

**Fancy Cups and Saucers**  
Tea, Coffee, Bouillon, Chocolate and A. D. Coffees, the finest wares, one special table. Don't miss them.



**Remarkable Values in Anglo-Persian Rugs Size 9x12, dropped patterns**

Rarely is such an opportunity as this, for only once a year do the rug manufacturers make their discounts and permit the reduced prices on the abandoned patterns.

Whittall's finest Anglo Persian, a term to conjure with in the rug world.

Were \$82.50	Sale price
\$69.25	\$65.00
	\$55.00

**Rugs in Small Sizes**

<b>Axminsters,</b>	36 x 72	were \$6.00	for \$5.25
	27 x 60	\$3.75	\$3.25
	18 x 36	\$1.50	\$1.35
<b>Mottled Axminsters,</b>	27 x 54	\$1.85	\$1.50
	27 x 54	\$3.00	\$2.50

**Clearance of Wall Paper**

Wall Papers in late designs, attractive styles for living rooms, bedrooms and reception halls all purchased this last autumn.

At half original prices

50 cts., \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 up to \$4.00.

In lots of 6, 8, 10, 14 to 20 rolls in the lot. Very special.

Bathroom Rugs of Colonial woven felt strips. Were \$1.75 at \$1.25.

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**January Sale Continued**

A ten per cent. discount

On Dinner Sets, Stock Patterns in Dinnerware, Fancy China, Cut Glass and Silver, Lamps, Jardinières, Candle Shades and various lines of Kitchenware. Basement.

**Fancy Linen Department**

**Battenberg Centers,** were 50, 75 and \$1.00 at half price  
**Cream Linen Centers,** 24 in. 40 cts. for 25 cts. 28 in. 55 cts. for 39 cts. 36 in. \$1.00 for 69 cts.  
**Irish Linen Dollies,** 8 in. 50 and 60 cts. for 35 cts. 12 in. 75 cts. for 50 cts.  
**Irish Linen Centers,** 24 in. \$2.50 for \$1.50  
**Irish Linen Squares,** 36 in. \$6.50 for \$4.00 Only a few of each.  
**Cream Linen Centers,** 54 in. \$2.00 for \$1.50  
**Madeira Dollies,** 6 in. 25 cts. for 15 cts. 9 in. 50 cts. for 35 cts. 12 in. 75 cts. for 50 cts. 24 in. \$2.00 for \$1.25  
Third floor.

**Stamped Pieces for embroidery**

**Pillow Cases,** 59 and 65 cts. With each pair sufficient cotton is furnished to finish work.  
**Night Dresses,** 59 and 75 cts. Cotton for embroidery furnished without charge.  
**Peri-Lustre Crochet Cotton.** With each 25 ct. purchase, a copy of Priscilla Junior Crochet Book, which is sold at 15 cts.  
This is a book by Belle Robinson, for girls from 8 to 12 years, and is full of useful information about crochet work.  
**One lot Pillow Tops,** with backs, were 50 cts. for 35 cts  
**One lot Scarfs and Centers,** were 50 cts. for 35 cts.  
**B. H. S. Pillow Tops,** were 50 cts. for 25 cts.  
**Cretonne Covered Coat Hangers,** 25c. for 15 cts. Royal Society Packages, discarded numbers at one-half price.

**Glove Silk Underwear**

at very special reductions.

**Union Suits, Envelope Combination Suits and Vests**

A small gathering only. Sizes and prices not mentioned to save disappointment.  
Main floor.

**Handkerchiefs**

**Men's Initial,** 9 cts. each.  
**Men's Initial, pure linen,** 29 cts. each.  
**Women's Handkerchiefs.** Were 13 and 15 cts., now 10 cts., 6 for 50 cts.  
Were 25 cts., now 19 cts., 6 for \$1.00  
35 cts., now 29 cts. each.  
50 cts., now 39 cts.  
75 cts., now 59 cts.  
\$1.00, now 79 cts.  
Main floor.

**Bureaus and Chiffoniers of Fumed Oak in Mission style.**

**Bureaus,** \$18.50 Sale price, \$16.00 \$15.00 \$13.25 \$12.50 \$10.75  
**Chiffoniers,** \$18.50 Sale price, \$16.00 \$17.00 \$14.75 \$13.00 \$11.25

**Millinery**

Closing out the entire stock of Winter Hats, fine qualities.

