Wrist Bags

Ladies' Wrist Bags, walrus leather, metal or leather bound frame, braided handle, moire lined card case, purse inside, $1.25 or $1.50 value. Special, each,

98c

THE LEADER

251-255 NICOLLET AVE.

Belt Buckles

Belt Buckle Sets, gilt, black and gun metal finish; the large round or oval effects; worth to 50c. Special, each,

25c

GOOD GOODS FOR REASONABLE PRICES

Continuation of our great ten-day sale. Pick out your holiday gifts early and avoid the crush of the last few days before Christmas. Extra inducements all over the store. Special stamp offer for Thursday.

30 Free Stamps 30

With all purchases of $1.00 or more at our store Thursday, Dec. 15, we will give you, if you present this coupon,

30 S. & H. Green Trading Stamps Free

This in addition to regular amount.

Exceptional Values in Ladies' Furs, Jackets, Suits, Waists, Skirts

Scarfs and Neck Pieces in water mink, sable and Isabella opossum, finished with cluster tails, ornaments and cord; $8.00 scarfs. Thursday..... **$5.98**

Jackets in kersey and zibeline, finished with tailored straps and piping of velvet, full lining; $7.50 coats. Thursday..... **$4.48**

Astrakhan and Nearseal Coats, made of the best quality selected skins, 22 and 20 inches long and lined with guaranteed lining; $35 coats. Thursday..... **$25**

Corsets and Girdles, in batiste and the mercerized goods, with long, short and medium habit hip, with supporters attached; 75c corsets. Special..... **50c**

Waist—Made of All-Wool French Flannel, with deep side pleats finished with piping, full sleeves and fancy stocks, in blue, brown, tan, black and gray, $2.25 waist; Thursd'y **$1.50**

Dressing Sacques—All wool eiderdown Dressing Sacques, made with fitted back, full front and deep collar, in red, pink, blue and gray, $1.50 Sacques..... **98c**

One Hundred Fancy Wool Knit Skirts in the light and dark shades, finished with border and crochet bottoms, in two lots—

$1.00 skirts, for..... **49c** 75c skirts, for..... **39c**

Sateen Underskirts—Made with deep full flounce, finished with cluster of three accordion pleated ruffles, $1 skirts, special.. **75c**

Aprons, in the nurse, waitress keep-u-clean, and the fancy Apron for Christmas Gifts, **$1.48, $1.25, $1.00, 75c, 50c** and.... **29c**

Waist—Beautiful line of Silk Waists, made up in Wash Taffata, Peau de Soie and Peau de Cynge in the pleated effects, with full sleeves and fancy stocks, in pale blue, white, black, red, champagne and brown; $5.00 waist **$3.98**

Holiday Specialties in Ladies' Handkerchiefs

Ladies' Fine Sheer, all linen, Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs, all linen, also embroidered and lace trimmed handkerchiefs, at..... **10c**

Embroidered and Lace Trimmed Handkerchiefs—Large assortment, all linen, embroidered and lace trimmed handkerchiefs, usually sold for 50c, special, each..... **25c**

Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs, 3 in a box, at, box.....25c and **15c**

Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs—Just the thing for Xmas, 6 in a box, at, a box... **60c** and **75c**

Belts

Ladies' peau de Soie Crush Silk Belts, assorted steel buckles back and front, black only; actual value 75c; specl. ea.. **49c**

Writing Folio

Walrus Leather Writing Folio and Word Book combined, a great assistant in letter writing, worth $1.75, special... **$1.39**

Men's Handkerchiefs

Men's Linen Finished Handkerchiefs in white and colored border..... **5c**

Men's Silk Handkerchiefs

Men's Fancy and Colored Border Silk Handkerchiefs, good values at 50c; special **25c** and..... **35c**

A Rousing Silk Sale for Thursday

3,500 Remnants, in fancy and evening silks, including Taffetas, Habutais, Japanese Silks, Louisines, Plaids, Crepe de Chines, Peau de Soies, Peau de Cygne, Pongees, Wash Silks; values to $1.00 yard. All on the bargain tables at, yard,

