

GRAND LEADER STIX BAER & FULLER The Fastest Growing Store in America

Fire Sale of the Royal Skirt Co.'s Stock of Silks, Dress Goods, Etc.,

Used in the manufacture of skirts and which they had on hand at the time of the fire. Many lots are small, so don't come late, expecting to find every one of the following wonderful bargains, as SOME of them will hardly last all day!

- Silks—Colored Taffeta—used in manufacturing skirts, slightly soiled or worn 60c—Fire Sale Price, per yard. 19c
Colored All-Silk Taffeta—also cream and white—worth 60c—Fire Sale Price, per yard. 39c
36-inch (extra wide) Black Taffeta—worth \$1.15—Fire Sale Price, per yard. 75c
Dress Goods—40c Quality Black Brilliantine, 35c quality Black Jacquards, all fully 28 inches wide and in perfect condition—Price in Fire Sale, per yard. 15c
65c Quality 56-inch Black Venetian Twills—50c quality 42-inch All-Wool Black Storm Cheviot, in perfect condition—Fire Sale Price, per yard. 39c
\$1.00 quality 54-inch extra heavy Golf Skirting, in black and colors—Fire Sale Price. 59c
\$2.50 quality 54-inch extra heavy Kersey Skirting, in navy blue and black—Fire Sale Price, per yard. \$1.25
\$1.00 quality 60-inch and 46-inch Imported Plaid Suitings, in bright combinations of colors—Fire Sale Price, per yard. 49c
In Basement—25c quality Fancy Black Skirting—Fire Sale Price, per yard. 8 1/2c
45c quality Fancy 38-inch Silk Mixed Suitings—Fire Sale Price, per yard. 19c
Linings—200 pieces 36-inch Black Taffeta Skirtings—if in perfect condition would cost 12 1/2c—Fire Sale Price, per yard. 5c
200 pieces Double-Fold Black Linings—worth 8c—damaged by water only—Fire Sale Price, per yard. 1c
Muslin—Good heavy Unbleached Twilled Muslin, outside fold of each piece slightly burned, balance only water damaged—worth 7 1/2c—at, per yard. 2c
Crepon—About 40 pieces fine heavy Japanese Wite Cotton Crepon, genuine imported goods, suitable for ladies' and children's dresses or underwear—worth 20c—only slightly soiled—Fire Sale Price, per yard. 5c
Skirting—Linen Colored Crash Skirting—worth 10c—not damaged at all—Fire Sale Price. 4c
68 pieces of good heavy quality fancy woven Colored Duck Skirting and fancy Colored Cotton Homespun—worth up to 20c, very slightly damaged—Choice, per yard. 5c
Pique—63 pieces of fine quality 40-inch White Pique—worth up to 20c—some slightly damaged by water—Fire Sale Price, per yard. 7c
33 pieces of fine imported white Pique—being wrapped in paper, it escaped all injuries—worth up to 30c—Fire Sale Price, per yard. 10c
Sateen—One small lot of fine quality Fancy Colored Sateens, in all the latest Persian styles—suitable for undershirts and in almost perfect condition—20c quality, at. 7 1/2c
Cambric—60 pieces of White Cambric, quality just as good as Lonsdale, and only slightly soiled—worth 12 1/2c—Fire Sale Price. 5c
One small case of fine imported navy blue and black striped Duck Skirting—slightly soiled or worn up to 30c—Fire Sale Price, per yard. 9c
28 pieces finest gray mixed imported Cotton Skirting—beautiful material for rainy-day skirts—worth 35c—very slightly damaged on selvage only, per yard. 10c
Sateen—Just 15 pieces of 50-inch sateen—cream colored Sateen—a little soiled on edges or worn 40c, at. 10c
Gingham—22 pieces of fancy striped Silk Gingham, suitable for ladies' undershirts, handkerchiefs, etc.—all regular 40c goods—Fire Sale Price, per yard. 10c

WE CAN NOT FILL MAIL ORDERS FOR THESE FIRE SALE GOODS. ENTIRE SALVAGE STOCK OF THE Royal Skirt Mfg. Co., 717 and 719 Lucas Ave., St. Louis.

Consisting not only of damaged and uninjured garments, but also of material used in their making! BOUGHT FROM THE UNDERWRITERS BY GRAND-LEADER AT 33c ON THE DOLLAR! Look at the prices! Read the descriptions! The woman who does and then fails to come here tomorrow is, to say the least, foolishly indifferent to her own best interests. Where in all this great metropolis can one get so much for so little money? The opportunities can't possibly last long! Buy while you have the chance and before early comers have carried off the biggest bargains.



This Wool Skirt for \$1.50.



This Wool Skirt for \$3.48.

- Royal Skirt Co.'s Wash Skirts—Nearly 2,000 Skirts, splendidly made of white and colored pique, duck, denim, cotton cover, Galatea and linen crash, in navy, China blue, Oxford, red, castor and brown, variously trimmed with embroidery insertions, appliques, fancy braids and with contrasting colored bands. These skirts are samples for the coming season, and will be on the market a few short months hence at \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4 and \$5 each. Only a very few are damaged, by far the greater part being perfect, clear, fresh, crisp skirts. Think of buying such skirts at the Fire Sale Price, for choice of all, for only. 49c
Royal Skirt Mfg. Co.'s Wool Dress Skirts.
800 Royal Mfg. Co.'s Dress Skirts, of black broadcloth wool goods and all-wool plaid novelty cloth; percaline lining and waterproof binding—worth up to \$2.50; Fire Sale Price, each. 89c
200 Royal Skirt Mfg. Co.'s Dress Skirts, of all-wool materials, such as homespuns, crepons and chevots—some plain and others trimmed; percaline lined and velvet bound, worth up to \$5.00; Fire Sale Price, each. \$1.98
600 Royal Skirt Mfg. Co.'s Dress Skirts, in this season's newest styles, of homespuns, chevots, Venetians, crepons and coverts—some plain 7-gored style, some flounce style, plain or nicely trimmed; colors include gray, Oxford, blue, black and brown—worth up to \$6.50; Fire Sale Price, each. \$2.98
Royal Skirt Mfg. Co.'s Rainy-Day Skirts.
Over 500 Rainy-Day Skirts, made of plain or plaid cloths, such as beavers, kersyes, homespuns, coverts and Venetian coverts—in 5 or 7 gored styles—some with flounces and every one finished with 10 rows of stitching at bottom; colors black, blue, tan, castor, brown, gray and Oxford—every one of these skirts is in perfect condition and this season's make.
Royal Skirt Co.'s \$4.00 Rainy-Day Skirts—\$1.98
Royal Skirt Co.'s \$7.50 Rainy-Day Skirts—\$3.98
Royal Skirt Co.'s \$6.00 Rainy-Day Skirts—\$4.98
Royal Skirt Mfg. Co.'s Dress Skirts, made of all-wool crepon, homespuns, Venetians, coverts, chevots and broadcloths, in this season's newest styles, in flaring and flounce effects, plain or stitched with taffeta bands, some nicely braided; best percaline linings—all colors—every one in good condition, worth up to \$8.00; Fire Sale Price, each. \$3.98
Royal Skirt Mfg. Co.'s swellest Dress Skirts, of broadcloth, taffeta silk, Venetians, coverts, pebble chevots, etc., in flounce and flaring effects, some plain tailor-made, others trimmed with taffeta bands and stitching—all colors, garments worth up to \$10; your choice at \$5.00 Fire Sale Price, each. \$5.00

OUR CLEARING SALE OF WINTER GOODS WILL ALSO BEGIN TO-MORROW! BUT AS WE'RE BUSY TAKING STOCK WE CANNOT SPARE TIME TO PREPARE ITEMS FOR ADVERTISING THE HUNDREDS OF MARKED-DOWN VALUES THAT, IF MENTIONED, WOULD CROWD THE STORE.

PRICE OF BEANS WORRIES BOSTON. Intellectual City Alarmed at the Market Quotations on Marrowfats. THINKS THERE IS A CORNER. New York "Beanery" Man Says There Is No Corner and Beans Are Only Naturally High—Says Boston Is Slow.

WALBRIDGE MAY MAKE RACE AGAIN. Former Mayor Is Said to Have Aspirations to Succeed Mr. Ziegenhain. CHANCES FOR THE NOMINATION. Reported That He Would Have the Support of Baumhoff if He Decides to Run—Movement of Friends.

THINKS HE HAS A FAMOUS BROOD MARE. Anthony Niemeyer, a Local Grocer, Believes He Owns the Thoroughbred Silk Gown. NOT IDENTIFIED WHEN SOLD. St. Louis Man Paid \$50 for His Animal and Offers Evidence to Show That She Is the Noted Last One.

NO MONEY FOR DISINFECTANTS. Assistant Health Commissioner Francis yesterday notified Comptroller Sturgeon that the department is in need of more disinfectants, and that, unless an additional appropriation is made for the purpose in January, the city will be left altogether without material of the sort. The present appropriation of \$22,000 is almost exhausted, and there is just enough remaining to furnish disinfectants until February 1. Mr. Francis stated that the city will be altogether without the means of combating the spread of diphtheria, scarlet fever and other contagious diseases unless a further appropriation is made. In the coroner's department the work of the post-mortem physicians, Doctors Carter and Hoehndorfer, is now carried on without funds, and the physicians can only hope for their remuneration or for services through future appropriations. For this purpose \$1,500 was appropriated, but this amount was more than used up before Doctor Funkhouser assumed charge of the department.

ASK FOR CHANGES IN STREET CAR ROUTES. South Side Citizens Call Upon President Whitaker of the Transit Company. A committee from the South Side, appointed at a citizens' meeting held Friday night at Union Capitol Hall, called on President Edwards Whitaker of the Transit Company yesterday morning and protested against the discontinuance of the Cherokee division on Russell avenue and Ninth street. A set of resolutions, asking the restoration of the old service, was presented to President Whitaker.

BARBER IS REPORTED MISSING. Joe Harris Has Not Been Seen Since December 6. Joe Harris, a barber, living at No. 6315 Maple avenue, left his boarding-place in the afternoon of December 6, ostensibly to enter a hospital, and has not been heard of since. Harris had been sick with pneumonia for three weeks and was in a debilitated state of health. The night previous to his departure he was seen by a friend who weighed about 150 pounds. He wore a dark coat, a black Fedora hat, gray trousers and tan shoes.

FIRE IN A DEPARTMENT STORE. Marshall Field's Establishment Was Badly Scorched. Chicago, Dec. 29.—Fire, which for a time threatened with destruction the retail store of Marshall Field & Co., was discovered on the third floor shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. A fire alarm was turned in, and by hard work the fire was confined to the third and fourth floors and in the old Field building on State street. The fire apparently originated in the cable shaft of the elevators. General Manager Selfridge estimated the damage at not to exceed \$50,000, mostly by water.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. The superiority of the marrowfat bean of commerce, when properly brewed, has long been the boast of the residents of Boston town. Beans, they argue, are the staple diet of the people who live in the Back Bay district, and where in the world may be found a larger percentage of adults who consume the mysterious of psychological research, genetic philosophy and telepathy, or so many children who slip in hodie tuber numbers from the cradle? The physical and mental stimulus infused within the thin skin of the marrowfat bean are understood and appreciated in Boston. Beans out Mrs. Jack Gardner and the sacred codfish in the estimation of the population, and the three alternate as the basis of sensational "news" items in that intellectual town. In Boston just now they are trembling in the throes of an excitement caused by the announcement that "the price of beans has risen." Beans, they say in Boston, have gone to the unheard-of price of \$2.50 a bushel. And once they sold as low as \$1.50 a bushel. It is feared that the pedantic, but imprudent port of Boston will suffer for the want of beans, and there may be a corresponding decrease in the high mental average of the population. Beans at \$2.50 a bushel is bad enough; but a Chicago man has "cornered" the market, and they may go to \$3. When they reach the latter figure, he will sorrowfully hand in his sign and retire from business as "The Hub of the Universe." John Mechin, who manages the oldest "beanery" in New York, in discussing the bulge in beans, said: "It is all even. The growers are merely withholding the profits now which have been withheld for some time past. They are slow in Boston. Why, as a matter of fact, I paid \$2.75 for beans on December 14, and since then they have dropped 20 cents. Beans always increase in price during the fall and winter months. On October 2 I paid \$2.50, on October 15 I paid \$2.60, on October 30 I paid \$2.80, on November 10 I paid \$3.00, on November 20 I paid \$3.20, on December 10 I paid \$3.50, on December 20 I paid \$4.00. The price is lower to-day than it was two weeks ago, but it takes those Boston people two weeks or a month to get used to the condition of affairs."

