT EFFORTS ARE HIGHLY MODISH. Charming to a degree are the quaint effects that have been prepared for wear by the younger generation this winter. Everything possible is done by the designers to keep the little garments, and all their accessories, as far as possible from displaying any hint or tendency to grown-upness--to coin a word for the occasion--in their lines or effect. The dear old-fashioned-looking bonnet in the picture is made from one of those big and floppy French flat shapes, the broad brim wired to hold the bonnet in shape, and the crown setting comfortably to the shape of the head. Quaint and old-fashioned, richly decorated the undergarments and little pink moss crepe and tucks in against the face tucks. Big bows of white satin ribbon, dotted with clusters of roses, trim the upper part, and the same ribbon furnishes the quaint strings that are tied demurely beneath the little maid's chin. The coat is made of a deep shade of rose-red broadcloth, piped with velvet of a deeper shade. Something of the Russian blouse model is followed, a kind of surplus design appearing in the arrangement of the fronts, and the chemise that fills in the open spaces being of white cloth embroidered in the center. The sleeve is large and loose, the turn-over cuff piped with velvet to accord with the coat. A black patent-leather belt is loosely passed around the hips, holding the simply smart little garment a trifle closer to the figure.

THE COUNTERSTROKE By AMBROSE PRATT Author of "Vigors Daunt, Billionaire."

(Continued.) Madame Katherine was superbly dressed in a low cut gown of heliotrope satin, covered with rich Maltese lace; Desire, as usual, appeared in boy's clothes, but this time he had discarded his usually magnificent apparel, and was clothed from head to heel in deep black, even his collar, silk shirt and ruffles being of that sombre color. The old man's face, however, was at odds with his mourning costume, for his expression was excited and triumphant, and his first act on seeing himself was to fill his glass and those of his guests with sparkling burgundy. Then, raising his flag, he thus addressed them: "I wish you to join me in drinking the health of His Majesty Umberto I. of Italy, and to wish him prosperity and bon voyage in the new career in which he has this afternoon embarked."

Madame Katherine made a peculiar gesture with her eyebrows, and she drank to the toast, and Madame and Desire each sipped their wine. "It is over," asked Madame, as she put down her glass. "It is," replied the Count, his eyes beaming; "Umberto was shot this afternoon at Monza, shot dead!" "Francine experienced a thrill of horror, and stared at the man with a sudden presentment of what was to come. "You--you had no hand in this death," she gasped out. "I gave a low chuckle of appreciation. "No hand, my dear young lady--no, not I. I am not a vulgar assassin, I merely arranged the matter. I decreed--my servants carried out the work!" "Then you are the actual murderer!" she gasped at him, her eyes dilated with terror, her bosom heaving, her cheeks ashen white. "The Count d'Atalla was plainly flattered by the attention she had created, and glanced out in extravagant delight, and glanced about the table with the air of a man who had abundant cause for self-gratulation. "I am not of those who are frightened of the world," he answered, still smiling, "nor do I seek to escape, in my home circle, at all events, the consequences of my acts. Katherine views the world much in the same fashion as myself, and is used to the traffic of death, for I have trained her. But Desire is still child enough to feel frightened. Ha! ha! ha! look at the child. Desire, my dear, you appear to be quite out of love with your poor old grandfather; you stare at me with your heart in your eyes, and your heart is cold with dismay and detestation. Ha! ha! Why even you, Miss Elliott, I dare swear stand this moment slightly in awe of me. But what need is there for emotion after all? A king is a man, and just as liable to death as the poorest cottager. He has lungs, stomach and heart like yours and mine. It is only a question of reaching him, and then sufficiently disturbing one or other of those organs, and poof! Death carries him off as easily as the air-oco a fluffy blossom on its bosom. You perceive then that not so very much credit is due to me. I plot and plan, but my real friend is Death. Death! who lurks an unseen phantom in the sunlight and the shade, who omnipresent, universal and almost omnipotent, and sheds my counsels, ever ready to extend his grisly hand, and recognizing me as a friend of his heart, preserves me alone that I may continue his ally in the campaign he wages with the world. I vow to you, Miss Elliott, that with every death which I accomplish I grow young again, and take a new lease of life."

