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## GREAT Red Package Sale!

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### Saturday Afternoon at 2 O'Clock, Dec. 21st.

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afternoon we will sell 1000 red packages for 25c each, each package containing an article or articleless worth from 25c to \$10.00. No package will contain articles worth less than 25c at regular retail price at any store. Every package will be wrapped in red paper. Every article will be taken from our stock. No worthless toys or valueless bundles of paper, but useful merchandise of intrinsic value, and in no case less than 25c in any retail store. Every package will contain one number, and after all the packages are sold, these numbers will be collected and placed in a box, and drawn from. The lucky number will entitle the holder to a

### FREE—4-Piece Quadruple Plate Silver Set Worth \$20.00—FREE

No packages will be sold to anyone connected in any way with our store. The 'Great Red Package Sale' is for the benefit of our customers only. We want you all to come and have a good time. PARTIAL LIST OF CONTENTS OF PACKAGES:—One Men's Overcoat, worth \$10.00; 1 Boys' Suit, worth \$3.00; 1 Ladies' Coat, worth \$10.00; 1 Child's Coat, worth \$5.00; 1 Pair Men's Pants, worth \$3.00; 1 Muff, worth \$3.50; 1 Collarette, worth \$5.00; 1 Dress Pattern, worth \$3.00; 30 Pair Overshoes, worth from 65c to 90c per pair; 10 Pair of Shoes, worth up to \$3.00 per pair; Hose, Suspenders, Shirts, Cuff Buttons, Mufflers, Tie Pins, Neckties, Gloves, Mittens, extra Pants for boys, Sweaters, Overalls, Ladies', Misses' and Children's Hose, Ribbons, Pocket Books, Belts, Belt Buckles, Rings, Mittens, Golf Gloves, Handkerchiefs, several pieces of Fancy Crockery worth up to \$1.00, Silverware pieces, and hundreds of other articles, all worth 25c or more, every one suitable for a Christmas gift to some member of the family. BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS PACKAGE HERE!

25c only. Pick your own package. More fun in two hours than you have had in a week. Everybody come. Two o'clock in the afternoon the big 25c sale starts. Don't forget the time, don't forget the place, and above all don't forget the Big Sale.

## TORRANCES' BIG STORE.

### UNERRING WORK BY A DOG VALUED AT A THOUSAND DOLLARS.

"I had an opportunity to observe the efficiency of the bloodhound as an instrument for tracking animals while I was at Wichita," said a Mason attorney the other day on returning from a trip over into Kansas.

"An atrocious crime had been committed out in the suburbs. The sheriff was promptly notified and he responded immediately with his large, somber assistant. The dog was taken into the house and to the room where the crime occurred. It immediately started out with a bound cleared the fence and dashed into the timber with the sheriff and other following close behind. The hound ran to a stream, where it appeared to be mystified in a few minutes. It ran up and down the banks panting and wagging its tail nervously. Suddenly it caught the trail again and dashed onward up the bank of the stream, ran around a tree, shot over a brush pile and then took a bee line for town.

"From this time on it never faltered nor seemed to be in doubt for a moment. The trail led to a mammoth gain elevator. The dog burst into a side door without hesitation, and darted for the steps, dashing the surprised workman right and left. It went clear up to the topmost floor of the elevator, circled around a few times as then darted down another way. When it reached the bottom floor it ran out on the sidewalk, through the business part of town and then to the boarding district. It was blocked by a closed door at a small boarding house, but when the officers caught up with the dog they had the door opened. The hound ascended the stairs at a bound and went directly to a room occupied by one of the boarders, pushed the door open with his fore feet up and he yelled loudly for protection and attacked the clothes of a man who was in bed asleep.

