

A CIPHER ON SHOES

It Prevents Fair Customers From Squeezing Their Feet.

THE NUMBER SYSTEM ABANDONED

Customers Are Simply Fitted With What They Need Regardless of Size Numbers.

Chicago feet are fast losing their "Prominent distinctiveness" owing to the general introduction in the large cities of the French system of numbering shoes.

There is no longer any occasion anywhere for women to pinch their feet in order to sustain their reputation for wearing a certain number of shoe.

This is due to the fact that the "code of signals" used under the French system is absolutely unintelligible to the uninitiated.

The French system consists entirely of a French combination of numbers, the use of letters having been entirely cut out so far as the shoe stamp is concerned.

A pair of shoes of a particular brand handled at a certain Nicollet avenue shoe store, for instance, might be numbered 154.

In another store visited this morning the figure 32 was taken for the unit, or No. 1. Thus, 32 would be equivalent to No. 4.

"Our aim," said one dealer, "is first of all, to see that our customers are properly fitted. We do not care to sell shoes unless we get a certain number generally complained the loudest when their feet begin to ache."

PARCEL POST EXTENSION

Bolivia Now on the List—Rates and Regulations.

Postmaster Lovejoy has received notice that Bolivia has been added to the parcel post list.

TO FLORIDA AND THE SOUTH

For Pleasure, Comfort and Rest via the Southern Railway.

The Southern Railway provides the very best for its patrons. The through service from Chicago, St. Louis, Louisville and Cincinnati to the South is unequalled.

Low rates to all winter resorts in the South and to Charleston, S. C., account the South Carolina, Interstate and West Indian Exposition.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

On every box. A Woman in Red.

ELECTRO SILVER POLISH

never take another instead.

Another like it. It's best.—Grocers.

REPLIES TO OXNARD

Senator Theden Disputes Statements Regarding Beet Sugar Profits.

FOUR CENT SUGAR MEANS LOSS

He Quotes Oxnard's Own Figures to Show They Are Not Reliable.

Senator Gustav Theden, president of the Minnesota Sugar company, whose beet sugar plant is at St. Louis Park, does not indorse the circular of Mr. Oxnard recently published in The Journal.

Mr. Oxnard, himself a beet sugar manufacturer, quoted certain figures showing that the beet sugar industry did not need a protective tariff.

It is a most remarkable circular, this Oxnard circular, in more than one respect. Profits realized from one ton of sugar, according to the circular, are \$7.00.

Arithmetic Corrected. The circular shows on its very face that it is absurd, and it lays bare the grossest stupidity.

Let us by all means bear in mind that this circular was issued when Mr. Oxnard wanted more money for his business, for when a man wants more money for his business, then this business is remunerative beyond description.

Beets Cost More Now. However, I do not care to discuss the cost of sugar beets in 1899, or the cost of manufacturing a ton of beet sugar.

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"Mr. _____" said the young lady, imploringly. "I tell you we are locked in the room, and we cannot get out."

"So I heard you say," cut in the rude Mr. _____.

THURSDAY GREAT SALE OF SOILED BLANKETS AND ROBES, SOME AT HALF PRICE, SOME AT 1/3 OFF.

OPTICAL DEPT.

JEWELRY AND SILVERWARE SPECIALS FOR THURSDAY.

Silverware Bargain.

Sterling plate, extra quality knives and forks. Special. \$1.10

Porcelain. \$1.10

Many Other Special Bargains in this Department for Thursday.

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JOHNSON'S CLASS BLOCK.

CONTINUATION OF OUR GREAT JANUARY HALF PRICE REMNANT SALE OF DRESS GOODS THURSDAY.

Store Opens Mornings at 8:30. Closes Evenings at 8:30. Thursday The Following Special Bargains for One Day Thursday

JANUARY LAMP SALE.

Crockery Department--Basement.

Our assortment of Lamps was never more complete at this season of year, but upon actual count find we are long on Lamps.

- Our \$2.00 Lamps, now, each..... \$1.25
Our 4.25 Lamps, now, each..... 3.19
Our 5.90 Lamps, now, each..... 4.43
Our 8.50 Lamps, now, each..... 6.38
Our 10.95 Lamps, now, each..... 8.22
Our 12.50 Lamps, now, each..... 9.38
Our 15.00 Lamps, now, each..... 11.25
Our 18.50 Lamps, now, each..... 13.88
Our 25.00 Lamps, now, each..... 18.75

Decorated Lamp Globes.

