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68 pieces All-Wool, 36 in. to 40 in. Cheviots, fine mixtures, Nattee Cloths and Ladies' Cloths; not a single piece worth less than 29c a yard and many worth as high as 50c; all go in this sale
AT.....15c a yard

38-in. All-Wool Vigeroux Suitings, in gray mixtures,
AT.....25c a yard

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38 pieces of the celebrated Koachlin, Baumgartner & Co. all-Wool Challies, in light and dark grounds.
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5 pieces 44-inch Cream White Bengalines, all perfect goods and good value at $1 a yard.
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Single width Mohair, never before less than 12½c a yard.
SALE PRICE.....6 1-4c a yard

Double-width Brilliantines, good 40c values.
SALE PRICE.....25c a yard

38-inch bright Brilliantine, regular 65c goods.
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SALE PRICE.....37 1-2c a yard

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The 75c quality for 49c a yard.
The 1.00 quality for 69c a yard.
The $1.25 quality for 98c a yard.

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COLORED MOIRE SILK, COLORED INDIA SILK, COLORED CREPE DE CHENE } at 12½c a yard.

Black and Colored Plushes and Velvets for this sale, 25c a yard.

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SALE PRICE.....39c and 49c a yard

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Black Bengalines, the 75c quality.
SALE PRICE.....49c a yard

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PRICES THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN APPROACHED, MUCH LESS EQUALED. TWO ELEVATORS WILL BE INSUFFICIENT TO CARRY THE CROWDS THAT WILL COME AFTER THESE. READ BELOW, AND IF YOU DON'T COME DOWN EARLY IT WILL BE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T:

About 20 Jackets and as many Newmarkets, former price $10 to 20;
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About 30 Misses' and a few Ladies' Jackets, good lengths and large sleeves; former prices, $10 to $20;
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About 40 or 50 somewhat better ones, plain and mixed goods, Cheviots and Walls;
SALE PRICE.....$2.50 each

New stylish and thoroughly "up-to-date" Grey and Tan Covert Cloth Jackets, extra large sleeves, large revares and collars, 40 inches long; would be a bargain at $15.
SALE PRICE.....$4.00 each

A variety of styles in plain and fancy Jackets, Beavers, Cheviots and Serges, braid trimmed and plain; have been sold at $10, $15 and as high as $20 each.
SALE PRICE.....$5.00 each

Any of our $15, $16, $18 and $20 Jackets,
FOR THIS SALE.....$10.00

$25, $27.50, $30 and $35 Jackets,
FOR THIS SALE.....$15.00

Ladies' Cloth Capes at prices that have taken a decided tumble.

Misses' Jackets at half price. Every Jacket in the house included.

Children's Coats, with capes and full sleeves, made of mixed and plain Cloths, some fur trimmed and others plain; sizes six and eight years; former prices $8, $10 and $12.
SALE PRICE.....$3.50

The same in sizes eight and ten years,
SALE PRICE.....$4.75

Sizes ten, twelve and fourteen years
GO AT.....$5.50

FURS STILL GOING AT HALF PRICE.

The Purchase of Prints

Indigo and Oil Red Prints, good styles, good value at 5c;
SALE PRICE.....2 1-2c a yard

Good styles in Dress Ginghams
AT.....3c a yard
Will go with a rush.

Dress Ginghams, excellent syles, standard value, 10c;
SALE PRICE.....5c a yard

Dark-Ground Cotton Challies, new designs;
SALE PRICE.....5c a yard

Staple Gingham Apron Checks, standard 6c value;
SALE PRICE.....3 1-2c a yard

Small lot of Standard Sea Island Percales, regular price, 12½c;
SALE PRICE.....5c a yard

Extra-Wide Dark-Ground Percales, also Light Indigo Percales, new styles; standard value, 12½c,
SALE PRICE.....6 1-4c a yard

12½c Dress Ginghams for 7c a yard.

MUSLINS

ALL THESE VALUES GOOD AS LONG AS THE GOODS LAST—AND ENOUGH IN MOST INSTANCES TO LAST A WEEK.

