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ABRAHAM AND STRAUS

BROOKLYN. Store Opens at 8:30 A. M. Closes at 6 P. M. Daily. BROOKLYN.

Furs--40% to 50% Under Regular--Extraordinary Sale

\$139.50 Imported Pony Skin Jacket, Reduced to \$98.50.
 \$149.50 Imported Hudson Seal Jacket, Reduced to \$98.50.
 \$185.00 Imported Baby Muskrat Coat, Reduced to \$98.50.
 \$235.00 Imported Hudson Seal Coat, Reduced to \$149.50.
 \$249.00 Imported Persian Lamb Coat, Reduced to \$165.00.
 Made of close curled Leipsic dyed skin, trimmed with bands of black satin, embroidered in blue and gold.

\$249.50 Imported Russian Marmot Coat, Reduced to \$179.50.
 \$275 Imp. Black Russian Pony Skin Coat, Reduced to \$175.00.
 \$318.00 Natural Russian Pony Skin Coat, Reduced to \$225.00.
 \$395 Imp. Black Russian Pony Skin Coat, at \$295.00.
 \$450.00 Alaska Seal Coat, London Dyed, Reduced to \$298.50.

And a Great Stock of Neckpieces and Muffs 40% to 50% Under Regular Prices

High Grade Screens Half Price--MAKER'S SAMPLES

Never before in December has this sale occurred. In January there is generally a sample sale of screens, but this season the maker sends his samples to us in time to sell for Xmas—a record sale of high grade screens—artistic, beautiful—useful as well as ornamental.

Sample Screens 1/2 to 1/3 Less Than Regular.

\$3.00 Mission Silkline Screens, \$1.39 each.
 \$5.00 Mission Burlap Screens, \$2.85 each.
 \$10.00 Mission Burlap Screens, \$4.45 each.
 \$4.00 Fire Place Screens, \$1.95 each.
 \$150 Gold Frame Louis XVI. 3 fold Screens, \$49.75 each.

Diamonds Decidedly Under Import Cost.

Magnificent Pieces a Third Under Value.

IT IS THE GREATEST VALUE giving Diamond Sale in the history of Abraham & Straus, which means the history of Brooklyn, and is a most important statement, in view of the extraordinary sales announced by this house recently—sales that have been the wonderment of the trade.

Here are strictly high-grade Rings, Brooches, Bracelets, &c., 100 pieces in all and no duplicates, designed and constructed by the most skillful artisans, set with gems of such quality as you will only find in the most exclusive and high grade shops. Every piece, therefore, is of the highest order and has our unqualified guarantee behind it.

In many instances the values are actually 40 PER CENT under regular, and in no case does the saving run under 33-1/3 per cent. A portion only of the items are listed below:—

DIAMOND SCARF PINS.
 BIRD, \$22.00 VALUE, AT \$18.00. 7 rose diamonds and 7 rubies, set in platinum.
 HEAD, \$40.00 VALUE, AT \$24.00. Rose finished, 1 diamond, 14k. gold.
 THREE STONE, \$65.00 VALUE, AT \$38.00. Set diagonally, 2 diamonds and 1 ruby, mounted in platinum.
 WREATH, \$85.00 VALUE, AT \$39.00. 18 rose diamonds and 5 emeralds, set in platinum.
 CLUSTER, \$85.00 VALUE, AT \$53.00. 18 diamonds, mounted in platinum.

DIAMOND LOCKETS.
 \$52.00 VALUE, AT \$36.00. Round, plain polished, mounted with 7 diamonds.
 \$63.00 VALUE, AT \$38.00. Etched design, round, set with 1 diamond.
 \$59.00 VALUE, AT \$39.00. Engraved pattern, round, rose finished, with 1 diamond and 7 rubies.
 \$55.00 VALUE, AT \$52.00. Dome shape, round, engraved, set with 3 diamonds and 1 sapphire.
 \$95.00 VALUE, AT \$56.00. Checked effect, round, green finished, mounted with 29 diamonds.
 \$119.00 VALUE, AT \$61.00. Raised wreath design, green finished, mounted with 16 diamonds.

DIAMOND CROSSES.
 \$135.00 VALUE, AT \$90.00. Of platinum, 16 diamonds.

