

3 FIRES BLAMED ON INCENDIARY

Blazes Started at About the Same Time in One Neighborhood Lead Fire Authorities to Begin Investigation.

FIREMEN AND POLICE MAKE MANY RESCUES

Exploding Gas Meter Imperils Lives of Fire Fighters, Two of Whom Are Overcome and Rescued by Comrades.

Fire, evidently of an incendiary origin, caused a panic in the five-story tenement at No. 303 Ninth avenue to-day and gave the police and firemen opportunities for several heroic rescues.

The blaze was discovered by Policeman Doran, of the West Forty-seventh street station. He saw smoke coming from the cellar, the door of which was open, and, after turning in an alarm, he ran through the house to arouse the inmates.

The halls quickly filled with smoke, and many of the tenants fled to the roof. On the third floor Doyle discovered Bartholomew Hanis, an aged cripple, who was unable to assist himself. Doyle carried him to the street, leading the procession of lightly clad men and women who had feared to go through the smoke-filled halls before Doyle showed them the way.

As soon as Engine No. 54 and Truck No. 4 arrived the firemen rushed into the cellar, where the blaze was burning fiercely. The gas meter exploded and the men of Engine Company No. 54 were knocked down in all directions. Capt. Helm and Firemen Joseph Cunningham and Chalk were overcome and were dragged out by their companions. An ambulance was summoned from Roosevelt Hospital and Dr. Knipe revived them.

While the injured men were being worked over one of the tenants reported to Acting Deputy Chief Devanney that Mrs. Mary McCarthy, who lived in the rear of the basement, was missing. Devanney ordered Thomas Cunningham, his driver, and Fireman Patrick Sullivan to go after her. They made their way to the rear of the building and forced open a window looking into the basement. Inside they found Mrs. McCarthy and her niece, both overcome by the smoke and fumes of escaping gas. They were carried out and revived by Dr. Knipe.

On the top floor lived Mrs. Dora Heiss, eighty years old, with her daughter, Mrs. Miller, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Walter Burke, William Kinsey and James Murphy, three young men who were helping to get the tenants out, heard that she was still in the house, and made their way through the next house, No. 305, to a window that faced one in the room in which the three women were.

Mrs. Miller made her way down the fire escape. The granddaughter helped Mrs. Heiss to the window and held her out, so that Burke and Kinsey could catch her by the arms. They lifted her across and carried her to the roof.

Murphy helped the granddaughter across to No. 305. Michael Busick, who keeps a cigar store on the first floor and lives in the rear, was also reported missing. He had gone out at the first alarm and had locked his door after him. Fireman John Ward was sent to see if he was still inside. Ward fought his way through the dense smoke and succeeded in breaking open a window that led into Busick's apartment. He was not there, and Ward, after much difficulty, managed to get out again. He was nearly overcome by the smoke, and his hands were cut in breaking open the window.

The first two floors of the building were gutted, the damage amounting to about \$200. While the firemen were fighting this blaze another was discovered in the basement of No. 422 West Fifty-third street. It was a small fire, but it was extinguished.

At about the same time a blaze was discovered in a house directly across the street. After it had been extinguished the firemen came to the conclusion that all three fires had been started by the same person and an investigation was at once started.

PLUNGED INTO ELEVATOR SHAFT

Young Woman Failed to See that Gate Was Open, and She Was Badly Cut and Bruised by the Fall of Fifteen Feet.

Fannie Shapiro, eighteen years old, of No. 37 Jackson street, was severely injured to-day by falling down the elevator shaft of the Kraus cigar factory, at No. 407 East Seventeenth street. The young girl had been called to the scene of an accident in answer to an advertisement for a number of girls. When she arrived all the places had been taken.

Leaving the office on the second floor she ran down the stairs. The gate to the elevator shaft on the first floor was open, and the young girl had gathered such momentum in the run down the stairs that she could not stop herself and plunged into the well.

She fell about seven feet, landing on the cement floor at the bottom of the shaft. Though none of her bones was broken she was badly cut and bruised. She was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital.

