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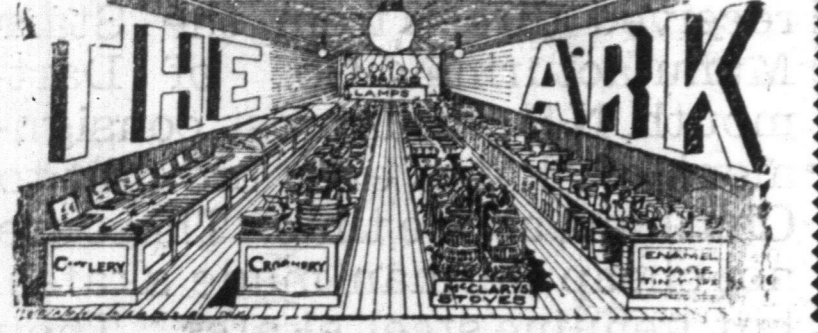
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LINED and Unlined Kid Gloves for Men—correct winter weight—most acceptable gifts—moderate price at \$1, \$1.50, \$2. Men's Silk Ties in correct colors and styles; rem-ber, that no man has too many ties—an extra one is always acceptable. Prices are 25c and 50c.

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Xmas goods are rushing out fast. Would ask our friends as a favor to do as much of their buying on

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY as possible, in order to allow parties from outside towns and country to have their day in

"THE ARK" ON SATURDAY. Remember, there are three days next week before Xmas.

WE WILL BE OPEN EVENINGS Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas.

H. Macaulay, 89 King St.

HORSE KILLED

Those who noticed the horse that ex-Ald. John Liddy was driving this morning were probably surprised. They could scarcely believe that anything serious could have happened which would change a horse's color in a single night, but there had been. The accident that changed the color of the steed was fatal in its results. Shortly after six o'clock last evening John Liddy was driving towards the heart of the city along Colborne street. He had crossed the C. P. R. track and had reached that part of the street where, owing to the Lake Erie's switch, the road is only wide enough to accommodate one rig at a time. A yard engine stunting on the switch frightened the

horse that ex-Ald. Liddy was driving and the shadows of the cars made the street dark so that honest John didn't see Mr. Stephens', a Chatham Township farmer, coming from the opposite direction. The horse of Mr. Stephens also became frightened and there was a head-on collision. The shaft of the Stephens rig punctured the breast of the horse driven by Mr. Liddy and the animal expired soon after the accident. Mr. Liddy says that his loss will be about \$150, and that somebody will have to pay for it.

What would be nicer for a Christmas present than a duplicate what set? For sale at The Planet Office.

A STATE OF WAR.

PREMIER BALFOUR'S STATEMENT IN THE COMMONS.

CITIZENS OF CARACAS ASK CASTRO TO YIELD.

BLOCKADE ENFORCED AGAINST ALL SHIPPING.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—In the course of a long statement in the House of Commons, Premier Balfour said there was no such thing as a "pacific blockade." A state of war actually existed with Venezuela, and an intimation of the blockade would shortly be given to the powers. Mr. Balfour added that the blockade will be carried out with as little inconvenience to neutrals as possible. Nothing definite had occurred with reference to the arbitration proposed since his previous statement on the subject. The Premier also said the operations were reluctantly undertaken, not to recover debts, but, after a long and patient delay, to recover compensation for assaults on British subjects and the seizure of British vessels. He believed the Germans also had claims besides the financial ones.

Mr. Healy, Irish Nationalist, asked if the United States assented to a blockade which would exclude United States vessels.

The Premier replied: "Does the gentleman suppose that without a state of war you can take vessels and have a blockade?"

Replying to further questions, Mr. Balfour said he had nothing to add regarding arbitration beyond what was contained in his previous statement on the subject. Papers were being prepared and would be presented to the House as soon as possible. Industrial Canada, will also be utilized, but it felt that this publication does not reach those whom the association are most anxious to influence. Its circulation is principally among the members of the association, who do not require the education which it is the aim of the association to impart to the public. Mr. Griffin will, therefore, prepare a series of articles dealing with the tariff, and these articles it is proposed to publish in the newspapers that will insert them. It is hoped to come to some arrangement with a number of newspapers all over the Dominion to publish the articles that will be forwarded to them.

The association is particularly anxious to reach the farming community with the pamphlets which Mr. Griffin will write, and while no plan has been adopted the object is to have the pamphlets placed in the hands of the farmers personally, the association holding that the tariff is a vital issue with them.

The blockade will be carried out in Great Britain and Germany along different portions of the coast, and although it desirability on either military or other grounds. All the other elements concerning such a blockade have been carefully considered and will be published in due time for the information of neutrals. The Government are most anxious that these operations, which are for which we deeply regret, should be as little inconvenient to neutrals as they possibly can be made. No difference will be made between the vessels of the various neutral powers, and it is quite likely that the United States will think that there cannot be such a thing as a "pacific blockade," and I personally, take the same view. Evidently, a blockade involves a state of war."

Mr. Balfour concluded his statement by saying he could make no announcement as to whether the offer of arbitration from Venezuela will be accepted by Great Britain.

Caracas, Dec. 18.—Indications here are that Venezuela will yield to the demands of the allies. The leading citizens of Caracas have addressed a joint note to President Castro, asking him to give full powers to United States Minister Bowen to effect a termination of the present difficulty. This note was transmitted to President Castro at 10 o'clock.

The blockade of La Guaira, notification of which in the names of Great Britain and Germany was communicated to the Venezuelan Government Dec. 13, went into effect. The order applies to Venezuelan vessels only.

The Minister for Spain to Venezuela, Senor Gaston de Ayala, and the Belgian Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Van Der Hoyde, have presented a joint letter to the Venezuelan Minister of Foreign Affairs in which they ask, in case the claims of other foreign powers are paid by Venezuela, that the same treatment given these powers be accorded to Spain and Belgium.

Puerto Cabello, Dec. 18.—It has been learned here that during the bombardment of Puerto Cabello, December 15, by the British cruiser Charybdis and the German cruiser Vineta the Charybdis was struck in the bow by a shot fired from a cannon on the Palza Brusil.

The Vineta was struck twice by the Venezuelan cannon fire. The report which has been in circulation here that an officer of the Vineta was killed during the bombardment by a rifle bullet fired from the shore appears now to be true.

Herman House, of Herman House & Co., New Zealand, is in the city on business. Mr. House is agent in his district for the Campbell Fanning Mill Co. and the Wm. Gray & Sons Co. He handled ten cars of Gray carriages during the last year.

MUNICIPAL FIELD

It looks as if there would be considerable of a change in the City Council next year. Ald. O'Brien and Fleming are not going to run and Ald. Cowan will not be a councillor. This will make at least three vacancies. All the other aldermen have announced their intention of running again except Ald. Marshall. The latter alderman hasn't yet said what he is going to do. If rumor is to be credited the butchers of the city will be well represented in the list of candidates by E. A. Mounteer, John Edmondson, Fred Goodland and E. R. Putnam. George Gordon Martin has already announced himself and the names of Walter Piggott, Fred Quinn, W. M. Drader, Thos. Scullard are mentioned as possible and good candidates.

THE TARIFF CAMPAIGN.

WATSON GRIFFIN TO CONDUCT IT FOR MANUFACTURERS.

Newspaper Articles Will Be Published and Pamphlets Distributed—The Association Desirous of Reaching the Farmers.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The educational campaign on tariff matters, which the Canadian Manufacturers' Association proposes carrying on, is to be inaugurated in earnest after the new year. The manufacturers have about completed their arrangements, and have engaged Mr. Watson Griffin, a well-known journalist and writer on tariff affairs, to take charge of the campaign. Mr. Griffin will be located in Toronto, and the campaign conducted from here.

It is the intention to devote the fund which the manufacturers have at their disposal to the issue and distribution of pamphlets which will deal with the tariff from the standpoint of the manufacturers. The official organ of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, which is issued monthly, Industrial Canada, will also be utilized, but it felt that this publication does not reach those whom the association are most anxious to influence. Its circulation is principally among the members of the association, who do not require the education which it is the aim of the association to impart to the public. Mr. Griffin will, therefore, prepare a series of articles dealing with the tariff, and these articles it is proposed to publish in the newspapers that will insert them. It is hoped to come to some arrangement with a number of newspapers all over the Dominion to publish the articles that will be forwarded to them.

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COLLECTOR ARRESTED.

CHARGE AGAINST H. W. GILL OF STURGEON FALLS.

Committed For Trial For Embezzlement of \$650 Municipal Funds—A Shock to The Town.

North Bay, Dec. 18.—Tuesday evening Henry W. Gill, town collector, was arrested in Sturgeon Falls, at the instance of the American Surety Company of New York, which was on his official bond. The prisoner, who is charged with embezzling \$650 municipal funds, was brought here and waived examination before Magistrate Richardson.

Mr. Gill was arraigned before Judge Valin, who fixed his bond at \$2,000, and committed him for trial in the January term of the Court of General Sessions, in this town. In default of bail, the defendant was committed to jail. Gill's arrest was a great shock to his numerous friends in Sturgeon Falls, where he was held in high esteem. Being a highly educated, he was recognized as the leading spirit in the management of the schools in that community.

A STORM OF PROTESTS.

SOUTHAMPTON HARBOR BOARD HAS DIFFICULT TASK.

The Proposal to Increase the Tonnage Dues to Recoup Expenditures Raises Much Trouble.

London, Dec. 18.—A proposal to increase tonnage dues at Southampton in order to recoup the cost of the project to deepen the harbor has raised a storm of protests, on the ground that light-draught vessels will be taxed unfairly. The North German Lloyd Line threatens not to call at Southampton, and the written protests to the Harbor Board. The board has appointed a committee to consider these communications.

A TORONTO MISER.

DEATH OF ELI HYMAN IN THE GENERAL HOSPITAL.

SECURITIES WORTH \$100,000 FOUND IN HIS CLOTHES.

HE LIVED LIKE A VAGRANT AND BEGGED CONSTANTLY.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The death of an aged Jewish rag-picker at the General Hospital at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon brought to light one of the most remarkable cases of avarice that has ever been recorded. That a wealthy old man could forever put to bed after being washed. It was a case of a miser who had lived like a vagrant and begged constantly.

When Hyman entered the hospital he said that he was a "very poor man" and had "no money, relations or friends."

He was found on the shore of the Church street, and his only acquaintance, that gentleman was notified and visited the sick man until the hour of his death. During his illness Hyman was most impatient and exacting and demanded ceaseless attention. When put to bed he handed to the nurse a dirty rag handkerchief loosely tied in a knot and she put it in a table drawer near the bed. No one suspected that Zolinski was on the shore of the old rag-picker, until his death came. The dirty rag handkerchief contained a formidable roll of bank and scrip amounting in value to \$31,000. Of this \$17,000 was in one \$1,000 bill and \$14,000 in another. His pockets, moreover, were stuffed with similar securities, and the total value of those found in his effects at the hospital was over \$80,000.

When the old miser remained with him to the end, and with his dying breath he gasped, "My vest, my vest."

Before this he had said that he wanted to say something to the Rabbi, but put it off on account of his weakness.

Eli Hyman is known to have been the old man's correct name. "Henry Zolinski" and "Davis" were pseudonyms which he used at different times. He was 70 years of age, was born in Russia and had been in Toronto for 32 years. Begging seems to have been a mania for him, for, although among some of the Jews of the city he had been known as a discoverer last spring, he continued his old manner of living. In the mornings he appeared as a rag, bone and bottle collector and begged from door to door. He was well known in the eastern parts of the city around Jarvis, Carlton, Parliament and Queen streets. He would ask most frequently for a cart ticket, saying that he had been in the hospital and wanted to get down to York street. In the evenings he was in the habit of selling newspapers, and complained that the newspapers interfered and tried to stop him.

