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OPEN EVERY NIGHT UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS.

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BUT THE FLOW THAT IS TO FOLLOW WILL GRIND THE GRIST OF OUR BARGAINS ALL RIGHT.

IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH FORCE TO MOVE THE WHEEL THAT SELLS OUR GOODS. WE CONNECT THE LOW PRICE LEVER TO OUR SPECIAL VALUES AND THE THING GOES HUMMING.

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CAN ANY MAN BUY A MORE APPRECIATED PRESENT THAN A SILK DRESS OR SKIRT PATTERN?

We offer our best values in black in dress and skirt length, put up in pretty boxes, as follows:

24-INCH HANDSOME PLAIN BLACK ALL-SILK SATIN DUCHESS—A COMPLETE DRESS PATTERN.
Worth $15.
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Worth $21.00.
Special, $14.28.

If you wish to make a more inexpensive present we can put up for you in separate boxes Novelty Wool Dress and Plaid Waist Patterns.

$4.00 Dress Patterns put up in single boxes.....**At $2.73**
$5.25 Dress Patterns put up in single boxes.....**At $3.43**
$7.00 Dress Patterns put up in single boxes.....**At $4.49**
$10.00 Dress Patterns put up in single boxes.....**At $5.00**

WE ALSO PUT ON SALE MONDAY AN ELEGANT LINE OF FANCY WOOL AND SILK AND WOOL PLAIDS, SUITABLE FOR LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S DRESSES.

At 25c. Fancy Novelty Plaids that are worth.....**39c.**
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At 49c. Imported Silk and Wool Plaids that are worth...**69c.**
At 69c. The most elegant Silk and Wool Plaids that are worth.....**$1.00**

Table Linens and Towels

Are surely acceptable gifts, and in order to make it double interesting for you to buy we've still lowered our low prices for the grand finale.

WE ARE GOING TO SELL OUR 55c. QUALITY CREAM BLEACHED TABLE LINEN, 56 INCHES WIDE..... **At 25c.**
WE ARE GOING TO SELL OUR 40c. QUALITY FAST TURKEY RED TABLE LINEN, 60 INCHES WIDE..... **At 25c.**
WE ARE GOING TO SELL OUR 69c. QUALITY RED AND GREEN TABLE LINEN, 64 INCHES WIDE..... **At 47c.**
WE ARE GOING TO SELL OUR 75c. QUALITY CREAM BLEACHED TABLE DAMASK, 72 INCHES WIDE..... **At 50c.**
WE ARE GOING TO SELL OUR 75c. QUALITY FULL BLEACHED TABLE DAMASK, 68 INCHES WIDE..... **At 50c.**
WE ARE GOING TO SELL OUR 90c. QUALITY SILVER BLEACHED TABLE DAMASK, 70 INCHES WIDE..... **At 69c.**

$2.00 Bleached Dinner Napkins, ¾ size, at $1.45.
5c. Fringed Napkins, size 15x15, at 2c.
6c. Fringed Napkins, size 17x17, at 2½c.
10c. Bleached Napkins, size 18x18, at 6¼c.
12½c. Bleached Napkins, size 20x20, at 9c.
8-4 Chenille Table Covers, bright patterns, at $1.25.
20c. Linen Huck Towels, size 21x40, at 12½c.
25c. Linen Huck Towels, size 21x46, at 17c.
25c. Fine German Damask, size 21x45, at 19c.
38c. German Damask Towels, size 26x52, at 25c.
40c. Fine Hemstitched Huck Towels, size 23x46, at 25c.
50c. Knotted Fringe Drawnwork Damask Towels, at 33c.

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Men's Neckwear,
Men's Fancy Suspenders,
Men's Handkerchiefs,
Men's Hosiery,
Men's Night Robes,
Men's Umbrellas
AND ALL OTHER MEN'S BELONGINGS—
1st floor, main aisle

Ladies' Umbrellas,
Ladies' Jewelry,
Ladies' Leather Goods,
Ladies' Handkerchiefs,
Ladies' Gloves,
Ladies' Hosiery,
Ladies' Neckfixings.
1st floor, main aisle.

