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Our Price, $5.97.
12 Brocaded Satin Skirts. Actual value, $12.50.
Our Price, $7.88.
50 Ladies' White Duck Skirts. Actual value, $1.48.
Our price, 99c.
These Skirts are five yards wide.

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Lot of Shirt Waists, 75c., 98c. and $1.25 grade.

29c.

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SPAIN'S FLEET AT SANTIAGO

Sampson and Schley Reported Coaling at Key West.

Rumor That the Cadiz Fleet is Somewhere in the Vicinity of Nova Scotia.

An Associated Press cablegram from Madrid (via Paris) yesterday says: The Spanish squadron has arrived at Santiago de Cuba without accident.

A later direct message from Santiago de Cuba confirms the arrival of the Spanish squadron.

A special copyrighted dispatch to the New York Herald from Kingston, Jamaica, the same date says: The steamship Adula, which arrived today from Santiago de Cuba, reports that she passed seven warships between Jamaica and the coast of Cuba. These vessels were steering west in double column and their nationality was unknown. They are supposed to have been the Spanish fleet.

A dispatch to the Herald from Panama says: As yet neither Barranquila, Carthagena, Port Limon, Greytown nor any other port near Panama has reported news of the Spanish fleet. There is much anxiety here and at Colon, the authorities being puzzled as to how to act in case the fleet puts in at Colon for coal or other supplies. The declaration of neutrality by Colombia makes coal contraband of war.

Sampson Joins Schley.

The Herald this morning says: Admiral Sampson, with the division of the North Atlantic squadron under his command which attacked San Juan, Porto Rico, has returned to Key West, where he has effected a junction with Commodore Schley's squadron. This means that he has under his orders the battle ships Iowa, Indiana and Massachusetts, the second-class battle ship Texas and the armored cruisers Brooklyn and New York, which make him superior by two armorclads to the Spanish fleet.

Admiral Sampson, it is said, has been given authority to employ divers to clean the bottoms of men-of-war which were with him before San Juan, provided he deems the opportunity a good one. If it proves true that the Spanish fleet is at Santiago de Cuba, he will doubtless defer this action. The hulls of these vessels are reported to be very foul, notwithstanding the cleaning by divers which they received three months ago.

Admiral Sampson, it is believed, will form a new flying squadron out of the vessels at his command, so as to catch the fast Spanish ships and engage them until the remainder of his squadron can arrive.

Strange Warship Sighted.

A copyrighted special to the New York Herald from Bridgewater, N. S., via Halifax, N. S., yesterday, says: This morning about 9 o'clock the smoke of several steamers was seen off the coast near Cape La Haye. Several persons went up on a hill known as Round Hill, at Getson's Cove, and from that eminence saw distinctly nine large vessels under steam heading in about a southerly direction.

The ships appeared to be traveling at a fair rate of speed. Their nationality could not be discerned.

Your correspondent received this information from Reinhardt Bros. of Getson's Cove, who vouch for the correctness of the story. The ships, when seen, were near Indian Island, and about four or five miles from the coast.

Bernabe Secures Coal.

The Montreal Star of yesterday says: A new feature of the Spanish-American war—one in which it is said that Senor Polo y Bernabe and his associates are keenly interested—is the probable advance of the Cadiz squadron into the North Atlantic.

One barrier alone has been standing between the New England coast and the Cadiz fleet. It is the lack of coal for the warships when they get to this side of the ocean. It has been planned to secure a coal supply. Spanish ships now carrying it may be well on their way across the Atlantic; indeed, according to information received from a Star correspondent at North Sydney, C. B., it is possible that even at the present time Spanish coal ships are in the waters about Newfoundland.

The advices from Cape Breton state that Senor Polo has been in communication with an agent or correspondent on the Island of St. Pierre and Miquelon, the coaling stations of France in the North Atlantic. There is a constant exchange of trade between Cape Breton and St. Pierre, and the gossip of one port is more or less current in the other.

