

FACTS ABOUT COINS

GOVERNMENT LOSES MONEY PREPARING GOLD CURRENCY.

Baser Metals Return Fair Profit Over Cost of Manufacture—Pennies in Colonial Days.

From the Boston Herald. A strange thing about our coinage system is that the government loses money in coining gold, but makes a big profit in coining pennies.

Millions of Pennies.

What becomes of the millions of pennies coined each year by the government is an unsolved problem. To supply the demand the mint at Philadelphia must keep on turning out new pennies at an average rate of 4,000,000 per month.

The New York Cent.

In 1776 was coined a New York Cent. The obverse bears a bust supposed to have been intended for General Washington in the costume of the continental army.

Connecticut Coinage.

The Connecticut cents bear date 1785, 1786 and 1787. The obverse has a head with the words "Auctori Connec." on the reverse a figure of Liberty holding a staff in one hand and an olive branch in the other.

Massachusetts.

In 1787 the commonwealth of Massachusetts ordered from its mint a copper coin having on one side an Indian with his bow and arrow, near his forehead a star and around the coin the word "Commonwealth."

SIXTEEN-INCH TELESCOPE.

Great Refracting Instrument for Cincinnati Observatory.

The Alvan Clark & Sons Corporation of Cambridgeport, the famous telescope manufacturers, has just been awarded the contract for constructing a sixteen-inch refracting telescope for the Cincinnati Observatory.

A Long Corn Bow.

Kansas is simply inexhaustible in the matter of oddities. Just when it might be supposed that she had run the whole gamut, she appears with another novelty such as nobody else in all the wide world would ever have thought of.

An Exception.

From the Philadelphia Press. Teacher—"And what is that part of the face called that extends from the bridge of the nose to the roots of the hair?"

Saks and Company. Leaders since 1867. Stock-Taking Discoveries. The greatest bargain feast of the season follows the inventory.

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Stock-Taking Discoveries Among Boys' Clothing.

- Boys' Fancy Mixed Double Breasted and Vestie Short Pants Suits; scattering sizes. Regular price, \$1.50. Choice..... 75c.
Boys' Fancy and Mixed Plain Blue and Black Double Breasted Sailor and Vestie Short Pants Suits. Regular price, \$2.00. Choice..... \$1.25

Stock-Taking Discoveries in Young Men's Clothing.

- Young Men's Fancy Cheviot Single-breasted Suits, in scattering sizes. Regular price \$14 to \$19. Regular price, \$5. Choice..... \$2.50
Young Men's Plain Blue and Black Cheviot, Plain Blue Serge, Black Worsted and Fancy Cheviot Single-breasted Suits; broken sizes. Regular price, \$7.50 Suits. Choice..... \$3.75

Stock-Taking Discoveries in the Shoe Department.

- Men's Patent Leather Shoes, for dress wear; famous Hanan make; shapes are a little narrow. Regular price, \$2.50. Choice..... \$2.50
Men's White Canvas Shoes, for outing wear—rubber soles; large sizes only. Regular price has been 75c. a pair. Choice..... 25c.

Virtually Every Half-Lined Fancy and Mixed Suit in the Stock.

Not only these—but a few plain Black Cheviots will be found among them. They are Suits that have formed the finest stock of Clothing ever presented a clientage for selection.

- Choice of the \$20, \$22.50 and \$25.00 Suits for \$12.50
Choice of the \$15, \$16.50 and \$17.50 Suits for \$9.75
Choice of the \$10, \$12.50 and \$13.50 Suits for \$6.75

Broken Lots of Our Regular-Stock Two-piece Suits.

Every lot that musters a numerical strength less than five suits has been called out of the regular stock and put on a counter by themselves—Fancy Flannels and Wool Crashes; light, dark and medium effects.

Men's White Vests.

All the small lots, where sizes have become broken, and all the Single Vests that have become soiled by handling, no matter how slightly, are brought out for special selling.

Those selling up to \$2—Choice, 95c. Those selling up to \$3.50—Choice, \$1.45.

- Men's Mohair Coats and Vests, broken sizes, but in variety of colors. Regular price has been \$5.00. Choice..... \$3.00
Men's All-silk Separate Coats; striped effects; ideal for street or house wear. Regular price has been \$5.00. Choice..... \$3.00

Stock-Taking Discoveries in Photographic Goods.

- Long-focus Camera, size 6x7, with triple convertible lens; automatic shutter, rack and pinion; reversible; and double-swing back; double plate holder. List price \$40..... \$29.50
Long-focus Camera, size 4x5, with automatic shutter, rack and pinion; reversible; and double-swing back; double plate holder. List price \$45..... \$22.50

Saks and Company, Penna. Ave. and 7th Street.

GAMBART'S MEMOIRS. Earned Fame and Amassed Wealth as Picture Dealer.

From the London Post. Mr. Ernest Gambart, who died last Monday at Les Palmiers, Nice, was engaged during the closing years of his life in the preparation of his memoirs, and for this purpose he had been in communication quite recently with some of his old friends in the artistic world of London.

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THE KIKUYU COUNTRY. A Fine Region in Africa Right on the Equator.

From the New York Sun. The Kikuyu country in East Africa is famous for having within its borders one of the greatest snow mountains of Africa, Mount Kenya, whose summit is always white with snow, though it lies directly under the equator.

Technique of Things Dynamic.

From the London Chronicle. Most people have got the technique of things dynamic at their fingers' ends this year. Nevertheless, our old friend, the heir presumptive, has again made his appearance.

ELECTRICITY IN MINING. Water Power Converted Into Energy and Transmitted Long Distances.

From Cassell's Magazine. The three-phase alternating current system constitutes one of the greatest achievements in modern mining engineering. The energy of an inaccessible water power converted into electrical energy by water-wheel-driven generators and delivered to the transmission line at high voltage may be transmitted economically through distances as great as 75 miles.

Another View of It.

From the Chicago News. She—"According to statistics, there are two single men in the penitentiary for every married one."

WEAPONS OF THE CHINESE. How Their Arms Were Evolved—Method of Designating Rank.

From the New York Evening Post. The prominent part played by China in the world's affairs during the past seven years has aroused the interest of collectors who have brought to this country many specimens of wares and goods peculiar to that part of the far east.

The Lions of England.

From the London Chronicle. Although at the time of the union with Ireland the fleur-de-lis ceased to be quartered with the arms of England, we cannot altogether eliminate a French origin from our royal standard.

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