	Formerly	Sale Price
Fourteen Hats,	\$3.00 to \$8.00	\$2.00
Thirteen Hats,	\$5.00 to \$12.50	\$3.00
Eighteen Hats,	\$8.00 to \$20.00	\$5.00
Two Hats,	\$10.00	\$7.00
Eighteen Hats,	\$12.00 to \$15.00	\$8.00
Thirty-one Hats,	\$15.00 to \$25.00	\$10.00
Four Hats,	\$20.00	\$12.00
Four Hats,	\$22.00 to \$24.00	\$12.00
One Hat,	\$22.00	\$14.00
Seven Hats,	\$22.00 to \$27.00	\$15.00
One Hat,	\$25.00	\$18.00
One Hat,	\$32.00	\$20.00
One Hat,	\$33.00	\$20.00
Two Hats, with Kolinski fur,	\$40.00 to \$50.00	\$25.00
Two Skating Sets,	\$24.00	\$8.00
Untrimmed Hats, one-half price.		

Second floor.

**Doll Outfits**  
That have been through the Christmas rush. Some at half price and less.  
Were \$1.00 and \$1.50 at 50 cts.  
Were \$2.00 to \$3.50 at \$1.00 Second floor.

**Dining Room Furniture**

Dining Room Suite, oak, Jacobean period and finish.

Buffet, China Cabinet, Serving Table, Dining Table, Six Chairs. \$197.00. Sale price, \$169

Dining Room Suite, Jacobean period. Buffet, China Cabinet, Serving Table, Dining Table, Six Chairs. \$167.00. Sale price, \$142

Ten Dining Room Suites, oak, William and Mary period.

Buffet, China Cabinet, Serving Table, Dining Table, Six Chairs. \$165.00. Sale price, \$98

Dining Room Suite, golden oak, Colonial style very massive.

Buffet, China Cabinet, Serving Table, Dining Table, Six Chairs. \$360.00. Sale price, \$275

Dining Room Suite, golden oak, Colonial style of smaller dimensions for city apartments.

Buffet, China Cabinet, Serving Table, Dining Table, Six Chairs. \$127.00. Sale price, \$107

Dining Room Suite, oak, Jacobean period and finish.

Buffet, China Cabinet, Serving Table, Dining Table, Six Chairs. \$170.00. Sale price, \$139

Furniture Gallery, fourth floor.

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**LIQUOR BLAMED TODAY FOR TWO DEMISES HERE**

**Main Street Man Turns Gas in Accidently and Cobbler Falls In Street.**

Liquor was indirectly responsible for the death of two men in this city today. One died of asphyxiation as a result of turning on his gas jet after he had extinguished the light, and the other dropped dead in Water street, from a physical condition resultant from steady libations.

Louis Fisher, 45 years, employed by the Salvation Army, according to the medical examiner, went to his room, in the home of Mrs. Saline Redyard, 949 Main street, last night in an intoxicated condition. After smoking a cigar he is believed to have risen from his chair, turned out the gas, and then owing to the unsteadiness of his hand or through an inadvertency which he did not notice in his condition, reopened the jet. The lay on the bed without undressing himself. Early this morning Mrs. Redyard who sleeps in the next room, was awakened and thought she smelled gas. She investigated but could find nothing wrong and went back to bed. This morning at 8:30 she arose again to look for the source of the strong odor.

She traced it to Fisher's room and immediately notified the police. Dr. J. P. Deery, of the emergency hospital was called. The physician found life extinct and notified Medical Examiner S. M. Garlick. The body is now at the morgue and Dr. Garlick is making efforts to find the relatives of the dead man. The latter states he believes Fisher had a wife and family living in some city in New Jersey.

After an investigation of the causes which led to the death of Archibald Eisenberg, a shoemaker, residing in Brooklyn, New York, Medical Examiner Garlick stated death was due to kidney disease, generally superinduced by the use of liquor.

Eisenberg was going to work this morning, in a small cobbler shop in State street where he has been employed. When he reached the sidewalk in front of 516 Water street he fell to the ground apparently suffering from convulsions. Dr. J. P. Deery was called from the emergency hospital. He found Eisenberg dead on his arrival. The body was removed to the morgue.