4-4 Unbleached Muslin,
SALE PRICE.....2 1-2c a yard

7-8 Heavy Unbleached Muslin,
SALE PRICE.....3c a yard

4-4 Fine Unbleached Muslin, always sells at 7c;
SALE PRICE.....5c a yard

9-4 Unbleached Muslin, always sells at 18c;
SALE PRICE.....12 1-2c a yard

Good Bleached Muslin, 7-8 wide;
SALE PRICE.....3 1-2c a yard

Good 4-4 Bleached Muslin;
SALE PRICE.....4c a yard

Fine 4-4 Bleached Muslin, regular 8c value;
SALE PRICE.....5 1-2c a yard

9-4 Bleached Sheeting at 15c a yard.

10-4 Bleached Sheeting at 16c a yard.

Lonsdale, Fruit-of-the-Loom, Farwell, Hills and Masonville, standard 9c 4-4 Bleached Muslins;
SALE PRICE.....6 1-2c a yard

Full width Bleached Canton Flannel, regular 12½c quality.
SALE PRICE.....9c a yard

Ticking, regulation stripe, regular price 15c.
SALE PRICE.....10c a yard

Fleeced-backed Cheviot Shirting, good 12½c value.
SALE PRICE.....8c

Double-width Eastlake Shirting Cheviots, good 15c value.
SALE PRICE.....10c

Flannels and Blankets

6c Outing Flannels at 3c a yard.

Standard 8c Outing Flannels at 5c a yard.

Heavy Fleece-backed Eiderdown Flannels in fancy wrapper patterns, standard 12½c value, actually go in this sale at 6¼c a yard.

Full-size, All-wool White and Red Blankets at $2.85.

$5 Blankets for $3.75.

$6.50 Blankets for $4.89.

Comforts worth $1 for 69c.

Comforts worth $1.25 for 95c.

Comforts worth $2 for $1.39.

Sateen-covered Sofa Pillows, with ruffled edges, worth 50c. SALE PRICE, 19c.

LINENS

50 pieces bleach Cotton Crash, regular price 5c.
SALE PRICE.....2c a yard

50 pieces brown Linen Crash
AT.....3c a yard

Regular 10c brown Twill Crash
AT.....7c a yard

30 pieces Glass Toweling join
THIS SALE AT.....5c a yard

All Linen Huck Toweling at 6¼c.

50 dozen Huck Towels
GO AT.....8c

More at 10 each.

Knotted Fringe Damask Towels, price should be 17c.
SALE PRICE.....12 1-2c

25x52 Damask Towels,
SALE PRICE.....25c

52-inch Cream Damask at 15c a yard.

54-inch Cream Damask at 21c a yard.

60-inch Cream Damask at 39c a yard.

64-inch bleach Damask at 42c a yard.

64-inch bleach Damask at 59c a yard.

72-inch bleach Damask at 75c a yard.

72-inch bleach Damask, extra fine, reduced from $1.35 to 98c for this sale.

50 dozen 5-8 bleach Napkins, worth 70c.
SALE PRICE.....39c

50 dozen 3-4 bleach Napkins,
SALE PRICE.....98c

Lot of extra fine double Damask Napkins, newest designs,
AT.....$2.98 a doz.

25 dozen 18x50 Fancy Scarfs,
FOR THIS SALE.....19c

25 dozen 18x70 Fancy Scarfs,
FOR THIS SALE.....25c

100 7-4 Cloths, assorted colors, worth $1.50.
SALE PRICE.....98c

LACES

Veilings and Neckwear

Cotton Laces.....2 yards for 1c

Also Cotton Laces at 1c and 2c a yard, 2 and 3 inches wide.

Cotton Torchon Laces, 4 inches wide, regular price 10c and 12½c.
SALE PRICE.....5c a yard

Hand-made Linen Torchon Laces, 5c and 10c a yard.

All short lengths of Black Silk Laces, all widths, at half price.