For the last week lookout operators on the Newfoundland coast have reported the appearance of strange vessels in those waters. In this connection the Star's informant suggests that these strange craft are gunboats convoying the Spanish vessels' coal.

HIGH EXPLOSIVES.

Dynamite is Looked Upon as Being the Safest and Deadliest.

From the Philadelphia Times.

At the present time, when the consideration of effective war engines brings so prominently before the world the dynamite gun, of which so much is expected by the officers of the Vesuvius and Nictheroy, the two dynamite cruisers of the United States navy, it might not be amiss to consider the general subject of dynamite and other high explosives and tell something of their appearance and proportions. Taking first the best known, let us consider the properties of dynamite.

Dynamite, or giant powder, the invention of Alfred Nobel of Sweden, can be made into cakes, or it may be converted into a sticky paste called "explosive gum," or enveloped in cases of paper, pasteboard or metal to form cartridges. It is a desiccated mixture of three liquid ingredients—nitric acid, sulphuric acid and glycerin—combined with sawdust or some similar substance, the compound constituting a mass resembling damp graham flour or pale cocoa. To some it appears like coarse brown sugar. "Explosive gum" is of pure nitroglycerin and gun cotton more highly charged with nitrate.

The pulverized form prevents the transmission of ordinary shocks except under pressure in a confined space. The pressure of the inert mineral constituents serves likewise to absorb heat, and consequently a high temperature cannot be readily imparted to the whole, but when imparted this temperature effects a great expansion of the gases and increased effectiveness of explosion.

Ignited in the open air, dynamite burns quietly, with nitrous fumes. Exploded, usually by means of a fulminating fuse or cap, it gives off carbonic acid, nitrogen and hydrogen, with little or no smoke, leaving only a white ash. Under favorable conditions the effectiveness of dynamite is always at least equal and frequently superior to that of nitroglycerin, for the latter is liable to scatter unexploded drops by reason of the maximum rapidity of its ignition.

Dynamite is now recognized as the safest of all high explosives. It is not affected by a prolonged temperature of 100 degrees centigrade, nor is it as dangerous as nitroglycerin when it solidifies at 8 degrees centigrade. Neither light electricity nor ordinary shocks, contrary to the popular fallacy, cause it to decompose or explode. The principal dangers connected with its use are those arising from the strong fulminating powders used in the percussion fuses to explode it. It is also possible that if dynamite is carelessly made it may contain an excess of nitroglycerin, which, overcoming the capillary force of the mineral particles, may collect in drops and settle from the mass, becoming a source of serious accidents. Moreover, it may be that freezing or thawing after freezing has a tendency to segregate the oil.

In the pine woods of southern New Jersey, far from any human habitation, there are several dynamite factories, which are harmless-looking structures, as they are scattered frame buildings, generally one story high and remote from one another. In Europe there are many notable factories in France and other countries, but the most famous one is at Isleten, in Switzerland. The work there is principally performed by women and girls.

In the retail stores of the United States where dynamite is for sale there is no unusual precaution taken in the storing of it. It is the cap and the cartridge used in connection with dynamite that are so often confounded in the accounts of explosions, etc. The prevailing idea about Anarchist Linggs's death is that he exploded a cartridge in his mouth. Instead it was the much smaller but just as deadly cap.

The common domestic article retails at from 25 to 90 cents a pound, according to the proportion of nitroglycerin to sawdust or lampblack.

Doctors Recommend
Horsford's Acid Phosphate
for Nervousness, Dyspepsia and Overwork.
Pleasant to take. Sold only in bottles.

$5 Parasols, $2.98.

A lot of 150 actual $5 Parasols and Umbrellas—all of the prettiest patterns of changeable silk. Swell-looking examples of fashionable sun and rain protectors. Dainty, graceful handles of fine miniature painted Dresden, as well as many other attractive styles in fine handles—not one in the lot but is worth as much as the price we ask exclusive of the Umbrella proper.

SENSATIONAL SALE OF CANDY!

