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Money Slips Through Your Fingers

for lots of things that are not really necessary to your welfare and comfort—sometimes for things you would actually be better off without, but.....

SUITS YOU MUST HAVE

- Men's Tweed Sack Suits, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$10.
- Men's Serge Sack Suits, \$5, \$8, \$10.
- Men's Tweed Suits, double-breasted, \$6, \$7, \$9.
- Two special lines, one an Irish Serge and the other a Nap Frieze, both double-breasted, French faced, Italian lined, worth \$10, for \$8.
- Youth's Tweed Suits, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00.
- Youth's Irish Serge Suits, \$5, \$6, \$7.
- Boys' Tweed Suits (3 piece), \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.
- Boys' Tweed Suits (2 piece), \$2, \$3, \$4.

OVERCOATS YOU CAN HAVE

AT THESE PRICES:

- Men's all-wool Beaver Overcoats, in Black and Blue, \$7.
- Men's Heavy Nap Overcoats, in Black, \$7.
- A special line of all-wool Beaver Overcoats, Silk Velvet Collar, good Italian Lining, Mohair Sleeve Lining, equal to \$15 ordered coats, for \$10.
- Men's Irish Frieze Ulsters, Tweed Lined, Storm Collar, \$5, \$7, \$8.
- Men's Irish Frieze Pea Jackets, Tweed Lined, Storm Collar, \$3.50, \$4.50.
- Men's Irish Frieze Ulsters, Tweed Lined, Storm Collar, \$4, \$5.
- Boys' Irish Frieze Reefers, Storm Collar, \$2, \$2.35, \$2.85.
- Boys' Blue Beaver Reefers, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00.
- Men's Cardigan Jackets, in Black and Brown, \$1, \$1.50, \$2.

UNDERWEAR YOU SHOULD HAVE

- Men's fleece-lined Shirts and Drawers, sizes 36 to 44, 50c.
- Men's fleece-lined Shirts and Drawers, extra heavy, 75c.
- Men's Union Shirts and Drawers, plain and ribbed, 50c.
- Men's all-wool Shirts and Drawers, extra heavy, 75c.
- Men's Scotch Shirts and Drawers, extra heavy, sizes 36 to 44, \$1.35, \$1.50.
- Men's Scotch Shirts and Drawers, extra heavy, Shirts with double back and front, sizes from 36 to 42, \$1.00.
- Boys' fleece-lined Shirts and Drawers, size 24 to 34.
- Boys' Union Shirts and Drawers, size 22 to 34.
- Boys' all-wool Shirts and Drawers, size 24 to 34.

GLOVES AND TIES YOU WILL HAVE

- Mocha Gloves, in leading shades of Brown, \$1.25, \$1.50.
- Mocha Gloves, silk lined, Tan and Brown, \$2.
- Lined Kid Gloves in Tan and Brown, 75c, \$1, \$1.50.
- Our Ties are the latest designs and the newest shades in Bow, Lombard, Four-in-hand and Puffs, from 10c to 75c.

Our ads. are groups of facts, and if you have any doubt about our printed promises, then we ask you to investigate those promises, as conviction will surely follow.

O'Loughlin & McIntyre

Men's Furnishings Hats and Caps

Special Prices in ——— for Christmas Buyers

- Men's American and English Stiff and Soft Hats, fine bindings and band in silk, black and brown shades, at \$2.00.
- Men's Black and Colored Fedoras, fur felt, fine silk bands and bindings, at \$1.50.
- Men's Soft Hats, Fedoras, at 75c and \$1.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS

- Men's heavy Wool Underwear, Ribbed, \$1 per Suit.
- Men's fleece lined Underwear, 75c and \$1 per Suit.
- Men's extra heavy fleece lined Underwear, \$1.50 per Suit.
- Men's Linen Collars, heavy, 15c, and 2 for 25c.
- Men's Silk Ties, special, 50c, now selling for 25c.
- Men's Black Cashmere Sox, special, 25c per pair.
- Men's White Shirts, 50c, 75c, \$1 each.
- Men's American make Suspenders, fine elastic web (crown make), silk ends and drawer supporters, kid stayed, dark and light colors, 50c each.
- Men's cheaper Suspenders, at 15c, 20c and 25c.
- Men's Colored Shirts (W.G.&R.), new patterns, for Christmas trade, 75c and \$1.
- Men's Linen Cuffs, with or without Links, 25c.
- Men's Unlaundered White Shirts, 50c.

Our stock is complete in every particular in Men's Furnishings. A call will convince you.

Armstrong Bros.

Manufacturing Furriers and Leading Hatters.

96 KENT STREET, LINDSAY

Some Facts About...

