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CHATELAINE BAGS—in seal, monkey and alligator—plain and German silver trimmed—50c. to $4.75.

BOSTON BAGS—with the new patent clasp tops—$1 to $2.50.

SHOPPING BAGS—in fine silk, with oxidized and gilt tops—$1 up.

DESK PADS—plain and silver trimmed—88c. to $3.50.

LOVELY BROOCHES—enameled, jeweled, miniature and cameos—at 25c.

Fine Enameled and Jeweled Brooches at 38c., 50c. up to $1.75.

HAT PINS—jeweled, enameled and crystal—10c., 25c., 50c., 75c. up to $2.75.

BELT BUCKLES—fancy jeweled, enameled and oxidized Belt Buckles in brand new designs, at 25c., 50c. up to $2.50.

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The Decks All Cleared for Christmas.

The store is in merry dress—out of every case and counter—nook and corner peeps a suggestion of what to give. Counted singly there are nearly 100,000 desirable Holiday Gifts here in this collection. Picked from the million that are provided by the world of creation—selected because they are best—most sensible, most serviceable or most novel. All that's left for you is the pleasure of choosing from this perfect and complete Holiday stock—surrounded by every convenience and facility that contributes to comfort.

Boxes Free. We shall box everything bought to give, when it is possible, in handsome specially prepared cases.

Engraving Free. On all Umbrellas and Canes and Silver Novelties the initials will be engraved free. Artistic engraving it will be.

Leather Goods Stamped Free. All purchases of Leather Goods amounting to $1 or over will be stamped free of charge.

Goods Laid Aside. Selections may be made now, while the assortments are at their best, and delivery will be made at any time desired.

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Over 500 in Wash, Wool and Silk and Wool—cut off in full dress lengths and neatly packeted for giving.

The wool and silk and wool are in the latest fancy effects and plain Blacks—

$1.50 to $10

For the entire pattern.

The Percales, Prints and Flannelettes are the new designs for 1900—opened specially for the holidays—

50c. to 98c.

For the entire pattern.

Men's House Coats, Smoking Jackets and Bath Robes.

For the holidays we have located these gift-populars on the First Floor, Eastern Section—that they may be more conveniently reached—for they are one of the busiest of Christmas lines. Especially so with us—for ours is an immense assortment—more than three times larger than the next largest. And best, too, because it is an exclusive line of Coats, Jackets and Robes made expressly for us—in which the values are greatest.

The Jackets run up to $25—the Robes up to $15. But here are some special lots that should appeal to you:

Smoking Jackets.

Blue Tricot Jackets, all wool, trimmed with quilted satin and lined with Italian cloth; silk frogs. Worth $4.50.

$3.48.

Double-faced Cloth Jackets, with plain outside, and lapels, cuffs and collar showing the reverse plaid; very stylish Coats, and excellent value for $6.50. Special,

$4.98.

Bath Robes.

Fancy Terry Bath Robes, cut long and full; neat effects and fast colors; with cord at neck and girdle at waist. Worth $3.50. For

$2.48.

Blanket and Elderdown Bath Robes, with fancy striped border on bottom and collar and sleeves of Blanket Robes; Elderdown in neat effects; cut most generous proportions. Worth $5. For

$3.98.

Half Price Sale of Art Embroidered Pieces.

And at just this time, when you are seeking suitable holiday presents, this sale should be highly interesting to you. We have never seen more elaborate pieces—none more finely executed. They are done, too, on the highest grade linen. On special tables in the Art Embroidery Department. The prices are cut squarely in half. They were announced yesterday. Of course, some of the lots will be sold out by tonight. But there is sure to be many left.

$10 Battenberg Tea Cloth, 36x36	$5
$22 Round Battenberg Tea Cloth	$11
$6 Battenberg Bureau Scarf, 18x45	$3.00
$7 Battenberg Bureau Scarf, 18x72	$3.50
$10 Battenberg Bureau Scarf, 18x54	$5.00
$25 Round Battenberg Tea Cloth	$12.50
$6 Embroidered Grass Linen Tea Cloth, 36x36	$3.00
$6 Embroidered Grass Linen Bureau Scarf, 18x54	$3.00
$3.50 Embroidered Grass Linen Tray Cover, 18x27	$1.75
$14 Embroidered Silk Work Box, Pink effect	$7.00
$8 Embroidered Silk Work Box, Green effect	$4.00
$4 Embroidered Art Linen Work Box	$2.00
$6 Embroidered Art Linen Work Box	$3.00
$6 Tapestry Pillow Tops, with materials to finish	$3.00
$8 Tapestry Pillow Tops, with materials to finish	$4.00
$10 Tapestry Pillow Tops, with materials to finish	$5.00
$25 Arabian Lace Scarfs, 18x54.	$12.50
$8 Arabian Lace Scarfs, 18x36.	$4.00
$6 Arabian Lace Covers, 20x20.	$3.00
$3 Arabian Lace Covers, 18x18.	$1.50
$4 Arabian Lace Covers, 20x20.	$2.00
$25 Embroidered Silk Pillows, Green	$12.50
$15 Embroidered White Basket Silk Pillow	$7.50
$8 Embroidered "Harvard" Sofa Pillow	$4.00
$8 Embroidered Sofa Pillow, smoker picture	$4.00
Hand-drawn Doylies, $25 a dozen, for	$12.50
Hand-drawn Doylies, $15 a dozen, for	$7.50
$12 Silk Arabian Doylies, per dozen	$6.00
$35 Hand-drawn Tea Cloths, 36x36	$17.50
$15 Hand-drawn Tea Cloths	$7.50
$15 Battenberg Tea Cloths	$7.50
$9 Battenberg Tea Cloths	$4.50
$12.50 Battenberg Tea Cloths	$6.25
$12 Battenberg Tea Cloths	$6.00

250 Men's and Women's Gift Umbrellas.

Worth $3 and $3.50.

Women's and Men's Taffeta Silk (that means best), mounted on steel rod and paragon frames, with very handsome sterling silver trimmed and horn handles.

Choice, $1.98.

Worth $3 and $3.50.

Men's are 26 and 28-inch, with Taffeta Silk, small roll, with steel rod and paragon frame; handles of box wood and fur, trimmed with sterling silver.

Choice, $1.98.

What to Give a Man?

A Mackintosh. Black, Blue and Brown Double-breasted Mackintoshes, with deep velvet collar; seams sewed, cemented and strapped; full length and waterproof. Regular value $7.50, for.. **$4.98**

A Pair of Suspenders. Fancy Silk Suspenders, with silk or leather ends and patent cast off; handsome buckles; each pair in fancy box. Regular 75c. kind, for..... **48c.**

A Pair of Gloves. A pair of our regular $1 Tan Dogskin or Gray Mochas; either are the equals of any $1.25 Glove; perfect fitting, with piqueseams and self-stitched backs; each pair prettily boxed.... **$1.00**

A Scarf. And at a HALF DOLLAR. We have supplied an immense variety of Puffs, English Squares, Teeks, Imperials, Ascots and Four-in-hands—in silks; worth 75c. and patterns absolutely exclusive. Your purchase will be prettily boxed..... **50c.**

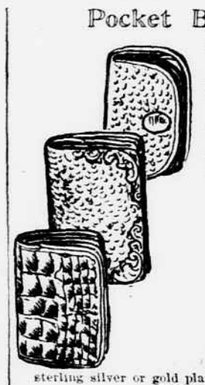
Silver Novelties.

Initials engraved free.

You will notice that our Sterling Silver Mounted pieces are of more generous size than those offered at equal prices elsewhere. Also that they are of engravable thickness—and not the "wafers" of silver usually used. The plated novelties are heavy and durable.

Match Safes, sterling silver, heavily chased; worth $1.50; for..	98c.
Sterling Silver Glove-buttoner, fancy chased handles	19c.
A collection 16 different useful pieces in sterling silver, with 5-inch handles; worth 75c.; choice	49c.
Large Salve Jars, with heavily chased silver-plated tops; worth 25c.; for	10c.
Oxidized Puff Boxes, with and without puffs; 50c. size; for	25c.
Sterling Silver Penknife; two blades	25c.
Sterling Silver-handle Embroidery Scissors; worth $1	69c.
Dressing Combs, heavily mounted with sterling silver; worth 75c.; for	49c.
Sterling Silver Sugar Spoons and Cream Ladles, in silk-lined box; worth $3	$2.25
Sterling Silver Napkin Rings; fancy chasing; worth $1; for	69c.

Pocket Books.



Some special lines—in latest shapes and styles, expressly for gifts. On all purchases of a dollar or over name will be stamped in gold or silver free.

Ladies' Initial Pocket Books and Purses, in Black and Fancy leathers—initials in sterling silver or gold plate—**50c.**

Ladies' Combination Pocket Books—in Seal and Fancy Leather—special price	25c.
Card Cases, in Seal, Morocco and Imitation Alligator	25c.
Mexican Hand-carved Card Cases and Combination Pocket Books and Purses—finest of calf, artistically engraved	98c. up.

Handsome Lamps for Holiday Giving.

60 Sample Lamps that are worth up to $5. In two special lots.

25 Rochester Banquet Lamps, with 9-inch hand-painted globes and center-draught burners.

Worth $4. Choice for,

$1.98.

35 Banquet Lamps, new low and popular tall shapes; hand-painted decorations on lamp and globe to match.

Worth $5. Choice,

$3.98.

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DISTRICT SANITARY OFFICE

Operations of the Department During the Past Fiscal Year.

The Establishment of Hospital for Inebriates Recommended—Statistical Data Supplied.

Major Sylvester has received from the printer a number of copies of his annual report for the last fiscal year. Included in the report is a statement showing the work of Sanitary Officer Frank. His report embraces an account of the work done in behalf of the sick and otherwise unfortunate people whose cases called for official action. The question of transportation is disposed of as follows:

While this part of the work consumes much time and requires thorough investigation, it is the least important of any of the duties assigned to this office. Much good, however, has been accomplished and suffering alleviated by sending worthy persons to their homes or friends.

While I have earnestly endeavored to separate the worthy applicants from the impostors, great difficulty has been experienced in doing so.

More than the usual number of pretenders have sought aid in the way of free railroad rides to other cities. While cranks and demented persons continue to visit this District for the purpose of having their grievances, which are purely imaginary, righted, but eight unfortunate individuals of this character have made their presence known, a decrease of four as compared with the preceding year.

Furnished With Transportation.

During the year 899 persons were furnished with transportation to their homes, or as near thereto as practicable, at an expenditure of $1,797.97, a decrease of thirty-six persons as compared with 1898, but an increase in expenditure of $57.94. The increase was caused by a number of persons being sent long distances.

The 899 thus aided are classified as follows: Males, 637; females, 262; white, 759; colored, 140; native born, 718; foreign born, 181. Of those transported, sixty were ex-soldiers and sailors, twenty-two less than in 1898.

Several of the disappointed and penniless soldiers were lured here by the hope of procuring immediate action on their claims for pensions, while others with only imaginary claims against the general government were attracted to the capital by delusive prospects of securing large gains. And thus it is that many are unwittingly thrown upon the charity of the District government. It is, indeed, a matter of serious regret that a large number of soldiers who apply for pensions fail to understand that Congress has considerately provided for the collection of these gratuities without the presence of the claimants in this city.

During 1898 forty-one oyster dredgers appealed to this office for assistance after undergoing hardships and being subject to ill treatment on vessels engaged in dredging for oysters, while for the year just closed fifty-four applied for aid. The entire fifty-four were in such condition that there was need of immediate assistance, either in the way of hospital treatment or transportation.

While the number of such unfortunates increased, the number of deserted wives decreased. The statistics show that in 1898 thirty-nine women were deserted by their husbands in this city, while during the past year there were twenty-eight, a decrease of eleven.

I respectfully ask an appropriation of $2,000 for transportation for the fiscal year 1901.

Other subjects treated by the sanitary officer include hospitals, the insane, and ambulance service. Sanitary Officer Frank again urges the establishment of a hospital for inebriates. His report says:

"It is well known that the evil of intemperance exists in this community, and an institution for the detention of inebriates is greatly needed. I believe that if Congress creates such an institution, it will have accomplished a work equal in all respects to the most humane and beneficent. I am sure that such an asylum or home would exert a restraining influence."

The Hospitals.

There were 4,040 persons sent to the several hospitals, 290 more than in 1898. Many persons made application for hospital treatment merely to obtain rest and subsistence, and it was necessary for me to carefully investigate each case.

It is with a sense of high appreciation that I record that those in charge of the various hospitals have invariably treated this office with the utmost courtesy and consideration. Also permit me to express appreciation for the valuable assistance rendered by the Columbian University and Georgetown University hospitals, recently established.

The ward for contagious diseases at Providence Hospital will soon be completed, and I am sure it will be of valuable assistance to this community.

There were 228 insane persons properly tried and admitted to the Government Hospital for the Insane during the year, while the number provided for in the same institution last year was 269, a decrease of 41. My attention is frequently called to cases of temporary insanity, not subjects for the ordinary hospital, but whose condition would scarcely justify their being sent to the Government Hospital for the Insane. There should be for such cases a house or place of detention other than a station house. I would respectfully renew my former recommendation that a suitable place be provided for such persons at the Washington Asylum. My experience from year to year has convinced me that this is a very important recommendation, and one that should meet with favorable consideration.

The Ambulance Service.

The work of this branch of the police service continues to increase, the number of calls responded to during the year being 3,079, an increase of 278. Of the 3,079 runs made 284 were unnecessary, or no service rendered, thirty-seven more than last year. I am sure that much of this unnecessary work could be avoided if proper discretion was used by those making the calls.

I again commend the faithfulness and promptness of the drivers, and respectfully recommend an increase in their compensation from $480 to $600 per annum. These men greatly appreciate your efforts in their behalf, and hope for your recommendation for the desired advance in their salary.

I also recommend the purchasing of two ambulances, similar to Nos. 2 and 3 now in the service, and the appointment of an additional driver, so that there may be at least one man in the ambulance barn at all times during the day, subject to emergency calls.

PUBLIC DEBT DECREASED.

Bonds Amounting to $9,712,851 Bought During Last Month.

The monthly treasury statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business November 29, 1899, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to $1,140,091,831, a decrease for the month of $6,537,750. During the month the bonded indebtedness of the government was decreased by the purchase of bonds amounting to about $9,712,851. During the same time there was a decrease in the cash on hand of $3,175,100, which was used in bond purchases. The debt is recapitulated as follows:

Interest bearing debt, $1,037,049,690. Debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, $1,209,820. Debt bearing no interest, $388,048,760. Total $1,426,308,270. This, however, does not include $678,260,903 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding, which are offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury.

The cash in the treasury is classified as follows:

Gold, $390,653,107.
Silver, $496,728,872.
Paper, $64,888,542.

Bonds deposited in national bank depositories, disbursing officers' balances, etc., $90,857,666.

Total, $1,043,128,288, against which there were demand liabilities outstanding amounting to $756,911,848, which leaves a net cash balance on hand of $286,216,439.

James Markey, a marine, was struck by a Capital Traction car at 4½ street and Pennsylvania avenue Saturday afternoon. He was taken to Edmunds & Williams' drug store, corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 3d street, where his injuries were dressed. Later he was taken to the marine barracks by friends.

Smoking Jackets and Lounging Robes.

Our holiday stock is ready—smaller, perhaps, than some shown, but a well-selected, reasonable-priced one throughout.

We sell "holiday things" as reasonably as plain, everyday wearables—Jackets and Robes are 20% cheaper here than elsewhere.

Robes start at $2—Jackets at $3.48.

$4.98 Prime $6.50 values in "Matalese" and "Double-faced" Jackets at $4.98. Some have cord edges and some are satin bound—all beautiful patterns and faultless fitting.

$4.98 A dozen gorgeous styles of "Blanket" and "Terry" Robes at $4.98 that are easily worth $6.50. Bright, stylish patterns that hint of costing twice as much. Well made throughout—and cut full.

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AMERICAN RULE PREFERRED

Gen. Otis Reports on Conditions in the Philippines.

Why Chinese Were Excluded — Correspondence With Aguinaldo—Non-Sectarian Schools Urged.

Gen. Otis has made a long and detailed report to the War Department of military operations in the Philippines. The correspondence between Gen. Otis and Aguinaldo before the outbreak of active hostilities occupies much space and more is taken up with the detailed accounts of the various engagements. In connection with the Filipino uprisings in the suburbs of Manila on the night of February 22, Gen. Otis prints the translation of one of Aguinaldo's proclamations, which incited this demonstration. The paper fortunately was discovered on the 15th, and the plans of the insurgents were checkmated. It called for the assembling of the Manila militia in the rear of the American outposts. At the sound of the attack from the outside the insurgents in the city were to fall on and butcher the whole of the foreign population, respecting nothing but native Filipino families. All the jail prisoners were to be released and armed to assist in the massacre. The plan was successful in so far as about 1,000 armed insurgents assembled behind the American line. In the fight of that night and the following day about 500 of these were killed.

Exclusion of the Chinese.

Gen. Otis throws some light on his Chinese exclusion act, declaring it a matter of public policy. He goes at some length into the racial differences between the Filipinos and the Chinese, explaining that strong prejudice against the Chinese prevailed among the natives because of the success and unscrupulous dealings of the Chinamen in all trade matters.

Gen. Otis says that in view of the race hatred between the Chinamen and the natives, as well as the factional differences among the Chinese themselves, which sometimes broke into open riot and bloodshed, he deemed it expedient to apply the American immigration laws to the island. This was done, and arrangements have been made for identifying such Chinamen as have rights of prior residence in the island, so that no unnecessary hardship may be worked.

Gen. Otis relates minutely the difficulties encountered in dealing with the foreign merchants whose business was interfered with by the war, the outlining of plans of revenues and customs, the negotiations with the Sultan of Sulu, from whom, he says, Gen. Bates secured more concessions in a month than Spain had been able to secure in 300 years; the institution of town governments, the establishment of schools and the caring for a large number of prisoners, both Spanish and native.

People Prefer American Rule.

In concluding his report, Gen. Otis says that it may prove fortunate that the Aguinaldo insurrection was not stamped out instanter upon its inception. He says that the natives throughout the island have peacefully and even gladly accepted American occupation of their towns whenever the American troops appeared, and that they have learned by experience that the insurgents have made a specialty of murder, outrage and robbery under the guise of establishing a free and independent government. They have had chance, upon the withdrawal of American troops, to see the difference between American and native methods of government, and his opinion is that they will gladly submit to the former as soon as they can be protected from the latter. A column of 3,000 troops could, at any time during the insurrection, have marched from one end of the island to the other without encountering serious difficulty, but the insurgents would inevitably have closed in behind them as soon as they passed, showing the necessity of having sufficient force to hold the country after it had been captured.

Schools Free From Clericals.

Gen. Otis dwells upon the necessity of establishing a good school system, and says that the native population is very insistent upon the divorce of the schools from clerical control. This was promised by the Spanish government during the last insurrection, but the archbishop of Manila has protested against its being carried out.

Gen. Otis says finally that the insurgents are duped by their leaders as to the political situation in the United States, and that the cry all along has been to hold out until the assembling of Congress, when the views of the anti-expansion party, whose literature has been extensively circulated in the islands, would be sure to prevail.

OUR WHEELS IN SWITZERLAND.

Their Number Has Greatly Increased in Four Years.

Henry H. Morgan, United States consul at Aaran, Switzerland, has written to the State Department regarding American bicycles in Switzerland:

"The progress which American manufacturers of bicycles have made in the past four years in their trade in Switzerland is remarkable. It is not possible to say with any degree of accuracy what number of American bicycles were imported into Switzerland during the period named, as the official statistics cannot be relied on, for the reason that all bicycles of American manufacture which were sent to Switzerland from any of the distributing points of either Germany or France were credited as an import from the country from which they last came. Thus, a shipment of American wheels to Switzerland from Hamburg is credited by the custom house as a German exportation. . The official statistics, however, show the direct importation from the United States, and the strides we have made in this republic during the past four years will be seen by the following table:

	Number imported.	Value.	Average price.
1895	21	$897	$42.71
1896	140	6,282	44.87
1897	1,144	51,753	45.23
1898	2,194	92,510	42.16

"The year about to end will show a considerable increase over 1898.

"The total number of wheels imported into the country during 1898 was 15,027, against 11,067 for the corresponding period of 1897; of this number Germany sent 7,531; France, 3,591; England, 773; Belgium, 293; Italy, 286; Austria, 333, and the United States, 2,194, as stated.

"The average declared value of each wheel was as follows: German, $42.70; French, $42.65; English, $50.65; Belgian, $65.30; Italian, $44.60; Austrian, $46.15, and the American, $42.16, as stated.

"It will be seen that in point of price the American wheel stands at the end of the list. In respect to endurance and style it is admittedly at the head.

"I would suggest that a live agent who speaks French and German be sent to canvass the country. He will do more in a short time than catalogues will ever accomplish."

In Favor of the Boers.

The question affirming that "The Boers are justified in their present stand against Great Britain" was debated Saturday evening by the Debating Society of the Georgetown University Law School. The judges, Messrs. Mark S. Brewer, Maurice D. O'Connell and D. I. Murphy, rendered a verdict in favor of the affirmative. John M. Carr and Charles Denegre spoke for the affirmative and John J. Brosnan and Daniel W. O'Donohue for the negative.

The Coinage.

The monthly statement of the treasury of the coinage for November shows a total of 22,365,420 pieces, valued at $9,511,070, as follows: Double eagles, $2,940,000; eagles, $3,169,200; half-eagles, $496,500; quarter eagles, $38,000; total gold, $6,643,700. Dollars, $350,000; half dollars, $848,000; quarter dollars, $36,000; dimes, $278,000; total silver, $2,612,000. Five-cent nickels, 141,500; cent bronze, 113,870,000; total minor,