Confectionery, never sold for less than 40c. a lb., goes on sale tomorrow for only 9½c. a pound! Includes delicious Chocolate Creams of every enticing flavor, tempting Bon Bons, delightful tasting Cream Dates, Cream Jellies, "Dewey Creams," Chocolate Nonpareils and scores of novelties in candy making..... 9½c. a lb.

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Electric light brilliance at half the cost of gas!

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Nothing to match it in effectiveness to be had elsewhere for less than $2. We furnish it all ready to light, complete with mantle, shade, chimney and burner, for only..... 48c.
Extra Mantles, 18c.

Pushing Sales With Crowd-Gathering Prices, Saving You More Money Than Ever.

Forcibly and convincingly, proving our values to be unapproachable for reliable merchandise. Everlastingly furthering our policy to increase our sales and decrease the cost to our customers.

Children's Hats & Dresses.

Prices that demonstrate how spot cash can control current quotations.

Mull Hats with straw crowns—all colors—less than half price.....25c.
Mull Caps, 49c. styles for.....25c.
White and Colored Lawn and Percale Dresses—sizes 1 to 4 years—worth up to 75c.....44c.
Children's 98c. White Nainsook Dresses, embroidered yoke and embroidered ruffle over shoulder—1 to 4 years.....68c.

Pretty Hat Trimmings.

The stocks of two leading New York manufacturers—closed out to us at 25c. on the dollar! About 700 dozen all told—include handmade, hand-colored Flower creations. Divided into two lots—

23c. a bch. Flowers or Foliage worth from 68 cents to $1.75. No two alike.

11c. a bch. Values range from 25 cents up to 68 cents.

19c. Black Wings.....10c. pair
49c. Soft Quills, 6 in a bunch.....19c.

25c., 35c. and 50c. Black Tuxedo Veiling—plain and dotted—18 and 27 in. wide...14c. yd.
35c. Dotted Maline Net for hat trimmings—all colors.....17c. yard

12½c. Handkerchiefs.....7c.
Men's H. S.—all white and colored borders. Ladies' 12½c. and 15c. Embroidered and Hemstitched Handkerchiefs — Saturday special at..... 8c.

BON MARCHE.
314-316-318 Seventh.

Sale Extraordinary of Suits, Skirts and Waists.

Our 2d-floor annex was never better equipped to fit the needs of every woman with an eye to the little economies of life, the dictates of fashion and the love of the artistic in dress. We're showing an assortment of pretty outdoor garments that have never had their duplicates in this section—at such remarkable prices as we're quoting! Bought from one of the largest New York importers at 50c. on the dollar!

Suits worth $9, $10 and $12 go for - $5

Fine Cloth Reefer and Blouse styles—braided and trimmed—latest colors and cloths—some of them silk lined. Grand values at these quotations.

Suits worth $15, $18 and $20 go for $10
Suits worth $22.50, $25 and $30 go for $15

Linen Crash Skirts, 39c.
The regular 50c. Skirts for 39c.—$1 grades offered at 79c.—and the $1.48 qualities go for 98c.

White Duck Skirts, 79c.
Excellent qualities—actually worth $1.25.

Ladies' 15c. All-linen Collars — new shapes—tomorrow..... 8c.

Headquarters for Fine Shirt Waists

At the very least prices asked by any house in this section! The famous Holzman "Marquise," $1, $1.25 and $1.50 Shirt Waists—patterns a plenty to pick from—at..... 79c.

Bicycles & Sundries--Unusual

selling—setting out a pace—the local dealers cannot keep up with! Sundries at the nearest-to-nothing prices known! Bicycles—dependable, standard makes—at less than factory cost!

$75 Howard Bicycle—made by the world-famous E. Howard Watch Co.—guaranteed in every detail—as good a wheel as ever rolled a Washington pavement..... $29.75

$25 and $30 Juvenile Wheels—for boys and girls of any age—the very best make of Juvenile Wheels on the market today—for only..... $14.98

Leading the Procession on Sundries.

Bicycle Sundries.