Clothing

In the Clothing trade prices alone do not count. It's QUALITY and PRICE combined that cuts the figure. A low priced garment is often the dearest thing that one can invest in. We have made the standard of QUALITY HIGH, and the scale of PRICES LOW. That's what gives merit to our Clothing.

To the ladies we say: Keep this store in your mind when thinking of.....

Xmas Presents

for your sons, brothers or gentlemen friends. We have the goods they require and appreciate.

To all we say: Come and inspect our magnificent range of Xmas Novelties.

H. A. Morgan & Co.

ARTISTIC TAILORS

Up-to-date Furnishers.

Opp. Post Office

Holiday Goods!

New Fruits

- Choice Selected Raisins
- Choice Crescent Currants
- Choice Crescent Raisins
- Crosse & Blackwell's Peels
- Layer Figs
- Shelled Almonds, Walnuts, etc.
- Crescent brand fruits are the finest grown. Ask to see them.
- No. 1 Apple Cider in stock.

Crockery Department

The most complete stock in town

Special value in.....

- Dinner Ware,
- Toilet Sets,
- Banquet Lamps.

A full line of Xmas novelties. Inspection solicited.

Spratt & Killen,

FAMILY GROCERS

Established 1/4 Century.

The Man Behind the Shears

—the cutter. It's he who gives the style and "snap" to a garment.

We know when a garment fits, and it never leaves our hands until it does fit.

We have the right cloths to select from, including English and Scotch goods.

Consult us before ordering your Suit or Overcoat.

J. J. RICH,

THE NOBBY TAILOR, LITTLE BRITAIN

BATTLE OF COLENSO

An Eye-Witness Describes the Big Battle at the Tugela.

PURPOSE OF THE ATTACK — HOW IT WAS DELIVERED — AND RECEIVED — TERRIFIC FIRE FROM BOER GUNS — THE BRITISH VALOR — GUNS LOST — WHY THE BATTLE WAS LOST — OTHER WAR NEWS.

The best account of the battle at Tugela River, printed in London, is in the Daily Telegraph. It is as follows:

STORY OF THE TUGELA BATTLE.

"Camp Three Miles North of Obievely, Dec. 15 — The action which was fought to-day between the British forces and the Boers was a very severely contested affair. Losses on both sides were heavy. Gen. Buller, who commanded, was repeatedly under a deadly fire. Surgeon-Major Hughes of his staff was killed, while Lieut. the Hon. F. H. S. Roberts was wounded. Other officers had narrow escapes, their horses being shot under them.

"The object of Gen. Buller's advance was to force the passage of the Tugela, carry the Boer entrenchments and open up a road to Ladysmith across the ridges.

"Gen. Hart's brigade, composing the 1st battalion of the Connaught Rangers, the 1st battalion of the Royal Enniskilling Fusiliers, the 1st battalion of the border regiment and the 1st battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, was sent to ford what is known as Bridal Drift, situated west of Doornkop Spruit. Gen. Hildyard's brigade, consisting of the 2nd battalion of the Devonshire regiment, the 2nd battalion of the Queen's Royal West Surrey regiment, the 2nd battalion of the West Yorkshire regiment and the 2nd battalion of the East Surrey regiment, was directed to proceed to Colenso and cross the river near the iron bridge.

SUPPORT OF THE ATTACKING FORCES.

"Gen. Lytton's brigade, which was composed of the 2nd battalion of Cameronians, the 3rd battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps, the 1st battalion of the Durham Light Infantry and the 1st battalion of the R. F. Brigade, was ordered to support either Hildyard or Hart, as occasion might arise, while Gen. Barton's Union Fusiliers, the 1st battalion of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, the second battalion of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, proceeded to the east of the railway toward Mount Dangwane to protect the British flank and threaten that of the enemy.

"Our cavalry and field guns were stationed on either wing. The naval guns were posted in a central position on the west side of the railway, while Col. Long, with his artillery, went to the east side of the railway on the right of the infantry. Gen. Hildyard sent ahead the Queen's Royal West Surreys on the right and the Devons on the left of his front, while Gen. Hart pushed on the Enniskillings, Connaught Rangers and Dublin Fusiliers. Our front extended for a distance of about six miles.

"The Boers had evidently fully extended their line. Their extreme mobility almost gives them a front in air.

WHEN THE BRITISH GUNS BEGAN.

"The guns were booming around Ladysmith when ours broke the silence around Colenso by shelling the foothills north of the Tugela river and Fort Wylie, which stands upon a ridge nearest the bridge. With skill and labor the Boers had built walls and forts and had dug successive trenches on the road, commanding every line of approach from Estcourt to Colenso.

"The country is bare and undulating—similar, indeed, to our downs. Our troops therefore had to advance to the Tugela without any cover.

