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Store opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m.

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Don't wait until Easter.



Our new Spring wear is ready now and will be half sold before Easter. The spring season has opened unusually early this year, and you ought to be wearing Spring Neckwear now to be correct.

The 50c Neckwear is simply beyond imagination. Lovers, dashing, cool, elegant and brand new shapes, only 50c. Large Double-End English Squares \$1.50.

Fancy Shirts. Spic span new colorings in Fancy \$1 Shirts, cuffs attached or detached, at \$1.50. Manhattan's richest effects \$1.50.

Men's Gloves. Light Spring-weight Kids and Suedes in tan and gray. \$1 & \$1.50.

\$3 Pajamas, \$1.50. Special purchase of those Fine Oxford Pajamas, regular \$3 value; yours while they last at \$1.50.

Tourists preparing for trips who need Negligee Shirts will find all the new styles here now at \$1 and \$1.50. Medium-weight underwear at 50c, up to \$2. A table full of Cusset Bargains for tomorrow—1st floor.

Wm. H. McKnew, 933 Pa. Av. mh9

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You'll be "money in" if COKE is the fuel used. Most economical—cheapest in price. Buy Coke for your cook—and there-by put her in a good humor. Phone 1787 for Coke—we deliver.

COKE, UNBURNISHED, \$2.90. COKE, CRUSHED, \$3.50.

Washington Gaslight Co., 413 Tenth Street.

A HARD FINISH

gives a surface as hard and as smooth as glass. Easily kept clean. Qt., 75c; gal., \$2.50. We deliver.

Chas. E. Hodgkin, Agent, mh3-3m-15

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Have You Sore Throat, Pimples, Copper-colored Spots, etc. Old Sores, Ulcers in Mouth, Hair Falling? Write 1689, COOK REMEDY CO., MASONIC TEMPLE, CHICAGO, ILL.

For proofs of cures, Capital, \$500,000. We solicit most obstinate cases. We have cured the worst cases in 15 to 25 days. 100-page book free. 7619-267-14

PIANOS AND ORGANS.

CHICKERING PIANOS. Hallet & Davis, McPhail, Marshall & Wendell, Pease and other.

Reliable Instruments—fully guaranteed, and for sale at fair prices and on accommodating terms. Old Pianos taken in part payment. Pianos tuned, repaired, moved and packed. Telephone 3218.

John F. Ellis & Co., mh3-1f 937 PENNSYLVANIA AVE.

TWO PIANO BARGAINS.

UPRIGHT PIANO—first-class make. \$150. Knabe Upright Piano, nearly new—cost \$500. \$225.

Stieff Piano Warerooms (Direct Branch of Factory), 521 Eleventh St. N.W., mh1-2mf J. C. CONLIFE, Manager.

On Easy Payments.

The easy-payment plan makes a fine Piano possible for the most modest home. You make the first payment, receive the Piano and pay for it at \$10 a month. We'll sell you a HAZELTON, VORSE or ST. HART Piano on easy payments at factory price, and no interest.

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PIANOS TO SELL. PIANOS TO RENT. PIANOS TO TRADE.

Organs Also. TUNING, REPAIRING, MOVING.

SANDERS & STAYMAN, 1327 F St. N.W. PERCY S. FOSTER, MANAGER.

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At KNABE'S

You will find just what you want in a GRAND, UPRIGHT, SQUARE PIANO, or ORGAN, at surprisingly low figures and reasonable terms.

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Wm. Knabe & Co., 1209 Pa. Ave. N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 267-21st

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Piano is pre-eminently the standard of the world. New and slightly used uprights and grands, in all sizes.

Droop's Music House, 465-11th 925 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Witch Hazel Cream...15c.
French Extracts.....8c.

The Saks Store

PENNSYLVANIA AVE. AND SEVENTH ST.

Cuticura Resolvent and Cream.....39c.
Household Ammonia...10c.

Not the Impossible=But the Unusual.

Saks' Announcements are noted for their literalness. If strong adjectives are used they are warranted—WHAT WE ADVERTISE WE HAVE—and have it exactly as it is advertised. This is a feature sadly uncommon in commercial literature—and a point we want to emphasize today, especially in view of the very unusual offerings we find it possible to make for tomorrow.

Special Values in Boys' Clothing.

There are some very good makers of Boys' Clothing who "live from hand to mouth," so to speak—and at the beginning of the season—before accounts mature they are hardest pushed for ready money. One offered us a remarkable concession in price on 500 Boys' Short Pants Suits for spot cash. That explains the unusualness of such an offering of new goods at this time. Take our word for it—they are bargains worth having.

Oxford Gray Cheviot Double-breasted Suits lined with serge, piped facings; with each suit is a generous patch piece and extra set of buttons—all sizes 7 to 16 years, and regular \$3 value.....	Boys' Novelty Mixed Cheviot Brownie Suits, made in new effects, with small coat collar; strong serge linings, and cut buttons—all sizes 7 to 16 years, and regular \$3 value.....	Boys' Sailor Suits, made of natty all-wool chevrons, with collar and shield trimmed with red silk nansette braid; silk lined style—sizes 7 to 17 years. Cheap at \$8.....	Here's a fine one—Love-ly Mixed Imported Cheviot Double-breasted suits, with double seat and knees in velvet; silk lined throughout, and cut latest style—sizes 7 to 17 years. Cheap at \$8.....
\$1.98.	\$1.98.	\$2.48.	\$6.00.

Boys' Spring Top Coats. Fashionable Gray Cheviot Top Coats, cut nobly length, with best buttons and style of a \$4 coat; sizes 3 to 13 years. \$2.98

Boys' Knee Pants. 200 pairs Boys' All-wool Cheviot Knee Pants; plain blue and fancy patterns; fast colors; double seat; 3 to 13 years. 48c.

Practical Demonstration of Our Strength in Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Garments.

The formality of the preliminary exhibit is over—and now we want to show you how equally deserving of your praises are we in the popular priced lines. We've selected three lots for tomorrow—Suits, Waists and Rainy-day Skirts. The values are most surprising. We'll confess to very close-marking of them.

Ladies' Suits. 75 M-a-n-t-a-l-ored Suits, in light-fitting, open and closed Etons and the newest coat shapes—every coat or waist lined throughout with handsome taffeta at \$1; skirts draped on our own specially perforated patterns. We simply challenge their match at \$18.50. Our price, \$12.50.	Rainy-Day Skirts. Lot of Double-faced Scotch Woollens, in dark, medium and light Grays, Browns and Blues; that for and being of high, shape and quality are beyond comparison at nearly double the price. To the down to figures—try to match them—\$10 and \$12.50. All lengths to choose from.....	Silk Waists. 100 Best Quality Silk Taffeta Waists, that only a determination to lead would induce such an offering. Every popular shade is included; made in new and very effective styles; fit to our best. Would be good value at \$8. Our price.....
\$12.50.	\$7.50.	\$4.50.

Men's New 75c Silk Neckwear, 45c

Just 600 of these Scarfs—and all there'll be at the price. You who know silk qualities please make close inspection. You who judge Scarf worth by effect will be impressed with their unique patterns and artistic shades. English Squares, 45c. Imperials and Bat-wing Ties. A choice that is a choice.

You can buy 55c. Half Hosiery here tomorrow—in Dark Blue, Royal Blue and Black, all mercerized silk stripes, for..... 25c.

Men's and Boys' Hats.

Choice of a lot of good grade Men's Derby, Fedora and Golf Hats for sale at \$2. They are strictly new spring shades, in Black, Brown, Covern and Pearl shades, the color being Federal and Federal. In Blue, Brown, Tan and Pearl—worth 75c. for..... 48c.

Boys' Fancy Golf Caps, in plain Blue, Blue and black, all wool and fast colors—worth 50c. Special price..... 23c.

We're showing now the newest imported novelties in Boys' and Children's Headwear. The exclusive styles that are only to be found in Washington here.

Sunday Ribbons.

Fancy Silk Ribbons in new effects and the new shades—2 1/2 to 5 inches wide, for collars and belt values, \$2.10 to \$3.50 a yard..... 15c.

Narrow Plain and Fancy Ribbons, some with fringed edges, draw strings, etc.; all in new shades, worth 12 1/2c. for..... 2c.

5-inch All-silk Taffeta Ribbons, in Black and the new pastel shades. Regular 33c. value, for..... 25c.

Veilings.

Note that both are popular and new styles. Fine Mesh Silk Veiling, with large velvet dots, in Brown, Black and White. Worth 48c. a yard. Also Black Silk Veiling, with wide mesh, with or without dots. Worth 50c. a yard.

The New Ring Belts.

Another lot of these Ring Belts, made of the first quality double-faced silk, cut and properly shaped. Others say 50c. We say..... 25c.

Pulley Stocks.

All-silk Taffeta Ribbon, and made on same principle as the belt, with of Cardinal, Light Blue, Pink, Cerise, Black and they are \$1.25..... 98c.

New Millinery.

Copies of \$25 and \$35 Imported Hats, \$5

For effect the world bows to the Parisian designers—but for execution America leads. The Tiffany setting to the diamond enhances the beauty of the stone. Our artists have copied, with added charms of finish, leading French models—and these are the Hats—75 of them—from which you may choose tomorrow at \$5. And even at that they're \$8 and \$10 elsewhere. Our organization minimizes cost of materials and making. We're going to sell the best 75 Hat in America—and we shall bring tomorrow to do it. Millinery Parlor, Second Floor, West.

Another rare opportunity comes in Men's Fancy Vests.

The last of that lot of 100 offered this morning will be closed out tomorrow. Fine Vests with neat dot patterns in silk, nothing could be more desirable and wearable. There are both single and double-breasted among them—and \$3 is the price they were made to sell at.

Rarely such a chance offers in Men's Separate Pants

as this. It's 200 pairs big—and not a pair in the lot worth less than \$4. They are Cheviot and Worsted, in neat, stylish and dressy designs; cut upon our exceptionally perfect-fitting patterns. 200 pairs ought not to be enough to meet the day's demand.

Choice, 15c. a yd.

Solid Gold Rings, set with Emeralds, turquoise, amethyst, pearl, rubies, etc. for collar and belt values, \$2.10 to \$3.50. Tomorrow only..... \$1.80

PLACING WIRES UNDER GROUND.

Progress Made by Washington Traction and Electric Company.

The work of placing the electric lighting wires of the two electric lighting companies of the District underground is making progress. The employees of the Washington Traction and Electric Company, controlling those companies, have just made this change on D street between 7th and 10th streets northwest, and the wires now strung overhead on poles along other streets in the city will be placed underground as rapidly as possible. The wires along F street were removed some months ago, as were those on 13th street, and it is the expectation to have the wires for electric lighting placed out of sight as well as out of harm's way.

Prize Debate at Gonzaga College.

The question, affirming "That the course of England in the South African crisis is just and righteous," was the subject of the annual prize debate of the Phocian Society of Gonzaga College, last evening. The college hall was crowded with friends of students. Wm. M. Deviny presided. Francis J. Diemer and William D. Delaney represented the affirmative side in the debate, and Frederick Beveridge and John P. Meagher the negative side. The judges were Martin Glynn, Leon Tobriner and Lavender. The verdict and the decision will be made known at the graduation exercises this year.

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Sale of an Office Building.

A deed has been placed on record transferring the title to the Davidson office building, 1413 G street northwest, to James W. Corcoran of Arkansas. The property belonged to the Messrs. Davidson, and was already stated in The Star. The consideration was \$100,000. Mr. George Y. Worthington, real estate broker, made the sale.

Decree of Divorce Signed.

Maggie S. Klots was this afternoon granted a divorce from Henry P. Klots, the decree being signed by Justice Barnard, in Equity Court No. 2. The complainant alleged cruelty and drunkenness on the part of the respondent. She is authorized to resume her maiden name, Swan.

Republican Convention Called.

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star. FALLS CHURCH, Va., March 8, 1900. Mr. J. M. Thorne, chairman of the republican committee of this county, has called a county convention of the party, to meet at Fairfax Court House on Monday, March 19, for the purpose of electing nine delegates to the state republican convention, which meets in Norfolk April 10 to elect delegates to the national convention. The county convention will also elect delegates to the congressional district convention, which meets at Warrenton March 21, which is called to elect two delegates to the national convention.

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COUNTRY'S GRAIN TRADE

Monograph by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics.

How Railways Built Up the Lake Business—Area of Cultivation Shifted.

"The Grain Trade of the United States" is the title of a monograph just published by the treasury bureau of statistics as the first of a series of studies upon the production and transportation of the great staples and upon the internal commerce of the country.

The present article points out the immense increase in the agricultural production of the country, the rapid and continuous westward shifting of the area of cultivation, and the changes in the routes by which western grain reached the eastern consumers and the European markets. The development of the grain production and trade is traced from colonial times to the opening up of the Mississippi route by the purchase of Louisiana, when the shallow barges and later the steamboats descended the Mississippi, and New Orleans shipped grain to New York and Boston. After the completion of the Erie canal in 1825 and the settling of the Lake Michigan territory, the great bulk of the western grain traffic moved eastward over the lakes and the canal, and New York became the great grain shipping port of the country.

The discussion shows how from Chicago a network of railways radiated to all points and acted as tributaries to the lakes and later how the unified and amalgamated railways competed with the lakes for the east-bound traffic. The traffic in corn and flour was diverted from the lakes to the railroads, and while the lakes regained part of this lost traffic later, the Erie canal failed to compete with the railroads from Buffalo, and a train which formerly reached tidewater at New York is now largely diverted to Philadelphia, Baltimore and more distant ports. The struggles of the railroads and of the ports among themselves are described, and the history of the rate of freight differentials is given, but the report comes back to history and does not discuss policy or forecast future developments.

Recent Developments.

The monograph also presents what appear as the two most recent developments of the grain trade of the United States—first, the partial diversion of the wheat and flour trade from Lake Michigan to Lake Superior ports and the rise of a great industry at Minneapolis and Duluth-Superior; secondly, the increased movement of grain (and notably of corn) to the gulf of Mexico and to a greater extent by rail, from St. Louis and nearby points, and to an ever-growing extent by direct rail routes from cities in the southwestern corn belt.

The report, which is quite comprehensive, contains a series of tables dealing with the rise and development of the grain trade at various collecting and distributing points, the efforts of the several railroads to control and effect the ever-increasing transportation of grain, and the distribution of the traffic among the various routes.

A great amount of information is furnished about rail, canal and ocean freight rates; about the production, distribution and consumption of cereals, and special paragraphs are devoted to the subject of the foreign market for American grain. The monograph includes a table of the general regarding acreage, production, imports, exports, consumption, prices and rates of duty for wheat in all the principal countries of the earth, as well as a table showing the general outline the present wheat area of the world.

Light on the Wheat Outlook.

The statistics contained in this report throw light upon the present grain and more especially wheat situation of the United States. They show that the exportation of grain is increasing with great rapidity, that both the production and exportation of corn are assuming a greater volume and that a constantly growing portion of our wheat is exported in the form of flour. During the first three months of this year, the amount of corn produced has increased from 808,000,000 to 1,924,000,000 bushels, an increase of 122 per cent, while the exports of this cereal increased from 600,000 to 1,770,000 bushels, or over 1,000 per cent. During the same period our production of wheat increased from 1,019,000,000 to 1,000,000,000 bushels, a gain of 344 per cent, while our exports increased from 126 to 222.6 millions of bushels, or almost eightfold, and our exports of this grain increased at a still more rapid rate.

Increase in Flour Exports.

From this report it also appears that since 1875, and notably since 1880, an ever-increasing proportion of our wheat exports has been in the form of flour, and that in this important branch of manufacture Americans have been able to compete with European millers, even in the face of protective legislation abroad. In 1880 only 15.03 per cent of our wheat was exported in the form of the manufactured product, flour, while in 1890 the proportion was 37.39 per cent, and in 1896, 52.03 per cent. In 1876 less than 4,000,000 barrels of flour, in 1890 15,000,000 barrels were exported from this country.

The year 1898 shows the United States to be easily the first wheat-producing country in the world, our production amounting to 675,000,000 bushels, or nearly one-fourth (23.4 per cent) of that of the whole world. Russia (both European and Asiatic) follows, with 1,200,000,000 bushels, France with 12.9 per cent; British India with 8.4 per cent, and Austria-Hungary with 5.9 per cent. Our precedence in the world is largely due to our possession of immense tracts of available fertile land, our admirable transportation facilities, the remarkable system of raising the grain, both in physically and commercially, and exceedingly low freight rates which obtain on our railroads and lakes.

Eliseman Bros., cor. 7th and E.

Your last chance!

For a few days longer we shall continue to offer—

Men's pants at 1/3 off.
Child's suits at 1/3 off.
Men's spring suits, carried over from last season, at 1/3 off.

You cannot respond too soon, for naturally the assortment is becoming rapidly depleted. Every garment is marked in plain figures.

We sell usual \$3 hats at \$2.

Men's 75c. soft madras shirts, 59c.

Men who can wear another shirt as well as find this offering of the Soft Madras shirt at 50c. a splendid opportunity. Each shirt has a pair of detachable cuffs, and all are the most desirable patterns.

EISEMAN BROS.

COR. 7TH AND E

We Close on Saturday Nights at 9 o'clock.

The Mizpah

Our New Ladies' Shoe.

