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# This Sale Offers Its Greatest Inducements.

The person who meets a bargain of the Parker-Bridget kind recognizes something in it far beyond the usual. Everybody knows that the quality mark of Parker-Bridget goods is high—and all know, too, that the establishment is conducted on a broad, liberal plan that makes a customer feel and know that his confidence won't be betrayed. You can know as much about our goods as we do—we're glad to have you know it, for goods that are honest gain prestige by being known.

The dust and dirt of this rebuilding has forced us to a sacrifice that has never been equaled on like goods. It's easy to buy a "bargain" in "bargain goods"—but it's a rare occasion when the best that's known enters the lists for bargain honors.

## Still Better News About Clothing.



We have brought this sale to a point now where a greater number of bargain lots than ever are developing. In the clothing odds and ends of lines are making their appearance in profusion. That means we can accept less than ever. The honesty of the purpose of this sale and its necessity makes us as keen to give you bargains as you are to get them. That we do it is evidenced in every offer we make you.

The odds and ends in the Flannel Coat and Pants Suits—suits that sold up to \$10 and gave our extra value meaning to their price mark—are now assembled in a lot at **\$5.25**

And the Flannel, Homespun and Wool Crash Coat and Pants Suits that were sold up to \$15 are now **\$7.25**

Three-piece suits in worsted, cheviot, cassimere, etc.—the suits that have received more favorable comment than any lines of merchandise a store ever showed in a season's business are divided into two lots.

Those worth up to \$15 - - - - **\$9.50**

Those worth up to \$25 - - - - **\$12.25**

—The broken lots and odd sizes in 3-piece Suits are closing at **\$6.25**

## Clothing for Young Men.

—When a boy grows to the particular age of a young man he looks for the style and the quality that's found in Parker-Bridget clothing. This sale gratifies him—and it gratifies the purse of the house, too.

—We've brought together all the odds and ends in Young Men's Suits that sold for \$10 and \$12—and some even at \$15—in one lot. It includes those Blue Serge Coat and Pants Suits—the Fancy Cheviots and some Blue and Black Suits—some cut in 3-button sacks—some 2-button double-breasted. The price on the lot is **\$5.75**

## Clothing for the Boys.

—We've provided well for the boys this season—and this rebuilding sale serves a double purpose in its clearance. We're making an absolute clearance of the odds and ends in Boys' Double-breasted, Vestee and Blouse Suits, in black, blue and fancy mixtures—that sold from \$3.00 to \$6.00—at **\$1.85**

—Another lot includes all the soiled Wash Suits—white suits and colored ones for boys from 3 to 10 years old. Suits that sold for \$3.50 and \$4.00. Now marked **\$1.50.**

—Entire stock of Washable Kilt Suits for boys 3 and 4 years old—suits sold up to \$4. Also Blouse Suits in very neatest effects—that sold up to \$1.50—in a lot now at **79c.**

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## This Sale Reduces Manhattan Shirts.

—We have reached the point now where the next move is the sacrifice of the Manhattan Neglige Shirts. There's no part of perfection that isn't represented in Manhattan Shirts—and when they're put in at bargain figures there's not a man anywhere who doesn't recognize his advantage at once. —We've reduced all the Manhattan Negliges. The patterns are complete—the sizes run from 14 to 20. There are pleated bosoms and plain bosoms—there are shirts with cuffs attached and detached.

The \$1.50 Shirts are - - - - **\$1.12**

The \$2.00 Shirts are - - - - **\$1.37**

—About 49 of those \$1 and \$1.25 Colored Neglige Shirts—some with cuffs attached and some with detached cuffs—in sizes 15½ to 17½. To be closed out at **50c.**

—Also about 19 dozen Men's White Neglige Shirts, sizes 14 to 15½. The best 85c. Shirts in America. To go at **50c.**



## Shoes at \$1.95.

High Shoes and Low Shoes. We've assembled all the odds and ends of the \$3.50 and \$4 footwear in this lot and will make a quick clearance of it at **\$1.95.** Patent leathers, vici, box calf and velour calf shoes. Everything that is good in style and quality, too.