When night time came he would be seen to sell his "last paper." He always had this last one tucked away beneath his coat, as though it were precious, and his appeal was frequently successful. When the Sunday World of the New York papers came he would sell them "two for five," and tell the purchaser that he was losing money on it. This often resulted in a kind-hearted man giving him ten cents instead of five cents. He had no home in the city, but slept in alleys and out-houses.

Hyman was a married man. Mrs. Sophia Hyman, his wife, lives in Churchville, a village near Streetsville, and is currently reported to be well off. They were married in 1870 by the late Dr. Jennings. She was notified yesterday of her husband's death, and came to the city last night. She was attired in old, shabby clothes, and said that someone had recently stolen her money from her, so that she could not have good clothes. Mr. S. King, who was Hyman's lawyer, called upon her and advanced her money last night to buy good clothes and obtain comfortable quarters. Hyman spent all of his time in Toronto, and only visited his wife occasionally. There are no children by the marriage, but it is reported that Hyman had a previous wife, by whom he is supposed to have a daughter living in San Francisco, and two sons in other parts.

For over twenty-five years Hyman received charity from the Hebrew Benevolent Society. Last spring, however, some stock broke and it known that the old man was "all off," and a secret investigation was made, by which the extent of his wealth was learned, and he was no longer able to impose upon the charitable men of his own race, and however, joined the pensioners' staff of the Holy Blossom Synagogue, and obtained some small pay for assisting in the conduct of the morning and evening services. Rabbi Jacobs considered him to be well versed in the Jewish law and liturgy.

THEIR POLICY

"Now that the municipal contest is drawing near I notice that the aldermanic candidates are adopting the good suggestion of The Planet and coming out and stating their views on the civic questions of the day," said a citizen this morning. "This is perfectly correct. No man should seek a public office without giving some reason for doing so. Aldermen should be well posted on the affairs of the city and should be the best men procurable to look after the city's interest. In the same way I think that the candidates for school trustees should come out and state their views openly before the election. The position of school trustee is, in my opinion, just as important and just as desirable as that of alderman. The candidates should know what ought to be done for the welfare of our schools in the way of improvement, etc. I would like to see the school trustees come out this year with platforms."

CLOSE TO ANNEXATION.

WHAT RECIPROCIITY TREATY WITH CUBA MEANS.

United States Will Get Land For Coaling Stations—Bar Other Nations From Trade.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The President sent to the Senate the reciprocity treaty recently negotiated between the United States and Cuba. The treaty was received by the Senate in Executive session and was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations without being read.

The Washington correspondent of The Chicago Tribune, referring to the treaty, says: Not only have the Cubans proved themselves amenable to reason so far as regards reciprocity, but as soon as the malign influences of European Governments were withdrawn they also began to see a new light on the subject of coaling stations. There has been great opposition among the Cubans, largely on a sentimental basis, against any grant to the United States for a coaling station on land on the shore of Havana Bay. President Palma has presented that it would be a constant humiliation to his people to see a foreign flag floating over an independent port of ground within sight of his own palace. President Roosevelt and his advisers here have come around to this same way of thinking. They do not desire to humiliate the Cubans in any way, and it now has been practically agreed that so far as the north shore of Cuba is concerned only one coaling station will be asked for, and it will not be at Havana. It may be on the shore of Nipe Bay, on the extreme northeastern coast, or possibly in the vicinity of Matanzas. So far as the south coast of Cuba is concerned, the United States will be granted opportunities to establish at least one and probably two naval stations. President Palma has indicated that as soon as the reciprocity treaty is ratified he will be ready to agree to anything reasonable in the way of coaling stations, providing Havana Bay is eliminated from the problem. He will also negotiate a treaty with the United States putting into solemn form the conditions of the Platt amendment, and thus notifying all the nations of the world of the peculiar relations existing between the United States and Cuba. When this is done, coupled with the close commercial relations established under the reciprocity treaty, there will be established a connection between the United States and Cuba which will be as close as anything could be short of actual annexation.

TO PAY IN SILVER.

China Cannot Obtain Gold For The Next Indemnity Payment.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Unofficial advice has reached here that China intends to pay the next installment of the indemnity to the powers in silver. The reports indicate that China is driven to this course by the fact that all of her revenues are payable in silver, and the great internal financial strain makes it impossible to obtain gold.

Cornelius Vanderbilt Worse.

Newport, R.I., Dec. 17.—A message received here from New York stated that the condition of Cornelius Vanderbilt was serious, owing to weakness of his heart. His brother Reginald, Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt and Miss Kathleen Neilson will return to New York in the morning.

THE CATTLE EMBARGO.

Canadians Feel Strongly Upon It, Says Sir Albert Rollit.

London, Dec. 18.—Sir Albert Rollit, M.P., who has just returned from Canada, states that the public feeling in the Dominion strongly favors the repeal of the British Board of Agriculture's embargo against Canadian bore cattle. This feeling, he states, is especially strong among the cattle breeders of lower Canada.

Marseilles Strike Over.

Marseilles, Dec. 17.—The strike is at an end. The sailors have voted to resume work to-morrow.

AGAINST THE JAPANESE.

MAY BECOME NATURALIZED BUT CANNOT VOTE.

Imperial Privy Council Sets Aside the Judgment of the Canadian Courts.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 18.—The famous Tomez Homma case, which has been before the courts of British Columbia, the Dominion and the Privy Council since 1901, has been settled by decision of the Privy Council, news of which has just been received, as it contains the appeal of British Columbia, which excludes naturalized Japanese from the right to vote. Tomez Homma, a naturalized Japanese, appealed to the County Court, Vancouver, to have his name placed on the list of voters. The collector refused to do so, holding the Privy Council's act as ultra vires, and ordered the Jap's name to be placed on the list. An appeal was then taken by the collector to the full court of British Columbia, and afterwards to the Supreme Court of Canada, both of which sustained Justice McCall's decision. This is now upset by the decision of the Privy Council, which is final. Japanese cannot register in British Columbia, whether naturalized or not.

A RAILWAY DISPUTE.

Foley Brothers' Claim Against the Algoma Central.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Differences of opinion between the Algoma Central Railway Company and Messrs. Foley, the railway contractors of Minneapolis, have been ventilated before the Minister of Railways, and culminated in a statement by Hon. Mr. Blair that the question raised was a legal one upon which he could give no decision. Considerable reticence is observed in regard to the dispute, and those connected with it are indisposed to talk for publication. It appears, however, that the Messrs. Foley were awarded the contract for a section of the Algoma Central, which contract, it is said, contained a stipulation that 15 per cent. of the amount which the contractors might earn should be withheld until the completion of the work. The contract has not been completed and the Messrs. Foley say this is due to the lack of facilities which the company should have provided. The company, on the other hand, maintain that they are not responsible for any delay, and that they have aided the Messrs. Foley in every possible way. They decline to pay the 15 per cent. drawback until the contractors finish their undertaking. Mr. Timothy Foley, when asked last night what he had to say, stated that the amount of their claim against Mr. Clegue was \$432,000. This was made up of the fifteen per cent. held back and sums due on estimates. The firm's contract was to build 100 miles between a point 70 miles northwest of Sault Ste. Marie to the Josephine Mine, where the line would connect with the branch from Michipicoten. The whole of this 100 miles had been graded, but all the bridges, the construction of which devolved upon the contractors, had not been built. The reason of this was that the company had not laid the rails, nor brought the necessary timber to the required point. If the company would furnish the timber the bridges would be built. The Foley Brothers had constructed the line with their own money, and hence considered they were entitled to the \$341,000 of subsidies.

Changes in Newfoundland Cabinet.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 17.—Edward P. Morris, a member without portfolio of the colonial Ministry, has been appointed Minister of Justice in Premier Bond's Cabinet, in succession to W. H. Horwood, who has been appointed Chief Justice.

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We will confer a favor by reporting irregularities by telephone No. 31 A. The complaint will receive prompt attention.

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If your paper fails to arrive regularly, or if you suggest a better connection or a better route, please communicate with the circulation department.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18.

CIVIC CONCESSIONS.

The three communications, received by the City Council at its last sittings from the firms of John Piggett & Sons, the S. Hadley Co. and the Blonde Co. respectively, asking for free water in local and competing concerns had been granted this concession - produce a situation which will bear careful investigation by the aldermen and the ratepayers whom they represent. The matter was referred by the Mayor to the Industrial committee and the decision of this civic body will be awaited with much interest.

STRONG FLOW OF GAS

Dr. Bell, of Merlin, was in the city yesterday. The doctor drove in by the Middle Road through the Raleigh oil fields. "It looks," said the Merlin physician, "as if the next oil well would be struck on the farm of Andrew Broadbent, about a mile east of Buxton on the Middle Road and five miles east of Merlin. Last evening they struck a strong flow of gas in this well at a depth of 200 feet. The gas was so strong that it has blackened the point on the residences of Township Clerk A. E. Robinson and of Sam Wallis, some 200 yards distant. The well is being put down by the Imperial Oil Co. There is enough gas in this one well to run a whole town.

"If I were taking chances on any well," said the doctor, "I would sooner or choose that well than any other in the oil territory that has been put down since Gurd's Gusher.

"They are leasing land around Merlin, but so far no wells have been put down."

YOU NEEDN'T.

You needn't keep on feeling distressed after eating, nor belching, nor experiencing nausea between meals.

In other words, you needn't keep on being dyspeptic, and you certainly shouldn't.

Hood's Sarsaparilla cures dyspepsia - it strengthens and tones the stomach, perfects digestion, creates a normal appetite, and builds up the whole system.

THE MARKETS

As the Christmas season progresses the markets become better. There was a very good one yesterday, especially in the dairy produce department. Vegetables were not offered in very large quantities, but poultry was very plentiful and sold in large quantities. Turkeys were offered at from 60 cents up as high as \$2. Other produce also, such as chickens, ducks, etc., brought good prices and sold readily.

A PRESENTATION

At the meeting of Thames Lodge, No. 10, Sons of England, on Monday night, Harry Horstead was presented with a fountain pen and the following address:

We, the undersigned committee, representing the members of Thames Lodge, No. 10, having heard with profound regret that you have determined to try your fortunes in the great state of California, could not allow this opportunity to escape of tendering to you some small testimony of the high esteem and respect in which you are held by all your brethren of said lodge. You have been a faithful, exemplary and useful member for many years, and your musical and other high talents were ever at the disposal of anything that would further and promote the charitable and benevolent schemes of our noble society. The lodge will ever miss your ever cheerful and smiling countenance among your brethren, who earnestly wish you bon voyage to your distant future home, and they pray that health, prosperity and happiness shall be your close companions while absent.

Your brethren can scarcely abandon the hope that before very long you will return to your old Chatham lodge, where, we can assure you, you will be received and welcomed as a good, faithful son returning home. While the offerings of our hearts, love and esteem, are the objects of this simple address, still we thought in some small tangible manner to make some practical demonstration of our regards for you and your family by asking you to accept of this fountain pen as a small memento of our love and friendship.

On behalf of the members of Thames Lodge No. 10.

W. A. MOORE.
T. H. WALTERS.
W. M. FENNINGS.

Self-respect is a clean and gracious well-fitting garment wherein we can move at ease among our fellows, passing quietly beyond the tawdry little platform where self-esteem is forever making its bow and acting its lineal end.

MAJOR'S MEDAL

Major Coggan, High Constable, has received his Fenian Raid medal. Around the rim is the inscription, Sergeant T. R. Coggan, Royal Canadian Rifles.

