

BLACKBIRD PIE OUTCLASSED BY 2,000 CANARIES

Paper Bags Take Place of the "Crust" Which Held the Ebony Flutterers.

SOUVENIRS OF "BETTY."

Miss Cahill Distributes Them in Honor of the One Hundredth Performance.

The pie, with its four and twenty blackbirds, was completely outclassed today by the canary birds in the lobby of Wallace's Theatre. But there was one tradition established by the ebony flutterers that the little yellow chip-cheeps ignored. When the pie—or in their cases, the paper bags—was opened they did not "commence to sing," and thereby lacking the funniest part of the entertainment.

First, it might be well to explain how a couple of trunk loads of canary birds came to be dumped in the lobby of a theatre.

The one hundredth performance of Marie Cahill in "The Boy and Betty" occurred last night. Miss Cahill planned to give, as a souvenir to each woman present, a live canary bird in a wooden cage.

Unfortunately, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals caused a modification of the actress's intentions. Thomas F. Freal, superintendent of the society, firmly objected to the distribution of the birds at night. It would be cruelty to the canary birds, said Mr. Freal, to permit them to be taken out in the still night winds.

They Come to an Agreement. After frequent conferences between Mr. Arthur, Miss Cahill's manager, Mr. Brunham, manager of the theatre, and Mr. Freal, it was finally decided to distribute the birds on the day following the one hundredth performance. A special check was given to each woman with her ticket last night, to be redeemed by a canary bird today, any time between 9 in the morning and 5 in the afternoon. Each cage was to be covered with a paper bag, provided by the management, before it was taken into the open air.

But to revert to the humor of the affair. Everybody knows that when a woman gets a canary bird she wants to get one that sings, and this entirely irrespective of whether the bird has been given to her or not. Now "The Boy and Betty" had all assured their admirers that the fluttering yellow songsters would surely chirp as soon as they felt at home. But there are always practical-minded souls even among the gentler sex. Assurances without proof are dead sea fruit in the mouths of such as these.

So "Miss Doubting" would say, as she leaned against the boxes to behold when the birds were being unpacked. "How do I know this one will sing? I guess I'll wait here until he does"—and she would do it, too. Some of the women retired to shadowy nooks on the staircase with their birds, trusting to induce a burst of melody by isolation.

One Songbird Escapes. As the paper was torn from one of the cages one wild, mad note of joy on the wings of a golden flash made its way out and up. Trembling with bursting heart-throbs, the soft, yellow mass clung with desperate claws to an electric light bulb. And there he rested all day, and no one knows whether it was supreme joy or supreme terror that hid him a spot of pure color against the dingy wall.

And this was the tale of "the four and twenty blackbirds" completely outdone. A paper bag is an unique setting for a crusty pie, and there were 2,000 of the yellow canaries to the miserable twenty-four black ones.

MENELIK NOT VERY ILL. ROME, Jan. 29.—A special despatch received here from Abyssinia says that while King Menelik is ill, his condition is not so bad as has been reported. Italy, France and Great Britain have reached an understanding for the protection of Europeans in Abyssinia in the event of an uprising in case Menelik should die.

EAVESDROPPER ON 'PHONE IS PROPER WITNESS

Appellate Term Rules That Testimony of "Butter-In" Is Competent.

By a decision of the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court today, the opinion being written by Justice Bischoff and concurred in by Justices Glendon and Guy, an eavesdropper on another telephone may testify to the conversation between two other parties over the wire.

In a suit over a transaction between Troy T. Rimes and his brokers, N. L. Carpenter & Co., tried in municipal court, a dispute arose as to orders Rimes had telephoned to the brokers. They offered the testimony of their clerk, who, sitting in another room at a telephone connected with the office switchboard, had the operator connect his wire with that over which Rimes and the man in the main office were talking.