## Hats for Men & Boys.



—Of course, you look for a bargain in hats at this time of the year—and that's our cue to give you something even greater than you're looking for. This sale rather instills a recklessness into price making.

—We've made the Men's Rough Straw, Sennette and Split Braid Hats, in Alpine and Yacht shapes, that sold up to \$2. .... **45c.**

—And all the Men's Yachts and Alpines, in Split Braids, Milans and Porto Ricans, that sold up to \$5. .... **\$1.48**

—All the Children's Yacht Hats that were 50c. and 75c. .... **21c.**

—All the Children's Wide Brim Sailors that sold up to \$2. .... **69c.**

—And all the Children's Wide Brim Sailors that sold up to \$3.50 and \$4. .... **98c.**

## Boys' Furnishings

—So many of the "little things" a boy needs that you can "pick up" during the sale. Little to pay, much to gain.

—Boys' Colored Madras Neglige Shirts reduced to **69c.**

—Boys' Blouses, in a variety of effects—3, 4 and 5-year sizes, reduced to **39c.**

—Those convenient little Shirtees closing out at **5c.**

—And Stockings, in sizes 8½ and 7½; closing out at **19c.**

—Shield Ties—made of silk—very pretty effects—reduced to **19c.**

—Ladies' 50c. Stocks, in wash fabrics—all colors—reduced to **39c.**

## Reductions that Must Mean Absolute Clearance of Ladies' Wearables.

—The sale has affected this department in a way that has made a bargain of everything in it. Such unusual bargains, too. Goods that genius has produced—and made it a point to produce better and with more originality and more style to them than any such goods ever possessed. The women appreciate this sale, for it brings to them something unusually good—at a price unusually low.

—Take the suits, for instance. Nothing like the Parker-Bridget Suits has been shown this season. Exclusiveness has been our aim and is the feature of this collection. Now they're reduced—and reduced as the demands of a sale of clearance to save them from the dust and dirt of rebuilding dictates.

Suits Now at = = **\$19.75**

Suits Now at = = **\$22.00**

Suits Now at = = **\$27.50**

Suits Now at = = **\$32.50**

Walking Suits at **\$24.50**

—And not one that didn't do honor to a much higher price.

## Shirt Waist Reductions.

—Three lots of Shirt Waists that include the whole stock.

\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 Waists - **75c.**

Waists worth up to \$4.50 - **\$1.50**

Waists worth up to \$6.50 - **\$3.50**

## Muslin Underwear.

—The French room, where the Underwear, Hosiery and Corsets are shown, offers unusual attractions.

Underwear at - - - - **95c.**

Underwear at - - - - **\$1.45**

Underwear at - - - - **\$1.65**

Underwear at - - - - **\$1.85**

Underwear at - - - - **\$2.45**

\$1.25, \$1.50 & \$1.75 Corsets **\$1.00**

\$6.50 Corsets - - - - **\$4.50**

## Travelers' Needs.

—We've provided everything within your list of wants. We've provided well. We asked the least before. We ask less now.

—All Linen Suit Cases—wood or steel frames **\$1.45**

—\$2.00 kind. .... **\$4.95**

—Sole Leather Suit Cases, 24 in. size. \$6.00 kind now. .... **\$5.75**

—Sole Leather Suit Cases, 24 in. size. Were \$7.00. Now. .... **\$2.95**

—Eight left of the 24 in. Sheepskin Suit Cases that were \$3.50. Now. .... **\$9.00.**

—One \$11.00 Hat Trunk left, to go at **\$8.50.**

—One \$10.00 Hat Trunk left, to go at **\$3.95**

—7 Dress Trunks left that sold for \$5.50, \$6 and \$6.50—to go at **\$4.95**

—6 Steamer Trunks left that were \$5.50 and \$6—to go at **\$6.25**

—3 Steamer Trunks left that were \$7.00 and \$7.50—to go at **\$6.25**

—All Bathing Suits reduced.

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### RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS.

#### Something About Them and Their Hazardous Calling.

"The disastrous railway accident near Zena, Ohio, a few days ago, in which two railway mail clerks were killed, and two dangerously wounded, the entire mail car and its contents being burned, suggests a word regarding these employees of the government," said a postal official.