**REPUBLICANS DENY COMMITTEE VOICE TO 100,000 VOTERS**

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carried out in accord with the will of the Republican majority as expressed in the party caucuses of last night. Senator Henry H. Lyman of Middlefield, was chosen president pro-tempore of the Senate, and John Buckley, of Union, clerk. The appointment of the Rev. Dr. William G. Fennell, pastor of the Asylum Avenue Baptist church, Hartford, as chaplain, was made by Senator Lyman and J. Frederick Baker, of New Haven, was named as assistant clerk by Mr. Buckley.

The House chose Frank E. Healy, of Windsor Locks, speaker; Edward J. Kenealy, of Stamford, clerk, and Arthur Countryman, of Hartford, assistant clerk. The Democratic House members gave their support to Representative John C. Gary, of Waterford, for speaker, and this complimentary honor carries with it the position of minority leader in that branch. The question of leadership on the Republican side, which comes up at the opening of a session, appeared to be determined by announcement that Senator G. W. Klett, of New Britain, will be chairman of the Judiciary committee, and Senate leader. As Representative F. M. Posely, of Cheshire, had in hand much of the day's business in the House, his position as floor leader and House chairman of the Judiciary committee seemed assured.

Moreover, he presented the name of Mr. Healy to the Republican caucus last night. The speaker names the House committees and Senator Lyman will select those on the part of the Senate. Senator P. B. O'Sullivan of Derby, will be the Democratic leader in the Senate.

**HEAVY BOND FOR MAN ACCUSED OF ASSAULT ON SISTER OF MARINE**

Andrew Elko, a member of the United States Marine corps, at present home from Panama on his visit to his parents, who resides at 209 Hallett street, walked into the residence yesterday to find Fred Rosenkosky attempting a serious assault on the marine's sister, who is about six years of age.

Elko pitched into Rosenkosky, who lives at 45 Helen street, and dragged him to a police station. Judge Frank Wilder when he learned that Elko's furlough would shortly expire and that the latter would have to return to Panama, took jurisdiction over the case. He held the defendant in bonds of \$1,000 and will dispose of the matter tomorrow.

**Garner Want Ads. One Cent a Word**

**Rising Cost of Flour Basis for Damage Suit**

The increase in the price of flour was responsible for a suit brought by Emil Sova, a local baker, against Ralph J. Miner of the wholesale grocery firm of Miner, Read & Tullock. This action had a hearing this morning before Judge Walsh in the civil court of common pleas.

Sova claims he had a contract with the grocers by the terms of which they were to furnish him with flour at a certain price. The contract was agreed upon in 1914. When the war broke out flour increased in price from \$3.75 to \$6.15 a barrel wholesale. Sova claims the defendants refused to furnish him with any more flour at the price agreed upon. The grocers say they did not promise any particular price. Their defense is that the price was to be subject to the fluctuations of the market. The court reserved decision.

**Asks Money to Buy Danish West Indies**

Washington, Jan. 3.—Secretary Lansing conferred at the capitol today with Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, and urged that Congress provide the \$25,000,000 to pay for Danish West Indies and also determine the form of government for the newly acquired islands. Both denied discussing the pending resolution to endorse President Wilson's peace note.

**BAY STATE SOLONS MEET.**

Boston, Jan. 3.—The legislature convened today for its 138th session and re-elected the presiding officer in each branch. Henry G. Wells, of Haverhill will serve again as president of the Senate, and Channing H. Cox of Boston, as Speaker of the House. Gov. Samuel W. McCall will be inaugurated for his second term tomorrow.

**CONSIDER ARMOR PLANT SITE.**

Washington, Jan. 3.—Rear Admiral Fletcher and the other naval officers who will make final recommendations to Secretary Daniels for the location of the government's \$11,000,000 armor plate plants, met today to consider plans of a hundred places which are within the geographical limits prescribed by the navy department.

**NAME ADMINISTRATOR FOR ESTATE OF LERZ**

Anthony S. Renzi was appointed administrator today of the estate of Arthur Lerz, who died Dec. 25, 1916, leaving some real estate and cash. He is survived by a brother, Anthony, of New York, and a widow, Mary V. Lerz, of Bridgeport.

