January Selling

We are strongly opposed to dull trade. In the natural course of events many merchants look for a falling off in trade during January and after the holidays. We don't want it that way and so for this year we have been just about as busy since the holidays as before, simply because we make shopping interesting for you every day. For Friday we make a special list of

Black Gost For Capes, well lined with black sateen, 24 in long, wide sweed, well made, regular \$11.00, Friday \$6.00

3 pcs. fancy figured Denim, 34 in wide, in brown, bronze and welch blue shades, reg. 200 a yard,

Men's all-wool good weight Shirts, and Drawers, regular price 50c, Friday 35c

18 x 33 Linen Towels, hemmed ready for use, good value at 11c each, Friday for.....

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Felt Slippers, warm wool lined, elastic in fronts, sewed

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The great event of next week will be our White Wear Opening on Tuesday. We have scarcely five dollars worth of last season's stock in the store, so that you are guaranteed a completely fresh and upto-date assortment of gowns, corset covers, drawers, skirts, etc. Our embroideries are imported by ourselves direct from Switzerland and we have just to day been advised by the customs house that they have arrived. The patterns, the

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The Dress Goods counter is a busy scene these days. Prices are a great attraction. A collection of cashmere, fancy checks and plaids, hopsacks, silk mixtures, etc, worth from 50: to \$1.00 a yard is on a table for your inspection

25c a yard.

1 pc. good weight black Taffeta, slightly damaged in the dyeing, but good for facing or lining, reg-value 85c a yard, on sale Friday



GENERAL KITCHENER, CHIEF OF STAFF TO LORD ROBERTS, IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Ladysmith in Dire Normberg. The despatch adds that big developments are expected to-mor-

GEN. FRENCH HAS THE BOERS TRAPPED BUT IS NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO CRUSH THEM.

London, January 4. - Gen. Buller patrol surprises. As the Tugela Rivfordable and the stretcherbearers have again been requisitioned at Durban and Pietermaritzburg, there is a disposition to believe that the British advance will not be long delayed. A SUPREME EFFORT.

There is a deepening sense of anxiety respecting Ladysmith, whence most disheartening reports of the prevalence of sickness are received. General White reports a list of nearly twenty deaths from enteric fever and dysentery, and seventy-one serious cases in the hospital. Dr. Jameson

has all the work he can do. it is evi-

dent that the garrison cannot hold out long, and that Sir Redvers Buller will not allow many days to pass without striking a blow. Transports with fresh battalions and batteries have arrived at Durban, and within twenty-four hours Sir Redvers ought to, be in readiness for a supreme effort. The Boer line of defence is now described as 16 miles in length, having been exas 16 miles in length, having been ex-tended up and down the Tugela in or-

der to prevent a turning movement. THE RIVER FORDABLE. The Tugela River has gone down to its normal height. A strong recon-noissance was made toward Slangweni hill. Two hundred mounted troops, under Lord Dundonald, accompanied by Gen. Clery and Gen. Barton, pushed forward near the hill, where a comprehensive view was obtained of the positions held by the Boers during the last battle and also of the fords by which they great the river. The Britanian which they cross the river. The British met with no opposition, and re-turned at two o'clock in the after-

NO NEWS FROM MOLTENO. London, Thursday, Jan. 4, 4.30 a.m.

There is a complete absence of anything new from the seat of war. The report of the Boer attack upon Moinnous not yet confirmed. Apparently Gen. French holds nothing within five

miles of Colesburg Junction. His re-request for reinforcements dispels any request for reinforcements dispele any present hope that he will he able to seize any of the crossings of the Orange River. It is possible that when Lord Roberts arrives Gen. French will be ordered to quit his present unsupported campaign and to concentrate his force at De Aar or Orange River. As the Daily Telegraph says:—'Gen. French seems to be in the position of a man having a tiger cat in a trap and unable to kill it for want of a stick.''

A dispatch from Dover Farm an-

BEHAVED LIKE BOORS.

London, Jan. 3.—A despatch from Lorenzo Marques says: —The Boers at Dundee behaved shockingly. The ambulance doctor and his assistants were imprisoned eleven days in compound. There was a terrible exhibi-tion of rowdyism on Christmas day. Sixteen soldiers have died in the hospital since the British evacuated Dun-

BOERS GOT THE SUPPLIES. London, Jan. 4.-The supply train, continues his night bombardment and which ran away from Rensburg, ran control currences. As the Tugela Rivinto a broken culvert, and was wrecked. The Boers began looting it, spatched to the spot in an attempt to recover the provisions. The Boers opened fire on the troops and natives accompanying it, forcing the second train to retreat after several of the natives had been killed.

The war office has issued a despatch received from Gen. French under yes-day's date, saying his position was the same as on the previous day; that with small reinforcements he could dislodge the Boers from Colesburg, and, in the meantime, he continued

manoeuvering. JOE'S CONGRATULATIONS.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—The following cable has been received by His Excellency the Governor-General from Hon-Joseph Chamberlain:

London, Jan. 3, 1900. — I congratulate Canadians on callent behavior ulate Canadians on gallant behavior of contingent in engagement at Sun-nyside. (Signed) Chamberlain.

WAR NOTES.

Eight extra regiments of artillery have been called out. Seven are for garrison duty in Ireland. Winston Churchill has been appointa squadron leader in the South African Horse.

MODDY'S LAST WORDS.

f This is Death There is Nothing Awful Here.

New York, Jan. 4. -Dwight L. Moody's last words, according to a Boston despatch, were: - 'Earth re-cedes and heaven opens before me. If ccdes and heaven opens before me. If this is death, there is nothing awful here, It is sweet. It is bliss; do not call me back; God is calling me; I must go. There is no valley here. It is all beautiful.' These words were taken down by Stenographer Ben Wright, of Boston, who had them directly after the death from Mr. Moody's son.

DISGUSTING BRUTALITY.

Describing a recent cocking main in that city the Detroit Tribune says: There were 11 fights, and the experts appeared to think they were extremely good ones. The handlers of the birds showed a desire to get all the first receible out of their forms. consulting with all the scrutineers present, threw out the vote. The recent standard work by C. R. W. Biggar, Q. C., on ballottmarking, in the hands of City Clerk Merritt, however, instances two cases exactly similar in which the courts hold that the ballot is not spoiled and the vote must count. While the matter does not effect anyone in any way, it is an interesting point, and goes further to emphasize the care which must be exercised in marking and counting the ballots.

Similarly Scrutineers are which must be exercised in a trap and unable to kill it for want of a stick."

A dispatch from Dovyr Farm announces that Col. Pilcher has returned there from Douglas.

HAS THEM TRAPPED.

London, Jan. 4.—A special despatch from Nauupoort, dated Tuesday, Jan. 2. says, the British command Norval's Pont Bridge with two guns, and also command the Colesburg Bridge, and that the Boers have no way it retreat except by way of the main West Virginia birds on the main West Virginia birds on the main West Virginia won six.

MAYOR'S BLUNDER

He Talked in Peace-at-Any-Price Language

And the St. John, N.B., Council Want Him to Resign-A Fine Row.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 4. - On New Year's Day Mayor Sears sent the following cable to the Canadian High Commissioner:

Strathcona, London - May New Yera's blessings rest upon Her Majes-

ty, bringing peace with honor, ty, bringing peace with honor.

As a consequence, the Aldermanio Board are after the Mayor's scalp. At a meeting of the Board of Publio Works yesterday Aldermen Milege, Christie, Maxwell, Warring, McMulkin and others, indignantly repudiated the Mayor's right to speak for the people. The Mayor refusing to call a special meeting of the Council to discuss the matter, a meeting was called by eight matter, a meeting was called by eight aldermen and a hot time is expected. The Board of Works, before adjourn-

ment, adopted a series of resolutions setting forth that—
Whereas the expression "peace and honor" in diplomatic language indicates that a nation having suffered reverses may, without loss of dignity, accept the terms of his opponent, and as the unalterable opinion of this com-munity is opposed to peace upon any other terms than the unconditional surrender of the national enemy; Resolved, that the board regrets

that, in a semi-official manner, the views of the people of St. John should have been set forth in the language quoted above, and desires to not only express the hope, but the firm convic-tion that Her Majesty's Government will prosecute the war in such a manner as to vindicate the honor of the nation and the cause of justice they have, as ever, undertaken to sustain.

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KENT LAW ASSOCIATION.

The first annual meeting of the Kent County Law Association was held yesterday afternoon, some twenty members of the bar being present.

The secretary treasurer, Ward Stanworth, reported receipts totalling \$859 50, while the expenditures amounted to \$750 43.

ed to \$750.43.

The election of officers for the ensu-The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President—C K Atkinson, Q C.
Vice-president—Wm Douglas, Q C.
Treasurer—M Houston.
Secretary—Ward Stanworth.
Librarian—Chas E Reeston.
Wm Douglas and Ward Stanworth

were appointed a committee to enquire into the application of J. E. Trembly, of Tilbury, for a special act of the legislature to allow him to practice.

It is reported at Durban that the captured German steamer Bundesrath had on board five big guns, fifty tons of shells and 180 trained artillyermen. ABOUT A SPORLED BALLOT.

A somewhat interesting point in ballot-marking has sprung up over the recent municipal elections. In polling subdivision No. 1 in ward 5, the deputy subdivision No. 1 in ward 5, the deputy returning officer found one aldermanic ballot marked for Arch. B. McCoig with a cross through which a mark was scrolled in the nature of a capital Z, which to all appearance seemed to be a marking out of the original cross placed opposite Mr. McCoig's name. The deputy returning officer, after consulting with all the scrutineers present, threw out the vote. The recent standard work by C. R. W. Biggar, Q. C. on ballotsmarking, in the hands of City Clerk Merritt, however, instances two cases exactly similar in

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8. STEPHENSON, Proprietor.

LET THE WORK GO ON

The citizens must feel more or less disappointed at the views of some of the aldermen in reference to the question of necessary improvements, as expressed in The Planet yesterday.

Ald. McKeough suggests to look in to the subject of pavements this year and do the work next. That was the song the last council warbled, and it is altogether too threadbare to last out another year.

Then, again, some other aldermen take the ground that the fate of these improvements, rests wholly with the property owners. This is partially true, but in reality the council has the say. If the property owners refuse to vote an issue of debentures spreading the cost over a period of thirty years, the council can still go on with the pavements and include the whole cost in the current year's taxes. However, with the feeling as it is at present, we have every confidence in the result of a freehold vote and can see no excuse for the new council trying to evade the matter, that is, supposing the new council does try to evade it, which is not probable. We believe the majority will try to keep faith with the people and carry out the promises held out last year from time

THIS CITY LEADS THEM ALL. Chatham has abolished the ward

It owns and operates its own waterworks system. It does the same with its electric street lighting plant. It possesses the finest and most convenient of parks, several in num-

It also has miles of granolithic side-

The city owns several splendid iron bridges.

