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Our immense stock of HANDKERCHIEFS now ready for the Holiday trade. These goods are unexcelled in Style, Quality and Price.

Ladies' Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, Children's Plain and Fancy, Hemstitched, Men's Handkerchiefs, Initial Handkerchiefs, Large Variety of Linen Fancy Pattern Box Handkerchiefs, all styles and qualities, ranging in price from 1c to 50c.

Handkerchiefs, Mufflers and Scarfs, ranging in price from 5c to 50c.

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We offer a very superior stock of Laces and Neckwear, including all the Novelties of the season at Popular Prices.

Our Men's Furnishing Department is complete with new goods for holiday trade. New assortment of Men's Neckwear in newest designs and shapes.

We are showing an endless variety of novelties in our Draught Goods Department, including

Novelties in Fancy Goods, with Sterling Silver Mountings, All the choicest products of the most celebrated manufacturers, a beautiful line of Art Goods, Leather Goods and Fancy Articles too numerous to mention.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL FAN SALE

At prices much less than Factory Cost.

Dress Patterns in Outing Goods and Wool Goods, $1.00 up for Heads, etc. etc.

SECOND FLOOR

We are showing a line of Mottled Ware in a great variety of Patterns. A large assortment of Fancy Baskets. Special Sale of Ladies' Aprons at 25c, 50c, 75c, $1.00 and upwards.

THIRD FLOOR

Specials in Working Skirts, worth $2.00 at $1.00, worth $3.00 at $1.50. Large Ladies' Wool Shawls Bargain Prices. Ladies' Dressing Sacques and Jackets. Ladies' Heavy Fleece Lined Cloaks, these variety at from $5 to $15 each.

FOURTH FLOOR

Just received, a beautiful line of Curtain Swiss Muslins, applicator applied, for Bath Robes, 22x36 inches $3.00 each.

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Save money on your Rubber Footwear for Fall and Winter by buying them of GOING. He will sell you Rubber goods at the lowest prices they have been in years. He will also save you money on Rubbers by guaranteeing every pair of FIRST QUALITY RUBBERS—

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GOING'S CORNER SHOE STORE

PONTIAC, - MICHIGAN.

OBTAINED THE DEED BY FRAUD.

Deed Made to Foster Child Stolen and Put On Record.

Another sad example of the folly of making over property to children before the parents are themselves through with it has come to light in the case of Roy Hiram Hood, an esteemed superannuated minister of this place.

As is frequently the case with the faithful preacher of the Word, Mr. Hood was too earnest in seeking the welfare of the souls under his charge to devote much time to the accumulation of this world's goods. Consequently at the age of 81 the good man found himself in the superannuated list with his earthly possessions represented by a little home in the village of Birmingham, worth about $800.

Many years ago Mr. and Mrs. Hood took to their home a little girl, who, although not legally adopted, lived with them as an own daughter would. The child grew to womanhood, married and had a son now 8 years old, but does not live with her husband.

Realizing that the time of their departure from this life could not be far distant, the aged couple began to consider what disposition they would make of their little property. Their thoughts at once reverted to their foster daughter and a deed to the property was made out to her but was not witnessed until May 9th of last year and the old gentleman looked it in his trying for safe keeping, preferring not to deliver it to its beneficiary until such time as he was certain of no longer needing it.

Rumor has it that Rev. Hood has been sorely afflicted for years with cancer in the nose and was taken to the asylum. His death soon followed. Then Mr. Hood was taken to his bed and remained there for several weeks. When he was able to sit up he told friends that he had been greatly troubled in his sickness by going to the house where the deed to his little home was kept, he was surprised to find that the lock had been tampered with. Investigation showed that the deed had been removed and a trip to Pontiac brought out the fact that the deed had been recorded.

The aged clergyman is now about to bring suit in the circuit court against his foster daughter, Maude S. Scott and H. Fair Scott, to have the deed set aside on the ground that it was obtained in a fraudulent manner and without the knowledge or consent of Mr. Hood. Attorney Caswell is attorney for the complainant.

That Handkerchief Sale.

The Presbyterian ladies are very happy over their chicken pie supper, social, bazaar and kitchen sale. Everybody turned out to give the ladies help and encouragement that means so much to them in the way of a good time, and visited and patronized the bazaar department and the handkerchief booth. The handkerchiefs were sent to individual members of the church upon request in verse on a printed card, and really all responded promptly and generously. Handkerchiefs came from every state in the Union nearly. We noticed every purchaser could buy a kerchief from any state she wished and one pleased purchaser secured a truly little affair from the very home of her childhood, which she had not visited in over thirty years, everything was up to date. Among the states represented were Colorado, New York, Michigan, New Jersey, Canada, Ohio, Colorado, Missouri, Minnesota, Louisiana, Indian Territory, Florida, Washington, D. C., and many others too numerous to mention. The entire stock of handkerchiefs disposed of, they were all sold. The pies were all eaten, and the happy crowd had received spiritual about Sticks.

