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At least have your Christmas selection made and put aside for you at Best's to-day. The holiday stocks are open and complete in every way—and plenty of goods to choose from. Buy early and have it over with—and the satisfaction is yours.

## Best's

The Popular Drug Store. Open Sundays  
Phone 59. Branch 1918

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Free Advice to Mothers by Mrs. Frances Robinson, R.N., Victorian Order of Nurses  
Bring your babies to be weighed and examined.  
No treatment—much advice  
Doctor in Attendance  
Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2-5 p.m., 391 Barrie Street.

# Gifts

—of—

# Quality Utility and Value

## for THIS HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Our store is replete with beautiful masterpieces of the jewelers' handicraft.

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Wedding Rings, Marriage Licenses

## SMITH BROS.

Jewelers  
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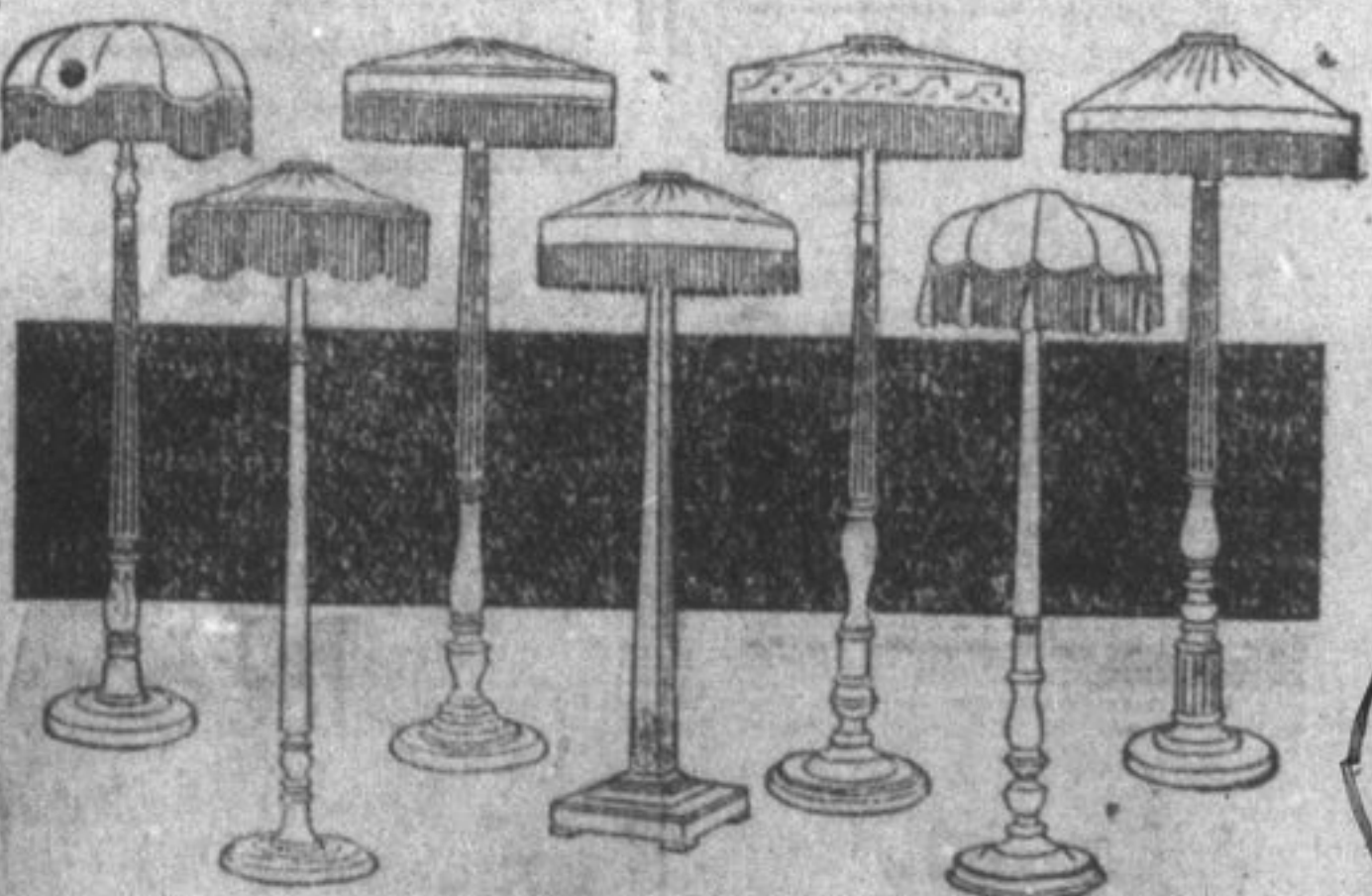
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## Big Specials for Christmas

- TURKEYS, CHICKENS, GESE—ALL YOUNG BIRDS
- Finest Western Rib Beef . . . . . 25c
  - Finest Western Rump Roast . . . . . 23c
  - Finest Boneless Pot Roast . . . . . 25c
  - Finest Western Shoulder Roast . . . . . 23c
- SPRING LAMB
- Legs . . . . . 30c; Shoulders . . . . . 26c
- YOUNG PORK
- Legs . . . . . 32c; Shoulders . . . . . 24c
- 1,000 Dozen Eggs (Every Egg Guaranteed) . . . . . 58c
  - 600 lbs. Dairy Butter . . . . . 48c
  - 1,000 Cans Peas . . . . . 12½c

THE WM. DAVIES' CO. :: Limited  
Princess Street :: Phone 597.  
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## CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

(Store Open Until 9 p.m. Until Xmas.)