obliged to give them a victim. It is true that in the first instance my predecessor in office and I myself instilled this idea into their dull minds. Well, I suffer now in consequence, for my ingenuity is put constantly on strain to keep them satisfied. "Francine remembered at that moment the ambition and hopes of her lover, and she was curious. "Supposing," she hesitated, "supposing you were killed, would Nihilism then die out?" He shook his head. "My people would be driven to me, there exists a man who is most anxious to step into my shoes." "Jibloff," said Madame. "Jibloff," said Madame. "The Count nodded. "Yes, Jibloff, Ah, ha! he would suit them too, for he is a nihilist more than I. He would arrange for wholesale executions." "But," said Francine, "what if he too were killed?" "The Count sipped his wine and looked at her steadily. "In that case, my dear young lady, Nihilism as an institution, a settled organization, would revert to the position from which it was rescued by Baron Katusoff, the noble Pole, my predecessor and teacher, some hundred and three years ago, about the time that I was born." "Francine dissembled the eagerness which instantly possessed her, and observed as tranquilly as she could: "I suppose it was not a very perfect system then?" "Parsons, parsons, Miss Elliott, a nihilist of nihilists! Lodges there were certainly, but their members had no esprit de corps, no cohesion, no organization. There was no recognized chief, no settled principle of action or leadership, very little secrecy. In fact, they were not dangerous, merely a collection of discontented heads, whose movements were easily apprehended, and whose motives were readily frustrated. Alas! the world has no idea of the debt it owes to Katusoff and me!" "Jibloff should be here soon," observed Madame. "He will not arrive until tomorrow, or I am much mistaken," said the Count; "his yacht was only seen off Napoit this morning." "Do you think he will bring the treasure?" "Why else should he come? Depend upon it, he has the key to it with him all along. In any case not a step shall I move without it, and he understands that

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A Merry Christmas To All

CHRISTMAS. Mankind is less concerned than of old regarding what may be termed the theological aspect of Christmas, but more conscious of its ethical significance. Time and the influence of the life and character of Him whose birth is commemorated have softened hearts and given rise to new conceptions. The world is coming to a belief in a God who is at least as good as Santa Claus.

MAYORS WILL GATHER HERE

Meeting to Form Union of Provincial Municipalities will be Held Here in January. In accordance with a recent resolution of the common council, the mayor last week issued a request to the mayors of cities and towns in New Brunswick and the warden of counties to appoint representatives to meet in St. John to form a union of provincial municipalities.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary Burns. A sudden death occurred early Sunday morning when Mrs. Mary Burns, widow of John Burns, passed away at the home of Mrs. Mary Donahue, 33 Johnston street. Mrs. Burns was out Saturday, and late that evening complained of not feeling well. She retired, and about 4 o'clock in the morning a friend entered her room to give her some medicine. She apparently was not seriously ill, but an hour later she had passed away.

Thomas Lawson

Thomas Lawson, ex-M.P.P., of Andover, Victoria county, died suddenly on Friday. He had been from his work only one day, and was not considered seriously ill, but his wife, on entering his room to enquire as to his condition found him unconscious. Dr. Walling was summoned but before he arrived, Mr. Lawson had expired.

OUR XMAS PRESENT TO YOU.

A PAIR OF HIGH GRADE SCISSORS with cash sales of \$3.00 or more. Or A 50 CENT POCKET KNIFE with cash sales of \$5.00 or more. Ours are the LOWEST PRICES in town. Bargains in Shoes and Clothing.

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The many pretty Christmas novelties and great variety of useful goods at low prices, bring the people.

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The assortment includes all the New Artistic Calendars - The Christy, Old Home Scenes, St. John Souvenir Calendar.

THE GREATEST BARGAINS, FOR A SHORT TIME.

A number of Exhibition Carriages and Toboggan Pungs for sale at reduced prices. A. G. EDGECOMBE, 115-129 City Road, Tel. No. 547.

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CHRISTMAS

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight! Christmas in lands of the palm-tree and pine, Christmas in lands of the poplar-tree and vine, Christmas where snow-peaks stand solemn and white, Christmas where cornucopias are many and bright.

For the Christ-child who comes to the Master of all: No peace too great and no cottage too small. The angels who welcome Him sing from the heights. In the "City of David," a king in His night. Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight.

IN LIGHTER VEIN THOROUGH BUT NOT PEDANTIC (Overboard at the Louvre.) American, Tourist (stupidly) - Say, guide, haven't we seen this room before? Guide - Oh, no, Monsieur. Tourist - Well, see here. We want to see everything, but we don't want to see anything twice.

Certain phases of the recent religious discussion in this country recall the story of the ritualistic rector who was reprimanded by Bishop Magee for certain extravagant utterances in conducting the service of his church.

"Doctor," said a shrewd-looking man, "how many feet of gas does it take to kill a man?" "That's rather a queer question," replied the doctor. "Why do you wish to know?"

"The composer Rossini was a great caricaturist. One day into a restaurant and ordered a dinner. After a while the waiter said: "The dinner is on the fire sir; when the people come, it is ready."

AUSTRIANS AND DOUKHOBORS

WINNIPEG, Dec. 22 - J. Wesley Speer, colonization agent of the department of the interior, was in the city yesterday, for a few hours, after making a visit to the Austrian and other colonies established in the west.