Almost every street has magnificent rows of full grown shade trees. No other municipality in the Bo minion of Canada combines all these

advantages at the present time, though many are seeking them. The people of London voted by a majority of 2,409 to abolish the ward

In St. Thomas ward abolition likewise carried by a large majority. Ottawa voted to reduce the number

of aldermen from 24 to 16. In Ottawa, also, the ratepayers decided in favor of municipal control of

the electric light franchises. In Woodstock municipal control of electric lighting was approved by a

vote of 457 to 105. The town of Pembroke voted to-purchase the local electric light plant.

Lindsny decided to acquire the local waterworks system, now under pri-Hamilton voted to spend \$150,000

on improving its street pavements. iow that Chatham is ahead in municipal progress, it should try and keep ahead. White other places are seeking what we already possess, let us perfect our street pavements and secure a creditable market structure.

A PRIZE SEED CONTEST.

In October last Prof. Robertson, commissioner of agriculture and dairying, Ottawa, personally offered \$100 in 24 prizes to boys and girls for 100 heads of wheat and oats bearing the largest number of seeds. The farmers' boys and girls took the matter up with interest. All the provinces were represented in the competition. British Columbia took first prize for both wheat and oats. The prizes went to the provinces in the following order: Ontario, 13; British Columbia, 3; Northwest Territories, 2; Manitoba, 2; New Brunswick, 2; Nova Scotia, 1; Quebec, 1. Many very superior samples of grain were submitted and some of the competitors showed skill and taste in arranging the heads daintily and packing them carefully. However, some lots arrived in poor coverings and a generally dilapidated con-

Prof. Robertson says that a gen-

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erous friend, who has the best interests of the farmers' girls and boys and of the agricultural community closely at heart, has made it possible for him to offer cash prizes to the amount of \$10,000 for a competition in the selection of seed grain in all the provinces during the next three years. Full particulars regarding this splendud encouragement to farmers' boys and girls will be published shortly.

The Toronto Star, Liberal, says :-The appeal which was threatened against the finding of the judges in the West Huron election case has not been pressed, and the time for entering it is now past. It is said that Mr. Garrow may not run again, and Mr. Dan McGillicuddy's name is mentioned. Mr. McGilliouddy is in the city to-day, but states that he is of the belief that Mr. Garrow will run.

The suggestion made at the last meeting of the school board that that body should adopt a progressive policy for the year is a good one. Chatham's schools should not be allowed to lag behind in efficiency. Any proposal for the improvement of the schools will meet with popular favor, while moss-back obstruction will find few sympathisers. But whatever the board does it should first of all take energetic measures to stamp out tru-

When the railway, electric, street car and natural gas companies found they were going to be legally taxed by the municipalities wherein their plant lay, they went to their protectors, the Hardy-Ross government, and got them to enact that the plants of private corporations could only be taxed for their value as scrap, that is, they could only be assessed for what they would bring if sold for old metal. Now, supposing the people wanted to expropriate these concerns themselves, would the companies be willing to have them expropriated on the basis of their scrap value?

The Ottawa assessment commission er has issued a statement showing the exemptions granted for the year 1900 of whatever nature within the city limits. The Dominion Governs exempt to the amount of \$10,625,125. The exemptions in all total up \$16,-023.725. Ottawa is now receiving \$60,-000 a year from the Dominion treasury, which compensates it for the exemption of national property, but what about other cities. While the taxpayers everywhere are groaning under their burdens Government property and the churches are paying nothing for the benefits and advantages they derive. Who can blame the electors of Toronto, London and other cities breaking loose and voting for anybody who promises to even partially overthrow the present order of

The editor of the Ottawa Citizen proreeded to practice what he preached. He tendered his services for South Atrica and was accepted. In his farewell he says the fact that his services have been accepted is an evidence that the miiltia department is making an honest effort to keep politics out of this matter, for the Citizen has no favors coming to it from the present administration. Candor forces us to admit that apart from the desire to vindicate the high principle of the press, we wanted to go anyway. The Citizen company has generously granted leave of absence "for six months or for the war," and we're off:

You can't refuse when you get the card. And the widow gives the party.

HOW SPIES ARE EXECUTED IN SOUTH AFRICA.

London Daily Mail. "You can hardly realize what an awful scene a battlefield is," writes a gunner in the Royal Field Artillery from Orange River. "The most painful thing to see was a Dutch spy, who was caught trying to poison some horses, and he was tried and sentenc ed to be shot. The fellow was marched to his own grave. He was stood over it, and then there were twelve soldiers marched out, who had to pick up rifles out of a group of twelve.
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unloaded, so none of the men knew
who shot him. The poor chap never
said a word. It was all over in a few

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CHILDREN'S RAILROADS.

Every boy and girl has seen the creat steam engines that carry hundred of passengers in the great, comfortable coach-s behind them, and go thundering along the iron rails, whistling a shrill warning to all to keep out

of the way. But how many of you ever saw a little railroad built especially for children, with the cunningest little engine you ever saw, pulling the tiny cars behind it? And yet there are quite a number of such railroads.

You might call them toy trains, and yet they are big and strong enough to carry tourteen or sixteen passengers. not dolls, either, but boys and giris.

They are certainly delightful toys. A gentleman in Ireland once made one of these fine toys for his children With the exception of the engine, he made the whole train himself at odd moments he had to spare, and he even put the engine together at home. He prepared the way, laid the rails, made the cross-ties, the turntable, and signal-box, built the sheds, and did every thing else that had to be done. It took, in all, over three tons of

rails to lay the track; each rail being about fourteen feet long. Almost all of the cars are open, and can hold four or five passengers apiece. So with three cars, each having five passengers, and two on the engine, there are seventeen in all. It may be

a little crowded but it is fun anyway,

and perhaps more fun than if there were more room. Like all trains, this train has first, second, and third-class coaches, and to make even more fun, each passenger must have a ticket if he wishes to

A ticket may be bought from Belmore, one of the stations, to Lime-tree; then if it is only good to Lime-tree, you must get out or else get another ticket to take you further. Or, if you want to go from the Lime-tree back to Belmore, you must have a fresh

ticket. How fast can this toy train go Ordinarily, with a fairly heavy load, the speed is about six miles an hoursay about as fast as a horse truts. But when the engine has no coaches to pull, it can go much faster. You may sit by the engine-driver on his little seat, and whizz through the air at a rate of ten miles an hour. Not that you could go ten miles the road is not long enough for that. Altogether it is about a quarter of a mile longong enough to give the young passen-

gers a delightful ride. The engine is worked by levers which the young driver or engineer works wack and forth.

Naturally, you would not expect a toy train to carry grown-up passeng ers, but ?is one does. Not, of course, so many as if they were children; but it can take si, comfortably; seven without much i ficulty, and eight at a pinch!

The engine-driver has a seat to nimself, but he can make room for one beside him 'f the train is crowded. Next to me engine is an open car-a second-class coach; next behind it, the first-class—a closed car with win-

dows; and last of all, the third-class

In Central Park, New York City, a railroad similar to this one was built just this past summer. For five cents you can have a pleasant ride between the green trees with the soft carpet

"Oliver Optic's" School. When "Oliver Optic" was a schoolmaster, away back in the '50's, in Boston-oh yes, he was a schoolmaster, and a good one-he was known by his real name, William Taylor Adams. It was at this time that P. J. Healy, now a prominent Chicago business man, made his acquaintance. Mr. Healy did not at first have the regard for Oliver Optic which I am sure you would have felt could you have known him. But, you see, Mr. Healy was a mischievous boy then, and Mr. Adams

was only "the teacher However, Mr. Healy still relates some amusing incidents of those school days, which may serve to acquaint you better with the personality of the rare story teller who has enter-'ained so many thousands of boys and

On one occasion young Healy ar rived at school very early and placed some pieces of candy in the desks of several little girls who most suited his juvenile fancy. This proceeding was strictly against the rules. After school had been in progress some time a girl raised her hand and said:

"Please, teacher, Master Healy has been putting candy in the girls' desks.' Adams replied instantly: "Did he give you any?" "No. sir.

"Then sit down." On another morning young Healy

and two other boys had given such brilliant recitation that Mr. Adams granted them the very unusual privilege of going home at 11 o'clock for the day. So delighted were the boys that they rushed pell mell down the wide stairway leading from the upper floor, making, of course, nearly as much noise as a small earthquake. Just as they reached the bottom they ran straight into the arms of the head master, a crusty old fellow named Kimball. The other two boys man-aged to run the blockade, but the master grabbed young Healy by the hair, and without a word began to drag him back to the room from which he had departed in such triumph bot a moment before. Arriving there, he was thrust into a corner by the terrible Kimball, who forthwith entered a complaint of riotous conduct with Me. Adams. Then he departed leaving the culprit to be sternly dealt with. Oliver Optic had heard the head master's denunciation in silence, and he now asked young Healy for his ver-

"Why, we were so glad to be let off early that we just ran down stairs as fast as we could."

"Well," said Oliver Optic, trying hard to look stern, "do you know what I think you had better do "

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VISION AND WORK.

Not always on the mount may we Rapt in the holy vision be; The shores of thought and feeling know The spirit's tidal ebb and flow.

Yet hath one such exalted hour Upon the soul redeeming power, And in its strength through after days We travel our appointed ways;

Till all the lowly vale grows bright, Transfigured in remembered light, And in untiring souls we bear The freshness of the upper air. The mount for visions; but below The paths of daily duty go, And nobler life therein shall own

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SYNOPSIS OF THE OPENING CHAP- | will be fairly wild looking for me."

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

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

Mr. Grimes is the only one who notices his departure, for the others are too interested in what is passing. "And you saw him fall? You won't mind telling me the sad story?" Miss

Tanner pleads. "If you will be seated, I will relate it just as I have to Sandy. In the morning all the world will know the facts. Sure ly, there have been rumors concerning this thing?"

"Yes, but people refused to believe them. They came from untrustworthy sources, and were hardly in before con-tradictions came after. We have all been waiting for positive truth. It comes at last with you. Now tell me, you who were with Gordon, how he fell." Mr. Grimes finds himself a nonentity,

and, with a smile, betakes himself from the bijou parlor back of the portiere. True, he has no cablegram to send just yet, but he fancies he may make use the wires later on. in connection with private business. At present he can amuse himself watching the bright scene in and before Shepherd's, and speculating upon the strange vicissitudes of fortune that one day have a man in rags and the next elevate him to a princely income. Mr. Grimes is nothing if not a philospher.

The two left in the cosy little parlor do not miss the silver king at all, so wrapped up is Mynheer Joe in his companion, and so deeply interested does Molly become in his narrative.

He tells is modestly, for this man can never boast of his own exploits. At the rival. same time, he is by force of circumstances compelled to give facts, and Molly is at liberty to draw her own conclusions. As she already has a high opinion of Mynheer Joe, she is apt to make a liberal judge.

How her eyes kindle as she sits there, spellbound, listening to the story of Gordon's death! It is a tale to thrill the pulses of all who admire a brave, gen erous heart, devoted to the good of his fellowmen. Molly hardly seems to breathe as she drinks in his words. This man, in her eyes,is also a hero ten times over. Even had it not been his arm terranean at Malta, still would she accord him this exalted position. For has he not been with Gordon, and does not the reflected light of that great chieftain fall upon him? The man whose sword avenged the death of Chinese Gordon can never be aught else but a hero in

It takes some time to tell all, for Mynheer Joe rather enjoys this tete-atete with the girl who has become the belle of European Cairo. Even when he rapidly sketches his late trip upon the Nile, and brings the story to a conclusion, she has many questions to ask that are right to the point, and which, upon being answered, bring the situation out in a clearer light.

