

FIRE OFFICIALS WATCHING NEW PARLOR MATCH LAW

Local Eyes on New York Legal Provision That Becomes Effective January 1, 1903.

The officials of the District Fire Department take much interest in the new regulations to be put in force in New York city on January 1. One of these is that after that date it will be a misdemeanor to sell, store, give away, or have in one's possession parlor matches. The regulation is prohibitory, and, if enforced, will stop the manufacture and use of parlor matches in New York. The law directs Fire Commissioner Sturges not to issue any more permits for making or handling in any form this kind of match. Only the old "Lucifer matches," or "safety matches," as they are denominated in the regulation, will be allowed hereafter.

This sweeping legislation was passed chiefly on the strength of a report submitted by the fire commissioners, that 1,300 fires were caused last year in New York by the careless use of parlor matches. The parlor match was the cause of ninety-three fires in the District of Columbia within the fiscal year ended June 30 last, or nearly 13 per cent of all the fires. Twenty-three fires were due to children playing with or using matches. Other fires, to the number of forty-eight, were caused by dropping lighted matches on floors, against drapery, and into inflammable material. Rats chewing matches accounted for fifteen fires, and the balance were due to general carelessness in the use of these aids to housekeeping. Fire fires were started by persons treading on parlor matches.

There is no doubt in the minds of the authorities of the District that the general use of the variety of matches under consideration is a menace to the safety of property to the extent indicated, though as yet no action similar

to that in New York has been contemplated.

An official of the Fire Department in discussing the matter yesterday said he was watching intently the results of the experiment in New York, and he would receive the earliest reports, and learn the difficulties in the way of enforcing the new law. He said it would be necessary for the District in the near future to adopt more stringent regulations in regard to the storage and use of inflammable materials. A committee appointed by the Commissioners is now considering drafting new regulations on the subject of explosives, and, of course, he said other matters in time would receive attention.

This official thought one of the matters to be considered within a year would be the storage and vending of coal oil, naphtha, and gasoline. Owing to the scarcity of coal, these substances are used extensively for fuel. Both are increasing causes of fires, and he thought it would be necessary to restrict their use along certain lines almost immediately.

The official referred to said the whole subject of protection of property and life against the causes of fires was receiving more and more attention from fire departments throughout the country.

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UPPER COURTS SWAMPED WITH APPEAL CASES

From Justices of the Peace on Writs of Certiorari.

The dockets of the Supreme Court of the District are becoming overcrowded with cases appealed from justice of the peace courts. It is said that there are already sufficient "appeal" cases docketed to keep one of the justices of the Supreme Court busy for a year, and if the number continues to increase it will be quite two years before some of them can be brought to a hearing. The great majority of these cases come from the courts of the justices of the peace on petitions for writs of certiorari asking for their removal to the higher court.

The existing condition was commented upon by Chief Justice Hagner of the Supreme Court of the District a day or two ago. It was in connection with the argument on a motion to quash the writ of certiorari issued in the case of John F. Boyle against John Hayes. The suit was brought by Boyle to recover \$224 for material furnished and work done by him in repairs on the premises occupied by Hayes.

After hearing Attorney Crandall Mackey for Boyle, and Lorenzo A. Bailey for Hayes, Chief Justice Hagner said the matter was too important to be decided without the fullest investigation and study, and requested counsel on either side to submit briefs on the subject, before he announced his final decision.

The effect of the law on the subject of appeals from justices of the peace, it is said, practically kills and nullifies the object for which these courts were created. It not only does this, it is said, but permits litigants to delay the execution of the law, and incidentally crowd the dockets of the higher court. A great advantage to a person who desires to remove his litigation from the court of a justice of the peace to the Supreme Court is that under the pres-

ent law he is permitted to do so through proceedings in certiorari, without giving bond. If the case were tried in the usual manner before a justice of the peace, and the unsuccessful litigant wished to take an appeal to the higher court, he would be compelled to give bond to indemnify the successful party against loss.

In the case under consideration, it appears the defendant three times secured a postponement of the trial of the issue before asking for a removal of the suit to the higher court by certiorari.

