

## JUST A FEW ANECDOTES

### A Question of Science.

The Rev. Stas C. Swallow was dining during the recent campaign, in a hotel at

Muncie, Ind. An elderly farmer sat opposite him and when his coffee was brought, the farmer drank it out of the saucer. The good people of Muncie, at sight of this saucer, nudged one another, nodded towards the farmer, and snickered. But Mr. Swallow took no part in their somewhat cruel mirth, and when the young man beside him asked if he did not see the humor of the thing he replied:

"No, to me there is nothing funny in the sight of an honest old gentleman drinking his coffee from the saucer. To laugh at such a spectacle savors of provincialism, in my opinion. It is almost as

if we should laugh at a Chinaman for using chopsticks.

"Besides, it isn't always wise to ridicule people who are in error. More or less unconsciously, sometimes, such people throw the ridicule back on us.

"I remember now, when I was a student at Wyoming seminary, a farmer came to Kingston to visit his nephew, whom he was educating.

"The farmer had no urban polish. His tea, when it was brought, was very hot, and, like our friend across the table there, he poured it in the saucer, to his nephew's great mortification.

"Finally, unable to restrain himself, the nephew was so rude as to say:

"Uncle, why do you pour your tea in the saucer?"

"The old farmer looked up in surprise. Then he said in a loud, hearty voice:

"To cool it, to be sure. The more air surface you give it, the quicker it cools. These here modern seminaries don't teach much science, do they?"

### An Incumbence.

Horacio Anagagasti, a commissioner from Argentina to the St. Louis fair, de-

scribed the other day an ungrateful son.

"This man," he said, "emigrated from the old country to Argentina. He emigrated on his father's money, and in Argentina he prospered. So the old man, who was now poor, came over and joined him.

"Some years passed. Then the son wrote home to his brother as follows:

"Dear Brother: I have got one of the handsomest plantations in South America and have it nearly paid for. Crops are good and prices never were better. We have had a glorious revival of religion in our mission church, and both our chil-

dren (heaven be praised) are converted. Father got to be rather an incubence, and last week we took him to the poorhouse. Your affectionate brother."

Effect of Heavy Sentence.

The judicial dignity that characterizes proceedings in the central police court, where Magistrate Kochersperger dispenses justice, was rudely jarred yesterday.

At the bar was a prisoner with a record as a hardened offender, and upon him the

magistrate fixed a stern, uncompromising eye. "You are a bad man," he said. "It is necessary to give you a heavy sentence. You will go to the penitentiary for one year."

As the magistrate pronounced the sentence the court seat of justice was in the underpinning and the offender, hardened offender, as he was called, penitentiary.

## IN A HURRY

Yes, we know you will be for the next 6 days, for with the best planning there is always something that must be bought right at the last. But never mind, our assortments are large, our clerks are many, and we'll keep open every night till Xmas as late as may be necessary.

## ESTABLISHED 1864

**F. Auerbach & Bro.**

ONE PRICE TO ALL NEVER UNDERSOLD

## YOU HAD BETTER HUSTLE

If you have not attended to it. It's the happiest buying time of all the year -- doubly happy being they who, wisely knowing where to buy, find that in the Auerbach store money has power that elsewhere it does not possess. We'll keep open every night till Xmas as late as may be necessary.

# THE GREAT CLIMAX TO CHRISTMAS BARGAINS

Gifts for Everyone. Quality and Prices to Please. Special Sales and Uniformly Great Values in Every Department for the Last 6 Days of the Holidays. Be Among the First to Benefit by These Offers.

## ...THESE... Silk Specials

Offer a splendid opportunity for Gift Buyers. Silk Waists and Dress Patterns make a very desirable present.

## Enough for a Dress or Waist.

500 yards of Fancy Silks in many designs to choose from. There is nothing more appropriate for a Christmas gift than a dress or waist. Specially priced for Christmas week sale.

Length of 15 yards, regular price up to \$10.00 for the dress pattern ..... **\$8.85**  
Length of 4 yards, regular price up to \$10.00 for the waist pattern ..... **\$2.36**  
200 yards of Novelty Silks, including stripes, checks, dots, plaid brocades, and in plain of crepe de chine, peau de cygne, peau de soie, and others. All specially priced for Christmas week.  
Length of 15 yards, regular price up to \$12.50 for the dress pattern ..... **\$14.70**  
Length of 4 yards, regular price up to \$12.50 for the waist pattern ..... **\$3.92**  
Black Peau de Soie, 21 inches wide, very heavy quality, soft and lustrous, a record-breaker for wearing quality, an elegant Christmas gift. Specially priced for Christmas week sale.  
Length of 15 yards, regular price \$13.50, for the dress pattern ..... **\$13.35**  
Length of 4 yards, regular price \$13.50, for the waist pattern ..... **\$3.56**

## HANDKERCHIEF VALUES

TO ATTRACT HOSTS OF XMAS BUYERS, OUR LOW PRICES ARE VERY PROMINENT FEATURES, BUT ONLY THE EXCEPTIONAL VALUES THEY REPRESENT MAKE THEM PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE.