Then Mr. Grimes considerate Mr. Grimes-who believes he has left them alone long enough, makes his appearance. There does not seem to be any particular necessity for his coming, but he evinces an interest in the explorer that no person has ever seen him show for any on else. Sandy finds them still together when he returns after sending his wonderful dispatch—the great dis patch that will be the sensation of the day in London and America. Flushed with success, he appears before them and mechanically glances at his watcha villainous habit he has upon every

The action catches Molly's eye, and with a little feminine scream, she snatches out her own minute time-plece, studded with diamonds, and looks at the

tell-tale face, in consternation.
"Eleven o'clock! An hour and a half away from the ball-room! What will Lord Quinsy and the baron think? And I had engaged a dance each with them!

They will never forgive me!"
"I am sorry to be the cause of your troubled begins the explorer, humbly, "Please don't mention it! I wouldn't have missed this hour and what I have heard of brave Gordon for ten lords or fifty barons. It was only the governor I was thinking of. They must have saked for me, and the dear good man



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Mynheer Joe imagines an insignifi-cant, baldheaded, good-natured, little man tearing around the hotel pleading with every one to help him find his individual he will recognize him at once. "You will excuse me. Mynheer." she says, holding out her hand again-the

hand upon which flash diamonds that,

with those in her ears, at her throat

and in her bonny brown hair, are surely worth a king's ransom. He murmurs that he will be glad to meet her again, perhaps in the morning. if circumstances are favorable, with a side glance toward Mr. Grimes, that has no apparent meaning, and yet which

Then she glides from the bijou parlor. Sandy holding the portiere aside, though he has to stand on his tiptoes in order to make it clear her head.

causes a grim smile to appear upon the

face of the silver king.

The three gentlemen are left alone Sandy takes out a cigar and looks at the others. The mute invitation is immediately accepted, for a couple of hands are extended, and the weeds exchange

"Let's go outside. The house is no place for smoking, in my opinion," remarks Joe.

So the trio adjourn to the piazza. More than one curious glance is cast toward them; for, in spite of the secrecy that has been exercised, rumors have gotten around concerning the truth. It s strange how these things leak outword is sometimes enough to start the ball rolling, and people, once interested add a little here and a trifle there until a story has been manufactured out of

whole cloth. Hardly have they reached the piazza and Joe stops to light his weed, when a dapper little fellow, Sandy's counterpart in nervous ways, steps up and taps him on the arm.

"Beg pardon-do I understand you have arrived from up the river, sir-from Khartoom?" asks this sprightly chap, apparently not noticing Sandy in the

Mynheer Joe puffs away, and between each puff he nods his head up and down in an affirmative way that sets the little man fairly wild with suspense. He will speak soon-when he gets ready-but not until that time comes. It is plainly evident Mynheer Joe knows how to manage the creature known as a press

Sandy is chuckling near by, dreadful'y tickled at the thought of having for once obtained an advantage over his

"You are quite right, sir. I have arrived this very night from Khartcom. finally admits the object of all this attention, having reduced his weed to a point of subjection, where it would bu: n without much care.

Out come the pencil and note book. "Would you mind giving me a little information regarding the state of affairs at Khartoom when you left? I present the New York Herald, the London Times and the Paris Figaro. I shall be pleased to take your views, sie, and give you every courtesy in my power," rattles on the little correspondent; then catching sight of Sandy, his face blazes up, he wayes his hand as though in warning, and cries:

"Too late, Barlow—you're left! Fall to the rear! I may let you pick up some crumbs presently, but don't bother now. As you were saying, my dear sir, at the time you quitted Khartoom, matters were assuming a serious aspect?

"Very," replies Mynheer Joe, gravely. "And Gordon-you left him well, hoping for the coming of the British line even now on its way there. His views and yours would be very acceptable reading for the world. A vast audience, indeed, sir. Would you kindly relate your story in detail, or at least that portion of it concerning Cordon?"

His manner is persuasive, his voice oneyed, and butter would fail to melt in his month. Unfortunately, he has laid hold of the wrong man. Mynheer Joe lays a hand on his shoulder and almost crushes him.
"For particulars, I must refer you to

my press agent. Just now I am engaged. Your arm, Mr. Grimes, if you

"But where can I find him. I beg bat you will inform me? This is a matter that concerns the whole civilized world, Think of it, sir! Tell me the name of this gentleman." and the excited correspondent even lays hold of the explorer's coat in his eagerness to

gain his attention.
"You will find him yonder. Sandy, will you attend to this gentleman."
"Great Scott! Barlow knows all. I

see it now! A grand conspiracy to beat me off! Well, I've picked up all the rumors, and I'll consolidate them into a sensation that will equal the truth. Catch a wheasel asleep, eh?" He is just about to rush off when

Sandy laughs. "Left again, old fel. The wires are entirely at tay service from now until seven o'clock in the morning. You couldn't get a line out now on your individual responsibility if the khedive committed hara-kiri."

"Barlow, let me into it a little. Is Gordon dead?" "Yes."

"And Khartoom truly fallen?" "Without a doubt."

"What will you take to let me send ave lines merely announcing the fact?" What will you give in promises for the future for a few crumbs, my boy?" So the rival correspondents walk down

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the plazza hagging. Sandy has waited for this hour; his cup is full and running over, pressed down with good measure.

Meanwhile the other couple move along the piazza in an opposite direction, enjoying the delicions atmosphere, their igars and the bright scene.

By this time the great crowds have in a measure ceased to jostle elbows in the square called Esbehiyeh, for the hour grows late. Still there are enough present to keep up a lively appearanceto please the eye of the observer with the change of colors as they pass to and

Something is on the mind of Mr. Grimes, but he perhaps thinks the present moment is hardly a propitious one in which to speak. Several times he opens his mouth, as though the spirit moves him, but on each occasion he shakes his head and remains silent.

As they cross the light thrown from the windows more than one curious glance is cast upon them, for already has word been whispered around that Mynheer Joe has come from the scene of action, and there is an air of myste. thrown about him, which his persons ity increases rather than diminishes; for, as has been said before, his face and figure are such as would attract attention even on Pall Mail or the Champs-Elysees.

Looking into the dance room, they se Molly Tanner gliding about in a dreamy waltz with a foreign-looking man wear ing an immense mustache that curls up to his ears-no doubt the baron. She nods her head to them and smiles as she glances toward her partner in the dancethere is something so spicy and rozuish

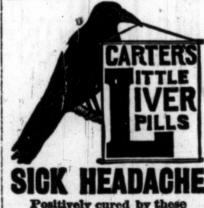
toward the girl more than ever. "She's a dandy," the effervescent covrespondent had said to him, while or the way to the hotel, and the more be sees of her the better this peculiar comparison applies, though upon trying to analyze it, he is bound to confess the

meaning ambiguous and a trifle dim.

From the window they walk down to the end of the piazza. Here an acquaintance seizes held of Mr. Grimes and begs a few minutes' private conversation with him, which, of course, he gives, asking Joe's pardon for leaving

The latter steps down to the square to walk a little upon the cool flags. The events of the night have been more than singular, when his fortunes are concerned, and he has plenty to reflect upon as he strolls there in front of

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is visiting Mrs. Goodyear. Mrs. John Dolsen, Duluth St., is seriously ill with inflammation of the

Miss Gertie Barclay, of Detroit, is visiting Mrs. Caspar Schwemler, Wil-

Walter Clements, of Chiacgo, is in the city owing to the serious illness of his mother.

J. H. Osterhout returned this morning to resume his studies at the University of Toronto.

The Amethyst Club will give its first semi-monthly hop at Northwood's hall this evening.

The organization meeting of the city council-elect will be held next Monday morning at 10 o'clock. It is probable that a general caucus will be held to-morrow evening. Detective Heenan brought in a prisoner Austin Middlemiss, from Ridge-town, who was sertenced to 60 days in

jail for stealing a caddy of tobacco from the M. C. R. there. He was caught in Windsor. The funeral of Mrs. Reaume took place

the funeral of Mrs. Reaume took place this morning to St. Joseph's church and thence to St. Anthony's cemetery. The obsequies were conducted by the Kev. Fr. Herman. The pall-bearers were Fred. Deloge, Nelson Rocke, Napoleon Ebare and William Chrysler. So far there has been little talk con-

cerning the composition of the civic committees and the aldermen-elect are very reticent on the subject. It is said that the finance chairmanship is likely to go to Ald. Scane or Ald. Ste-phens, the board of works to Ald. McKeough and property to Dr. Flem-

Private Banker W. E. Merritt has ved notice from Bank that some of the \$10 uncounter-signed bank notes stolen at Napanee in August, 1898, are in circulation. The bank also offers \$2,000 for the return of the whole of the uncountersigned notes and proportionate rewards for the return of any part of them.

THEY'RE OFF. The western sections of the contingent left London for the front yesterday and were given a great send-off.
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R. J. Coogan went with the artillery. Shore and V. R. Skirving R. J. Coogan went with the artillery, and Privates W. M. Glover and Frank O. Peck with the mounted infantry. Pumper Hough, injured by the gas explosion at Fargo, will recover.



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Hockey Sticks The Canadians at Belmont Again in Touch With the Enemy.

Orange River, Jan. 3.—There was a small skirmish near Belmont this morning. The British fired a few shells, but the Boers did not respond. A detachment of about 40 Boers at tempted to rush Klokfontein this morning, but were beaten back by the mounted infantry. Possibly this force consisted of fugitives from Sunmyside.

ANOTHER BOAT BEING SEARCHED.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—The imperial mail steamer General has been detained at Aden and occupied by British troops, with the object of searching her cargo, which is to be discharged. The General is owned by the German East African line, the owners of the Bundes rath, previously captured by the Britthis afternoon.

The Legislature will probably meet on either Feb. 8 or Feb. 13. Three by-elections will probably take place before that date, East Middlesex, North Waterloo and West Huron. In the latter case Mr. Garrow will not appeal and will probably quit the House altogether, owing to the fact that he was overlooked in the recent distribution of portfolios. ish Cruiser Magicienne, off Delagon bay, Although the manifests of the General, show no war material on board, she was compelled to discharge

RUMORED CHECK OF GEN. BULLER.

Paris, Jan. 4.-A report was current on the bourse to-day that General Buller had met with another check in his efforts to relieve Ladysmith.

FRENCH STILL BATTERING 'EM. London, Jan. 4. - There is great

satisfaction here at the news that De Aar has been able to send Gen. French reinforcements of guns and infantry, of which he appears to be so much in

The fighting in the hills is incessant. The fighting in the fill is incessing.

The latest telegrams say Gen. French has almost surrounded Colesberg, but that the Boers are stiffly defending all their positions close to the town, preventing the British from capturing it.

