

The Big Store

Great Annual Clearance Sale

Before taking stock.

7 - Saturday - 15

We must reduce our stock by thousands before we commence stock-taking. The more we sell the easier it will be to do so.

Clearance Sale of Mantles.

\$11.00 Jackets, clearance price	\$7.50
9.00 " " "	6.00
8.00 " " "	5.00
6.00 " " "	3.75

Clearance Sale of Skirts.

\$7.50 Skirts, clearance price	\$5.00
6.00 " " "	3.90
4.50 " " "	2.90

= = FURS = =

Our entire stock of Furs is also included in this clearance sale. We do not want to take one of our Furs into stock. The prices will sell them.

Alex. Russell

THE BIG STORE.

Ayer's

Losing your hair? Coming out by the comb? And doing nothing? No sense in that! Why don't you use Ayer's Hair Vigor and Hair Vigor

promptly stop the falling? Your hair will begin to grow, too, and all dandruff will disappear. Could you reasonably expect anything better?

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\$1.00 a bottle. All druggists.

for **Thin Hair**



Special.. Bargains

AND the very newest to select from, from the finest Cheviot to the strong and reliable Scotch Tweed and Overcoatings. Style, fit and workmanship guaranteed.

You Ought to See our Special lines for XMAS presents. A full line of Gent's Furnishings all ways on hand.

J. L. FLARITY
MERCHANT TAILOR.

The French Tricolor.
Red and blue, the old colors of Paris, linked by Lafayette with Henry VI's royal white, made the tricolor. A man's dress showed his party. The patriots wore light coats with black waistcoat and trousers. The royalists dressed all in black with a white stock or else in the livery of Artois, green coat with rose colored collar.

Aztec Bellows.
The Aztecs operated bellows for the forges in the old Mexican copper mines by opening them with the hands and pushing them together with the feet.

A National Salute.
Twenty-one guns is a national salute. The number is supposed to have a mystical origin. Three and seven were mystical numbers, and their product is more mystical and most perfect. So the salute to a sovereign or the representative of a sovereign nation is made as perfect as possible.

More Men Than Women.
Egypt is the only country in the world where there are more men than women. The male sex in the dominion of the khedive exceeds the female by 100,000.

Ocean Islands.
There are about 100,000 islands, large and small, scattered over the oceans. America alone has 5,500 around its coasts. There are 365 in the bay of Rio Janeiro, 16,000 between Madagascar and India and some 1,200 off the eastern coast of Australia, between its mainland and New Guinea.

A Rule of Health.
In order to be in perfect health one must be temperate in eating. The meals also should be regular. Regularity is one of the golden rules of a well ordered life.

Odd Foods.
In France the sea anemone is used as food. Stuffed like peppers and boiled it calls to mind crab or crayfish. The echini of various species is also used, cooked in the shell, like an egg, and eaten with a spoon.

A Ten Hour Swim.
A well known Belgian swimmer named Janssens made a wager that he could stay in the water ten hours, swimming the whole time. He won the wager, performing the feat in the Antwerp baths.

A Feather in His Cap.
The origin of "a feather in his cap" is thus explained: In Hungary in 1599 it was decreed that only he who had killed a Turk should wear a feather, and he was permitted to add a fresh feather to his cap for each Turk whom he had slain.

Haydn.
Haydn was fond of imitating animal sounds in his symphonies. In these compositions will be found imitations of the cat, horse, cow, cuckoo, grasshopper and donkey.

Parish of Spinsters and Widows.
Spinsters and widows comprise the majority of the inhabitants of Askern, near Doncaster, England, according to evidence given before the local government board inspector. The population has been practically stationary for the last thirty years.

Flirted in Church.
Flirting in church was one of the many weaknesses of Charles II. It is recorded that he was given to playing "peep" with Lady Castlemain through the curtains which divided the royal box from the ladies' pew.

Japanese Morning Glories.
The morning glory is one of the eight plants whose flowers the Japanese chiefly value, the others being the apricot (mume), the cherry, the vistarina, the peony, the iris, the lotus and the chrysanthemum. The species most generally cultivated is Ipomoea triloba, a native of China, which blooms in Tokyo at midsummer.

Postage Stamps.
Few know that there is a difference between winter and summer postage stamps. In the cold months the gum on the stamps is a little thinner and softer, while that on those to be used during the summer and in southern states is not so easily affected by heat.

The Mestiza Girl.
The mestiza girl of the Philippines is noted for her beauty and for her graceful dancing. In her dress she affects bright colors. She will wear a skirt of burning red, with a gorgeous undergarment, over which she dons a waist of silken texture, dark and ornamented with the gay and beautiful "pina," which is thrown over her shoulders.

A Weary Monarch.
Stephen II. of Hungary abdicated out of weariness in 1131 and spent his time after that date in travel. He visited almost every continental capital, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and enjoyed the reputation of being one of the best traveled men of his day.

Gelatin.
Gelatin is the animal jelly obtained by boiling cracked bones, gristle and meat. The extract is then clarified and evaporated till it dries in the shape we obtain it for culinary purposes.

Alaska.
Alaska is large enough to allow territory equal to the size of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the empire of Germany, the republic of France, the kingdom of Greece and the republic of Switzerland to be carved out of it.

The Wheeled Plow.
The wheeled plow was known in ancient Italy and appears on many Roman coins and inscriptions.