"I was born in the Imperial service and I gave the army the best part of my life," said the Major this morning, as he proudly fondled the Government's recognition of meritorious service. "I did a great deal for the Queen. During the Fenian Raid I was color and pay sergeant in the Royal Canadian Rifles. The R. C. I. were then in the Imperial pay and were stationed at Ottawa."

BAD FROST

The cold snap last week froze in a number of scows laden with sugar beets for the Wallaceburg and Dresden beet sugar factories. Two scows were frozen in at Chatham, two at Crow's dock and four at Jannette's Creek. The Dresden and Wallaceburg factories each own the beets on the scows here. The beets are being transferred from the scows here and at Crow's dock and are being removed by rail to Dresden. Capt. Vick Robinson's scow was laden with beets for Dresden, but the load has been about half transferred to cars. The scows Annie belonging to Capt. Ribble, Dresden, and the Bellman, belonging to John Cooper, are the two that are frozen in at Crow's dock.

The beets are all right as long as they stay frozen, but as soon as they thaw out they turn black and rot. Some of the beets on the top of the scows at Chatham have spoiled in this way already. Unless the weather keeps cool until the frozen beets reach Wallaceburg, the result will be disastrous for the farmers. They sell the beets at \$4 per ton delivered at the factory, and as the beets are not weighed until they reach the factory, the loss suffered by many of the farmers is likely to be considerable.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Mrs. Louisa Sturman, who is in the Public General Hospital, is improving slowly.

Gold stamping can be done at the Pleasant Office while you wait for it. Pleasant, Morrowbone and Butter Scotch, 10c. lb., at Wiggins' New Stand.

A Christmas tree will be provided at the Central school on Friday afternoon for the pupils of the junior rooms.

Sullivan's Bazaar is full of beautiful toys and Christmas presents. Buy these and secure new, bright and desirable goods.

Found on Monday evening, a pair of men's gloves. Owner can have them by applying at this office and paying for their advertisement.

The Lady's Solid Gold Watch, either Waltham or Elgin movements, VonGuten Bros. are selling at \$14.75 is a wonder. See it!

W. H. Carwell has completed the fine three-story brick store for Drugg & O'Neill on the market square.

Now is the time to use J. W. McLaren's cosmetic balm. It is splendid for chapped hands or rough skin - innocent but effective.

Visit Snell's Fair for books. We have the best assortment for children to be found in the city. For adults we have a fine range of Bibles, as well as other books suited to every taste.

A. D. Willis, of the Klondyke, is boasting his brother-in-law, J. W. Plew, principal of the Central school. Mr. Willis intends returning to the Klondyke in February. He will go by rail to the Yukon River, then ride a bicycle for 400 miles down the river. There are road houses every 15 or 20 miles along this route. Mr. Willis belongs to London, Ont. When he went to the Klondyke he brought with him the heaviest of the London market, sold them on his way into Dawson City. He got from 75 cents to a dollar a pound for the fowls. He also took a supply of cigars which he disposed of at a similar profit. Mr. Willis says, however, that it is impossible to repeat his former venture.

HOW'S THIS!

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

For Christmas and New Year's Holidays W. E. Rispin, City Passenger and Ticket Agent, 115 King St., will issue special return tickets to all points in Canada, Dec. 22nd to 25th, Jan. 2nd, at single fare for return trip; also special excursion tickets to students and teachers on presentation of certificates at fare and one-third, good going from Dec. 8th to 13th inclusive, and returning from destination not later than Jan. 19th, 1903.

The Planet noiseless rulers produce quietness in the school room.

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

MEYNELL'S...



SPECIAL VALUES IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

Your Christmas dinner will taste the sweeter if you sit down to the table knowing that you have saved from \$3.00 to \$5.00 on your new suit or overcoat.

- A pair of Embroidery Suspender in fancy Box, 25c.
- A pair of Gloves.
- Initial Handkerchiefs.
- A Silk Square Muller.
- A Stylish Hat.
- A Dzen exclusive Pattern Ties.
- See our Special Ties at 25c, 50c, \$1.00.
- House Coats.

SEE OUR WINDOW. **G. MEYNELL.** 3 Doors West from Market, King St., CHATHAM.

WANTED.

GOOD GIRL WANTED - For general housework. Apply Mrs. J. C. Fleming, Victoria Ave.

GIRL WANTED - No washing or ironing; references required. Apply to Mrs. J. W. McLaren, corner Park and William Sts.

TEACHER WANTED - For S. S. No. 3, Zobe. Apply, stating salary, to Ben. Bonney, Secy-Treas., Box 165, Thameville, Ont.

TEACHER WANTED - For School Section No. 15, Raleigh Tp. Duties to commence January, 1903. Apply stating salary and qualifications, to Joseph Symons, Secretary-Treasurer, Merlin, Ont.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

WANTED - Dining room girl. Apply Merrill House.

AGENTS WANTED - \$2.50 per day. Apply Cooper, London.

FOR SALE - Cheap, three coal stoves. Apply A. W. Thornton.

HOUSE TO RENT - On grant street. Apply to Thos. Scullard, Victoria Block.

FOR SALE - Double barreled breech loading Shotgun, 12 gauge, English make, case, cleaning rod, etc. A. C. McKay, Planet Office.

FOR SALE - A few good farms, also some desirable houses and lots in the city at low prices and easy terms of payment. Apply to J. A. Walker, Barrister, King street.

LOTS FOR SALE - One and one-half acres at the head of Victoria Ave. and six lots on Maple St. Apply to Mrs. Tiesman, Victoria Block, or The Planet.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT - House, now occupied by Mrs. Wemp, Wellington St. West. Suitable for boarding house or for any family requiring house with plenty of rooms. Modern conveniences. Apply to W. E. Rispin 115 King St.

Money to Loan on Mortgages at 4 and 5 per Cent.

FOR SALE - FARM AND CITY PROPERTY.

Brick house, two stories 7 rooms, lot 40 feet front, by 208 feet deep, \$1100.00.
Frame house, 8 rooms and summer kitchen, lot 60 ft. by 208 ft., good stable, \$1100.00.
House and lot, 9 rooms, \$1050.00.
House and lot, 5 rooms, \$400.00.
Farm in Township of Balsigh, 50 acres, all cleared, Good house and barn, \$3100.00.
Farm in Township of Harwich, 200 acre large house, barn and out-buildings, \$12,000.00.
Farm in Township of Balsigh, 46 acres. Good house, new stable and granary, \$2250.00.
Ten acres in suburbs of Chatham, \$1,500.00.
Valuable suburban residence, 11 rooms; with seven acres of land. Good stable, \$3000.00.

Apply to W. F. SMITH, Barrister.

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The People's Holiday Store

Foolish nick-nacks have lost their charm. Gifts must be useful. Usefulness, beauty and something akin to dignity combined. Every season it becomes more apparent that the buying public are in favor of sensible gifts. The Christmas stocks here are arranged for your comfort and convenience. Plenty of light and plenty of room to make your selections. Shop in the morning if possible and avoid the crush of the afternoons.

Dress goods - Now corduroy waistings, fine all wool, firm cords, 44 in. wide, in cream only, special per yard 75c.
Silk and wool crepe de chine, fine sheer quality, 40 inches wide, in cream only, special per yard 75c.
Cream lustras, rich brilliant finish, 42 and 44 inches wide, special per yard 50c and 75c.
Cream serges, pure wool, in smooth and rough effects, 38 to 50 inches wide, special at per yard 25c, 50c and \$1.00.
French chaille waistings, fine pure wool quality, 32 inches wide, large range of new designs and colors, fast dyes, special per yard 50c.
Satin stripe chailles, fine all wool, choice printed designs with satin stripes, special per yard 69c.
Black dress silks, extra heavy pure silk, extra rich lustrous reversible finish, guaranteed in wear, a regular \$1.25 silk, special at \$1.00.
French Taffeta Silks, superior quality, rich finish, in every wanted shade, special per yard 75c.
Liberty Silks, warranted pure, rich, soft finish, in 10 leading shades, special per yard 50c.
Japan Taffeta Silks, 27 in wide, fine, heavy quality, warranted not to out, in every desirable color, special per yard 50c.
Japan Taffeta Silk, full yard wide, rich, pure quality, in white, cream and black, special per yard 75c.
Japan Silks, pure quality, fine, rich finish, in every wanted color, special per yard 25c.
BLACK BROADCLOTH SUITINGS - Broadcloth Suitings, finest French make, pure wool, rich finish, best dyes, 50 in. to 56 in. wide, special per yard \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00.
French Cheviot Suitings, superior quality wools, rich finish, medium and heavy weights, best black dyes, 3 special lines at per yard 75c, 85c and \$1.00.
Homespuns at Half-Price - 200 yards heavy, all wool Homespuns, 54 and 56 in. wide, firm weave, in grey, brown, Oxford and navy, regular 75c, 85c and \$1.00 yard, clearing at 40c.

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DENTAL.

A. A. HICKS, D. D. S. - Honor graduate of Philadelphia Dental College and Hospital of Oral Surgery, Philadelphia, Pa., also honor graduate of Royal College of Dental Surgeons, Toronto, Office over Turner's drug store, 26 Rutherford Block.

LODGES.

A. O. U. W. - The Ancient Order of United Workmen furnishes protection at cost. Are you a member? We will have a debate on Friday evening; subject, "Resolved that War was Essential to Settle the Difference Between Briton and Boer." Affirmative taken by Bro. Wm. Robinson, negative by Bro. J. R. Snell. A very interesting time is expected and every Workman should hear the debate. Visiting Brothers Welcome! W. G. ARNOLD, JOHN R. SNELL, M. W. Recorder.

COLLEGES.

THE CANADA BUSINESS COLLEGE, Chatham, Ont. placed two undergraduates and one graduate at salaries averaging \$50 each per annum, and had to allow ten other calls to go unfilled, where the wages offered were from \$35 to \$50 per month. DOES ANY OTHER PAYING TIME EXIST? We want more bright young men and women to prepare for these excellent openings. Write for our handsome catalogue. D. McLAUGHLIN & CO., Chatham, Ont.

Parisian Steam Laundry Co.

Telephone 20.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the estate of Esther Rolston, late of the City of Chatham, deceased:

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, chapter 129 and Amending Acts, that all persons having claims against the estate of the said Esther Rolston, who died on or about the 28th day of October, A. D. 1902, are required to send by post prepaid or to deliver to Ward Stanworth, Esq., solicitor for the executor, on or before the 17th day of January, A. D. 1903, their names, addresses and descriptions and a full statement of particulars of their claims and the nature of the security, if any, held by them, duly certified; and that after the said day the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice.

Dated Chatham this 17th day of December, A. D. 1902.

WARD STANWORTH, Solicitor for the Executor.

REMOVED.

S. B. ARNOLD has removed his Law Office a few doors North on Fifth Street, and is now second door from King Street.

What would be nicer for a Christmas present than a duplicate what set? For sale at The Planet Office.

CUTLERY AND SILVERWARE

FOR CHRISTMAS

Celluloid Handle Dessert Knives, \$2.50 dozen.
Carvers in Cases 75c and up
Razors, 75c, \$1, \$1.25
Sissors, 25, 30, 35c
Scissors, large, 45, 50, 55, 60c
Pen Knives, 25, 35, 50, 75c
Skates, 50, 75c, \$1.25
Tea Spoons, 50, 65, 75c
Tea Spoons, Plated, \$2, \$3
Dessert Spoons, \$1.30, \$1.75
Dessert Spoons, Plated, \$3.50, \$4
Plated Sugar Shells, 50, 65, 75c
Plated Berry Spoons, 50, \$1.25, \$1.50
Plated Butter Knives, 50c
Napkin Rings, 75c
Child's set, 10c up.

Morton's Hardware Store

KING STREET

Skates Galore.