A despatch from Rensburg this Yukon gold field for the year amounts to \$1,100.600. The revenue for Novem-A despatch from Rensburg this morning says the heavy artillery duel rescommenced at daybreak. British steamer Borghese foundered off Cape Finisterre last Friday, twenty-two of the crew being drowned.

THEY CARRIED THE BABIES. Belmont, Jan. 4—Col. Pilcher, it is officially announced, being only on a raiding expedition, and for military reasons being unable to occupy Douglas permanently, has evacuated the town, bringing off all the loyalists. He has now returned safely to close proximity to Belmont. When he ancounced the necessity of evacuating the place, the inhabitants of Douglas declared their lives were not worth five a request that Sunday next be observed in Canada, as it will be in Great Bri-tain, as a day of prayer and humilia-tion in connection with the war in

Gen. Joubert denies that he has ever protested against the use of lyddite. He avers that up to the declared their lives were not worth five minutes' purchase after the troops left.

Col. Pilcher, therefore, invited them to accompany him to Belmont. The present he has not lost a single man Six horsemen made a dash from Six horsemen made a dash from Ladysmith a few nights ago, and though pursued they escaped. It is believed the party included Col. Rhodes, brother of Cecil Rhodes, and preparations were speedily completed, but the vehicles of the town were total

hut the vehicles of the town were totally inadequate to convey the refugees, so the troops gave up the transport wagons to the women and children.

The Canadians acted as an escort of the refugees, carrying babies for the women and kept everybody lively by singing as they marched pluckily along in spite of sore feet, accasioned by the heavy sand, which made marching extremely tiring. The force received Gen. Buller's congratulations on the success of the expedition with great satisfaction.

WAR NOTES.

Gen. Joubert preached in the Boer Camp New Years day. It is rumore

risen against the Boers. enemy in some force at the Little Tugela bridge. Their presence was discovered by scouts. It is reported that five men and a lieutenant of that particles are Nature's warnings. Capt. Thornycroft's patrol found the ty have not returned. Federal scouts yesterday penetrated

into the British camp. When return-ing, the British pickets discovered them and wounded one Boer. Gen. Lucas Meyer resumes command of the

At midnight New Years' Eve. the garrison at Ladysmith threw two shells into the Boer camp, killing a burgher. New Years morning the Boers threw shells filled with confections and greetings into Ladysmith.

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Between Now and March 1st. Commencing Saturday, Januray 8th, 1900.

A lour winter goods must be sold, all goods marked down in plain red figures. You are invited to look and compare without obligation to purchase.

Watch This Space For Special Clothing News

MEN'S SUITS, made from solid allwool tweeds, good westers, in dark shades browns and gravs, made single and double breast, sizes 36 to 42, regular price \$6 and \$6 50, mark down price \$4 95

MEN'S SUITS, made from fine wool tweed serges and worsteds, all sizes 36 to 42, single and double breasted styles, regular price \$9 and \$10, mark down

\$7 50

MEN'S FINE WORSTED TWEED SUITS, in nice shades of browns, siegle and doub's breasted styles, regularly sold at \$12, mark down price \$8 88

BOYS 3 PC. SUITS, in navy blue serge and tweeds, madesingle and double breast styles, 28 to 23, regular values st \$1, mark down price

\$3 48 BOYS' 3 PC. bUITS, made from honest tweeds and dressy serges, nice colorings, wearers, sizes 28 to 33, reg-ularly sold at \$5, mark down price

\$3 95 BOYS' 3 PC. SUITS, made from imported serges and worsted tweeds, fine and dressy, best in the city, sizes from 28 to 33, single and double breast, reg-ularly sold from \$6 to \$7, mark down

\$4 95 and \$5 95

BOYS' 2 PC. SUITS, made from re-liable wearing tweeds and serges, range of sixes 22 to 30, regular prices \$2, \$2.60, \$3 and \$3.50, mark down prices \$1.48, \$1.98, \$2 39, \$2.95

BOYS' 3 PC. MIDDY SUITS for the BOYS 3 FC. milbul Solves, made from fine tweeds and worsteds, little vest and big sailor collars, all braid trimmed, nice shades, reg. value \$4, mark down

\$2 95

BOYS' 2 PC. MIDDY SUITS, in special fine cloth novelties, reg. \$5, mark down price \$3 95

MEN'S HEAVY PANTS, special 75c, 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.98.

MEN'S Heavy FRIEZE ULSTERS, special coat in heavy croth, with big storm collar, slash pockets, all tweed tined, just a few left, value at \$4, mark \$3 48

MEN'S ALL WOOL FRIEZE MENS ALL WOOL PRIZES, made from heavy friezes, nice shade dark grav and brown, claret, fawn. heavy lined, full of comfort, reg. values \$6 and \$6.50, mark down price

\$4.95

YOUTH'S ULSTERS, made from heavy fruzes, dank shades, brown, fawn, and black, reg \$5 coats, sizes 32 to 35,

\$3.95

BOYS' ULSTERS, for the little chaps, just the thing, heavy cloths, big collars, all tweed lined, reg. value \$3 and \$3 75, for ages 5 to 12 years, mark

\$2.50 and \$319

MENS ORESS OVERCOATS— Men's blue and black beaver dress over-coats, single and double breast, sizes 34 to 42, reg. value at \$6, merk down price \$4.95

MEN'S PEAVER DRESS OVER-COATS, navy only, dressy, sizes 36 to 42, reg. value \$7, mark down price \$5 95

MEN'S BEAVER DRESS OVER-COATS, in single and double breast styles, all French faced, well lined and made, blue only, reg. value at \$8, mark down price

\$6 50

MEN'S BEAVER MELTON and NOVELTY CHINCELLA DRESS OVERCOATS, in blue, gray and brown shades, nice velvet collar, handsome fitters, best sellers this season, regular value \$9 and \$10, sizes 36 to 42, mark down price \$7.95

MEN'S REEFERS, heavy friezes and rough goods, all marked down prices \$3 48 and \$3 95

BOYS' REEFERS, in the high-class kink beavers and chincella and, \$5, mark down price \$3 48 and \$3 95

Leading and Reliable Clothiers

The Bargain Centre Market Square Corner

The Cloney Saving Spot for Clen

MORLEY & CO.

they miss the latest and ever changing fads.

The Leading Tailos

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THE GORDON

We have been preparing for this sale for a long time, gathering the best the market produced, and now we are ready for you with the largest and the best stock of Muslin Underwear, unequalled for quality, price We give below a few pointers for buyers well worth a c reful reading;



Better at 75c. 82c, etc.

Night Gowns

- At 50c—Night Gowns. good bleached Cottons, square yoke, tuck ed, combris trilled on collor, front and cuffs.

 At 50c—Night Gowns, square yoke, embroidery front and cuffs.

 At 62c—Night Gowns, square tucked yoke, insertion front cambris frills front and cuffs.

 Ab 75c—Gowns, square yoke, insertion on shoulder and front, frilled cuffs.
- At \$1 Empress Gowns, open at side, fine embroidery and insertion trimmed.

 At \$20 Gowns, square insertion yoke, tucked and embroideried
- At \$1.35—Gowas, fine American cotton, deep collar, embroidered and stitched fronts.

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 At \$1.35—Empress Gowns, fine material, large collars, deep embroidery and insertion

At \$1.25—Gowns V shaped yoke, All-over embroidery, tucked and embroidered. Finest at \$1.48, \$1.72, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$2.98, \$3.00, \$3.35 and \$4.00.

Corset Covers

15c Corset Covers, good material, well made.
23c Corset Covers, cambric frilled on neck and front.
25c Corset Covers, embroidered neck and front.
25c Corset Covers, cambric embroidery round the neck and sleeves.
28c Corset Covers, cambric embroidery round the neck and sleeves.
48c Corset Covers, Lonsdale cambric fine pearl buttons, embroidered sleeves and neck.
50c Corset Covers, Lonsdale cambric insertion front, embroidered neck and sleeves.
Better at 75c, 82c, etc.

50c Chemise-I ine American cotton, and fire embroidery trimmed neck, sleeves and Chemise

25c Chemise—Go d plain cotton, cambric frilled neck and sleeves.

Embroideries

As usual we show a very large line of fine Embroideries, Insertions, All-overs, etc All the newest patterns and finest qualities. Our qualities, quantities and prices are magnetic attractions.

At 3 —Cambric Embroideries, fine qualities, 1 in to 2½ in, wide.

At 50—A large line at this price, of Swiss and Cambric Embroideries and Insertions, worth up to 10c a yard.

At 65—Rine and heavy Cambric and Muslin Embroiderice and Inscritions up to 34

inches wide.

At 7c and 8c—Fine wide Swiss and Cambric Embroiderlessand Insertions, worth 12c to 16c a yard.

All-over Embroideries, All-over Lace Yokeings, Fancy Shirred and Tucked Muslins

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Tartans, Organdies, Swisses, India Linens, Lawns, Mulls, Long Cloths, Lonsdales, Linen Lawns, Linens for fancy work.

A special line of fine, White Corded Dimities, at 12 jc.

Ready-made Pillow Cases and Sheets

alla Directo	1240
Coronet Pillow Slips. Defender P. llow Slips. 18c and. Defender Sheets, 72 x 90, plain. Defender Sheets, 81 x 90, plain. 7 Defender Sheets, 81 x 90, plain.	2c each 8c each
Defender Sheets, Hemstitched, 72 x 90 Defender Sheets, Hemstitched, 81 x 90. Defender Sheets, Hemstitched, 90 x 100 \$1.	
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Ladies' White Skirts

62c-Skirts, good material, 6 rows of tucking, Lonsdale Cambric

friling.

750—Skirts, 4 tucks, deep embroidery frilled, very attractive.

750—Skirts, 6 tucks, fine and deep embroidery trimmed.

\$1.00—Skirts, 6 tucks and ins-rtion, deep embroidered flounce.

\$2.00—Skirts, Lonsdale Cambric, 6 fine tucks, wide insertion in

deep flounce. \$2 25—Fine Umbrella frilled Skirt , wide insertion, muslin and

\$2.50—Fine Umbrella Irilied Skirts, while insertion, in utility and embroidery trimmed.

\$2.50—Beautiful Lonsdale Skirts, fancy embroidery or lace trimming.

Skirts in large variety at \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.75, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.00 each. It is our pleasure to show them.

Children's Skirts, hemmed in 6 sizes 230 to 50c, embroidered. Trimmed 50c to 75c.

Drawers

At 250—Drawers fine Muelin, 4 rows tucking, torohon lace trimmed.
At 290—Drawers, Hill Cotton, 4 rows tucking, cambric frilled.
At 44c—Drawers, embroidered frill or lace trimmed and tucked.

At 48c—Drawers, our special.
At 49c—Drawers, 12 fine tucks and fine embroidery trimmed.

At 82c—Umbrella Drawers, extra wide, 14 rows tucking, fine embroider At \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.35, special value, beautifully trimmed with lace

CHILDREN'S DRAWERS, in 6 sizes, plain he n and tucked 25c all sizes. Embroidery trimmed 25c to 48c.

Remember early buyers secure the best choice,

It is impossible to give full descriptions in print. We want everybody within reach of this sale to call and inspect



IN OLDEN

Tea was considered a great luxury. Now it has become so cheap that it is one of the necessities.