Today we invite your attention to a brand-new shoe—the very latest and daintiest creation of the season in Ladies' Footwear. We are the sole agents in Washington for the "Mizpah"—a shoe that we shall be proud to have you compare with the best \$5 shoe you can find in any other store. All sizes—all shapes and styles of toe—slipper-foxed—kid or patent leather tips. Our surprise price.

\$3.00 3 Pair

Remember—we pay special attention to the Children's needs on Saturday. Children's Shoes from 75 cents a pair up. Notwithstanding the sharp advance in leather—our old-time prices prevail in all grades.

Family Shoe Store,

310-312 Seventh Street.

MARTIN WOLF'S STOCK OF FUR AND CLOTH GARMENTS

Is being sacrificed regardless of cost or value. We intended closing this sale Saturday night, but Mr. Wolf's advance spring orders are pouring in daily, and we are obliged to accept them, but at our own figures. Accordingly the sale will be continued for a few days longer, so that everything can be disposed of. The newest styles in Tailor-made Suits, Skirts, Silk and Wash Waists, etc., are offered in many instances at less than cost to manufacture. Notice these wonderful prices:

25 dozen Wash Petticoats, in neat blue and pink stripes—worth 75c. and 85c. each.....	One exquisite 20-inch Peacock Feather Cape lined with rich silk; a Parisian garment—worth \$25. to go at.....
\$3.00	\$8.00
All-wool Reversible Flaid Rainy-day Skirts—worth \$8.75, to go at.....	Ten dozen Ladies' Misses' and Gents' All Pure Silk Umbrellas, with steel ribs. Worth \$2 and \$2.50. Choice at.....
\$4.00	\$0.50
Waists, entirely new; fine-wooled and knitted throughout—worth \$12.50, to go at.....	50 Ladies' Suits, in gray, blue and black; jackets silk lined. Worth \$2.50 each.....
\$5.90	\$4.00
All New Taffeta Silk Waists, in all colors—worth \$8.50, to go at.....	35 Dress Skirts of fine Home-spun. Worth \$6.75, to go at.....
\$4.50	\$2.00
Lot of Fur Tails—worth 25c. each.....	About 21 dozen Fancy Imitation Silk Wash Petticoats, in all colors. Worth \$0.50.....
\$5.00	\$1.50
Children's Fur Sets, Collar and Cuffs. Worth \$2.50, to go at.....	50 dozen Ladies' Misses' and Gents' Fine Neckties, all colors and styles. Value, 75c. and \$1.00.....
\$10c.	10c. & 15c.
Children's Fur Sets, Collar and Cuffs. Worth \$2.50, to go at.....	String Room Rugs and Baby Carriage Rugs—worth \$6 and \$7, to go at.....
\$5c.	\$2 & \$2.50
Five Best Quality Muffs, XXXX quality. Worth \$7.50, to go at.....	Ladies' Fine Jersey Jackets, lined—worth \$6 and \$7, to go at.....
\$2.00	\$2.00
All Colour Coats, Persian Lamb and marten trimmed, lined with best quality silk. Worth \$25, to go at.....	Wash Cotton Shirt Waists—worth \$1.00, to go at.....
\$3.50	45c.
Fine Silk Capes for spring; trimmed with lace, jet, and satin. Worth \$15, to go at.....	
\$3.00	

Space will not permit our itemizing the Fur Garments, but every piece, from the finest Alaska Seals to a \$2.00 Neckscarf, is cut unmercifully. Open till 9 p.m.

DAVID F. MANN,

Purchaser of the Martin Wolf Stock, 617 Eleventh St., Near G.

VIN MARIANI

Mariani Wine—World Famous Tonic

Its good effects are immediate and lasting. It is also very palatable, agreeable to the taste and acceptable to the most delicate stomach.

As an Appetizer, take before meals; as a Digestive, take after meals; as a General Tonic or Stimulant, at any time.

Sold by all Druggists. Refuse Substitutes.

A Blood Maker

"EVANS' FERRI PEPTO-MANGAN." An ideal tonic for pale, thin people. It purifies the blood, invigorates the entire system. Only 40c. a bottle.

FOOD your system needs if you are lacking flesh and strength—50c. a pint.

Evans' Drug Store,

Wholesale and Retail, 802 F St.

The Deaf Cured Free.

NEWTOWN, MASS., AT 8 P.M. AT MASONIC TEMPLE, 3TH AND F STS.

Sixth Annual Ball.

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