

ANNOUNCEMENT

Having purchased the Business and Stock of Miss Grace Edith Millier, 178 Wellington Street, and having added a great deal of new stock, I invite all her old customers, and the ladies of Kingston generally, to visit this store and inspect the fine military showing.

MRS. F. V. GEDYE

NOTICE

OWING TO THE FACT THAT smallpox is epidemic in some districts in the neighboring Province of Quebec, the Board of Health urges the Citizens to take all precautions against a possible outbreak in this City.

Seasonable Goods

Heinz Mince Meat Chivers' English Plum Pudding, Prime Western Beef, AT PICKERING'S 490 Princess St. Phone 530 Special Just Now CHRISTMAS CANDIES

YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY

SATURDAY YOUR LAST SHOPPING DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Why not select good useful presents such as:

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WATCHES CHATELAINE, WRIST, NECK AND POCKET, Open Evenings.

RODGER & WRIGHT

Jewellers, Formerly Spangenberg's, 247 KING ST. KINGSTON, Marriage Licenses.

50c Chocolates for 25c lb. For Christmas we have received a large quantity for our weekend sale, but be sure to buy early, as each week we have so many disappointed. Mahood's drug store.

George Alexander Redford, London, has resigned as examiner of plays. The resignation is the result of the recent appointment of Charles E. Brookfield to act as joint examiner.

Harold Benton, who is attending the dental college in Toronto, arrived to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, University avenue.

Liggett's chocolates, the highest quality confectionery manufactured. Mahood's drug store.

Rev. Albert McEwen, parish priest at St. Columba, London, died after an illness of but one day. He was a noted Hebrew scholar.

Liggett's chocolates, sold exclusively at Mahood's drug store. "A box of good cigars." Gibson's.

The Little Marcy.

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John Burden smiled as he said it to himself, Geraldine Marcy succumbing to the craze and buying Christmas presents! He had supposed her almost as immune to such frailties as himself, but there was no question that she had succumbed, and the ladies of Kingston generally, to visit this store and inspect the fine military showing.

There he had seen the familiar little tailor-made figure, and his heart gave a throb of recognition. He had passed close to her and almost brushed her shoulder as she struggled to free herself from the entanglement of women. She had just completed her purchase. It was a heart-shaped box of handkerchiefs, the cover decorated with sprigs of holly. The clerk was handing her a card for the address—a Christmas card which would inevitably be recognized as coming from the store of the canny Abrahams, since one corner had been cut off.

Burden worked his way to the exit and out into the crisp winter air, just finding a card for the address—"The Little Marcy!" he repeated again. He could not reconcile the Christmas frolicking with her daily air at dinner among the babbling, cherry actor-folk, that made up, with the exception of Miss Marcy and himself, their boarding-house circle.

She would sit there like a weaver, engrossed in her own thoughts, the piquant little face masked by indifference. Occasionally the childish flickerings or equally childish display of vanity of the number-folk brought a flicker of mischievous mirth to her eyes. When Burden surprised that look he wondered whether he really understood the girl after all.

Burden loitered in the street for a time before going home to dinner. They were crowded with eager holiday crowds. There was snow under foot, and an occasional flake was floating down. He had never seen so many smiling faces in the city before. He found himself smiling, too, and feeling vaguely excited, though he expected neither to buy nor to receive any presents.

Every one was in high spirits at dinner. The actor-folk had been through a matinee and were soon to hurry back for the evening performance, but they habbed constantly of the Christmas tree which was to be set up in the dining-room, "after the show." Even Miss Marcy had a light in her indifferent eyes, and a delicate color in her cheeks. Burden realized with a start that when she looked like that she was pretty.

He did not feel in the mood to go out, so he retired to his room with a book. But in half an hour the landlady came knocking. She demanded his help to set up the tree, decorate it, and arrange the various presents. "We'll surprise them poor things," she said, with more kindness than grammar; "they'll be all tired out when they come in, and it's quite a task to dress a tree."