BOND PREMIUMS ARE RAISED. Nebraska State Treasurer's Salary Wouldn't Pay It. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 29.—Surety companies doing business in Nebraska have combined and raised the rate on the State Treasurer to a prohibitive figure. The Treasurer elect must give bond for \$300,000. The fee has been \$1,000. Heretofore it was \$500. The salary is only \$2,000. The Treasurer must either get personal bondmen or pay \$3,000 for the privilege of receiving \$2,000 salary.

IS NOT A MARQUETTE STATUE. That in the Capitol Bears No Likeness to Famous Priest. Washington, Dec. 29.—The statue of Pere Marquette, in the statutory hall in the Capitol, about which there was almost a religious war a few years ago, turns out not to be the statue of Pere Marquette at all. The statue was presented to the nation by the State of Wisconsin. Objections were raised to its installation in the Capitol by persons of other than Catholic denomination, and for many months the authorities hesitated as to what they should do. They finally gave Pere Marquette a place with other prominent men. A discovery has now been made of an old painting of Marquette in Montreal, which indicates that the statue is as far from being an accurate representation of the famous priest as day is from night. The painting in Montreal, it is said, is unique in the history of art, especially in that with that no outline of the portrait could be had until it had undergone a careful restoration.

ACTOR EDMUND COLLIER DEAD. Career Embraced Both Edwin Booth and "Ben Hur." New York, Dec. 29.—Edmund Collier, a veteran actor, and father of William Collier, is dead. He had been in reduced circumstances for some time, and the Actors' Fund will take charge of the body. Collier was well known on the stage in the early seventies, and was associated with Edwin Booth and John McCullough. For a time he was leading man for Mme. Januschek. In 1887 he went through the company and played the leading part in "The Cross Roads of America." This venture was a failure. His last engagement in this city was in "Ben Hur." He was a brother-in-law of the late Bartley Campbell, playwright.

PRESENT FROM THREE KINGS. Christmas Gift Sent to Explorer Henry M. Stanley. Copyright, 1900, by W. R. Hearst. London, Dec. 29.—Henry M. Stanley has received a unique Christmas card from the three kings of Uganda. It is a pencil drawing by a native of Central Africa, representing the British lion rampant and bearing this inscription: "Wishing you a very happy Christmas." The card was especially made for Stanley from the native rulers, addressed to "Our loved and honored one who is esteemed and honored, too, by England." The advice thank Stanley for a recent letter of the king, saying: "We pray much to increase our strength and our wisdom that we may urge our people to do good work and much of it, as you say in your letter. As to bricks, we are making and building with them already. We have built four churches of brick. We also build with wood. As to carpentering, we have selected youths to be taught. Our kind friend, Bishop Tucker, begged our clever friend, Mr. Henry, to teach our boys, and this he is doing, and they are learning well carpentering, smithing and watch-mending, and to set up type and print the houses of many chiefs. Will you also pray God to give us hearts to readily grasp great wisdom? We, your dear friends, salute you with all our love. Good-by. 'APOLO KATIKITO, 'YAKARIA KIZITO, 'YAKARIA KIZITO."

DUKE ACTS AS TOURIST AGENT. Takes a Party to Rome and Attends to Details. Copyright, 1900, by W. R. Hearst. London, Dec. 29.—The Duke of Norfolk, in his new role of a tourist agent, took a large party of English pilgrims to Rome this week. The Duke attended to everything, answering scores of questions and looking after the tickets, luggage and comfort of his passengers. He will present to the Pope a richly jeweled gold chalice for use when saying midnight mass at the dawn of the new century.

FEEDS THE HAIR. Have you ever thought why your hair is falling out? It is because you are starving your hair. If this starvation continues, your hair will continue to fall. There is one good hair food. It is Ayer's Hair Vigor. It goes right to the roots of the hair and gives them just the food they need. The hair stops falling, becomes healthy, and grows thick and long. Ayer's Hair Vigor does another thing, also: it always restores color to faded or gray hair. One dollar a bottle. If your druggist cannot supply you, send us \$1.00 and we will express a bottle to you, charges prepaid. Be sure and give your nearest express office. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass. Send for our handsome book on The Hair.