DIAMOND BROOCHES.
 BRANCH, \$150.00 VALUE, AT \$99.00. 34 diamonds, 4 whole pearls, set in platinum.
 SCROLL, \$165.00 VALUE, AT \$110.00. 7 diamonds, 14k. gold.
 HARVEST MOON, \$160.00 VALUE, AT \$107.00. 12 diamonds and 12 whole pearls.
 HEART, \$165.00 VALUE, AT \$110.00. 44 diamonds, set in platinum.
 HARVEST MOON, \$135.00 VALUE, AT \$130.00. 25 diamonds, mounted in platinum and 18k. gold.
 CROWN, \$215.00 VALUE, AT \$146.00. 35 diamonds, set in platinum.
 QUESTION MARK, \$230.00 VALUE, AT \$155.00. 23 diamonds, 1 whole pearl, in platinum and 18k. gold.
 STAR, \$235.00 VALUE, AT \$157.00. 9 diamonds, 18k. gold.
 FLEUR DE LIS, \$270.00 VALUE, AT \$180.00. 38 diamonds, mounted in platinum.
 CRESCENT, \$275.00 VALUE, AT \$184.00. 23 diamonds, set in platinum and 18k. gold.
 HEART, \$305.00 VALUE, AT \$207.00. 21 diamonds, mounted in platinum.
 HARVEST MOON, \$315.00 VALUE, AT \$215.00. 27 diamonds, in platinum and 18k. gold.

DIAMOND RINGS.
 BAT, \$85.00 VALUE, AT \$46.00. 1 ruby, in 14k. gold.
 CLUSTERS, \$95.00 VALUE, AT \$56.00. 5 diamonds, 1 sapphire, 14k. gold.
 MARQUISE, \$110.00 VALUE, AT \$65.00. 11 diamonds and 14 rubies, in 14k. gold.
 MARQUISE, \$115.00 VALUE, AT \$68.00. 5 diamonds and 22 sapphires, in 14k. gold.
 FIVE STONE HOOP, \$125.00 VALUE, AT \$82.00. 3 diamonds and 2 emeralds, in 18k. gold.
 GYPSY, \$130.00 VALUE, AT \$89.00. 3 diamonds, in 14k. gold.
 FANCY BELCHER, \$135.00 VALUE, AT \$92.00. 1 diamond, 14k. gold.
 CLUSTER, \$145.00 VALUE, AT \$98.00. 8 diamonds and 1 emerald.
 THREE STONE HOOP, \$235.00 VALUE, AT \$157.00. 2 diamonds and 1 whole pearl, in 18k. gold.
 PRINCESS, \$245.00 VALUE, AT \$165.00. 2 diamonds and 5 turquoises, set in platinum.
 BELCHER, \$270.00 VALUE, AT \$180.00. 1 diamond, mounted in 18k. gold.
 GYPSY, \$305.00 VALUE, AT \$200.00. 1 diamond, set in 14k. gold.
 TWO STONE, \$310.00 VALUE, AT \$209.00. 1 diamond and 1 sapphire, set diagonally, 8 diamonds in shank.

Walter's Sons

BROOKLYN—EVERYTHING COSTS LESS HERE.



First Show of 1908 Wash Fabrics.

Exquisite Pekin Silk Organdies

in a wide range of marvelously beautiful colors and Spring flower designs too charming to tell about in type.

The new Pekin stripe as a gift will win the world; all it costs here Monday will be, yard.....49c

Pretty Dimities, domestic, fast color, yard.....6/2c

Irish Dimities, most delightful color combinations, yard.....15c

The Spring Dress Ginghams, stripes, checks and plain, yard.....12/2c

Very Low Prices for Lovely Lamps.

And there is nothing more home-wearing nor artistic than a beautiful Lamp. Again, there is double economy in a Lamp—it furnishes light and heat. As a gift, of course, you will not take this suggestion of economy into account. Suppose you visit our Lamp Department, Basement, Fulton street, front.

Women's \$3.00 and \$3.50 Shoes, \$1.95.

1,200 pairs of women's good Shoes to choose from; the overstock of a needy maker. In patent leather, vicci kid and dull calf-skin, in button and blucher cut; lace, with bright and dull kid tops.

Slippers for 1907-8 Holiday Gifts.

The largest and best stock in Brooklyn; thousands of pairs to choose from; complete assortments for men, women and children, in leather and warm lined and knitted Slippers; all the best styles and the most comfortable toe shapes. For men the prices begin at 35c, and run by easy stages up to \$2.50 a pair; for women, 65c to \$3.00 a pair; for children, 69c to \$1.48 a pair.