Tire Tape—large rolls.....1½c.
Graphite, stick.....1c.
Trouser Guards.....1c. pair
Handlebar Grips.....8c. pair
Trip Cyclometers.....29c.
W. S. 10,000-mile Cyclometer.....49c.
$1.00 Pocket Foot Pump.....29c.
Best Steel Bicycle Stands.....11c.
Toe Clips.....7c. pair
35c. Adjustable Toe Clips.....15c. pair
Morgan & Wright Repair Kits.....10c.
Fork Brackets.....2c.
Head Brackets.....5c.
New Departure Bells.....9c.
Messinger Saddles.....59c.
Morgan & Wright Saddles.....98c.
Christy Saddles.....$1.95
Continuous Ringing Bells.....75c.
Best Steel Handle Bars—any shape.....85c.
20th Century Lamp—'97.....$1.48
The $1.50 Owl Lamp—'98.....89c.
Pathlight Lamp—'98.....$1.98
Brass Cylinder Foot Pumps.....29c.
Full-size Foot Pump.....19c.

Ribbon Carnival.

Thousands of yards All-Silk Ribbons at special prices tomorrow! Only room here to mention two.

4 and 4½ inches All-silk Ribbons—fancy stripes, Roman effects, moire satin and gros grain in black and colors, honestly worth from 25c. to 39c. yard..... 12c.
All-silk—Double-face Satin Ribbon—5½ and 6 in. wide—fancy plaids, Roman stripes and Bayaderes—Sash Ribbons—never sold for less than 68c. to 75c. yard..... 39c.

SUMMER UND'RW'R.

Bona fide bargains—that play a prominent part in pushing sales:
Ladies' 12½c. Fine Ribbed Vests..... 8c.
19c. Fine Ribbed Cotton Vests—white, ecru, pink and light blue.....12½c.
39c. Extra Fine Lisle Thread Vests—all colors—Torchon lace trimmed and silk tapes..... 25c.
Children's 25c. India Gauze Vests and Knee-length Pants—special for Saturday only..... 19c.
Children's Fast Black Cotton Hose, fine ribbed, for boys and girls, double knee, heel and toe, sizes 6 to 9 years—were never sold less than 19c. Special for Saturday..... 12½c.

BIG BELT BARGAIN!

11c. instead of 25c. for your pick of 300 Fine Leather and Silk Belts, with metal and leather buckles.

For Summer Reading.

500 different Books at 9c., 3 for..... 25c.
Her Second Love—Molly Bawn—Merle's Crusade—John Halifax—A March in the Ranks—Prince Otto—Only the Governess—Good Luck—Home Sounds—Sweet Cymbeline—Tom Jones—Thelma—Queechy—Daughter of an Empress, &c., &c., &c.
At 5c.—6 for 25c.
House on the Marsh—Three Men in a Boat—In Silk Attire—June—Camille—Sapho—Love and Money—What Gold Cannot Buy—Reveries of a Bachelor—The Hired Baby—A Wasted Love—Married in Haste, &c., &c.

BROOKLAND.

If the Eckington and Soldiers' Home railway continues its transit as it has in the past week the residents who make use of the electric portion will either have to walk into the city or take the train. Where there is half and three-quarters of an hour, and sometimes an hour, interval between cars at the terminus either at Brookland or Boundary, the citizens surely have just cause to complain. The Maryland section of this line has ceased to be used, and that car is about the only one that goes with any degree of regularity on the Eckington and Brookland portion. Even this car is often laid up for repairs. It is no uncommon occurrence to have the electrical machinery under the car on fire or to ride in a car usually driven by horses pulled by the "truck car" along the trolley line. Such outrages are almost beyond endurance. What the committee that has this matter in hand in Congress ought to do is to see for itself what the condition of the line is, and then compel the company to put in rapid transit or to turn the road over to some one who will do so. The citizens have lost all faith in promises, since so many have been broken within the past two years. There is no suburban line that has a better future before it than the Eckington and Soldiers' Home, if it were properly managed.

Miss Nellie Bennett of Washington was the recent guest of Miss Mamie Clarke.