Quinn & Patterson have just received direct from the Starr Manufacturing Co., of Dartmouth, N.S., the largest consignment of skates ever brought to Chatham, at one time. These are not cheap German made skates, but genuine steel skates. They have them in all sizes for men, boys and girls. Their prices are right, and their goods are fully warranted.

Quinn & Patterson,

King Street, 3 Doors East of the Market.

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Be sure our registered brand "Kent Mills" is on every sack. It is a guarantee of best quality.

Stevens' Breakfast Food

Is pure and wholesome. Your grocer sells it.

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OPINIONS OF LEADING PHYSICIANS... I have found the suppository prepared by W. T. Strong of great assistance in hemorrhoids.

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COLONIAL REMEDY... No taste, no odor. Can be given in glass of water, tea or coffee without patient's knowledge.

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Capital \$1,000,000... Money to lend on mortgages. Borrowers wishing to erect buildings, purchase property or pay off indebtedness.

Cut Your Fuel Bill

By Using a Gas Cooking Stove... You will save the cost of the stove in a short time. Hundreds of users in this city have proved it.

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Can only be obtained from a scientifically constructed instrument. The most modern and advanced principles of construction are incorporated in the Nordheimer Piano.

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188 Dundas St., London... MEN AND WOMEN. Use Big G for unsanitary conditions, irritations or ulcerations of the skin.

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Ladies' Favorite... Is the only safe, reliable, and effective remedy for all cases of leucorrhoea, vaginitis, and other ailments of the female system.

The Letter-Box

THE SIN OF INFANT BAPTISM

To the Editor of The Planet: Sir,—For the benefit of those who hold the doctrine of Infant Baptism very dear to their hearts, and regard the divine warrant of Scripture as sufficient for their belief in the same, I write to strengthen that faith and help to protect their sacred trust.

It would be a strange attitude for God to take if He were only concerned about the sheep of His pasture, and allowed the lambs of His flock to wander at will, and make no provision for them.

History will do much to help an honest seeker after truth, but the Word of God is the only infallible guide in matters of Christian belief.

On that rock we stand, and there will we abide. Like Peter on the day of Pentecost, we are ready to declare: "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

1.—Objections of Baptists to Infant Baptism. It is objected that Christ was not baptized in infancy, but when He was thirty years of age.

2.—It is also objected by Baptists that infants do not understand the nature of the ordinance, and therefore are not able to receive it.

3.—Again, it is objected that there is no command or warrant in the Scriptures of infant baptism.

4.—The most common objection to infant baptism is, that faith is necessary to baptism, and that as infants cannot believe, they should not be baptized.

THE HEART

The human heart, that most wonderful of engines, is scarcely larger than a man's fist.

Yet in each twenty-four hours the dual heart moves approximately six tons of blood, equivalent to about two barrels of blood per hour.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the organs of digestion and nutrition and purifies and enriches the blood.

Sick people, especially those suffering from chronic diseases, are invited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter free, and so obtain without charge, the opinion of a specialist on their ailments.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cleanse the bowels and stimulate the sluggish liver.

her own, and cares for them. And so in Scripture the parent represents the child, with the sanction and approval of God Himself.

1.—The infant children of God's people were recognized by God as members of the visible church for nearly 2,000 years before Christ, by the religious ordinance of circumcision.

2.—And as the church of God is the same, and unchangeable, made up of all true believers and their children, the church of the New Testament may change in its forms, ordinances and dispensations, but as to its composite nature it is always the same.

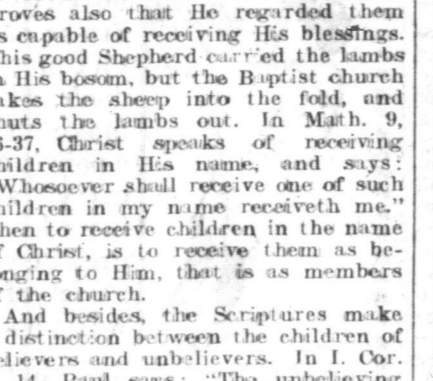
3.—The church membership of children having been made by appointment of God, only God can set it aside.

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CEYLON GREEN TEA composed only absolutely pure and free from adulteration. It will displace Japan Tea just as "SALADA" BLACK tea is displacing all other Black Teas.

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THE Souvenir invites comparison and criticism, and if you will compare it on points of price, style, durability, appointments, completeness, economy and service, the

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WABASH

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS HOLIDAY RATES

GENERAL PUBLIC—At lowest one way first class fare, Dec. 24th and 25th, 1902, good returning from destination not later than Jan. 2nd, 1903.

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS—On surrender of certificate signed by Principal, at lowest one way first class fare and a third, Dec. 6th to 31st, 1902, inclusive, tickets good returning from destination not later than Jan. 19th.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

GOING DATES AND LIMITS—At lowest one-way first-class fare, December 24th and 25th, tickets good returning from destination not later than December 28th, 1902, and also on December 31st, 1902, and January 1st, 1903, good returning from destination until January 5th, 1903.

SCHOOL VACATIONS—To teachers and pupils of schools and colleges on surrender of School Vacations Railway Certificate signed by the principal.

GOING DATES AND LIMITS—At lowest one-way fare and one-third, from December 6th to 31st, inclusive. Tickets good returning from destination until January 5th, 1903.

W. E. RISPIN, J. C. PRITCHARD, Ticket Agent, station.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

Christmas and New Years Vacation

Will issue return tickets to GENERAL PUBLIC At 50% first class fare, good going December 24th and 25th, good returning until December 28th, 1902, and also on December 31st, 1902, and January 1st, 1903, good returning until January 5th, 1903.

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS—(On surrender of Standard Form of School Vacations Railway Certificate signed by Principal) At 50% first class fare and one-third, from December 6th to 31st, inclusive, good returning until January 5th, 1903.

A. H. NOTMAN, Asst. Gen. Pass. Agent, 1 King St. East, Toronto. W. H. HANSEN, City Pass. Agent.

Lime, Cement and Cut Stone

We carry a stock of Fresh and Salt Meats of the best quality. Pork and Beans, &c. a can. A. B. SELVEY

SCOTT & CO.

KING STREET, CHATHAM. Sole Agents for the Saskatchewan Coats, Robes and Gauntlets.

To the Electorate of 1902 - 1903

You will need clothes and good clothes and will want to save your money. By coming to us you will find all. If you visit our store we will convince you that we have the largest assortment by far, of Imported Worsteds, Scotch, Irish and English Tweeds and Overcoats, also the largest stock of Canadian goods to choose your Fall or Winter outfit from, of any tailoring establishment in the West.

THE T. H. TAYLOR CO. Limited, Flour and Woolen Mills

CHRISTMAS CAKES

All sizes and shapes, the best money can produce. See our window display.

W. S. Richards CONFECTIONER

G. W. CORNELL DENTIST

Corner Sixth and King Street, Over the Bee Hive. Phone 317.

PROBABILITIES

Special to The Planet. Toronto, Dec. 18-10 a. m.—West-erly winds, fair, Friday, fresh west-erly winds, fair, and continued mild.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

WHYTE—This morning, Eleanor Whyte, aged 82 years. Funeral will take place at two o'clock, Saturday, from the residence of Mrs. Christie, Victoria Ave. No. 10.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Fred Stevens went to Jeannette's Creek today. N. H. Stevens went to Stony Point this morning. J. F. Whyte, of Walkerville, called on his Chatham friends yesterday.

DEBENTURES SOLD

City Treasurer Fleming has sold the Local Improvement Debentures, to the value of \$8,782.55, to W. C. Brent, Toronto, for \$8,932.69.

UNFAIR STATEMENTS

Men Alleged to Have Received Big Salaries Had to Divide Money With Laborers. Scranton, Pa., Dec. 18.—The anthracite coal operators opened their side of the controversy with the mine workers yesterday before the Strike Commission.

A YOUNG HERO

"We have at least one hero at the C. C. I.," remarked Principal D. S. Paterson yesterday. "John A. Lamigan broke his arm the other day on the pavement, had it set in the morning, and was at school in the afternoon. He is now busy writing on the examinations in progress at the Collegiate Institute, and is to receive 50 marks as a bonus to compensate him for time lost in handling his papers."

Children's Shoes THAT FIT.



Quite a novelty—most of them don't; we make it a point to carry a much greater variety of widths and styles and sizes that can be found in most stores.

Taffy Kisses

We have received a large lot of these kisses along with our other candy, and as we bought them very close, and in order to turn them over fast, we are going to make the prices very low, only 10c a pound.

CHOCOLATES

Don't fail to see our large stock of 25c Chocolates, they are very fine, nicely mixed with nuts on them, other jelly tops, and mostly all a different flavor.

Geo. A. Young, OUR GROCER, Phone 151.

HELPFUL HINTS TO... GIFT GIVERS...

Now comes the perplexing time just what to buy for so-and-so. We flatter ourselves that we have anticipated your wants so clearly that you will have no trouble in selecting after seeing our stock.

Military Hair, Cloth and Hat Brushes in Ebony and Rosewood. Toilet Cases. With Sterling Silver Mountings, in Ebony, Rosewood, Satinwood and Quartered Oak.

Our Perfumes in bulk and cased good, contain all the leading makers, among them we might mention Roger & Gallet, Pinaud, Piver, Gelle, Freres, Lubin, Condray, Marchal, Plassard, Colgate, Eastman, Seely, Stearns, &c.

Manicure Sets. Military Hair, Cloth and Hat Brushes in Ebony and Rosewood. Our time is at your disposal. Call and see what we have at the

CENTRAL DRUG STORE. C. H. GUNN & CO. Cor. King and Fifth Street. CHATHAM, Phone 105. ONT.

WANTED. 50 to 125 acres to rent on shares or cash rental. Have all necessary implements, stock, etc. FOR SALE. 200 acres in Tilbury East, house, barns, stables and other buildings, well fenced, drained, etc. CITY PROPERTY FOR SALE. DUNN & MERRITT, 1st Door from King St.

Special Sale Velvet Carpet this Week. C. AUSTIN & CO. Fashionable Dressmaking

It's Getting Hurry Time

The holiday enthusiasm is here in force. Everybody in a hurry to select something for everybody else. The best time to shop is in the morning, more time for you to look around and consider, and more time for us to show you our varied stock.

ON SECOND FLOOR. Silk waists are useful and dainty; prices range from \$3.50 up; some-thing choice at the popular price, \$5.00. Ladies' silk dressing jackets are usually much appreciated and cost you \$5.00 to \$6.50.

Furs are Always a Welcome Gift. Ladies' capelines, ten only black Astrachan, large storm collar, good curl, price \$6.00. Children's Grey Lamb collar, medium and large curl, price \$6.00.

Dress Goods. WOOL SHAWLS—All colors, in all sizes from 3-1-4 to 6-1-4, plain or fancy centres with fancy borders, priced 40c, 50c, 75c each up to \$2.00. WOOL FASCINATORS—In new and pretty designs, fancy wool, ribbon trimmed and lined with silk, priced at each \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

STAPLE DEPARTMENT. Blankets for Xmas Gifts. Special 60 x 80 and 64 x 84 inch guaranteed all pure wool blankets, heavy thick nap, fancy blue borders, per pair \$2.50 and \$3.00.

Table Linens for Xmas Gifts. Buy your friend a nice table cloth for a Christmas present; they don't cost very much. Special 62 inch bleached damask, choice design, pure linen, 50c yard. Special 72 inch pure Irish table damasks, choice patterns, superior finish, extra fine \$1.00 value, at 85c. Better lines at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.15 and \$1.40 yard.

