

MOTHER TELLS HOW BABY FROZE TO DEATH IN ARMS

Crippled and Helpless, Mrs. Couljitska Didn't Know That End Had Come.

FAMILY WAS STARVING.

Lived for Months on Bread and Tea in Unheated Basement Room.

A young woman seriously ill, on a broken down cot, clasping a dead baby with her swollen, pain-twisted fingers; a gaunt, stoop-shouldered man and a little six-year-old girl shivering beside her in a room without heat and almost without furniture; all destitute of food, fuel or money for more than twenty-four hours in this bitter mid-winter season! That was the situation yesterday in the basement "home," at No. 57 Broome street, of John Couljitska.

The "home" is a single room furnished with a rickety cot and dresser and one chair.

"I saw no signs of anything to eat and there was no fire," Dr. Mural of Government Hospital declared after he had taken Mrs. Couljitska to the hospital.

"We have been here in New York thirteen years," she said to-day. "We came from Austria, my husband and I. We have had six children, but five are dead. The last one, my baby Martin, died yesterday. He was only two months old. Now I have only left my little girl Helen, who is six years old."

"At first when we came here my husband had good jobs, and though it costs much to live in this city we got on. Then the children began to come, and never were they well. The city is cruel for children, not like our country, where it is so easy to get out to the forests and the fresh air. Here there was just the noise, and the dirt, and the awful heat in summer, and the cold in winter. One after the other my babies grew pale and sick. There were doctors' bills and medicine and I could do no sewing to help John because I must always take care of the little ones."

HUSBAND LOST HEART WITH THE STRUGGLE.

"We got into debt and we moved from one cheap tenement to a cheaper one and John got more and more discouraged. He lost jobs or the stock times would come and it would be hard for him to get work."

"The children died, all except Helen, and I went out to work. Sometimes I would take Helen with me, but in many places they would not let me do that and I would have to look her up alone at home. I did washing and scrubbing and any work I could get. When my husband did not work as a tailor he used to pick up pieces of wood in the streets and sell them for kindling."

"Last summer we moved to No. 57 Broome street, and since then we have lived in the one room in the basement. My husband has had less work than ever before. I worked when I could, but I was sick."

"We sold or pawned almost everything we had."

"I can hardly remember when we had any meat, or when we had a little fat, but most of the time we have lived on bread and tea, with potatoes or beans once a day."

"And we could hardly ever eat as much as we wanted at any meal. My little girl Helen would cry because she was hungry."

"Then in November the baby came and he weighed only six pounds. He was such a tiny little thing and he didn't have strength enough to cry. He didn't seem to grow a bit, just lay all white and still with his little eyes closed."

"Of course, I couldn't work for a little while after he came. We didn't have much of a Thanksgiving or Christmas, but we managed to get through somehow. Only, the baby kept growing weaker and weaker and my husband couldn't get regular work."

"I went back to work as soon as I could—maybe it was too soon. Anyway, the influenza came in my house and leg. I've had it before, but never so bad as this time, and for almost a week I haven't been able to get out of bed. And the cold was so awful! Every body goes out in weather like this to pick up wood in the street and my husband could find so little, not any to sell and not near enough to keep us warm. So we have been cold all the time."

"I know it was the cold and my not having much to eat that made my baby die. At first I thought it wasn't dead because it didn't seem any colder than it had been before."

"When they came to bring me to the hospital I had nothing to eat. I don't know whether my little girl had any supper last night or how my baby will be buried. They're good to me here. But I worry about the others. It's so cold!"

QUICK WORK ENDS DOWNTOWN BLAZE

Brisk Fire Drowned Out in the 22-Story Building of Knickerbocker Trust Co.

It looked for a time early to-day as if the downtown section of New York might have another destructive fire. Sergt. Casey of the Old City station was passing the twenty-story building at Nos. 54-56 Broadway, owned by the Knickerbocker Trust Company, about 4 o'clock, when he heard the crackle of flames.

The building is at Exchange place and Broadway, running back to New street. In the New street and Water & Hill-bronner have a men's furnishing and clothing store. As Policeman Knight ran up in response to Casey's rap the fire suddenly burst through the windows of the store, and the interior looked like a furnace.

Deputy Chief Binns sent in a second alarm. The firemen had to tear up the vault lights in order to get at the blaze in the cellar and sub-cellar. The smoke punished them severely before they finally got the flames under control. The damage is estimated at \$20,000.