The many friends of Miss Emily Brooks welcome her return to Brookland, after spending the winter in the city.

Gladys Mullan had a birthday party last Sunday, at which many of her little friends were present.

The laying of the gas pipes along Philadelphia street to the Franciscan monastery is nearly completed. It must be said, to the credit of those who have this work in charge, that it has been rapidly and well done.

The work on the residence of Mrs. Semmes on Quincy street is progressing rapidly.

Sunday will be Rev. J. T. Crowe's last service at the Episcopal Church of Our Savior, where he has been rector and pastor since the Episcopal congregation was first established in Brookland. Mr. Crowe will leave early next week for Denver, Col., where he will be located. Much regret is felt at his departure. Who will fill his place in Brookland is not yet known.

There was a pleasant meeting of the Soldiers' Home Temperance Union Tuesday night, when an interesting program was rendered.

There will be some sadness in Brookland at the departure of the District National Guard, as some of the soldiers were residents of this suburb, while others have friends and relatives here who will feel a loss.

Mr. J. M. Brannock of Fernandina, Fla., is visiting his sister, Mrs. C. C. Groomes.

FAIRFAX COURT HOUSE.

Company I of the 3d Virginia Volunteers has received orders to assemble here Saturday and to start for Richmond at 7 o'clock p.m. Each man is expected to carry with him two suits of underwear, three shirts, two towels, comb and brush, needle and thread. Out of the total membership of seventy-eight, seventeen were rejected on account of physical disqualifications, but the company is being filled up by new enlistments.

At the organization last Saturday, when the commissioned officers, the list of whom was published in Thursday evening's Star, were elected, an enthusiastic meeting was held. Besides the members of the company, a large number of other citizens assembled in the court house. Mr. F. W. Richardson, clerk of the county court, was called to the chair. He made a brief speech, in which he wished the company a speedy return to their homes, unharmed by shot or shell, but with their brows crowned with the laurels of victory. The nominating speeches, which were made by Arthur I. Flagg, Edward Meekins and R. C. L. Moncure, elicited much applause.

Ernest Dove, charged with feloniously cutting Ernest E. Graham Saturday, May 14, had a hearing before Mayor R. E. Thornton Wednesday, and was committed to jail for the grand jury. Graham was a candidate for enlistment in Capt. Willard's company, but failed to pass examination on account of defective sight.

At a recent meeting of Providence Lodge, I. O. G. T., the following officers for the ensuing quarter were installed by the lodge deputy, Mr. A. J. Sagar: Chief templar, Henry Hawxhurst; vice templar, J. E. Renney; treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Troth; financial secretary, W. M. Bryce; secretary, Miss M. J. Sagar; assistant secretary, Mack Wiley; superintendent Juvenile Templars, Miss D. A. Slayton; marshal, Jared Waple; deputy marshal, Mamie Hawxhurst; chaplain, S. P. Rumsey; guard, G. J. S. Farr; sentinel, Claude Wiley; past chief templar, E. R. Holbrook. The following were elected delegates to the district lodge, which met in Mount Olivet Church, near Ballston, yesterday: G. J. S. Farr, E. M. Wiley, M. J. Sagar, D. A. Slayton, M. C. Wiley; alternates, R. R. Farr, J. E. Renney, W. M. Bryce, Rebecca Wooster and A. J. Sagar.

In the county court this week Judge James M. Love presiding, the following business was transacted:

James S. Woods' application for a license to sell intoxicating liquors at New Alexandria, this county, was refused.

Edward Green pleaded guilty to the charge of gambling and was sent to jail for three months and fined $100 and costs.

Wm. Gordon, a native of Prussia, was naturalized.

Mrs. Thomas L. Moore of Richmond and Misses McFablin and Smith of Washington were the guests of Mrs. Vedder this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Russell Wyatt of Huntington, W. Va., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. E. Willard.

GAITHERSBURG.

The Church Improvement Society has been organized at Epworth M. E. Church. Officers selected are: President, Mrs. M. D. Kingsley; vice president, Mrs. J. S. Crawford; secretary, Miss Elizabeth Kingsley; treasurer, Mrs. C. F. Duvall.