"The battle commenced about six o'clock in the morning, but the Boers made no reply to the heavy cannonade which our bluejackets directed upon them. Few of the enemy were visible. They lay hidden behind their hill works, but on our infantry and batteries and cavalry nearing Colenso a sharp musketry fire was opened on them by the Boers from the houses on the river bank, behind which many of the enemy had been concealed for hours.

THEN THE BOER GUNS REPLIED.

"It was 6.20 o'clock when the Boer batteries opened fire at our field artillery, cavalry and infantry on the east of the railway. Their cannon included a Creusot 50-pounder, Krupps and a Hotchkiss, a machine gun which, while being discharged, gives forth a villainous and unnerving rat-tat-tat—a sort of voluminous policeman's knock. The enemy's shells were soon splashing in all directions, but our indomitable infantry, in the face of the fusillade, which really was one continuous roar of shot and shell, fought gallantly on and gained Colenso.

"Col. Long rushed in the batteries in order to get close range, when suddenly the Boers sprang up and opened a destructive fire with Mausers at a range of only 600 yards. Gunners and horses were

rapidly shot down. With the utmost pluck our private soldiers took teams to recover the cannon, but the animals were killed, and ten field pieces were not recovered, despite the heroic efforts of our fellows to get them back.

"It was here that Lieut. Roberts was hit.

"Gen. Barton sent in some companies of Scotch and Irish Fusiliers to assist.

WORK OF THE IRISH BRIGADE.

"Meanwhile Gen. Hart's brigade, shelled by the enemy and pelted from the hill-tops with Mauser bullets from the trenches on the river bank, met with an equally terrible opposition. But despite the great losses which were sustained the boys of the Irish brigade grandly won across the river, though a few of them were drowned in the passage. But they found the position untenable and were ordered to retire.

"At noon our troops withdrew to their former camp, the Boers evincing no disposition to follow us up.

"During the action the enemy's reinforcements galloped up to occupy the trenches.

BADLY INFORMED.

Further accounts of the Tugela River battle emphasize the ignorance of the British Intelligence Department in regard to the disposition of the Boer forces. The British were not aware that the Boers were entrenched along a series of low lying hills immediately northwards of Colenso bridge until a staggering fire compelled them to retreat when the attack seemed about to succeed.

The Boers also were in greater strength than anticipated. It becomes clearer that the British guns were lost in attempting to get within effective range of the Boer artillery, showing the latter outranged the British ordnance, which, in spite of numerical superiority, was wholly inadequate to reply to the long range Boer guns.

The British War Office comes in for scathing denunciation from The Times to-day for not providing effective artillery. It is pointed out in this connection that the longer ranged naval guns participating in the same attack escaped.

DISLOYALTY.

London, Dec. 20.—A Cape Town despatch dated Saturday, Dec. 16, says: "Five hundred colonists of the Victoria West district have perfected an apparent anti-British organization there, and as individuals, have openly expressed disloyalty, and have threatened to attack the railroad station, which is on the direct line between Cape Town and De Aar. The Africander Bondites at a meeting there passed a resolution, asserting that the troops in the vicinity irritated the farmers dangerously. The meeting proclaimed its loyalty, but declared the conduct of the troops forced the people to use expressions and commit acts which were capable of being interpreted as disloyal."

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The subscriptions started in the British colony in Mexico in behalf of the widows and orphans of British soldiers killed in war in the Transvaal has already reached the sum of \$7,500. President Schull of the British-American League of the Chicago Board of Trade, has cabled \$5,000 to the Chairman of the Soldiers' Relief Committee in London, the money to be used for the relief of the families of the British soldiers killed in the South African war.

THE CENSORSHIP.

One journal after another is forced to describe its own correspondent's despatches as unintelligible, and there are naturally some strong expressions of disapproval at the manner in which the censor mutilates press reports of the battles. The English press is fairly docile under the circumstances, but it is showing signs of irritation, and is on the point of asking whether the war in South Africa is a private enterprise, conducted for the purpose of shielding the reputations of favorites in the field and red-tape martlets in the War Office.

STRONG BOERS.

A correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing from Modder River, last Saturday, says: The Boer position, already formidable on Dec. 11, has since been greatly strengthened, extending for an area of 12 miles. It is entrenched according to the most modern methods throughout its entire length; wire fences have been placed before all the trenches at every point; guns have been got into position, and there is every evidence that the Boers are well supplied with ammunition. Only a powerful attacking force can hope to make a successful assault.

Moving to New Quarters

M. E. Tazney having decided to move about Jan. 10th, will dispose of his furniture at greatly reduced prices, consisting of Bedsteads, Dining-room sets, Lounges, Springs, Mattresses, odd beds and iron bedsteads. Also three folding Mantel Beds at cost.—50 ft.