Where Does The Money Come From



What money? Why the money that builds up the Millionaire manufacturer of Agricultural implements? Why out of the pockets of the farmers who finally buy and pay for the machines. Why not save some of this money for yourself by securing shares in The Farmers' Manufacturing and Supply Co., Limited? What you don't save in the price of your machinery you receive yourself in dividends which otherwise go into the pocket of the wealthy manufacturer.

Write for Particulars to

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Farmers' Manufacturing and Supply Co., Limited.

DURHAM, ONTARIO.

WANTED

50,000 Bushels of BARLEY
AT EATON BROS. BREWERY
48 CENTS per bushel for No. 1
will be paid at the Brewery.

Owen Sound, Dec. 14th-2m.



Middaugh House for Sale.

HOTEL FOR SALE.

MIDDAUGH HOUSE, DURHAM. Easy terms. Apply to MRS. J. W. IRWIN, Box 80, Durham, Ont.

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L. R. C. P., LONDON, ENG.
GRADUATE of London, New York and Chicago.

Diseases of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.
Will be at Knapp House, Durham, the 2nd Saturday in each month. Hours—1-6 p. m.

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Specialist: Eye, Ear, Throat and Nose
EXCLUSIVELY

Will be at the Middaugh House 1st Wednesday of each month, from 12 to 4 p. m.

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AND METAL CLEANER COMBINED
The only Patented Polish in the World. No Dust, No Dirt, No Smoke, No Smell. Contains no benzine or other explosives. PULVO makes more polish and lasts longer than any other.

PRICE 10c. AT ALL GROCERS
C. L. GRANT. W. BLACK.

For Sale.

LOTS 34 AND 35 IN THE 3rd CON-
cession, west of the Garafaxa Road,
Bantick, known as "John W. Smith farm".
There are 40 acres of good bush on this property. For further particulars apply to
C. J. MICKLE,
Chesley, Ont.

Dec. 22-4.

Hardware.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our store is better stocked than ever before with articles very suitable for Christmas Presents.

Do drop in and see for yourself.

W. Black.

Remember the Local News Items

GATHERED DURING THE PAST WEEK FOR CHRONICLE READERS.

SEE Grant's Clearing Sale ad., on page 5.

ICE cutters are now busy cutting next summer's supply.

HIGHEST cash prices paid for Raw Furs at Peel's shoe store, Durham.—4f.

SKATES sharpened at the Durham Foundry.

A SCARLET CHAPTER meeting will be held in Calder's Hall, Durham, on Saturday next, Jan. 14th, at 7 p. m.

Now is the time your saws need gumming, you can get them done right at the Durham Foundry.

SEE Ben Crittenden's Sale ad., in this issue. Remember the date, Tuesday, Jan. 17th.

FOR SALE.—The Moore property in town, consisting of twenty-three and a half acres. Apply to Hugh MacKay.

If you want a good daily newspaper from now to the close of the Dominion Parliament we can furnish you the Toronto World for the small sum of fifty-five cents.

HERB LIVINGSTON has bills out, announcing his sale of Farm Stock, and Implements, on the 27th inst. Fuller particulars next week. R. Brigham, Auctioneer.

VARNEY L. O. L., No. 680, will hold their regular meeting on Friday night Jan. 20th, when a number of visitors will be in attendance. All brethren respectfully requested to be present. J. W. Blyth, Master.

If the party who accidentally broke the glass in W. Black's store window, on the night of Jan. 2nd., will call and settle, it will save trouble, as the four parties are known that were together.

We learn that Thos. Scarf & Sons, through their solicitor, Mr. I. B. Lucas have received satisfactory settlement, from the Grand Trunk Railway, in lieu of their claim for delay in shipment of cattle to the west in April last.

OFFICIAL information, from County Clerk Rutherford, announces the election of Messrs. Ball and McCannel. Last week were unable to state positively whether McCannel or McLean took second place. The total vote of the candidates received in the Division are as follows:—Ball, 1039; McCannel, 747; McLean, 738; Sharp, 474; Staples, 600.

OWING to an oversight to have the Councillors elect make their Declaration of qualification, the Council was disqualified and notices are up announcing Nominations next Monday evening. From what we hear of the side, it is not likely those originally chosen by acclamation will be again honored with the position Mayor Hunter is likely to go in for Mayor without opposition.

FRANK IRWIN arrived home Monday after an absence of six years and half. Most readers of this paper know of his escapades as a soldier in the Philippines, and there's no doubt if he would only unwind himself and put his thoughts on paper it would make interesting reading. He is not full recovered from his recent attack of typhoid, but is amusing himself the week helping to set up the paper.

THE Salvation Army is bringing of a large number of immigrants to work on farms early in the spring. They are a desirable class of men, and farmers, and others, wanting help during the coming season, would do well to communicate with Brigadier Howe, 20 Albert Street, Toronto, who will supply necessary information, application forms, etc. Fares paid from Toronto to farmers' addresses by the Government.

MRS. MARGARET ARD, aged 74 years, mother of Mrs. Allan McDougall, died at the residence of her daughter, care on Wednesday morning, after an illness of only a few weeks. Deceased has resided with her daughter for several years, and came to Chatsworth some months ago. She has many friends here by her kindly disposition, and will be much missed at home. Two daughters and four sons survive, all of whom visited their mother recently, except one in a distant land. The body was interred Friday, in Hanover.—Banner.