59c 48c 39c 25c

Ladies' Neckwear

150 dozen Venetian and Oriental lace stocks and turnover top collars, white, cream and ecru, worth to 39c; special, each **12½c**

Manicure Sets

5-piece ebonoid manicure sets, silver mounted, in neat box; worth $1.00; special..... **75c**

Collar and Cuff Boxes

Collar and Cuff Boxes—Fancy paper covered, celluloid top; special, each..... **25c**

Work Boxes

Fancy decorated Work Boxes—bone fittings — special — each..... **25c**

Shaving Sets

Gents' Shaving Sets—Mug and brush, ebonoid finish, neat cloth lined box—worth $1.00— special, each..... **89c**

Lace Curtains

Third Floor.

100 pairs Arabian Lace Curtains, Brussels net, cable net, point lace and leaded glass effects, values to $5.25, special, pair..... **$2.50**

Dress Goods.

Albatross Cloths in all the choice evening shades, including cream, white, pink, light blue, cardinal, rose, French greys, etc., 50c values, yard..... **39c**

Dress Goods—2000 yards fine all wool remnants in waist, skirt and dress patterns, in cheviots, Venetians, granites, mohairs, French serges, etc., values to 75c yard, per yard..... **39c**

Dress Goods — $1.50 imported crepe de chines, 50-inch broadcloths in all colors, 54-inch suiting cloths in choice browns, greys, navy, castors, all $1.50 values at, per yard..... **98c**

Moreen Skirting in black and colors, best 35c quality, yard..... **25c**

Black Mercerized Sateens—High silk lustre, 25c quality, yard..... **15c**

Fleeced Black Wrapper Cloths, in neat stripes and figured effects, all colors, 12½ value, yard..... **8c**

Mercerized French Check Ginghams, in neat, small checks, best quality, only, per yard..... **25c**

Pillow Cord, Cushions

Pillow Cord—Worth to 15c a yard, all colors, special, per yard..... **10c**

Silk Floss Pillow Cushions—Best goods, at, each,

18-in., **25c** 20-in., **29c** 22-in., **39c** 24-in., **45c**

MANY ITALIANS RETURN TO ITALY

THE NEW LABORERS NOT WELL TREATED IN AMERICA.

A Large Percentage of Those Now Going to Italy from Boston Will Never Return—The Sad Stories They Tell on the Wharf—Their Pride Injured by the Hardest Work and Lowest Wages Paid to Any Laborers and Especially by the Contempt with Which They Are Regarded by Other Races.

Boston Transcript.

A fortnight ago, when the Romanic of the White Star Line was about leaving this port for Italy, a little Italian weekly, which appears in the North End, published among the usual amount of matter hopelessly uninteresting to the average outsider, a human document of deep significance. It was a third of a column perhaps, contained the tragedy of an immigrant's life; the buoyant and hopeful arrival, the joyous expectations of work and pay, of health and happiness, the long, dreary struggle; the discouraging trials and disappointments, the shattering of the ambitions and the final outcome—the return to the fatherland. It was the letter of a young workman, rather above than below the average in education and training. Over fifteen hundred workmen sailed away with him, only a poor atom of the surging crowd. His cry of despair and warning was lost in the roar of the departure, and the agents of the steamship lines who were interviewed about the large number of eastward-bound steerage passengers, and the reporters who interviewed them, informed the public that it was only an increase in the usual winter exodus of temporarily immigrating workmen. One paper went further, and plainly directed public attention to the fact that not one of the Italian laborers and workmen in and about Boston would return to Italy, especially just before the Christmas holidays, without ample funds to carry him thru a winter in his native land; that to accomplish this during a four months' stay in Italy, the 10,000 natives whose return could be estimated by present calculations, would spend on an average $10 each, or altogether, fully $1,000,000.

