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Choice Selections of Oriental and Domestic Rugs, Carpets, Draperies, Bedding, Etc.

EVERYTHING FOR HOUSEKEEPING BARGAINS IN EVERY DEPT.

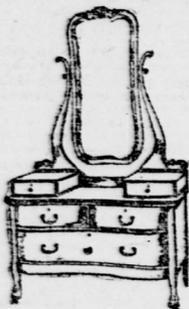
BROOKLYN FURNITURE CO.

GET TO KNOW THE ECONOMY STORE

Broad Lines of Crockery, Glassware, Silverware, Lamps, Stoves and Ranges, Etc.

Select Gifts From These Choice Bargains

\$50 Princess Dressers, \$35



Large and Handsome, Extra Size Plate, Mahogany or Birdseye Maple Splendidly Carved, with Long Mirror. Sale Price..... **\$35**

\$6 Morris Chairs, \$3.75



Golden Oak or Mahogany Finish, Reversible Denham Cushions, Very Restful and Desirable. Sale Price..... **\$3.75**

\$12 Arm Chairs, \$7.50



Highly Polished Mahogany Frames, Best Upholstered Seat, Covered in High Grade Silk Damask. Sale Price..... **\$7.50**

Here is one of the finest lists of Christmas Furniture Bargains ever published—every item being a great money saver and a good quality gift. Numerous other splendid economies scattered throughout the various departments and offering advantages not to be found in other Housefurnishing Stores or Department Stores.

Make your selections early and avoid any chance of not getting the articles you want.

Goods Held For Christmas Delivery If Desired.

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No "Mail" or "C. O. D." Orders Received at Following Prices.

- \$35 Mahogany or Oak Shaving Chiffoniers for..... **\$22.50**
- \$30 Mahogany or Oak Desks, Bureau Base, for..... **\$19.00**
- \$19 Oak or Mahogany Desks, Open Base, for..... **\$12.00**
- \$24 Oak Combination Bookcases for..... **\$15.00**
- \$45 Mahogany and Oak 3 Wing Bookcases for..... **\$28.50**
- \$25 Mahogany 2 Wing Bookcases for..... **\$15.75**
- \$15 Oak Revolving Bookcases for..... **\$9.50**
- \$30 Mahogany Music Cabinets for..... **\$19.00**
- \$12 Mahogany Music Cabinets for..... **\$7.75**
- \$30 Vernis Martin Music Cabinets for..... **\$19.00**
- \$48 Vernis Martin Curio Cabinets for..... **\$30.00**
- \$100 All Gold Curio Cabinets for..... **\$62.50**
- \$250 All Gold Parlor Suits, 3 pieces, for..... **\$165.00**
- \$65 All Gold and Onyx Table for..... **\$40.50**
- \$150 All Gold Pier Glass for..... **\$94.00**
- \$50 Mahogany Mantel Cabinets for..... **\$31.50**
- \$32 Mahogany Mantel Cabinets for..... **\$20.00**
- \$75 Best Spanish Leather Couch for..... **\$47.00**
- \$45 Mahogany Cheval Mirrors for..... **\$28.50**
- \$30 Weathered Oak Cellarettes for..... **\$19.00**
- \$14 Weathered Oak Desks for..... **\$9.00**
- \$40 Weathered Oak Hall Clocks for..... **\$26.50**
- \$20 Weathered Oak Poker Tables for..... **\$13.00**
- \$17 Weathered Oak Library Tables for..... **\$11.00**
- \$60 Mahogany or Oak Poker Tables for..... **\$38.00**
- \$25 Mahogany or Oak Leather Rockers for..... **\$15.75**
- \$25 Mahogany or Oak Morris Chairs for..... **\$15.75**
- \$30 Full Sized Turkish Chairs for..... **\$19.00**
- \$15 Large, Massive Oak Rockers for..... **\$9.75**
- \$25 Mahogany Work Tables for..... **\$15.75**
- \$15 Mahogany Parlor Tables for..... **\$9.75**
- \$40 Mahogany Library Tables for..... **\$28.00**
- \$30 Oak Library Tables for..... **\$19.00**
- \$10 Brass Costumers for..... **\$6.50**
- \$2 Oak and Mahogany Costumers for..... **\$1.25**
- \$4 Silk Sofa Pillows for..... **\$2.25**
- \$25 Maple, Oak or Mahogany Cheval Mirrors for..... **\$15.75**