NEWS ITEMS FOR MEN, OR THOSE SEEKING GIFTS FOR MEN... The Men's Wear Store presents lavish showing of the things men like to receive at Christmas, and whether it be Scarfs, Gloves, Suspenders, Neckwear or clothing, each article has the character and correctness that men demand and appreciate.

Every Good Style of Overcoats \$5 to \$15. A marvelous selection, long, full coats—Medium and fox coats, all colors. Sizes to fit every build. Special Austin made coats, one hundred strong at 10, 12 and \$15. Men's House Coats Imported Montagnac \$7.50. Rich, soft to the touch, handsomely trimmed, genteel grey mixtures.

BACK AGAIN

The many friends of G. L. Pearson, an ex-Chathamite, who has lately been living in Belleville, are pleased to see him again in Chatham, and to learn that he will once again make the Maple City his headquarters.

THAMESVILLE

Dec. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Scott, of Chatham, are guests at G. F. Scott's to-day. Dr. Davis & Backe, of Kent Bridge, were in town yesterday.

A WISE IDEA

To get your old carpet manufactured into beautiful durable rugs, at prices that are right. Call and see samples. Factory opposite Pigrott & Son's lumber office in J. & J. Oldershaw's block.

MINERS SCORE POINT IN CLOSING THEIR CASE

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 18.—The anthracite coal operators opened their side of the controversy with the mine workers yesterday before the Strike Commission, and the attorneys for the non-union men began calling witnesses. At the morning session the miners' lawyers challenged the fairness of certain wage statements handed to the commission by the Pennsylvania Coal Company, and in the afternoon lawyer Darrow had a spirited discussion with Chairman Gray as to whether or not the miners had a right to know who is paying the law-yers, representing the non-union men before the commission.

Geo. W. Cowan Chatham. Keep Minard's Lintment in the House.

Kenny's Book... Offerings...

For this week: Glangary School Days Connor Temporal Power Conille Sir Richard Calmady Malest Donovan Pasah Parker Wanted A Chaperon Ford And all the leading books of the year. FANCY GOODS Including ladies' dressing cases, travelling cases, beautiful manicures. DOLLS AND TOYS of all kinds. SLEIGHS at all prices. LEATHER GOODS of all kinds. CALANDARS Beautiful and Artistic in design. ALBUMS and anything for Xmas presents for all, great variety. Fine Stationery a Specialty. W. J. KENNY King St. East Tel. 225

Our large stock of Fancy China Lamps and Glassware bought expressly for the Xmas trade and marked at low prices will, for the next seven days be sold at a still further reduction of 10 per cent. off all the above goods.

Someone is going to get big bargains, is it U? Also 10 per cent. off for cash on Dinner Tea and Chamber sets. That means: \$ 5.90 Dinner Sets \$5.31 10.00 " " 9.00 8.00 " " 7.20

And the same reduction on all the above goods. Come, compare our prices with any other house in the city. Again reduce 10 per cent off that.

Groceries... Best cleaned Currants 7 cts. per lb. New Lemon Peel 15 " " " Select Raisins 10 " " " Good Mixed Candy 7 " " " Dark Sugar for cooking 31 " " " 3 lbs. New Peas 25 cts. New Dates 7 " " " Lunch Bacon 15 " " " Pickles 10 cts. per bottle.

We give 1 lb. Good Baking Powder and a game of Ping Pong for 50 cts. John McConnell's Park St. Phone 190 MONEY TO LOAN—On Land Security, at from 4-1-2 to 5 per cent, on borrower's own terms of payment. Apply to J. G. Kerr, barrister, Office, Fifth St., Chatham. 5m

LEATHER GOODS..

When you buy Leather Goods for Christmas gifts you are buying goods that will last for years—not for a few weeks as is often the case in Christmas presents. We are showing an exceptionally fine line of leather goods this year including: Purses at any price you like from 5c. to \$8.00 each. We have a fine range from \$3.00 to \$5.00 each. Wallets For gentlemen we show a nice assortment at prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$5.00.

YOU ARE INVITED TO CALL A. I. McCALL & CO. Ltd. Three Stores CHATHAM and DRESDEN

Sweet AND Juicy

Are our California Oranges. They are seedless, nice smooth skins, and lots of juice. The flavor is delicious.

40c and 50c doz.

FLORIDA ORANGES, 40c a doz.

VALENCIA ORANGES, 20c a doz.

FINE WHITE GRAPES, 20c a lb.

GOOD BANANAS, 15c a lb.

BEST MIXED NUTS, 20c and 25c a lb.

TABLE RAISINS, 15c and 20c a lb.

TABLE FIGS, 7c a lb.

FINE NEW DATES, 7c a lb.

H. MALCOLMSON

Secret - Lockets AND Stick Pins

The most beautiful designs ever shown.

Cuff Links

Plain fancy and beaded.

Diamond

Opal

Turquoise

Pearl

And other settings. These in a dainty box make a beautiful present.

Belt Pins

Also the most beautiful ever shown in Chatham.

E. J. MacIntyre

Leading Jeweler and Optician, King Street.

DR. A. W. THORNTON DENTIST, 100 King Street, Chatham.

TO-NIGHT. Chatham Encampment, No. 10, I. O. O. F., Oddfellows' Temple, at 8.

Local Briefs

Miss Annie Reaume went to Brantford to-day. Old pipe and tea lead wanted at this office.

The nominations for County Commissioners will take place at Dover Town Hall on Monday next.

Handkerchiefs, all desirable styles and qualities—one cent to one dollar—at Thibodeau & Jacques.

The market of the world has been reached for Christmas novelties, and the result of months of buying are now on sale at Sulman's Beshive.

Will Chanter, a former Chatham boy, now living in Boston, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Chanter, West St.

Not one minute before nine o'clock to-morrow morning will anything be sold at VonGuten Bros' annual Xmas cut sale to-morrow.

Alphonse Thibodeau returned last night from Toronto university Medical School, looking well. Apparently dissecting is agreeing with him.

The firemen wish to thank Robert Miller for a donation of \$10 which was given as a reward for their prompt action in extinguishing the recent fire in his factory.

The West Shore Railroad announce a \$10.00 excursion from Suspension Bridge and Buffalo to Boston and New England on Tuesday, December 23rd; the tickets to be good for return passage for ten days.

The Companions of the Foresters, Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 521, will give an At Home at the residence of Mr. Poole, Barthe street, on Thursday evening (to-night). All are invited. Admission 10 cents. Refreshments will be served.

XMAS GIFTS FOR BABY.

Bonnets—Silk, Wool and Angora, 25c to \$2.00. Handmade Wool Jackets, 30c. to \$1.25.

WELDON'S, Next to Malcolmson's.

Chatham's Millinery Store!

FOR THE CHRISTMAS TRADE. A large assortment of CHILDREN'S BONNETS in wool, velvet and felt.

COOKSLEY'S KING ST. Opposite the Market Square.

The gable is being placed on the new library building to-day.

The Royal Purple Degree will be conferred at the meeting of Chatham Encampment to-night.

The Amethyst Club will reorganize at the beginning of the new year and will hold a series of dances.

John Bignall, of Jeanette's Creek, sold a load of beans to-day that brought nearly one hundred dollars.

The funeral of Lewis Brady, whose death occurred Monday evening, took place this afternoon at two p. m. from his late residence on Calborne street to Campbell A. M. E. church, and thence to Maple Leaf cemetery.

The direct route to New York and Philadelphia is via Lehigh Valley Railroad. Time and service the best; Pullman sleepers, dining cars, route of the "Black Diamond Express."

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Fresh Marshmallows 25c a pound.

This is a strictly fresh lot, just from the factory. You will be delighted with their niceness, and certainly the price is reasonable.

- CREAM CANDY, 10c a lb. CREAM CANDY, 15c a lb. FRESH CHOCOLATES, 15c a lb. FINE CREAM CHOCOLATES, 25c a lb. DATE CHOCOLATES, 20c a lb. OUR SPECIAL ASSORTMENT, 25c a lb. OUR FINE CHOCOLATES, 40c a lb. OUR FINEST CANDY, 50c a lb.

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The C. C. I. masters and pupils have contributed \$16.75 to the Canadian Colleges-Mission and the Children's Aid Society.

Nine a. m. to one p. m. to-morrow—Genuine Looney's Ebony \$1.50 cloth brushes for 65c; \$1.25 cloth brushes for 50c; 85c. bath brushes, 35c; 75c. Pullman sleepers, dining cars, route of the "Black Diamond Express."

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Oh! Christmas tree, old Christmas tree, The Gordon Store can furnish thee To hang on every bough a prize, To gladden hearts and brighten eyes.

We want to put you on the track of good sensible Christmas shopping from our great values at a little cost.

Kid Gloves. We sell Eugene Jammets' celebrated Kid Gloves. Constance, in tans, browns and white, 50c. Clairmount, heavy pique sewn, \$1.00 value for 80c. Gordon's Joan, black, white and all colors, specialty \$1.00. Daphne, Standard make, black and colored, \$1.25. Mocha Kids, tans, fawns and greys, \$1.25. Undressed Kids, black and colored, \$1.50. Washable Kids, black, white and tans, \$2.00. Children's Kid Gloves, all sizes, Black Mocha Kid Mitts.

Blankets. Our \$2.50 all wool are winners, \$3.50 and \$4.50 Blankets stunners. White and Colored Bed Spreads and Comforters from 90c up. New Fleece Blankets, 75c pr.

Table Wear. Damask Table Cloths from \$1.00 to \$10.00. Napkins from 60c. to \$6.00 per dozen. Doylies, Tray Cloths, Centre-pieces, Side-board Drapes, White Covers. Table Damasks, cream, white, red and green, from 25c. up to \$1.60 per yard.

You Win a Prize. By a Dollar Subscription for the STANDARD FASHION DESIGNER, the greatest value with Christmas Candles, Recitations, Receipts, &c., get December now—overflowing with worth. 10c. each

50 dozen fine Damask Towels, regular value 50c, special for Christmas 25c each.

William Gordon.

THIBODEAU & JACQUES. WE'LL HELP YOU

To make your choice of Christmas Gifts if you consult our salespeople. Nothing has been left undone to make your Christmas purchases satisfactory. We show a large range of useful articles suitable for MEN, WOMEN and CHILDREN, too varied to enumerate here.

OUR RANGE OF UMBRELLAS

\$2.50, \$3 and \$3.50, Steel Rod, Boxwood, Pearl and Horn, 20th Century Runners, Silver Mounted Handles, Taffeta Silk Covers, guaranteed to wear. At \$3.50, \$4, \$4, \$4.50, \$5, \$5.50, \$6, 20th Century Runners, Lock Frames, Sterling Silver and Roll Gold Plated, Turned Handles, Taffeta Silk Covers, guaranteed colors and wear, enclosed in Silk Cases. A good assortment of UMBRELLAS at \$1, \$1.50, \$2.

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In Black, White, Grey, Fawn, Castor, Brown and Beaver, with Black, White and Self-Points in Silk. THE ADONIS, noneas good for the price, \$1.00. LARIVE, 1.25. BELFORD, Pique Sewn, 1.50. Mocha Silk Lined, \$1.00 and 1.50. Mock and Undressed Kids, 1.50.

HANDKERCHIEFS—Embroidered and Lace Trimmed, as well as Plain Hemstitched from 5c. to \$1.

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Pocket H'dkerch'fs. A special line fine embroidered Handkerchiefs 15c up to 30c values 10c and 12 1/2c. Fine lace trimmed and embroidered, 15c. Pure linen Handkerchiefs, lace and insertion trim, 19c. All linen hemstitched ladies' Handkerchiefs, 15c. 20c to 35c. Mourning Handkerchiefs, fast colors, 5c, 10c, 12 1/2c, 20c. Ladies' initialed linen Handkerchiefs, 10c, 25c. Men's initialed silk, 25c, 50c, 75c. Men's hemstitched, 15c or 2 for 25c up. Ladies' fancy Handkerchiefs up to 75c, \$1.00 and 1.35. Lawn colored borders and Turkey red, 1c, 3c, 5c.

