

# Harry Mitchell's Editorial



## When Families Depend on Your Business

It doesn't take a political economist to figure out why I do all kinds of stunts to give big values and make business at this particular season.

But I'll tell you why. I have in my employ one hundred and five people. By actual count seventy-six of these have families dependent on them. These families total three hundred and eighty persons. This number, plus the unmarried men and girls, makes a grand total of four hundred and five persons who look to the little Scotland Woolen Mills tailoring business for their daily bread.

The other tailors let their men go—they are mostly out of a job at this time every year.

Not so here. I retain my men. I keep them going all winter. I did it last year, and I'll do it this year, too. We have plenty of business to do that. But I'm just explaining why I lubricate the wheels of business with the oil of great values—if I may be permitted the simile.

Now, as to the actual facts about the prices. The \$15.00 department this season did a tremendous business. The materials had to be replenished. And I killed two birds with one stone. I re-supplied the \$15.00 line, and I made a good thing for my customers by switching many fabrics from the \$20.00 and \$25.00 department to the lower priced line.

And today this is the reason for the greatest values that I have ever given at \$15.00. The goods are here, and any man who can see and feel can tell for himself.

In the \$20.00 and \$25.00 departments I have reserved the finest of the imported materials that make up into suits and overcoats that are good enough for a millionaire.

Yours truly, HARRY MITCHELL, Prop.,  
The Scotland Woolen Mills Store, 310 Nicollet Avenue.

## GREENLAND HOUSE FARTHEST NORTH

Trip to the Big Body of Land in the Arctic a Pleasant One.

Being resolved upon visiting Greenland, I found that some difficulties had first to be overcome, says a writer in Black and White. No private vessel plies there, either with passengers or cargo, from any port of the world. Of the Dundee whalers few remain, and if they happen to take fresh water on the Greenland coast their stay is limited to hours.

Some fishing schooners of Gloucester, Mass., frequented the Greenland banks ten years ago, but after a couple of seasons found the halibut catch was not to be relied on. The Miranda, an American steamer, attempted a cruise with tourists in 1894, but was wrecked at the gate of the first harbor she tried to leave. One of the fishing schooners brought her people home.

Apart from Arctic expeditions, no other foreign visitors have risked a voyage for about two centuries. The whaling ships are handled by experienced men, yet the Vega was wrecked last year, her people barely escaping. For Arctic expeditions, one ship lost in each twenty measures the scale of risk. Fog, ice pack, bergs, currents and death trap reefs bar out casual shipping.

There also exists an international treaty whereby most Europeans and Americans are forbidden to enter Greenland. This treaty is enforced by Denmark on behalf of the royal trade, a government department, which is trying to civilize the native tribes of the country. By this means alone can the Eskimo people be shielded from disease, alcohol and interference with the hunting on which they depend for existence.

I was fortunate in getting permission—the second granted to an English-speaking man—to visit Greenland in one of the royal ships. At Copenhagen I was examined by a doctor to make sure that I carried no contagious disease to the Greenlanders. So we sailed from Elsinore on May 17 in the little bark Thorvaldsen, and just a month later sighted the Greenland coast.

The coast of Norway, best seen in midwinter, and certainly the grandest in the old world, is tame compared with the seaboard of British Columbia and southeastern Alaska. I would not disagree that the west coast of Greenland is as beautiful as the west coast of Alaska. The sunny Arctic day which lasts for months, a sky all flaming glory, the fretted spires of the Alps flanked with stupendous cliffs, and bases on the restful levels of the sea, cities of crowded bergs, compound of dazzling light and radiant color—such scenery as that blots out our former memories of the west coast drifting on, and slowly 800 miles of heaven unrolled before us its varied and wondrous loveliness.

Our first port of call was Jakobshavn, at the head of Disco strait, largest of the northern villages, a metropolis of nine white persons and 400 natives. Beside a pocket of the white granite, are the buildings, all tarred black, of the royal trade. For a background to the dismal scene rise higher, with only one distinction—that they washed.

The food, apart from Danish groceries, was seal meat, fish, reindeer, venison, shellfish, ptarmigan, sea birds and their eggs, which as served in Greenland are always pronounced in favor, like the political egg used at elections. There was only at one port a dish called matkak (the skin of the white whale), a hard fat with a delicious nutty flavor, which would be esteemed by epicures in Europe. Tasteless radishes and other small vegetables are grown under glass, and there are plenty of blueberries on the hills.