Handsome Furniture Gifts--Save 1/4 to 1/2

No use attempting to tell the story of beauty and usefulness here. But if you will take the pains to see the display you will certainly be convinced.

Solid mahogany Morris Chair, broad arms, highly polished, complete with hair filled velvet cushions; value \$15.98; very special.....\$9.98

Golden quarter sanded oak and mahogany Rocker, highly finished, banister back, saddle seat; good value at \$5.98; very special.....\$2.98

Sideboards.....\$13.98 up

Morris Rockers.....\$3.98 up

Collarettes.....\$3.98 up

Bookcases.....\$3.98 up

Odd Parlor Chairs.....\$4.75 up

Ladies' Desks.....\$2.98 up

Piano Stools.....\$2.98 up

Chiffoniers.....\$4.69 up

Rich in Exquisite Bric-a-Brac, Marble, Etc., but Woe-fully Short of Cost of Manufacture.

So this well importer is willing to let these beautiful articles, that were thought out by artists and fashioned by cunning hands to delight the eye of taste and deck the home of elegance, go at about the Government charges.

\$50.00 Vases for \$15.00. \$50.00 Exquisite Marbles for \$15.00. \$35.00 Beautiful Marble Figures and Busts, \$10.00.

In fact, there are so many beautiful things that you may own for a fraction of cost you will be sure to buy if you take the pains to see them.

Rich Gift Rugs at These Reductions.

Hundreds Are Giving Themselves Rugs This Christmas and They Can Afford to Here.

\$30.00 Value Bigelow Royal Wilton Rugs, 7x9 feet, for \$5.98

\$12.00 Value Brussels Rugs, 7x9 feet, for \$5.98

\$12.00 Value Royal Wilton Rugs, 4.6x7, for \$6.98

\$12.00 Value Brussels Rugs, 7x9 feet, for \$5.98

\$3.00 Value Body Brussels and Wilton Rugs, 27x54, for \$1.98

60c. Value Cork Linoleum, 35c. yd.

\$1.50 Wild Inland Linoleum, \$1.10.

\$2.50 Value Brussels Rugs, 9x12 feet, for \$1.74.

\$3.50 Engraved 50 Cards Monday only, for \$1.50

Name plate, name only, engraved in shaded Old English type.

The complete assortment of Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens, from \$2.50 to \$15.00 each

Sterling silver Pencils, in holly boxes, at 25c. and 48c. each

Gold plated Pencils.....75c. to \$7.98

Desk Sets in brass, consisting of 5 pieces, from.....\$4.98 to \$25.00

Brass Book Racks, from.....98c. to \$9.98

BROOKLYN NEWS

GOSSIP OF THE BOROUGH

Funny Sayings from the County Clerk—Elmendorf Lectures.

Frank Ehlers, who was elected County Clerk here, is a German-American. On the night when the county candidates were at the Union League Club and informed of their nominations, Ehlers had to make a speech of acceptance. In concluding his remarks, he explained that he was going to work for the ticket, and then he said: "I will not have it said that I am the loadstone of this ticket."

Mr. Ehlers was one of the speakers at the Union League Club on Thursday evening, when the Congress Club dined. Sheriff-elect Alfred T. Hobbey and the Republican leaders turned the occasion into a party on the evening of Monday, December 20. In his speech on this occasion Mr. Ehlers concluded:

"Before election I told you that I would not have it said that I was the loadstone of the county ticket, and I think that I have made good."

County Judge Norman S. Dike told a story about a minister who had found it necessary to admonish one of his flock. "The latter was of decidedly unsteady behavior. 'Young man,' said the clergyman, in the course of his remarks, 'Hell is paved with automobiles, chorus girls and highballs!'"

And the youth said: "Oh, death! Where is thy sting?"

Dwight L. Elmendorf will give the last of his lectures for the season before the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences at Association Hall on Thursday evening. His topic will be "The Yellowstone Park." On Friday evening, December 20, the Brooklyn Oratorio Society will render "The Messiah," under the auspices of the Institute at the Baptist Temple. The leader of the organization is Walter Henry Hall. A special holiday song recital will be held at Association Hall on the evening of Monday, December 20. The singers will be Francis Rogers and Miss Cecilia Winter. Albert Rosenthal will play the "cello, and Bruno Huhn and Norman Winter the piano.

