

**WILL NOT EXPLAIN
HAFF'S ABSENCE**

A meeting of the four brothers of Clayton Haff, cashier of the First National Bank of Islip and son of

Capt. Hank Haff, skipper of many of the defenders of the America's Cup, was held to-day to consider his unexplained absence from home and the bank since Saturday. Forrest G. Haff, speaking for himself; State Game Warden Harry P. Haff, Roscoe C. Haff and Wilmarth Haff, all of whom are merchants and business men of the village, said, after the meeting: "There is nothing mysterious about

my brother's absence or his giving up his work at the bank. There are matters known to us and understood by us which we do not think it proper to make public at this time. "These facts in our possession dispose altogether of the scandalous and false stories which have been in circulation among persons here who do not know what they are talking about. "My brother's accounts at the bank are correct to a penny. If they were

not, he would have no reason to run away. We are all substantial men and would help him out at once. He has never had an affair with a woman and we know that no such affair caused him to go away. "The rumor, caused by a suggestion of President Benjamin F. Raynor of the bank that he was suffering from a temporary aberration of mind, is absurd. "Asked where his brother had gone when he left home saying that he would go to Circleville, Forrest Haff said he had reason to believe that he was in New York and that they could reach him at any time. According to neighbors Mrs. Haff received a letter from him yesterday explaining his absence. Neither she nor the brothers would say anything of such a letter. At the bank President Raynor said that as a matter of form there had been a careful examination of the books of the bank by an expert yesterday and they were found in absolute order. As to the possibility that Mr. Haff would be reinstated if he returned, Mr. Raynor said that while he individually saw no reason against such a course it would be a matter for the Board of Directors to determine. Expert accountants were again put on the books of the bank to-day to make double the assurance given by yesterday's examination.

FIGHTS FOR HER ALIMONY.

Jersey Woman of Seventy-Two Wants \$512 Arrears.

Back in 1885 Mrs. Elizabeth Weigand, now seventy-two, obtained in the Chancery Court of Hudson County, on the grounds of cruelty, a decree of separation and alimony which obligated her husband, John Weigand, a wealthy florist of Weehawken, to pay her \$2,500 a year. In 1907 the court cut the alimony to \$250 a year. Mrs. Weigand appeared before Vice Chancellor Lewis in Jersey City to-day and asked for an order compelling Weigand to pay arrears in alimony amounting to \$512.50. The judge who granted the separation, the clerk of the court and all the witnesses have died. Vice Chancellor Lewis issued an order to Weigand to file a \$2,000 bond to secure the alimony.

Rear Admiral Nicholson Retires. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Rear Admiral B. G. Nicholson closed his active career in the navy yesterday and goes to-day upon the retired list, having reached the age limit. When twelve years old he signed as a cabin boy on the warship State of Georgia, commanded by his father, and participated in the blockade of Wilmington. His last sea duty was as Commander of the Atlantic Fleet.

Complete Assortments

Toys, Dolls and Games

Moderate Prices

James McCreery & Co.

34th Street

5th Avenue

Practical Gift Suggestions for Men and Boys

On Sale Wednesday and Thursday

UNPARALLELED PRICES—MEN'S WEAR

- Open End Four-in-Hand Scarfs..... 85c values 1.50 and 2.00
- Open End Scarfs of Imported Silks..... 1.65 value 2.50 to 5.00.
- Silk or Silk Mixed Shirts,—soft cuffs..... 4.25 value 6.00 to 8.00
- Tan Capeskin Gloves..... 1.00 value 1.50.
- Pajamas of Silk Mixtures..... 3.65 value 6.00.
- Raincoats of Gabardine, Fancy Tweed or Knit Fabrics..... 14.50 and 19.50 value 22.00 to 25.00.

- Silk Reefers for Motor or Dress wear..... 3.50 and 5.00 values 5.00 and 7.00
- Bath Robes of Woolen Blanket..... 4.95 value 7.00.
- Woolen Mackinaw Coats in Fancy Plaids..... 8.50 value 12.50
- Smoking Jackets,—double faced cloth, value 6.00 to 12.00, 4.95, 6.50 and 8.50
- Smoking Jackets of Velvet,—Blue or Black..... 12.50 value 17.50

This department is showing complete assortments of Neckwear, Gloves, Shirts, Pajamas, Waistcoats, Knitted and Woolen Reefers, Mackinaw Coats, Smoking Jackets, Dressing Gowns, Raincoats and Ulsters, at markedly moderate prices.

EXTRAORDINARY SALE OF UMBRELLAS

An Unlimited Assortment at Absolutely Unprecedented Prices

This merchandise represents the surplus stock of two prominent manufacturers who were obliged to close it out at considerably below manufacturing cost, and in addition a large assortment from regular stock.

- 2,650 Women's and Men's Umbrellas,—plain or fancy handles. value 11.00 to 22.00, 9.75
- 1,074 Women's and Men's Silk Umbrellas..... 4.75 value 6.00 and 8.00
- 200 Men's Walking Sticks..... 4.75 value 6.00 to 9.50
- 975 Women's and Men's Umbrellas of heavy Silk..... 5.85 value 8.50
- 870 Women's and Men's Umbrellas..... 2.75 value 3.50 to 4.00
- 1,500 Women's and Men's Umbrellas..... 1.75 values 2.50 and 3.00

Complete assortments of Parasols for early Southern Travel.