Nearly the whole of Greenland is covered with a continental icecap like that of the Antarctic continent. Nansen and Peary have crossed the inland ice, but even to reach the edge is a difficult journey. At Jakobshavn I persuaded a sailor to come with me, chartered a skin boat with a native crew, and set off at 3 o'clock one sunny morning. Our way led southward, past the mouth of Jakobshavn fjord, where a sheet about the size of London is covered with jammed and stranded bergs. Some of the spires are said to

# Three Days for Gift Buying

THE SPIRIT of Yuletide is in the air. On every lip is the question of the hour, "What shall I give?" It finds ready answer here. Assortments are still ample for the last three days before Christmas—the busiest days of all.

The same policy of merchandising rules here at Christmas time as during the other eleven months. Holiday wares are dependable in quality and marked at absolutely lowest prices. Possibly that's the secret why the store's capacity is taxed to its utmost these days by gift-buying crowds, pleasantly elbowing each other.

Doors open at 8 in the morning and close at 10 in the evening—giving fourteen hours to shop. There's most elbow room in the early morning hours.

Will you aid us in keeping the store machinery running smoothly by taking the small parcels with you when you can? Be sure we have your name and address correctly when your purchases are to be sent.

If mistakes occur—as occur they must in the holiday rush and crush—we will thank you to report them and give us the opportunity of correcting them.

Don't forget the branch postoffice on the balcony, main floor. Your packages can be mailed and registered there, thus saving you the time and trouble of a trip to the main Postoffice.

## Xmas Candies at Lowest Prices

DON'T forget the Christmas sweets. If you want fresh, delicious candies at minimum cost, come to the Basement Candy department. There's every kind there that your sweet tooth could crave, and all are priced very low.

10c Cream Mixed at 5c a Pound  
As a special Thursday offering we will put on sale five barrels of CREAM MIXED—a regular 10c candy—at half price, the pound ..... **5c**  
Limit of three pounds to each customer.

- At 10c pound**  
French cream mixed, Jelly beans, Crisp mixed, Fresh salted peanuts, Assorted squares, Crystallized gum drops, Peanut taffy.
- At 15c pound**  
Chocolate creams, Caramels, Matinee mixed, Ice buds, Filbert nougat, Burnt peanuts, Lemon drops, Jelly straws, Assorted cream buttons, Rahat paste, Assorted straws.
- At 15c pound**  
Italian walnuts, Chocolate lynch, Pea kisses, Chocolate cuts, World beaters, Assorted stringlets, French burnt almonds.
- At 20c pound**  
14 kinds of chocolates, Butter cream wafers.
- At 25c pound**  
25 kinds of chocolates, including nut centers and tops, Wrapped nougat, Spanish peanut, Royal cream wafers, 10 flavors of stringlets, French burnt almonds.
- At 40c pound**  
Bitter sweets in 10 different flavors.
- At 60c pound**  
Crystallized fruits, including cherries, pineapples and assorted pears.
- Nuts**  
Brazil, filbert, pecan and mixed nuts at 15c lb. Almonds, 20c lb. Walnuts, 18c lb.
- Oranges**  
Florida oranges, 20c to 40c doz. Sweet oranges, 25c and 40c doz.

Christmas candy strings to trim the tree, 15c a pound. We make special prices on candies to churches and Sunday schools.

## Arnold's Knit Bed Slippers

ARNOLD'S Knit Bed Slippers make as acceptable a gift as 25c can buy. They are soft and warm, made, sole and top, of washable knit fabric, and are fleece lined. Any one subject to cold feet will find them warm as toast, to wear about the room or in bed. Arnold's Slippers do not lose their shape from wearing or washing.

# Minneapolis Dry Goods Co.

be 600 feet high; the overhanging coast of ice was certainly more than 200 feet.

Beyond it we had to carry the boat over two ranges of hills, then traveled one day's march along a fjord, and finally the sailor and I, with a guide, set off afoot upon a four mile walk. The land was hilly, of broken rock with a layer of moss on top, so arranged that one sinks thru the moss into unseeable holes full of pain.

The land is not good for cripples, and yet there were compensations, for I found native silver and a precious stone called olivine, besides many lovely flowers, including the bluebells of Scotland. There were also mosquitoes in great plenty.

Five hours of climbing brought us to the top of Dammund mountain (Krakapatak), and after I had photographed my companions, we sat down to fight the mosquitoes and try to enjoy the view.