"I visited two of the most interesting colonies in the west," he said. "The colonies referred to are close to the Saskatchewan river and are made up, in the one colony wholly of Austrians, and the other wholly of Doukhobors. The large Austrian colony was established in the year 1898. In that year we put a thousand people on the lands situated on the east side of the South Saskatchewan, about fifty miles to the south of Prince Albert. The people were very poor in the beginning, and were glad to obtain work on the railway lines and among the farmers in surrounding districts.

Many of the men have bought additional land in the last few years, and are preparing to carry on operations on a large scale in the years to come.

One of the Austrian settlements, on the west side of the North Saskatchewan, is the western settlement of the Doukhobors. About one-half of the Doukhobors in this colony are communicants, and one-half are individualists.

A. R. Wetmore, government engineer, of Fredericton, was at the Dufferin Saturday.

Dolls, Toys and Fancy Goods.

Best assortment in St. John. Best lines going fast. Don't fail to get our prices before buying. Store open every evening until Christmas.

ARNOLD'S DEPARTMENT STORE

THE IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS should serve a double purpose. They should supply something really needed in the home, as well as procure a happy surprise for the relative or friend to whom the gifts are made. A few suggestions: A Morris chair, a fancy rocker, a music parlor tables, hall mirrors, hall trees, cabinet, a parlor cabinet, a dressing table, a chiffonier, a writing desk. Ladies' secretaries, ladies' fancy rockers, iron and brass beds, etc. Children's high chairs and rockers, toy sets, sleds, frames, sleighs, rocking chairs, sideboards, dining chairs, houses, etc.

AMLAND BROS., Ltd., Furniture and Carpet Dealers

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OATS! USEFUL GIFTS

Two Cars of Ontario White Oats Landing Today. N. S. SPRINGER, 12-13 MILL STREET, Wholesale Groceries and Grain, Telephone 182.

Wood's Phosphatine

Wood's Phosphatine, The Great English Remedy, Tones and invigorates the whole nervous system, makes new blood in old veins. Cures Nervous Debility, Mental and Physical Exhaustion, Sexual Weakness, Emission, etc. Price \$1 per box, six for \$5. One will please, six will cure. Sold by all druggists or mailed in plain package on receipt of price. New pamphlet mailed free. The Wood's Medicine Co., Formerly Windsor, Toronto, Ont.

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WHEN YOU ORDER DELICIOUS BREAD, buy the best, mother's make. Will keep moist six days. Sold by all grocers. HYGIENIC BAKERY, 124 to 128 MILL ST. Phone 1187. Branch 21 Brunsell street.

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Standard Duplex Pumps, Outside Packed Plunger Pumps, Automatic Feed Pumps and Receivers, Independent Jet Condensers and Air Pumps, Hot Springs, Best Direct Centrifugal Pumps, Steam and Oil Separators. E. S. STEPHENSON & CO., 17-19 Nelson street, St. John, N. B. 10 King Street.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

Our stock is filled with choice collections of all the LATEST NOVELTIES, as well as all the staple lines of JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, ETC., that are called for at this season.

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"HOLIDAY CARD" FROM TREMAINE GARD.

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In latest approved styles of settings, Tiffany, Belcher and Arch Crown, SOLITAIRE, TWIN AND CLUSTERS. Lovely Toilet Manicure Sets, Opera, Marine, Field Glasses. Gold-rimmed spectacles, Fancy Clocks, Time Pieces, Alarms, Walking Cans, Fountain Pens, all of most reliable make and most suitable for gifts to cherish "as a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

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In making your selection of Xmas gifts do not forget your faithful friend, the Horse. Here are a few seasonable presents: A Nice Set of Harness. A Nice String of Bells. A Sleigh Hester. A nice Horse Brush. A nice Fur Coat. A nice Fur Robe. A nice Horse Blanket. A nice Street Blanket. A nice Dog Collar, besides a large variety too numerous to mention, which we are offering at low prices.

H. HORTON & SON, Ltd., 9 and 11 Market Square, St. John, N. B. DIED AT HALIFAX Halifax, N. S., Dec. 22 - (Special) - Commander Edward Bruce Tingling, R. N., passed away this morning. Up to a day or two ago his illness was not thought to be of a serious nature. Commander Tingling was a native of England, and entered the royal navy at an early age. He retired from the navy, retaining his rank, and settled near Winnipeg fifteen or twenty years ago. Five years ago he was appointed examiner of masters and mates, marine and fisheries department, at Winnipeg. A year later he was transferred to Halifax, being appointed to succeed Captain Smith, R. N. R.

CHILDREN'S XMAS PRESENTS.

Of all the Gifts of tomorrow for a child, nothing is more useful than a fur collar, something useful as well as ornamental.

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Something for Santa Claus to Keep in Mind Ladies' Fur Lined Coats and Fur Jackets, Stoles, Throwovers, Muffs, Gauntlets; also Men's Fur Caps, Gauntlets, Fur Collars, Fur Coats; Children's Furs and Robes finished from the most fashionable furs, and in our usual reliable qualities, at the usual Holiday Discounts.

