

Woodward & Lothrop.

New York—Washington—Paris.

During the heated term the store will close at 5 o'clock; Saturdays at 1.

Customers shopping by phone please call Main 3300, and ask for "Mail Order Department." Orders will be executed with the least possible delay.

Clearance Sale Lace Curtains

(2 to 6 pair lots.)

THE price reductions average a quarter to a third. They are all this season's latest and best designs, and include Irish Point, Renaissance and Arabian. And in consideration of the increase of prices on fall lines we consider them especially good values.

Irish Point.

\$5.00 a pair.	Were \$6.50.
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Renaissance.

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Arabian.

\$8.00 a pair.	Were \$10.00.
\$11.50 a pair.	Were \$15.00.
\$12.00 a pair.	Were \$15.00.
\$20.00 a pair.	Were \$25.00.

Special Values in Lace Bed Sets.

Full-size White Lace Bed Sets, with Renaissance lace centers; bolster cover to match. \$5.00 set. Values, \$6.50 and \$7.00.

Also a lot of Lace Bed Sets, in single and double bed sizes, of Marie Antoinette and hand-made Nottingham lace—white, ivory, and Arabian—trimmed with full ruffles, at

1-3 off regular prices.

Special Values in Portieres.

A large lot of Portieres, in all the popular materials and in pretty and effective designs.

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Fourth floor—G street.

Summer Housefurnishings

Fruit Jars and Jelly Glasses.

We are showing a complete line of the best kinds of Fruit Jars and accessories, and invite inspection and comparison.

Best Machine-made Fruit Jars, upward, per dozen, from 25c.

Jelly Glasses.

Clear, White Jelly Glasses, with tin tops, 20c upward, per dozen.

Fruit Jar Rubbers and Fittings.

Mason's Fruit Jar Tops, upward, per dozen, 25c.

Mason's Plain Jar Rings, per dozen, 5c and 10c.

Lamps, Lanterns, and Shades.

Glass Lamps, complete, 25c and up.

Candle Lanterns, complete, 15c each.

Japanese Lamp Shades, 75c each.

Guaranteed Garden Hose.

100 ft. upward.

Hose Reels.

Hardwood, 100-ft. capacity, 65c upward. Metal, \$2.00 upward.

Blue Flame Wickless Oil Stoves.

\$3.00 upward.

New Perfection Wick Oil Stoves.

\$7.25 upward.

Pure Food Department.

"Colonial" Blend Coffee, 1-lb. can, 35c; 5-lb. can, \$1.75. Golden and Striped Omelette, 30c. Golden and Striped Omelette, 30c. "Colonial" Pure Apple Cider Vinegar, gallon, 35c. "Colonial" Absolute Pure Land, in 1-lb. cans, 3c; 5 and 10-lb. cans, 15c, 25c, 35c, and 45c. Premium Grape Juice, 1-pint, 20c; quart, 40c. Curries Potted Ham and Tongue, each, 25c. Extra Fancy Lemons, dozen, 25c. Pineapple Eaten, Sap Sugar, Imported, 10c. Red Alaska Salmon, 2 tall cans, \$1.00, \$1.25, and \$1.50. New Potatoes, from our own farm, peck, 30c. Freshly Baked Cakes—Algebra, Sunshine, Sponge, Gold Leaf, Raisin Leaf, English Walnut, Ginger, Marble, Devil, and Layer (all fillings).

"Colonial" Extra Fancy Creamery Butter

Represents a quality you should become familiar with if you appreciate the best to be had in butter. It is not just any butter, but the best. We alone have it in Washington. Particular folks are using it.

33c pound, 5 pounds, \$1.60. Fifth floor.

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IN THE SOCIAL WORLD

Capt. J. H. Wood and Mrs. Wood Visit Tennessee.

CHIEF JUSTICE ENTERTAINED

Judge Emery Gives Luncheon Party at His Villa, Hancock Point, Newport—Viscount Charles de Chambrun Returns to America from Summer Vacation Abroad.

Capt. J. H. Wood and Mrs. Wood, of this city, and Mrs. D. R. Dillard and daughter, Miss Mary Dillard, who are visiting Mrs. Samuel Harrison, of Bristol, Tenn., are being extensively entertained by their relatives and friends in that city, which was their home for a number of years before they took up their residence in Washington.

Dr. Harry Hurtt, of 2510 H street, has returned to his home here after pleasantly spending his vacation on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Judge Emery entertained a luncheon party on Monday, in compliment to Chief Justice Fuller, of the United States Supreme Court, at his villa at Hancock Point, Newport. Invited to meet the honor guest were the Right Hon. Christopher Palles, lord chief baron of the exchequer of Ireland; Mr. Burke, M. P., for Dublin, and Judge Peck, of the Supreme Court of Connecticut.

The marriage of Miss Mabel Braun, of Chicago, to Frank S. Pagin, of the same city, took place Monday at the American church, Lucerne, Switzerland, Rev. Charles Betcher, chaplain, officiating. The wedding breakfast was served in the private dining-room of the Schweizerhof, twenty of the bride's friends being present. The table was decorated with American Beauty roses and American flags. Mr. and Mrs. Pagin will return to Chicago in September, but in the meantime will tour France in an automobile.

Mr. L. L. Nicholson, jr., Mr. John Orville Ecker, and Mr. Harris Crist, who sailed from New York for Europe August 3, have reached Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Doughty are other Americans now in Paris.

Viscount Charles de Chambrun, secretary to the French Embassy, who went to the French Embassy in May, has returned to America, and is at present the guest of Count Sala, at the Hotel Berkeley, Newport, R. I.