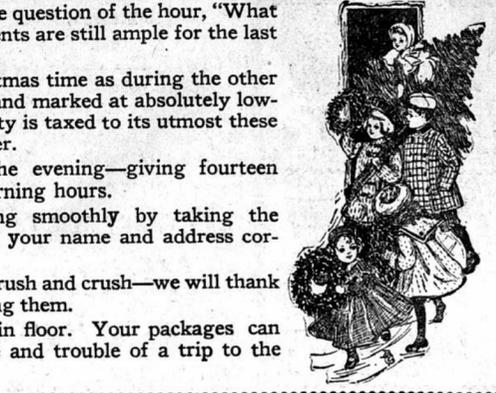
After leaving Jakobshavn the Thorvaldsen called at an outpost northward of Disco Island, where we picked up the governor of North Greenland (Krakapatak), and the staff, taking them on to Upernivik, the most northerly settlement. Thence the governor went by boat on a cruise of hundreds of miles thru the archipelago, inspecting outposts, and he was kind enough to take me as his guest. Even in skin clothes and heavy winter furs we suffered discomfort from the cold, as, traveling night and day and spreading our sleeping bags in the boat for rest, we threaded amazing channels choked with bergs.

So we came at last to Tassiusak, the most northerly house on earth. Its tenant is Neilson, a Dane, under whose guidance we ventured another sixteen miles into the wilderness.

**To the East**  
Soo Line Holiday Rates.  
Albany, N. D., and return, \$40.  
Boston, Mass., and return, \$40.  
Montreal, Que., and return, \$35.  
Ottawa, Ont., and return, \$35.  
Portland, Me., and return, \$40.  
Toronto, Ont., and return, \$30.  
Other points in the proportion. Tickets will be sold Dec. 12th to 22d inclusive, with return limit of Jan. 12th, 1905. Ticket office 119 Third street S.

**Holiday Excursion Rates**  
To eastern and Canadian points via Chicago Great Western Railway.  
Tickets on sale to Dec. 22. Good returning Jan. 15. For further information apply to R. H. Heard, Gen'l Agent, corner Nicollet avenue and 5th St. Minneapolis.

**Cigars, Pipes and Novelties.**  
Just the thing for Xmas. Cox & Harris, specialists, 400 1st avenue S and 413 Nicollet.



### For Our Brave Firemen

Don't forget to buy your Tickets (whether you go or not) for the Benefit Performance each night this week at the Metropolitan—Eva Tanguay Company in "Sambo Girl." The more Tickets sold, the bigger the percentage for the Firemen's Relief Fund. Everybody Help!

## Big Values in Cozy Bath Robes

IF YOU have a gift to buy for mother, wife or sister, better act on this hint. Any woman would be highly pleased with a warm, cozy bath or lounging robe. The fact that you save almost half the regular price won't make it any less acceptable.

**\$6.50 Bath Robes at \$3.95**  
Bath robes of lamb's wool curl eiderdown, made kimono style, with entire edge, sleeves and pockets, edged with wide stitched satin, silk frog fasteners, in pink, gray and red. \$6.50 bath robes at **\$3.95**

**\$5 Bath Robes at \$2.75**  
Plain and lamb's wool eiderdown bath robes, in all colors except red, with sailor collar; collar, cuffs and pocket bound with satin, silk frog fasteners, regular \$5 bath robe for **\$2.75**

We show a big assortment of eiderdown and fleeced dressing sacques and kimonos, in all colors and styles, at 95c, \$1.25, \$1.50 and up to \$2.95.