\$20 Toilet Tables, \$14.00



Handsome Design, Serpentine Front, Mahogany, Birdseye Maple or Golden Oak, Choice Oval Mirrors. Sale Price..... **\$14.00**

\$4 Rockers, at \$2



High Back Arm Rocker, Very Comfortable, Solid Oak or Mahogany Finished, Finely Made. Sale Price..... **\$2.00**

\$12 Desks, at \$8



Large Size Ladies' Desk, Latest Design, Highly Polished Quartered Oak, Very Complete. Sale Price..... **\$8.00**

CHRISTMAS ACCOUNTS OPENED LIBERAL CREDIT
559-571 Fulton Street
BROOKLYN



Safe Pianos
for the
Christmas Buyer

THE STERLING PLAYERPIANO
The Piano Any One Can Play.

There are two vital facts in the construction of a piano, aside from the case, which fix its real value. They are the soul, that is, the quality of its music, and its mechanism. And it is only when the artist (the musician) and the skilled mechanic work in unison that a real live, artistic piano is produced. You can't separate these forces without disaster—mere mechanism never has and never can produce a piano with any kind of character or individuality.

Pianos of unestablished reputation, loudly advertised by bargain stores and general dealers, especially around Xmas time, at so-called cut rate prices, are expensive purchases. It is true they have the mechanism of an ordinary piano, but even the individuality of the real maker—if he ever had any—is hidden by some stenciled name.

We have found that people want thoroughly reputable pianos and they buy them when properly priced.

Sterling Pianos

are not cheap Pianos in one sense, but they are by far the cheapest in another. And yet they are not high priced. Think of the

World Wide Reputation

they have gained since Chas. A. Sterling established the business nearly half a century ago. If you are not an expert, be pretty careful about being induced to purchase some of the so-called bargains widely advertised. It is only an ordinary business proposition to invest your money in a Piano that your own good judgment tells you is thoroughly reliable.

The Sterling Playerpiano

the modern piano, the piano that can be played either by hand or with music roll, has reached a success unknown by any other instrument. Our Christmas display is of surpassing interest.

Note the Real Price Reductions.

- 1 Sterling Pianoplayer, slightly used, but in perfect order and practically good as new. Has accentuating action, which emphasizes either the bass or the treble. Regular price \$650. Special price..... **\$550**
- Thayer Playerpiano, the best piano of its kind made anywhere. Regular price \$385. Special price..... **\$350**
- Regina Playerpianos. Regular prices \$600 and \$550. Special prices..... **\$500 and \$550**
- Sterling Cabinet Players, all woods to match different pianos, slightly used. Regular price \$250. Special price..... **\$150**

Music Cabinets, Benches, Scarfs, Covers, Etc.

We have the most complete assortment anywhere in Greater New York—prices to suit every pocketbook. Make an early choice, the stock will sell quickly this week. If you don't wish to pay cash, have it charged to your account.

The Sterling Piano Co.

518-520 Fulton St., cor. Hanover Place, Brooklyn.
Open Evenings Till Xmas.

WOODED A PEACH— WED A LEMON.

CLUB FOR GRASS WIDOWS AND OTHERS FORMED.

Chicago Woman Starts a Movement to Promote Happy Second Marriages.

Chicago's divorcees, also her widows—or at least a lot of them—are showing signs of loneliness. They are making an effort to ameliorate their condition they have organized a club.

The "Widowed Club" is the official name of the new organization. The members call it the "Anti-Lemon Club."