"The families of the two clerks who were killed will be the first who will be the beneficiaries under the act passed at the last session of Congress making an allowance

of \$1,000 to the heirs of any railway mail clerk killed in the line of duty.

"As sad and distressing as these accidents are they nevertheless may be said to be inevitable, and until the passage of the act in question the department could make no provision for the families of the killed. The railway mail service clerks have for years tried to get through Congress an act which provides for their retirement, and a sick and death benefit, the funds to come from their own salaries, but their efforts were not rewarded by success. The act allowing \$1,000, as stated, may be said to be in the nature of a compromise and concession by Congress, and is greatly appreciated by the clerks.

"While the danger of their trying occupation is in nowise lessened, their general condition may be said to have improved as the department carries on its roll those of the clerks who are injured in the line of their duty during the period of their incapacity, but not for longer than a year,

This is a very humane and just provision, as the railway mail clerks are a particularly skilled and competent lot of men, and their families have something to be proud of when they are struck at their posts, as so often occurs. "The total force consists of about 9,200 men, and since 1887 there have been about 180 railway mail clerks killed, and about \$1,100 injured in railway wrecks, and during the fiscal year of 1901, there were seven killed and 292 injured, or about three and one-third per cent of the entire force. The hazardousness of the occupation will be that during the year in question there were 825 accidents on the rail in which clerks were either killed or maimed.

"In short, there are few occupations more confining and dangerous, and in which a greater degree of efficiency is demanded than that of railway mail clerks. Fortunately, it is a branch of the government service which has been removed from the

influence of politics, and men secure and retain their positions on merit and merit alone. They are promoted up according to grade and the percentage of their examinations, and they attain a proficiency which reflects the highest credit upon themselves and the service.

"The exposed and dangerous position of the mail car in trains makes it almost certain that one or more of the railway mail clerks is killed or maimed in an accident, especially in a head-on accident. These cars are so splintered and wrecked in some instances that it is a wonder that anything human escapes in a recognizable form. The mail car must of necessity be well lighted at night, and this explains why those cars are so often burned with their contents.

"The public know that in a swaying, rapidly moving railroad train it is at times difficult to read a newspaper. They may imagine how much more difficult it is to read the addresses upon millions of letters, newspapers and packages, assort and dis-

tribute them correctly, and attend to all the various duties that are to be performed, and with the utmost quickness and accuracy. Yet so perfect are the men that at their examinations they pass high percentages, in the nineties, and some are so proficient that they maintain a permanent percentage of 100 correct.

"The railway mail clerk is so seldom seen that the general public give him little thought, while with even the traveling public he is seen only for a few minutes at the stations. But he is there, nevertheless, about as perfect a human machine as long training and good discipline can develop, and when you receive your morning mail give him a kind thought with the pleasant word you exchange with the postman."

### Siamese Nepotism.

From the New York Tribune. The large royal families of Siam are admirably taken care of by the state, as a

glance at King Chulalongkorn's cabinet will show: The minister of war, the king's only surviving full brother; the minister of public works, the king's half brother; the minister for the interior, another half brother; the minister of foreign affairs, another half brother; the minister of finance, another half brother; the minister for local government, another half brother; director general of the privy purse, another half brother; minister of the royal household, another half brother; director general of hospitals, another half brother; high commissioner for Ayutthia, another half brother; controller general of finance, the king's son; minister of justice, another son; commander-in-chief, another son; deputy superintendent of the navy, another son, and director general of customs, the king's cousin.

### No Cool Drinks in Berlin.

From the London Telegraph. The German police are paternally minded in their care for the public. Sometimes their interference is a nuisance; sometimes there is a grain of common sense about it. The last move of the Berlin authorities is to issue an order to the public houses and traitors generally prohibiting them during the excessive hot weather from selling drinks of a temperature below 10 degrees Celsius! There is always a keen desire to take some cool beverage on a tropical day—and plenty of it—and the Berlin sanitary police, who have pondered over the question, have come to the conclusion that the Teuton is not very thoughtful on such occasions of the effect on his "innards" of beer or other cooling draughts almost at freezing point.