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Wrist Bags, Purses, Bill Books, Writing Portfolios, Card Cases, Brush and Comb Sets, with French Ebony Backs and Silver Lettered.

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CHRISTMAS MORNING



FRIENDLY TIME

Time tapped my shoulder, "What is said he, 'Whose life is but a span? He builds, I shatter, and behold, A touch of mine, and he is old."

THE INGLE NOOK PHILOSOPHER OF KENNEBECASIS BAY

"Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord." The purpose of the court was to punish the criminal, but to protect the innocent, and the innocent need protection, even in New Brunswick, about as much as in Montreal, which the newspapers say is the Mecca of criminals of every sort.

PENSION FOR MOTHERS OF SEVEN CHILDREN

Plan Proposed by Boston Alderman Which He Says Will be a Blow to Race Suicide and an Incentive to Large Families.

(Boston Post.) Councilman William J. Foley of Ward 7 will introduce an order at the next session of the council asking for a pension to be paid all mothers in Boston having seven or more children. This is in line with Mr. Foley's work a year ago, when he agitated a punishment for landlords who refused to allow children in their flats and tenements.

ANOTHER FIRE OCCURS IN LORDLY BUILDING

About midnight last night fire broke out again in the Lordly building on Germain street. This time it started in the toy store of James A. Tufts & Sons, presumably from a self-feeder, which was in the center of the store.

AN ACADIAN FOR THE SENATE

Statement of Year's Subscriptions for Them Read in the Cathedral. Montreal, Dec. 23—La Presse makes the following announcement: "La Presse is able to announce to its readers, that of the four senators who will be shortly nominated to the senate for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, one of them will be an Acadian. The news, we are sure, will be heard with interest by all friends of the French-Canadian race, that the land of Evangeline is to be represented in the senate."

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It was Monday of Christmas, when old...

"Come in, Weary William, the wind blows cold...

"We've turkey and goose and taters and such...

"Sit down over there—'tis the day of good cheer...

The tramp he sat down and he braced for the feast...

An hour passed away, but still at the feast...

Two hours went by, and still 'twas the same...

When four solid hours had fled them away...

He went his tramp way, and was soon out of sight...

It Was Too Risky

"You keep harmonious here!" she half-guessed...

"No; it's for the old man. He's been playing on the last one for 15 years...

"From morning till night. He don't have to work, and so he just sits and plays..."

"Then he must have a thousand different tunes?"

"No, he hadn't got but one. He just keeps playing 'The Old Oaken Bucket' over and over again..."

"And you must be pretty well acquainted with it by this time?"

"I am. How much is this one?"

"Fifty cents."

"Too high. How much for this?"

"A quarter."

"Well," she said after passing it across her lips half a dozen times...

"It is all right. Perhaps he will now learn some other air and substitute it once in awhile..."

"Mercy, but if I thought so I wouldn't buy this!"

"But, why?"

"Because he's got his wind worked up to just the pitch for 'The Old Oaken Bucket'...

"And if he should switch off on to 'Old Black Joe' he might bust and scatter himself all over the kitchen..."

"I'm not risking any new tunes around my house until after Joseph has made a will leaving everything to me."

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SANTA CLAUS IN A FIX

Santa Claus—Don't be alarmed miss. I'm Santa Claus, and have come to fill the stockings. I have a ring for you—

Miss Wrinkles—Oh, Santa Claus, this is no medicine!



1906

He Tells All About It

"Henry, you may take that wad of paper out of your mouth and stand up and tell the class how you passed last Christmas."

"Yes, I've got it all wrote out."

"Got up early in the morning to look into my stocking."

"The old man had been hinting around that Santa Claus might bring me a gold watch."

"Felt something hard in the stocking."



Got up early to look in my stocking.

"Hissed the old party."

"Took it out and found it was a box of jellybeans."

"Hissed the old party some more."

"Had something to say before breakfast."

"Had nothing to say when I got licked after breakfast."

"Wanted to go rabbit hunting."

"Wanted to go to the theater."

"Wanted to skate and slide down hill."

"Took it out in wanting."

"Hen for dinner. Old hen, tough hen, I got a leg and made a kick."

"Got something else and stopped kicking."

"Threw a few snowballs."

"Licked a few boys."

"Sawed a few crates."

"Same old hen ground over for support."

"Same kick on my part, and same performance on the part of the old party."

"Grand finale. Went to bed and woke up and then it was the day after and everybody was elected and glad on it. Slung to all!"

JOE KERR.

A Christmas Hint

"Just a little something for a Santa Claus present you know," he said to the salesman in the jewelry store a week before Christmas.

"Something pretty nice?" was queried in reply.

"Well, something that looks rather gorgeous," but I don't cost too much. I had some thousands of a sunburst. I was told that you had them here for \$15 that couldn't be told from real diamonds."