COAT SALE!

The finest Kersey Black Curl and Frieze Ladies' Coats ever offered for the money, only \$3.98. The extra value means dollars saved for other purchases. Monte Carlos and Collarless Coats in all sizes.

Dress Goods. A Corona Cloth Dress Pattern, 50 inches wide, spot proof, only \$2.50. A Cheviot Dress Pattern, ready shrunk, dark or light, \$2.50. An Irish Frieze Dress Pattern, heavy all wool goods, \$3.00. And scores of other Dress Goods Bargains for Christmas Presents.

Knitted Woolens. New, Stylish, Comfortable. Ladies Waistsuits, Golf Coats, Fascinators, Shoulder shawls, scarfs, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 up. Hoods, Toggles and Mitts.

Babies Wools. Boots, Mittens, Leggings, Hose, white Wool Overalls, Underwear, Hoods and Bonnets. Carriage Robes.

Hollers. Pocket Books, 10c, 15c, 25c, up. Chatelaines 75c to \$1.50. Side Combs and Back Combs 10c up. Circular Combs of all kinds.

Men's Wear. All sorts and sizes in Underwear from 25c to \$3.00 each. All sorts and sizes in Socks, 10c to 50c. All sorts, sizes and qualities in Mitts Scarfs, Ties, Collars, Comforters, Etc.

GETTING TO WORK.

The Chatham Oil Company have moved their drilling outfit to the farm of Ernest Edwards, 8th concession, Robb's Township. Samuel Trotter went out this afternoon to superintend the operations. D. A. Gordon, Wallaceburg, and John Cooper have joined the Chatham Oil Co. They will have a drilling rig. This rig will be started to work in Chatham Township to explore that territory. Sam. Trotter, of the firm of McKee & Trotter, will superintend the work at both wells.

OLD PEOPLE DYING

The Register of Deaths in the city clerk's office, Harrison Hall, has one odd page in it, and that is the last page on which any entries have been made. The first register of a death was made on December 5, and of the ten names entered from that date, only one is the name of a person under 50 years of age, and that one is a baby three months old. The other ages all range from 53 years to 86 years. This looks very much as if the older population of this city had met with a serious reverse. The following are the names of those who have passed away so far this month:— Andrew Northwood, 62 years. William Forbes, 72 years. George Tomlinson, 53 years. Louisa Davis, 78 years. Louis Curtlett, 65 years. Peter Joseph Tsoile, 72 years. Louis Brady, 69 years. Mungo Forbes, 86 years. Eleanor Whyte, 82 years.

Alex. and James McLachlan, from Ottawa, who have been attending the Canada Business College, returned home for the Christmas holidays to-day.

Holiday Suggestions.

Long ago we began thinking about Christmas. Now we are ready to have you come and see what our thinking has amounted to. You will find not only a larger but a better stock than ever before. Reasonable as prices have been before they are still lower on many goods this season.

Hair and Cloth Brushes. Either of these make a sensible and serviceable gift.

Perfumes. Our stock is bigger than ever. You will want to perfume whatever else you may give, and supply every need.

Ebony Goods. We have a magnificent line, and at prices that will please you.

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For special occasion, is not easily procurable at all times. The only way to have a Dress Suit Ready at all Times

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WHAT IS THE FLAG?

ALL OVER THE EMPIRE ARE MISTAKES MADE IN ITS FLYING.

A Puzzling Question Satisfactorily Settled—The National Flag—When and How It Should Be Flown—Blunders in Flag Making—Flag Lore That is Intensely Interesting Just at the Present Juncture.

The flag of England, of Britain, is flown all over the Empire, and yet in this flying there are many mistakes made. The Pall Gazette thinks so, and in a recent issue has an article which most interest all who fly the flag in Canada.

What is the flag of England? "Winds of the world declare," is the question with which Mr. Kipling starts one of his patriotic poems. If the winds that blow over London were asked to give their impression as to the answer, during these days of peace celebrations and coronation rejoicings, they would be rather puzzled to reply.

For the average Londoner, alike in St. James' and St. Giles', appears to be in hopeless bewilderment as to the national flag. He is not so sure which flag he ought to display. He is often offered at sea as to how it ought to be made and how it ought to be hoisted. He flies the flag of other peoples under the mistaken impression that he is hanging out the British colors. He makes unwitting signals that move the seafaring man who can read them to a quiet laugh at the ignorance of mere landmen. It is strange that such things should happen in the capital of a race of seafarers and travelers, for whom every flag should have a distinct and well known significance.

First of all, there is a widespread misuse of a purely personal flag, the Royal Standard, which many others, who well-informed people suppose to be that of the nation. If Sir Gorges Miles were to quarter on his carriage panels the Lions of England, the Red Lion Rampant of Scotland, and the Irish Harp, every one would think he had taken leave of his senses. When he flies the same heraldic device from the flagstaff on the roof of his stately mansion it is not regarded as an eccentricity on his part. But it is almost as bad as displaying the Royal Arms on his carriage or putting his servants into the royal liveries.

The Royal Standard is the King of England's banner and denotes his actual presence as Sovereign when it is flown. Thus it is not hoisted even on a royal palace unless he is in residence. It is displayed from the flagstaff of the palace when he is leaving his troops. It is run up by a warship, as it comes on board. Even the ambassadors who represent him abroad do not fly his flag. It is purely personal, like the golden yellow standard marked with a broad black cross and decorated with wings and Imperial crowns, which in Germany denotes the Kaiser's presence, and which no German ever mistakes for the national flag. Our own Royal Standard should not be vulgarized in the present unmeaning fashion.

The national flag, the flag of the Kingdom and the Empire, is to give it its popular name—the Union Jack. There are various flags of which it forms only a part, and which are used for special purposes. It is a common mistake to take these for the national flag.

Among these are, first, the White Ensign with the Union in its top corner near the flagstaff or halyard, and the great red cross on a white ground—the cross that marked the flag of England in crusading days and in the wars of the Middle Ages. This red cross is still the central device of the Union flag.

The White Ensign is the flag of our navy. In the same way the Red Ensign is the flag of our merchant marine. To fly the White or Red Ensign on a house is rather unmeaning. What one ought to fly is the Union Jack, more correctly called the Union flag, but then one must take care to get the real thing and hoist it right side up.

Most of the flags imported from abroad, and many of those made in England, blunder about the right combination of the three crosses. On both sides of the central red cross of St. George there is the same width of white bounding or silk, but the X-shaped red cross of St. Patrick has not the white that shows on both sides of it of equal width. On the side nearest the halyards it is broad above the red and narrow below, and this arrangement is reversed on the other side of the flag, the explanation being that the red cross is here superposed unevenly on the white cross of St. Andrew, so that the Scottish emblem may not form a more even border to it. To neglect this difference alters the whole appearance of the flag. But those who thus blunder err in distinguished company.

When General Baden-Powell designed auster some years ago for a military regiment he made St. Andrew's cross into a mere even white border for St. Patrick's. When Sir G. Robertson and the gallant little Garrison of Ulster improvised a Union Jack to fly over their beleaguered fort they made the same mistake. When after the relief it was pointed out to them that such a flag, being hoisted, could not be reversed as a signal of distress, Sir George replied that they never thought of its use for such a purpose being in any way necessary. Mr. Punch, who as a rule is scrupulously accurate in matters of detail, drew the Union Jack in the same incorrect fashion a couple of weeks ago. To come down to lesser folk, several firms of decorators are now circulating in London illustrated price lists, with the national flag thus misrepresented. It is a very common mistake to hoist the correct flag upside down, thus calling "In distress. Wait assistance." And it is also to be seen, on some London houses, flying with a broad white border. This is another

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CURE SICK HEADACHE.

special signal flag, "I want a pilot," flown by ships nearing home. By the way, Mr. Kipling, who one would think the last man to make such a slip, writes in "Sticks and So," of a coaster in distress flying the Union Jack reversed as a signal for help. Of course a merchantman in such a position reverses the Red Ensign.

As red, white, and blue are the colors in the Union Jack, there seems to be a vague impression in many quarters that any combination of these colors may be taken as a flag, or signal of distress, is not handy. Hence the display of so many foreign tri-colors, the familiar French flag, the Dutch flag with its two colors horizontal, and occasionally the flag of the Russian merchant marine. This last is probably the result of the misguided energy of some amateur flag-maker, who sees three strips of bunting together, white at the top, blue in the middle, and red at the bottom. No doubt some few of the French and Dutch flags are hoisted by foreign residents. But most of them are used merely because they are "red, white, and blue." There is no disposition to fly foreign flags as such in London. Otherwise, how are we to account for the absence of a flag once popular in schemes of decoration, the handsome and white flag of our ally, Japan? In much traveling about London we have only seen one solitary specimen of this flag.

The Corner and the Bottle. The following little scene at an inquest upon the body of a murdered man is reported by a correspondent of the Anglo-Russian from Astrakhan: The coroner dictating to his clerk: "On the table was found a bottle—No; stop for a moment. We must ascertain its contents." The coroner, tasting the liquid, dictates: "The bottle contained English gin. Perhaps not; I am not sure; taste it yourself." The clerk, having done so, replies, "I think it is simply strong vodka." The coroner, tossing off another glass: "No, really. It tastes like gin." The clerk, tasting the liquor again, "I still think it is only vodka."

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Beliefs About the Rainbow.

In many countries the rainbow is spoken of as being a great bent pump or siphon tube, drawing water from the earth by mechanical means. In parts of Russia, in the Don country and also in Moscow and vicinity it is known by a name which is equivalent to "the bent water pipe." In nearly all the Slavonic dialects it is known by terms signifying "the cloud siphon," and in Hungary it is "the pump," "Noah's pump" and "God's pump." The Malayan natives call it by the same name that they do their banded water cobra (necheta), only that they add "bobo" (meaning double headed, the equivalent in our language being the "double headed water-snake.") They tell you that the bow is a real thing of life, that it drinks with its two mouths and that the water is transferred to the clouds through an opening in the upper side of the center of the great arch.

In the province of Charkov, Russia, the rainbow is said to drain the wells, and to prevent this many are provided with heavy, tight fitting stone platforms. In the province of Saratov the bow is said to be under control of three angels, one of whom pumps the water, the second "feeds" the clouds and the third sends the rain.

Man, Woman and Love. In one of his books Max O'Rell, the witty Frenchman, gives the following advice:

"If you are bald, never make love to a woman taller than you. Looked at from below, you are all right. "Never let your ladylove see you without a collar; no—not even the very wife of your bosom. A man's head without a collar is like a bouquet without a holder."

"Never marry a woman richer than you, one taller than you, or one older than you. Be always gently superior to your wife in fortune, in size and in age, so that in every possible way she may appeal to you for help or protection, either through your purse, your strength or your experience in life. Marry her at an age that will always enable you to play with her all the different characteristic parts of a husband—a chum, a lover, an adviser, a protector and just a tiny suspicion of a father."

Stories of London Weather. The Manchester Guardian tells a good story of the weather. The scene was a Strand omnibus. A leaden sky was overhead; the rain pored down uncompromisingly, mud was under foot. A red capped Parsee, who had been sitting near the dripping driver, got down as the conductor came up.

"What sort of chap is that?" asked the driver. "Don't yer know that?" answered the conductor. "Why, that's one of them Indians that worship the sun." "Worship the sun?" said the shivering driver. "I suppose 'e's come over 'ere to 'ave a rest."