VICTROLAS & VICTOR RECORDS  
Chesterfields, Easy Chairs, Lamps, Bedroom and Diningroom Furniture, Rugs, Mats, Curtains.  
Purchase early. We will store and deliver at Christmas time.

T. F. HARRISON CO., LTD  
Phone 90.

## A CONCILIATION BOARD

### URGENT IN REGARD TO THE COTTON MILL STRIKE.

Fair Wage Officer of Department of Labor Was Here—The Labor Unions Are Preparing for the Municipal Elections.

At a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council on Thursday evening, a number of matters were dealt with. The committee appointed to investigate the cotton mill strike and endeavor to arrange a settlement reported that no progress had been made. Mr. Killen, fair wage officer of the Department of Labor, Ottawa, came to the city on Monday, and W. F. Nickle M.P., arranged a conference between William Cook, manager of the Dominion Textile Company's factory and the Labor committee. Mr. Cook had announced that he was willing to take back the men and some of the girls upon the old conditions, but some he would not take back. He would not promise an increase of fifteen per cent. in wages. The strike is causing hardship to girls and women at this time of the year. The industry does not come under the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act.

Mr. Killen urged all parties to agree to the appointment of a conciliation board for the settlement of the difficulty in order that dependents of the women and girl workers might not be deprived of the necessities of life. A resolution was passed appropriating the sum of \$100 to aid the strikers. The Electrical Workers Union pledged fifty cents per week per man to aid the women and girls as long as they are out, and the other local unions of the city have reported that they will do likewise. The International Textile Union, which is the sovereign head of the local concern, is to be asked for assistance. A committee was appointed to administer the fund.

The committee appointed to conduct the campaign for labor candidates reported that one union had contributed \$250 for expenses and the Council passed a resolution appropriating \$50. Other sums were assured. It was reported that Dr. F. J. O'Connor nominated for alderman, declined to run, and another candidate will be sought for Sydenham ward.

A communication from a western organization was read favoring the release of all political prisoners now in confinement and the abolition of the press censorship, and a resolution was passed endorsing the proposal. A resolution opposing oppressive action under orders-in-council was carried unanimously.

A committee was appointed to conduct a campaign for union-made cigars and tobacco.

## COMMANDMENTS OF MATRIMONY.

What "Newly Weds" Should and Should Not Do.

1. You shall not give your husband "beans" other than kidney and Haricot, for "straining" is the bane of matrimony, and the wife who gives back-talk is seeking trouble.
2. You shall not "pop down to breakfast" camouflaged in curl-papers, pins, or patent frizzers.
3. You shall by no means ask your husband what he would like for dinner, as there is nothing he likes better than a guess in the evening; and a good wife knows her husband's likes better than he does himself.
4. Remember that your husband is a man and not an archangel; and that blessed is she who expects little, for she may haply get more.
5. You shall not wish (aloud) that your husband were such a one as Mrs. Somebody Else's paragon of all the virtues, but shall, if you be wise, occasionally tell the man you took for better or worse that he is not half a bad sort.

### For Husbands.

6. You shall not bring home any other fellow than yourself to take "pot luck" without two days' notice at least.
7. You shall not expect your wife to be sweet and amiable morning, noon, and night; for if you do, you are going to be badly disappointed.
8. You shall not tell your wife, when you find her "tired to death," that the house was clean enough and that to go and turn every room out was a piece of blithering tomfoolery. There is no surer road to strife and bitter tears.
9. Remember to bring your wife chocolates like you used to, for a few shillings thus spent—a pound of the best—brings a week of content; for where thoughtfulness is concerned a little goes a long way.
10. You shall not covet the last word, but shall let your wife have it for her own, shutting your mouth like a rat-trap lest a worse thing befall.

## KAISERIN AND THE WAR.

### Empress Played Small Part in Prologue.

The Empress of Germany played but the smallest part in the political prologue of the great war, declares the London Chronicle. She would meddle in minor matters, especially when she could appear censorious of an individual's morals, but so far as any understanding of the intricate problems of race or frontier or nationality was concerned, she had neither the wish nor the capability to interest herself in subjects which she imagined concerned only the men. It was the Kaiser's parvenu idea to make the court of Berlin a brilliant and fascinating assemblage which would rival the lost glories of Versailles and surpass anything his forefathers had evolved. This last ambition was not difficult of realization. But there was neither the money nor was Augusta Victoria the ornamental type of woman calculated to be a point of orientation for the splendid and brilliancy which the young husband's animus had prescribed. All the pearls of the Indies and the brocades of Lyons and the cables of Siberia could not transform this plain and ill-poised princess into an ideal empress-queen. The Kaiser was often wont to contrast the empress with the contemporary occupants of thrones—the mystic and ill-fated Alix of Russia, the young and vivacious Queen of Spain, the beautiful and gracious royal women of Italy who have recently reigned in Rome. But the most envy and invidious comparison were called forth when the imperial eyes scanned the suave and smart court life of London, where King Edward and Queen Alexandra, the idols of their people, continued their peaceful sway.