We sell you good Tea -good English Breakfast Tea at a price so small there is no reason in using

H. Malcolmson

Special Sale

Stamped Linens

Thursday morning

at the wholesale

cost price

Jan. 4th, at 9 o'clock

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

Sulman's Beehive

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the members

Minard's Liniment for sale every

A. H. WHITE,

English Breakfast Tea -4oc a pound.

Miss E. Kinney, entertained a num ber of friends last evening at her resi-dence. Park street east:

Joseph W. Lewis, Mitchell's Bay has purchased lot 16, con. 14, Dover, 75 acres, for three thousand dollars.

A Turkish bath never fails to cure a cold. A graduated temperature with an attendant to watch you during the night removes all chance of catching a fresh cold.

The water commissioners will hold their organization meeting this evening, when a chairman will be elected for the ensuing year. The Separate school board will meet this evening, when the report of Re-turning Officer D. J. O'Keeffe on the elections yesterday will be submitted.

Found, on Richmond street, about six weeks ago, a fur tippet. The owner can have it by proving property and paying for this advertisement. The retiring members this year on the C. C. I. board are Judge Bell from the county and J. E. Thomas from the city. Dr. Stewart, of Thamesville, is the retiring county member of the Ridgetown board. The new C. C. I. board will hold its first meeting during the first week in February.

Money Lost—Between post office and the Merrill House, Tuesday afternoon. Finder will be rewarded by leaving it at this office. There were three five dollar bills.

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

BOOK BINDING. Orders for bookbinding should be left at The Planet office. It is surprising how nice a volume can be amade of magazines, even though they are somewhat soiled from much handling. Books, magazines, or periodicals boud or rebound in any style at very reasonable prices.

reasonable prices. THE SEPARATE SCHOOL CONTEST.

When the poll closed for Separate school trustees for the city yesterday the vote stood:

Ward 2—Blonde 28, Kenny 27.

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Ward 3—Gordon 12, O'Brien 14.
Ward 5—Thibodeau 3, Welsh 18.
It was discovered after the close that Mr. Kenny's vote for himself had not been recorded: He claimed he had tendered it, but Returning Officer O'Keeffe said he had not heard him. This vote would have made the contest a tie. The returning officer will report the matter to the board.

NEW A. O. U. W. OFFICERS.

The election of officers of Peninsular Lodge, No 2, A O U W, was held on Fridey evening last as follows:— This is a good chance to secure bargain This is a good chance to secure pargains in new goods and to have something different from anyone else, as of the entire lot no two pieces are the same. (None of these goods will be on sale till Thursday morning)

M W-Bro Wesland Gragg. Foreman—A E Smith.
Overseer—J C G Moore.
Financier—Wm. Rannie.

Financier—Wh. Randie Recorder—John R Snell. Guide—C E Tickner. I W—H Robinson. O W—R J Dunlop. Trustees Wm Kebertson, Thos Scullard and Arch Wemp.

Delegate to G. lodge, P M W Bro J H

Alternate—A E Galbraith.
Auditors—A E Galbraith and H The Annual Meeting of the members of the Raleign Agricultural Society will take place at the Township Rall, on Wednesday, 10th, instant, at one o'clock, p. m., for the election of officers for the current year. Directors will please meet at 12.30 p. m.

Physicians—All medical men belonging to the lodge. Eye-witnesses state that fifty cases, said to contain pianos, were landed at Delagoa Bay last week. They really contained Krupp and Creusot guns.

Ask fer Minard's and take no other

HER IDEA OF OUR WATER SUPPLY.

A correspondent sends in the follow-I was out walking the other night and heard two colored women talking

as follows:

Is yo' all got plenty wattah?

No. Is yo' all?

No, dar's ro wattah in cur well.

Nur in oun eidah. Last year at dis
time our well war runnin' obah. Dis
year dars none in it.

I spects hits caze dey am puttin' down so many wattah wo'ks, dey is drawin' all de wattah outer de wells

THE WEST

Enthusiastic Reports of Work of Dodd's Kidney Pills are Doing the Prairie Province

Backache and Bladder Troubles Prevale in Menitobe-Frank Colleaux's Letter From Oak Loke-Specimen o' the Cures Dodd's Kidney Pills

Oak Lake, Manitoba, Jan. 3.—The climate of Manitoba has the peculiar tendency of making strong people stronger and weak people weaker. Its severe winters have the effect of hardening the hardy, but they are trying to those not so robust in the first place.

There is another thing about Mani-There is another thing about Manitoba that is trying on even the rollast. In all wheat growing countries there is found alkali in the water. Alkali is dreadfully hard on the kidneys. Hence the prevalency of kidney troubles, such as gravel, urinary disorders, etc., in Manitoba.

Dodd's Kidney Pills have become an absolute necessity in Manitoba. and

come into almost universal use throughout the prairies of the great

Oak Lake, Dec. 1st., 1899. Dodd's Medicine Co., Toronto. Dear Sirs,—It gives me great pleasure to testify to the excellent qualities of Dodd's Kidney Pills. About two years ago I was attacked with severe pains in the back. A friend of mine advised me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. I did so and six boxes cured me. Since then my back has not troubled

Yours faithfully, FRANK COLLEAUX.

Cecil Rhodes supplied the prisoners at Kimberley with clothes.

Gorrie's Confections stand the test

Dodd's Kidney Pills have become an absolute necessity in Manitoba, and are being used to a greater extent every day. They are recognized as the only reliable kidney medicine in the world. Curing, as they do all forms of kidney disease, including Bright's disease, diabetes, rheumatism, heart disease, dropsy, bladder and urinary diseases, female troubles and disorders of the blood, they have already come blood, they have already come

Northwest.
Here is a specimen of the letters
the Dodd's Medicine Company are receiving from grateful convalescents in

Since then my back has not troubled and I would like you to publish this for the benefit of other sufferers.

They may not be cheapest, but are always the best.

Crystalized Oinger 25c a box

THAMESVILLE.

Jan. 4-Our curiers were in Glenco An effort is being made to organize

a hockey club in town.

Miss Fowlie, who has been visiting her brother in town, returns home to Erin to day.

Mrs. McFarlane returned yesterday from visiting friends in Embro.

Dr. Stewart has returned from a trip

Miss Katherine Dencan returned yesterday to Toronto to resume her studies at Moulton College.

The rink is opened to skaters on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights and will doubtless be well patennized.

The gas rig is being removed to Dr. Fraser's residence where work will be begun at once. The well he has already put down on his property on London street promises good results. London street promises good results.

TILBURY.

Jan. 4.-Mrs. Sutherland, of Wood-A carnival is talked of for next

Miss Lizzie McDonald has returned to Windsor. Isaac Hodgkins, of Tilbury East, is Mrs. Henry Powell was presented

with a handsome chair and a flat-tering address by the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church. The Chatham Daily Planet is on sale

at Johnson's Drug Store. WALLACEBURG

Jan. 4.-Miss Maude McKelvey, after Jan. 4.—Miss Maude McKelvey, after a short visit to her mother here, returned to Tweed yesterday morning.

Dr. G. B. Mills, of Harrow, Ont., and Miss Lizzie Macdonnell were yesterday married by the Rev. D. Currie, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. Macdonnell, Bast Branch.

The schools reopened vesterday

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Mrs. M. Macdonnell, Bast Branch.

The schools reopened yesterday morning with all the teachers present, after their Christmas vacation.

W. Gilmore and wife, of Sandusky, Ohio, are visiting friends here.

A full house greeted Marks Bros. upon their second appearance here last evening in "Paradise Regained." The specialties are good and up to date and are changed nightly. The illustrated popular songs of the dayland moving pictures are very fine, being well worth the money alone. They play "Little Lord Fauntleroy" at the Saturday matinee.

Saturday matinee.

A handsome new chandilier has been placed in the centre of the Opera House, containing fifteen lights.

BLENHEIM

Jan. 4.—Installation of the follow-ing officers took place in the I. O. O. F. rooms Tuesday evening: Chief Ran-ger, Wm. Snoblin; Vice Chief Ranger, E. A. Knight; Beadles, Chas. Reynolds and Jas, Hawley; Treas., C. L. Von-Gunten.

After business was concluded the members of the court visited J. B. Pickering's restaurant and partook of an excellent repast. Mr. and Mrs .Peter Haggart arrived

home last night, having spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in eastern parts.

The Assembly Club held the first of its second series of hops in the opera house Tuesday night. About thirty couple were present. Mr. Latham, of Chatham, furnished the music for the

The young man charged with com mon assault against one Robbins, was given a hearing to-day, and was allowed out on suspended sentence.

Peter Haggart, grain and produce merchant, gives The Planet the following market quotations:

Beans, \$1.15 to \$1.22.

Clover seed, \$5.

Pork, \$5.

Frank Sheldon, who lately took for his life partner Miss Neta, daughter of George Breeze, left for Denver, Col., Monday, in company with Mr. Breeze

Best \$10.00 Overcoat in Canada

Scott & Go's Black and Blue Imported Beaver \$10.00 Overcoat still leads them all, at......

Very special Ulster Overcoat in Black, Brown \$4.50

Scott & Co.

Sole Agents for the Saskatchewan Overcoats and Robes and Leather Coats.

and family. The good wishes of their many friends follow them. Blenheim Gun Club will hold another pigeon shoot on the 12th inst.

George and Bertha Higley left yes-terday for a few days' visit to friends at Eagle and St. Thomas. Ice hauling from Rond Eau is the order of the day now. Large loads are being brought in and stored away

by the merchants. Mrs. Jamieson will entertain number of young people to-night in honor of her son Reginald, who re-turns to Toronto University to-mor-

After the installation of officers last Tuesday night Court Harwich, I. O. F., suppered at Pickering's restaurant. A fine spread was put on for the hungry beet head.

One of the most delightful hops of the season was given last Tuesday night in the Opera House. Music was furnished by Latham, of Chatham, to-gether with Miss Titus and D. Gray, of this town.

As a result of the passing of the by-law, Nightwatchman Marshall has been laid off duty protem. The town hereafter will pay for the services of a night watchman, instead of the merchants having to do this out of their own problets. their own pockets, The Daily Planet is on sale at J. N. Babcock's Drug Store, where subscriptions will be taken, and the paper delivered free to any part of the town.

DRESDEN.

Jan. 4.-A house belonging to Mr. Lindsay was moved yesterday.

Uncle Tom's Cabin will be presented at the Grand on Saturday night by

the C. G. Phillips Co.
Miss May Miller, of Detroit, is the
guest of Misses Ethel and Clemmie

Miss Elsie Stephens, of Collingwood will arrive in town this evening and will be the guest of Miss Sue Watson. Miss Etta Rudd gave a dinner party to a number of young lady friends on

Tuesday evening.
Miss Margaret Huff is visiting Leamington friends.

Mrs. E. J. MacIntyre has returned to Chatham, after visiting her father, Jas. Stephens, who, we regret to say, continues in the same critical condi-

New catalogues for the Public Li-New catalogues for the Public Library are ready for members. They are to be sold at 5c. each.