The truth is, that it is not wholly a case of temporary exodus. Many of those who departed a fortnight ago on the Romanic and Sunday last on the Canopic have gone never to come back. Their American experience has been too much for them. And the next sailing on the Romanic, Dec. 10, will take away more and more. This does not mean in an absolute way that Italian immigrant emigration will noticeably diminish the number of Italian immigrants in this country. Probably, for ten disappointed who go, a hundred hopeful ones will be ready to come. But the future might bring some unforeseen surprise, and the amount of knowledge and experience earned with as much American hardship, and hoarded with more than the American dollar in the American factories, may bear fruit in some distant southern Italian or Sicilian village. There is no doubt that many, let us even say the greater part, of the eighteen hundred immigrants which the Canopic took with her Sunday last toward the Italian ports, may be willing, or at least planning, to return.

This many of them said in response to brief questions addressed at random among them as they were passing along the line of officials, ship's doctors, royal Italian commissioner on emigration and other representatives on the docks of the White Star line and on their way to the steerage quarters of the Canopic. "Mai piu" (never more) was the exultant answer that many of them had for the question: "Are you expecting to come back?" "Mai piu." "Then you are rich? Have you made an American fortune?" one was asked, one among a hundred, a fair average type of southern Italian workman. "As poor as when I came. Worse, perhaps; but I can work in Italy as I did here, and without being insulted." The story came forth without hesitation.

Many of them had only a quizzical smile in response. "Return? Who knows? If I could help it, I wouldn't; but I sold my little house to come here, so now I've got to stay." "Why did you come in the first place?" "Because the others did. It was a fashion, a craze." Whereupon one of the Italian officials asked his exact home. "Santa Caterina Villarmosa." Once a southern town of 13,000, now a deserted village where barely three thousand await the returns of "the American disappointment." And what seems sadder and worse for both sides, is that the more bitterly disappointed on the whole are the better element of the Italian immigration, those who were in Italy the gentlemen among their kind, the leaders of their class. They suffer most and most silently, until they go back, broken. Their first idea in coming is that of finding some cleanly occupation in the line of skilled labor, or perhaps at the foot of the business ladder which they fondly expect to ascend some time. They look forward to their own ideal, but with the common sense and power of adaptability characteristic of the Italian nature, they submit to the requirements of reality and try to go to work as circumstances command; unskilled labor of the roughest, if necessary. The tragedy is awful; obstacles of every kind are in the way, and first of all, probably, their own timidity born of discouragement. The only way to work is the contractor, who may offer $1.50 for work for which he pays $5 to others, and who probably requires a trial period of five or six weeks free.

For those who do not know English, the struggle is even more desperate; not only the contractor, but the rascally interpreter and the cunning middleman work them to exhaustion, the latter, of course, without the former's knowledge. There is in a small factory in a Boston suburb a middleman who exacts $5 from each of the victims whom he employs. The boss shares with this middleman the sums thus extorted, which does not prevent either of them, of course, from dismissing the engaged men at the end of a few weeks, in order to get more $5 bills from the new employees, and such evils are numberless, uncontrollable it seems, and thriving thruout the country. There is less personal safety or compensation for accidents in labor, and less pay, and less fairness to the condition of the Italian laborer in this country than there ever was to him, or is for any other. At the same time, life grows constantly more expensive. The Irish or German or American mechanic or laborer can stand the increase in the cost of living because his wages are correspondingly increasing; but the Italian's wages are not. In fact, while an Italian laborer could once make $2 a day and a workman $9 a week, the former barely reaches $1.50 (from which "boss" and "board" are to be subtracted), and the factories offer absurdly inadequate compensations. Contractors and bosses admit that Italian work is as good as any other, but they pay it less than other, because, they confess, the Italian doesn't bully them, as the Irishman does, into paying fair wages.

There was a world of suffering untold in the exclamation of one of the emigrating Italians on the docks the other night: "Per Dio! Even an Italian is a man after all!" And I remember sadly how often in Massachusetts factories and elsewhere, when the noonbell strikes and all the workmen flock together to partake of the midday food, the handful of Italian immigrants is left aside with undisguised scorn by Tim and Mike and Hans. There is bred the hatred and irritation and resentment which drives the poor "dago" crazy and accumulates his rage by daily pin-thrusts to smarting anger; and thence follows the factory tragedy, where the Italian who has been suffering slow torture and is consequently dubbed hot-blooded and dangerous, suddenly explodes, retorts with blow or thrust and is forthwith ejected and reduced to starvation.