REMARKABLE VALUES—LEATHER BAGS & SUITCASES

- Russet, Brown or Black Sole Leather Bags,—double handles; saddle sewn; reinforced corners; English lock and catches; leather lined; inside pockets. Sizes 16, 17 and 18 inches. value 8.50, 6.00
- Men's Bags in various models and leathers; hand sewn; reinforced corners; English frames and trimmings; leather lined and inside pockets. Size 18 inches. 8.00 to 13.50 value 11.00 to 18.50

- Russet or Brown Cowhide Suitcases,—double steel frames; reinforced; hand-sewn corners; side hasp locks; Irish Linen lined; fitted with shirt pockets. Sizes 24 and 26 inches. 6.50 value 9.50
- Week End Cases of Black Enamelled Duck; double steel frames; reinforced corners; straps all round; fitted with tray; fancy linings. Sizes 24, 26 and 28 inches. 4.75 value 7.00

Clearance Sale—MEN'S, YOUTHS' & BOYS' SUITS & OVERCOATS

Fifth Floor

- 650 Suits,—newest models and fabrics. Size 32 to 42 inch chest. regularly 20.00 and 30.00, 13.50 and 19.50
- 800 Overcoats,—made of Melton Cloth, Vicuna, Kersey Cloth, Cheviot, Tweed or Knitted Fabrics; single and double breasted models; self or velvet collar. Size 32 to 44 inch chest. regularly 25.00 and 35.00, 17.50 and 21.50
- 90 Boys' Suits,—Norfolk model; with two pairs of knickerbocker trousers; made of Fancy Cheviot or Tweed. Size 8 to 17 years. regularly up to 10.00, 6.50

- Boys' Mackinaw Sport Coats in new plaid effects. Size 8 to 18 years. regularly 8.50, 5.50
- Boys' Chinchilla Coats,—belted model; Gray or Navy Blue. Size 3 to 10 years. value 7.50, 4.50
- Boys' Tan Rubberized Raincoats,—Canton or Paramato Cloth. Size 6 to 14 years. regularly 8.50, 5.00
- Boys' Neckwear, Furnishings and Hats at Special Prices.

December Sale of Furs

(ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY)

**Extraordinary Values
FUR COATS**



- Hudson Seal Coats made of fine soft selected skins; richly lined. 40 inches long. 65.00
- Style B. Hudson Seal Coat, collar and cuffs trimmed with Skunk, Russian Fitch, Ermine or Chinchilla Squirrel; handsomely lined. 40 inches long. 95.00
- Persian Lamb Coats made of soft glossy skins; beautifully lined. 40 inches long. 125.00
- Caracul Coats,—latest model. 40 inches long. 52.50
- Style A. Caracul Coat with collar of Natural Skunk, Russian Fitch, Ermine or Chinchilla Squirrel. 40 inches long. 85.00

Muffs & Neckpieces

- Black Fox Muffs..... 16.50 upwards
- Black Fox Neckpieces..... 15.00 upwards
- Skunk Muffs..... 19.50 upwards
- Skunk Neckpieces..... 10.50 upwards



Remarkable Values in Men's Fur Coats

37.50 Made of good quality Black Broadcloth or Oxford; lined with selected dark Natural Muskrat; collar of Persian Lamb, Hudson Seal or Beaver.

55.00 Made of extra quality Black Broadcloth or Oxford; lined with superior quality dark Natural Muskrat; collar of Persian Lamb, Hudson Seal or Beaver.

B. Altman & Co.

Wednesday Sales Offering Unusual Inducements:

Over 300 Women's Coats
(sizes incomplete)

In a varied assortment of practical styles and materials, will be placed on sale at the greatly reduced prices of

\$14.50, 18.00, 24.50, 38.00 & 42.50

At the same time the remainder of the High-cost Coats and Wraps now on hand, including foreign as well as American models (formerly priced at \$295.00 to \$675.00), will be offered at \$95.00, \$110.00 & \$225.00

A Special Sale of Aprons

will offer an attractive selection which includes dainty Tea Aprons as well as Aprons for maids' use, variously and most exceptionally priced at

28c., 42c., 55c., 68c., & 85c.

Also included in this Sale will be BOUDOIR CAPS, offering unusual values at 95c., \$1.35 & 1.90

And MAIDS' CAPS, in the correct styles, at special prices.
(Department on the Second Floor)

A Sale of Betalph Silk Hosiery
at Special Prices.

This Hosiery is of a guaranteed quality, made exclusively for B. Altman & Co., and is distinctive for its durability and good style. The following unusual offering is made in order to feature this desirable make:

Women's Black Silk Hose, with double tops and reinforced heels and toes, per pair \$1.35

Men's Black Silk Half-hose, with strongly reinforced soles, heels and toes, per pair \$1.35

Women's Silk Jersey Petticoats

carefully made of selected fabrics, in the wanted styles for present day wear, at large price concessions.

Silk Jersey Petticoats, with plaited flounce bordered with a band of messaline; in navy, tete de negre, dark green, sand-color and black at \$3.90

Silk Jersey-top Petticoats (extra size) with plaited messaline flounce and underlay; in navy, dark green, plum-color and black, at \$5.00

Sweeping Reductions have been made in the prices of Imported and American-made Petticoats, particularly those with lace and chiffon trimming, desirable for wear with evening gowns.

The Millinery Department, on the First Floor, will hold an interesting Sale of

Women's and Misses' Hats

in the fashionable styles, attractively priced.

Trimmed Hats of satin, suede, kid, and straw-and-satin combination, desirable for wear in town or at the Winter Resorts, \$6.50 & 8.75

Untrimmed Hats of satin, with band of fur, at \$3.00

Women's Winter Hats are now being offered at reduced prices.

Trimmed Hats at \$3.50 & 5.00
Untrimmed Hats at \$1.00 & 2.50