Phone Evidence Upheld. The Municipal Justice ruled that this was not good evidence and rendered judgment in favor of Rimes. Carpenter & Co. appealed. The Appellate Term rules that the District Justice was wrong and that, in the language of Justice Bischoff:

"In this situation, the conversation overheard by a witness would clearly be the proper subject of his testimony, where the parties, as between themselves, are competent and relevant to the issues. Unquestionably a conversation overheard between

parties whose voices are recognized by the witness may be proven, and there is no ground for distinction, in principle, between such a case and that of a conversation by telephone, which the witness overhears, where the actual connection between the instruments is shown in such wise as to identify the very conversation, and the persons holding the conversation are known.

The brokers could probably have shown that three instruments on the same wire, being those used by the principals in the conversation and by the person who overheard it, would serve as a medium of transmission whereby what was heard by one listener must have been heard by the other and have been the actual words of the speaker.

BROKEN LEG WORTH \$4,000.

John Rau, a butcher boy living in the Bronx, was passing through East One Hundred and Sixty-third street when an old rotten tree at the edge of the sidewalk was blown down by the wind. It fell upon Rau and broke his leg. He was laid up for many months and when he got out he had Alfred and Charles Steedler bring an action against the City of New York.

The case was tried before Justice Ford and a jury in the Supreme Court today. The jury returned a verdict for \$4,000 damages.

BREAKS A COLD PROMPTLY

Recipe for Unusually Effective and Simple Home Remedy by Expert Doctor.

The following formula is a never failing remedy for colds. One ounce of compound syrup of Sarsaparilla, one ounce Teris compound and half pint good whiskey. Mix and shake thoroughly each time, and use in doses of a tablespoonful every four hours. This will frequently cure an acute cold in twenty-four hours. The ingredients can be gotten at any drug store. Not only will this formula quickly relieve colds, but it also makes one of the best system builders known to the profession. It will increase the appetite, and if use is continued will restore full physical vigor to all persons of falling strength, especially the decline caused by age.

Wanamaker - Basement

Small Lots MUST Go Tomorrow
Good merchandise was never sold for so little

You must take our word for it. We cannot give details because so many of the lots here when this is written will be gone before the news reaches you. But practically every section in the Basement Store offers, at this moment, from one to a hundred small or odd lots of desirable and reliable merchandise which are priced almost regardless of value in an effort to dispose of them before tomorrow night's stock-taking.

Saturday's shoppers will benefit by these prices



Thousands of Collars for Men and Boys

still here, after four days of tremendous selling by a regiment of salespeople behind 300 feet of counters, which only goes to show that 40,000 dozen is a heap of collars.

You can well afford to pick and choose a little, when you get good collars at 25c the dozen. About half the lot are stamped "seconds"—otherwise you could not tell most of them from the perfect collars.

Many styles in every size from 11 to 18. Sold in dozen lots only. Large men who like low standing and wing collars are saving a lot of money at this sale.

New Basement, at Subway entrance.

Men's Shoes at \$2

that will surprise you. Not all sizes in every style or we would have to ask \$2.50 to \$3.50 for them. But all sizes in the lot.

Well-made and good-looking Shoes of calfskin and patent leather and some Tan Storm Shoes—all at \$2 a pair.

Shoes Your BOY Will Like, at \$1.50

Their appearance suits the up-to-date boy and furthermore they have the sturdiness necessary to make the good looks permanent. You are probably paying more right now for Shoes that are not nearly as satisfactory as these at \$1.50.

Old Basement, 9th St. Side.

50c Off on Umbrellas

For Men and Women—26 and 28-inch Umbrellas, of serviceable tape-edged union tafetta, on strong frames, with natural wood and fancy handles. They're worth \$2—but they are selling tomorrow at \$1.50 each.

Old Basement, Broadway side.

John Wanamaker, Broadway, Fourth Avenue, Eighth to Tenth Street.

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OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL 9 P. M. HOME COMPLETELY FURNISHED AT \$123. Our 1909 Catalogue Mailed Free. Allowed on All Cash Sales. 10% Liberal Credit Terms. \$75 Worth \$7.50 Down \$1.50 Week. \$100 " 10.00 " 2.00 " \$150 " 15.00 " 2.25 " \$200 " 20.00 " 2.50 " \$300 " 30.00 " 3.50 "

ALL CARS TRANSFER TO Bloomingdales LEXINGTON TO 3RD AVE. 59TH TO 60TH ST.