Dress and Fancy Waists

Some Big Bargains on Sale Tables Easy to Get At.

ONE LOT—$2, $3 and $3.50 values. Sale price, **$1.25.**

ONE LOT lace, silk, net, crepe, etc., with $6.50, $7.50 and $9.50 values. Sale price, **$3.50.**

ONE LOT light evening shades in silk and lace net, also blacks and the darker colors, with $10, $12.50 and $15 values. Sale price, **$5.00.**

Millinery Half Price and Less

All trimmed hats divided into three lots. Hats selling from $6 to $30 all **HALF PRICE.** Hats selling for $5, sale price, **$2.** 75 ready-to-wear hats, $3.50 to $5 values. Sale price, **50c.**

Juvenile Department

Great Values in All Children's Garments.

ONE LOT long coats, cape and Buster Brown styles, $5 and $6 values. Sale price, **$2.95.**

Do It Now!

Almost any undertaking will stand this advice. But just now, before Xmas and almost, "we might say," before winter, IT'S MOST IMPORTANT. TWO MONTHS OF MILD WEATHER HAVE LEFT US OVERSTOCKED ON WINTER GARMENTS. They are yours now at unheard-of prices and if anticipating the purchase of anything enumerated below DO IT NOW. Come to our greatest sale tomorrow. You'll be amply repaid for the visit.

ONE LOT which includes almost every tourist coat in our house, 42 to 46 inches long, also full length ulsters, all new swell garments, with fifty styles to select from; values to $35.00. Sale price, **$15.00.**

ONE LOT handsome new coats, both long and short garments, all late fall styles, with values $15, $18 and $20. Sale price, **$10.**

ONE LOT both long and short styles, every garment worth three times the prices asked. Many satin lined throughout. Values $18, $20 and $25. Sale price, **$5.00.**

ONE LOT, mostly the smaller sizes, 32, 34, 36. About half of this lot are last season's styles (but many are prettier than any shown this year); but think of the price for excellent all wool garments. Choice of values to $15. Sale price, **$3.50.**

ONE LOT, all that we have left of last season's styles in 27-inch length coats. **SPLENDID FOR SCHOOL GIRLS.** Values $8, $10 and $12. Sale price, **$1.50.**

Evening Coats

Seven Handsome Party Coats, values to $55.00. Special sale, **$25.00.**

Ladies' Tailored Street Suits

Divided into 3 Lots.

ONE LOT of about the best styles to be found in all new fall models with values to $37.50. Sale price, **$15.00.**

ONE LOT splendid fall styles, with $20, $25 and $30 values. Sale price, **$10.00.**

ONE LOT excellent suits, but of last season's styles, values $15, $20, $25 and $30. Sale price, **$3.50.**

100 ladies' dress skirts, with values to $15. Sale price, **$5.00.**

Splendid Values on All Christmas Goods, Hand Bags, Furs, Neckwear, Stocks, Belts, Children's Tams, Leggings, etc.

E. E. Atkinson & Co.

716 to 718 Nicollet Avenue.

DR. WILLIAMS ON CAMP'S NEW RULE

Suggests Modifications Which Would Result in Brilliant Football Next Year.

Dr. H. L. Williams, the coach of Minnesota's football team, does not altogether agree with Walter Camp's suggestions regarding lengthening the distance in downs. In an article in the Minnesota Daily of today he says:

"The proposed new rule to require 10-yard gains in three downs, instead of five, cannot fail, if adopted, to produce the greatest change in the American game of football that has taken place in years. If this new rule is adopted without changing the other rules as they now stand, it will transform the game very largely into a kicking contest, when two teams meet that are at all evenly matched. Touchdowns will be made but seldom in the big games, and when they occur it will be more or less by chance, securing the ball on a blocked kick, a fumbled punt or a long, brilliant dash by an individual player, such as is occasionally seen but can never be counted on. In other words, the defense of a well-drilled team will nearly always stop the offense of an opponent before they can carry the ball a sufficient distance to secure a touchdown, if the proposed rule is adopted, while the remainder of the rules remain the same as they are now.

"Looking over the charts of the most important games played by Minnesota for the past three seasons, it is interesting to note what the result of this new rule would have been.