Mrs. Martha Davis, wife of Mr. Robert Davis, died Thursday of dropsy, after an illness of two years, aged fifty-five years. Funeral took place Friday at Upper Seneca Baptist Church, Cedar Grove. Mrs. Davis was well and favorably known.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Briggs are sorely bereaved in the death of their little twin boys, both dying about the same time, of pneumonia. Rev. L. L. Lloyd conducted funeral services Tuesday evening and interment was made in Forest Oak cemetery.

The Metz farm, containing 170 acres, situated near town, has been sold at public sale by Attorney H. Maurice Talbott to Mr. C. C. Crawford of Baltimore. The price paid was $12.10 per acre.

Rev. James D. Rayfield of the Baptist Church has returned home from Norfolk, where he was a delegate to the Southern Baptist convention.

Forest Oak Lodge, No. 123, Knights of Pythias, has announced its annual outing Saturday, June 4, in Darby's grove.

Commencement exercises will take place at Briggs' public school Thursday evening next at 8 o'clock. Principal A. R. Watkins has charge of the arrangements.

The severe hail storm of the week wrought much havoc to growing crops, gardens and orchards. As a result many farmers in the vicinity report the loss of from one-fourth to one-third of their wheat. Besides this in the storm of Tuesday the lightning did much injury to the lines of the Montgomery County Telephone Company, besides striking the Masonic Hall, where the wardrobe containing the expensive paraphernalia was demolished and some $400 worth of property destroyed. Mr. J. H. Nicholls, occupying the lower floor of the hall, also sustained slight damages to property.

The Epworth M. E. Church is undergoing interior improvements, under direction of the pastor, Rev. Wm. S. German. An extension of the rostrum, providing for choir space immediately in the rear of the pulpit, is one of the principal changes to be made.

Rev. George H. Zimmerman, the new presiding elder, held first quarterly meeting at the M. E. Church South Saturday and Sunday.

The Elder Matron—"You shouldn't mind the baby crying a little. It strengthens his lungs."

The Younger Matron—"Oh, no doubt; but it weakens his father's religion so."—Indianapolis Journal.

CARE OF THE FEET.

A Few Suggestions for the Great Army of Volunteers.

From the Cleveland Leader.

A good many soldier boys who are fitting themselves for experiences in Cuba have been induced by their well-meaning but ignorant friends to purchase a lot of refined sulphur for wear in their boots, by way of a preventive against yellow fever.

Good clean wheat flour would be quite as effective as far as warding off the yellow jack goes, and would do very much less harm in the boots of an infantryman. Any woman knows, or ought to know, that the best part of a warrior's strength lies in his feet. Long, rapid marches have won almost as many battles as steady courage and good marksmanship; therefore it behooves sweethearts and wives to frown on the sulphur superstition, and, before sending their country's defenders to the front, take some of the following precautions: Just suggest to your brave, good man to buy his boots close in the heel and broad in the toe. If his feet are in a state of tender irritation, as the feet of city dwellers are apt to become just at the advent of spring, persuade him to let you poultice the particularly sensitive spots for a couple of nights in succession.