This recalls the reply given on one occasion by an eastern potentate to Queen Victoria, who asked him whether or not people did not worship the sun. "Yes, your majesty," said the oriental, "and if you saw him you would worship him also."

A Most Wonderful Feat. William Lyon, a London actor of the latter part of the eighteenth century, once offered to wager that he could repeat every word in a Daily Advertiser at the next morning's rehearsal. Accordingly, the next morning his opponent ridiculed him for bringing upon his feats of memory. Lyon forthwith handed the paper to a judge agreed upon, and notwithstanding the want of connection between the news items, editorials, stories and advertisements, he repeated every word of the entire paper from beginning to end without the least hesitation or mistake.

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Winter A DIRGE The wintry we. t extends his blast, And hail and rain does bla'w; Or the stormy north sends driving forth The blinding sleet and snow; While tumbling brown, the barn comes down, And roars frae bank to brae; And bird and beast in covert rest, And pass the heartless day. —Burns. And on such a day as this, who wants to sit down to a breakfast of "ready to serve, eaten cold?" Begin the day with a bowl of warm, nourishing, fat and heat making Tillson's Oats. Pan-dried—No dust, no hulls, no specks, all the oat that's good to eat. In Packages Only Tillson's Oats Pan-Dried---A Food, not a Fad.

Monogram Paper. A MOST acceptable Christmas Gift is a box of "Ryrie" stationery, stamped in relief with a monogram. We engrave a steel die with any three letters, as shown above. Stamp from 120 sheets of choice note paper. And furnish envelopes to match, for a total cost of \$4.00. The "die" will last a lifetime. Write for our new catalogue. Ryrie Bros., Jewelers, Yonge and Adelaide Streets, Toronto.

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Do you experience fits of depression with restlessness, alternating with extreme irritability, bordering upon hysteria? Are your spirits easily affected so that one minute you laugh, and the next fall into convulsive weeping?

Do you feel something like a ball rising in your throat and threatening to choke you; all the senses perverted, morbidly sensitive to light and sound; pain in the ovaries, and especially between the shoulders; sometimes loss of voice; nervous dyspepsia, and almost continually cross and snappy, with a tendency to cry at the least provocation?

If so, your nerves are in a shattered condition, and you are threatened with nervous prostration.

Undoubtedly you do not know it, but in nine cases out of ten this is caused by some uterine disorder, and the nerves centering in and about the organs which make you a woman influence your entire nervous system. Something must be done at once to restore their natural condition or you will be prostrated for weeks and months perhaps, and suffer untold misery.

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"I cannot say enough in behalf of Lydia E. Pinkham's medicine, and heartily recommend all suffering women to try it and find the relief it did."—MRS. FLORENCE HOLLAND, 622 S. Clifton St., Philadelphia, Pa. (Jan. 6, 1902.)

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"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I was in poor health for several years. I had female trouble and was not able to do my housework alone. I felt tired, very nervous, and could not sleep. I doctored with several doctors. They doctored me for my stomach, but did not relieve me. I read in your book about your medicine, and thought I would try it. I did so, and am now cured and able to do my work alone, and feel good. I was always very poor, but now weigh one hundred and fifty pounds.

"I thank you for the relief I have obtained, and I hope that every woman troubled with female weakness will give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. I have recommended it to many of my friends."—MRS. MARIA BOWERS, Millersville, Ohio. (Aug. 15, 1901.)

Will not the volumes of letters from women made strong by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound convince all of the virtues of this medicine?

How shall the fact that it will help them be made plain? Surely you cannot wish to remain weak, and sick, and discouraged, exhausted with each day's work. You have some derangement of the feminine organism, and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you just as surely as it has others.

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DEEDS OF A LUNATIC. Kills a Man, Wounds Mother and Sister and Shoots Himself.

Lapeer, Mich., Dec. 17.—John Best, aged 28, single, a man of disordered mind, during last night arose from his bed and ran amuck through the house, cutting Jasper Clegg's head nearly off with a razor, dangerously wounding his own mother, wounding his sister, and finished by shooting himself to death.

THE MARKET REPORTS. Live Stock Fairly Active—Grain is Lower.

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 16. Toronto St. Lawrence Market.

The wet and sloppy weather prevented deliveries of produce on the street market here to-day and no grain or hay was offered. Dressed hogs were quiet. There was no change, but dressed lambs were offered higher at 40c to 75c per lb. Other prices are unchanged.

Toronto Live Stock. The offerings at the Toronto Cattle Market to-day were heavy, but there was an excellent demand and everything was sold rapidly.

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TURNERVILLE. Our store looks fine with its new coat of paint.

The shooting match on the farm of Mr. J. Morgan on Friday was well attended.

Our storekeeper, Mr. William Burd, has a fine calendar for 1903.

Mrs. George Smith, who has been very sick, is, we are glad to report, much better.

William Latimer had a breakdown of his engine while husking corn for Guy Purdie.

The concert given by the pupils in the school on Friday evening, Dec. 12, which consisted of dialogues, recitations and drills, was well rendered.

The music furnished by the March brothers, of Dawn Mills, was excellent.

Mr. J. Morgan was light and prices were unchanged at 80c per cwt. and 75c for lights and fats.

East Buffalo Cattle Market. East Buffalo, Dec. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,200 head; steady; top, \$8.75 to \$9.25; common to good, \$5.50 to \$5.75.

Leading Wheat Markets. Closing previous day. Closing to-day.

Chicago Dec. 16. 77 1/2, 77 1/2, 77 1/2. New York Dec. 16. 83 1/2, 83 1/2, 83 1/2. Toledo Dec. 16. 78 1/2, 78 1/2, 78 1/2.

British Markets. London, Dec. 16.—Close—Wheat on passage nominally unchanged.

Liverpool, Dec. 16.—Wheat futures closed 3d to 1/2d lower.

Paris, Dec. 16.—Wheat and four futures closed 10 centimes higher in Paris.

THE FIRE RECORD. Winnipeg Abattoir Burned—Little Boy Burned to Death at Quebec.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Kobold & Co.'s abattoir, in the western part of the city, was destroyed by fire last night.

Quebec, Dec. 17.—A despatch from Grandin, County of Perce, says that about 8 o'clock last night fire broke out in the house owned and occupied by Louis Archambault, cheese manufacturer.

MUSICAL AND LITERARY ENTERTAINMENT IN HARWICH. On Friday evening next a musical and literary entertainment will be given in School Section No. 1, Harwich, in aid of the Literary Fund.

DISTRICT DOINGS. WABASH. Ragged clothes quickly—that's what common soaps with "premiums" cost; but

Mrs. Andrew Hannon is on the sick list. Alex. Hopper is preparing to build a new brick house.

The little son of Harry Smith is improving from the effects of a severe burn. David Cutler took a load of dressed pork to Chatham on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Hopper spent Saturday in the Maple City. Mrs. Isaac Kelley entertained a few young people one evening last week.

Mrs. Featherston is ill at her parents', Mr. and Mrs. Mason. Wallace Burwell was a visitor to the Maple City on Saturday.

BLOOMFIELD. The annual Sunday school and school entertainment takes place on Tuesday evening, Dec. 23rd, in the Bloomfield school house.

The people of Bethlehem Baptist Church, of Northwood, intend holding a Christmas entertainment on the evening of Dec. 22nd. All are invited.

Our new butcher, Mr. Nottingham, has started his business in the village. He and his family have moved into one of Sherman Langford's houses.

Sleighing is very good, but we need a little more snow to make it first rate. Mrs. J. Scott, who has been an inmate of the General Hospital, has returned to her home much improved in health.

SLEEP DISTURBED. By Sudden startings and Jerking of the Limbs—Restlessness and Wakefulness—Symptoms of Nervous Exhaustion.

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. Twitchings of the muscles of the face, sensitiveness to light, sound and motion, grinding teeth during sleep, continual movement or tapping of the fingers, neuralgia, headache, sparks before the eyes, disorders of sight and hearing, and feelings of discouragement, languor and despondency are other indications of a weak and exhausted nervous system.

Plenty of people put up with these symptoms, in the vain hope that they will pass off, and that old-time health and vigor will return. Alas, nervous disorders do not right themselves.

Nervous prostration and collapse, epilepsy, paralysis, locomotor ataxia and even insanity itself are but further developments of nervous exhaustion. The symptoms mentioned above come as a warning to you to rebuild the vital nerve cells and rekindle the vital spark of nervous energy which is fast becoming depleted.

Mrs. B. Langley, Adelaide street, Chatham, Ont., whose husband is with the T. H. Taylor Co., states: "For quite a long time I have been troubled with nervousness and as a consequence I did not sleep well and suffered greatly from headaches. Since the regular use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food for several weeks I can say that I feel altogether different. It steadied and strengthened my nerves, made me sleep and rest much better, and entirely cured me of headaches."

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is composed of nature's most powerful restoratives and nerve invigorators; 50 cents a box, 2 boxes for \$2.50, all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

Some men's littleness is by far the biggest part of them than to give one. Birth-marks which mark and mar the outside of the body are a grief to every mother whose children may bear them. But for every child who bears a birth-mark on the skin there are many who bear an indelible birth-mark on the mind.

Nervous mother and mother have nervous children and may a man and woman even an irritable and despondent temperament to those days of dread when another child is the hour of her maternity. The use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription strengthens the mother for her trial. With strength comes a buoyancy of spirits and quietness of mind, which is one of the happiest gifts a mother can bestow on her offspring. By giving vigor and elasticity to the delicate womanly organs "Favorite Prescription" practically does away with the pain of pregnancy and makes the baby's advent as natural and as simple as the blossoming of a flower. There is no opium, cocaine or other narcotic contained in "Favorite Prescription."

There is no such thing as being proud before man and humble before God. The way to do a great deal of work is to be continually doing a little.

KIDNEYS AND BLADDER. All sexual complaints, especially private diseases—which have been improperly treated, sooner or later affect the kidneys and bladder.

Have you pain in the back, a dull feeling in the region of the kidneys? At times your water comes freely, a large quantity, light in color, with no peculiar sensations, while at other times you do not urinate so freely, it is dark in color, you make a small quantity, or you may have a mucous deposit or brick dust colored sediment in your urine? Give our latest method of treatment a fair trial, and you will be cured.

THE LATEST METHOD TREATMENT CURES. Varicocele and Stricture, without cutting, stretching, or loss of time; also Chronic Private, Nervous, Impotent, Gleet, Hemorrhoids, Catarrh of the Bladder, and Chronic Prostatitis. Consultation FREE. If you cannot call, write for book for home treatment. Perfect dian patients shipped from Windsor. All duty and postage on packages—Nothing sent C. O. D.

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MONKEY BRAND SOAP. Monkey Brand Soap makes copper like gold, tin like silver, crockery like marble, and windows like crystal.

THAT HEADACHE. Is Only a Symptom of Dyspepsia and DODD'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS Will Drive It Away Once And For All.

Improper digestion of food that it is almost impossible to overestimate the value of having the stomach in good working order. Headaches that make brain work an impossibility, that heartburn, those pains in the stomach are only some of the symptoms of Dyspepsia, that nerve destroying terror of those days of fat and humic. Nearly every young man has it in some shape or other and many do not know that it can be easily and permanently cured. It is to those that Marie Ann Bejold, of Beauport, Co., Quebec, wants to talk. She has suffered from Dyspepsia and tells how DODD'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS cured her.

"For two years my life had been a burden. I was unable to talk, to eat, to sleep, to do anything. I was the simplest food without having a pain across my stomach. I finally consulted some doctors but they did me no good. Then I saw an advertisement of DODD'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS and resolved to try them. They relieved me almost immediately and cured me so completely that I have not been troubled since. I am always glad to tell others what DODD'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS did for me."