"Yes, we have them in of rhinestones. Here is one with 24 stones in it. Let's take a beauty?"

"It certainly is. Do you think any young lady could—"

"Could tell the difference between this



Well, something that looks rather gorgeous and real diamonds? Yag man, don't you make no mistake. If you have a grandmother 90 years old and deaf and blind and on her dying bed, you can't buy this for her and she will, blessing you, but if you are buying a present to a young lady, don't try at taking business."

"But I—"

"Yes, I know, but don't do it. The young lady you are engaged to has been in 20 times during the month looking over our rhinestone jewelry, and this time she knows very nice by eye!"

"What! Do they go about that?"

"Invariably, my son. The up-date girl is taking no chances. Hand 3 of them a rhinestone sunburst in a vest case as a Santa Claus present and she'll be at the same time that you can't give without her, and she'll hand you over \$15 in cash and tell you to be care not to slip as you go down the front steps. If you can't do better, then get yourself sent up for 30 days. Then she'll expect nothing, and you will come to play poker with her father."

JOE KERR.

THE MODERN YOUNGSTER

Etchel—Do you really believe there is any Santa Claus, Willie?

Willie—Course not, but don't tell ma I said so, or she'll think I'm getting too old to have candy and toys and things.

The Preacher—Christmas teaches us every one a great lesson.

The Wise Guy—You bet. It teaches us to begin saving right away for next Christmas unless we want to be bankrupt again.

On the morning of the day before Christmas I dismounted at the door of a North Dakota cabin to inquire the whereabouts of a man living in that neighborhood, and the sounds from within told me that one of the children was being spanked. When the spanking had been concluded the settler opened the door and invited me in. I saw nine children standing up in a row and the tenth one sitting down on the other side of the room. The man thought some explanation should be made, and he said: "It's the way I do every Christmas time, and I had just begun when you rode

up. Can you wait till I have spanked the other nine?"

"Of course, but may I ask why you do that? They look to me to be nice, well-behaved children."

"They are as good children as you will find in the state, sir; but the spanking must go on."

"Yes, the spanking must go on," added the wife.

I couldn't say any more, of course, and I went out to the gate and waited. The nine were called up one after another and

put through the machine, and then the man, who was breathing hard from his exertions joined me at the gate and said: "There, the last one of 'em has been licked, and now I'll show you where Brown lives."

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CONSOLATION

First Burglar—(Christmas Eve)—Have we got everything that was on de Christmas tree?"

Second Burglar—Everything but de box o' cigars from de guy's wife.

First Burglar—Go back and get dem, too; we ought to do something to console the poor fellow!

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OUR YOUNG FOLKS PAGE

A Christmas Tree in the Forest

(By William Wallace, Jr.)
A long long time ago, before this great country was inhabited from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and when extensive forests stretched over great areas of land, through which the foot of white man had not left its print, the frontiersman living in "the outer settlements" had small chance to celebrate the Yuletide season.

After many days of weary travel they halted near a beautiful spring that came from a rocky cliff overhanging a stream that promised to be full of fish. Here the father and sons cut down trees and built a cabin, small, but large enough to afford shelter from the winter which was fast coming on.



Getting Ready for Santa

In the early forties a sturdy farmer or frontiersman, as those "pashindens" were called—moved from the outer borders of what was termed civilization to a new country, where as yet the woodsman's ax had not been heard or the curl of smoke from the log cabin seen by the red man, lurking about on the watch for the intruding paleface.

The two sons, aged, respectively, 14 and 16, were not yet too old to enjoy the excitement and pleasure attending the holiday season, although they had but small opportunity to do so since they were in their teens, for their father was a man who was ever looking toward the setting sun, following it further and further as the settlements grew and prospered and dangers became less about him.

where that comes from. "It must come from round that hill," declared Tom. "Let's go cautiously, for you can never tell what kind of an Indian surprise is awaiting you."

board, enjoying a share of the plentiful meal of their cordial hosts and hostesses. Conversation did not drag, and Tom and Sam regretted to have to bid their new friends adieu and continue on their hunt.

When the boys arrived home that evening, carrying a fat opossum, they approached their mother with beaming faces. "We've got neighbors!" Sam cried. And then he and his brother told the good news, repeating everything which had been said by the new-found friends over the hill.

The Animals have a Christmas Tree

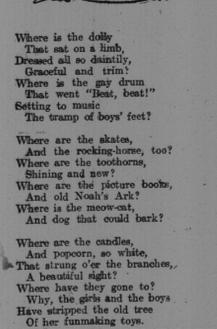
"Come, have you your trunk all packed and ready to start to the woods?" The questioner was a camel and the questioned was an elephant. "Yes, everything ready and me impatient to be replied the elephant. "Come along, friend Camel, I see you have your pack on your back."



