

Our Loss—
Is Your Gain.
**SAVE
MONEY**
On Your
SHOES



**GRAND SACRIFICE
OF LADIES' STYLISH SHOES**

In odds and ends and broken sizes. If your size is here, you'll find the greatest values ever offered. Nearly all sizes.

- Ladies' Patent Leather Cloth Top Boots, button or lace; broken sizes **\$2.45**
- Ladies' Gun Metal Calf Boots in lace only. Cloth tops. Louis Cuban heel **\$2.95**
- Ladies' White Kid Boots, nubuck tops, black kid vamp; Louis heel; all sizes **\$3.95**
- Ladies' Button Boots, patent leather vamp; chamois cloth top in button only **\$4.95**
- Ladies' Mahogany Calf Boots, brown suede tops and leather Louis heels **\$5.45**

SPECIAL
200 pairs of ladies' boots in odds and ends of novelties in champagne kid, grey kid, ivory kid, brown vamp and all ivory kid top..... **\$2.95**

LADIES' SHOE PARLOR
1115 MAIN STREET
SECURITY BLDG. ONE FLIGHT UP.

A JEWEL for CHRISTMAS
THE ALFRED FOX PIANO CO.
172 FAIRFIELD AVENUE

**SOME ANNOYING
EXPRESSIONS
NOW USED**

A group of women were discussing their word antipathies the other day and there was not one in the group who did not feel a real distaste for some one word or another.
"It always annoys me—though I don't know why it should to hear a woman call a cooking receipt a "recipe," said one of the women.
"How strange," interrupted another, "and I have always seriously objected to receipt for recipe, though I'm sure I don't know why."
"The word I despise the most," announced another, "is 'sink.' I can't endure it and it can't be because it is an ugly sounding word because I don't in the least object to 'rink' or 'mink.'"
"Kiddies" is the word in all the language that annoys me," said another in the group.

**CAUSE OF UGLY
DINING ROOMS**

The probable reason for so much ugliness rampant in dining rooms today is owing to the fact that some years ago, after the lamentable decline of the colonial, furniture was still bought with the general idea that it was for all time, and at any rate, would easily last out the lifetime of its owner. But, unfortunately the style of design that arose at that time had few good qualities, except that of service, and the ungainly lines became terribly apparent as soon as the style went out of date.
Still, many people are saddled with it, and now that so much is being made of the current furnishing and decoration of the home, we simply have to bestir ourselves to keep abreast of the times, and today the latest styles in sideboards and hats are apt to be regarded with equal interest. And the most absorbing thing at present to some of us is how to get rid of a vanload of impossibilities and to get a few good things to take their place.
But get rid of our bugbears we must! And put in their place some such lovely furniture of plain and simple mahogany furniture in the William and Mary design. Never will it be possible to regret having made such a choice, no matter what other styles come and go. This is furniture worthy of lasting a lifetime!

OBITUARY

MARY E. CURTIS.
The funeral of Mary E. Curtis was held at 7:30 this morning from M. J. Gannon's funeral parlors, 315 John street, and a half hour later from the Sacred Heart church, where the Rev. John M. Sullivan celebrated the requiem high mass. Burial was in St. Michael's cemetery.

BERNARD GASTALDI.
Bernard Gastaldi, for the last 14 years employed as an expert chemist at the Bryant Electric plant, died last night at his home, 744 Hancock avenue, following a short illness. He was born in France 56 years ago, but came to America when a young man, and for a time lived in South Norwalk. He was a member of St. Peter's church of Bridgeport, Aerie of Eagles, Lucetta Warner Circle, C. of F., and Mahackemo Court, F. of A. of South Norwalk. The funeral will be held Monday morning.

ROBERT FRANCIS STEPPE.
The funeral of Robert Francis, son of George and Sarah Steppe, was held this morning from the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Steppe, 72 Park Terrace at 8:30 o'clock, and a half hour later from the Sacred Heart church, where the Rev. T. J. Mooney celebrated the requiem high mass. A large delegation of schoolmates from the Sacred Heart school attended. The pallbearers were Jas. Costello, John Tarrant, Martin Cornack, Edward Quinn, Thomas Boynton and Thomas McDermott. Burial was in St. Michael's cemetery.

MRS. ANN DEMERS.
Ann, widow of the late S. J. Demers, died last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Malcolm Vine, 400 East avenue, following a brief illness from pneumonia. Mrs. Demers was a resident of Lewis, province of Quebec, Canada, and came here a short time ago with her daughter, and was taken ill. She was about 82 years of age, and is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Vine, a son, J. J. Demers, of Lewis, Quebec, a daughter, Mrs. F. Desmond, of Quebec and a son, Ernest of Toronto. The body will be taken on the 6:23 p. m. train to Mrs. Demers' former home, where the funeral services will be held.
Enod Wieman, the star fullback, yesterday was elected captain of the 1918 football eleven of the University of Michigan. Wieman's home is in California.