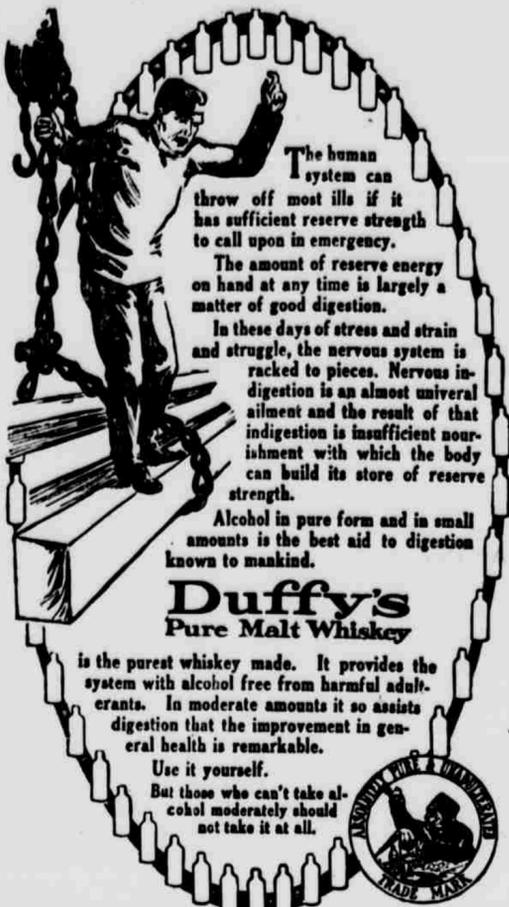
The vaults of the Knickerbocker are not far back of the end of the building that was afire, but the blaze did not get near them.

Mrs. Anson Wales Hard Dead.

New York society was shocked to-day to learn of the death of Mrs. Anson Wales Hard from pneumonia at her home, No. 21 East Eighty-fifth street. Mrs. Hard, before her marriage in 1870 was Miss Ellen W. Brown, and was known for her charities and social activity. She is survived by a husband, three sons and two daughters.

Gaby Hooks Passage.

Gaby Desly, the actress who appeared at the Winter Garden, has engaged passage on the Baltic, sailing to-day. She takes back a fine nest egg of a fortune accumulated here by thrift and economy.



The human system can throw off most ills if it has sufficient reserve strength to call upon in emergency.

The amount of reserve energy on hand at any time is largely a matter of good digestion.

In these days of stress and strain and struggle, the nervous system is racked to pieces. Nervous indigestion is an almost universal ailment and the result of that indigestion is insufficient nourishment with which the body can build its store of reserve strength.

Alcohol in pure form and in small amounts is the best aid to digestion known to mankind.

Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey

is the purest whiskey made. It provides the system with alcohol free from harmful adulterants. In moderate amounts it so assists digestion that the improvement in general health is remarkable.

Use it yourself.

But those who can't take alcohol moderately should not take it at all.

10 Minutes Jersey City to Hoyt St. A. & S. Private Subway Station.

ABRAHAM AND STRAUS

17 Minutes from Grand Central Direct by Subway.

Thursday is a Wonderful Bargain Day Here

Every Item Offered in This Advertisement Underpriced

ALL THE WORLD LOVES A BARGAIN, if it be true and honest and square. In the business of a great store like this there accumulate various ends of stocks, collections of goods from great sales—makers are constantly sending in surplus stocks, sample lines and the like at great concessions for cash. Thursday is the great clearance day for these fascinating offerings and becomes, therefore, one of the most important shopping days in all the week in Brooklyn's Greatest Store.

It does not matter when you come, early or late, you will find your visit a very profitable one—but, of course, there are many special items which catch the particular fancy of the public and are the first to go. It is wisest, therefore, to come as early in the morning as possible.

Women's \$27.50 to \$32.50 Tailored Suits, \$15

100 Stirring Values for Thursday



MADE BY ONE OF THE FOREMOST tailoring concerns of the country. They have the unmistakable air of goodness about them, in material, cut, make and every detail. In fact, the workmanship is really equal to custom made. The materials are a variety of woollen suitings, including whipcords, striped and plain mixtures, imported homespun, worsteds, chevots and mannish serges.

The coats are cut on the straight lines so stylish just now; 29 inches long.

The skirts are gored and cut on the wider patterns now in vogue. Lined with the best quality of goods and interlined.

Colors are navy, brown, black, reseda and new blue. Sizes 32 to 42 bust measure.

None C. O. D. or on approval. One of the greatest values of a most remarkable season for value giving.

Second floor, rear, Central Building.

Important Foreword

THE GREATEST merchandising event of the Winter, the February Furniture Sale, will be announced in detail in next Sunday's papers. Sale begins Monday, January 22.

44c Fiction at 25c

POPULAR FICTION BY FAMOUS AUTHORS, books which we sold in the original edition at 98c and others sold at from \$1.08 to \$1.50. All bound in handsome cloth, well printed on good paper—a few of many titles are The Armicuffe Puzzle, by Gordon Holmes; Broken Sword, by Gen. Charles King; Elizabeth Visits America, by Elinor Glyn; Flower of the Grange, by A. & E. Castle; Members of an American Citizen, by Robert Herrick; Throckmorton, by Molly Elliott Seawell; Tekla, by Robert Barr; Vergilus, by Irving Bachelier, and a host of others. Splendid time to lay aside a supply of books for light reading, that also looks well in the library.