There was a string of pearls for the elephant, presented by the party of camels that coupled front seats on the dead leaves under the Christmas tree. A new set of spots was handed to the leopard and a fine mane was given to the old lion, who immediately put it on. The wolf received a new sheep's skin, and a beautiful rabbit was placed in the hands of the hippopotamus, it being a gift from the rattlesnake.

After Christmas.

Poor old Christmas tree, Lonely and bare! Not one single gift! Hangs anywhere On those green branches, Which held such a store Of beautiful presents That covered it o'er.



Where is the dolly That sat on a limb, Dressed all so daintily, Graceful and trim? Where is the gay drum That went "beat, beat!" Setting to music The tramp of boys' feet?



Bricktop and the Twins Celebrate Christmas.

After a most enjoyable visit with their relatives in New York city, Bricktop and the twins arrived home several days before Christmas. They found their mother busy with Christmas shopping, and they at once began to engage in buying some gifts on their own account.

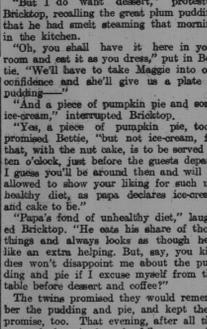
"Not a sniff," Bettie assured him, smiling in happy anticipation of a certain evening which awaited everyone that evening. "Isn't it strange that mamma-of-all persons—should have noticed anything of unusual interest going on in your room?"

"I'll tell you," exclaimed Lettie, still speaking in her stange whisper. "Just imagine you're feeling a bit ill and don't wish for any dessert." "But I do want dessert," protested Bricktop, recalling the great plum pudding that he had smelt steaming that morning in the kitchen.

"Yes, as compared with the teacher I had last year," laughed Bricktop. "But come, let's get a move on us. We've just two days in which to get our presents. So away the three young Perkinses went, happy as they could possibly be. When they returned home for luncheon they brought bundles, boxes and baskets, which were hidden away in the closet of Bricktop's room.

Before the Christmas Dinner.

Before the Christmas dinner, How impatiently they wait, And watch the clock so eagerly With fears that 'twill be late. How every boy and every girl, All dressed so nice and sweet, Await their mother's summons, Telling them to come and eat.

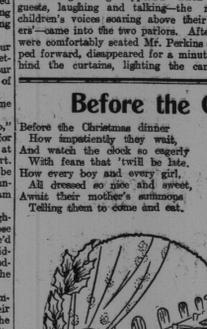


They know they'll do them justice For their hunger's growing wild, And groans of suffering are heard From every waiting child. Ah, how their mouths do water As they hold their stomachs tight And hope that very soon the food Will all be OUT OF SIGHT!

What is it that which grows in winter, but never in summer, and lives with its roots upward? An icicle.

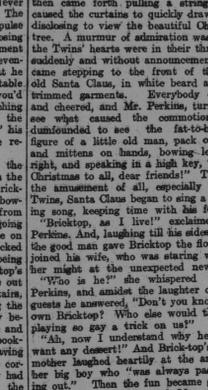
For the Christmas Table

A unique decoration for the centre of the dining table during the Yuletide season is a small Christmas tree—say two feet high—placed for safe balance in a small but broad-based fern bowl. From the green boughs orange cups, the halves of oranges with the fruit all scooped out, leaving the rind smooth and round, may be hung by gay ribbons and kept full of baby bonbons, mixed nuts and raisins.



What is it that never asks questions, yet requires many answers? A doorbell.

Merry Christmas to you all!



What is it that grows in winter, but never in summer, and lives with its roots upward? An icicle.

What is it that never asks questions, yet requires many answers? A doorbell.

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The gladness season brings its worries as well as its pleasures. It means extra duties for the housewife. We can help you save time and money if you will come and see our goods now on display.

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Handkerchiefs, 25c. to 50c.
Brush and Comb Sets, 50c.
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Crumb Trays and Brush, 50c. and 75c.
Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, 50c. and 75c.
Purses, 25c. up.
Chastelaine Bags, 50c. up.
Apronette Coats, 75c. to \$2.00.
Ladies' Umbrellas, 75c. to \$3.00.
Fancy Handkerchiefs, 5c. to 75c.
Kid Gloves, 50c. to \$1.50.
Fancy Collars, 25c. to 50c.
Golf Jackets and Sweaters, \$1.35 to \$2.25.
Shirt Waists 50c. up. \$1.50 yard.
Shirts at all prices.
Dress Goods, 50c. to \$1.50 yard.
Men's and Boys' Washings.
Fancy Armlets, 10c. to 25c.
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Ladies Why Go Down Hill
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We are showing beautiful lines in Stoles and Boas, Hudson Bay Sable, Mink, Alaska Sable, Stone Marten and Black Marten, \$5.00 to \$90.00. Jackets, in Grey Squirrel, Russian Lamb, Near Seal and Persian Lamb, from \$30.00 to \$175.00. Muffs, a very choice assortment, \$2.00 to \$50.00.