"The last time I was married I thought I was getting a peach," says the founder of the club. "I drew a lemon. This club may help to prevent me from drawing another."

The club membership at first was limited to fifty, but more than three hundred have sought to be admitted. Some were rejected as unfit. Others were put on the "waiting list." When a member dies or gets married one of these may be elected to fill the vacant place.

"Mitigate the fifty members will strive to find 'cups of sorrow' in one another's society. They will have parties and dances, dinners, automobile rides and tête-à-têtes. If some happy marriages do not follow it will be strange, says the founder, though the club is not a matrimonial scheme, but just a plan to banish loneliness and make the widow's or the divorcee's life worth living.

Mrs. Mary J. Hulien is the founder of the Widowed Club. She is wealthy and lives in a big house at No. 315 41st street, on the edge of the exclusive residence district of Chicago known as Kenwood. She has had two matrimonial experiences. Her first husband's name was Russell. She refers to him as "the dear departed." Her second, she says, was a failure.

"I was pining away here in my South Side home," said Mrs. Hulien, in explaining how she got the idea of organizing the Widowed Club, "when I got to thinking how sad is the lot of the widow, especially the widow of middle age. Young girls marry the men naturally fitted for widows of middle age, and the widows waste away in their loneliness. So I concluded that an organization where widows might meet men of their age was a necessity."

"Again, I thought how many of us suffer in our matrimonial experiences. Why, I got a whole crate of lemons the last time. So I made up my mind that I would start a club where the members could discuss their marital experiences, and, profiting by a revelation of their mistakes, could avoid being wooped the next time—if there is any next time."

THE CLUB'S BYLAWS.

After giving an inkling of the secret to even her intimate friend, Mrs. Hulien mapped out a set

of bylaws to govern the qualifications for membership. These provide that:

"The man who seeks to become a member must prove that he is honest, temperate, free from debt, intellectual and moral."

"The woman applicant must prove that she is honest, temperate and not a gossip."

The object of the club was formally announced to be "to present widows to widowers, for pleasure, mental profit and matrimony, if it be ordained that the associations herein arranged for shall lead to such a happy denouement." In case one of the members marries, however, he or she will be required, under the rules, to give a dinner or some other entertainment to all the other members of the club.

Mrs. Hulien next advertised for members. Bushels of letters came in response. More than ever Mrs. Hulien was convinced of the necessity for a club for widows and widowers.

"It's the best idea ever proposed," wrote one applicant. "I'm dying of loneliness. Please count me a member."

One letter came from a prominent physician. He wanted to become a charter member. Other letters came from men who enclosed reports by mercantile agencies showing high financial ratings.

Mrs. Hulien said she had little difficulty in collecting fifty members out of them. Most of the letters indicated the characters of the writers, without any references.

"Oh, the joy of such a club!" wrote one man. "I like cards and dancing. And the membership fee is only \$2 a month. Who wouldn't give \$2 a month to sit tête-à-tête at a luncheon table for two with a handsome widow?"

That man is not even on the "waiting list." His application for membership went into the waste basket.

Within a few days Mrs. Hulien announced the membership was full. This, however, did not stop the flood of letters that deluged her home.

"Hulien," wrote one man, who is a member of a large company doing business within a dozen blocks of Mrs. Hulien's house: "Note received. The objects stated, good, fine; references, 'Dun,' 'Bradstreet.' I guess that will do in my case. Two dollars, please, in advance? No, not until organized. For the first meeting, after all are in, lock the doors and levy an assessment on the spot. The sight alone of a bunch of Ws and Ws together ought to make the price look cheap, or may never want to meet again. Who will know 'who is who'?"

DRIED HER TEARS.

"Dear Madam," wrote a woman who applied for membership. "It seems you and your work must have been planned by a divine Providence. I am having a very hard time, and I know there are many others like myself, and I must get away from it. I am a widow of thirty-three, and my husband has not a relative on earth but my husband's parents, who are like my own. My dear one and I were maddly in love during our six years of marriage, and were never separated one afternoon or night. Now I sit day after day in my home brooding and crying, praying to be kept from such a fate. I was always a sunny disposition and happy. I am well educated, good musician and a good entertainer. I realize that I must get away from the life that I am now leading."