**To Have Smooth, White,
Soft Skin All Winter**

Does your skin chap or roughen easily in this weather, or become ungly red or blotchy? Here is a quick easy way to overcome the trouble and keep your complexion beautifully white, smooth and soft all winter long. Just get an ounce of ordinary mercerized wax at the nearest drugstore and use a little before retiring, as you would cold cream. Upon arising, remove the coating with sudsy water. The wax, through some peculiar attribute, flecks off the rough, discolored or bleached skin. The worn-out cuticle comes off just like dandruff only in almost invisible particles. Mercerized wax simply hastens Nature's work. Used as required, it keeps the face constantly free from devitalized, scurfy skin and only the healthy, young-looking skin is in evidence. It's the best treatment known for weather-beaten, aged, muddied, freckled, pimpled and all unbecoming complexion. Some skins wrinkle easily in winter. There's an excellent remedy in a harmless wash lotion made by dissolving an ounce of powdered salicylic acid in half pint witch hazel. This will quickly eradicate every line.—Adv.

**ALLEN QUITS DIAMOND
FOR LIFE ON FARM**

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Frank Allen, the Boston Braves' southpaw, is going to forsake the diamond and is going to the farm.
In a letter received by a friend yesterday from Allen at his home in Newbern, Ala., the Braves' leftsider stated he will retire from baseball and remain on the farm. Allen is married, and as his brother is in the army and his father is growing old he said he had decided to stay home and look after the farm.
Voting in connection with next week's Canadian elections is taking place under fire in France and with campaign posters contrasting strangely with the signs of war devastation.

**HALIFAX WILL
NOT CELEBRATE
CHRISTMAS DAY**

Halifax, Dec. 14.—With the relief situation so well in hand that its services no longer were required, the Massachusetts unit, first on the ground here after the great fire and explosion, went home today. The departure of the delegation, members of the general committee, declared meant that the city of Halifax, profiting by its help and its counsel, was prepared now to handle its own problems.
The continued cold, however, has retarded work in the strip of territory laid bare by the blast of the ammunition ship and it will be days, perhaps, before the snow has thawed sufficiently to enable soldiers and workmen to drag the ruins for bodies known to be there.
The big public funeral service planned for today was postponed until Monday because of the difficulty of opening graves. After the burial of the dead from the fire zone Camp Hill cemetery, where lie hundreds of those lost on the Titanic and the Boursoyne, will be full and closed.
Perhaps the most touching aftermath of the disaster is the fear generally felt by citizens today that for the first time in its history Halifax will not celebrate Christmas. The dealers have abandoned all plans for the holiday rush.
Some effort will be made to make the yuletide the happiest possible under the conditions for the destitute and for the bulk of the wounded.
Many of the New England surgeons and nurses probably will spend Christmas here. Already they have planned for a real New England Christmas in the hospitals, especially in those institutions crowded with children, the majority of whom may be blind for life.

**BRITISH BALLOON
LANDS IN HOLLAND**

London, Dec. 14.—Several news dispatches from Holland agree that the aircraft that descended in a Dutch village yesterday was not an airship, but a British army balloon, which is said to have drifted across the North sea from England.

**BLIZZARD WILL
NOT INTERFERE
WITH RED CROSS**

A mere trifle such as a premature blizzard is not going to interfere with plans for the big Red Cross public meeting which is to be held at Bridgeport High school assembly hall at 8 o'clock tonight. According to W. Roscoe Bassick, chairman of the membership drive, an effort will be made to have the meeting all the bigger because of the snowfall.
"We are going to demonstrate to the world that little mishaps in weather cannot interfere with the vital and necessary work of the Red Cross," declared Mr. Bassick today, "and the fact that there is some snow on the ground is not going to keep patriotic Bridgeporters from proving that they are heart and soul with the boys who are fighting for victory."
The Halifax disaster was followed by a terrible blizzard, with a temperature of 20 below zero, but that didn't stop the Red Cross special trains from going through, nor the Red Cross relief workers from being on the job.
"Neither is Bridgeport's little snowfall going to prevent a big attendance this evening. It just gives Bridgeport people a little better chance to prove that they have the right stuff in them."
Dr. Allan MacRossie, Red Cross emissary to France, will be the speaker of the evening. Red Cross workers have been instructed to attend the meeting as part of their program, and the general public is invited to be present and learn of the "big doings."

**POLO CLUB CASE
STILL PENDING**

Magistrate Corrigan, in the Harlem Police Court, yesterday morning, reserved decision in connection with the case of the officials and boxers of the New Polo Athletic Club. They were served with summonses about three weeks ago for holding a set of membership bouts at the above club.
After a lengthy discussion the Magistrate ordered counsel for both sides to submit briefs and said he would announce his decision next Wednesday.
Billy Moore, vice president of the club, was one of the men summoned to appear in court. Moore pleaded evidence before Magistrate Corrigan which showed he was not in the vicinity of the club during the staging of the bouts, before or after. The Magistrate then dismissed him.
The summonses were served by de-

**EFFECT OF RUSSIAN
ARMISTICE SEEN BY
GENERAL STEINER**

Amsterdam, Dec. 14.—The Austro-Hungarian war minister, Gen. Steoger-Steiner, is quoted by the Neue Freie Presse of Vienna to the effect that the relief resulting from an armistice with Russia would depend on the details of the agreement, but that in any case it would relax considerably the strain on the transport system.
Discussing the question of disarmament the general said it would be possible only if gradual, universal and simultaneous. Austria and her allies, he said, dare not place themselves in such a position as to permit the rest of the world to dictate to them; less than ever today when the ranks of military states had been increased by two great powers, the United States and Great Britain.

ST. MARY OF EGYPT.

At the tender age of twelve, Mary left her father's house that she might sin without restraint, and for seven years she lived in shame at Alexandria. Then she went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, where she involved many in her sinful pursuits. She was in that city on the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and went with the crowd to the church which contained the precious wood. Upon beholding the image of the Virgin she realized her sinfulness and vowed from then on to do penance. As she knelt before the image a voice is said to have come to her, saying: "Pass over Jordan, and thou shalt find rest." She went into the wilderness and there in 420 A. D., forty-seven years after her conversion, the Abbot Zosimus met her. To him she confessed that since her turning into the paths of virtue she had been blessed with perfect peace. It is said that at her request he brought her the sacred body of Christ. She bade him return again after a year, and this time he found her corpse upon the sand, with an inscription, saying, "Bury here the body of Mary, the sinner."

STRAY SHOTS

A castle in Spain can always be had for a song.
You can't hang much flesh on a family skeleton.
Isn't it odd that lots of people use slang but never think in it?
When a man says he will go to the end of the world for a woman he knows that the earth is round.

IN-SHOOTS

Most of us imagine that we could save money on the other fellow's job.
The interesting facts of a romance usually come out in a divorce court.
Of course, there is a difference between the widow's mite and the grass widow's mite.
The landlord and tenant never agree as to the proper time to turn on the steam.
The gentleman who lives on tomorrow's achievements is the most cheerful of optimists.
Methuselah may have indulged in "red lecker," but we'll wager that he never smoked cigarettes.
Smart children and intelligent dogs can seldom be induced to perform their tricks before strangers.
When we see a girl carrying a bag of golf sticks, we wonder how a carpet sweeper would look in her hands.—Chicago Examiner.

IN THE BIG CITIES

New York has a horsemeat market.
New York mobilized 2,000 dty boys on farms.
Atlantic City is to have a produce exchange.
Girl Wanted? Read The Farmer Want Ads.



Your Friends Will Praise the Musical Beauty of the
AEOLIAN Player Piano

ONE of the tests of a musical instrument is what your friends think of it. You want an instrument that you can play with genuine pride when company comes in, confident of the visitors' favorable verdict.

The Aeolian Player-Piano is an instrument that you do not question. It is positive in quality. We consider it one of the finest players ever offered at any price. Not one invention or improvement, but many are the basis of its great superiority.

This Fully Perfected and Improved
Aeolian Player Piano
With a Handsome Bench to Match Instrument
Only \$2.50 A Week
Pays for It Price \$425
Come play this wonderful instrument yourself--Know the wonderful tone qualities of the AEOLIAN
STEINERT'S
915 Main Street Near State Street

**110,000 CHILDREN
UNDERFED IN NEW YORK**

Condition of 590,000 Others Is Only Passable, Says Dr. H. D. Chapin, Who Chiefly Blames Mounting War Prices.
New York, Dec. 14.—Of the 1,000,000 public and parochial school children in this city, 110,000 are undernourished and in need of attention, while the condition of 590,000 others is only "passable," according to figures given by Dr. Henry Dwight Chapin, head of the children's division of the Post-Graduate hospital, in an address last night to the Pediatric Section of the New York Academy of Medicine, at 17 West Forty-third street.
Dr. Chapin's subject was "The National Danger From Defective Development of Children in Time of War," and he attributed much of the malnutrition to war prices, urging co-ordination of all relief agencies to see that children have sufficient food. Referring to his figures he said:
"Any percentage referring only to elementary school enrollment must be doubled to include the pre-school age and the post-elementary school children now making the transition to industry."
Milk Price Evils.
The disparity between the increase in wages and the mounting cost of food, Dr. Chapin asserted, had caused mothers to give their children tea and coffee instead of milk, which increased from 9 to 15 cents a quart in the last year.
"In a report to the mayor by the Bureau of Personal Service," he continued, "the minimum on which a family of five can live in New York is shown to be \$360 this year. In 1915 half the married men in this city were found to be receiving less than \$15 a week, while \$17 was the average."
The effect of this upon the nutrition of many children has been marked. The nutritional grading of 95,820 children in 1915 gave superior condition to 20 per cent, passable 59 per cent, poor 8 per cent, and very poor, 3 per cent.
"Dr. Chapin said foreign-born children fared better than the native-born. He suggested a standardization of medical examination records.
Discussing Dr. Chapin's address, Dr. Charles H. Smith said that parents must be educated to give proper food, well cooked and in sufficient amounts. He declared the frying pan was the greatest single agency of evil in the