Last Day! Last Call of Our January Sale

Attend this Great Sale of Newest Models of New Walters Pianos

at a clear saving to you of \$150 to \$300.

\$5 Down and \$1 a Week. No extras. Piano delivered on payment of \$5.

To-Morrow Will Be a Great Piano Day Here! Come Early!

- \$375 Style A Walters Pianos at \$198
- \$450 Walters Excelsior Pianos at \$225
- \$475 Style C Walters Pianos at \$240
- \$500 Style L Walters Pianos at \$250
- \$550 Style D Walters Pianos at \$260

\$900 Walters Mastertone Player Piano Outfits, \$450

Beware! Do not purchase a piano unless it bears the maker's name. When a manufacturer is ashamed to put his name on a piano you can make up your mind there is something wrong with it. Caution: Do not buy a so-called "lightly used" or second-hand piano at any price. It will soon be worthless, just like worn-out machinery. Exchange your old piano for a new Walters and pay any balance at a weekly installment.

All Cars Transfer to BLOOMINGDALES, Lex. to 3d Ave., 59th to 60th St.

ON SALE EVERYWHERE.

1909 World Almanac

Free Transfers—Our agent at 59th St. and Lex. Ave. will hand you one. Use it as 5c in cash on a \$1 purchase at our store—that makes it just the same as though ALL CARS TRANSFER TO Bloomingdales LEXINGTON TO 3RD AVE. 59TH TO 60TH ST.

200 Men's and Youths' \$15 Protector \$8.88
Button-to-Neck Overcoats at

Made of strictly all-wool materials. Sizes, 14 to 20 years for youths and 33 to 42 chest measurement for men.

MEN'S & YOUTHS' \$4 and \$5 Trousers At \$1.88

The Talk of the Town. Every waist measure from 29 to 50 inches. Every length inseam from 29 to 35 inches.

Made of Blue and Black Cheviots, Striped Worsteds, Plaid and Stripe Cheviots, Fancy Worsteds, Corduroys.



MEN'S & YOUTHS' \$10 Suits & Overcoats At \$5.00

Correct Styles, Splendidly Tailored

Suits made of Fancy Worsteds, Fancy Cheviots, Black Thibets. In all sizes—regular and stouts.

The Overcoats of Fancy Worsteds, Black and Gray Cheviots, Gray Melton. All sizes from 33 to 40 chest.

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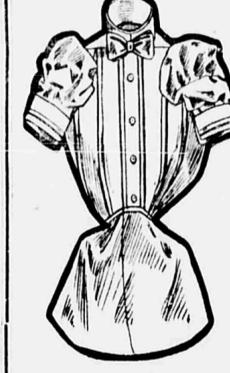
Boys' Clothing Bargains!

500 Boys' \$4.50 Double-Breasted Suits, sizes 8 to 16 years; to-morrow at \$2.88

300 Boys' \$5 Russian and Sailor Suits, sizes 2 1/2 to 10 years; to-morrow at \$2.88

200 Boys' \$5 Button-to-Neck Overcoats, sizes 2 1/2 to 8 years; at \$2.88

Made of strictly all-wool materials. Second Floor, 60th St. Section.



Women's Kid Gloves Reduced

All odds and ends must go. That is why we make such heavy price reductions as these:

\$2.50 Kid Gloves at \$1.25

Glance, in black only. Only in sizes 6 and 6 1/2; mousquetaire style.

\$3.50 Tan Kid Gloves at \$1.69

Glance kid, 16-button length; in sizes 6 1/2, 7 and 7 1/2; mousquetaire style.

\$2 Kid Gloves at \$1.10

8-button length, glance, in black and white. Sizes 5 1/2, 6 and 6 1/2.

\$1 2-Clasp Kid Gloves at 59c

Glance kid; every pair guaranteed. In tan, grays, browns and white. No mail orders filled.