Black Silk Spangled Veiling, regular price 15c.
SALE PRICE.....3c a yard

A few odd pieces of Veiling, marked 50c a yard,
GO AT.....10c a yard

200 Sateen Wash Ties, regular price 10c.
SALE PRICE.....1c

300 yards Neck Ruching, worth 15c to 25c a yard,
GOES AT.....1c a yard

500 Bibs, never before less than 5c and 10c each.
SALE PRICE.....3c

Handkerchiefs

Center Aisle.

100 dozen Ladies' and Children's White Hand-embroidered Initial and Colored Border Handkerchiefs, regular price 5c.
SALE PRICE.....1c each

All our Ladies' White Embroidered Handkerchiefs, slightly soiled The 10c, 12½c and 15c ones go at 5c each. The 25c ones at 2 for 25c.

UMBRELLAS

HALF PRICE GOES ON THESE.

Gloria, Union Silk and All Silk, with Gold, Silver, Weichsel, Congo, Horn, English Oak and Adrelette Handles, 26 and 28 inches.

$1.90 UMBRELLAS GO AT 95c.

$3 UMBRELLAS GO AT $1.50.

$4 UMBRELLAS GO AT $2.

$5 UMBRELLAS GO AT $2.50.

$6 UMBRELLAS GO AT $3.

RIBBONS

Pretty Satin-edge Ribbons, good quality, regular price 8c and 10c a yard.
SALE PRICE.....1c

960 pieces Satin-edge Ribbon, Nos. 9 and 12, all good colors and worth 15c and 18c a yard.
SALE PRICE.....5c

Nos. 9, 12 and 16, Satin and Gros Grain Ribbons, worth 15c, 20c and 25c.
SALE PRICE.....10c a yard

Nos. 16 and 22, Satin and Gros Grain and changeable Ribbon, worth 35c and 40c a yard.
SALE PRICE.....15c

Trimmings and Buttons

West Aisle.

Crochet, Bone and Steel Buttons, regular price 15c a dozen.
SALE PRICE.....2c a doz.

Regular 25c ones,
SALE PRICE.....5c a doz.

Pearl Buttons, white and smoked, worth 15c a dozen.
SALE PRICE.....5c a doz.

75c, 85c, $1 and $1.25 Jet Bands for—
THIS SALE.....50c a yard

65c Bands go at 40c.

40c Bands go at 25c.

JET EDGES

The 25c value for 19c.
The 18c value for 13c.
The 15c value for 10c.
The 12½c value for 7c.

Wool Braids, black and colors, regular price 10c and 12½c.
SALE PRICE.....5c

Mohair Braids, sale price 1c a yard, or 10c a dozen yards.

Marabouts and Fancy Velvet and Satin Bands and Black Silk Gimp, 25c and 35c quality, for 5c a yard.

NOTIONS

Safety Pins, 1c a dozen.

100-yard black Silk Thread, regular price 10c.
SALE PRICE.....5c

3 yards Velveteen Shirt Binding for 3c.

8c Waving Irons for 3c.

Curling Irons, 2c.

Lot of Stag Handle Pocket Knives, regular price 19c.
SALE PRICE.....10c

Crochet Cotton, 2 balls for 3c.

Covered Dress Stays, 3c a dozen.

Ladies' Belt Supporters only 6c.

Good Brass Pins, 9c a dozen.

Basting Cotton, 9c a dozen.

Thimbles, 5c a dozen.

Jewelry, Toilet Articles and Art Goods

Center Aisle.

5c and 10c Stick Pins for 1c.

10c and 15c Celluloid Hair Bands go for 5c.

25c Necklaces for 5c.

10c unbreakable Pearl Stick Pins for 5c.

Real Seal Combination Pocketbook, worth 75c to 98c. Sale Price, 50c.