Ladies' Wraps,
Ladies' Furs,
Ladies' Waists,
Ladies' Boas.
2d floor, front.

Ladies' Silk Underskirts,
Ladies' Hand-knit Goods,
Ladies' Underwear,
Ladies' Corsets,
Ladies' Lounging Robes.
2d floor, annex.

To be continued in tomorrow's Sunday Times and Post.

S. KANN, SONS & CO.

Hoeke's Great Gift Sale.

If there is a time when you can appreciate a money saving opportunity it is now when your purses are being strained to the utmost to reach around all the holiday buying you've got to do. Here are a bunch of great-value, low-price specials that are nothing short of bargains—and every item bears directly upon the shopping you've got at hand. No gifts you can give will be more welcome than those that add to the comforts of home.

Hoeke's guarantee follows every sale until released by your absolute satisfaction.

Ladies' Desks.

A lot of Ladies' Handsomely Finished Oak Desks, with large drawer below lid; pigeon holes and all the conveniences inside; brass trimmed. $5 would be a fair price. The special price is

$3.75

Fancy Rockers.

Mahogany Panel Rockers—inlaid with mother of pearl and olive wood; embossed leather or plain wood seat—highly finished—strong—comfortable—and a bargain at

$6.50

Men's Chiffoniers.

A 33-inch Oak Chiffonier—with five big drawers—strongly made, handsome finish—and a bargain at our price—

$6.75

Bargains in Drapery Stuffs.

Some of our choice 32-inch $1 and $1.25 Silks—new and effective patterns—
39c. a yd.

Some of our rich 50-inch $2.50 and $2.75 Drapery Silks—in excellent effects—and unmatched qualities—
$1.50 a yd.

A lot of specially pretty Plain and Figured Silkalines—regular price, 15c.—
7c. a yd.

Warranted Cretonnes—for upholstering and draping—special price,
5c. a yd.

Some of our fine 45c. and 75c. grades of Japanese Crepes—
37c. a yd.

Portieres—

One and two pairs of a kind. We've a great many—'cause the busier the season, the more remnants. A sample of what the offering means—

Heavy Corded Tapestry Portieres, exquisite effect—actual value, $12.50. Special price,

$5

Sligh Bicycles.

As good a wheel as there is in the market today at any price. They sell regularly at $85. We throw in a Lamp, Bell, Brake, Tool Kit and Tools—and give you a written guarantee for one year—all for

$50

Bargains in Drapery Stuffs.

Remnants of Japanese Crepes—a bunch of values—your choice,
10c. a yd.

40-inch Silk-striped Tamativs Cloths—regular price, 50c.—special price,
19c. a yd.

Remnants of Silks and Art Stuffs—in lengths sufficient for covering pillows and small chairs—at
Less than half price.

Special values in a specially collected stock of Fine Lace Curtains for gifts at
Specially low prices.

Divan Suites.

A 3-piece Inlaid Divan Suite—mahogany finish, inlaid with mother of pearl and olive wood—polished like a piece of glass. New shape frames, covered with art stuffs. Made by best maker in the country. A royal present. Special price—

$35

Corner Chairs.

Ornamental pieces that are useful at the same time. This lot is mahogany finished, highly polished and upholstered in rich satin damask. It's a Chair that's worth a great deal more than our special Xmas price—

$6

Hall Rack.

Solid oak, handsomely polished, with box seat, oval French-plate beveled mirror—set in rococo frame—richly carved. The shape of the piece is artistic—the workmanship of the best—the price a bargain—

$20

Special Prices on Cushions

Down Cushions—in silk and gold—worth $4..... **$1.98**
Down Cushions—in satin and gold—worth $5..... **$2.98**
Sofa Cushions, in cretonne, with ruffled edges..... **39c.**

Vernis Martin Cabinets.

1—$75 Parlor Cabinet..... **$49**
1—$50 Music Cabinet, with double doors and mirror top..... **$39**
1—$45 Music Cabinet, with double doors..... **$28**
1—$37.50 Music Cabinet, with single door..... **$23**
These Cabinets are gold leaf, with hand-painted decorations—the prevailing fad.

HOEKE,
Furniture—Carpets—Draperies,
Pennsylvania Avenue and 8th Street.

Barber & Ross Holiday Gifts.

Open every evening till Christmas.

Sensible, Serviceable Gifts.

You don't need much argument to convince you that sensible and practical gifts are the most welcomed. The custom has become universal and the tawdry things are not even being bought by retailers. Consider these—and the prices. We know you cannot do better.

We're ahead in Cutlery

Far ahead of any store in town, both in variety and low prices. We haven't any cheap cutlery because you shouldn't buy it.

CARVERS—2-piece Genuine Stag Handle Carving Set—fully guaranteed—for a dollar. No better variety in this city.

POCKET KNIVES—We're ahead of all competition in pocket cutlery. We carry by far the largest stock in town, and we get what we're told to be the lowest prices. A good pocket knife is a very elegant gift. 25c. up to $10 for the finest.

RAZORS—Such leading "makes" as Wade & Butcher, Rogers, Wolstenholm, Swedish, Torreys, &c. A dollar buys a splendid razor.

We also carry the "Star" Safety Razor, of which you already know. They begin at $2 and go up to $18 for the finest sets.

Xmas tree holders, 50c up.

Open Face Watches, $1

We have run across one of the best things we have ever seen for the money—a Nickel-plated Open-face Watch—fully guaranteed—which we can sell for a dollar each. Especially suitable for men engaged in rough work where a fine watch is in imminent danger of being ruined. Splendid for bicycles and work shops, &c. Keep perfectly accurate time.

Give skates

—there's lots of enjoyment and exercise to be gotten from them, and the boy, if he's one of the nine out of ten, will appreciate them. Get good skates while you're about it. None but good ones here. 50c. up. A 25c. skate sharpener with each pair of ice skates.

Wood Wheel Extension Skates, 50c.
Raymond Extension Roller Skates, $1.25.

Useful tool chests.

Don't come here for the toy chests. Ours are made up of tools from our own stock—fine guaranteed mechanics' tools. If the boy is of any "turn of mind" whatever he'll like them—learn with them.

Chest of 17 tools, $5. Chest of 31 tools, $10. Chest of 38 tools, $13. Chest of 43 tools, $19. Chest of 50 tools, $25.

You may buy the empty chest separate, and then pick what tools you wish from stock, on which we will name you a lump price. All chests are of ash, with walnut trimmings.

"Puritan" Oil Heaters

—are necessary in almost every house during the cold weather, so if you want to give a welcome gift—let it be one of them. No better on the market—none more economical.

No. 34—burns 3½c. worth of oil in ten hours..... $4.00
No. 44—burns 6c. worth of oil in ten hours..... $5.00
No. 54—burns 8c. worth of oil in ten hours..... $7.50
No. 64—burns 8c. worth of oil in ten hours and has double drum, cast-iron fire box and is handsomer..... $9.00
Nos. 54 and 64 have drip pan and rollers.

"Calovit" Gas Heaters

—are best of their sort. None burn so little fuel—none are so powerful.

1-burner size heats a single bed room, and consumes but 5c. worth of gas in ten hours..... $2
2-burner size heats a large room, and burns but 11c. worth of gas in ten hours $3
The 3-burner size heats an extra large room, and burns but 16c. worth of gas a day.

Barber & Ross, Cor. G and 11th Sts.

The Country in Danger.

From the New York Herald.

A little, weazened, leather-looking old man, with piercing black eyes and eyebrows as heavy as the average man's mustache, sat in front of me on a Michigan Central express train one day recently. Presently he manifested enough kindly human interest in me to turn around and ask about forty questions relating to my personal and private affairs. Then, without any apparent reason for doing so, he said, with a sigh:

"There ain't no big fam'lies nowadays, be they?"

"Well, I don't know!"

"No, they ain't," he said, positively. "The nice, big, healthy, happy fam'ly is a thing o' the past. 'Twan't so when I was young. I was one of seventeen, an' my pap was one of nineteen children, an' all of 'em lived to grow up an' be married."

"And how many children have you?"

"I ain't got but 'leven livin'."

"I suppose that you have grandchildren?"

"Yes, but nothin' like what I ought to have. My oldest son ain't got but nine children, an' my daughter Jane's been married twenty years an' ain't got but ten, an' my third boy ain't got but eight. The big fam'ly is played out."

"How many grandchildren have you, anyhow?"

He made a long calculation on his bony fingers and said:

"I ain't got but sixty-three. Of course, that's some, but it ain't what I ort to hev. Furriners 'll take control of this country yit if we Americans don't watch out."

Holiday's Troubles.

From the Chicago Record.

"What do you intend to get your husband for a Christmas gift?"

"I can't make up my mind whether to give him lace curtains, a dinner set, new portieres or a drawing room clock."

An Affliction.

From the New York Tribune.

Little Johnny—"What is your papa's business?"

Little Clarence—"My papa is a poet."

Little Johnny—"Huh! That ain't a business—it's a disease."

SAVING THE BASS

Arrangements Have Been Completed for Seining the Canal.

PLANS AND PROGRAM PREPARED

Work Will Begin a Week From Next Monday.

PUBLIC INTEREST CONTINUES

The movement in favor of saving the bass in the canal and transferring the thousands of fish that would otherwise perish when the water is drawn off is growing steadily, and the spirit of co-operation seems to be inspiring every man who delights in the rare sport which the famous game fish affords. Dr. George W. Massamore, the deputy game warden of Maryland, who has been the prime mover in the project of seining the canal, was in Washington yesterday, and his visit was productive of many good results. He saw Col. G. L. Nicholson, the general manager of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal and informed him of the desire to have the canal water drawn off slowly.

The Water to Leak Out.

Col. Nicholson said he would have all the feeders of the canal shut down tomorrow, December 20, and instead of raising the exit gates would allow the water to leak out, thus assuring a gradual emptying of the canal. This system will take the water out in about four or five days, and the seining of the remaining pools will begin Monday, December 28.

Arrangements for the Work.

The arrangements for the seining parties have been completed. The Woodmont Club will seine the pools from the long tunnel, fourteen miles above the club house, to Hancock, ten miles below. The Hagerstown gentlemen will take care of the work from Hancock to Williamsport, and the Blue Ridge and Baltimore clubs, with the assistance of the four men and the necessary paraphernalia furnished by United States Fish Commissioner Brice, will do the work from Williamsport to this city. The most important work will be done along this stretch.

Two parties will start out from Harper's Ferry, where Dr. George W. Massamore will make his headquarters during the progress of the seining, and one will go west as far as Williamsport, and the other come to this city, a distance altogether of eighty-nine miles.

United States Fish Commissioner Brice has placed the men and seines so kindly offered by him for assistance in the work under the directions of Mr. Cluskey Cromwell of this city, who will assign them to duty in accordance with the plans made by Dr. Massamore and Dr. W. S. Harban.

More Aid Offered.

Mr. H. A. Waters of Travilah, Md., has offered on behalf of the Travilah Club to seine the canal from Seneca to Great Falls if the necessary paraphernalia is furnished, but his kind offer was necessarily declined on account of arrangements having been made to cover this section. Mr. Waters will be informed, however, that his club can help materially in the good work by assisting in the entertainment of the men who will be engaged in the seining by providing them with shelter and food and furnishing help for the transportation of the seines from one pool to the other.

Dr. Massamore also consulted Dr. Walter S. Harban of the Blue Ridge Rod and Gun Club, and United States Fish Commissioner Brice, and the complete plans of the system to be followed in seining the canal will be made public early next week. The subscriptions to The Evening Star fund continue, and many of the favors are accompanied by characteristic letters. Mr. Frank B. Curtis of the pension office inclosed his check for $2 in a letter which read as follows:

"Being one of Izaak Walton's most enthusiastic disciples, I desire to add my mite to the fund now being raised to pay expenses of seining the bass now in the canal and transferring them to the river. I therefore hand you my check for $2, to be applied to that purpose.

"I am one of those who believe a united effort on the part of the best element of true piscatorial sportsmen is all that will be needed to make the Potomac above the Little Falls the finest bass stream in this country. The way to accomplish that result, in my opinion, is the one suggested by Fish Commissioner Brice, viz: To stock the stream liberally each year with young bass, and to get rid of the carp as fast as possible.

"The movement now on foot is in the right direction, and if successfully carried out ought to add thousands of producing bass to the greatly depleted supply now in the river. The gentlemen who are making this commendable effort have my hearty sympathy.

"Long live the gamey bass!"

Seining the Canal.

The Star has received the following contributions for seining the canal:

Heretofore acknowledged	$131.50
C. N. Hauer, Frederick	1.00
Jno. P. Muller	2.00
Cash B	2.00
Cash C	2.00
H. C.	1.00
J. K.	1.00
J. R. K.	.50
A. A. W.	5.00
M. N. L.	2.00
Old Salt	.50
James M. Green	5.00
Total	$153.50

Clickin' of de Reel.

Written for The Evening Star.

I's hear'd de bullfrog bellow,
De fatty 'possum squeal,
But dat's no music like unto
De clickin' ob de reel.

I's hear'd de locus' singin',
De killdeer's noisy peal,
But dat don't wake de heart up
Like de clickin' ob de reel.

I's hear'd de farm bell ringin'
De call fer fiel' han's meal,
But dat don't have no 'traction
Like de clickin' ob de reel.

I's hear'd de fox-houn' barkin',
He'd scent de rabbit's heel,
But dat wer' mighty dullness
'Gin de clickin' ob de reel.

Is yer eber bin a-boatin'
In de ship widout de keel,
En seen de rod a-bendin'
To de clickin' ob de reel?

De trow dey call dis "castin',"
En when dey strike ye's feel
De line she go a-singin'
To de clickin ob de reel.

Ye begin ter wind yer in den
Wid all ye's might an' zeal,
Fer ye's likely cotch'd a bass
Wid de clickin' ob de reel.

From ebery nook an' corner,
Natur's mel'dies roun' me steal,
But non' ob dem kin in it
Wid de clickin' ob de reel.

—R. S.

A Notable Catch.

November 24 Thomas G. Lansden and Richard Sylvester captured twenty-two pounds of bass in the Potomac near the mouth of the Monacacy river. Mr. Lansden's catch embraced the two large fish, the dimensions of which are shown in the above cut. The two weighed 9¼ pounds.

HIGH PRICES FOR RARE COINS.

Sale of the Third Part of the Montague English Collection.

From the New York Sun.

The third portion of the collection of English coins made by the late Mr. Hyman Montague has just been sold in London, the sale taking seven days and bringing in $43,919. The first two portions of the English collection had fetched $49,408, while the Greek coins sold for $44,884, and the Roman gold coins $65,000. The gem of this sale was the Juxon medal, for which $3,850 was obtained. Among the other coins that brought high prices were a ryal of Mary I, the queen standing in a ship holding a sword and scepter, $210; an angel of Philip and Mary, $108; a half crown of the same, $480; Elizabeth, a half crown, the queen with long hair, $182; a spur ryal, $200; a half crown of James I, $177.

There were many pattern pieces and unique specimens of the coinage of Charles I and the commonwealth. The Oxford silver pattern crown, with the king on horseback, brought $640; a siege piece, the Pontefract gold unity, $600; another, a Scarborough silver five-shilling piece, $300; a Bristol gold unit, $126; an Oxford gold three-pound piece, $230; a Shrewsbury silver pound, $177; a Beestop castle silver eighteen pence, $100; two pattern broads, $150 apiece; a silver half crown, with the king on horseback, $205; a pattern penny, $36; a crown by Briot, $212.

Cromwell's coins were nearly all pattern pieces. Simon's crown of 1658, with the bust of the protector and the inscription, "Has nisi periturus mihi adimat nemo," brought $760; a fifty-shilling gold piece, 1656, also by Simon, $367; a half broad of the same year with milled edge, $250; a silver two-shilling piece, $150; a sixpence, 1658, $100. The Simon petition crown of Charles II, 1663, fetched $1,550; the silver crown with the inscription, Reddite Quae Caesaris Caesari, $500, and the same in pewter, $275; a pattern crown by Roettier, with the arms of England and France quartered, 1663, $450; another, with the arms or separate shields, $200; a five-shilling piece by Simon, $172; a two-guinea piece of 1675, $222. The highest price paid for a coin of James II was $83, for a five-guinea piece of 1686, with elephant and castle; $125 was given for a sixpence and a shilling and a half of William III; $144 for a five-guinea of Queen Anne before the union with Scotland, and $174 for a guinea of the same period, while a shilling of 1709 brought $86.

EASY DIVORCE PRACTICE.

A Man Divorced Six Years Before He Knew It.

From the Chicago Tribune.

The ease with which the divorce laws of the state of Illinois can be beaten was aptly illustrated in Judge Gibbons' court today.

This strange story of oppressed womanhood came out in an attempt on the part of Laura Carson to compel payment of a decree for $2,000 alimony. The defendant to the petition was Arthur R. Thyng, who was her former husband, and who showed the court in less than three minutes that he ought not to pay the alimony.

Although living within "a stone's throw," figuratively speaking, of the court house Thyng did not know until three days ago that his wife had been divorced from him. It was only by accident that he found that a decree had been granted against him six years ago; that his wife procured in her decree a provision that he should pay her $2,000 lump alimony; that she had induced the court to change the name of his three children to Carlton, which was her maiden name, and that she had been married to a second husband several years.

Judge Gibbons could hardly credit the story when he heard the undoubted facts. It appears that Thyng, who is a baggageman on the Alton road, had given his wife some cause, fancied or real, for leaving him. She had taken one child with her, and left two children in the possession of her husband. They have been with him ever since, and his amazement can be imagined when he learned that legally their names are now Carlton, and not Thyng. Although residing in Roadhouse, Ill., Thyng was never able to trace his wife, and completely lost sight of her.

Last week he met her for the first time since 1890, when she told him of the facts as here given. Then she secured an attorney and had him get a rule on Thyng to show cause why he should not comply with the decree entered six years ago.

The strange part of the decree is that it was obtained without having had personal service of the divorce proceedings upon Thyng, which the law says shall not be done. Mrs. Thyng filed her bill, the records show, on the ground of drunkenness and cruelty, and service was had by publication, although she knew perfectly well where her husband lived. Ex-Judge Collins heard the evidence, and on a statement that Thyng had inherited $5,000 entered a decree for $2,000 for the wife, evidently forgetting there had not been personal service. Soon after that Mrs. Thyng was married to W. H. Carson, a lithographer.

Never before did she make any attempt to collect the $2,000, and her action in now doing so was probably due to her oversight in informing Thyng of the facts.

"She can have her divorce and her new husband," said Thyng, while in court, "but I shall get that part of the decree changing my children's names corrected. Two of them have always lived with me and I can't see why she should do such a thing or why a court should allow it."

The court, of course, held that the money decree was void.

THE TRADE WAS BROKEN OFF.

And It Was Only Because They Could Not Agree About a $2 Bargain.

From the Chicago Tribune.

"I wonder if your people would like to have a good St. Bernard dog?" observed the matron in the fur-trimmed cloak, who was coming to the city on a milk train.

"I don't know," said the square-jawed dame in black who sat on the other side of the aisle. "Got one to sell?"

"No, not exactly to sell," rejoined the other.

"It's like this. You know the Kenmans? Well, they gave him to us when he was a pup. He's grown now to be a great big splendid animal, and he hasn't any bad habits, but I've got tired of seeing him lying on the floor in the parlor all day. He's all right for a pet, but he takes up too much room, and I have made up my mind to give him away to anybody that will promise to take good care of him."

"I think it's likely we could take him."

"There's only one other thing I'd insist on. He wears a silver collar around his neck that cost us a couple of dollars, and it's as good as new. I should want $2 for the collar. The dog won't cost anything."

"I don't think I want to take him that way. I'd be willing to give you $2 for the dog, and you can throw the collar in. That would be more like business."

"No, I shouldn't be satisfied to let it go that way. I want my money back for the collar, but I can't bring myself to sell Rover. It comes to the same thing, anyhow. You give me the $2 for the collar and I make you a present of the dog."