"Thus, in 1902, when Michigan defeated Minnesota 23 to 6, the score would have been 11 to 6. In 1903 the gopher-wolverine score would have been 0 to 0 instead of 6 to 6. In the recent Minnesota-Wisconsin game, the first touchdown would have been the only one made. For in all these marches for touchdowns there was always some period when ten yards was not made in three downs.

"If such a proposed change should be adopted, I should advocate that it apply only to the space in the middle of the field, between the 25-yard lines, and that inside of the 25-yard lines the old rule of five yards on three downs be in force. Or, if adopted for the whole field, that the quarterback be allowed to carry the ball without the restriction of having to pass the line five yards outside the center, and that the old rule requiring only five men on the line, with two men outside the ends, be restored. Adopted with these modifications, more brilliant football than any yet seen on the gridiron would undoubtedly result, and from the spectator's standpoint the game would be greatly improved."

BASEBALL

Sweet harmony reigned absolutely before, during and after the meeting of the National league magnates held yesterday at the Hotel Victoria, New York. Before President Harry Pulliam called the club-owners to order there was much friendly hobnobbing in the corridors among magnates, players and fans.

During the meeting the only possible obstacle to a perfectly harmonious session was removed when President James Hart of the Chicago club renominated President Harry Pulliam for reelection and moved a unanimous vote, which was cast. Hart and Pulliam had a difference of opinion last fall about the abilities of "Auggie" Moran as an umpire, which resulted in a wide breach between old friends.

HOCKEY

The Minneapolis Hockey league held its first meeting Monday evening. The constitution and bylaws were presented and adopted. The following officers were elected: C. Struck, president; P. J. Jennings, secretary, and Bob Winston, treasurer.

The league was organized to enable the various teams to play a schedule of games under a covered rink, instead of in the open as last season, and thus giving greater comfort to both players and spectators. The rink will be lighted by electricity and will have a seating capacity of 1,000.

Each team is pledged to dispose of fifty season tickets at $1.50 each, which amount is to be used in paying for the erection and care of the rink. This price of $1.50 for a season ticket is merely nominal when compared with the pleasure to be derived from witnessing this series of twenty-eight games to be played for the championship and a championship cup, presented to the league to be given to the winning team by M. L. Rothschild of the Palace Clothing company. The league will be governed by American Hockey Association rules.

She league is composed of the following teams: Glens, Harriets, Lake Shores, Iroquois, North High, South High, East High and Central. Hockey is now recognized and, without doubt, is destined to become as popular a sport here as it is in Canada.

WRESTLING

Bouldin, "The Cuban Wonder," came near meeting his master last evening at the Dewey when Gustave Gilbertson entertained him on the mat for all but half a minute of the fifteen necessary to stay for the purse. The throw was made in the last minute and was secured from a tiring scissor hold that had exhausted the local man. Tonight "The Wonder" will meet Max Luttbeg under the same conditions.

AUTOMOBILING

America will be represented by an auto team in the James Gordon Bennett cup race of 1905. This was assured today, when Secretary Butler of the Automobile Club of America received advices by wire of the mailing of two additional entries to the one already received from Colonel Albert A. Pope. The entries close Thursday.

THE QUEEN AND CAPTAIN

When the Navy Was Not Loyal She Won Over a Plotter.

New York Herald.

While the plot which ultimately deprived her of her throne was being hatched, Queen Isabella of Spain was at St. Sebastian, and one day surprised her courtiers by expressing a desire to visit a man-of-war. Knowing that the navy was not very loyal, they tried to dissuade her, but in vain, and finally the Zaragosa, an armed cruiser was summoned from Cadiz and her majesty went on board. The captain, who was one of the plotters against the throne, received her with due honor and conducted her over the vessel. She was charmed with all that she saw and treated the captain so courteously that finally he turned to her and said:

"Perhaps your majesty is not aware that it is in my power to carry you in this vessel far away from Spain?"

"I know it," replied the queen.

"Yet your majesty did not hesitate to come on board?" he asked, wondering at her courage.