Metal Playing Card Cases, regular price 40c.
SALE PRICE.....20c

Lot of Cloth Shopping Bags, worth $1.45.
SALE PRICE.....75c

600 cakes Fine Toilet Soap, never before sold for less than 5c a cake.
SALE PRICE.....5c a doz. cakes

One lot Bristle Tooth Brushes, regular price 5c.
SALE PRICE.....2c

300 pounds Stocking yarn, 3c a skein.

200 pounds first quality Saxony yarn, regular price 10c. Sale Price, 5c a skein.

Knitting Needles, all sizes. Sale Price 2c a set.

50c 31-inch plain Drapery Silk.
SALE PRICE.....25c a yard

Hosiery and Underwear

East Aisle.

Ladies' Fast Black Cotton Hose; regular price. 10c a pair;
SALE PRICE.....3c

Ladies' Fast Black Seamless Cotton Hose, double heels and toe; regular price, 15c;
SALE PRICE.....8c

Ladies' Fast Black, Mixed-Wool, Seamless Hose; regular price, 19c;
SALE PRICE.....10c

Fancy Stripes and Plain Top Hose, with fast black boots; also Fast Black Seamless Hose; regular price, 25c a pair;
SALE PRICE.....12 1-2c

Infants' All-Wool Fast Black, regular 10c Hose,
AT.....5c a pair

Children's Fast Black Fine-Ribbed Cotton Hose; regular price, 10c a pair; sizes, 5½ to 8½;
SALE PRICE.....5c

All-Wool Fast Black, Double Heels and Toes, Cotton Hose; the 25c quality;
SALE PRICE.....12 1-2c

Ladies' Jersey Ribbed Vests; regular price, 25c;
SALE PRICE.....9c

Ladies' Union Suits, heavy Egyptian, fleece-lined; regular price, 50c and 69c;
SALE PRICE.....25c

A mixed lot of Ladies' Vests and Pants, all wool, fine goods that should sell as high as $2.00 each;
SALE PRICE.....19c

A lot of Infants' Ribbed Cotton Vests
AT.....3c

Children's Jersey Ribbed Vests and Pants that should be 25c;
SALE PRICE.....10c

MEN'S WEAR

All Linen Collars, broken sizes, 15c and 20c goods.
SALE PRICE.....1c each

Men's Teck Ties, all new shapes and shades,
AT.....10c each

Boys' and Men's Unlaundered Shirts, all sizes,
AT.....25c each

Men's Seamless half Hose, mixed colors, regular price 10c.
SALE PRICE.....3c each

Men's fast black Seamless Cotton Hose, double heels and toes, regular price 15c.
SALE PRICE.....8c

Men's tan Hose, full regular made, double heels and toes, regular price 19c.
SALE PRICE.....10c

PICTURES

COULDN'T LEAVE THEM OUT. SALE WILL TAKE PLACE BOTH AT THE REGULAR DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, AND IN THE ART ROOMS ON THIRD FLOOR.

200 framed Pictures at less than half price; some of them slightly worn, but the price is enough in discount. $1.50, $2, $3 and $4 Pictures
FOR.....75c, 98c, $1.25 and $1.75

100 Engravings, sizes 16x20 inches, with 2-inch white enamel frames, regular price 75c.
SALE PRICE.....39c

Same subjects, with Fancy Ivory frames,
AT.....49c

About 50 small bamboo Easles
FOR.....7c each

Full-size, 5-feet single bamboo Easles, regular price $1.
SALE PRICE.....39c

A LOT OF ODD EASLES AT HALF PRICE.

PORTRAIT ENLARGING AT HALF PRICE.

During this sale we will offer special inducements in portrait enlarging.

Good Crayon Portrait, 16x20 inches, complete with frame, for $3.50.

Size 20x24, also complete, with frame, for $5.

Fine Water-color Sepia, size 20x24 inches, for $7.50.

BASEMENT

First-class Hard-wood Frame Clothes-wringer
FOR.....$1.48

Hard-wood Cutting Tables, full yard measure,
ONLY.....69c

Silexo, the best scouring Soap,
AT.....5c a box

Just 6 large Oil Stoves for heating, regular price $12.
SALE PRICE.....$8.00

Wood Towel Rollers, 5c.