WIRELESS REPORTS OF LINERS. The White Star line steamer Victorian, from Liverpool, and the Red Star line steamer Kronland, from Antwerp, left New York are reported by wireless telegraph as having been in communication with Nauyasack on the morning of Sunday. Both vessels will probably dock about 11 o'clock tomorrow.

Smart, Spring Dress Fabrics in Black and All New Colors.

Decided on your Easter gown yet? Don't wait too long—Easter's early, on the third of April—so you see you've not much time to spare.

Here's a lot of splendid values for consideration. Note the little pricings:

- Crepe Voile, 39c. Yd. 44 inches wide; all-wool; in chocolate, brown, royal, marine, navy blue, tan, pearl, helio and cream; worth 75c. a yard.
Nun's Veiling, 49c. Yd. 45-inches wide; all-wool, and every desirable street or evening shade; 75c. quality.
Mistral Etamine, 49c. Yd. 46 inches wide; all-wool; firmly woven quality that will not slip at seams; would be splendid value at 79c. yard. Good black.
All-Wool Voiles, 69c. Yd. Fine French goods; sheer and crisp; 42 inches wide; in cream, black and every other wanted color; \$1 quality. Main Floor, Near Rotunda.

- Black Fabrics, 39c. Yd. 38-inch all-wool nun's veiling, 44-inch mohair Sicilian, 38-inch all-wool granite cloth, 44-inch all-wool French serge. All regular 50c. and 59c. qualities.
Black Granites, 59c. Yd. 50 inches wide; all-wool; regular 85c. quality.
Black Broadcloth, 69c. Yd. 52 inches wide; twilled back; regular dollar grade.
Black Voiles, 69c. to \$1.50 Yd. Beautiful French goods—marked to quarter regular prices.
Black Broadcloths, \$1.00 to \$3.00 Yd. Elegant goods and every price greatly reduced.

ALL CARS TRANSFER TO Bloomingdale 3rd Ave To Lex. 59th To 60th St.

The Bloomingdale Showings of Millinery, Gowns and Neckwear



for Spring, 1904, have again created a thousand and one topics of conversation among women interested in the fashions, as well as among people who enjoy the viewing of beautiful things.

From all sides to-day have come praise for the beauty—the variety—in fact, the masterful exhaustiveness of these really great style exhibits. They have as have our former showings been taken as the cue to the absolutely correct in women's dress for Spring, 1904.

Opening Days, To-day, To-morrow and Wednesday.

Model Hats—By Suzanne Blum, Mme. Feurly, Mme. Carlier, Mme. Julia, Camille Roger and others.

Gowns and Wraps—By Paquin, Sara Mayer, Doucet, Welles and Panem.

Neckwear—By Haryd et Morrisot, Mme. C. Hasse, E. Miquet, and Micaud et Rigollier.

Fixing Up for Spring? Then Note These Curtains Specials!

Fresh, spic-span new—that's what these curtains are—and every sort that's desirable and most wanted by the particular housewife.

- Bonne Femme Curtains—with beautiful Renaissance centres and corner pieces, with insertions and dainty edgings—in Arab and white—\$2.98 each, worth \$4.50.
\$5.50 each, worth \$7.50.
\$7.50 each, worth \$11.50.
\$9.00 each, worth \$12.50.
Ruffled Bobbinet Curtains—beautifully trimmed with insertion, edged with lace, worth \$2.50—special, pair, \$1.75.
Ruffled Lapete Curtains—in striped effect; pretty and new designs—worth \$1.10—special, pair, 75c.
Swiss and Dotted Muslin Curtains, in pretty and new designs, with ruffled edge; worth \$1.50, special, pair, \$1.10.
Snowflake Curtains, all new colors, light blue, rose, green, gold, pink and blue; worth \$2.25, special, pair, \$1.75.

Specials in Signet Rings.

Got a gift to make? Just the thing here for you—wouldn't one of these popular solid gold signet rings just fill the bill? And note the pricings!