Main Floor, 59th St. Section. BLOOMINGDALES



This Beautiful Lingerie Waist at \$1.98

Made in a new and sure-to-be popular Spring model of a superior quality lingerie cloth. Front is handsomely hand embroidered and cluster tucked. Sleeves are new in style, tucked and trimmed with lace edge; collar is tucked and finished with lace. All sizes. Second Floor, BLOOMINGDALES

GREAT FUR Bargains

From Our Clearance Sale:

- WOMEN'S 20 FUR-LINED COATS, kersey, Spanish mink lined..... \$7.50
- WOMEN'S \$33.50 FUR-LINED COATS, 48 in. long, now \$15.00
- MEN'S \$200 MINK-LINED COATS reduced to..... \$88.00
- WOMEN'S \$95 24-INCH GRAY SQUIRREL FUR COATS now reduced to..... \$45.00
- WOMEN'S 30-INCH SABLE SQUIRREL FUR COATS that were \$98, now..... \$55.00
- WOMEN'S \$450 27-INCH NATURAL MINK COATS..... \$250.00
- WOMEN'S \$125 36-INCH HUDSON SEAL COATS..... \$75.00
- WOMEN'S 19-INCH SEAL COATS, reduced to..... \$75.00
- WOMEN'S \$350 36-INCH BROADTAIL COATS..... \$175.00

Specials in Delicatessen

- For the Saturday or Sunday Evening Supper No Mail Orders.
- FRESH PINEAPPLES—Medium size..... 15c
- SMOKED SALMON, best..... 30c
- SMOKED STURGEON, best..... 55c
- PICKLED GENUINE LAMBS' TONGUES..... 6c
- COOKED HAM, sliced..... 28c
- SWISS CHEESE, best imported..... 30c
- AMERICAN CHEESE, best..... 20c
- ENGLISH DAIRY CHEESE, best..... 25c
- LEMBURGER CHEESE, best..... 20c
- ROQUEFORT CHEESE, best imported..... 40c

Men's Wear \$1 Negligee Shirts

New, in Coat Models at 79c

They are pleated shirts in a wide range of neat light and medium dark designs. Sizes 14 to 19.

Famous Bloomingdale \$1 White Laundered Shirts

Sizes 16 1/2, 17, 17 1/2 and 18 at 79c

1200 Men's 50c & 75c Silk Four-in-hands

6 for \$1.65 29c or each at 29c

These four-in-hands are in a great variety of new designs, including solid colors and stripe and figure effects. The new narrow style that ties so well under the close-lock-front collars, reversible or open end styles with double stitched neckbands.

Men's 4-Ply Union Linen Collars, 6 for 55c

Actually worth 75c a half dozen. Smart, new, close lock-front styles in various widths, wing and turned down styles. Sizes 14 to 20.

Silk Umbrellas

Our annual sale brings you these great values:

All \$3.00 Umbrellas now \$1.95

All \$4.00 Umbrellas now \$2.95

All \$5.75 Umbrellas now \$3.95

All \$10.00 Umbrellas now \$5.95

SIZES and handles for men and women. BLOOMINGDALES

Men's Underwear

50c HEAVY WEIGHT DERBY RIBBED SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, in ecru. All sizes on sale to-morrow at 29c

MEN'S CASHMERE WOOL UNDERWEAR, the famous American Knitting Mills' make, now on sale at just half price. The \$1.50 grades at..... \$1.25

The \$2.50 grades at..... 79c

Main Floor, 60th St. Section.

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An Event in Overcoats

Smith Gray



Important Overcoat Sale Today

THESE are the facts. This is one of our rousing "Clean-up" Sales. Takes the balance of our Medium and Heavy Winter Overcoats. Box, Tourist, Paddock and Double-breasted Models. Plain and Fancy Fabrics.

at \$14.50 at \$22.50 at \$32.00

Formerly \$20, \$22, \$25 Formerly \$30, \$35, \$38 Formerly \$40, \$45, \$50

Those at \$32.00 are silk lined.

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