Nutmeg Graters, 1c.

3-quart Tin Coffee Pots for 9c.

300 Decorated, Footed Oyster Bowls, good sizes, only 9c.

300 Fire-proof Cooking Pots, with bails, ½-gallon 7c, gallon size 9c.

15 56-piece Decorated China Tea Sets, regular price $10 and $12, sale price $5.98.

12-piece Decorated Toilet Set for $3.49.

A Free Glimpse

AT THE

Kinetoscopes

Every purchaser at the store on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be presented with a ticket which will entitle them to see any one of the five Edison Kinetoscopes

Free of charge

NEW SCENES THIS WEEK

10c to see all five. Children, 5c

PETTIS DRY GOODS COMPANY

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

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some of his more famous works—"Anna Karenina," his "Childhood, Boyhood and Youth" and others.

Mrs. Ada Morrison, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Ida White, entertained her card club Thursday afternoon. The ladies and their husbands will be entertained next Thursday evening by Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Heyer at the home of Mrs. Burns, 74 Highland Place.

The Eclat Card Club was entertained last Thursday evening by Miss Anna Turk, at her home, on East Morris street. The favors were won by Mr. John Finn and Miss Nellie Turk. Miss Sadie Cass will entertain the club at its next meeting, at her home, on Union street.

Miss Mayme Roberts read at an entertainment given by the Pastoris Aid Society of the East Washington-street Presbyterian Church Wednesday evening. Miss Maud Langstaff assisted Miss Roberts in the programme by singing, accompanied by Miss Minnie Clark, organist.

The ladies of the L. L. L. Club were given a surprise by their husbands Friday night, in the shape of a theater party to see "Aladdin, Jr." After the performance the party went to the Americus Club, where an elegant lunch awaited them. The floral decorations were three large L's of red, white and pink roses, respectively. Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. Gilbert Hart and Mr. Summerfield, of Chicago, and Miss Oppenheimer, of Philadelphia.

The second play of the Dramatic Club for this season will take place Wednesday evening at the Propylaeum. The play will be "Tea at 4 O'Clock," by Mrs. Burton Harrison. The committee is Mr. and Mrs. John L. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Curtis and Mr. Charles W. Moores. The cast includes Miss Emma Atkins, Miss Helen Erwin, Miss Josephine Robinson, Miss Elizabeth Ray, Mr. F. G. Darlington, Mr. Clifford Arrick, Mr. Samuel D. Miller, Mr. William Landers, Mr. W. A. Van Buren and Mr. J. P. Dunn.

Irvington Items.

Miss Electa Chase returned Saturday from a week's stay in Greensburg.

Miss Belle Sargeant, of Edinburg, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. E. C. Thompson.

Mrs. Margaret Shank, of Noblesville, is visiting the family of her brother, Mr. W. H. Shank.

The second of the series of socials given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Downey-avenue Church for the purpose of assisting in the payment of the church debt will be given next Tuesday evening. The entertainment afforded will be "An Evening in Dixie."

Mrs. Ritter went to Beverly, O., Friday, to visit her cousin, Mrs. M. A. Parker, for a few weeks.

Miss Cappie Guffin, of Rushville, Ind., spent several days last week with Miss Lenora Alexander.

Judge T. M. Clarke, of Shoals, Ind., is the guest of his son, Mr. Charles B. Clarke, on Central avenue.

Mrs. D. K. Carver entertained a number of young folks for her son, Master Blount Carver, on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. J. H. Forsythe, of Trafalgar, and Mrs. L. M. Ragsdale, of Franklin, who have been the guests of Mrs. Jeffries, have returned home.

An informal company was given Thursday evening by Miss Carver for Mrs. John Anderson, that being the eve of her departure from Irvington.

Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson and family have gone to Monticello, Ind., for permanent residence, Mr. Anderson having accepted a pastorate at that place.