- \$1.60, \$1.98, \$2.25 and \$2.50 buys a girl's or boy's—While the larger sizes for men and women are marked at \$2.98, \$3.50, \$4.75 and \$5.25. All artistically carved. Main Floor, Front Centre.

Wash Fabrics to the Front. Priced to Court Quick Buying.

Summer sewing time's here in good earnest with the beautiful woman. She'll be all ready with plenty to wear besides getting the choice of the season's productions, patterns probably not to be seen later. And these prices—are they not tempting?

- Chiffon Etamine—in exquisite colors and designs—broads sections, too—variety in plenty—worth 25c—special, per yard, 18c.
Silk Mulls—beautiful colors and elegant designs—will make up into charming summer frocks—worth 20c—special, per yard, 12 1/2c. Main Floor, Near Rotunda.

69c. Buys Men's New Spring Gloves Worth a Dollar.

Discard the heavy, uncomfortable ones of the winter now and get something smart, new and up-to-the-minute in style in gloves—such as these. Made of elegant, soft, pliable skins, all carefully selected—in the handsomest shades of tan.

- All sizes. Men's \$1.50 Cape Gloves, \$1. Fine selected English cape skin; soft and pliable quality; in shades of Havana browns and tans; all sizes. Every pair fully guaranteed. Main Floor, 60th St. Section.

Gold Cuff Buttons, \$1.95.

In the smart and popular dumb-bell style—solid gold all through—large size. These buttons were made for good service—they're strong and durable. There are styles for monograms as well as hand-somely chased ornaments.

- \$6 Viols, for \$2.75
\$15 Viols, for \$6
\$30 Viols, for \$10
Various other violins worth up to \$35 for \$15. About twelve very old violins worth up to \$100 in this sale at \$25 and \$35. Third Floor, 60th St. Section.

Easter in the Foreground—and Women's Gloves Price-Cut.

To make buying here of special moment to-morrow, we've made the sharpest sort of reductions on a lot of the smartest and newest gloves of kid, silk and lisle thread.

Read of these and come in and examine them for yourself—you'll be agreeably surprised at quality and price-liteness.

- Lisle Thread—two-clasp style; all sizes; black, white and gray—35c quality—5pc. pair, 19c.
Silk Gloves—sixteen and twenty button lengths; black and white—worth \$1—special, pair, 39c.
Jersey Gloves—silk and linen taffeta; in gray and black; worth 25c—special, pair, 10c.
French Suede Gloves—real kid, two-clasp style, in black and colors, worth \$1.50; special, pair, \$1. Main Floor, 60th St. Section.

Last Three Days of This Great Merchant Tailoring Sale, at \$11.80.

This offer holds good until Thursday evening, March seventeenth, at 6 o'clock. Then the chance to have a spring suit, overcoat or Prince Albert coat and vest made to order for \$11.80 will have gone. Don't put off having us take your measurements another day!



If you are not entirely satisfied with the suit or overcoat or Prince Albert coat and vest after the garments have been made up and delivered to you, you are at perfect liberty to return them, in which case a refund of money will be forthcoming. Second Floor, 60th St. Section.

Popular Well-Known Books in Cloth Bindings, Special at 45c.

Supply yourself now for later leisure moments, for not often are such bargains offered. Thousands of volumes in this sale, and every book is well bound and decorated with gilt tops.