A GENEROUS DONATION

MR. G. A. WEESE OF TORONTO REMEMBERS THE HOME FOR THE AGED.

A former resident of this town has not been forgotten by anyone who knew him. His action a few days ago proves conclusively that he has not dropped this town out of his memory. He is Mr. George A. Weese of Toronto, and the act by which he attests his regard for this town is making a most generous donation to our Home for the Aged. Mr. Weese chose the Watchman-Warder as his medium for conveying his gift, and one day last week we received a box from him containing the articles enumerated in the subjoined list. Along with it was a request that we would convey it to the Home authorities to be used indiscriminately by occupants, of all denominations. We have done as requested and here with is the list:

- Books: Sacred Melodies, The Duplicates, Temperance Lectures, Our Unseen Companions, Witch Winnie, Reveries of an old Smoker, Egg spoon, salt and pepper box, box maulage, invalid cup, silver-plated napkin ring, box patent boot buttons, patent wall pipe, silver mounted pipe, amber-stem pipe, rubber stem pipe, 1/2 doz ass't pen holders, 1/2 doz. rubber tipped pencils, 1/2 doz. pencils, 3 plugs Woodcock tobacco (large size), 2 boxes linen thread ass't colors, 3 sewing baskets Indian make, 3 pairs wool mitts, 3 pairs wool socks, 3 ladies neck scarfs, 1/2 doz. white h'd'ks, 1/2 doz. gent's colored h'd'ks, 1/2 doz. ladies' colored h'd'ks, box vest buttons, box dress buttons, meat chopper, 2 gross shirt buttons, shaving glass, 3 shaving brushes, wire iron stand, 3 cloth brushes, scrubbing brush, nail brush, blacking brush, 3 tooth brushes, crumb tray and brush, 4 cards dress trimming, box hooks and eyes, 3 large rubber fine combs, office ink stand, 3 boxes French blacking, 4 old ladies' black jet necklaces, 3 old ladies' black pins, 4 screw drivers, p'k'g pins, 6 towels, 2 large turkish towels, copper bottom coffee pot, 2 p'k'g note paper, soldering set, 3 pairs nickel rimmed spectacles, church of England hymnal, receipt book, 2 pass books, account book, 3 lb caddie Japan tea, 3 lb caddie black tea, 3 lb caddie mixed tea, 200 feet clothes line, package macaroni, 14 lbs bluing, 2 p'k'g pearlina, bottle olive oil, p'k'g Magic baking powder, p'k'g Camella Farina, p'k'g quaker cleanser, box Windsor toilet soap, 2 boxes water green soap, can Robertson's patent groat, can sunbeam salmon, can French sardines, can French gelatine, 6 tea spoons, 6 white metal forks, glass cutter, galvanized iron wash stand, 3 cuspidors, wire egg stand, wire work basket, 2 brass which holders, wooden vegetable spoon, 10 x 12 mirror, box coat buttons, pen holder, 1/2 doz. horn dress combs, Japanese puzzle, 2 crocheted hooks in case, thimble in tray, 2 soap dishes, pair 12 inch scissors, Japanese paper knife, set bogwood dominos, checker board with men and box, tea tray, box envelopes, doz. match safes, 2 medallion pictures, 2 tin pudding dishes, 2 boxes containing paper and envelopes, large Japanese tea tray.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Houdan Fowl

To the Editor of Watchman-Warder: SIR: I do not understand why the Houdan is not more bred in Canada than it is. Of course many are breeding Houdans in a quiet way. Those who are breeding them are well satisfied with their merits, for they combine tripple qualities, first-class egg and flesh producers with a good share of ornamental beauty. The Houdan is a favorite in its own country where it stood the test for many years against all comers. The Houdan originated in one of the greatest poultry-raising districts in France where utility is of the highest value and first in consideration and first in importance.

At the time of making the Houdan, the breeders of the district had a native variety called the Caumont, which closely resembled Crevecoeur but more rangy in form. The cross with the Dorking gave greater depth of breast and body, shorter legs and more compact frame, and better flesh. These individual qualities give to the Houdan, many advantages over other breeds of the more non-setting varieties; for we get good flesh and plenty of it on the frame of the Houdan. At the same time they produce large and well-shaped eggs in great abundance.

The Houdan is a pretty bird, the color is pleasing, and of late years, by careful breeding, is much improved. They are usually a healthy and hardy bird, the chickens mature rapidly. After the age of ten weeks they can be used for broilers. The young birds are cute and pleasing and the mature birds have few if any to equal them for flesh and egg-production combined. The American Houdan Club organized Jan'y 23 98, of which I have the honor to be vice-president is doing much to bring this noble bird to the front. D. C. TREW.