Mrs. Samuel Richards, of Denver, Col., will read her paper on "An Unburied Pompeii," to-morrow morning, at half past 9 o'clock, in the chapel of Butler University.

Mrs. Joseph Hunter was hostess for a dinner in honor of Mrs. Margaret Shank, of Noblesville, Monday. Mrs. Perry and Mrs. C. H. Hizer and daughters, of Indianapolis, were among the guests.

The Irvington Woman's Club held its regular meeting last Monday at Mrs. Wallace Knapp's home, on Downey avenue. Mrs. Dan Lesley read a paper, the subject or which was "The Gypsies." An animated conversation followed on "Outing Experiences," led by Mrs. Orville Carvin.

The young ladies of the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity entertained a large number of friends yesterday evening at the home of Miss Retta Barnhill. The occasion was in honor of a new sorory organized at Butler last week, the Alpha Phi Psi. The organizers of the new "frat" are Misses Lenora Alexander, Jessie Ludlow, Ida Snyder, Jessie Christian, Gertrude and Anna McCollum and Etta Thompson.

Mrs. E. C. Thompson was the hostess for a thimble party on Thursday afternoon, from 2 to 5 o'clock. Her beautiful home was tastefully decorated with palms and flowers. Pink carnations and begonias were scattered through the rooms, placed in every available spot. About fifty ladies were present. Mrs. Thompson was assisted in the parlor by her niece, Miss Belle Sargeant, of Edinburg. Miss Bona Thompson, Miss Nettie Sweeney, Miss Carrie Howe and Miss Lou Brevoort extended the hospitalities of the dining room.

The Sheridan Dramatic Club will be entertained on the 7th of next month, at the home of Miss Harriet Ritter. The committee on amusements for the evening is Miss Evelyn Jeffries, Mr. D. C. Brown and Mr. Fred Ritter. Mr. and Mrs. James Kingsbury, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Browning and Miss Ritter are the directors for the club's next play.

DON'T WHINE.

A Hurt to People Who Are Given to Talking Over Their Ailments.

Philadelphia Inquirer.

Don't, don't, I beg of you, talk about your aches and pains. If you have any, or think you have, keep them tightly locked within your breast.

Nobody cares a fishhook for the privilege of a peep at your woes. If you are the happy possessor of any joys the world is willing enough to chip in and share them with you; but you quickly become a nuisance when you try to find a sympathizer. I have a friend, the dearest soul this side of the Atlantic, so long as she has her mind distracted from self, but let some misguided creature do the polite thing and ask after her health and the ice is broken. Promptly accepting this starter she wanders on and on until every feeling is elaborated. She seems to fairly gloat over her complaints. I am convinced that she takes a genuine comfort in them.

Lots of just such people are drifting about in society, people who strike terror to the soul of the man or woman whom they run across. I really do think women are more given to dwelling upon their ailments than their brothers. I know we are braver—heroic, in fact, when it comes to actual suffering—while a pin prick will completely unnerve a man, transform him, indeed, from a civilized being into a fiend.

It is astonishing to note how quickly the habit of complaining grows upon a woman. More lines of melancholy have been etched about the mouth by this habit than will ever be gotten rid of. I think children should be taught from infancy to shut their lips together as closely as if they had lockjaw whenever they are tempted to whine and complain of small ailments.

Not long ago I visited a little lady who had four youngsters, all in the nursery. One of these babies would sometimes start a complaint, when the mother would cunningly turn the child's mind from her fancied trouble and soon the juvenile would be romping away as gayly as you please.

Children are allowed to grow puny, undeveloped, useless, because every little ache and pain is fostered, cherished, looked after. They reach manhood and womanhood with the idea well grounded that the world owes them reparation for their devitalized state.

The Arab Character.

Poultney Bigelow, in Harper's Magazine.

One day I was the guest of a general commanding the chief military division of northern Africa. It is better not to mention names, for people with official responsibilities usually dislike being quoted. My acquaintance with General — arose, however, through a good mutual friend; and as I was treated with frankness, I have every reason to consider his views of consequence.