So they set up the tree, decorated it with candles and gewgaws; and started to arrange the packages. The sight of a familiar one attracted his attention. It was a light heart-shaped box, decorated with sprigs of holly. The card on it—a card with one corner lopped off—bore these words: "To Miss Geraldine Marcy, with best wishes for a merry Christmas."

Burden excused himself abruptly. Donning hat and coat he went out into the street. So she had to buy her own Christmas presents. No friends to send her trinkets, no joyous looking forward to the holiday season! In the glow of pity for her loneliness he quite forgot that he was similarly situated, and that there would be no present on the tree for him.

He came to a resolution swiftly. It was to buy "the Little Marcy" every-

thing which a young man can with propriety buy for a young woman who is almost a total stranger and who passed him on the stairs or encountered him at dinner with the briefest and most formal of salutations.

First, there were flowers. He purchased a prodigious box of them. Next candy, plenty of candy, for did not all girls like to nibble at chocolates? Then music; Miss Marcy occasionally played on the boarding-house piano. He invested in half a dozen popular songs, of various degrees of innuendo and tenderness. And, last of all, he bought a book.

Ah, that book! It was a volume of love and dreams and longings in verse. He remembered it from his childhood days. He had wanted to possess a copy, but never dared to buy it, because it seemed incongruous for a man to care for a poetry like that. Yesterday it would have seemed incongruous for Miss Marcy even. But in the light of that box of handkerchiefs, and all its purchase implied—yes, "the Little Marcy" would like that book, he felt.

The tired actors and actresses came frooping home. They whooped with delight at sight of the blazing tree and the heap of presents. Wraps were tossed aside. Billy Cummings, the comedian, by reason of age and comedy, assumed the role of Santa Claus. Never did he play a part more unctuous, or sympathetically.

Burden watched the door furtively, until Geraldine Marcy came in, head held high, the unwonted color still in her cheeks. There was a little touch of defiance in her manner to receive the box of handkerchiefs. Burden was afraid she would leave them, but she sat down determined to stay until the end.

When her name was called again, a few minutes later, on Burden noted the start of surprise. When the great box of flowers were placed in her arms by the courtly Bill, there was a little clatter of applause. The actors, keen of perception where sentiment is concerned, saw something out of the ordinary in the glance of misty brilliancy she turned swiftly on Burden. As for that young man his heart bumped audaciously for a second or two. How did she know so quickly and so surely? How pretty she was!

They encountered each other in the hall when it was all over, and went up the stairs together. With an absurd sense of elation Burden was carrying another copy of the book he had bought for Miss Marcy. It had been a wonderful evening, and that was not the least wonderful feature of it—that she should not only have known and loved the book, but guessed unerringly that he knew and loved it, too.

At the first landing she paused and faced him, opposite her own door. So changed was she by the clear flush in her cheek and the happy light in her eyes that Burden wondered. He tried to recall and could not. He who had looked in that mask of scornful, weary, indifference, which was but loneliness after all. Now she was bright with the gaiety which is girlhood's heritage, and very lovable.

"You can't thank you," she began; "you have made this my happiest Christmas in years. I have been a lone so long. I left the old home when my parents died and came to the city—and I've been among strangers ever since. And these—she gazed down on the armful of his gifts.

"It was nothing nothing," said Burden, hurriedly. "You've thought of me. This book, now—I've always wanted it, and I couldn't bring myself to buy it." There was a pause, awkward as Burden's part. That he stumbled on. "By the way, I believe in living one's self a treat on Christmas. I have tickets for 'The Buccaneers' to-morrow night—or rather, to-night! Would you care to go?"