### Birds Helping Win the War.

Ever since this terrible war started a great feathered army has been fighting day and night, summer and winter, to help the Allies win. Without the help of these feathered soldiers our fighting men would not have had sufficient food. Our Allies would have been facing starvation and we ourselves would have been little better off. The margin between sufficient food for absolute necessities and famine has been and still is uncomfortably narrow, hence the food restrictions with which we have all become so familiar. The margin is narrow, but it is sufficient. Have you ever realized that but for the birds, the feathered soldiers, the margin might not, and probably would not, exist to-day? It is an indisputable fact. Had a great disaster destroyed all insect-eating and vermin-destroying birds two years, or even a year, ago, we would to-day be facing such a food shortage as in all probability would have meant the loss of the war. Even as it is the loss from insects and from such vermin as rats and mice totals a sum so vast as to be almost unbelievable. What it would be without the aid of birds in keeping the pests in check fairly staggers the imagination.—People's Home Jour. et.

### Manitoba's Population.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Manitoba increased its population by 59,900 since July, Hon. E. Brown, president of the Provincial Treasury, announced. The population is now 613,000.

### Demanding Free Trade.

(Canadian Press Despatch).  
Toronto, Dec. 20.—The Ontario Farmers' convention demand free trade with the United States in everything.

The influenza epidemic in India shows definite signs of abatement. Its ravages have been terrible. In Bombay city there were 15,000 deaths and in Delhi city, on a population of 200,000, the death-rate at one time reached 800 daily.

## Constipation

is Cured by

## HOOD'S PILLS

25c.

# XMAS GIFTS

- Hockey Boots for the boys from . . . . . \$3.50 up
  - Felt Boots for the men from . . . . . \$3.50 up
- If he is a carter, give him a pair of felt boots with rubber soles and heels, \$4.00 and \$4.50—at

Jack Johnston's Shoe Store  
70 Brock St. - Kingston

Probs: Saturday, easterly winds, mild; showery.

## HOMESTRETCH DAYS—JUST THREE—THEN XMAS!

# Store Open To-Night

# CHRISTMAS SATURDAY

The spirit of Christmas will manifest itself at this busy shopping centre to-morrow—with counters laden with practical gift suggestions, we have prepared with many extra salespeople to give you prompt pleasant service at whatever time of the day it suits you to shop. Shopping hours 8.30 to 10 p.m.

## Victory Christmas

The greatest Christmas the world has ever seen; let us all rejoice on this occasion and makes others feel our joyous spirit by remembering them with a gift—no matter how small, it will bring pleasure and appreciation from the recipient—especially so if it is a practical gift!



# Xmas Suggestions

As a help to busy shoppers we are enumerating a partial list of gift suggestions that will add that touch of personality that will be so much appreciated on Christmas morning.

### HANDKERCHIEFS

A complete stock of the daintiest handkerchief conceits for women and children—in pretty gift boxes of one, two and three in a box. Priced from 25c to \$1.75.

Individual handkerchiefs with embroidered and lace effects. Priced from 15c on up to \$2.00 each.

### BOUDOIR CAPS

Charming little creations of lace, ribbon and satin in a great diversity of pretty colorings—many of which but arrived this morning. Get your choice early while assortments are at their best. Priced from 75c to \$2.00

### GIFT GLOVES

For ladies—a complete range of the finest French and English lined and unlined kid gloves—in every wanted shade. Priced from \$1.50 to \$3.50.  
For men—lined and unlined gloves. Priced from \$1.25 to \$4.50.

### GIFT LINENS

Our range of Madiera and Irish linens is most complete. See our showing of table cloths and napkin sets, doilies, runners, shams, table covers, etc. Priced at less than present wholesale cost.

### NECKWEAR

We are showing a complete assortment of the latest New York novelty neckwear in georgette crepe, crepe de chene and netts. Priced from 50c to \$3.50.

### NEW YORK BLOUSES

A gift of real elegance can be chosen in our blouse section—every late novelty is shown in a host of attractive styles. Priced from \$3.95 to \$22.50.

### SEAL PLUSH COATS

We have ready for to-morrow a number of exceptionally smart Seal Plush Coats, self and fur-trimmed. Priced from \$27.50 to \$125.00.

### MILLINERY

Just arrived out of bond ready for Saturday's selling, some new mid-season New York novelty hats.

SHOP TO-NIGHT AND SATURDAY AT

# Steacy's - Limited

"THE STORE WITH THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT."