

EARLY EASTER SHOPPING BOOMS

Business Here Never Better, Declares R. P. Andrews, Head of Retail Merchants.

FUTURE BRIGHTER STILL

Business Man Declares Capital Folk Are As a Whole Best Dressed People in World.

"One does not have to anticipate in order to be optimistic these days; business was never better," declared R. P. Andrews, president of the Retail Merchants' Association, late yesterday afternoon.

"The public has certainly come to a lively appreciation of the importance of early preparation for Easter, according to the reports reaching the office of the Retail Merchants' Association. In making his rounds today, Secretary Columbus reported good business all along the line, particularly in the apparel and home-needs stores. Everybody seems bent on making this a wonderful Easter celebration, and as a welcome to the new season of the year, therefore, Washington will more than ever establish its right to the prestige of being the best-dressed city in the world, and we are entirely within the truth when we make such a statement.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES TO ELECT HEADS FRIDAY

New Union Announces Nominees Following Week of Balloting by Members of Body.

Officers of the newly organized Federal Employees' Union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, will be elected at a meeting in National Rifles' Armory on Friday night. Nominations for the officers were announced yesterday, following a week's balloting by members. Each department in which there are members will be represented by an executive committee.

Nominees for officers are: For president—F. A. Bigford, Treasury Department, Office of Supervising Architect; H. M. McLarin, War Department, Quartermaster General's Office; Joseph L. Rhodes, Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, Arlington Experiment Station.

For first vice president—G. J. Pillow, Interior Department, General Land Office; A. Rogers, War Department, Quartermaster General's Office; B. C. Shelse, Interior Department, Secretary's Office; W. A. Keifer, Department of Labor, Bureau of Naturalization; J. A. Frazier, Treasury Department, Office Comptroller of the Currency.

STEAMER MAJESTIC ON INITIAL TRIP TODAY

New Vessel This Afternoon Makes First Run to Points Along the Lower Potomac.

Completed and ready for service except in the matter of a few minor details, the new steel steamer Majestic, the latest addition to the fleet of the Potomac and Chesapeake Steamboat Company, was yesterday, as she lay at the wharf of Seventh street southwest, visited by many persons.

This morning at 9 o'clock she will go into commission and this afternoon at 1 will leave here on her initial trip over the Nomin-Lower Machodoc route of the P. and C. line, on which she will be employed.

Her schedule calls for leaving here each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 4 p. m. for thirty-six hour trips to the lower river, during which she visits many landings in the lower end of the Potomac, including Colonial Beach.

First Shipment Rose Bushes Now On Sale. Thirteen Choice Varieties—2-year Field-grown Bushes from Holland, 15c each; \$1.75 dozen. No C. O. D. Orders. Fifth floor—Eleventh st.

Woodward & Lothrop

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TWO LECTURES BY MRS. JENNESS MILLER In the Woodward & Lothrop Auditorium, April 7 at 2:30: "Get Well—Keep Well;" April 14 at 2:30, "What is Triune Development?" (ADMISSION FREE)

The Men's Clothes Store
Has a message of springtime that should appeal to every man and young man.

THE APPROVED SPRING FASHIONS IN SUITS AND OVERCOATS

Are now being shown in fine fabrics that are exceedingly handsome in pattern and coloring; style with correctness and beauty.

Note—As we patronize the leading tailors of the country we have experienced no difficulties in securing fabrics for our garments, having selected earlier than usual, so that men coming to us will be particularly favored this season.

Main floor—Direct Tenth street entrance.

New Silk Parasols and Umbrellas in Colors of Spring

A parasol or umbrella to match the costume will be easily obtained here. The Silk Parasols at \$4.00 are in navy blue, Myrtle green, purple, garnet and black; 22-inch size. These parasols are beautifully made of the best rainproof silk and have handles in latest shapes of ebonine, which are detachable; each handle finished with a bacalite knob. Silk Umbrellas at the same price (\$4.00), in black and colors, finished with ebonine and mission wood, with detachable handles.

Main floor—G street entrance.

New Filet Laces

A recent purchase enables us to place on sale an important collection of the latest and most attractive Filet Laces, in conventional and Van Dyke embroidered effects, at exceptionally favorable prices.

Some are all white and some have a slight tinsel running through the design, imparting the beautiful metallic effect; both 34 and 22-inch widths are included and can be used together with particularly good effect in making summer goods.

Where the patterns of both widths match an elegant combination is possible.

These Filet Laces are very attractive for summer use, and are enjoying a pronounced vogue, according to early reports.

Main floor—F st.

Voiles and Marquisettes for Summer Curtains

Attractive printed Voiles with pretty floral borders—soft and dainty tints in white and cream grounds; 25c and 35c yard.

Marquisette—plain cream, ecru and white. This is an excellent quality, and we doubt if it will ever be so cheap again; 20c the yard.

By the piece, 15c yard.

(40 to 60 yards in the piece.)

Fourth floor—G st.

Modish New White Materials for Outer and Undergarments

A most-satisfactory assortment of Beautiful White Corduroy—the genuine Washable or Tub quality that will absolutely wash without shrinking, and that retains its perfect cord and delightful soft and silky finish. Priced at 60c, 75c and \$1.00 yard.

30-inch White Plisse Crepe, for dresses and underwear; 15c yard.

48-inch Mercerized Batiste, for dresses and undergarments; 50c, 75c and \$1.00 yard.

Second floor—Eleventh st.

Make the Acquaintance of Flossie Fisher's Own Doll—Just Out

A New Doll Friend—dressed in the real Flossie Fisher style, and the dress trimmed with Flossie Fisher Funnies. It will be a delightful treat for little girls to become acquainted with these dolls and have one for their very own.

With each doll is a card, which, when filled out and mailed to the Flossie Fisher Club, will entitle the child to membership. The child will then receive pictures, cut-outs and stories that will make a most interesting Flossie Fisher family.

The doll is 15 1/4 inches high and priced at \$1.00.

Fourth floor—F st.

Huckaback Toweling in Plenty

Huckaback Toweling is getting very scarce, but we still have ample assortments; however, if the demand is as great this spring and summer as it generally is we soon will be limited.

Plain Huck and Huck with damask figures, in 15, 16, 18, 20, and 22-inch widths; 60c to \$1.00 yard.

Towel Lenox in finished designs ready for hemstitching and scalloping; size 24x45 inches; \$1.00 each.

Second floor—Eleventh st.

Do You Know the Convenience and Betterment of the Safe-Lock Wardrobe Trunks?

Not many people do as yet, because we are just introducing them this spring, so we are going to tell you about them.

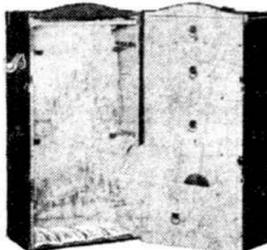
The Safe-Lock means a Trunk that locks without the use of keys or without the banging and hammering frequently required in old-style Trunks.

A simple turn of the outside lock raises or lowers the bar and hooks inside the trunk in three different places—lock or unlocking without the slightest difficulty.

The Safe-Lock Wardrobe Trunk Is as Great an Innovation and Improvement As Was the Self-starter Automobile

Our \$25.00 model is a remarkable value; equipped with double-rod fixture and strapless clothes retainer, and made of selected basswood with three-ply veneer, and fiber covering, bound in vulcanized fiber and fitted with brass-plated steel and braced spring lock; plain cloth lining and three-ply birch veneer hangers which are smooth enough to hang the most elegant silk and satin garments on; shoe pockets and hat box and drawers for all other wardrobe needs and accessories. A most exceptional trunk at \$25.

Fourth floor—Center.



Women's Skirts Have Come Into Their Own

Not in recent years have Skirts been so beautiful, especially are the more dressy types deserving of attention. Taffeta Skirts, for instance, are made in the graceful, flaring effects, so becoming and stylish, and which distinguish all the better class fashions for spring. There is black chiffon taffeta, gros de londes, duchess satin, silk faille, fancy plaid and Roman striped silk and plain navy blue silk. Pannier draperies are evident in many of the modes, as are full plaits, and ruffles, while others are in the wide effect, but plain. These are priced from \$8.75 to \$25.00.

Fifth floor—G st.

Wizard Mop, Polish and Duster \$1.00---Nearly Half Price

The Regular Value Being \$1.75.

A particularly timely and interesting value for Housecleaning time—immediate purchase should be made as the offer will soon be withdrawn in a limited period.

The offer includes the following:



1 7c Wizard Polish Mop—the wonderful triangle mop so widely known, with thousands of little cotton fingers treated with the famous Wizard Polish and already for use; adjustable handle.

1 50c bottle of the famous Wizard Polish—the polish that is as clear as sparkling spring water; no sediment, no oily, smoky surface; it gives a hard, dry luster to the furniture or woodwork to which it is applied.

1 50c Handle Duster, chemically treated and fine for dusting all furniture and woodwork; it takes the place of the old feather dusters and absorbs every particle of dust it touches; can be washed without injury.

Fifth floor—F st.