Miss Marcy did not speak, but she nodded, while her eyes overflowed. With a sudden impulsive gesture she

AMUSEMENTS

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Special Christmas Attraction

NEXT MONDAY & TUESDAY

CHRISTMAS MATINEE AT 3 P.M. Tuesday Matinee, 2:30; Evening, 8:15. CHAS. A. SELLON'S MERRY MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA, THE COW AND THE MOON

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hugged her gifts to her breast and smiled through her tears at him. "The Little Marcy," whispered Burden to himself, tenderly, as he went up the stairs. His heart was singing.

LATE MRS. EPHRAIM ROBBS, Who Died Suddenly on Sunday, Dec. 17th.

A death which brought grief to many outside her own family circle, was that of Mrs. Ephraim Robbs, Barrie street, which occurred after a very brief illness, at 7.15 on Sunday evening, December 17th. Mrs. Robbs had met with an accident when in New York recently, and it is thought the shock weakened her and made her an easy victim to the attack of pneumonia, which all the care of the sisters at the Hotel Dieu was unable to successfully fight.

Mrs. Robbs was a gentle little woman, the heart and the life of her home, and the comfort of many beyond it. She leaves a memory fragrant with good deeds and loving kindness, and of her it can be truly said that her family live up and call her blessed.

The burial offices were said by Canon Starr on Wednesday, December 20th, and the pallbearers were the four sons, and Oscar Simpson and Charles Herbert. Many beautiful flowers were sent, among them a pillow from the family, spray, Mr. and Mrs. C. Herbert, Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly, Mrs. Blake and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Robbs, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Treneer, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gage, Norman Halkett, Mr. and Mrs. J. Naylos, Mrs. James and Mrs. McEldar, Mrs. Miss J. Kenney, wreath, Mr. and Mrs. Stansbury and family, F. Elmer's barber shop; Mr. and Mrs. S. Green; ahead, Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Roddy, Mr. and Mrs. W. Vial, Miss K. Hawley, star; local burials' union, 514, an anchor.

Mrs. Robbs leaves a husband, two daughters and six sons to mourn one of the best wives and mothers that ever lived.

CALVARY SUNDAY SCHOOL Had a Merry Time on Thursday Evening.

Christmas tree exercises were held in Calvary Congregational school room Thursday evening and an overflow audience was present. The programme was an excellent one. J. H. David made a very capable chairman. Santa Claus distributed presents for all the children from the brightly decorated tree, and the whole affair was voted the best of its kind ever held.

Among those who took part in the programme were: Willie Brown, Grace Gow, Marian Leslie, Minnie Brown, Maude Maxam, Joseph Whitmore, Evelyn Mills, Kathleen and Willie Kirkwood, Edna Brown, Miss Monk, M. Jackson, Nellie Bennett, Gladys Miron, Esther Northmore, Eva Reddon, Ruth Davis, Annie Horn, Mazy Maxam, Harold Mills, Mary Phillips, Jessie and Nellie Clawworthy. Chorus were sung by the choir, primary class, and several groups of children, and dialogues were also given by groups of the boys and girls.

Spendthrift Dog.

Charlie Ellison is up on horses, but is not up on dogs. At one time, in his Springs, he paid \$100 for a bird dog, partly through a fanciful notion and partly because the dog was a handsome animal.

He sought the seller the next day and said: "I thought you claimed this was a bird dog. He was gone for three weeks yesterday and didn't bring back a single bird."

Passing up the hunters and going in for trick animals, Ellison had a dog at Sheephead Bay, to which he would give a small of a \$5 bill and later send it to bring the money home.

A visiting horseman located the plant before the dog did and substituted a \$1 bill. When the retriever showed up Ellison said: "Prince, what have you done with the other \$4?"—Chicago Post.

"Week End" Chocolate Sale.

There are all kinds of fillings and flavors. Sold in not less than 1-lb. lots, 25c. A neatly filled 5-lb. assortment for \$1.25 box. The regular 50c. goods, Mahood's drug store.