"That isn't the way I look at it. You would be selling me a dog collar for $2 and throwing in a dog. I couldn't look the animal in the face if I got him like that."

"I couldn't sleep comfortably at night if I took a miserable little $2 for old Ro—"

"I'd never get done hating myself if I gave a $2 bill for a leather strap with a piece of plate metal on it in order to get a—"

"I don't believe you've got $2!"

"I don't believe you've got any St. Bernard dog! He's some old sheep-killing animal with the mange and you want to get rid of him!"

"You ought to have him if he's that kind! A decent dog wouldn't stay in your house!"

They straightened themselves up, leaned stiffly back in their respective seats, and glared hard at the other end of the car till the train rolled into the station.

Death of Paul Auguste Arene.

Paul Auguste Arene, the French litterateur, is dead. He was born in 1845, and was the author of several comedies and a number of novels.

BANJOS 20 per cent off. Your own time to pay. Agents Fairbanks' Instruments.
CULLEN & COLLINS, Sole Agts., 1351 S st.
no21-1m,8

Gifts on the easiest of payments.

No other time of the year is our liberal credit system so popular—making gift giving possible where it would otherwise be impossible.

We've prepared some exceeding values for Monday and the three following days.

$2 & $2.50 wrappers, 86c.

We have had Wrapper sales before, but never none that will equal this offering. Knowing that many of you would be buying them for gifts, our buyer secured the market last week and got this lot—the finest German elderdowns—fancy elderdowns—black and white figured and Persian flannelettes—all with ruffled yoke trimmed with cording, Watteau back and wide skirts—and which usually sell for $2 and $2.50. Take them for 86c.

The sale of Grabenstein's wraps

—will continue this week, offering the greatest Wrap values it has ever been our pleasure to put before you. We have found that you appreciate them more than the patrons of our other stores, so over we've brought an immense quantity, which we're sure won't last more than the week out.

$5 Beaver and Kersey Coats are $2.98.
$8 Lamb's-wool Coats are $4.50.
$15 Caterpiller Boucle Coats are $6.98.
$20 Empire Coats are $12.50.
$5 Seal Plush Capes are $3.
$15 Seal Plush Capes are $9.50.
$25 Seal Plush Capes are $15.
$3 Brilliantine Skirts are $1.79.
$6 Plaid Cloth Skirts are $2.49.
$15 Silk Skirts are $9.50.

Lot of $15 to $22 coats, $6.98.

We are going to give gift givers some fun. We are going to bunch a lot of about 40 Kersey and Boucle Tight-fitting Coats, which have been selling for $15, $20, $22, and let you take your choice for **$6.98.**

The Kerseys are in plain colors and some have fur trimming and braided collars and cuffs.

Gift umbrellas

as low as 79c. and as high as $6 and $7—for men and women. We were fortunate not long since in closing out a lot of Men's and Women's Close-rolling Silk Umbrellas—with Dresden, gold and silver-mounted natural wood handles—Umbrellas which should sell for $6. Got them low enough to sell for $3.98—elegant line. Initials engraved free.

Gift mackintoshes.

A very elegant gift for a woman. Some Mackintoshes here at $3.98 for which you pay others $5.50 to $7—thoroughly acclimated—extra cape.

Child's fur sets.

We've run across a lot of Children's Angora Fur Sets—which would bring $2.75 ordinarily, but we shall let them go for $1.49. Have white ribbon bows and pocket book—a splendid gift for any little girl you know.

Flannelette Waists, 27c.
Electric Seal Muffs, 73c.
Mink Neck-Scarfs, 59c.
Elderdown Dressing Sacques, 68c.

Hecht and Company, 515 7th St.

G St. near 12th. 12th St. F & G.

CHAS. A. MUDDIMAN.

Useful and Ornamental Goods for Christmas.

Lamps.

A selection of Small Fancy Lamps, choice..... 10c. ea.
The Pet is all glass, very handy, only. 12c.
All-night Lamp is made full nickel and has neat reflector..... 23c.
Glow Night Lamps..... 25c. & 50c.

Princess Lamps in large variety of wrought iron—Delft, Dresden and gold gilt. Just secured. Prices from..... $1.75 up.