AN APPEAL FOR A POOR FAMILY.

The Brooklyn Bureau of Charities appeals for \$100 with which to provide a pension during the winter and spring for a widow and her three young children. The husband died less than two months ago, and the woman has been supporting her father and mother, besides herself and children, by washing dishes at a restaurant. Checks should be made payable to William I. Nichols, general secretary, marked "Fund No. 5," and sent to the central office of the bureau, No. 69 Schermerhorn street.

WHY ARABS GO BLIND.

"I shall winter in the Sahara," said a travelling man. "With a caravan I shall traverse under a blinding sun, an endless plain of snow white sand, but none of my Mahometan attendants will wear any kind of shade over his eyes."

"Against that dazzling glare the backs of their necks will be swathed in white linen, and even their ears will be protected. Nothing, though, will keep the sun out of their faces."

"Wondering about this, I said one day to the aid of an Algerian village:

"Why don't you Arabs wear a cap of some sort? You live in the world's worst sun glare, but neither fez nor turban under any circumstances has a peak."

"The Koran," the said answered, "forbids all true believers to shade their eyes. Obeying the Koran implicitly, we dwellers in the desert avoid like poison brims to our headgear. In consequence there is more blindness among us than among any other people in the world."—Los Angeles Times.

BROOKLYN SOCIAL CHAT.

Weddings, Engagements and Entertainments in the Borough.

In the New York Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church there was celebrated the wedding of Miss Ethel Meacham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Castle Meacham, of No. 238 Decatur street, and James Smyth, of Norfolk, Va., on Thursday evening. The ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Dr. Kent, was followed by a reception at the Meacham home. American Beauty roses and greens were used in the decorations. The bride was gown in white satin and duchess lace. She wore a tulle veil fastened by sprays of orange blossoms, and carried a show of four seasons of the white and orchids. Her only attendant was her sister, Miss Isabel Meacham, who was frocked in white chiffon cloth and carried an American Beauty rose. The best man was Thomas A. Smith, brother of the bridegroom, and Frederick Castle Meacham, Jr., George Mason Orr, Murray Priest and Samuel Hilda Chapman, Miss Edna Wood and Miss Anna Corning, of Manhattan. American Beauty roses were effectively combined with greens in the decorations. A dinner and theatre party for the receiving party and an equal number of men followed the reception. Mrs. Jordan and Miss Jordan will also be at home next Friday.

Miss Marion Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Epes Brown, of No. 123 Remsen street, made her debut on Thursday. In the receiving party were Mrs. Nathan Haggitt Brown, who before her marriage last October was Miss Gertrude Baxter, of Montclair, N. J.; Miss Antoinette Butler, Miss Miriam Washburn, Miss Hilda Chapman, Miss Edna Wood and Miss Anna Corning, of Manhattan. American Beauty roses were effectively combined with greens in the decorations. A dinner and theatre party for the receiving party and an equal number of men followed the reception. Mrs. Jordan and Miss Jordan will also be at home next Friday.

Miss Carol Chauncey, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Chauncey, of No. 129 Joralemon street, will be introduced to society next Saturday afternoon, December 21. In the receiving party will be Miss Madeline Chauncey, Mrs. Woodward Babcock and Mrs. Daniel Chauncey, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Seymour Griffin, who recently returned from an extended wedding trip abroad, gave a reception on Wednesday afternoon and evening at their apartments, in the Hotel Montague. The hostess, who before her marriage, about a year ago, was Miss Florence Corey, daughter of Dr. Charles Corey, was gown in gray satin messaline and point lace. The receiving party included Mrs. Charles E. Cushing, Mrs. William Greene, Mrs. William Jewell, Mrs. Allan Cook and Mrs. Louis Sibley. The rooms were effectively decorated with home on Wednesday through the winter, when she hopes to welcome her former friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight F. Richardson, of No. 27 East 57th street, will give a dinner next Saturday evening, December 21, for their niece, Miss Marjorie Speers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Renwick M. Speers. Miss Speers should be included in this season's list of debutantes, but owing to illness in her family there has been no formal presentation.