Take the Florida Gold Cure Of liquid sunshine. Drink the juice of Florida oranges, grape fruit, Tangerines, pine apples. You can buy the well-ripened fruit at Carnovsky's.

Campbell Bros'. Fur Garments Are the ones that can be relied on for wear.

The ultra witty and the ultra solemn men are people we all like to keep clear of.

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SHOE-REPAIRING OF EVERY description; first class work; best leather only used; one trial will suffice. Bring your repairs to Scott's, 306 Barrie Street, cor. of Clergy West.

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TEACHERS WANTED. MALE TEACHER FOR S.S. No. 3, (Highschool); Protestant. Apply, stating salary and experience, to Geo. A. Smith, Parham, Ont.

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MUSIC. SALISBURY BROS'. ORCHESTRA—Call up 1079 or address 21 Sixth Street when in need of an orchestra for dance, at home or hall. Remember the phone number—1079.

DANCING. VIOLIN AND PIANO FOR DANCING, evening parties, etc. Apply, 7, Hackett's, 255 Bagot Street.

WAS CAUGHT SHOPLIFTING. A Woman Was Nabbed in Laidlaw's Dry Goods Store.

On Thursday afternoon a woman was caught shoplifting in the store of John Laidlaw & Son, Princess street. She was seen by a lady clerk who was looking down from the upstairs department. A male clerk was notified and he escorted the woman to the office of the store, where the articles she had secreted were taken from her. Mr. Laidlaw did not wish to prosecute but gave the woman some good advice.

News Hats. We have every good style, imported especially for the Christmas trade. Campbell Bros', Kingston's hat store.

James Keier, Deseronto, a boy about seventeen years of age, had the misfortune to have all the fingers of his right hand severed by a saw. \$0.00 on Christmas day." In case you forget any of your friends, Gibson's Red-Cross Drug Store is open all day.

The postmen are delivering their mail around the city with the aid of rags, and each has a man with him to help.

Walter Ward, Smith's Falls, has had a second stroke of paralysis and is unconscious.

Electric toasters and irons for Christmas, at Halliday Electric Co.

A Very Sudden Death. Gananoque, Dec. 21.—Last Saturday morning, after a few hours' illness, death claimed a faithful daughter and gentle companion, in the person of Miss Mame Boyle, Gananoque. She ceased retired on Friday evening in her usual good health, and within fifteen minutes after leaving the family, became unconscious. Though medical assistance was at once summoned, nothing availed.

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brothers, John, Terence, Owen, Patrick and James, of Gananoque, and Lawrence, of Winnipeg.

Many floral wreaths and other offerings testified to the high esteem in which deceased was held. The funeral, which was held on Monday, proceeded to St. John's church, Gananoque, where a solemn high mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Father J. O'Brien, Rochester, N.Y., cousin of deceased, assisted by Rev. Father Kehoe, Gananoque, and Rev. Father Crowley, Kingston, sub-deacon. After the service the remains were placed in the vault here.

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The People's Forum

FOR SALE. FORD MODEL '07 MOTOR CAR. J. McDonald Motor.

OILCLOTH, LINOLEUM, ALSO SOME Cork, all remnants, a great difference in prices, at Turk's. Phone 705.

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PLACED AWAY, TENTS, CANOES, camping outfits, fishing tackle, marine supplies, lunch baskets, English raincoats, everything in canvas, kit bags, silk tents, spray hoods, motor boat supplies. Frank W. Cooke, 259 Ontario St. Phone 251 or 22.

TO RENT, GROCERY STORE, COR. King and Lower Gordon. Grocery Store, East Street.

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FOR SALE OR RENT, FARM, PART lots 11 and 12, in the 7th concession of Kingston; two sets buildings; good stock and grain farm. BATEMAN & GARDNER, REAL ESTATE and Insurance, 67 Clarence Street, Kingston.

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WM. NEWLANDS & SON, ARCHITECTS, etc. Offices, 245 Bagot St. Phone 608.

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