Main Floor, rear, East Building.

Saks & Company

Broadway at 34th Street

Great Sale of Women's Furs offering splendid values tomorrow

No woman should miss this opportunity to buy furs at such handsome reductions from former prices

In our merchandising policy we live up to Burns' injunction about "offing the old love before onning the new." Each season's stocks, in all things, and notably in furs, must have the freshness and newness of the season itself. And because we would rather sacrifice money than policy, we have assembled all of these fine furs and marked them one-third and more from original prices. The opportunity thus presented is an admirable one. Fourth floor.

| Women's Fur Coats | |
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| Model Fur Coats | were 165.00 to 1,450.00 reduced to 82.50 to 950.00 |
| Long Black Pony Skin Coats | were 75.00 reduced to 37.50 |
| Long French Seal Coats | were 75.00 reduced to 49.00 |
| Long Like-Seal Coats | were 100.00 reduced to 67.50 |
| Long Mink-Dyed Marmot Coats | were 90.00 reduced to 57.50 |
| Long Caracul Coats | were 95.00 reduced to 57.50 |
| Long Moire Caracul Coats | were 150.00 reduced to 95.00 |
| Long Black Pony Skin coats | were 95.00 reduced to 47.50 |
| Long Seal Bisam Coats | were 200.00 reduced to 125.00 |
| 36-inch Persian Lamb Coats | were 200.00 reduced to 145.00 |
| Long Broadtail Persian Coats | were 450.00 reduced to 325.00 |
| Long Blended Mink Coats | were 650.00 reduced to 485.00 |
| Fur-Lined Coats, of fine broadcloth or mixed tweeds, the linings and collars of various furs. Formerly 48.00 to 200.00 | now 32.00 to 135.00 |

| Fur Muffs in the large square pillow or half round models | |
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| Black Fox Muffs | were 25.00 and 45.00 now 14.50 and 29.50 |
| Natural Raccoon Muffs | were 22.50 and 37.50 now 15.00 and 25.00 |
| Natural Skunk Muffs | were 45.00 and 55.00 now 27.50 and 34.50 |
| Pointed Wolf Muffs | were 20.00 and 28.00 now 13.50 and 17.50 |
| Black Wolf Muffs | were 12.50 and 19.50 now 8.50 and 12.50 |

| Matched Sets | |
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| Gray Fox Sets | formerly 45.00 reduced to 29.50 |
| Cross Fox Sets | formerly 100.00 reduced to 69.50 |
| Black Caracul Sets | formerly 20.00 reduced to 9.50 |
| Iceland Fox Sets | formerly 25.00 reduced to 14.50 |
| Caracul Head Sets | formerly 7.50 reduced to 3.75 |

100 Pointed Sitka Fox Sets reduced exactly one-half

Although the saving on every garment in this sale is so liberal that none would seem to merit mention at the expense of another, we must call particular attention to these elegantly-made Pointed Sitka Fox Sets of muff and scarf to match, which are one of the notable fur values of the current season.

They are lessened just one-half from original prices

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| Regular \$75 | Pointed Sitka Fox Sets | tomorrow at 37.50 |
| Regular \$90 | Pointed Sitka Fox Sets | tomorrow at 45.00 |
| Regular \$125 | Pointed Sitka Fox Sets | tomorrow at 62.50 |

THURSDAY SPECIAL.

Women's Aprons Marvelous Values

Fancy and Plain Lawn Aprons, 5c Embroidery Trimmed Aprons, 11c Mails' Aprons, 25c., 29c., 48c., 59c. and 69c.

At 6c. Small fancy white lawn Aprons with hemstitched hem; others of plain white hem, hemstitched hem. Store orders only.

At 11c. Small round lawn Aprons, with embroidered panel in front, lace insertion each side, lace edging. Store orders only.

At 25c. Mails' fine lawn Aprons, with insertion of embroidery and deep hem; others with hemstitched tucks and hem; others with fine tucking; others with embroidered pocket and hemstitched hem; some of cambric, with pocket.

At 29c. Bib Aprons of lawn, square bib and bretelles, hemstitched hem.

At 46c. Fine lawn Aprons, hemstitched hem; others with insertion of fine embroidery and two clusters of tucking.

At 59c. Heavy lawn Aprons, full size, plain bib and straps extending to waist in back, deep hem; others with bretelles and pointed bib, hemstitched, with deep hem hemstitched; also percale Aprons in neat designs with bib and bretelles; also checked gingham, Princess, with bib, ruffle at bottom.