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Boston Dental Parlors.

THIS EVENING
Keith's, formerly the York Theatre, opens for the season.

THE WEATHER
Monday, Dec. 24th.
Forecast - Increasing northerly winds with snow.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT AT NOON.
Highest temperature during last 24 hours, 40.

LATE LOCALS

Tomorrow, Christmas Day, the Times will not be issued.

Every one of the sixty odd employees of the firm of McLean, Holt & Co., were remembered by the proprietor, James L. McLeary, at his morning meeting.

Turnkeys Wm. J. Cunningham and Samuel Clifford rejoiced this morning when Sheriff Ritchie called at the jail and evidenced his goodwill for the festive season.

The "equal squad," numbering fourteen, have been given a Christmas vacation.

H. Pries Webber is in town today, shaking hands with a great many of his old company in St. John, but they will be in Amherst tomorrow.

The St. John Railway Company will run their cars tonight until one o'clock to accommodate Christmas shoppers and clerks who have to stay out later than usual.

Liquor License Inspector Jones, with the assistance of the police department, kept watch on the liquor saloons Saturday night, to see all were closed at the proper hour.

Little Dora, aged two years and ten months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Goodwin, died on Saturday of blood poisoning, as the result of a slight scratch, which the little girl received while playing with a pen-knife a week ago Thursday last.

Nothing serious was anticipated when the little girl complained of a sore arm on Wednesday last, and Dr. Kenney was summoned. Little Dora, however, while talking about Christmas with her brother on Saturday last suddenly passed away.

MAY SOON BE AS BAD AS A PALEFACE
His Honor's Comment on the Conduct of a Red Man With a Thirst.

Four white men and an aboriginal received the reward of their deeds at the hands of Judge Ritchie in the police court this morning.

Joe Thomas, a tawny Indian lad from across the bay, landed here on Saturday by steamer Yarmouth, and through the ravages of "fire water," landed behind the bars.

According to his own story he procured a supply of the exhilarating fluid before setting out on his journey, and had been tanking up all the way over.

"You're bound to be like the white man," remarked his honor, "if you keep on you'll be as big a blackguard as some of them." The prisoner, who wanted to go to Dorchester, was allowed to go.

FUNERALS
The funeral of the late Mrs. George Twiss was held yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from her late residence, King street, East, to Fernhill. The services were conducted by the Plymouth Brethren.

The funeral of the late Henry Gormley took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, Brussels street, Rev. A. W. Meahan read the burial services at the Cathedral and interment was made in the New Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of the late Ernest H. Titus was held yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence on Sheriff street and a lengthy cortege followed the remains to Cedar Hill cemetery. The deceased was a member of the Orange Lodge and about 150 members of the order attended the funeral in a body headed by St. Mary's Band.

Rev. Gideon Swim conducted the burial service and members of the Orange order were pall-bearers.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Howard D. Troop was held this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from her late residence, 79 Orange street, and was largely attended. Rev. Dr. Sprague and Rev. Mr. Campbell conducted the funeral service and interment was made in Fernhill.

Thinking what to give? Why nothing more appropriate for elderly people than a pair of glasses. Dr. Boyer, optician, 38 Dock street, will sell you a pair of glasses fitted with plain lenses including a guarantee for a thorough eye-test, at any time after the holidays, and the supplying of proper glasses.

Home from Ottawa Saturday. Robert Murdoch, son of Wm. Murdoch, C. E., is home from Field (B. C.), to spend Christmas.

MR. TENNYSON SMITH AND MAGISTRATE KAY

Mr. Smith Says He Did Not Charge Moncton Magistrate With Responsibility for Un-served Scott Act Commitments.

E. Tennyson Smith arrived in the city on Saturday and will spend Christmas here and at the same time take a well merited rest.

Mr. Smith's work has been of a particularly arduous nature, and, as he himself said this morning, "I feel very much in need of a brief rest."

In referring to the work in Moncton, Mr. Smith said he intended to find out why certain commitments were not executed in that city.

He said he had never expressed any opinion that Magistrate Kay was responsible for the Moncton commitments not being executed for he had not been able as yet to fix the responsibility, and it was partially to prosecute his labors in this direction that he came to St. John.

Speaking generally of his campaign in New Brunswick he said he was greatly pleased with the work done. He had succeeded in getting the people worked up to talk temperance and that was exactly what he set out to do.

What he is engaged in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia until March next, it is quite probable his tour may be prolonged.

In reference to Magistrate Kay's personal attack on him, Mr. Smith said he (Smith) always attacked the liquor traffic. In this case he had not attacked Magistrate Kay personally, but had dealt with a direct dereliction of duty and he did not think Magistrate Kay's reply was warranted.

CHRISTMAS IS HERE AGAIN

What Shall I Get Henry?—Why, a Portable Lamp.

The St. John Railway Company, corner of Dock and Union streets, are offering a fine line of domestic and imported portables and fancy shades, at prices to suit all.