Miss Nellie Sheppard, daughter of George Sheppard, and a former member of the D. P. S. staff, who has for

ber of the D. P. S. staff, who has for the past two years been teaching at Regina, N. W. T. was married on Dec. 27th, 1899, to J. V. Boyd, of that place. Miss Rachael Sheppard has secured a position in Toledo, Ohio. The jewellery store of Wm. Ward was entered Tuesday night and about \$17 in cash stolen. Chas. Shaw's skating rink is being well patronized.

well patronized.
The S. A. band serenaded the successful candidates for mayor and councillors on Tuesday evening. Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

WEDDING IN RALEIGH. At 8 o'clock on the evening of Dec. At 8 o'clock on the evening of Dec. 26 a very pleasing event took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cooper, 6th Con., Centre Road, Raleigh, when their daughter, Mary, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Rev. Samuel Drake, of Chatham township. The Personne was ham township. The seremony was performed by Rev. W. R. Drake of North Buxton. Jas. Richardson, of

North Buxton. Jas. Richardson, of the Gravel Road, Raleigh, acted as best man, and Miss Mamie Anderson, of Chatham, as bridesmaid. Over 50 guests were present and the bride was the recipient of many handsome gifts.

A PROSPEROUS COURT. A PROSPEROUS COURT.

Tuesday night, at Bear Line, Court
Pride of Dover, A. O. F., held their annual installation of officers. The
meeting was a very successful one,
a very large number of members being
present. After the installation ceremony had been performed by P. C. R.,
A. Brown, refreshments were served.
The Court has decided to keep Bro.
Wm. Glover, who is leaving for South The Court has decided to keep Bro. Wm. Glover, who is leaving for South Africa with the second contingent, good on the books until the war is over and settled. After the business of the evening was concluded, a very pleasant event took place when the court presented P. C. R., A. Brown and the retiring financial secretary, Wesley Wright, with an address, accompanied by a very handsome meerschaum retiring financial sections.

Wright, with an address, accompanied by a very handsome meerschaum pipe and box of tobacco for each. In reply to the presentation, P. C. R. Brown made a very appropriate speech; he thanked the members on behalf of himself and W. Wright for their kindness, and also for the very good manner in which they had attended to the business of the past year, and he hoped that during the coming year that they would be better able to display the principles of U., B. and C., and maintain the court at that station to which it belongs. Mr. Brown drew attention to the very in which death claims Brown drew attention to the Brown drew attention to the very quick manner in which death claims were paid by the A. O. F., and in con-clusion congratulated the court upon the wisdom they had shown in select-ing the officers for the year 1900.

TINY TIM.

How many of us have spent a de-ficious hour with Dickens' little "Tiny Tim." He pleased us because he was for ever helping, or ready to help

Dr. Hope's TINY TABLETS are doing exactly the same thing. They are delping thousands of unfortunate aervous, broken-down people to get urong. some unfortunat

One little TINY TABLET after such meal and before retiring will give you new life. If you feel tired -11'S NERVES.

TAKE ABLETS
FOR
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NERVES

Gorrie's



Is specially recommended by many family physicians, for nursery use. Beware of imitations, some of which are dangerous and may cause skin troubles ALBERT TOILET SOAP CO., Mfrs. MONTREAL.

New Fruits Cross & Black-ell's Poel 20c Shelled Almonds and Walnuts per pound..... 35c TRY OUR CHOICE HAMS AND J. P. Taylor's

> KRAUSE CONSERVATORY MUSIC

Winter Term

BEHINS FRIDAY, NOVEMBERGIOTH HARMONY CLASSES SENIOR THEORY CLASSES On Thursday's at 5,30 p.m. JUNIOR THEORY CLASSES On Thursday's at 5 p.m. PRFE to Conservatory Students

R. VICTOR CARTER

King, Cunnin tham drinks is a germ grower or si loaded with ordinary stable filth. Nor does this statement cover worst phases of the case. Milk is not only dirty, but it is drugged

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Our Fall stock and we can supply at the low set rigures



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Burners, Guns, Shot, Shells, Black and Smokeless

Rugs, Robes, Blankets, Whips, Axes, Sav Cutlery, Paints, Oils, Window Giass,

BEST GOODS. RIGHT PRICES

King St. East of Market, Chatham

New Hardware

Tin, Cutlery, and Stove Depot

BALDOON STREET, FOOT OF 3rd STREET

We are offering you these goods at lower prices than King Street Stores because our general expenses are far less. You will consult your own interests by examining our stock before buying elsewhere. A full line of Paints and Glass

D. H. Winter

LADIES

DON'T FORGET TO RE-MEMBER

That you can have your Curtains done to los like new at the PARISIAN STEAM LAUNDRY

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Minard's Liniment Relieves Neural-

BETTER MILK.

rewing Demand For Cleanliand Willingness to

improvement now being wrought in the handling of milk for human consumption, says The Breeder's Gazette. Until recently no common article of food was so universally filthy as milk. Rarely was a combination found by the student of this problem where the cows were healthy and fed with wholesome food, the stables clean and well ventilated, milkers neat and tidy and the vessels thoroughly scalded each time they were used. Milk produced in the country for city consump tion was fairly wholesome, but that produced in cities or in their immediate vicinity was usually of the vilest character, because the trade, as a rule, was in the hands of ignorant foreigners who kept the cows in filthy, dark sheds and fed them upon the waste products of breweries, distilleries and vinegar factories, the putrid masses from which were often disgusting in

the highest extreme. American entérprise is at last getting hold of the milk supply in many quarters, and the improvement is already quite marked, though it is growing far less rapidly than it should for a reason which will only be believed by those who have carefully studied the subject. It is a surprising fact that as yet no large part of city consumers stand ready to demand pure milk and pay that price for it which cleanliness and healthfulness make necessary.

Some years since an Omaha paper sent a reporter out to examine the milk supply of that city, and it was found that a majority of the dairies about the city were extremely filthy as to cows, stables, milkers and utensils. The reporter followed the milk from production to distribution and was surprised to find that wagons from the filthiest dairies circulated freely along the most aristocratic avenues and that much of the milk they sold was left at the back doors of the finest residences On consulting the producers he was told that the rich people were unwill ing to pay fair prices for good milk and were constantly seeking to secure their milk at a lower cost, rarely making any inquiries as to its purity and wholesomeness. The one object always was "one more milk ticket for a dollar." Some German has figured out as follows :how many hundred pounds of cow manure are consumed daily by the residents of Berlin, and it would not be difficult for any person who has looked into the matter a little to make a similar calculation for a city like Chicago. People who will lose their appetite for breakfast at a soiled napkin or a speck of dirt on their plate, will call for a glass of milk drawn from a bottle or pitcher containing sediment that advertises itself and drink this mixture with equanimity, even though the last drops in the glass show vile contamination. Not one in ten stops to inquire if the milk he drinks is a germ grower or simply

Nor does this statement cover the worst phases of the case. Milk is often not only dirty, but it is drugged with chemicals which threaten the health tive poisons are now freely used by milkmen, especially during the summer season, to prevent milk and cream from souring. Dirty milk sours much more quickly than pure milk, and the producer of the contaminated product gets even with his more conscientious competitor by throwing in a handful of drugs and then showing the buyer that his milk will keep sweet even longer than the other. The buyers of such milk take with each glass a quantity of drugs which would surprise them, and these materials are swallowed along with the filthy milk by infants and invalles under the doctor's care, the physician rarely knowing or realizing that he has a competitor in the drug line in the family milkman.

Dairy Butter.

At the Indiana state fair the best tub of creamery butter scored 961/2 points, while the best 15 pounds of dairy butter scored 971/2 points and the best five pounds of dairy prints scored 98 points. This may be taken as evidence that those who will take the necessary care to have their milk clean, from healthy cows fed on wholesome food, can handle it so as to make creamery that receives milk from so bear upon the discomfitted Boers be many patrons, some of whom seem to think a good butter maker should be able ers and guns and much spoil should to make good butter from almost any material they may furnish him. While we are willing to admit that there is much dairy butter which is very inmuch dairy butter which is very inferior to the average product of the creamery, there is some that is much better. The trouble with dairy butter for the dealer and consumer is that such as scores 97 or 98 points does not often reach them. There is usually a home market for it, which keeps it there. Probably the dairyman who has such a market finds it more profitable than to supply city dealers. American Cultivator.

Two Kinds of Thinness. To have a cow thin by giving large quantities of milk from good feeding and to have her thin for lack of food are two entirely different conditions. In the one case she is strong, vigor ous, active and full of rich blood, while in the other she is faint and weak and gives but little milk .- Tennessee Farmer.

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BLOODY BATTLE

Correspondent With Buller Says One is at Hand

nd He Predicis a Great British Victory With the Capture of fluch Spoil and Many Prisoners.

London, January 3 .- The following a summary of the situation in Natal, published in the Daily Telegraph. It was written by Bennett Burleigh, the veteran war correspondent, and is

"Frere camp, Sunday.-Following is what I may term an end of the year review of the situation as it now stands—Despite many drawbacks and various unsatisfactory matters which might and could be remedied, the mili-tary situation is better more secure, and more hopeful for us than since the outbreak of hostilities. This is the case elsewhere, but particularly so in Natal. The invasion of this colony is now slowly, perhaps many will say too slowly, but surely being rolled back. There is no longer any danger at Pietermaritzburg to-day; the country is secure from the foe practically from Colenso south. A few raiders may for a short time venture along the hills as far as Estcourt, but I doubt if ever

they will water their horses again in the Mooi river. "Ladysmith, although on account of its situation a place difficult to defend, continues easily to hold out and is repelling the Boer attacks, for the enemy have never relished coming to close of the user. Salicylic acid, boracic quarters, nor have they shown any sitions. Their one method is to catch our troops in the open from cover and overwhelm them with fire. For not many days more will Ladysmith's gallant garrison be required to tie low be-hind their works. The relief column will surely free their hands from guarding the town and camps, and enable them to cut in upon the retreatable them to cut in upon the retreat-ing commandos. To-day Buller has within hail a force of all arms equal to that of the Boers, eagerly demand-ing to be led against Joubert's men and Free Staters, who are before Cothe enemy between Colenso and Lady-smith, all told, number between 20,-000, and 30,000. What with renegades and the colonial Boers recruiting their total strength in the field must be near sixty thousand. Joubert and Botha have made the most of their advantage of position by emplacing many cannon, some of large calibre, up to 15 centimetres, and by constructing numberless trenches and works. Their position, I assume, will be judiciously flanked, and the enemy rolled back,

rolled back,

"War is even more uncertain than cricket, but the soldiers will not fail the country. That is absolutely certain. If they are given a fair chance to engage upon anything like equal terms, I plump for complete Heitish victory. It is given me further to forecast that if the punishment meted out to and the pressure brought to

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Professional rat catchers, who devote themselves exclusively to freeing build ings from rats, are found in only a few of the very largest cities of the country. There are rats everywhere, and so it comes about that the rat catcher is more or less of a traveler. Trips of 50, 100, 200 miles and more in various directions out of the city are not so unusual as to be considered remarkable. These include considered remarkable. These include trips to cities and towns and places in the country. The structures that are freed from rats include not only private houses in city and country, but also factories, and ships, and stores, and hotels, and storehouses, and stables, and in fact buildings of all sorts. The rat catcher makes contracts to free a building of rats, and also to keep it free, by the month or the year. A rat catching con-tract running up into four figures, that is to say of \$1,000 and more, would not be

an unheard of thing.