"No, I did not hesitate," she replied, "because I knew that you were a gentleman, and I was sure that you would not act like a coward."

"Your majesty was right," said the captain, with a low bow, "and you shall have no cause for regret that you placed confidence in me."

COCOANUT BUTTER

A Table Compound to Be Made of This Vegetable Oil.

English World's Work.

A new butter is now being made from the milk of the cocoanut. This milk, when subjected to a temperature of over 28 C., runs into a yellow oil, which is imported in great quantities from India and Africa. The better qualities of it are obtained from Ceylon, Cochin China and Australia. The nut produces 60 per cnteof oil and one acre of land planted with cocoanut trees would produce over 400 pounds of oil. This has hitherto been used for fats for soap or for machinery oil and the better qualities employed in the manufacture of textile goods.

In France this oil is now subjected to a special treatment and converted into butter.

Dr. Heuner, a German chemist, proposes to buy up all the cocoanut oils and transform them into what he terms "vegetable butter."

The cocoanut butter, like that made from cows' milk, contains 7 per cent of soluble acids. It will keep from fifteen to twenty days without showing any sign of acid reaction, and it contains from twenty-five to thirty times less water than ordinary butter, while its slowness in oxidizing makes it specially suitable for pastry and cakes, as they will not get stale so quickly when made with it as with other butter.

Another advantage claimed for cocoanut butter is that it seems to be an antiseptic medium, while milk is most favorable to the culture of microbes.

At the Central hospital of Vienna and in various hospitals in Switzerland experiments have been made with this new butter and the results have been pronounced satisfactory.

JUVENILE GAMBLERS

Factory Girls of Tender Years Who Play the Races.

World Today.

Any morning in Chicago or New York one may see girls of 16 and 17 with their heads close together over a newspaper tabulation, trying to figure out "winners" during their street car or elevated road ride to the factories and offices where they are employed. Listen to them and you will hear the language of the track. They know the relative reputations of the jockeys, and can talk glibly of their riding weights and of their seats in the saddle. They know the horses and their supposed liking for track, weight and distance. They are ready for handbook plucking.

Meet them on the way home and you will hear them say sadly that "luck" had not been with them that day, and will see them tear up their tickets and throw them away. Only one thing is worse for these girls than losing, and that is winning. Losses may bring a tardy, dejected reform. Winnings lead to the frenzy of daily trips to the race courses themselves; to the purring of all wild emotions; to the plunge into the black, engulfing chasm where life is the least of the things lost.

Observation will show that boys take their first gambling lesson earlier than girls. If they have sucked the poison, they will be hardened gamblers when not half way thru their teens. The idea of working for a living is lost as soon as the fever of chance is in their blood. In poolrooms, on race trains, at the tracks, the majority of "regulars" are young in years, tho old in everything else.

But, tho their schooling is sooner acquired than that of the girls, it is begun at the same place—the handbook kindergarten, and the instructor is the same—the newspaper "dope sheet."

There are now in Belgium four schools for the instruction of fishermen. The pupils are taught how to read weather charts, how to make the best use of currents, what the bottom of the sea is like, how to make their own nets, how to manage a boat in a storm, how to use the latest inventions in the line of fishing apparatus, etc. There are about 250 pupils now in these schools.

USED TOO MUCH SUGAR

Restaurant Keeper Wouldn't Stand for Youth's Wastefulness.

New York World.

William Martin, 18 years old, was arraigned before Recorder Kelly at Arlington, N. J., on a charge of using more sugar in a cup of coffee than the Jersey laws will allow. The complainant in the novel case was John M. Benson, a restaurantkeeper. Benson happened to go into the kitchen just after Martin had been served and here he discovered a coffee cup in which was about a quarter of a pound of half-melted sugar.

"Whose cup was this?" demanded Benson of a waiter. He was told that Martin was the last to use it. Then the restaurantkeeper hurried out and caught Martin a block away.

"Here, you can't come into my restaurant and be a pig with impunity," yelled Benson. "And the next time you come in you shall have a trough to feed yourself out of. You soaked a whole pound of sugar in that one 5-cent cup of coffee, and I don't mean to stand for it."