The next letter that Mrs. Hulien opened was of a similar tenor. It bore the signature of a prominent Chicago attorney.

"Will you please consider me an applicant for

membership in your club," said the letter. "I am a divorced person of more than two and one-half years' standing, and as neither party has seen fit to enter into another matrimonial alliance as yet, you can readily see that any real correspondent existed only in the imagination. I am free to confess obliged to do something voluntarily that would furnish the law a sufficient excuse for severing the unfortunate alliance that I have contracted. I am not now seeking another, but rather believe that I could be of some service in carrying out the objects of the organization. I make my application in good faith."

"Triumph!" exclaimed Mrs. Hulien: "framed up a cause for divorce, did he? We can't admit him." Then she opened another letter.

"I think the widow ladies of to-day," wrote the author of the next note, "are left out for younger girls. I am a grass widow, but am willing to submit to an investigation of references in order to join your club."

"Are grass widows eligible?" asked a woman who gave her address as that of a fine house on Drexel Boulevard. "For some time I have wanted to belong to just such a club as you are organizing. I have found it very hard to enjoy myself in Chicago since getting a divorce. I am a member of the Oakwoods Methodist Episcopal Church; still, I see no harm in a social game of cards or dancing. I am twenty-seven years old. I beg that you accept my application for membership, as I find my life pretty lonesome sometimes."

"I am a refined, high minded and highly respected gentleman," wrote another, "and of good character; good references; highly educated, but I am a self-made man and very particular. I go in good society. I am of a happy disposition. I am particularly in dress and like to make a good appearance. I will be pleased to have you investigate my past record, and if satisfactory to you would then like to call at your residence, and, after making my acquaintance, if you think I am eligible, will be pleased to become a member. I heartily agree with you that widows and widowers of middle age are handicapped in the race for affluence and are at times very lonely."

"Good man," said Mrs. Hulien. "Write down his name as a charter member, my dear." Her secretary complied.

BOON FOR WIDOWERS.

"Dear friend," began the next letter—"for such I must call you—I hope you will make a success of your venture, as I am on the list. Have often thought how many lonesome hours might be avoided with some such plan as you have organized, as there seems to be no place for us widowers unless we are high rollers or booze fighters. As I am neither, I am lonesome most of the time. I wish you had room for all of us."

"Being a widow and very lonely at times," read the next letter, "I wondered if I'd be eligible to join your club. I don't want a husband, but just to mingle with a class of people, those who are charitable in mind and above gossip, and who are not always looking upon a widow with suspicion. As you say, the young people have their friends; married people have their partners, but alas for the poor widows! (not their fault at all) they are outcasts."

"What rules and conditions does membership entail?" wrote another divorcee. "What credentials must each member present? How is investigation of same carried out? My object in

asking for these particulars is that widows, in going into an organization of this kind, to protect themselves against the machinations of the opposite sex, must be armed with full information in regard to each candidate's personnel."

"Rubberneck; no good," wrote Mrs. Hulien on the back of the envelope.

"I feel as though I wanted the company of some one who has suffered, too," wrote another woman. "I grow very lonely at times and long for the society of some one who understands. I am thirty and a blonde."

"All the meetings will be held in my home," said Mrs. Hulien. "We will talk over in friendly chat our wedded experiences. I think there is great need of such a club in a city like Chicago, where there are so many divorcees. The possibilities are obvious. Many persons marry hastily and regret, while others regret their marriage even if after long courtship. All of us can talk over our troubles in a friendly way and gain much from them. If we make our experiences common property among ourselves I think we can do much in preventing divorce. That is just what we want to prevent."

GET NEW OFFICES READY.