At the coming out reception on Friday, December 6, of Miss Abby Putnam Morrison, the receiving party comprised Mrs. William J. Tingle, Jr., nee Lillian Morrison; Miss Carolyn Electa Putnam, Miss Marion Willett, Miss Anna Short, Miss Lucia Burton, Miss Gertrude Siochman, Miss Lucia Smith, Miss Adella Pyle, of Manhattan; Miss Helen Haines, Miss Parrot and Miss Brown, of Elizabeth, N. J. Miss Morrison is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Richmond Morrison, 29 East 24th street, at formerly of Monroe Place. There was a large representation from the Heights at the reception, which was followed by a dinner and dance. Cards have been issued by Mrs. Charles E. Cushing and Mrs. Samuel Hawley Olmstead, of No. 76 First Place, for Fridays in December, January and February.

The wedding of Miss Florence Helen Randall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Randall, of No. 502 Washington avenue, and Glenworth Schepmeyer, took place yesterday afternoon. Miss Mabel H. Randall was the maid of honor, and only relatives were present.

Mrs. Charles S. Burr, of No. 190 New York avenue, will give a large luncheon on Tuesday at the Montauk Club for her daughter, Miss Edna Burr.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clement Bowen, who spent the last few years abroad, are now living at No. 61 Eighth avenue.

A card party for the benefit of St. Giles' Home for Crippled Children was given on Wednesday afternoon at the Pouch Gallery by the members of St. Catherine's Circle. The young women to whom the credit is due are Miss Maude Virginia Jones, Miss Louise Clement, Miss Eugenia Alger, Miss Ethel Barum, Miss Ada Smith, Miss Edith Barrell and Miss Carrie Bacon. The officers of the St. Catherine Circle are Miss Emma Newton, Miss Enid Lima and Miss Marion Riecks.

To celebrate their wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. S. Kendrick Everett, of No. 74 Riverside Drive, gave a dinner on Monday evening. White jasmine and lilies-of-the-valley made an effective table decoration, while the corsage bouquets and boutonnières were of violets. The hostess wore a princess gown of flit lace. Mr. and Mrs. Everett, but recently removed from Gardfield Place, and thus the dinner served as a housewarming.

The Woodman Choral Club, an organization of former Packer students, will give their first concert of the season at Memorial Hall on Friday, January 10. Mrs. Corinne Rider-Kelsey will be the soloist.

A number of Cornell graduates in the borough are planning to give a dance at the Heights Casino after the concert of the Glee, Banjo and Mandolin clubs on Monday evening, December 30, at Memorial Hall. The committee includes Francis Otto Afield, Jr., Clinton L. Rossiter, William F. Atkinson, Gardner S. Dresser, C. M. Brown, C. Walter Nichols, John J. Kuhn, J. M. Olyphant, Carlton O. Pate, Frank D. Williams, David P. Wells, Raymond P. Morse, Howard E. Geer, Marwell N. Upson, Douglas Brown, Walter S. Finlay, Jr., A. B. Williams, Thomas Andrews and Robert Burns. Those who have consented to lend their names as patronesses are Mrs. Horatio Mortier Adams, Mrs. Francis Otto Afield, Jr., Mrs. James F. Atkinson, Mrs. Charles E. Brown, Mrs. Frank Baker, Mrs. Edward Burns, Mrs. Gordon W. Cotton, Mrs. Eversley Childs, Mrs. Horace E. Dresser, Mrs. Benjamin A. Kelley, Mrs. Raymond P. Morse, Mrs. C. Walter Nichols, Mrs. James Olyphant, Mrs. William C. Pate, Mrs. Clinton L. Rossiter,

Mrs. Francis A. Williams and Mrs. John J. Williams.

Mrs. Charles D. Sayre, of No. 174 Clinton avenue, will be the hostess next Friday of the new card club on the Hill. Among the members are Mrs. William Beard, Mrs. Henry L. Batterman, Mrs. Frederick H. Bedford, Miss Braine, Mrs. Joseph B. Cousins, Mrs. Frank S. Freeman, Miss Isabelle Harkness, Miss Jones, Miss Lowell, Mrs. William H. Nichols, Mrs. John Osborn Polak, Mrs. Charles F. Tuttle and Miss Wallace.

Another successful card club of this season is the Plaza, composed of Park Slope residents. The membership includes Mrs. Alvin Boddy, Mrs. George Brewster Bretz, Mrs. Amos D. Carver, Mrs. Audrey Clarke, Miss Cothran, Mrs. Jesse L. Hopkins, Mrs. J. F. Harriman, Mrs. Robert Honeyman, Mrs. Edgar F. Luckenbach, Mrs. Charles Longenecker, Mrs. Harvey Murdoch, Miss Blanche Nickel, Mrs. John O'Donoghue and Mrs. George D. Webber.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Truesdale, who returned from their wedding trip last week, will spend the greater part of the winter with Mrs. Truesdale's mother, Mrs. William E. Carhart, No. 130 Columbia Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Van Anden will spend the winter at the new Plaza, Manhattan.