WILL OF A. C. BARNEY FILED FOR PROBATE

The will of Albert Clifford Barney, dated April 8, 1902, has been placed on file in the office of the Register of Wills. The instrument provides that his estate shall be held in trust for his widow and two daughters, Misses Natalie and Alice, and that each is to have one-third of the income of all his property, with the exception of horses and carriages and stables located in the rear of his home at 1226 Rhode Island Avenue northwest. The American Security and Trust Company is named as executor and trustee. It is provided in the will that Mrs. Barney may withdraw her interest in the estate from trust at the end of one year, if she so desires, but the testator recommends that the property be administered as a unit, and gives the opinion that it will bring a better income under such conditions. When his daughters become thirty years of age they are to come into possession of their portions of the estate.

QUESTION OF GUARDIANSHIP.

A. B. Duvall, Corporation Counsel, has been called upon by the District Commissioners to submit an opinion on the proposition whether girls under the guardianship of the Board of Children's Guardians are free from the authority of the board when they marry. The question was brought up at the last meeting of the board and discussed at some length. The members of the board were of the opinion that its guardianship ended with the marriage of a ward. To make sure, however, the matter was submitted to the District Commissioners with a request that they seek instructions on the point raised from the Corporation Counsel.

NEW BUILDING CAN BE ONLY NINETY FEET HIGH

Decision of Commissioners Regarding Hotel Site.

The District Commissioners, it is understood, have arrived at a conclusion in regard to the height of the building to be allowed on the site of the Lawrence Hotel, on the north side of E Street above Thirteenth. They believe that the law is explicit in declaring the height of the building shall not be greater than the width of the fronting street. They are also of the opinion that the ruling submitted by the Corporation Counsel is correct, namely, that E Street at this point is ninety feet wide, and they must abide by it.

Legislation is pending in Congress, however, changing the present statute relative to the height of buildings and has reached the conference committee. The Commissioners, while holding to the position outlined, believe that extending the proposed hotel to a height of 130 feet would not in any way conflict with the principles involved in current usage, and they propose to draft and send to the conference committee an amendment to the pending bill covering such cases as the one in question now, and in the future giving the Board a power of discretion to regulate the height of structures fronting Government reservations.

MR. FICKLING, A FRIEND, AND A BUCKING AUTO

W. Irvine Fickling, of Georgetown, a friend, and an automobile played a little comedy before a large audience yesterday afternoon, when the last named of the trio tried to take unto itself, in a fit of madness, that portion of K Street between Sixteenth and Seventeenth Streets.

When Mr. Fickling turned in from Connecticut Avenue to K Street everything was all that could be desired. The machine was running smoothly, the friend was smiling, and the way was clear. But a sad change was to come. Before any great distance had been covered, Mr. Fickling appreciated the fact that the change had come. The machine, without premeditation, wheeled around, cut ugly figures, and stood defiant. Mr. Fickling was cool and collected, but his friend rather took the situation too seriously.

The automobile continued to wax defiant, and stood its ground. Its occupants fully realized that it was a monster whose veins ran gasoline, and

whose muscles were of steel. One of the two pleasure-seekers inadvertently kicked the throttle, and the machine wheeled a second time, cut uglier figures, and again stood defiant. Mr. Fickling looked at his friend, and the friend looked a picture of despair.

To add coals upon the fire, smoke began to rise from every corner of the machine. The friend was quick to take in the situation, and ran off for help. Mr. Fickling quietly descended to the ground and tried to end the scene by turning off and on the valves, etc. This had little effect. The friend was still retreating in the distance, and help was not in sight. Smoke continued to envelop the automobile, and the spectators were getting restless for the climax. Fortunately, this did not take place. On its own free will the horseless vehicle quieted down, stopped its smoking and puffing, and placidly awaited the return of the friend. Soon Mr. Fickling and his guest were on their way down town.