### COLORED BORDERED HANDKERCHIEFS.

The regular 3-1/2c grades, special Christmas sale price ..... **1c**  
The regular 5c grades, Special Christmas sale price ..... **3/3c**  
The regular 7c grades, Special Christmas sale price ..... **5c**  
Embroidered Border, Hemstitched or Scalloped Edged Handkerchiefs.  
Regular 12 1/2c values  
At ..... **8 1/3c**  
Best 15c and 17 1/2c grades in this sale at ..... **12 1/2c**  
All our 5c grades, a magnificent line to choose from, 40 at ..... **25c**  
The best 5c handkerchiefs you ever bought are now shown at ..... **35c**

ALL OTHER GRADES AT SIMILAR REDUCTION. Specially attractive handkerchief items in fancy boxes. See them.

## UMBRELLAS

### FOR MEN AND WOMEN

EVERY UMBRELLA WE OFFER IS THE BEST TO BE FOUND AT THE PRICE ANYWHERE, BUT

### OUR CHRISTMAS SPECIAL AT

**\$3.25 Each**

Is the greatest Umbrella value we or any one else ever offered. This line includes Men and Women's Umbrellas with plain or metal trimmed natural wood or fancy handles, each made on best Paragon frame, with steel rod covered with best gloria or taffeta silk. In fact any of the umbrellas shown in this lot will compare favorably with the best \$5.00 umbrellas you ever bought. Our sale price each ..... **\$3.25**

## Silver Novelties

A grand showing of these handsome and useful articles. What splendid Christmas gifts they make! All are of STERLING SILVER, warranted 925-1000 fine, including MANICURE PIECES, SEALS, FILES, CUTICLES, BLOTTERS, DARNING BALLS, CURLING IRONS, THIMBLES, SHOE BUTTONS, SHOE HORNS, ETC.

Two special lots at, each—

**23c and 48c**

## Dress Goods

### For Christmas.

What Is More Desirable or Useful?

To a woman than a waist, skirt or dress pattern of a stylish and serviceable fabric? These offerings should be attractive to gift buyers:

**B. Priestley & Company**

**Celebrated Black Voles**

5 pieces 42-inch wide all-wool, black, silky quality, REGULAR \$1.00 GRADE, at a yard ..... **\$1.00**

**Lupin's Crepe de Paris**

Street and Party Gown

One-half silk sheer quality, black, wide, in tan, gray, brown, blue, red, hogan, burnt onion, cream, REGULAR \$1.50 GRADE, at a yard ..... **\$1.50**

**Fine Imported Suitings**

20 pieces assorted styles, consisting of the latest novelties in tweeds, shirtings, mannish suitings, etc.

**50 to 54 inches Wide.**

In all the late colorings, an opportunity to realize at this season of the year to buy stylish seasonable goods at greatly reduced prices. Sold at \$2.00 and \$2.50 SPECIAL PRICE THIS WEEK, at a yard ..... **\$1.50**

# MAGNIFICENT EXPOSITION OF CHRISTMAS GOODS

## WITH GREATLY REDUCED PRICES FOR THIS WEEK

WE CANNOT TOO STRONGLY EMPHASIZE THE SPLENDID VARIETY TO BE FOUND HERE. SUITABLE GIFTS FOR MEN AND WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS. HERE ARE BEAUTIFUL

Toilet Cases, Work Boxes, Cigar Cases, Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, Photograph Albums, Smokers' Sets or Tables in Wood, Gold-Plated or Black Enameled Metal, Onyx Tables, Gold-Plated Mirrors, Ink Wells, Candelabra, Shaving Mugs, Brushes, Single or in Sets

AND A THOUSAND AND ONE OTHER PRETTY NOVELTIES, EACH AND EVERY ONE AT A DECIDED MONEY-SAVING PRICE.

A Handsome Ivory Penholder, with gold-plated pen, each in a neat box, 50c value, at ..... **25c**  
Musical Photo Albums, in a great variety of styles, regular \$5.00 and \$6.00 values, special sale price this week ..... **\$3.95**  
Gold-plated Candlesticks, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values, many styles to choose from, at ..... **95c**  
Celluloid Toilet Cases, containing comb, brush and hand mirror, excellent \$1.25 value, on sale at ..... **95c**

## DOLL HEADQUARTERS HERE

NO SUCH ASSORTMENTS, NO SUCH VALUES ELSEWHERE. All Dolls at greatly reduced prices for this the last Christmas shopping week. THREE THE GREATEST OF ALL SPECIAL DOLL VALUES.