At 69c. Fine lawn, small round Aprons, trimmed with dainty dotted embroidered scalloped ruffle, Gibson effect, with embroidered straps extending to shoulder.

Second floor, East Building.

THURSDAY SPECIAL.

Sensational Sale of Stylish Scarfs.

Spanish Lace, Crepe de Chine, Chiffon, Voile, At Half Price and Less—Clearance.

THIS IS A RARE SALE and it should be taken advantage of early in the morning to get the most remarkable bargains—although every single piece in the sale is worth a trip to get—at the price. Nor need you be afraid of wearing something some one else has at the same price, because there are HARDLY TWO ALIKE.

There are hand run Spanish lace Fichus, in black only—think of it, HAND RUN AND IN BLACK, the most wanted of Scarfs and very beautiful in design! There are delicately woven chiffon and crepe de chine Scarfs in sky lavender, old rose, white, wistaria, yellow, and some fanciful bewitching figured effects. A few voile Scarfs and some very dainty fascinating lace Boleros worth coming a distance for. But come early to have full selection.

Prices Were \$3.00 to \$28.00.

Prices Will Be Thursday \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$7.00 and \$15.00.

Main floor, center, Central Building.

THURSDAY SPECIAL.

Women's \$12.00 Woolen Mixture Coats, \$4.98

FULL LENGTH woolen mixture Coats, semi-fitted, in a variety of styles.

Women's \$40.00 Velour Coats, \$29.95
Semi-fitted, full length, best quality velour.

Women's \$18.50 Oxford Gray Mixture Coats, \$10.98
Oxford gray mixture Coats, full length, semi-fitted, high neck.

Women's Rubberized Raincoats, \$3.50
Tan rubber, plaid back, cut on excellent lines; loose fitting coat sleeves, high neck. None C. O. D. or on approval and store orders only.

Clearance of Women's High Grade Coats
Imported and domestic Coats, some less than half former prices. Materials include velour, chiffon velvet, satin, etc.

Second floor, Central Building.

THURSDAY SPECIAL.

49c. All Wool Storm Serges at 38c.

A VERY LITTLE PRICE for this excellent quality Storm Serge, 36 inches wide, guaranteed all wool—a standard grade that is sold regularly at 49c. a yard. In the popular navy blue shades.

Main floor, West Building.

THURSDAY SPECIAL.

\$1.75 Black French Serge, 98cyd.

A FINE MEDIUM WEIGHT, soft finish Serge, has an excellent surface showing a very fine twill. Full 54 inches wide and a most perfect black.

Main floor, rear, Central Building.

THURSDAY SPECIAL.

50c to \$1.50 Hat Pins at 30c

ALL MOUNTED with colored stones, in pretty and effective combinations. These are all French and Austrian goods, in the new small sizes, every one an ornament showing good taste and refinement. None C. O. D.

Main floor, center, Central Building.

THURSDAY SPECIAL.

60c. Velour Pillow Slips at 45c.

Art Embroidery Offering Unusual

A MANUFACTURER'S sample line of Velour Pillow Slips at an exceptionally small price. Assorted colors and all good. In addition we shall offer a lot of 23-inch Uncovered Floss Pillows, regularly 49c. at 39c.

So for 84c. you may purchase the Pillow Slip and The Pillow, worth \$1.18.

Second floor, West Building.

THURSDAY SPECIAL.

Men's \$1.00 Pajamas at 70c.

MEN'S PERCALE PAJAMAS, striped designs, in blue and black effects, well made, finished with loops and pearl buttons.

Main floor, front, East Building.

THURSDAY SPECIAL.

\$3.00 Boxes of Cigars at \$2.25

A MERE MENTION of the name and the little price will sell these Cigars in a jiffy. It is an exceptional opportunity for the man who appreciates a good little priced smoke.

Aguila Coronado, Clear Havana Puritanos Chico, box of 50, \$2.25.

Main Floor, Front, Men's Building, Hoyt St.

THURSDAY SPECIAL.

Men's 15c. Half Hose at 10c. a Pair

COTTON HALF HOSE, in navy, gray, tan and black, with double heels and toes, seamless.

Main floor, Men's Building.

THURSDAY SPECIAL.

Boy's \$1 Corduroy & Cheviot Trousers, 69c.

HUNDREDS of pairs of the usual dollar quality, cut full, well made and perfect fitting. Bloomers, sizes 5 to 9 years; Knickerbockers, sizes 10 to 17 years. Also gray and brown wool cheviot Bloomers, sizes 6 to 13 years.

Second floor, rear, East Building.

TO-DAY'S WORLD FREE CONCERTS.

Manual Training High School, Brooklyn, Seventh Avenue and Fourth Street.

Afternoon at 4; Evening at 8.15

Full Orchestra and Soloists.

Admission Free—No Tickets.

Also at Public School No. 63, Third Street and First Ave. for Joint Alumnae Plans.