"The savage growls woke the man. The sheriff entered the room just in time to seize the dog and pull from the man's throat. By this time a large crowd had congregated at the entrance of the boardinghouse

Sheriff telephoned for guards before attempting to remove his man to jail. A patrol wagon came and the prisoner and dog were seated in it, surrounded by policemen with drawn revolvers. When the start was made for the jail the crowd must have numbered 1,500. They were vociferously demanding that the prisoner be immediately hung, but there was no leader and lynching was averted. During the drive the dog never for an instant took its eyes from the trembling victim. So perfect was the hound's work and thoroughly had it terrorized the prisoner that he confessed to the crime soon after he was placed in jail.

"I was informed that the bloodhound was worth \$1,000 and was one of the best in the state. It was not a very prepossessing animal, but when it was in action, like a courageous soldier, it looked much better than it did when on dress parade."—Kansas Journal.

### A WOMAN'S FLEETING HAT.

A gale galloped up fifth avenue the other day a forty mile clip. It blew the hat from a woman's head as the woman scurried around a corner in the shadow of a sky scraper in the course of construction.

For a moment the hatless woman stood dazed. She looked at the hurrying crowd of men and women. The men turned their faces toward the rolling bundle of ribbons and feathers, but not one went to its rescue.

Each man clapped his hand on his own hat and quickened his walk. The workmen away up in the air in the forest of iron work leaned over, looked down and then resumed. A chauffeur shied his vehicle and barely missed the tumbling headwear.

Several women on the crossing stopped. They evidently concluded that while there is always a man around to pick up the hat of another man, none intended to come to the rescue of a woman's.

Then the women gave chase themselves. Three made a dash for the hat, which by this time had lodged in a wagon wheel. Two of the trio grabbed for the hat at the same time. There seemed to be a parley

hat on where it belonged, looked into a show window and adjusted the article on her hair and walked away.

Were the men who failed to chase the hat lacking in courtesy, or were they afraid? How many men have seen a woman's hat in that predicament? were questions observers asked.—New York Sun.

### HAS THREE HUNDRED SALOONS.

St. Paul has now within its limits 300 saloons, more than it has entertained in any year since 1896.

In 1896 \$309,000 was paid into the city treasury of intoxicating liquor, but a year later this dropped to \$295,000. Since that time about one saloon a year has been added, until now the number is almost even with the old figure.

### WOMEN AND DRINK.

An English writer recently stated that there was a growing tendency among women to the indulgence in alcoholic beverages especially among the wealthier and higher classes, with whom the habit has become almost universal.

One of the reasons given for this pernicious habit is the exhausting effects of society's demands upon its devotees.

This alcoholic habit is much greater also among the English women of the lower classes than the American women of the same class.

One noted English physician says the growing desire for drink is the result of the increasing independence of women—a liberty which some of them interpret as license for self indulgence in accordance with their inclinations.

This independence bring with it numerous demands, and many women find themselves unequal to the strain and so resort to stimulants, at first only in a moderate degree, but the habit gains steady ascendancy over its victim.

### APPLS

We received the finest car load of apples that came to Worthington last fall we still have some left to sell for less than the wholesale price

### NELLIE MITCHELL HOME.

From the Minneapolis Journal:

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Miss Ella Mitchell, 25 years old, said to be the daughter of wealthy parents of Worthington, Minn., is missing under peculiar circumstances, and last night the police of the Harrison street station were asked to assist in the search for her.

Dr. Gertrude Gall Wellington, who is in charge of the emergency hospital, reported the case to Sergeant Euson, and she is inclined to the belief that the young woman may have committed suicide because of her inability to secure a position in the institution as nurse. Dr. Wellington told the police that several weeks ago Miss Mitchell came to Chicago from Lawton, Mich. and until last night Thursday had remained at the hospital. The young woman said she had read of the Emergency hospital in the papers and was ambitious to become a trained nurse. Dr. Wellington allowed Miss Mitchell to remain until last Wednesday, but as she had no training for a nurse there was no place for her, and Wednesday night she was told it would be best for her to return home.

That night attaches of the hospital heard Miss Mitchell weeping in her room, and the next day she left, saying she was going to Aurora where she had friends. She failed to reach Aurora however, and as many articles, including a watch, which was present from her mother, are still in her room in the hospital, it is feared that something may have befallen her. Detectives were detailed on the case last night, but as yet no trace of the young woman has been found. Her parents have been notified.

In reporting the case to the police, Dr. Wellington said: "Miss Mitchell was a beautiful girl, and her only ambition seemed to become a trained nurse in order that she might care for suffering humanity. She said that she had heard of the hospital, and thinking that perhaps she could be some assistance here decided to apply for a position."

It was known here Tuesday that the Twin city papers were investigating the above and no reference was made to it in the Advance until their statement could be obtained and published with Miss Mitchell's

no intention of acting mysterious.

She says, while she was visiting her sister, Mrs. Carrie Johnson, in Lawton, Mich., desiring to secure a situation as a nurse she secured a position in St. Lukes Hospital, Chicago, after arranging for it decided she did not want to go to Chicago at the time and asked that the time for entering upon the duties, be extended, not making satisfactory arrangements she went to Chicago and on arrival found the position had been filled. She then secured a position at the Emergency hospital where police patients, suicides and addicts of this character are brought. After she went to work the kitchen girl quit, and Miss Mitchell was assigned this work, in addition to answering the door and assisting in the operating room. In this work she was compelled to go from a hot kitchen, through cold halls and other places where the temperature was at one extreme or the other and in this way she caught a severe cold resulting in quinsy. She told the doctor, Mrs. Wellington, that she was sick and unable to work, and was told she would have to pay fifteen dollars a week if she staid there, to this statement Nellie said she did not have to stay there; this was on Thursday. Nellie then packed her things and went to the Michigan Central depot to arrange for getting home, but it could not be done by that road so she went to the Rock Island road depot and arranged for transportation home. This was perfected about five o'clock She then sent an expressman after her trunk etc. The expressman did not get all of her things which accounts for her grip and watch, which was in the grip, being found in her room. When she left the hospital she did not expect to be able to get way that day and expected she would go back that night. She making the remark she did, when leaving the hospital and her manner, probably led the doctor to believe she would commit some desperate act, but Nellie is yet in possession of too good faculties to do any injury to herself or permit it to be done. She arrived here Friday morning on the Burlington. The way the information reached the paper is, a prominent reporter on a Chicago paper

dow and was seriously injured and brought to this hospital, this brought reports of various papers of the country to the hospital to see the injured man, and Mrs. Wellington related the story to them.

The St. Paul Dispatch of Tuesday contained the following large headline. Is safely at Home—Mystery Cleaned up—Sensational story of a Minnesota girls disappearance in Chicago explained. The Minneapolis Journal, head line read—Lost in a big city—Miss Ella Mitchell of Worthington may be dead—Left her effects in a hospital—Disappointed in Ambition to become a trained nurse she may have killed herself.

### BIGELOW.

R. F. Medcalf our restaurant man has sold out to Wyatt and Barnes.

J. C. Jepperson has sold out his saloon to a man from Round Lake.

Wm. Waterman has sold out his residence to Mrs. H. Yeskie consideration \$975.

The children are going to have a Christmas tree in the church and a good program will be rendered.

Wm. Waterman has got in lots of new goods for Xmas.

C. A. Bacon our druggist has got his counter full of Christmas goods. Give him a call there is no need of going off to buy.

Mrs. Wm. Waterman's sister came Tuesday she lost her husband a few months ago. Her name is Mrs. Deacon.

Mr. Hall's daughter came to glad on their home, as she is on her way to Portland, Ore.

Mr. A. A. Wagner has his sale Tuesday.

Mr. Charles Yates and children, Anna and Will went to Spencer, Ia., to spend the holidays Friday.

Mrs. Crosby our Primary teacher went home to spend the holidays with her folks.

Mrs. Beard is expected up from Harlan, Ia., to visit with her son and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Munroe Beard.

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