Benson called for the police and had Martin taken to the town lockup. Recorder Kelley discharged the prisoner because he could not find a statute in Jersey fixing the limit of the amount of sugar one man could drop into his coffee.

The second graphite deposit of any extent in the United States was discovered recently near Cameron, Col., the vein measuring from fifteen to forty feet in width. Thoro tests show it to be worth $250 a ton.

A DOLLAR THAT'S NOT

Silver Turned Into Money Privately in Palermo.

Everybody's Magazine.

One evening I was sitting with an Italian friend in a restaurant we were discussing American laws and restrictions, at which he was much inclined to scoff.

"Did you ever see a dollar that is not a dollar?" said he. I shook my head, and he rolled across the table to me a silver coin. It seemed to be to be a dollar. I examined it with every care, and, getting another from the cash register, compared the two. They were exactly alike in weight, sound, color, milling and all. At last I got them confused, and only my friend was able to point out which was which.

"That is what we call a Palermo dollar," he said. "Do you remember some years ago that western silver miners were caught taking about $7,000,000 worth of silver into the Nevada City mint and having it turned into money without being recorded? Well, that is just what is going on in Palermo today, with variations. Silver is bought in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, or thereabout, and shipped to Paris, then to Palermo, and minted with reasonable privacy. The dollars are jumbled with stones to nick them and laid in greased clay, then come over here in third-class baggage for distribution. They cost about 43 cents and defy detection, except that the nicks are too similar, and it is said that the M on the neck is not quite deep enough, and that the L in Pluribus is a thousandth of an inch crooked. You know every counterfeiter makes some little mistake.'

Peterson Will Trust You

FIRE

Peterson Will Trust You

Our beautiful city was visited by a disastrous fire last night. This fire, coming as it did, just before the holidays, means a tremendous loss to the merchants affected. We wish to extend to them our heartfelt sympathy and trust that they will be able to resume business in the near future on a larger scale than ever. We were fortunate in not being touched by the fire. But the fire of our ambition is still burning fiercely and our **EXTRAORDINARY STOCK REDUCTION SALE** is still in full blast and will continue to be so until the end. The grand opportunity offered the public to buy useful as well as ornamental Holiday Presents in Furniture, Carpets, Draperies at reduced prices and in addition receive a valuable premium worth five to ten times the amount of the ordinary trading stamps, is unequaled in the history of the furniture business in Minneapolis.

REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN BUY THESE GOODS AT ABSOLUTELY YOUR OWN TERMS.

We Trust You

Note These Prices

$15 Combination Book Case $9.95

Made of oak, golden finish, large writing bed and blank book compartment, good sized plate mirror, four shelves in book section, with plate glass door, neatly carved. Regular price, $15. Reduction sale price..... **$9.95**

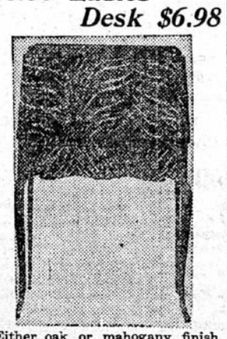
$40 Turkish Leather Rockers $24.93.

Hair filled, best of steel springs, hardwood frame, genuine Turkish leather, regular price $40, reduction sale price.... **$24.93**

$14 Morris Chair $8.95

Solid oak frame with claw feet, massive in appearance, removable cushions covered in figured velour, will gladden the heart of anyone. Regular price $14, stock reduction sale price..... **$8.95**

$8.50 Ladies' Desk $6.98



Either oak or mahogany finish, handsome designed, large writing bed with small drawers inside, regular price $8.50, stock reduction sale price..... **$6.98**

Bissel's Carpet Sweeper, $2.50

Bissel's Best Carpet Sweeper, ball bearing, you all know what that is. Can you imagine a better gift to mother, wife or lady friend than a Bissel Carpet Sw'p'r **$2.50**

We Trust You

Note These Prices

$22.50 China Closet, $17.79

Made of polished golden oak, rounded glass sides, plate glass front, bevel plate mirror in top, regular price $22.50, reduction sale price, each..... **$17.79**

PETERSON'S 73-75 South Sixth St. Home Furnishers.