We especially call attention to our No. 618 outfit, consisting of antique finished portable, green lamp shade, best grade Walsbach lamp and six feet of rubber tubing and gooseneck, delivered and put up for \$2.25 complete.

We also carry eight grades of gas lamps, from 75c. to \$3.00, mantles in five grades, from 10c. to 30c.

During Christmas week the company will give each purchaser of a gas lamp a gas torch and box of tapers.

Business Notices

Call at Jas. A. Tuttle & Son, 23 German street, and see the toys, china and fancy goods, the balance of your holiday stock which is being sacrificed to close the stores. Prices cut in two.

Here's a hearty and Merry Xmas to you and all—Jesse's Clothing Co. 28-28 Charlotte street, Old Y. M. C. A. building. Turkey Given Away.

J. N. Harvey, the Union street clothing, is giving a fine Christmas turkey today again with each sale of \$10 or over. The experiment Saturday proved so great a success that before 3 o'clock it was found necessary to open the second lot of turkeys which had been bought for Monday, and another lot had to be bought for Monday purchases.

LAST WORD FROM M. R. A.'S. Shortly after 8.30 o'clock this forenoon M. R. A.'s stores were crowded, and towards dinner time the rush continued. This afternoon a steady stream of shoppers is still flowing in and out the various doorways.

Bargain fancy goods, gloves, neckwear, men's furnishings, furniture, etc., are being sold in large quantities than for many a 24th of December. Tonight the whirl commences at 7.15 and ends when the crowd dwindles away home. Deliveries up to a late hour.

K-VIC TICKETS TOMORROW.—Buy your tickets for Victoria Rink this evening or tomorrow. On Christmas Day clerks will be in attendance at the rink office to meet all who desire season tickets. The prices are quoted in the regular advertisement column. Tomorrow morning St. John children are cordially invited to have a free skate. In the afternoon and evening the band will be in attendance.

CARD OF THANKS

Context Editor Evening Times: Dear Sir,—The Killies wish through the columns of your paper to thank you for the kindness received at your hands during the recent contest. Also the many friends known and unknown throughout the city and provinces for their valuable assistance. We wish one all a, Guid New Year.

(Sgd) COL. JAS. BUCHANAN, Commandant.

CHRISTMAS MARKET.

The country market was well supplied with produce this morning, though there were not so many of the country people in as were expected, the bad roads evidently keeping a large number from driving to city. Turkeys, geese, ducks and in fact all kinds of meats and poultry were in good supply and prices are moderate. The quotation on turkeys this morning was 20 cents, which price is six or seven cents cheaper than was asked last year at this time.

Miss Ida King Tarbox left for her home in Portland, Me., today to spend the Christmas holidays. Her singing of the sacred selection, "I will extol thee," from "Eli," in Main street Baptist church last evening, was very much enjoyed by the large congregation present.

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Neat, Natty and New Handles on Good Durable SILK UMBRELLAS! Hundreds to Pick From at \$1.50 Each.

All are the close, neat iron frames, such as a lady requires for service. A Small Lot of Damaged Table Linens. White Imitation Bear-Skin Coats for Infants reduced to half former prices. New Neckwear for Ladies. The greatest bargain ever put before the public. A manufacturer has just sent us one hundred dozen Ladies' Mull and Baby Irish Stock Collars, worth 40c. each. We shall sell at 19 cents each.

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Great assortment of Fancy Silk and Lace Stocks, 15c. to 50c. each. Ladies' Belts, Gloves, Handkerchiefs and Aprons. For Men our stock of Ties, Mufflers, Braces, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, etc. is unequalled.

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JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS.

Ten different styles of Ladies' Silk Waists just opened. In White, Cream and Black. All sizes, Long and Short Sleeves. Prices from \$3.35 to \$7.00 each. Come early and get yours before the sizes are gone.

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Illustration of a large department store building. Text: ALL WILL BE TRANQUIL BY MIDNIGHT. The last purchases for tomorrow's happy interchange of remembrances will by that time be found added to the hidden hoard, and in the home everything is sure to be snugged up, nice and tidy for the approach of the jolly old Saint. There will be stockings dangling from chimney-pieces, and every dream tonight will doubtless be one of joyous anticipation. But one, two, three or more hours before Trinity proclaims this mystic hour, our stores will be a blaze of light and whirl of activity. Redoubled efforts are to be made from 7.15 to send every patron home perfectly satisfied. Those who buy furnishings and bulky parcels may be assured of their being delivered in time, in fact we would not be surprised to find our teams and that of St. Nick working side by side in the little hours of the morning. It's a great Christmas all 'round, and for your unfeigned patronage and confidence in our ability to serve you, we feel thankful and gratified. Allow us to wish you Your Happiest Christmas! Your Most Successful New Year! Very truly yours, M. R. A., Ltd.