Many visitors have arrived at Newport for the national tennis tournament, which started yesterday, and quite a number of players were entered in the contest from all over the North. Among those registered at the Casino are Robert E. Nelson, W. Bigelow, Ralph H. Thomas, Seymour Johnson, C. M. Bull, jr., Arthur Goodby, E. L. Winthrop, Griswold A. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Redmond, P. H. Palmer, Walter V. Bennett, and H. R. Carpenter, jr.

Miss Helen Hibbs returned yesterday to Leesburg, Va., from Greenwich, Conn., where she has been a member of a large house party for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Robert H. Bollen, of Philadelphia, who is a frequent visitor to Washington during the winter, is at the Colonial Arms, Magnolia, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl von Maloff went over from their place at Monticello, Va., to Old Point, to be present at the dinner given in honor of Prince Wilhelm of Sweden, last night, by the governor of Virginia and Mrs. Swanson.

Meadowbrook Farm, the fine old estate of Judge W. S. Lewis, near Leesburg, Va., has recently been purchased by Mr. William Astor Chanler, of New York, a grandson of John Jacob Astor, and brother of John Armstrong Chanler, the former husband of Amelia Barlow, the well-known Virginia authoress. Mr. Chanler will take possession of Meadowbrook about October 1, and will immediately ship a number of fine horses from his New York stables down to the Virginia place.

A wedding took place at 1 p. m. Saturday at the residence of Mrs. C. W. Cornwell, 1324 Twenty-ninth street northwest, when her sister, Mrs. Katharine Virginia Luckett, and Mr. Robert M. Moore, were married by Rev. George J. Johnston. The ceremony was witnessed by only the immediate families of the contracting parties. The bride was gowned in gray organdie elaborately trimmed in lace, and carried pink roses. She had in attendance her niece, Miss Mildred Cornwell, and cousin, Miss Allice Bateman, as flower girls. After congratulations, the bride donned her traveling gown of blue silk, with hat to match, and the couple left for a Northern honeymoon trip. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston will be at home to their friends at the Lester, 214 F street northwest, after October 1.

Col. Francis G. Colton and his daughters, Miss Colton and Miss Margery Colton, returned to Washington yesterday from Deer Park, Md., where they spent the early part of the summer, and are now at their home in Connecticut avenue. Miss Margery Colton expects to join the party of the Secretary of War and Mrs. Taft shortly and sail with them for the Philippines September 10.

Mrs. Phyllander C. Knox, wife of Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, and her friend, Miss Marsh, who is a skillful motorist, have arrived at Atlantic City, where they will spend several weeks. Mrs. Knox and Miss Marsh made the trip from Philadelphia to Atlantic City in their big touring car in a remarkably short time.

Dr. Louis Mackall, of Thirty-first and O streets, Georgetown, is out of town for several weeks.

Dr. D. Percy Hickling and Mrs. Hickling, who have been on an extended trip to New Hampshire and Massachusetts, are at their home in Washington again.

Mr. Owen Gibson and Mr. Ernest Johnston, of Washington, will leave to-day for a trip embracing Niagara Falls and the Adirondacks.

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Every Diamond

Buffalo and points of interest in Canada, where they expect to visit Thousand Islands, Montreal, and Quebec.

Mrs. Reginald Pollock, of Washington, who, with Mr. Pollock, spent the past year in Panama, returned to Washington last week and is visiting her mother, Mrs. Henry Brawner, at 2815 P street northwest.

Miss Mattie Brawner, who has been the guest of Mrs. William Mortimer Lyon, of Charles County, Md., has returned to her home in Georgetown.

Miss Mabel Hume, who spent part of the summer on Long Island as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jewett, has arrived at Atlantic City for a stay of some weeks.

Mrs. Downing, Miss Matilda Conhoff, Miss George Smith, and Miss Mamie Johnston, of Washington, left Monday for Ocean City, Md., where they expect to make a visit of two or three weeks.

Rear Admiral F. W. Dickins, U. S. N., and Mrs. Dickins, who have been traveling abroad for nearly a year past, are at their country residence, "The Moorings," on Wooster Heights, near Danbury, Conn. They will return to this city in the early autumn to their residence in Nineteenth street, near Dupont Circle.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Beers, with their son Ivan and little daughter, Thelma, Mrs. Margaret O'Donnell and her granddaughter, Margaret, and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wolberg have gone to Breese Point, near Ocean City, Md., for an indefinite period.

Mr. and Mrs. Enos R. Davis announced the marriage of their daughter, Virginia Elizabeth, to Robert F. Johnson, of Chester, Pa. The wedding took place in the home of the bride's parents, in Benson, Md. The Rev. Charles M. Elderidge officiated. The bride's gown was of white tulle trimmed with lace, and she carried a large bouquet. Mrs. Charles M. Elderidge acted as matron of honor, and Miss Olivia Kirk was bridesmaid. Mr. Johnson had as his best man Elmer Davis, brother of the bride, and Wilmer Johnson, brother of the bridegroom, was usher. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will make their home in Chester, Pa.

Mrs. A. T. Britton, with her son, John Britton, and her daughter, Miss Katherine Britton, of this city, is spending some time at the St. Regis, in Atlantic City.

Mrs. R. R. Farr, of Fairfax, Va., has among her guests at a house party Mal. P. Gooding and wife, of Cairo, Ill.; Dr. Rosell Berryman and wife, of Baltimore, Md.; Dr. Wilson P. Malone, and the Misses Edith and Katie Franzoni, of Washington, D. C.

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