CARRIERS APPOINTED

Rural Postal Routes Established and Messrs. Rosseau, Schoonover and Weston are Carriers.

S. R. Dubois of Southfield, Mich., has established three new mail routes starting from Birmingham and Farmington, this week. Postmaster Hanna received the orders this week. The successful applicants for positions as carriers, they have been selected, Messrs. Wm. Rosseau, Schoonover and Geo. Weston are carriers. Each gentleman will have a mail route and will begin business early in spring. Mr. Schoonover, Mr. Rosseau must buy horses and carriers, that he will be ready for the spring. We congratulate the boys on their success. Mr. Dubois, the Schoonover contract, have a route and every made from Weston, the route starting from new routes Schoonover and Postmaster Weston has smoked out of a job and the next best thing is to tell her to a pastor route that confidence in those left and we can only say "Please go boys, better luck next time."

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS HOLIDAY RATES VIA GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

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Low Holiday Rates.

The G. R. & I. R. R. will sell tickets to all points at greatly reduced rates on account of the holidays. Tickets on sale December 24, 25, 31, also January 1st. All tickets good until January 2, 1902.

That Sidewalk Suit.

Mrs. Arabella A. Miller's suit against the village of Birmingham for injuries claimed to have been caused by falling on an unsafe sidewalk, occupied the attention of the circuit court at Pontiac during four days of last week. Many of our leading citizens testified in the case and the Hotel Hodges did a thriving business. Mrs. Miller's claims, which were very broad before the trial, were confined by the testimony and by certain rulings of the court to injury alleged to have been done to her left arm. Dr. Kapnale, her physician, testified that the external marks of a fall were slight and of brief duration, but that judging from the plaintiff's statements as to pain and difficulty experienced in moving the arm it would probably not recover while Dr. Campbell, who examined the supposedly injured limb, swore that there were no objective evidences of injury, that the left arm looked sound and as well as the right and that if the pain and stiffness really existed they were due to chronic muscular rheumatism, of which, indeed, he observed symptoms. The case was hotly contested at every point by the village, and Mrs. Miller's attorney had an uphill road all the way. After the proofs were in he was compelled to ask for leave to amend his declaration, but Judge Smith, who had already permitted one amendment, declined to allow this, intimating, however, that a nonsuit might be withdrawn. Counsel for Mrs. Miller decided to take that course, and a nonsuit was told to stand aside. There only elegant excuses were left and the trial necessarily came to an end. Mrs. Miller has to pay all the costs thus far, which are heavy, but she can start with a new and amended declaration on the orthodox hold the village by the prestige of success and has gained some valuable a set, a clear knowledge of the enemy's plan of campaign.

WISEMAN HAS GONE

Many Women were Eager Listeners Throughout the Trial.

The hero worship which a large number of the women of Oakland county bestowed on the murderer Henry Wiseman, says the Pontiac Post, continued undiminished until the last. At each day the number of women, children and half grown girls had been increasing until Thursday, the last day of the trial, standing room only was at a premium. Babes in arms were there and occasionally disturbed the peace of court so much that its mother would relegate it to the lobby. Thursday, when it was generally known that that would be the last day of the trial, the Pontiac & Detroit cars did a land office business, carrying women from town along the line to the county seat. They had evidently prepared to stay all day and so, when court adjourned after the morning session, not to open again until 1 o'clock, lunch boxes quickly appeared. Some however, did take the minutes for refreshments but hurried back to the court room again, which was pretty well filled by one o'clock. Much of the testimony was quite unsuitable for a mixed audience but none were seen to leave, or to evince any feeling except the liveliest interest, when salacious or disgusting details were brought out in the evidence.

Henry Wiseman himself, fed to Sheriff Brewster started for Marquette prison in the following Friday evening. Supervisor Charles Bird accompanied Sheriff Brewster as special deputy. All day the prisoner received visitors from his home and was heard weeping afterwards several times. Just before the party started for the depot Wiseman was led in the sheriff's office where he was allowed to see his sister and a last farewell was taken by the prisoner was led into the waiting small crowd of boys had collected, who followed to the prisoner's door until the depot was reached. Wiseman seemed very completely "broken up."