A regular \$1.75 value for \$1

Our Shop Will Make These To Order for Your Home

Rustless Window Screens, Rustless Screen Doors, Rustless Porch Screens, Window Shades, Awnings, Summer Draperies of all kinds.

Furniture Reupholstered; we are particularly well qualified to do this class of work, having experienced and capable workmen and guaranteeing to thoroughly reupholster. We have all the necessary fabrics and it must be obvious that we can do the best work at the lowest prices.

Refinishing Furniture—Furniture that needs refinishing; the woodwork having become marred or injured, is scraped and repaired to look like new; an antique or new finish may be put on.

Fourth floor—G st.

The Men's Shoe Shop

Has a most interesting and dependable showing of the new spring models in highest quality oxfords, ranging from the most conservative types to the ultra fashionable, and in every material and color for wear at all times and places. The qualities are fully up to the high standard Woodward & Lothrop always maintain. We have made the location convenient for all men—Main floor, direct Tenth street entrance.

The New Flower Bowls That Are Different

See the Display in the China Store.

Flower Bowls or Lily Ponds, as some call them, are the favorable type of centerpiece for the table these days, and they are charming decorations for the buffet, serving table or the flower stand.

New Black Glass Flower Bowls, a reproduction of an ancient art in glass; and beautiful colors, such as lavender, old rose, green, maize, and blue.

Artistic effects in cut crystal of many patterns and plain and Colonial crystal; a variety of effects in pottery and china are also offered.

There are China and Celluloid Birds, Fishes, Butterflies, and Artificial, but very natural looking, flowers to use in connection with the bowls and dishes, some of which are flat, and others on stand similar to a small punch bowl.

Birds and Butterflies may be placed on the edge of the bowl and kept in place by means of a little putty composition, and may be removed and changed about as you wish; the flowers are to be used in various bouquet or growing arrangements, and the lilies create an effective pond-like appearance.

Separate Flower Bowls may be had for as little as 50c.

Fifth floor—G st.

Covered Dishes at Half Price and Less---48c Each

Fine Quality English Porcelain Covered Dishes, attractively decorated in conventional and floral patterns and gold lined. The price of 48c is less than half their worth.

Kitchen Bowl Special

Yellow Bowls with white bands unusually fine quality. Three sizes—1 pint, 3 pint, and 5 pint, in sets. Bowls that are decidedly useful in the kitchen every day of the year, and at every meal.

Special price, 33c for set of 3. Fifth floor—G st.

If a Man Wants to Make His Own Screens We Have the Frames

A good many men desire to make their own window screens, creating quite a demand for frames in which they can fasten the wire.

This year we have put these in our stock, in the following sizes:

36 inches square, 35c each.
42 inches square, 40c each.
48 inches square, 40c each.

You can cut them to fit your window.

They are modern, high-grade frames and the man who is careful can make a fine screen.

Japanned steel corners, screws and nails necessary to fasten frames together are all furnished.

14-mesh galvanized wire cloth for filling these frames, 4c square foot.

Fourth floor—G st.

Chairs and Rockers of Simple Elegance At Decidedly Moderate Prices

The popularity of Period Furniture finds designers searching every period of development and history for designs to meet present-day needs. The English and the American colonists are responsible for these two designs in Chairs and Rockers which we present for your consideration.

These reproductions have as much charm as the originals from which they were copied, and decidedly better in construction due to the improved methods of the present day.

Priscilla Chairs and Rockers

Blue enamel, \$6.50.
Gray enamel, \$6.50.
Old Ivory enamel, \$6.50.



The horseshoe-shaped back and spindle uprights are the marks of distinction in this design. The value is an exceptionally interesting one.

Windsor Rockers and Chairs

In mahogany and fumed oak finishes. Rockers, \$3.75 each. Chairs, \$3.50 each. Neat oval back and comfortable arms—one of the best values we have ever offered.



Sixth floor.

In the Boys' Store

Mothers might as well bring the Boys in early and get them outfitted for Easter and the spring season.

The spring assortments of Suits and other apparel are all here now, and the earlier you choose the larger variety you will have to choose from.

New Spring Norfolk Suits in an exceptionally fine range of fabrics, and in plain and fancy colorings. They are modeled according to the latest styles for boys, and of a very high order of tailoring. The prices start at \$5.00 and go to \$15.00.

Third floor—Eleventh st.

Eighteen Injured in Explosion. Buffalo, N. Y., April 4.—Eighteen men were injured, at least three of them perhaps fatally, today when a large acetylene gas tank exploded in the foundry shop of the Otis Elevator Company. The cause of the explosion is unknown. The property loss was \$50,000.