AT **25c Each**  
AT **99c Each**  
AT **\$1.95 Each**

10 to 14-inch jointed Doll with bisque head, flowing curls, stationary or moving eyes, neatly dressed in white, or Silk Dresses in great variety of colors. Dolls that were made to sell at 40c, 50c and 60c each for this special sale at 25c.

We are offering for this great final Doll sale a variety of elegantly dressed, jointed body bisque head, Dolls, sizes and styles that are worth and sell regularly for \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00 each, about 60 styles to choose from, the uniform sale price each 99c.

## APPROPRIATE PRESENTS CAN BE FOUND IN OUR Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Garments

In bidding for your valued patronage this week we offer the following seasonable specialties, any of which would prove a sensible, appropriate and practical Xmas gift:

**\$9.95 for Cravenette Coats—**  
Worth \$16.50, in Oxford gray and tan, strap and box plait trimmed, with belts and gathered back; special at—  
**\$9.95**  
**\$12.50 for Tourist Coats—**  
In fancy mixtures, loose or plaited backs, with belts, satin lined to waist, worth \$17.50; special at—  
**\$12.50**  
**\$7.95 for Girls' 3-4 Length Coats—**  
In red and blue melton and beaver cloth, full, loose back, with belt, fancy braided trimmed cape, sizes 6 to 14, values up to \$12.50; special price—  
**\$7.95**  
**\$3.75 for Ladies' Peau de Soie Silk Waists—**  
Waists, trimmed with fancy medallions, come in pink, white, navy, cardinal and black, sizes 22 to 44, \$5.50 values, at—  
**\$3.75**  
**\$6.50 for Model Walking Skirts—**  
In Heavy Cheviot, in blue, black and brown, very full flaring shape, all lengths, sold regular at \$9.25; special price ..... **\$6.50**  
**All Lounging Robes Reduced.**  
\$3.00 EIDERDOWN LOUNGING ROBES REDUCED TO ..... **\$1.95**  
\$5.00 EIDERDOWN LOUNGING ROBES REDUCED TO ..... **\$3.50**  
\$7.50 CRINKLED EIDERDOWN LOUNGING ROBES REDUCED TO ..... **\$5.00**

## WOMEN'S KID GLOVES

FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING NOTHING SO APPEALS TO THE FEMININE HEART AS A BOX OF GLOVES. OUR MAGNIFICENT STOCK CONTAINS EVERYTHING THAT'S BEST IN KID GLOVES, VALUES, AND A BEAUTIFUL FANCY CHRISTMAS BOX WITH EVERY KID GLOVE PURCHASE.

OUR \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00 GRADES ARE THE BEST TO BE FOUND IN AMERICA AT THESE PRICES.

**Special This Week at 69 Cents a Pair.**

25 dozen Ladies' Kid Gloves, odds and ends of discontinued lines, nearly every size in the lot, gloves that sold regularly at \$1.25 and \$1.50, your choice while they last at a pair ..... **69c**

## EVERY WOMAN WANTS A SILK PETTICOAT

WE ARE OFFERING VERY SPECIAL VALUES FOR THIS WEEK

All \$5.75 taffeta silk petticoats as an Xmas special ..... **\$4.50**  
All \$8.95 taffeta silk petticoats as an Xmas special ..... **\$6.75**  
All \$12.50 taffeta silk petticoats as an Xmas special ..... **\$8.50**  
All \$15.00 taffeta silk petticoats as an Xmas special ..... **\$10.95**  
All \$17.50 taffeta silk petticoats as an Xmas special ..... **\$12.60**  
All \$19.75 taffeta silk petticoats as an Xmas special ..... **\$14.65**

## WHITE GOODS

...Are A-1 Gifts...

A 12-yard length of fine nainsook makes a present most people would heartily welcome, nicely boxed, it has the proper holiday touch. Special for this week.