**NOBODY TAKES ACTION IN CASE OF MRS. DEVITT**

**Official Indifference and Red Tape Keeps Death Still a Mystery.**

The mysterious circumstances enshrouding the death of Mrs. Catherine A. Devitt, will not be dispelled as a result of any activities on the part of the police, it is reported today. They will not ask Coroner John J. Phelan and Medical Examiner S. M. Garlick to investigate the case.

The police hold the view that if any order is made for an investigation of the circumstances it should be made by Dr. W. Lee Weadon, who attended the woman. Mrs. Devitt died as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage. She also suffered a fracture of the skull and of the hip.

Whether the woman was overcome by a stroke of apoplexy and fell to the sidewalk, suffering her injuries, or whether the fall fractured her skull induced the brain hemorrhage will not be known without a complete examination of all witnesses.

The only facts fully known today to members of the family, the police or friends of the woman, are that she fell in the street, that she was taken to police headquarters, removed from there and died in Galen hospital with a broken hip and fracture of the skull.

**Milk Dealers Protest Use of Their Bottles by Unauthorized Men**

Milk dealers in this city have started a crusade against persons selling the same product in bottles registered under another milk dealer's name. As a result of their activities Joseph Troth, of Fairfield, was fined \$3 and court costs this morning in the city court.

Troth had bottled milk in five containers registered as the property of Snow's dairy, and one which bore the name of the Mitchell dairy. The use of each bottle cost him 50 cents, making a total fine of \$3, excluding court costs.

**MORE SMALLPOX CASES.**

Hartford, Jan. 3.—Nine new cases of smallpox were reported from Waterbury to the state board of health today.

**Police Get Reports of Two Robberies and Two Car Thefts**

The burglary of two houses and the theft of two automobiles were today reported to the police. O. B. Robbin's home, 1089 Pembroke street, and the residence of Edward Mulligan, 83 Williston street, were entered. Goods valued at about \$100 was taken from the former house and Mulligan lost \$20 from a strong box. Both families were away since last Friday and did not return home until yesterday. False keys were used to gain entrance.

Valentine Voytek, of 463 East Main street, left a new 1917 model car, which he purchased a week ago, outside the Star cafe last night. He returned a few minutes later to find it gone. George Bartram, a city hall employe, left a new car in the Broad street parking space. At 10:30 he left city hall to get the machine and it was gone.

**CHILDREN HATE PILLS, CALOMEL AND CASTOR OIL**

If cross, feverish, constipated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them. If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers prefer this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clear the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach; and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. See that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

**The Blouse That Fashion Has Stamped With Her Approval**



is presented in this chic model with its jaunty collar and soft fullness in front.

The blouse is the finishing touch to the smart tailored suit, so to be sure you get just the right model select your blouse from the

**February Pictorial Review Patterns**

We urgently recommend to you, before deciding on your Winter Dresses, to procure a copy of

**The FASHION BOOK for WINTER**

It costs only ten cents when purchased with a fifteen cent Pictorial

**THE SMITH-MURRAY CO. BRIDGEPORT, CONN.**

**Vagrant Who Struck Persons From Whom He Begged, Jailed**

Vagrants who attempt to assault persons that refuse their requests for money will be severely dealt with by the police authorities of this city. James Smedley, who says he came from Albany and has been in this city several days, was sent to jail for 60 days by Judge Frank Wilder, in the city court this morning.

Smedley asked a person in Water street last night for money and then got into a fight when refused.

**TO PROBE MARX DEATH**

A hearing in the case of John Marx, the gate tender at Yellow Mill bridge, who was killed last week, will be started tomorrow afternoon by Coroner John J. Phelan. Edgar Hunt, whose automobile crashed through the gates of the bridge and struck Marx, will be a witness at the hearing it is expected. Hunt was arrested and is

**CONGRESSMAN GLYNN ILL**

Winsted, Jan. 3.—Congressman James P. Glynn, who is ill at his home here, is suffering from the grip. It was learned today, following an attack of tonsillitis. He expects to be recovered sufficiently to go to Washington Monday.

**DIED.**

STUART—In Trumbull, Conn., Jan. 2, 1917, Helen C. Richardson, widow of Lewis L. Stuart, aged 71 years. Funeral private.

**FOR SALE—Ford town car and furniture, 4 rooms, all cheap. Address 125 Parrott Ave.**

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