

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

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THE CHRISTMAS FACE.

We'll all be cordial, blithe, and gay, as usual, on Christmas day. Our faces will be wreathed in smiles, of foreign and domestic styles; we'll radiate a sunny gleam, and show how genial we can be, and bless the children as they play; we'll all show our Christmas day is done, we'll turn again to coming morn, with frowning brows and eyes severe—why not be gay throughout the year? On Christmas day we'll all be kind, forgetful of the workday grind; we'll loosen up without a groan, forget to pinch the shining bone; we'll send some doodads to the poor, and swell their happiness for sure. And when the Christmas day is done, we'll say: "Time lost, so help me John!" And then we'll break our foolish necks to nail the shekels and koppeks, with toiling hands and faces drear—why not be glad throughout the year? Why not into the world of toil, endeavor, scheming and turmoil, import some Christmas atmosphere, and keep it there throughout the year?

WALT MASON.
A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT.

What blessing can I wish you,

O my friend,
Save that the joyful calm of Christmas-tide
Should wrap your heart so
Close that never jar
Of the world's grief or care
Can enter in.
But only love to keep
You pitiful
And faith and hope to keep
You strong and true;
'A Merry Christmas
And A Glad New Year
I wish you and may God's
Exceeding love
Enfold you, unto His
Tender hand
Shall lead you safely home,
To lover's own land.

PASSING BOGUS CHEQUES.

MONCTON, Dec. 20—A smooth-talking gentleman passed a bogus cheque on a local merchant a few days ago and as yet there is no clue as to his identity or whereabouts. He gave his name as William Howard. He went into a local gent's furnishing store and purchased a few articles which amounted to two dollars. Giving the excuse that he had no change, he presented a cheque for \$12.85 alleged to be drawn by J. H. Stevens, proprietor of the Stanley House, Truro, dated Dec. 17, and drawn on the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Truro. The proprietor of the store wishing to oblige the young man cashed the cheque and gave him in exchange \$10.85. The cheque has been returned by the Bank at Truro as worthless.

WINTER EMPLOYMENT

The profitable employment of labor during the winter season is one of the difficult problems on many farms. Unless the scheme of farm organization is well balanced the horses needed for summer work, as well as the men, will be idle during a part of the winter. They must be fed and cared for, and the money invested is costing interest all the time. Some way should be provided in which they can at least earn part of their board. The Guardian will be glad to have this question discussed and will gladly publish any practical suggestions from its farmer readers. It is one of the most important and perhaps the most difficult in connection with profitable farming.

BROOD SOWS

"Brood sows should be fed a nutritious diet when pregnant. Ground oats furnish a good diet, but they are costly. Wheat middlings are excellent and are very suitable if made to constitute the bulk of the ration. Wheat bran is good to add to the more carbonaceous meal of rye, barley or spelt. Ground screenings are also good, providing they do not contain too many weed seeds of a stimulating character, as mustard, for instance. Peas are excellent.

These feeds are all right, but in this province cheaper material may be used to good advantage. What better feed is there than field roots? It is not necessary to pulp or slice them, although this may be done if one prefers, but a sow will readily eat whole mangels, or sugar beets, and even turnips.

PROFITS IN DUCKS

The largest profits in duck-raising are made by selling the ducklings when only ten weeks old. They are called green ducks, and the market is always good. One experienced authority says that the cost of raising ducklings is from six to ten cents a pound. It costs, therefore, from 30 to 60 cents to get the ducklings up to the market and into the market. Figuring food alone, five cents a pound will cover the cost. Under average conditions, fifty cents above the cost can be obtained, which makes a handsome profit.

CLOSING EXERCISES AT THE U. C. C.

The Union Commercial College closed for the Christmas holidays last week. At the closing exercises the students presented addresses to Principal Moran and Vice-Principal Gass, accompanied by handsome gifts. Principal Moran in reviewing the work spoke of the great satisfaction the students were giving and referred to the increased attendance. Diplomas were granted to the following students from the shorthand and Typewriting Department—Lottie F. Lord, Louise Francis, Elsie Traton, Nellie McKenzie and Amy Lord. Intermediate certificates from the Commercial Department were awarded to the following—Elsie McLean, W. J. Sharkey, Blanche Wickham, Salene McLellan, Ester Dooce, Agnes McDonald, Alice Smith, Olla McKenzie, Annie Ferrigan.

PRIZE LIST.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.
Improvement in Penmanship—Equally merited by Belle McLeod and W. J. Sharkey, drawn by Belle McLeod.
Spelling—Jos. Stewart.
Correspondence—Equally merited by Olla McKenzie, Alice Smith and Salene McLellan, drawn by Salene McLellan.

SHORTHAND DEPARTMENT.