Special cut prices on our entire line of high art Globes, in Oriental, Persian, Venetian and other pretty effects.

ODD TOILET WARE.

An accumulation of Odds and Ends in this line will be closed at a mere song.

Such as Ewers, Basins, Chambers, Mugs, Brush - Vases, Slop Jars, Soap Dishes, etc. Various decorations.

Special prices on all high-grade Toilet Sets to close. Boarding - House keepers should give this their attention, as the prices are extremely low.

SOME ROYAL OFFERINGS IN SILKS FOR THURSDAY

Thursday will be another busy day in our great Silk Department. The newest, noblest and prettiest things in silkdome are showing and the following items will give you some idea of what to expect in the way of prices and values.

- Milanise Wash Corde in a bewildering assortment of new designs and colorings, fully 100 pieces to select from, the best quality made, for Thursday... 49c
Crepe de Chine in the evening silk par excellence—we have it in all the correct evening shades and to further its popularity, will place our entire line of the dollar quality—white, cream and black included—on sale for one day only at... 89c
Fifty pieces of the best and newest Silk Foulards that sell everywhere for \$1.00—Cheney Bros. and others. Put on sale for Thursday only... 89c
Black Silk Grenadines, 44 in. wide, are not to be denied the leadership in black silks, for Thursday we offer our unequalled \$1.25 line in figured and fancy striped all silk Black Grenadines, a yard at only... 98c
Here are two very special offerings in dependable Black Silk Taffetas, strong, brilliant dye, fine kid finish, the regular 89c grade, 23 in. wide, at 75c; the dollar grade, 27 in. wide at... 85c

DRESS TRIMMINGS AT A GREAT SACRIFICE.

In order to close out all the Dress Trimmings left over from last season we will offer bargains that never can be duplicated again, even for five or six times the price. Come early as quantity is limited.

- One lot of Assorted Trimmings consisting of black and colored beaded trimmings, also a lot of black and colored trimmings in this lot. Goods in this lot that have been sold as high as \$1.00 per yard. Special Thursday only, per yard... 10c
One lot of Black Cut Jet Ornaments in different designs and sizes—actually worth up to \$1 each. Special Thursday only, each... 25c
One lot Fine Cut Steel Trimmings in different widths and styles—goods in this lot that have been sold as high as \$3.00 per yard. Special Thursday only, per yard... 49c
One lot of Elegant Black Crochet Gimp Trimming, all made by hand and the finest goods of this kind brought to this market—goods in this lot that have been sold as high as \$10.00 per yard. Special Thursday only, per yard... 98c
McGee Petticoats. Women's Black Mercerized Saten Petticoats, made with deep acordion plaited flounce and McGee yoke, regular value \$2.25, special... \$1.48
Maids' Aprons. Handsome assortment of Maid's Aprons, deep hem and trimmed with lace or embroidery insertion, wide ties, on sale Thursday at only... 25c

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Advertisement for Optical Dept., Jewelry and Silverware Specials for Thursday. Includes images of eyeglasses, a pocket watch, and silverware.

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FRESH AIR BABIES

Every Afternoon They're Put Outdoors for a Nap.

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RIIS GREATLY MOVED

BEFORE AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS

Touched by Warm Reception of Students and Thought of Two Flags.

There was a dramatic scene yesterday at the state school of agriculture when Jacob Riis in the presence of the entire school and faculty was unable to make headway in his talk to the students because of his "whar."

Through Ride for a Nickel

Without the city limit restriction. Many who got the unlimited transfers go to St. Paul.

WILL CUT CALHOUN ICE

Cedar Lake Ice Company Prepares for Regular Ice Harvest.

The usual supply of ice will be harvested at Lake Calhoun in spite of efforts to prevent it, declares D. M. Chute, secretary and treasurer of the Cedar Lake Ice company.

Good Things in a Bad Place

Pies, puddings, cake and goodies of all sorts (missionaries excepted) are intended for human use, but such good things should not be put in a bad stomach.

Use Grape-Nuts breakfast food with some rich cream, and you will discover the food will agree with the weakest stomach and supply the highest form of nourishment, predigested and ready for quick change into good, rich blood.

Strength (nervous strength) comes from feeding on Grape-Nuts. There's a reason. Try it and prove for yourself.

It seems good to be perfectly well and feel well fed.