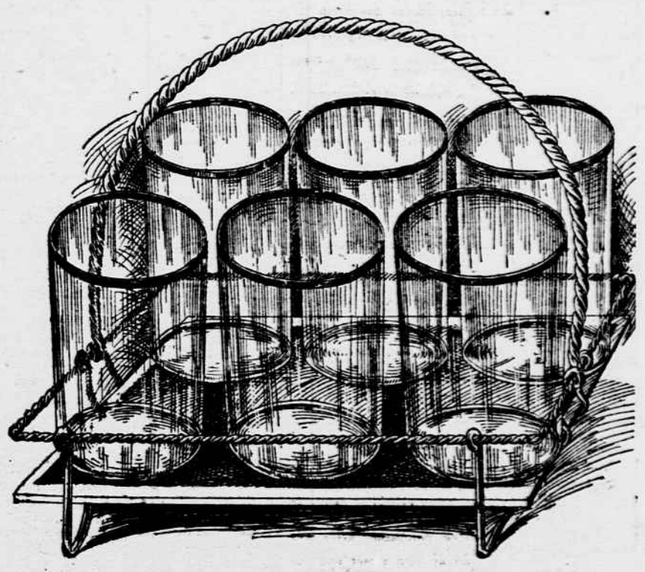
A little flaxseed meal into which boiling water and a bit of sweet cream is stirred makes the proper poultice. It must be tied onto the foot while quite warm and kept there all night. The way it draws inflammation out of tender, reddened joints is a wonder. This is the proper treatment for soft corns and bunions, but not for hard corns, until after they have been skillfully cut. Then if any soreness is left a poultice will quiet the pain in short order.

To harden and purify the skin of a pair of feet that are not accustomed to much walking, institute night and morning foot baths of cold water well impregnated with listerine. If there is any ignorance on this point, show the prospective soldier how to cut the nails always straight across, never down in the corners. The nail should be cut to a level with the top of the toe, and if the corners are left untouched they will not grow in, unless the shoe is worn entirely too short. At the druggist's order a little box of salve, put up in a tiny porcelain jar with a screw top. Cold cream worked up with witch hazel are the proper ingredients, and drop this into the soldier boy's baggage, with instructions for its use on feet that are sore and strained from unusual walking. Show the recipient of this gift how when he strips off his socks to rub the ungent quickly into the skin, and solemnly warn him never to march in ragged hosiery.

In Germany the soldiers are trained to make forced marches with feet naked of all socks, but thoroughly greased with pure sheep's fat and stuck thus in their shoes. Do not send a defender of his country off to the wars in colored socks—unbleached balbriggan is the proper clothing, and, looking over his socks, see to it that every pair is whole and good. That one that shows the tiniest darn must be cast out, for on a march it can easily rub a sore, and a raw heel will as effectually dampen a man's fighting ardor as a raging toothache under the hot summer sun of the southern states and of Cuba. Shoes that are greased, enameled or treated with any but the thinnest dressing are intolerably warm and tend to make the feet swell. The Indians knew what they were about when they invented the moccasin, and if a pair of slippers is packed into a soldier's kit he will get more comfort out of these pliable, cool foot bags of soft leather than any gear of civilized make. All the precaution an anxious woman can take to prevent the soldier's feet from dampness is to buy and slip inside his shoes a pair of soles, nearly as thin as paper and made of hair. They cost only ten cents and will not only hold moisture from the foot, but afford a pleasant kind of ventilation in the shoe, besides lending an easy, springy feeling to the wearer's step.

"Want" ads. in The Star pay because they bring answers.

All Free
Six Gold-Trimmed Glasses
One Silver-Mounted Tray



The Glasses
Are thin, etched, gold-trimmed glasses of the finest quality on the market.

The Tray
Is a convenient, handsome, novel affair, made to fit the glasses. The bottom is of fire decorated glass—ruby or blue, as you choose. The metal frame and handle are heavily silver-plated.

To introduce.....
Schlitz
Bottled Beer
into more homes in this city, we offer this handsome gift. We will send it free with the third case of Schlitz Beer delivered to any family after March 18. The gift is a handsome one—rich and costly. We do not do things by halves. Our object is this: We want you to try Schlitz Beer. We want to induce you to try it now. It is a pure beer, such as you want at your home. It is a better beer than any one else can offer you. Those first three cases will make you a permanent customer. We can afford such a gift to accomplish that.

PURE Schlitz
The Beer that made Milwaukee famous.

You can order the three cases at once, or one case at a time, as you wish. We deliver beer free. It is desirable to order at once, for we have only a limited number of sets. We offer but one set to a family.

Prices: Schlitz Beer, bottled at Washington Branch, $1.25 per case of 24 pint bottles.
Schlitz Export Beer, bottled at Brewery, $1.50 per case of 24 pint bottles.

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