Recent returns from abroad include Mr. and Mrs. Carl von Pustan, the Armory S. Carharts, Mrs. William F. Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Appleton Wade, George W. Prankard, Mrs. Thaddeus Hyatt and the Misses Hyatt.

PUBLIC LAND OF PANAMA.
 Consul J. C. Kellogg, of Colon, states that all lands in the Republic of Panama not owned by individuals are considered as public lands, and are therefore the property of the nation. He gives particulars as to how they may be acquired.

"Public lands are granted for the establishment of national industries, for public uses, for agricultural purposes, and for the establishment of colonies whose authorized by law. All persons residing on Panamanian territory enjoy the privilege of acquiring such lands as authorized by law, but foreigners whose native countries do not allow the same privileges shall not be permitted to acquire public lands."

"Public lands in the republic are sold on the gold basis at 50 cents a hectare (two and one-half acres) for lands to be used as homesteads, consisting of fifty acres or less; \$1 a hectare for lands to be acquired by corporations for public utility purposes; 50 cents a hectare for plots of land less than one hundred hectares to be used for agricultural or industrial purposes;

55 cents a hectare for plots of over one hundred and less than two hundred hectares, the price increasing at the rate of 5 cents a hectare for each additional hundred hectares or fraction thereof.

"The maximum amount of land granted to any one individual cannot exceed twenty hectares, or fifty acres. Lands granted to colonies authorized by law shall be granted at the same rate as above mentioned if granted to each colonist separately, but if granted to an agent representing a company of colonists the rate shall be \$1 a hectare; 50 per cent of the amount of the lands purchased must be paid at time of the grant and the rest within twelve months after said date, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum. Non-payment of the said amount within the twelve months stipulated annuls the grant, and forfeiture is made of the amount already paid.

"Persons who may be interested in the laws and who desire further information thereon should apply to the Administrator General of Public Lands, Panama, Republic of Panama."

QUEER MAYORAL CUSTOMS.

Venison Warrants for the Lord Mayor of London—A Mayor Who "Weights In."

It is not generally known that venison warrants are sent to the Lord Mayor of London and sheriffs by command of the King twice a year, says "The Bits." In July warrants for bucks are issued, and in December for does. In the year 1516 the King then reigning granted another old custom in association with London's mayoralty is the presenting of fruit by the Fruiterers' Company to the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress. The ceremony appears to have originated in the fourteenth century, and at one time was a very picturesque affair. Nowadays, however, the presentation of the fruit is taken as a matter of course and without ceremony. In days gone by the master, wardens and clerk of the Fruiterers' Company attended at the end of November at the Guildhall and apprised the Lord Mayor of the presentation,

informing him that twelve bushels of apples of various kinds were on the way from Farringdon Market. Twelve men, carrying on their heads banners containing the names of the members of the company's guild in official attire, then marched up to the Guildhall and laid their offerings before the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, each receiving in return a bottle of wine.

The election of the Mayor of High Wycombe would not be considered complete unless he were "weighed in." His worship, as well as every member of the corporation, is placed on a pair of gigantic scales, and the result is entered in a big book kept for the purpose. This custom is said to date back to the reign of Edward I.

The Mayor of Plymouth is forced by an old custom to visit at least once during his year of office the Lake of Barrator. When he journeys to the lake he is followed by the lunks, the proper corporation is reaching by the banks, and a couple of galleys are filled with water drawn from the lake and passed round from drink to mouth. The Mayor and corporation drink to the memory of Sir Francis Drake, who, when Mayor of Plymouth in 1581 brought water to the town by means of a canal some twenty miles in length.

After each person has tasted the water the galleys are filled with wine, and the Mayor, holding one at arm's length, says: "May the descendants of him who gave us water never want wine."

PURE PARADOX.

Art may be long; artists are usually short. The shortest road to a soft snap is hard work. The lover slowest in going is usually the fastest.

It may take two to make a bargain, but only one of them gets it.

Many a traveling premier danseuse carries her trunks in her satchel.—Lippincott's.

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