## Jewelry Bargains

AT THE  
Minneapolis Jewelry Mfg. Co.'s

### CLOSING OUT SALE

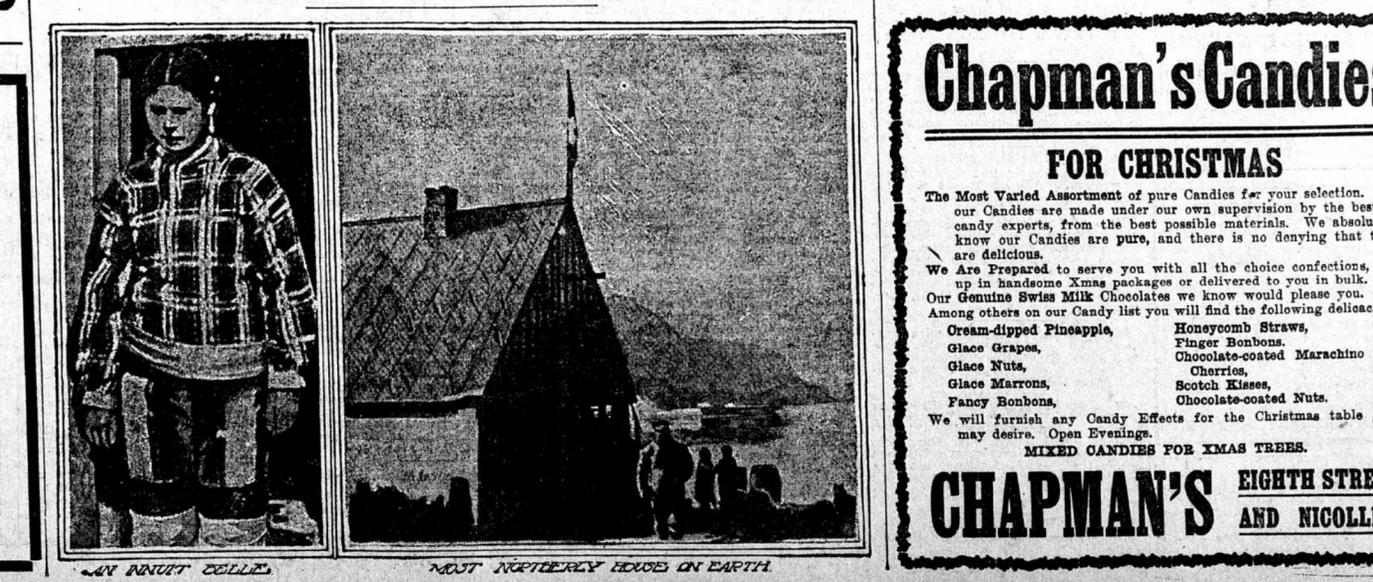
We are retiring from the retail business and are closing out our entire stock of fine jewelry—watches, diamonds, umbrellas, carving sets, clocks, toilet articles, etc., at about

## 25% Discount

A rare opportunity to buy Xmas presents cheap.

202 ANDRUS BUILDING.

## GREENLAND HARD TO REACH, NO LINERS OR PASSENGER VESSELS TOUCHING ON COAST



## -HOLIDAY FURS-

To Your Order and Ready-to-Wear

Isabella and Sable Opossum Tie Scarf, was \$10, now **\$7.50**.  
Isabella and Sable Opossum large flat Scarf, was \$15, now **\$13.50**.  
Isabella and Sable Fox large flat Scarf, was \$30, now **\$22**.  
Best quality Near Seal Jacket, was \$60, now **\$45**.  
Best quality Black Astrakhan Jacket, was \$35, now **\$25**.  
Best quality Gray Krimmer Jacket, was \$50, now **\$37.50**.  
Brown Marten Scarf, \$15 up.  
Brown Marten Dye Beccoon Boas, \$20 up.

**SCARFS.**  
Russian Squirrel Scarf, \$9 up.  
Sable Dye Squirrel Scarf, \$14 up.  
Mink Scarf, \$40.

**MUFFS.**  
Brown Marten Muffs, \$15.  
Gray Squirrel Muffs, \$15.

Mink Muffs, \$20 up.  
Chinchilla Muffs, \$60.

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502 Hennepin Avenue, Cor. 5th Street

## Chapman's Candies

### FOR CHRISTMAS

The Most Varied Assortment of pure Candies for your selection. All our Candies are made under our own supervision by the best of candy experts, from the best possible materials. We absolutely know our Candies are pure, and there is no denying that they are delicious.

We Are Prepared to serve you with all the choice confections, put up in handsome Xmas packages or delivered to you in bulk. Our Genuine Swiss Milk Chocolates we know would please you. Among others on our Candy list you will find the following delicacies:

- Cream-dipped Pineapple,
- Glace Grapes,
- Glace Nuts,
- Glace Marrons,
- Fancy Bonbons,
- Honeycomb Straws,
- Finger Bonbons,
- Chocolate-coated Marachino
- Cherries,
- Scotch Kisses,
- Chocolate-coated Nuts.

We will furnish any Candy Effects for the Christmas table you may desire. Open Evenings.

MIXED CANDIES FOR XMAS TREES.

## CHAPMAN'S

EIGHTH STREET AND NICOLLET.