Food Changed to Poison.

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We've reduced the price of about 250 mostly light and dark mixed Worsteds, Cheviots and Cassimeres suits that sold all season at $5 to $3.50

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MACKINTOSHES for Men $5 and $6; for Boys $3

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FUR CAPS for Men $3, $4, $5.

SWEATERS for Men 2.00, 2.50 and $3; for Boys 1.00, 1.50 and $2

WOOL GLOVES for Men 50c, 75c, $1 and $1.50; for Boys 25c and 50c.

UMBRELLAS 1.00, 2.00, 2.50 and up to $10.

MUFFLERS 50c, 1.00, 1.50 and $2.

HOUSE COATS Lounging Gowns and Bath Robes $5 to $18.

HANDKERCHIEFS Fancy bordered, plain and initialed 10c to 75c.

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CLOTH CAPS Warm ones for Men and Boys 50c, 1.00 and $1.50

TAMS AND TOQUES for the little people 50c and $1.

Come as early as you can—easier buying, better service if you do, but we promise to do our best under all circumstances.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.

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A Sweet Proposition.

At last summer it was said that the Hipp farm sported the finest field of beets in Oakland county. Careful management at the crop from the selection of the seed to the delivery of the beets at Rochester was true. Mr. Hipp's work would seem the management of the rest of the farm with its large dairy interests. The following letter shows his success and is a record anyone can well be proud of. His per cent is nearly three times the common average of this sugar matter in beets.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11, 1901.

Mr. J. J. Hipp,

care of M. C. R. R.

Dwight, Mich.

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With kind regards we beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Detroit Sugar Co.

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Recommendation of a Well Known Chicago Physician.

I use and prescribe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for almost all obstinate, constricted coughs, with direct results. I prescribe it to children of all ages. Am glad to recommend it to all in need of seeking relief from colds and bronchial afflictions. It is non-narcotic and safe in the hands of the most unprofessional. A universal favorite for all mankind. Mrs. Mary Mitchell, M. D., Dr. D., Chicago, Ill. This remedy is for sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

Saw Death Near.

It often made my heart ache, writes L. C. Overstreet of Elgin, Tenn., to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak and sore lungs would collapse. Good doctors said she was rapidly gone with Consumption that no medicine or earthly help could save her but a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery and persistent use of this excellent medicine saved her life. It's absolutely guaranteed for coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma and all Throat and Lung diseases. 50c and $1. at Whitehead & Mitchell's.

AT THE THEATERS.

EUCEUM

What is probably one of the most important engagements of the season at the Lyceum theater is that of Robert Mantell and company, which begins next Sunday evening. The modern drama has been so persistently presented for the past few seasons that the advent of a Shakespearean production is looked forward to with more than ordinary interest. Mr. Mantell will be supported by a carefully selected company and his repertoire will be as follows: Sunday and Saturday nights, Richard III; Monday and Friday nights, Hamlet; Tuesday night, Othello; Wednesday matinee, Romeo and Juliet; Wednesday and Thursday night, Richelieu; Saturday matinee, Lady of Lyons.

WHITNEY

Lincoln J. Carter, the well known producer of sensational melodrama, has departed from the path he has trodden so long in his last effort, "The Flaming Arrow," and has deserted his railroad and mechanical engines, his scenes of the Chicago slums and tough resorts, and has gone to the far West for the material of his new play. The result is he has written the most successful play of his career, and has given the stage one of the most realistic melodramas that has been produced in years. The noted Indian actress, Gertrude Maltese, who has recently returned from a successful tour through England, is the stellar attraction and is given the best opportunity she has ever had to display her many talents. The engagement in Detroit, which is for one week, begins next Sunday afternoon at the Whitney Opera House. In addition to the regular matinees there will be a special performance given on Christmas day.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice in Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending December 14, 1901:

Lewis McDowell, Bert Morrison, Miss Annie Ransom, Mrs. M. E. Ginburg, Mrs. Frank Wilson.

Persons calling for the above will please say advertised.

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If you would have an appetite like a bear and a relish for your meals take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They correct disorders of the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Price 25c. Samples free, at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store.

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Fine Dress Goods, Silks and Velvets, Fancy Waistings, French Flannels and Flannelettes, Table Linens, Napkins, Towels and Towelings, Umbrellas, Corsets, Aprons, Kid Gloves, Handkerchiefs in big variety, Chatelaine Bags, Purses, Pocketbooks, Opera Capes, Ice Wool Shawls, Fascinators, Gold and Silver Jewelry and Novelties.

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