- Albe Constantine by Halkey.
Adam Bede, by Dickens.
Black Tulip, by Dumas.
The Chocoma, by Haggard.
Satanstoe, by Haggard.
Change of Air, by Anthony Hope.
Black Hawk, by Ralph Connor.
Book of Golden Deeds, by Yonge.
Charles Archer, by Burser.
Descent of Man, by Darwin.
Donovan, by Lepel.
Deceitful, by Cooper.
Eugene Aram, by Bulwer Lytton.
Ethan Brand, by Hawthorne.
Early Days of Christianity, by Farrer.
Secret Letters, by Hawthorne.
Education, by Spencer.
Fortunes of a Fishwife, by Scott.
The Gladiators, by Wylie Meville.
Fair of Redburn, by Yonge.
Harrowood, by Kingsley.
History of Crime, by Hugo.
The Ironmaster, by Goguet.
In the Scullery, by Warner.
Tales of the Sea, by Hugo.
Origin of Species, by Darwin.
Price of the House of David, by Ingraham.
Wooden Tales, by Hawthorne.
Story of an African Farm, by Schreiner.
Literature and Drama, by M. Arnold.
Meditations of Marcus Aurelius, by Schopenhauer's Epigrams.
Six Walter Scott's Poems, Character, by Stiles.
Harrack Room Hallats, Kipling.
Conductor of Life, by H. W. Fowler.
Fool Play, by Charles Reade.
Literature and Drama, by M. Arnold.
Meditations of Marcus Aurelius, Schopenhauer's Epigrams.
Six Walter Scott's Poems, Character, by Stiles.
Seven Lessons of Architecture, Ruskin.
The Colossus, by Hugo.
Nelson and His Marshals, Headley. Main Floor, 60th St. Section.

\$10 Buys a Regular \$35 Ball-Bearing Machine Here!

Machines manufactured by one of the best makers in the world, bearing a name which stamps them leaders of sewing machines.

They're sold all over by agents at \$35. Equipped with the newest attachments, including patent needle-threader; are noiseless and light-running, and guaranteed by the maker and ourselves for five years.

- Early selection is advisable, as the demand for these machines at \$10 the last time we placed them on sale was enormous. An important point to consider is that, if any part of these machines should get lost, in a day or in fifty years from now you can immediately secure a duplicate part without trouble. Instructions free to purchasers.
\$35 Machines, with three drawers, box top, \$10.00.
\$40 Machines, three drawers and drop head, dust-proof, \$12.00.
\$45 Machines, five drawers, drop head, dust-proof, \$15.25.
\$50 Machines, with seven drawers, drop head, dust-proof, \$16.25. Main Floor, 60th St. Section.

March Is Economy-Time Here—with Bargains Galore in Housewares.

Not an unworthy article from one end of our big housefurnishings store to the other—no matter how little are prices—everything of the most trustworthy kind—utensils that will do good work. Note these prices as instances of the value-giving.

- The enamel ware below is of first quality double coated gray enamel.
Deep Dish, 10 qt. 29c
Double Milk Bowl, 39c
Tea Kettle, seamless bottom, 5 qt. size, 39c
Sauce Pans, Berlin shape, covered, seamless, 3 19c
Sauce Pan, Berlin shape, covered, seamless, 4 25c
Water Pail, 10 qt. 36c
Bread Raisers, enamel covered, 10 qt. size, 69c
Flour Canister, 25 39c
Cannisters, Japanese tin, neatly stencilled, tea, coffee, sugar, 8 9c
Bread Boxes—10c. 29c
Pastry Boxes—10c. 32c
Soup Strainer—Blue and white enamel, 25c
Blue Enamel Cup 10c
Improved "Noseburn" Double Resting Pan, 39c
Meat of Fine shape, 1 1 1/2 lb. at 79c
Dust Pan—Extra heavy japanned, 10c
Family Scale—Spring balance, to weigh from 1 lb. to 24 lbs., at 79c
Mrs. Potter's Polishing Cream—Cakes for 10c
Umbrella Stand—Decorated tin, 29c
Imported Scrubbing Cloths—At 5c
Imported Polishing Cloths—At 10c
Towel Rings—enamelled wood, at 5c
Cereal Jars—Made of porcelain, neatly decorated, 15c
Gold Dust Washing Powder—1 lb. black, 14c
"Lenox" Laundry Soap—Cakes for 3c
Sail Laundry Soap 2c
Silex-o-Scouring Soap—Cakes for 10c
Good Toilet Paper, 2c
Pure Borax—1 lb. package, 6c. 1 lb. package, 7c.
Platt's Chlorides—37c. Main Floor, Front Centre.

