

A Big Hit.

All female Washington, it seems, is almost wild with enthusiasm over those Ladies' Fine Shoes and Ties we placed on sale last week. To buy 15,000 pairs of shoes at one time is quite a big purchase. But we knew what we were about. It proved a lucky purchase for you and for us.

The second installment of these shoes is just in. Better looking and better wearing shoes were never before sold in Washington at any price. We have them yet in ALL SIZES FROM 2-1/2 TO 8 IN A TO E WIDTHS—but sizes may be broken in a few days.

LADIES' PRINCIPAL STYLE SHOES \$3.50 \$1.90

LADIES' OXFORD TIES \$2.50 \$1.60

Hand-sewed Welt, Vici Kid, Sharp Toe or Square Toe, Button and Laced.

Hand-sewed Turn Sole, Softest Vici Kid, Nobby Sharp Toe Oxford Ties.

At \$1.85. THIS WEEK ONLY.

Ladies' \$2.50 and \$3.00 Satin Sandals.

Ladies' \$2.50 Gold, Silver, or Jet Beaded Vici Kid Sandals.

At \$2.85. THIS WEEK ONLY.

Men's \$4.00 Cloth-top, Finest Imported Patent Leather Gaiters.

Men's \$4.00 Triple Sole Winter Busset Shoes.



930 and 932 7th St. N. W. 1914 and 1916 Pa. Ave. N. W. 233 Penna. Avenue S. E.

MAYER BROS. & CO., 937-939 F St.

Our Great Improvement Sale

-starts in earnest Monday morning. The carpenters are impatient to get to work and room must be made for them. -Every piece of goods that occupies the needed space will be sacrificed without regard to its value. -Prices talk best and most convincingly. So here's a partial list of the cuts—the foundation of your shopping list for this week; for you to judge all the reductions by. -The sale will be short, sharp and decisive. Make the most of it.

- Ladies' Capes, \$3.98 to \$10. Melons, Diagonals, Chevrons, and Serpents, plain and trimmed. Medium weights. Ladies' Coats, \$5.98 to \$10. Medium weight Coats in Tan, Blue, Brown, and Black. Smooth and rough cloths. Silk Waists, \$6.98. Lot of Persian and Dresden Tailor's Silk Waists, large sleeves in newest designs. Worth \$10, for \$6.98. Spring Skirts, \$3.98 to \$10. Ladies' new cut Spring Skirts, in Brilliant, Ribbon, Cotton, Cover, and Serge. Big values at their present prices. \$1 Felt Hats, 25c. 2 tables filled with black silk finish Felt Hats, large and small shapes. Worth \$1. Sale price, 25 cents. 50c, 75c and \$1 Felt Hats, 12c. The balance of our 50c, 75c, and \$1 colored Felt Hats. All go at 12 cents. \$1.48 Felt Hats, 39c. Very fine black French Felt Hats, including flats and narrow brim salons. Worth \$1.48, for 39 cents. 65c Ostrich Tips, 29c. 50 dozen black Ostrich Tips, 3 in a bunch. Worth 65c, for 29 cents. 25c to 50c Fancy Featherers, 5c. 1 lot of assorted fancy Featherers, worth \$10, to 50c, for 5 cents during the sale. 40c Persian Ribbons, 25c. More bargains from our Ribbon Department. More new Persian Ribbons. Good values at 40c. 10c Velvet Ribbons, 6c. 150 pieces No. 5 Black Satin Back Velvet Ribbons. Worth 10c. 10c Persian Ribbons, 69c. An assortment of fine imported Persian Ribbons. Worth \$1 yard, for 59 cents.



THE RINK. THE RINK.

BARGAIN "SAMPLES."

Just one from each Department to illustrate what genuine reductions are prevailing throughout this mammoth Furniture Establishment. The rush of business of the past week proves the great popularity of these price cuts.

Furniture.

Solid Oak Chamber Suite, well made and neatly carved, 30x24 French Beveled Mirror in Dresser. Equal to any \$25.00 suite. This sale..... \$15.00

Carpets.

275 Rolls Tapestry Brussels Carpets, 75c grade. This sale..... 37 1/2c

Upholstery Dept.

365 Pair Swiss Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, 50 inches wide. Worth \$6.00. This sale..... \$2.95

Wall Paper.

5,750 Rolls Wall Paper. Worth 50c. This sale, per roll..... 10c

THE RINK,

New York Ave., bet. 13th and 14th Streets.

SMALL BUT COSTLY BLAZE

Fire Did \$10,000 Damage in Young's Upholstery Shop.

Ton of Curled Hair and Many Fine Carpets Ruined and the House Hardly Damaged.

Frank H. Young, who for twenty years has been operating the upholstery and carpet business in this city on a large scale, was yesterday afternoon the victim of an unexpected and very large fire in a small space.

His losses aggregate a total of \$10,000, while, paradoxical as it seems, and owing to the persistent labor and efficiency of the fire department, the building he occupied was not materially or especially damaged, other than the ceiling and doors of the first floor.

The fire occurred at 1402 Pennsylvania avenue, and is supposed to have originated by a spark flying from the stovepipe to a large bundle of curled hair, which was on a suspended shelf. At least, no other plausible theory can be advanced. In a second almost the hair was ablaze and quickly communicated to other stores, which the material, with which the room was literally crowded.

The department responded at once, but even then it was late to save the stock, which was composed altogether of quite combustible articles. It was a big blaze for a short time and had the appearance of certainly consuming the building, but it was curbed before the stock of goods had become a complete loss. The fire did not last over an hour.

Mr. Young's stock in trade was a large quantity of mattress feathers, hair mattresses, a ton of curled hair, hundreds of yards of carpets but recently bought, as well as much left for repair, upholstery goods, and everything in the store, which the proprietor says could not be replaced for less than \$10,000.

He had not a dollar of insurance on the stock, intending to take out a policy the coming Monday owing to having just put in so much new carpet. It was the largest fire damage in a single instance that has been in Washington for many months.

MISS LEE'S CONCERT.

Well-known Colored Singer, Late of "Black America" Company.

Miss Bessie Lee, late of "Black America," appeared in concert at the Nineteenth-street Church last Friday evening.

She was greeted by an immense mass of the better element of her race and many leading white citizens.

This highly cultured singer easily takes front rank amongst American vocalists, leading all organists, harpists, pianists, pathetic, flexible and of extraordinary range. While there can be no doubt of her improvement in phrasing, this shortcoming is more than made up in her many other qualities. The support given her was unusually good, consisting of such local artists as Madam Lala J. Brooks, Mr. W. C. Elkins and the Orpheus Glee Club, a splendid combination of male voices.

The management has every reason to feel proud of the grand musical success this entertainment afforded its patrons.

Slippers Slaughtered.



We have been neglecting the slippers! You ought to be wearing these slippers now. Going to put the prices down lower than ever this week, so that you cannot resist buying whether you had thought of so doing or not.

- All the Women's Black Hand-sewed Vici Kid Slippers, which were \$1.25 and \$1.50 are down to..... 88c
- All the Women's Vici Kid "Dress" Slippers, white and black, latest shaped toes, with and without strap, which were \$1.75 and \$2, are down to..... \$1.21
- All the Beautiful Colored Satin Slippers, with and without Louis XVI heel, sharp Oriental toe, with and without strap, which were \$3, \$3.50 and \$4, are down to..... \$2.20

Remember—every shoe in the house reduced during this Surplus Stock Sale—except the Denness Miller shoe.

CROCKER, 939 Pa. Ave.

All Shoes Shined Free.

THE OLD CONSTITUTION

Patriotic Plan to Rebuild the N. ble Frigate.

IS NOW NEARLY A HUNDRED

And Is by All Odds the Apple of America's Nautical Eye—How Dr. Holmes Once Saved the Old Ship. His Stirring Verses Aroused the Patriotic Spirit of the Nation.

It is the belief of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution that the historic battleship Constitution should be rebuilt at once and forever preserved as an illustration of the original type of warship, which has immortalized the United States Navy.

The originators of the project are prominent members of the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, which has branches in pretty much all of the States. They propose removing the Constitution from the Portsmouth, N. H., navy yard to this city.

After the frigate is restored to her original condition, she will, if the project is favored by Congress, be utilized as a national museum of naval relics.

Secretary John Winfield Scott of the Empire State Society, states that a bill will be presented to Congress in a short time asking for the transfer of the Constitution to Washington.

A committee from the national society will present the bill, and the States will memorialize Congress, through their several Congressional delegations, urging the enactment of the law.

Gen. Horace Porter, who is president of the national society, and Chamney M. Deper, president of the Empire State society, believe the project much at heart and feel confident Congress will act favorably on the petition. If so another chapter will be added to the eventful history of this famous old battleship.

Built in 1797, at a cost of \$300,000, at the Boston Navy Yard, she was rated forty-four guns. Her memorable record in the war of 1812 is known to every student of American history.

Capt. Hull, who first commanded her, forced many British prizes to strike their colors. The victory over the Guerriere was the Constitution's most famous achievement while Capt. Hull was in command.

Numerous other British prizes were captured later in the war, when Capt. Bainbridge was in command. She defeated the Java, and afterwards captured the Cyane and the Levant.

When in 1850 it was proposed to break up the battle-scarred old frigate, which

had been sadly neglected, Dr. Holmes came to the rescue with his soul-stirring poem, "The Old Ship," which was sung down. These verses defeated the plan to break her up.

For a long time past she has been doing duty as a receiving ship, but presenting a forlorn appearance. She needs a thorough overhauling, to say the least, and it is proposed by the Sons of the American Revolution to rebuild her almost entirely. The hull can be preserved.

Eight grounds are assigned upon which argument will be entered. One of these is Mr. Lipscomb's contention that the Constitution is not in accord with the present and such a vessel could not properly be returned upon the conditions admitted by all to be present in the case. Another, and that probably most to be relied upon, is improper conduct on the part of the jury. This does not involve any charge of intentional wrongdoing, but rather that two of the jurymen were over zealous and so brought influences to bear that should have been excluded.

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TIED MANY NUPTIAL KNOTS

Rev. Dr. Addison's Remarkable Experience as a Marrier.

ONE DAY'S LARGE RECORD

Rector of Trinity Church Has Married 110 Couples During Each of the Last Three Years—Had Not More Than His Share of City Marriages, But Many Came From the Country.

Rev. Drs. T. G. Addison and A. M. Rich, co-rector of old Trinity Church, on the corner of Third and C streets northwest, may be called marriage specialists.

Of course, a good deal of romance is likely to slip indirectly into the life of every clergyman or person authorized to tie the nuptial knot, but in the lives of these two domestic romances has taken so prominent a part as to be almost wholly robbed of its charm.

It is believed that Dr. Addison marries more couples in the space of twelve months than any other clergyman in Washington. Rev. Dr. Byron M. Sunderland of the First Presbyterian Church has an enviable record in the same line, but it is thought his fellow-divine excels him in the number of ceremonies he has performed.

A LONG RECORD.

Dr. Addison will have rector of Trinity Church twenty-nine years next May. During that time the number of people married by him numbers nearly 2,000. He has the exact figures at hand, though he has never taken the pains to collect them and add them together. His maximum record in one year is 119, and by peculiar coincidences two twelve-months have been marked by those same figures.

Dr. Rich came to Trinity from New York on June 20 last. Dr. Addison went away on vacation shortly after that. From June 1 to December 1 of last year the two clergymen married seventy-five couples. All through the warm months when many pastors were absent on vacation Dr. Rich stayed in the rectory attending the church ready to answer every summons of the young, Cupid-captured hearts. Day and night, morning, noon and evening, he was available to tie the wedding knot and on one day he married seven couples.

"Only the other day," said Dr. Rich, "a young couple came to me to be married. I asked them their ages, and they were both too young. They wanted to know what the age limit was, and I told them. Immediately they went around to Dr. Addison. I learned afterward, and they were ready to give him the required age, so he joined them."

PLEASING PERSONALITY.

Dr. Addison is a fat, kindly-faced man of about five and threescore years of age. His face is smoothly shaven, and his heavy head hair is beginning to whiten. Bright,

twinkling eyes, that he sometimes keeps shut while he thinks, twinkle beneath very heavy eyebrows. When he talks he leans back in his chair and twirls one thumb about the other as his hands rest on his breast.

"How did you happen to make a specialty of performing marriage ceremonies?" "Oh, I am hardly a specialist, though I guess I have married more people than any other clergyman in the Episcopal church. It is all due, though, to the geographical position of my parish. We are right beside the court house, where the license is to be had, and are midway between the two depots. That is the reason I get so many weddings."

"By far the most couples I marry are from out of the city. I have only my quota of city marriages that are divided among all the clergymen."

MANY FROM VIRGINIA.

"The couples from out of the city come mostly from Virginia and Maryland. The reasons they come to Washington are these: It is almost as handy to jump on the train and come here as to go across country to the county court house. It is often expensive to have a wedding at home is another reason, and the third is that Washington is a sort of Mecca for all lovers, anyhow."

"When they get here they go to the city hall for a license, and ask where the nearest clergyman is, and they must necessarily say over here, and that is the way I get my business."

"How many marriages did you ever perform in a single day?" "Four, with the promise of a fifth. It was this way. There was an excursion from down in Virginia to Washington. Four different couples had been to me, and I had married all. Then another came and I promised to wed them when they came back later in the day. When they did come, though, I learned that they had both been divorced, and the laws of the church did not permit me to marry them."

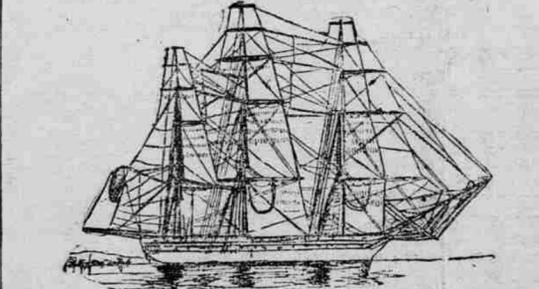
"Are many of them runaway couples?" "Not so many as you would think. Of course, some of them are. But I believe that where age permits, they should be married. Some one else will do it if you don't, and then the chances are that they will go to a hotel together without being married at all, which is immeasurably worse."

TOLD ONE INCIDENT.

"A girl came here with two young men once from down in Maryland. I knew her father and knew they were runaways. She was going to marry one of the men, and they could not leave the city on any train that night. I married them and sent the girl's father a note saying I had done as I would have my daughter done by under similar circumstances."

I married another amusing runaway pair once. Two wealthy farmers lived side by side in Missouri. The daughter of one went to a girl's boarding school near Charlottesville. The son of the other went to a boys' school there. The fathers talked it over and when vacation came the father of the girl wrote to the boy asking him to take care of Maude on the way home.

The young folks met for the first time that way and they immediately fell in love. They came here and were married on the way home and he had her very much in his care."



THE CONSTITUTION RESTORED.

S. Kann, Sons & Co. 8th and Market Space.

OUR FRIDAY

REMNANT SALE

proved to be such a grand success we concluded to repeat the same for Monday and give the identical prices—and assortment.

Remnants! Unbleached Muslin Remnants, 13c.

Remnants! Outing Flannel Remnants, in stripes and plaids, 3 1/2c.

Remnants! New Spring Challie Remnants, cream grounds, with fancy designs and black grounds, with white coloring, 3 1/2c.

Remnants! A new line of Pacific Sateen Finished Print Remnants, medium and light grounds, 5c.

Remnants! Wamsutta, Fruit, New York Mills and Rival Bleached Muslin Remnants, 5 1/2c.

Remnants! Plain French Chambray Remnants, in new blue, pink, navy, orange, black and old rose, 6 1/2c.

Remnants! Wool Mixed Challie Remnants bright designs, printed on navy and black grounds, an unlimited selection, 6 1/2c.

Remnants! New Crinkle and Gaufrage Crepe Remnants, plain evening shades and dark printed fancies; also mourning effects, 8 1/2c.

Remnants! Yarn-dyed Sea Island Percale Remnants, all the latest spring fads, for ladies' and children's shirt waists, 8 1/2c.

Remnants! Plain Black Extra Quality Domestic Sateen, the Beetle Brand, 8 1/2c.

Remnants! 30-inch Satin Striped Light and Black Ground Cotton Challie Remnants, imitation of the new French styles, 8 1/2c.

Remnants! New Madras and Cheviot Shirting Remnants; also neat effects in Cream and White Ground Figured Duck, 8 1/2c.

Remnants! Barnaby Dress Gingham Remnants, small checks and hairline stripes all light grounds, 8 1/2c.

Remnants! Persian and Dresden styles in New Light Colored Flannelettes, 6 1/2c.

Remnants! Large floral effects in Cameo Drapery Remnants, different colored grounds, full 30 inches wide, 8 1/2c.

Remnants! Plain Black and Fancy French Sateen Remnants, the very newest spring patterns, 12 1/2c.

Remnants! 30-inch wide Navy and Black Ground Wool Challie Remnants, 12 1/2c.

Remnants! Our entire line of Double-width Wool Dress Goods Remnants. Worth 15c, 20c, and 25c, 7 1/2c.

Remnants! Our entire line of 36 and 40-inch Wool Dress Goods Remnants. Worth 25c, and 35c, 15c.

Remnants! Our entire line of Black Mohair, Alpaca, Sicilian and 40-inch Henrietta Remnants. Worth 50c, and 60c, 25c.

Third Floor—Take the Elevator.

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