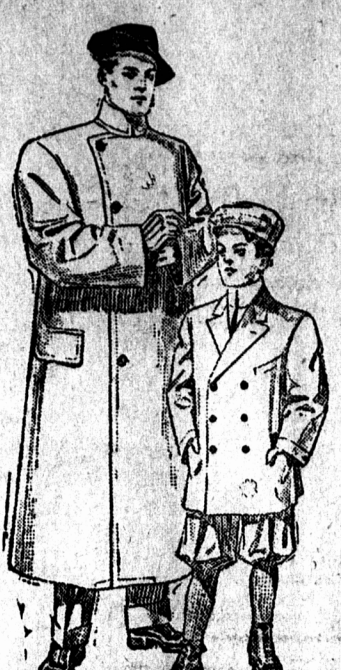
Spelling—Henrietta Handrahan.
Business Correspondence—Equally merited by Charlotte Hughes, Dorothy Maccanell and Olive Ritchie, drawn by Charlotte Hughes.
Most Improvement in Penmanship—Equally merited by Lillian Underhay and Ida Jordan, drawn by Lillian Underhay.

CUT IN CABLE RATES.

TORONTO, Dec. 20—The Great North Western Telegraph company announced that, commencing January 1, 1913, the rate on deferred cable messages between Canada and Great Britain and Ireland will be reduced to nine cents in place of 12 cents per word as at present. The conditions governing this service remain unchanged, messages being subject to delivery within 24 hours of the time filed. Effective the same date the Great North Western Telegraph company will also reduce the rate for cable letters.

A PROMOTION.

TORONTO, Dec. 21—Col. Joseph Furnice has been promoted from the position of Field Secretary of the Salvation Army in Canada to an important position in the training college in England.



S. A. McDonald

The Island's Leading Store

Hundreds of satisfied customers have thronged our Clothing Department for the last few days. Interest in the Great Clothing Sale is still increasing.

For the next fifteen days we are going to conduct the greatest overcoat sale in our history. We have values to offer you that have never been equalled outside of our store. Among the lot are fifty overcoats, the regular values run from \$15.00 to \$20.00, which is to be sold now for exactly half-price. In some cases there is only one of a line, but they range in sizes from 34 breast to 44. Most of these are good patterns, some of them we carried over from last season.

\$10.00 for 5.00, \$14.00 for 7.00, \$15.00 for 7.50, \$18.00 for 9.00, \$20.00 for 10.75

<p>\$10.00 for 7.00 Lot No. 1. consists of fancy tweed overcoat, extra well finished with heavy twill Italian lining, regular \$10 value. During the sale these coats will be sold for \$7.00.</p> <p>\$18.00 for 14.75 Lot No. 2. Another good value in College style, herring-bone stripe material, regular \$18.00 coat for sale now at \$14.75.</p> <p>\$19.00 for 15.00 Lot No. 3. Consists of a line of brown tweed coats in the season's latest style, finishing equal to any custom made garment. The regular value was \$19.00 selling now for \$15.</p>	<p>\$10.00 for 7.00 Black melton overcoat very heavy weight, splendid coat in every respect for \$10.00, our sale price in this is 7.00.</p> <p>\$15.00 for 12.78 Another special is our black overcoat at \$15.00 which we are selling for 12.78.</p> <p>Boys' Overcoats \$8.35 for 4.75 Boys' overcoats. We handle a large range and have some interesting values for the next 15 days in this department, for instance a dark</p>	<p>gray melton overcoat to fit boys from 10 to 14 years of age. Regular value 8.35 for 4.75.</p> <p>\$4.50 for 3.25 Dark brown striped tweeds regular value 4.50 for 3.25.</p> <p>\$6.00 for 3.98 Another special value in boys' fancy tweed coats, extra long, regular 6.00 coat for 3.98.</p>
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All ready for Christmas with the biggest and best stock of goods ever shown in this Province

May we suggest a few Suitable Gifts

For Men

Men's fancy suspenders in individual boxes, arm bands and garters in fancy box. Silk hose with ties to match, silk mufflers all shades, initial handkerchiefs in silk, linen and mercerized. Gloves in suede, mocha, fur lined, chamois and wool, walking canes, coat sweater, fancy vests, military brushes, travelling sets, fur collars, suit cases, collar bags, umbrellas, neck-wear, shirts, cuff-links.

Fur coats, rain coats, sheep lined coats, overall's, hats, and cap.

For Ladies

Beautiful furs, blouses in net and silk, babies' sweaters ladies' sweaters, fancy table covers, kimono, dressing jackets wool toques and scarfs, tea aprons, embroidery and drawn linsens pillow shams, centre pieces, dollies, table covers, cushion tops table linen, napkins, handkerchiefs, Gloves in kid, dogs in, mocha, fur-lined, fur-trimmed and silk-line Hand bags in suede leather and alligator, opera scarfs, fancy collars, jabots, lovely belts, beauty pins. Children's bearskin coats, infants' wool jackets, bootees and gaiters. Suit cases, umbrellas, gold mounted umbrellas, silk and folding umbrellas.