Thousands of other people will tell you that Dyspepsia cannot be in the gastric stomach with DODD'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS.

A judicious and reasonable estimation of one's own character has nothing to do with pride. Pimples and Blisters. How unsightly, sometimes disgusting, mortifying to the sufferer and unpleasant to all. An evidence of poor blood and lowered vitality of the eliminating organs. They need toning up—the whole system does. You can quickly bring about the improved condition by using Ferro-China. Pimples are driven out of the blood, organs grow stronger, the blood richer, the nerves stronger. Pimples and blisters disappear, color becomes good. Glad! Just try and see how much joy can be gotten out of a box of Ferro-China.

Love is blind, and that may be the reason it makes spectacles of its devotees. Minard's Liniment: for ails everywhere.

ELECTION CARDS. TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD NO. 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am again a candidate for school trustee in Ward No. 2 and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. R. M. PAXTON.

TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD NO. 4. Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for Alderman for 1903, and if elected, I will continue to take the same active interest in the welfare of our Maple City as I have done during the past.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, soliciting your vote and influence; faithfully yours, G. G. TAYLOR.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM. Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for Alderman for 1903, and if elected, I will continue to take the same active interest in the welfare of our Maple City, as I have done during the past.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, soliciting your vote and influence, faithfully yours, E. MOUNTNER.

TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD NO. 4. Ladies and Gentlemen: Having been solicited by a number of ratepayers to offer myself as a candidate for School Trustee in your ward, I have consented to do so. I will sincerely appreciate the favor of your vote and influence.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, HERBERT S. CLEMENTS.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM. Ladies and Gentlemen: I am again a candidate for Alderman for the year 1903, and, if elected, will do my utmost to serve the city to the best of my ability, and will oppose all unnecessary expenditure. Wishing you the compliments of the season, I remain yours, J. N. EDMONDSON.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM. Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself a candidate for alderman for 1903. You elected me to office for 1902, and as a member of the Board of Works, Parks and Cemetery, and Industrial Committee, you have had the chance to judge my conduct towards civic interests during the year, and will expect your hearty support if you believe I can continue to fill the office to our mutual benefit.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, Yours faithfully, JOHN WADDELL.

WABASH—WEST SHORE. The well-known Continental Limited of the Wabash-West Shore is and is to please the most fastidious traveler. Call on Mr. Rispin, Wabash Agent, King St., and get full particulars.

The direct route to New York and Philadelphia is via Lehigh Valley Railroad. Time and service the best. Pullman sleepers, dining cars, route of the "Black Diamond Express." The Lehigh Valley has three stations in New York—up town and down town. The only double track route to Philadelphia. Call at city or station ticket office for tickets and further particulars.

It is not as cold in Newfoundland as in New Brunswick or Quebec. Messrs. G. C. Richards & Co., Gentlemen.—My three children were dangerously low with diphtheria. On the advice of our priest my wife began the use of MINARD'S LINIMENT. In two hours they were greatly relieved, and in five days they were completely well, and I firmly believe your valuable Liniment saved the lives of my children.

Gratefully yours, ADLBRIT LEFFBEVE, Mail's Office, June 10th, 1899.

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ALL AT CLOSE PRICES.

WESTMAN BROS. Big Hardware

WRITES HOME TO HIS COLONEL

Trooper Chas. Ryall, on Duty in South Africa, Communicates With Col. Rankin

Life is a Strenuous One and Menu is Not a Christmas one - Big Prices for Horses.

Lieut.-Col. J. B. Rankin, commanding officer of the 24th Kent Regiment, has received the following letter from Trooper Chas. Ryall, formerly of the Regiment, now on active service in South Africa:

Schallhook, O. R. C., November 6th, 1902.

To Colonel Rankin: Dear Sir.-No doubt you would like to know a little of the life of Mounted Police life in South Africa. To the most of the world the war is over, but to us this makes but little difference-at any rate as far as roughing it goes.

We are scattered about a war devastated country without proper shelter doing hard patrols on bully beef and hardtack, out of reach of proper transport and but poorly supplied with "extras" and comforts. The only point in which the life differs from the war, there is not the excitement nor do we have to run as many chances.

The life is lonely, cut off as we are from regular news of the world, and constant companionship with one's squad comrades is very well, yet after a time one hankers after fresh faces and to exchange ideas.

It is quite a pleasure to see a newly arrived "fat bron" back on her farm or to ride 30 or 40 miles with despatches into a civilized post and hear the news.

The work of night patrols-to stop horse stealing-is at times perhaps in a cold wind or in some danger covered with mud, or sweating in the heat with the dust and flies for company, your hands as sore as a couple of boils from velvet sores on the same ration, day after day, is an experience that is pleasant to talk about afterwards than while you are at it.

Things will be better in a short time when we are able to get vegetables and fruit. The future is bound to have its excitement to tracking stock thieves and fights with the native tribes will fall to the lot of the S. A. C.

Now a little about the present prices and I'll have finished. Oxen are bringing about \$18 to \$20 ahead, and horses, any old skate will fetch \$20. I have seen horses that some of the farmers at home wouldn't accept as a gift sold for \$15 or \$18, and mules are worth as much as horses.

With these remarks I will close. Yours sincerely, TROOPER CHAS. RYALL, 12102 Troop, 19, S. A. C., Bloemfontein, O. R. C., South Africa.

Theatrical

AT THE GRAND. Last night's production of "David Harum" was one of the best performances ever seen in this house, and was thoroughly enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience. The title role, as enacted by Mr. Valentine Love, was David Harum personified. Miss Beatrice Gordon, as Mary Blake, acted naturally and looked pretty. In fact, all the principals seemed especially fitted for their different roles. Especial mention should be given to two of the minor parts which were well played by Mlle. Ermani and Fred Carleton, namely, Chet Timson and Deacon Perkins.

Mlle. Ermani again scored with her spectacular dances. To-night will be given a most amusing farce-comedy, entitled "A Game of Wits."

PRESENTATION

The neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wright, Dover Township, assembled at the latter's residence last evening and presented them with an ornate chair and an antique table. Mr. Wright is one of the Dover councillors. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have decided to move to Chatham, and their neighbors felt that the many kindnesses and hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Wright should be recognized. The following was the address:

To Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wright: Dear Friends.-As you are about to leave Dover, where you have resided a number of years, to live in the city of Chatham, we have met here this evening for the purpose of showing you our good will and appreciation since you have resided amongst us. In all the years you have been here you have always been a good neighbor and faithful friend, and the few that are gathered here this evening echo the sentiments of all whom are known to you. We ask you, therefore, to accept these small gifts, not for their great value, but for the purpose of letting you know of the many friends who have an interest in your welfare. We trust your move into a new sphere of life will be a most prosperous one and that the Grand Order of the universe will give you health and strength to enjoy it.

On behalf of your many friends, W. J. FOY, G. KRUEGER, R. CONROY, A. BROWN, Dover.

To Rent!-A brick house and stable, in good repair, and 12 acres of land; all kinds of large and small fruits; occupation given on January 1st; premises situated a mile and a half from Chatham, on River Thames; suitable for gentleman's residence, or for market gardener. Rent \$150 per year and taxes \$8. Apply to Sam Holmes.

TERMS OF SALE

\$200 Per Share Paid for Lake Erie Stock by Pere Marquette Interests.

New York, Dec. 17.-It is understood that the Lake Erie & Detroit was acquired by the Pere Marquette through the purchase of the entire capital stock (\$1,400,000) at \$200 per share. Payment will be provided for by the issue of collateral trust bonds at 97 1/2.

The new bonds will be limited to \$2,870,000, the National Trust Co., Ltd., of Toronto, being trustee. The interest rate on the bonds will be 3 per cent. until Jan. 1, 1905, and thereafter 4 per cent. to maturity, Nov. 1, 1902.

The bonds may be redeemed at the option of the company at par, on any interest day upon 60 days' notice. The Lake Erie & Detroit River has outstanding about \$3,000,000 of first mortgage bonds, equal to about \$15,000 per mile.

The Pere Marquette intends to increase its through business across the lakes. It recently added a fourth car ferry, and intends to increase its car ferry equipment up to seven boats.

WORLD OF SPORT

FOOTBALL

CLOSING THE SEASON.

A meeting of the Chatham Football Club was held last evening at the Hotel Merrill, Captain F. D. Laurie presiding.

The treasurer, C. B. Sissons, submitted the financial statement for the year, showing that the affairs of the club had been handled in a most business-like manner, and that the total receipts for the year had been over \$210. Mr. Sissons asked to have auditors appointed and the business of the season closed in regular and satisfactory manner. His suggestion was heartily approved.

A provisional committee, consisting of F. D. Laurie, H. W. Anderson, P. B. Fetterly and F. H. Briscoe, were appointed to investigate the advisability of holding a grand entertainment or concert in the Grand Opera House securing funds for the purpose of expenses and the possibility of accepting Galt's invitation to visit that town in the spring.

THE FINAL GAME.

The final game of the Peninsular League series, between Darrell and Windsor, will be played in Chatham on Saturday afternoon next. Wm. H. Brackin, of this city, has received a communication from Secretary McDonald, of Detroit, notifying him of his appointment as referee.

Boys, tell Santa Claus to bring you a tool chest. He can get them at Westman Bros.

THINGS FOR MEN

USEFUL GIFTS SENSIBLE GIFTS ACCEPTABLE GIFTS

Christmas is near enough to crowd the store each day with holiday shoppers. We expect ladies to go all round town before coming here, and we expect them to make careful comparisons before spending a cent. Because this is a man's store you're more certain to get here just what gentlemen like, and what they would buy for themselves if they had the chance.

The largest fact in connection with business the next two weeks is that we have

PLENTY OF HELP PLENTY OF GOODS PLENTY OF ENTHUSIASM

The store isn't dull nor will it be at any time. The newest styles and most attractive values are arranged here where people can see at a glance whatever is worth their while. This is the time to make new friends, and we're meeting new faces every day. Our eyes are on the regular trade and the future.

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On farm and city property. Terms to suit borrowers. Apply or write to

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(PINE GREEN) by the yard, or loose HOLLY, HOLLY WRATHS, MISTLETOE, &c. Our GREENS are well made, out of superior stock, suitable for Store and Home Decorating. Write for Price. WHOLESALE ONLY.

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A Glance :: Through Our Store

Offers many suggestions to parents and friends for the remembrances so appropriate for Christmas time.

The Betrothal Ring, so interesting, should hold a gem of the "first water." None other should be given on this occasion. If selected at our establishment it carries the assurance.

Our prices are low as is consistent with good quality and we are always anxious to please you.

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APPROPRIATE CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR MEN

They are just the thing for libraries and dens, being comfortable, substantial and reasonable in price. We have them with oak and mahogany frames, upholstered in Velour, Tapestry and Leather.

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Children's Morris Chairs make sensible Christmas presents and yet delight the little ones. We have them with oak frames and velour cushions.

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THERE are some things which can't be improved. One of these things is the Queen Quality shoe for women.

You can make it more elaborate, you can decorate it, embellish it, and all that. But for \$100 a pair you cannot make a better shoe than Queen Quality, having regard solely to the two great essentials of Fit and Fashion. This means that mechanically it is perfect. As for its appearance, the fact that one hundred thousand women choose it instantly above all other shoes would seem to indicate that it is attractive.

It costs nothing to see them fit your foot....

Fast color eyelets, never wear brassy.

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NEW HAVILAND CHINA

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IT'S PRETTY CHINA FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS

NEW LAMPS, just opened up latest styles, low prices, 1.00 to 12 50

New Toilet Sets for holiday time, specials at 2 00 and 5.00

Our Plate Sale continues, 12 1/2 and 15c plates at 10c each

10c, 15c, 25c Counters are good Salesmen; see them.

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