Men's \$9 & \$10 Imported Robes of Terry Cloth at \$4.98.

The heavy winter robe's not so comfortable now—so you'd better get into one of these elegant terry cloth ones—this special price is an inducement.

Bought out all the maker had—About seventy-five—got them at a price—for they're regular nine and ten dollar values. The colors are olive, red, blue, purple and white, Nile green and blue and white—they're trimmed with heavy silk girdle and neck cord. Special to-morrow, \$4.98. Main Floor, 60th St. Section.

2000 Fine Hair Switches Offered in a Remarkable Sale of Hair Goods!

Nothing like such extraordinary values ever before quoted on splendid, high-grade, well-selected hair switches. It's the time of times to invest now—we guarantee entire satisfaction.

- 49c. buys a \$1.50 Switch—16 inches long; all long hair; the finest quality.
\$1.49 buys a \$3 Switch—18 inches long; all fine long hair.
\$2.98 buys a \$7 Wavy Hair Switch—24 inches long; guaranteed to stay wavy.
\$4.98 buys a \$9 Switch—The very finest quality hair; cut from the heads of the peasants in Brittany.
\$9.98 buys a \$25 Natural Gray Hair Switch—This is a splendid value, as this hair cannot be duplicated at any hair goods store under \$25 owing to the scarcity of gray hair.
\$6.98 buys a \$12 Switch—26 inches long, of the finest texture.
49c. buys a \$1.50 Pompadour—Of all guaranteed wavy hair.
\$1.49 buys a \$3 Pompadour—Of extra heavy fine grade hair, naturally wavy.
We also offer fifty Street Wigs of the finest quality hair at half regular prices. Second Floor, 60th St. Section.

Dainty Enamelled Watches for Women at \$3.75 Here!

Not a dainty jewelry ornament alone, but a watch that will keep reliable, accurate time—a timepiece to be relied upon always—every one of them has been tested and regulated by an expert.

They're stem winders and setters. The colorings are particularly delicate and pretty. Chateleine pin to match each watch.

- Women's Enamelled Watches—Exceptionally small size, chateleine pin to match—each watch in a box—special, \$4.95
Women's Novelty Watches—Some enamelled; some with beautiful miniature paintings; others inlaid with pearls; many in this collection worth up to \$20—special, \$6.98
Women's Novelty Watches—In New Art designs; beautiful heads and other enamels; many worth up to \$23—special, \$7.95
Men's and Boys' 8-kt. Solid Gold Watches—Hunting case and open face style; Waltham and Elgin movements; values up to \$29—special, \$16.50 and \$17.50
Men's and Boys' 14-kt. Solid Gold Watches—Waltham and Elgin movements; open case style; values up to \$32—special, \$18.50
Men's and Boys' 14-kt. Solid Gold Watches—Open face and hunting case styles; w. in fine movements; values up to \$65—special, \$35 and \$39. Main Floor, Front Centre.

Eye-glasses and Spectacles of Axis-Cut Pebbles for 95c!

Don't ruin your eyes for the want of the right kind of eye-glasses. Come in and let us fit you, you'll be pleased beyond expression with quality and price-liteness.

These eye-glasses and spectacles are of genuine axis-cut pebbles—stones as hard as diamonds—impervious to moisture and non-scratchable. They're the kind you'll pay \$5 for at the "exclusive" optician's. They're set in gold-tone frames; the eye-glasses with patent American cork non-tilting nose-clips; the spectacles in straight or riding bow shape. Main Floor, Front Centre.

Girls' Aprons 75c and 98c!

They're all of this season's best goods—daintiest styles—and prettiest trimmings. Sizes 2 to 14 years. And not one among them that isn't worth from 98c to \$2.25! Second Floor, Near Rotunda.

Boys' Negligee Shirts, 29c!

These are actually worth fifty cents! They're of corded madras on light grounds, with neat figures and stripes. Each shirt accompanied by pair of separate link cuffs. Sizes 12 to 14. Main Floor, 60th St. Section.