Mink ruffs and muffs from \$45 to \$75.00, mink stoles and throws \$35 to \$75 Persian Lamb and Persian Fur muffs and throws from \$3.50 to \$22.00. Seal sets, muffs and throws at \$36.00. Gray lamb collar, muffs and throws from \$7.50 to \$12. Marmot muffs and throws at all prices. Ostrich throws in black, gray and silver.

Chinchilla coating, ladies' suit lengths, silk waist lengths, silks, velvets, etc.

GRACEFUL BEAUTY PICTURE SKATE

Used generally throughout the World—Particularly good for Rink and Figure Skating. The runners are especially curved and tapered: this is the best skate in giving support to the ankle. Made in the famous "Star" quality, 5 years experience in Skate making. Each Pair is fully guaranteed. "Makers of the celebrated Rex Hockey Sticks" (Copyrighted)

THE STAR MFG. CO. LTD.
Dartmouth, N. S., Canada.

You Are Thinking About Your Christmas Shopping

Wondering what gifts to select and perhaps wishing for a little assistance. We want to help you and if you call at our store we are certain you will be able to make pleasing selections. We have a splendid stock in the following.

<h4>Chocolates</h4> <p>Moir's, Gahong's, Lowney's etc. The packages are beautiful in design and surpass anything we have ever shown.</p> <h4>Perfumes</h4> <p>Seely's, Fivers, Colgates, Palmers, Roger & Gallets etc.—Seely's Xmas Packages are particularly lovely. Prices 25c up</p> <h4>Toilet Waters</h4> <p>We have all the best makes in this line including Colgate's, Hudnuts, Ingrahams, Seely's, etc.—All in fancy boxes.</p> <h4>Ibony Goods</h4> <p>Fair, Cloth and Hat Brushes, Combs, Mirrors, Miter, Toilet and Manicure Sets, Garters and Ladies' Travelling Cases etc.—Prices very low.</p>	<h4>Smokers' Goods</h4> <p>See our window for these goods—We have a fine showing in Pipes, Cigar & Cigarette Cases & Holders, Tobacco Pouches, Ash-Trays, Cigar, in Xmas packages (10's & 25's) etc.</p> <h4>Thermos Bottles Etc</h4> <p>A Thermos Bottle makes an acceptable gift and we have them in all sizes. Also Tea and Coffee Pots, Leather Cases for pens and quars, Lunch Kits etc.</p> <h4>Walking Sticks</h4> <p>A nice assortment of the latest styles and specially selected for Christmas—Any one of them is suitable for a gift and would be an acceptable gift for a gentleman. 75c to \$3.50.</p>
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Besides the articles already mentioned we have many other things suitable for gifts such as Hot Water Bottles, Holdalls for travelling, Safety Razors (Gillettes, Jem Juniors, etc.) Razor Strops, Shaving Sets, Razors of all kinds, Shaving Brushes and Mugs etc.

Call early and get your choice as the best articles are being quickly picked up. It's a pleasure to show goods—Selections will be put away till required.

E. A. Foster

CENTRAL DRUGSTORE,
SUNNYSIDE.

Give Him Her a Fountain

A fountain pen would make a most useful, valuable and pleasing gift for the student, business man or any one who does much writing. It is a gift that costs little and being useful is a joy forever as well as being a thing of beauty.



\$1.50

Waterman's Ideal plain style \$2.00
With Sterling Silver Filling \$3.00
Gold mounted, plain or chased \$3.50 to \$5.00

W. N. Tanto

G. E. RITCHIE'S

When You Think "CHRISTMAS SHOPPING" Think "RITCHIE'S"

<h4>FANCY GOODS</h4> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">We are being congratulated right and left on our selection this year and can truly state that it is the best yet.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">BRASS GOODS dominate and are backed up by the finest line of TRAYS, CANDLE STICKS and VASES you could wish to see.</p>	<h4>LEATHER GOODS</h4> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">This year's showing is very fine and includes ENGLISH, CANADIAN and GERMAN HAND BAGS.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">For GENTLEMEN—COLLAR BAGS and HANKERCHIEF BAGS are popular this year.</p>	<h4>CHINAWARE</h4> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">If you do not know our line of HAND PAINTED "NIP-PON" ware call and let us introduce you to the best selected line you have ever seen in this city of ours. 'Twill do you good to see it.</p>	<h4>FOUNTAIN PENS</h4> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">The L. E. WATERMAN CO. makers of the famous "IDEAL PEN" make for us the "RITCHIE \$1.00 special" PEN.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">NUFF SAID. "WATERMAN'S IDEAL" from \$2.50 up. "WATERMAN'S LINCOLN" from \$3.50 up.</p>
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EBONY GOODS, HAT, HAIR, CLOTH and MILITARY BRUSHES and TOILET CASES

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