Soft white English nainsook, regularly sold at 20c, a box containing 12 yards—  
**\$1.64**  
The 27 1/2c quality white nainsook as an Xmas special, per box, containing 12 yards, this week—  
**\$2.30**

## TIME TO BUY FURS

DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE A MORE CHARMING REMEMBRANCE. THE FOLLOWING PRICES TELL THE STORY OF PRE-EMINENTLY GOOD FUR VALUE:

All \$1.50 electric seal boas as an Xmas special ..... **98c**  
All \$4.50 and \$5.00 Fur Boas, as an Xmas special ..... **\$2.95**  
All \$7.50 squirrel and marten scarfs as an Xmas special ..... **\$4.75**  
All \$10.95 Isabella fox scarfs as an Xmas special ..... **\$7.50**  
All \$14.50 black and brown marten scarfs as an Xmas special ..... **\$10.00**  
All \$17.95 Isabella and sable fox scarfs as an Xmas special ..... **\$12.75**

## Holiday Chances in FLANNELS —AND— FINE BLANKETS

The prices on these items show who will save you the most on Bedding and Flannels.

**SILK EMBROIDERED WHITE SKIRTING FLANNEL**, hemstitched, scalloped and cut edge, 7 of the handsomest designs, value \$1.75 and \$2.00. Special for this week per pair ..... **\$1.18**

**WHITE CRIP BLANKETS**, silk bound, with beautiful delicate borders, size 20x40. Regular price \$2.50. On sale this week per pair ..... **\$2.40**

Size 26x50, value \$4.50. On sale this week per pair ..... **\$3.20**

12 pair extra large White All-Wool California Blankets, the largest 13-4 size, measuring 8x76 inches, the best \$12.50 blanket ever shown. Special for this week, per pair ..... **\$8.60**

All Silk Covered Down Comforts this week at cost.

## OUR SHOE DEPARTMENT ...SPECIAL ALL WEEK...

### SLIPPERS

Men's Embroidered Slippers, worth 75c ..... **60c**  
Men's Imitation Alligator Slippers, worth 75c ..... **60c**  
Men's Velvet Embroidered Slippers, worth 90c ..... **75c**  
Men's Imitation Alligator Slippers, worth 90c ..... **75c**  
Men's Black and Brown Kid Slippers, worth \$1.25 ..... **95c**  
Men's Opera Slippers, red only and very fine, worth \$1.75 ..... **\$1.25**  
Men's Opera or Everett Slippers in black, tan or slate color, worth \$1.75 ..... **\$1.40**

### BOYS' SLIPPERS

Youths' Imitation Alligator (sizes 11 to 2), worth ..... **75c**  
Boys' Imitation Alligator, sizes 2 1/2 to 6 1/2, worth ..... **85c**  
SPECIAL CUT PRICES ON ALL FELT CROCHET AND FANCY KID SLIPPERS THIS WEEK.

## A Fine Pair CURTAINS

Needs no talking up as a gift. Where is the home that has no space for a pair or two? Note the reductions for this week.

Imported Irish Point Curtains, with rich applique borders, and reinforced edges, worked on splendid net and made to wear, 3 1/2 yard and 4 yard lengths, value \$3.50 and \$5.00. Special for this week per pair ..... **\$6.40**  
German Brussels Net Curtains, \$13.50 and \$14.00 quality, 3 1/2 and 4 yards long. As an Xmas special they go this week per pair ..... **\$9.65**

## MEN'S FURNISHINGS ...AS GIFTS...

Nothing pleases a man better than to supply some actual need. This lot of specials ought to suggest the right articles.

GENTS' CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS, good quality, hemstitched, price each ..... **5c**  
GENTS' WHITE HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS, extra fine cambric, price each 20c, or three for ..... **25c**  
GENTS' FINE ALL LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, price 30c, or three for ..... **50c**  
BOYS' FINE SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, with fancy colored borders, price each ..... **25c**  
GENTS' WHITE SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, with hand worked initials, price each ..... **50c**  
GENTS' SILK MUFFLERS, in good quality silk plain black or white, price each ..... **\$1.00**  
GENTS' FINE SILK MUFFLERS, extra large size, in plain black or white, price each ..... **\$1.50**

## LINENS

Good for Holiday Gifts

Nothing more appreciated for a Christmas gift than fine linen. It can be put to good use, and always comes with a pleasant thought of the giver. See our Linen Dept. been so complete for holiday novelties as it is now.

The Famous Richardson Irish Satin Table Linen, 2 yards wide, in green, cactus, nasturtium, lily of the valley, morning glory, calla lily and other designs, worth up to \$1.25. Special for this week, per yard ..... **\$1.00**

12-inch wide extra fine silver and gold plated Linen, in various designs, scroll, rose and snow drop patterns, excellent value at \$1.50. Special for this week, a yard ..... **\$1.25**

3 Lots of mercerized and satin new Tapestry Table Covers, reversible, finished with heavy fringe, in Oriental and medallion designs, value 90c go this week at each ..... **\$1.00**

Value \$2.00 go this week, at each ..... **\$1.50**

Value \$3.00 go this week, at each ..... **\$2.00**