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10-4 White California Blankets, silk bound, in red, blue, and pink borders. Actual price \$2.75. Offered tomorrow, per pair at..... **\$2.15**

11-4 White California Blankets, with fine silk bindings, red, blue, and pink borders. Actual \$3.50, offered tomorrow at..... **\$3.50**

11-4 Extra Fine California Blankets, with 2-inch silk bindings, weight six pounds, these are shown with red, blue, and pink borders. Actual value \$7, tomorrow at..... **\$5.00**

Bedding, 1st floor, section D.

New Waistings and Waist Patterns.

An unexcelled showing of pretty new Waistings and Waist Patterns. Offered tomorrow at less-than-usual prices, too.

Pretty Waistings, some Prunellas are included, these are regular 25c qualities, offered tomorrow at..... **12½c**

Prunella is one of the finest of plain cloths that was ever imported. We show these in every conceivable color. These goods were bought to sell for 65c yard. We closed out the balance of an importers' line, so can offer them at..... **29c**

Striped Albatross Waistings, in colors of light blue, pink, old rose, navy, gray, and other colorings. This is one of the novelties of this season. The 65c kind, offered tomorrow at per yard..... **39c**

Fine Waist Patterns, consisting of botany and granite weaves, and representing our own exclusive styles. These have sold regularly at from \$5 to \$8. Offered for quick selling tomorrow at..... **\$2.50**

Waistings, 1st floor, Section D.

Lace Curtains Cut in Price.

You are fortunate if you have not as yet bought your Lace Curtains for the winter. A special sale is to be inaugurated here tomorrow in these goods, and it goes without saying that it will be one of low pricings.

\$1 Eru Nottingham Lace Curtains, 2½ yards long, reduced per pair to..... **75c**

\$1.50 White Nottingham Lace Curtains, 2½ yards long, reduced per pair to..... **\$1.00**

\$2.50 White Nottingham Lace Curtains, 2½ yards long, reduced to..... **\$1.50**

\$3 White Nottingham Lace Curtains, 2½ yards long, reduced to..... **\$2.00**

\$4 White Nottingham Lace Curtains, 2½ yards long, reduced to..... **\$2.75**

\$5 White Irish Point Lace Curtains, 2½ yards long, reduced to..... **\$4.00**

\$7.50 White Irish Point Lace Curtains, 2½ yards long, reduced to..... **\$6.25**

Business Never "Lags" At The Busy Corner.

We won't countenance any "lagging" in our business career. Each day must show a record of brisk selling. The period right after Christmas is considered generally a dull one for business. Not so here. We intend to make it so interesting as regards prices that you cannot fail to be attracted to the store—and when you're once here, the magnet will be so great that you will not be able to resist buying.

Jackets and Coats Reduced.

The price reduction ball has started to roll. The first evidence is to be heard tomorrow when the following big values go on sale:

1 lot of Fine Black Cloth Jackets, cut in the new nobby 20-in. lengths, double stitched seams and silk lined throughout. Shown in sizes from 32 to 44. Reduced from \$7.50 to **\$5.00**

1 lot of Kersey Cloth Coats in castor, black and blue, semi-fitting backs, high storm collars, and double-breasted effects, lined throughout with best quality Roman silk. The \$10 Jackets offered tomorrow at..... **\$7.50**

1 lot of Kersey Cloth Coats in finest quality Kersey Cloth, shown in tab, castor, and black, made in double-breasted effect, inverted pleat back, sleeves made with turnover cuffs, and the entire garment stitched and lined with guaranteed satin. A \$13.50 value offered tomorrow at..... **\$10.00**

1 lot of Kersey Cloth Coats, suitable for stout women, in double-breasted effect, lined throughout with best of Skinner's satin, a perfectly tailored garment. A \$10 value, tomorrow for..... **\$7.50**

1 lot of Kersey Cloth Coats, made up stylish with tight-fitting backs, fronts finished with tabs and velvet trimming. Some are faced with stitched satin and are made double-breasted style. A number of other very fetching effects shown, and all are elegantly lined. \$15 values, tomorrow for..... **\$12.50**

1 lot of Kersey Cloth Jackets in shades of tan and castor; also black, made up stylishly in the new slot-seam effect, velvet collar, new style sleeves, and lined throughout with Skinner's satin. A \$20.00 value, tomorrow for..... **\$15.00**

Coat and Suit Department, second floor.