"Can you trust these Turcos and Spahis in case of war?" I asked him.

To this he replied by telling a story. That he had once been in the position where he was able to save a great Arab chief from disgrace and beggary. That chief had been friendly with him for many years, and was so overwhelmed by gratitude that he brought the general a costly present.

"I never accept presents from 'natives,' said the general, in parenthesis. 'Whoever accepts a present from an Arab loses his authority at once.'

The chief was very much chagrined at the general's determination, and sought in vain to alter it. Finally, in a fit of uncontrollable emotion, and with a choking voice, he raised his hand solemnly and said:

"General, you have saved me from dishonor. I owe you all I have. Let me make you a gift more valuable to you than any precious stone. It is one word of advice: Never trust an Arab—not one—not even me!"

With which strange, not to say paradoxical, warning the chief disappeared.

"That happened several years ago," said the general, "but each day I realize more fully the value of that strange gift. The Arab has his nature, which is not yours or mine. He may live twenty years with you; respect and admire you; serve you faithfully; even spill his blood for you—but all that counts for nothing. The next year he may cut your throat."

Dick Bright's Invention.

Washington Post.

Sergeant-at-arms Bright, of the Senate, is not known to fame as an inventor, but for all that he has a knack in that direction that he may well be proud of. His most valuable invention is a water-cooler, and this is how it is made: It consists of a tall bucket, such as ice-cream freezers are packed in. Inside this is an earthenware jar; and the space between the two six inches or so, is filled with cement. The cover is lined with cement and zinc, and when ice water is put into the jar it remains ice water for days and days. Col. Bright calls the arrangement "the spring," and really, I believe he is prouder of it than of any other one of all his earthly possessions.

NATIVE DRAMATISTS.

American Writers Succeed Best Who Adapt French Plays.

New York Letter in Philadelphia Press.

We hear very much said nowadays about the development of the native drama, but the experience of the managers and public this winter, here at least, is not very encouraging. One of the successful farces is by William Gillette, who also plays in it, and it is making a great deal of money. Yet it is only an adaptation from a French farce. The only new American play produced during the season here was Augustus Thomas's "New Blood," and that was a dismal failure. Mr. Bronson Howard is at work upon a new play. Yet Mr. Howard narrowly escaped failure with his latest American play, and he has really achieved money-making success with only two dramas, "Shenandoah" and "The Henrietta," at least in recent years, although, of course, his "Banker's Daughter," played twenty years ago, brought him a considerable fortune. It is very doubtful, however, whether the "Banker's Daughter" would succeed now so well as it did in the seventies, since it is plain that society plays have had their day, at least in New York city.

Foreign plays are the only ones that are commanding success at our theaters. The play to which Sardou lent his name, "Mme. Sans-Gene," seems likely to have a most successful run here, and some of the managers who had an opportunity to secure that play for a song are not a little disappointed that they did not accept the chance.

Even Mr. Harrigan is obliged to curtail his season in New York. His plays, which commanded the approval of Mr. Howells, and which at one time packed his theater, seem no longer greatly to interest. When he opened his theater for his regular season this winter he produced a new play called "Notoriety." In many respects it is one of the best plays Harrigan ever wrote. There are two or three scenes in it which are really first-class workmanship and call for the highest order of acting, at least for the acting which is necessary for a Harrigan presentation. Yet it is now announced that the play is soon to be withdrawn, and Mr. Harrigan is making arrangements to take his company to London, where it would not be at all surprising if he made a very great hit. London has always been fond of negro songs and dances, and while it has had the typical plantation negro it has never had the peculiar type of the race which flourishes in New York, and which Mr. Harrigan has handled with so much skill. It is a curious fact that as New York began to lose its fondness for Harrigan, elsewhere in the country his plays gained a popularity which at one time they could not secure anywhere else than in New York. Were it not for his wandering minstrelsy it is very likely that Mr. Harrigan would be compelled to retire from his vocation as a manager and dramatist.

The Craze.

Detroit Tribune.

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