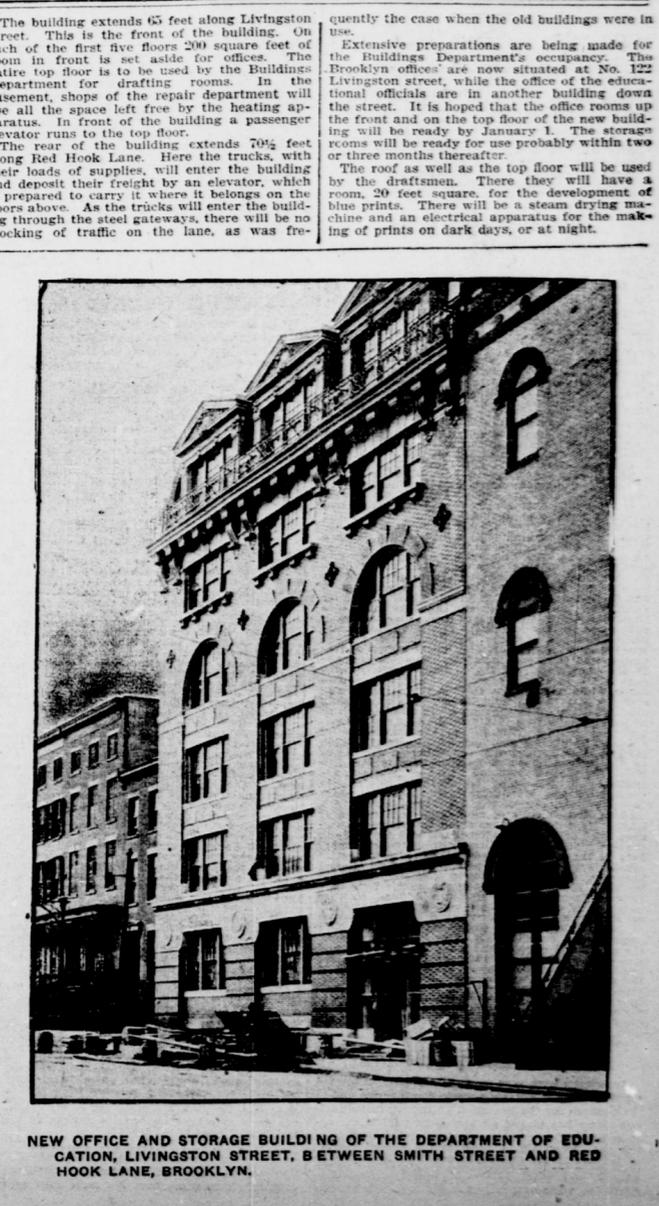
Board of Education Building May Be Finished January 1.

The new office and storage building of the Department of Education, which is in the course of erection in Livingston street, between Smith street and Red Hook Lane, will be ready for occupancy, in part at least, by the first of the year—if all goes well. Unfortunately, things have never been known to go well with buildings of the department, so it is likely that the opening will be delayed.

The structure is of six stories, in the modern French Renaissance style, and is built of brick and limestone, with concrete, fireproof floors. It is L-shaped, and covers in all a site of 17,000 square feet, formerly occupied by the old buildings of the department.

Charles H. Peckworth, the builder, began tearing down the old buildings in November, 1906. He contracted to put up the new structure for \$242,000. C. B. J. Snyder, building superintendent of the Department of Education, who devised the plans, wished at first to build it of concrete, but a contractor could not be found who was willing to live up to the specifications in doing the work, so the plans were revised and brick and stone substituted.

The building is fireproof throughout. This is absolutely essential, as 15,000 square feet of the five lower floors will be occupied by school furnishings of an inflammable nature. The windows are all provided with steel shutters, and there is a tank on the roof which will hold 720 cubic feet of water. This water supply will run through pipes to sprinklers in all the storage rooms and can be utilized the moment a fire breaks out.



NEW OFFICE AND STORAGE BUILDING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, LIVINGSTON STREET, BETWEEN SMITH STREET AND RED HOOK LANE, BROOKLYN.