City rat catchers lay their work out in routes for greater convenience in han-ding, and the places on these routes are visited as often as may be necessary to keep them free of rats. There are three or four professional rat catchers in the

or four professional rat catchers in the city, each employing a number of men.

Rats are caught with traps and with traps, the greater number with traps. Both cage traps, in which the rats are caught alive, and spring traps, that kill them when caught, are used, the larger ways of the traps used being of the number of the traps used being of the last described kind. Ferrets are also sometimes employed in rat catching.

The means adopted for catching the rats may depend on the place and the cir-cumstances. The rat catcher looks the place over and determines on the way in which to go about it. Perhaps he stops np most of the holes and establishes what are practically runways that lead the rats to his traps. There may have been a dozen traps in the house and rats caught in none of them. It might be that a trap would be set right over a rathole and that a rat would come up and crawl under it to get into the hole, but keep out of the trap. It is not likely to be so with the rat catcher's traps. He knows entic ing baits or a preparation to put on baits that makes them so attractive that the rats cannot resist them, and he catches rats when the amateur in that line, the householder, fails. The rat catcher varies the trap arrangements according to circumstances and uses the tongs in various places, perhaps in kitchens or in picking rats off pipes or elevated places or reaching into recesses, and tongs might be used in catching rats in stables.

In a stable the bait would be scattered in various places where it would be convenient to get at the rat with the tongs while it was feeding. The feed, scented with the enticing preparation, is put in the same places and at the same hour for two or three nights in succession. The bait is not in large chunks, as of bread or cheese, that the rats could pick up and carry off, but it is perhaps oatmeal, which it can pick up only a grain at a time and which it must stay there to eat. The preparation put upon it is so attractive that it might induce a wild rat to take the food from the rat catcher's hand. The lights are all turned down, and this stable work is not done on moonlight nights, when moonlight coming in through open doors or windows or spaces might cast shadows that would alarm the rats. The operator carries a small lantern with its inner reflecting surface so fixed as to throw but a slender beam of light.

When everything is ready, he throws this beam upon the place where the rate are feeding to locate them. There may be one or there may be more of them. The light dazes the rats for a second or so, and the rat lifts up its head to look. In that brief period the rat catcher gets it with his tongs. If there is more than one rat, he sweeps the first one caught around the other, on the ground, which helps to keep the other there until he can reach for it. He may have arranged ten places in the stable and gets rats in every one. He will reach into the manger with his hand, where there may be two of three rats, and sweep them together in such a manner that he can grasp the bunch by the tails. He lifts them up with a swing that dazes them for a mo-ment, at the same time calling to a keeper who goes with him on such occasio holding the bag into which the live rats

This bag has attached to it at the top a tape, not as a gathering string, for there wouldn't be time to close the bag in that way, but to hold on by, held between the bag holder's teeth, thus giving him both hands free with which to open and close the mouth of the bag quickly. When the rat catcher calls, and swings the rats around, the bag holder opens the mouth of the bag, and the rat catcher drops in the rats. They recover almost instantly from their temporary bewilderment, and the instant they strike the bottom of the bag they start to scramble up the sides to get out, but the bag hold-er closes the mouth promptly and keeps it so till there is occasion to open for an other rat.

It might be that working along with the tongs and lantern the rat catcher would come upon rats unexpectedly, or when the bag holder was not at hand. Then he would swing the tongs right around under his arm and close his arm down on the rat and draw the tongs away and leave the rat there, giving it away and leave the rat there, giving it another soon for company if possible to help keep it quiet, as it would be more likely to remain with another rat nestling up against it. If a rat catcher should swing a wild rat up in the air and catch it when it came down, he could lay it on it when it came down, he could lay it on the outside of his arm and it would stay there, for a moment at least, perfectly quiet, so surprised would it be by that extraordinary experience. Rats caught in such ways would, of course, be got rid of as promptly as might be into the bag. While of the traps used the greater number are of the kind that kill the rat when caught, still with traps and tongs many rats are taken alive: Years ago thousands of live rats were in the winter season collected for rat pits. The humber gathered nowadays for this purpose is everywhere very small owing to the ex-istence and activity of societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals. A few live rats are sold to physicians for experi-mental purposes, but substantially all of, the great number of rats taken alive by professional rat catchers are destroyed.— New York Sun.

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If a cab horse stumbles and falls to his knees in Paris, the driver does not run to the nearest apothecary's for 25 centimes' worth of liniment to bathe the scratched knees, as the London cabby does for tuppence worth. He simply gets down from his seat and, taking the butt end of his whip, beats the horse over the head until he clambers to his feet; then, after administering a couple of kicks from a No. 13 hobnailed boot, he mounts his box and drives along.

The tram horses are constantly bela bored with a whip and sworn at in the argot of Paris, and the result, strange as it may seem, is that it takes you longer to go a mile in a flacre in Paris with the horses being whipped all the time than it does the same distance in London when not once during the drive will the animal feel the touch of the

King Solomon an Egotist. and yet this king (Solomon) with his magnificence and unrivaled power, this shrewd judge, this skillful statesman, this scholar with his wide culture, became a pessimist, and stands forth one of the saddest figures in all the history of melancholy. But if we analyze his misery we find that he was a pessimist not because men are disciplined by conflict and trouble, but because he

was a confirmed egotist. Had men used printing presses in those faroff days the first letter to be exhausted in setting up Solomon's copy would have been the capital letter "I." "I" builded me houses, "I" got me soldiers, "I" wrote proverbs, "I" had manservants, "I" had maidservants. Through insatiable egotism Solomon lifted up this "I" as a columnar hitching post, and asked all creation to stand around and admire him. But simplicity is to a great man what sweetness is to a rose. A bloated and overwrought egotism makes happiness impossible.-Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, D. D., in Ladies' Home Journal.

How to Get Rid of a Crowd.

The late Prince George generally dined on his balcony, during which time his Cossacks played delightful airs from the Russian operas. Crowds of people came to stare most rudely, so one evening there was a very disagreeable smoke which swept over them and drove them away. I had the curiosity to find cut the meaning. A stove had been filled with bark and leaves and placed in such a position that the smoke was driven right into the faces of the people, and I could imagine the quiet laugh' that went around the imperial dinner table as the people disper as sheep having no shepherd.—Revie Reviews.

My neighbor, Morris, h. very fine mule, and about six mont, mule tried to pick his teeth th his hind foot and got the shoe fast ded in his mouth on a broken tooth. Mr. Morris worked an hour to unloose it, and then called in the neighbors, and they worked with ropes and levers, but couldn't. All of a sudden, while Morris was standing by, thinking what to do next, the tooth broke with a report like a pistol, and the mule's foot flew back against Morris' shin bone and broke it all to pieces.-Raieigh News and Observer.

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cone shaped iron sides of the truck twanged with the patter of bullets. The Boers had opened fire from large field guns and a Maxim. Small shells came guns and a Maxim. Small shells came in a stream The engine driver put on full steam, ran past the zone of fire and around a curve, striking a huge rock on the track, The first truck, containing tools and guards, sprang in the air and fell bottom up on the embankment. The Boer guns then changed their position and opened fire again. The rifle fire came pooring from three side of the wreck. I clambded out of the armored car and ran, dred out of the armored car and ran, followed, as I passed the engine, by a sbrapnel, which burst, hurling its contents with a rasping rush through the

engine. The driver jumped from his engine, The driver jumped from his engine, but I persuaded him to return and he did so. After the first panic, the first thing to be done was to clear the wreck, The engine was backed to relieve the strain, and the second partly derailed truck was thrown off the track. Capt. Haldane, in the meantime was replying to the fire of the Boers from the rear of the armored truck.

"The operation of clearing the track "The operation of clearing the track took many minutes. Volunteers for help were called for from the troops in the armored car, and four or five Dublin Fusiliers responded. As many of the wounded as possible were piled on the engine, Then, standing in the cab, lying on the tender, or clinging to the cowcatcher, they were targets for the Boer gunners, as shells burst with terrific detonations overhead or struck the cowcatcher, they were targets for the Boer gunners, as shells burst with terrific detonations overhead or struck the engine. Besides their field guns, which proved to be fifteen-pounders, the Boers Maxim continued to work, its little shells striking with an ugly thud, thud, thud, and exploding with startling bangs on all sides. Here and there men dropped on the ground and several screamed and cried for help. Suddenly a private soldier, disobeying all orders, waved a white handkerchief, and the Boers immediately ceased firing. A dozen Boer horsemen then boldly rode down the hill and dashed among our soldiers, calling on them to surrender, although our troops were still firing. For my part, after some moments of wild excitement, the details of which are indistinct in my mind. I found myself on the engine 500 yards down the line in a scrowd of wounded. As I thought only the wounded should be carried I jumped out on the track and scarcely had the leaveneding moved on when I found wounded should be carried I jumped out on the track and scarcely had the locomotive moved on when I found myself alone in a shallow cutting with no soldiers in sight. I saw two Boers coming along, and turned and ran. Two bullets passed me within a foot, one on each side. I fling myself on the ground, but it gave me no self on the ground, but it gave me no cover. Another glance at my pursuers showed that one was kneeling to aim again. I darted forward again and two more bullets sucked the air, but nothing struck me. I scrambled out of the cutting, away from the track, and the earth seemed to spring up beside me. Something touched my hand. A horseman galloped up on the other side of the track and waved his arms. I was a press correspondent without my arms, so I surrendered and was herded with the other prisoners."

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to Speak a Second Time.

An Irish reader of The London

An Irish reader of The London Spectator contributes the following specimens of Hibernicism, which are good if not all strictly new: During a discussion at a meeting of the Trinity College Historical So-ciety when the alight ciety upon the slight consideration attached to life by uncivilized na-tions a speaker mentioned the extraordinary circumstances that in China if a man was concemned to death he could easily hire a substitute to die for him. 'And,' the debater went on, "I believe many poor fellows get their living by acting as substitutes

in that way!"
"Well, Mick," said my friend, "I've heard some queer stories about your doings lately." 'Och, don't belave thim, sir," replied Mick. "Sure half the lies tould about me by the nay-

bors isn't thrue!"

A child went crying to its mother A child went crying to its mother; and reported that it had swallowed a button. "Well, well, look at that now!" cried the woman. "Begor, I suppose the next thing you'll do is to swallow a buttonhole!" This story reminds me of the graphic description given by a heggarman. scription given by a beggar-man of his tattered coat: "Faith, yer honor, it's nothin' but a parcel of holes sewn

together."
A curious peculiarity of the Irish nature is the wide limits to which relationship is extended. "Do you know Pat Meehan?" a peasant was asked. "Of course I do," was the analysis. swer. 'Why, he's a near relation of mine. He wance proposed for my sisther Kate."

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Municipality of Kaleigh.