Banquet Lamps at special prices, including B. & H., Rochester and the latest make by E. & M. Co. We offer them at $1.35, $1.50, $2.25, $2.35, $4.50, and as fine as you want.

Library Lamps marked way down. All with spring extension and large shades included. $2.00, $2.50, $2.75 and up to $8.75.

Fine Reading Lamp—for excellency of construction, fine light—ease to place wick—side filler and indicator to tell when to stop pouring oil in—lift on burner so you need not take chimney off to light the lamp—also extinguisher, so you do not have to blow it out. We include porcelain reflector shade and prices only $1.85, $2.10, $2.40 & $2.75, complete.

Five O'Clock Teas, also Chafing Dishes. We have an assortment of new patterns with improved alcohol burners. $1.45, $2.15, $2.40, $2.60, $2.75, $2.85, $3.75.

We Sell Stoves, too.

Oil Heating Stoves.

No. 1—Made with hood, complete	$1.20
No. 2—Double burner, complete	$1.90
No. 0—Detachable, to fit any lamp	$1.25
Mascot Oil Stove, for lamp	$2.25
You can cook, if desired, on either of above.	
No. 3—Very hot Oil Stove, water tank attached	$3.25
No. 4—A. & W. Oil Heating Stove	$3.75
No. 34—Puritan Oil Heater	$4.00
No. 44—Puritan Oil Heater	$5.00
No. 54—Puritan Oil Heater	$7.50

Gas Heating Stoves.

Choice of two styles at	$1.25
Mascot Gas Stove	$1.25
Asbestos Gas Heaters, reduced to	$2.75
Cylinder, New Haven style, very hot	$1.75
Cylinder Style, very neat, nickel	$2.25
Cylinder Style, very neat, nickel, larger	$2.85

Many Radiators and Bakers, Heaters, so as to fill any want.

Oil Heating Stoves.

Gas Drop Lights.

Have double burners, and give very satisfactory illumination. We have them in several styles, and in each case we include porcelain shade and correct delivery.

No. 1 we attach to any gas fixture or gas bracket, complete	75c.
No. 2 is made to drop, and also extend the light, complete, attached	95c.
No. 3 can be hung on any fixture and transferred to any room	90c.
Nos. 4, 5 and 6 Light	95c., $1.00 and $1.05

Portable Gas Drop Lights,
With best tubing, improved burner, porcelain shade, all complete. $1.90 to $10

The style for $2.40, including Argand burner, complete, is very popular.

Banquet Globes.

We opened an additional shipment Friday night and have many and choice patterns—too numerous to mention. Your choice in Delft, Dresden, Dragon, &c.

75c., 90c., $1.25, &c.

Reflector Study Lamp to concentrate bright light; also protect the eyes..... $1.50

See our 23c. Lamp.

Welsbach Lights only..... $2.00
Use our 'Phone, No. 140.

Self-lighting Gas Burners..... 30c.
When put on, 60c.

Backus Steam Gas Heaters—see them. Chandeliers and Hall Lanterns.

C. A. Muddiman, Double Store, 12th & G Sts. No. 616 on 12th St. No. 1204 on G St.

Headquarters for light and heat, including all attachments for Gas Fixtures, Lamps and Gas Stoves.

Our Portable Drop Light, $2.40, has Argand Burner, best tubing and shade complete. Backus Steam Heaters. Many suitable Christmas Goods. 1t

$30 for $14—

Not a week passes here that does not proclaim new "gems" of incomparable offerings to make our store a realm of the rarest buying advantages. The SPECIAL OFFERING of any piece of overcoating in our house to-order for $14 is an item of unparalleled up-to-date trading. Our reason is plain—we want to close out every winter overcoat in the house. You'll find every price in the lot—the $30 kinds for $14—$25 kinds for $14—the $20 kinds for $14—the $18 kinds for $14—the $15 kinds for $14—if you pick out a $15 one you save $1—if you pick out a $30 one you save $16.

FULL DRESS silk-lined suits to-order, **$25.**

Mertz and Mertz, New "Era" Tailors, 906 F Street.