Pretty Trimmings.

This season Trimmings hold full sway. We have never showed such a complete line of all the pretty Trimmings as now.

An importer's samples of Passamenteries, Braids, and Gimps in black, white, colors, and combinations of colors in all the desirable and fine as practicable, commensurate with safety and comfort. The Southern's Palm Limited, which makes its initial trip January 12, leaving Washington 6:30 p. m. and week days thereafter, meets the requirement.

Two other fast trains carrying Pullman sleepers and dining cars to Jacksonville and the South leave Washington 12:30 a. m. and 9:30 p. m., with connections for intermediate points and winter resorts, including Pinehurst, Camden, Summerville, Aiken, and Augusta, and other points in the Carolinas and Georgia.

A very full and pretty piece of genuine Marten Fur, fully 1-inch wide, worth \$2.48 yard. Tomorrow special at..... **\$1.98**

A nice selection of Fur Trimmings in imitation martens, fox, sable, etc., in 10, 12, and 15 inches long at 25c, 35c, and..... **79c**

Ornaments in the form of bunches of grapes, which is one of the leading style trimmings, made of raised velvet in white and black; worth 98c. Special tomorrow at..... **59c**

We have a complete line of Imitation and Cut Steel Buttons, in various sizes, priced from the handsomest at \$1.50 each, down to those at, per dozen..... **12½c**

Newness in Dress Goods.

The newness of the new foreign and dress fabrics will be sure to please you. From the many we take these few to tell you of:

40-inch Wool Checks in black and white and blue and white. These are regular 35c qualities. Offered tomorrow at..... **25c**

32-inch All-wool Broadcloths, a full line of colors, also black. These are regular 95c qualities, which we offer tomorrow, per yard, at..... **89c**

50-inch Sicilian Mohair, in black and two shades of blue. Regular 75c values. Offered tomorrow, per yard, at..... **59c**

35-inch Snowflake Suitings, in shades of brown, blue, and Oxford mixtures. The 46c grade offered tomorrow at..... **39c**

35-inch Cream White Mohair, a popular weave for evening waists. The 59c quality offered tomorrow, per yard, at..... **45c**

Dress Goods Arcade, first floor, D Street Annex.

Flannels at Fallen Prices.

Going to give you extraordinary values in these now very desirable Flannels tomorrow:

Scottish Flannels that always sell at 25c and 30c a yard, in old rose, light and dark stripes and checks, the best material yet for men's shirts, pajamas, shirt-waists, etc. This material is splendid for its wearing qualities, and it will not shrink. Offered tomorrow..... **25c** per yard, at..... **25c**

The best 25c White Flannel, ¾ of a yard wide. We have only 10 pieces of this left, so hurry. Price **25c** tomorrow..... **25c**

The top quality of Outings in plain colors of light blue, pink, red, cream, and white; also in stripes and checks, light and dark grounds. Offered tomorrow, per yard..... **8½c** at..... **39c**

28-inch Elderdown, in all the pretty dainty colors, splendid for making dressing gowns, wrappers, evening wraps, etc. Offered tomorrow, per yard, at..... **39c**

First floor—Section C.

Specials in Linens

We offer a few specials in Table Linens that are especially timely for New Year's:

2-yard wide All-linen Cream Irish Table Damask, in 6 choice patterns, extra heavy and durable quality. Offered tomorrow..... **50c** per yard, at..... **50c**

5-8 size of Full Bleached All-linen Breakfast Napkins, offered tomorrow, per dozen, at..... **75c**

2-yard wide Full Bleached All-linen Table Damask of superior weight, quality, and finish, in choice pretty patterns. Special tomorrow, per yard, at..... **53c**

Extra heavy Bleached Hemmed Irish Huck Towels, size 20 by 38, offered tomorrow, each..... **12½c** at..... **12½c**

Extra fine Bleached Double Satin Irish Table Damask, in elegant new choice patterns, 2 yards wide. Actual value \$1.10 per yard. Offered special at..... **75c**

18-inch All-linen Brown Kitchen Toweling, fast selvaige, offered tomorrow, per yard, at..... **7½c**

Linens Dept., first floor, Section M.

A Sale of Notions and Small Wares.

This is the first sale for over two weeks of Notions and Small Wares, and we are sure the values offered will be appreciated by a throng of callers tomorrow.

John J. Clark's 200-yard spools of soft-finish Machine Thread, per 2c spool..... **2c**

The Electric Spring Hook and Eye, 6 cards for..... **5c**

Superior Quality Silk Taffeta 7c Binding, per piece..... **7c**

Cotton Batting, large size bats, special tomorrow 3 bats for..... **25c**

Sanitary Safety Pins, will not rust, per dozen 5c, 4c, and..... **3c**

Queen City Sewing Silk, 50-yard spools, a full line of colors; special, 2 spools for..... **5c**

Clark's O. N. T. Darning Cotton, 2 balls for..... **5c**

Tubular Shoe Laces, 1 yard long; special, per dozen..... **3c**

Large size Cube of Pins, per 4c only..... **4c**

Uscar De Long's Hooks and Eyes, 3 cards for..... **10c**

Aluminum Thimbles, special 5c..... **5c**

The Macey Hook and Eye, made with a spring, will never rust; special price per card..... **10c**

The Busy Hook and Eye Tape, per yard..... **15c**

Union White Wadding, 35-45 wide, special price per dozen sheets..... **40c**

Adamantine Pins, per dozen..... **10c**

Pansy Crochet Silk, a full line of colors, special price per spool..... **3c**

Granger Patent Invisible Eye, stays where sewed; we are sole agents for Washington; special tomorrow..... **5c**

High-grade Seaming Silk, 1-oz. spools, especially designed for fine dressmakers' trade, dozen 50c..... **50c**

Cling Socket Garment Fasteners, best made, per dozen..... **15c**

Kann's Favorite Velvetene Binding, in black only, dozen yards 5c for 50c, per yard..... **5c**

Grover Sewing Cotton, 200-yard 5c spools, 3 spools for..... **5c**

Double Serge Dress Belting, per 7c piece, 50c yard..... **7c**

Kann's Luxur Dress Shields, contains no rubber, guaranteed odorless..... **5c**

Size..... 5 4 3 2
29c 21c 21c 18c

Superior quality Moire Dress Belting, 10-yard piece for \$1.10, per 15c yard..... **15c**

Ellsworth 500-yard Spools Silk-finish Sewing Cotton, 3 spools 10c for..... **10c**

Machine Oil, warranted not to gum; special, 3 bottles for..... **5c**

Dexter's Knitting Cotton; 10c special, 3 balls for..... **10c**

Enamel Darners, special tomorrow at..... **2c**

Satin La Reine Brush Binding, in black and a full line of colors; 7c special, per yard, at..... **7c**

Red Cross Antiseptic Cotton 19c Batting, per bat..... **19c**

Pearl Buttons; special, 2 dozen 5c for..... **5c**

Notion Dept., first floor, Section E.

Prices Drop on Domestics

We are famed far and wide for our big offerings in Domestics. Still larger price concessions for tomorrow:

Androscegrin Bleached Cotton—the family muslin—full yard wide, always sold at 9c yard. One case of these will be offered tomorrow..... **6½c** row, per yard, at..... **6½c**

Lonsdale Cambric, known as the best 12½c Cambric made, and never offered for less than that price. One case will be sold Monday..... **9½c** day, per yard, at..... **9½c**

100 dozen of the famous Babcock Bleached Pillow Cases, size 45 by 35 inch, hand-torn and ready for use. Offered special, each..... **9c** at..... **9c**

50 dozen of Hemstitched Pillow Cases, size 45 by 35½ inches, with 3-inch hem; these are hand-torn and ironed. Offered special at..... **12½c** each at..... **12½c**

100 dozen of Bleached Sheets, size 72 by 90, or 2 by 2½ yards; these are already in use. 33c special at..... **33c**

First floor, Section D.

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