TAKE NOTICE that the Municipal Counof leter of the Corporation of the Township of Rateigh will meet in the Township Hall, on Monday, the 8th day of Jac., 1900, at 11 a. m., for despatch of business. Per Chap. 223, Sec. 259. R. S. O A. E. ROBINSON, Clerk,

IN SOUTH AFRICA.

An Interesting Letter From Private H. Burrell.

Posted at Cape Town on the Arrival There of the First Contingent.

Daniel Martin, of Crow's coal and wood yard, North Chatham, has received the following letter from his friend, H. Burrell, a former fellow employee, who is now with the Canadian contingent in South Africa. The The letter was posted immediately on Private Burrell's landing at Cape

Cape Town, South Africa November 28, 1899.

Dear Friend, Daniel, -I now sit down o write you a few lines to let you now that I am still in the land of the living, and I hope this will find you in the same place. I suppose you aer still working at the same job. I would have written you before this but I had nothing more to say, and now since we have reached the land I know something about it. We left London on the 25th day of October and we got to Quebec on the 27th. On the 30th we left Onebec for the Transval. we left Quebec for the Transvaal and we never saw a sight of land un-til the 12th of November. It was the Cape de Verde Islands. We reached them about 3 o'clock in the morning, them about 3 o'clock in the morning, and lost sight of them again at 4 in the afternoon of the same day. A prettier sight anyone wouldn't wish to see. The mountains were of a moss color and at a terrible height. That was the last of anything we saw until we met the steamer Rangtaria, and she stopped and some of the crew got our mail away on her. We had a very good sea after we left the shores of Newfoundland. For four days we had it very rough while along the shores, but the rest of the trip was very good. We had the misfortune of losing one of our soldiers. He was one of the soldiers of C. Co. There were eight companies on board: A. B. C. D. E., F. G. and H.; in all making about 1150 soldiers and about 40 officers. The ship's crew was 80, so that made 1270 it crowded for us. That number madeship's crew was 80, so that made 1270 it crowded for us. That number made it croded for us. We were furnished with a quarter of a pound of tobacco once a week. \Dan, I wish if you could send me one Planet paper, I would like it very much. If you see fit to put this letter in the Planet, send me a copy. When you address a letter or paper be very careful and put the right address. Address as follows."

"H. Burrell, via Cape Town, South Africa, Canadian Contingent;" And put on left hand corner of envelope, month. That is to see that every man had what was issued to him, and if he hasn't got everything he is then

harged up with what is lacking and t is taken out of his pay. South Africa is a warm country; there is no winter here now. In time, there is about eight hours difference from Canada. The water here is not very good. We have it once a day with one spoonful of lime fruit juice in one cup of water. That makes the water more fit to drink. We had 15 miles to march after we landed at Cape Town, and there we will campuntil further orders. We have to be careful about where we lie down at careful about where we lie down at night on account of snakes and large spiders. Now I think I will close

truly,

my letter. I hope you will write as soon as you can. Tell all the rest you have heard from me, I remain yours

A HOWARD WEDDING.

The residence of Mr, and Mrs. D. A. The residence of Mr, and Mrs. D. A. Everitt was the scene of a very pleasant event the other evening, being the marriage of their daughter Emma to Archibald McTavish, of Botany, in the presence of a about eighty of the immediate friends of the contracting parties. About five o'clock the beautiful strains of the wedding march brought the bridal party to the drawing room, where the impressive ceremony of the Methodist church was performed by Rev. Mr. Burdette, of Ridgetown. The bride looked very handsome in a dress of organdie, trimmed with valencienaes and carrying a bouquet of chrysanand carrying a bouquet of chrysan-themums. She was assisted by her sis-ter, Miss May Everitt, while Alexan-der McTavish ably officiated in the capacity of groomsman. After the capacity of groomsman. After the wedding supper had been enjoyed by all present, the company was entertained by the Everitt quartette, and



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other high class musicians, until about mid-night, when the newly wedded pair left for Grand Rapids, and other western parts. The happy couple, after a short honey-moon, will take up their residence at Botany, where they are general favorites, and will be welcomed by a host of well-wish-

ROBBERIES IN DRESDEN

Have Led to the Arrest of Three Persons-Traced by a Butter lub.

Dresden, Jan. 4.-For a considerable length of time past some speak thief or thieves have been entering the houses of Dresden's citizens and carrying off such articles as sides of pork, jars of fruit, tubs of butter and other estables. A few weeks ago the grocery store of Jesse Ruble was robbed of a considerable amount of canned good and tubs

Tuesday night the village was the scene of a robbery more daring than any previously reported. Ward's jewelry store was entered with a false key and the cash box, which was not in the safe, rifled of \$17. No jewelry was touched nor was the safe tampered

In the meantime Mr. Ruble has been following up the robbery of his place. He was fortunate enough to secure a ciue and by having his name written on a butter tub traced the missing goods to the house of a Frenchman named Beaudry living on Queen street. The result was the arrest of Joseph Beaudry, Asa Beaudry and Sandy Mc-

A VERY GOOD IDEA.

Four young men from this locality have already gone to South Africa, and several more are about to go with the second contingent. The towns and cities of Canada have vied with each other in giving their citizen soldiers a good send off and a few bright coins for their pocket use when they arrive at their destination. Chatham must not be behind in this respect, and all that is needed is a little effort. With this end in view Barrister Chas Mac-donald and Manager McVean, of the Opera Houset have put their heads to-gether to accomplish something and as a result on Friday, Jan. 26th there s benefit of the lads from here who are fighting their country's battles. The concert will be high class and will consist entirely of patriotic and national music, vocal and instrumental and also recitations. The concert will likely be under the patronage of His Excellency, Lord Minto, and the mayor and council of the city. Messrs. Maedonald and McVean are confident that the concert will be considerably reduced, so it will be necessary to dispose of a large part of the stock. In consequence of this, it has been decided to hold a monster sale beginning on Saturday. The store will be closed on Friday, Jan. 5, to permit of all goods being marked down to the lowest of prices. The stock in the millipatron of the city. Messrs. Maedonald and will respond to this appeal.

Mable and Birdie Fisher, daughters

of Wm. Fisher, Adelaide St., who have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. Pollock, Dover, returned home this morning.

IRWIN'S CORNERS.

Our annual school meeting was held on Wednesday last. William Irwin, of the 5th Con., was elected school trustee, Charles Lenover retiring. George Davidson has the contract for the school wood.

Mrs. Montgomery, who has been ill for some time, is not recevering very fast, but we hope she may soon re-gain her health.

James Flemming, jr., and Fred Suit-

James Flemming, jr., and Fred Suit-or have purchased cream separators, and if they prove a success other far-mers will also purchase. Mrs. Frank Suitor's sister, of London, is visiting her this week.

Sam Holmes says that the state-ment that Archie McCoig is the youngest member ever elected to the council board is not correct, and that John Northwood was first elected to the council when he was 17. Ald Sul-man claims that he first had the con-fidence of the people when he was 25

A shooting accident occurred near Leamington on New Year's day.Wm. Jansen and Charles Johnson went out shooting rabbits. Johnson's gun ac-cidentally went off, the whole charge going through the fleshy part of Jan-sen's thigh, inflicting a terrible wound He was taken to a farmer's house and his wound was dressed by Dr. Ede.

A GREAT WHITE SALE. Wm. Gordon, the enterprising pre-prietor of the large Gordon dry goods establishment, has introduced to the Maple City the large special sale of white goods in January, in order that the ladies may utilize the dull winter season in making up their spring and summer muslin underwear. The introduction has proved a popular success. As in former years there has been de-mand for a large quantity of underwear and material for the manufacture of ladies' undergarments, of which material needle-work, insertion and embroid-eries are especially popular and are ex-hibited from the lowest and cheapest qualities to the finest and most costly These form an important part of the white goods sale. The finer classes of lawn cloths, lonsdales, mulls and cambrics are greatly in demand by the ladies for making up their spring and summer outfits. As usual the windows and show rooms of this enterprising establishment are draped in a tasty and appropriate manner and their large store looks what their advertisement claims it to be—really a White Fair. HAS A SON IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Solomon Lashinger, of Elmira, was in the city Saturday, calling on his friend, Mr. Cunningham, of the firm of King, Cunningham & Drew. Mr. Lashinger's son is a civil engineer at the mines in Johannesburg, but on the the mines in Johannesburg, but on the outbreak of the war he was forced to leave the Boer city and seek the protection of the British government at East London. Although of German parentage, Mr. Lashinger, jr., is not in sympathy with the Boers. He writes his father that the British government had offered by 1871 and writes his father that the British government had offered him £300 a month to act as guide. Having surveyed a great part of the Transvaal, the Canadian boy has an exceedingly useful knowledge of the land. He, however, did not accept the offer, but is living at East London, being allowed by the mining company £35 a month, which is half his regular pay. Mrs. Lashinger, who is a Waterloo girl, is with her husband, She went out to South Africa last year, and was married in

MUST MAKE ROOM.

Thibodeau & Jacques, the well-known dry-goods merchants, are preparing for the splendid improvements which they comtemplate making in their store, and when they are completed this firm will have one of the handsomest establishments in western Canada. Owing to the masons and carpenters requiring the space, the stock will have to be considerably restore, has been crowded by the store, has been crowded by the increasing business of the firm, making making it of the utmost necessity that the space should be about doubled in capacity. Never believing in doing things by halves, the firm of Thibodeau & Jacques decided on remodelling their store to make it as convenient as possible. It will be all oak finish throughout and special attention will be paid to lighting the tention will be paid to lighting the store. Such care has been taken in the architecture that both by day

the architecture that both by day and by night the store will be the best lighted in the west.

"We know our goods," said Mr. Thibodeau, "and we want our patrons to see what they are buying. We don't require deceptive lights to see our merchandise, and we don't want them."

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for the work being finished by the first of March. A handsome millinery department will be added to the rear of the store.

"The business for the past year," said Mr. Thibodeau, 'has shown a re-markable increase over previous years. markable increase over previous years. In dress goods and ladies' small wear our business was very great in 1899, and the same can be said of our staple department. In our new store we intend to have a special space for lace curtains and draperies, and our millinary department will be one of the most elaborate and fashionable in the wast. While the improvements are west. While the improvements are being made, we will be glad to have many patrons take advantage of bargainst forced to offer."

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To the Electors of Raleigh. Ladies and Gentlemen :-I desire to extend my hearty and sin-

eere thanks to the electors of the Township of Raleigh for the very large ma-jority rolled up in my favor in the elec-tion just past. You gave me a good general support all over the township, and I extend my most sincere thanks to my supporters in every division, especially FLETCHER, the golden city. I appreciate your verdict and my victory all the more, ladies and gentlemen, because it being against my principles to treat. I appealed to you through your intellect. on your imtelligence, if you will, and I can assure you the way

you responded to my appeal is very gratifying to me indeed. And now that I am elected it will be my one purpose to safe-guard the interests of the township to the best of my judgment and ability. Every courtesy will be extended, and every explaination cheer-fully given to any elector who wishes to see into workings of the council for the present year. Thanking you again and wishing you all the compliments of the season. I remain your obedient ser-N. H. SHEPLEY.

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