IN THE SOCIAL WORLD.

THE PAST WEEK'S JOTTINGS AMONG THE SMART SET.

How Society in East and West End is Spending the November Days. Personals and Generalities.

What constitutes good breeding?

Looking to an English scholar for at least, a partial answer, he declares that it is made up chiefly of negative elements; that it shows itself far less in what it prescribes than in what it forbids, and proceeds to say with truth that more can be done to elevate the art of conversation, or rather, to perfect it into an art—by all varieties of intellectual power applied to the besetting vices of social intercourse than ever was or can be done by all varieties of "intellectual power assembled upon the same arena. "In telectual graces of the highest order may perish and confound each other when exercised in a spirit of ill temper, or under the license of bad manners; whereas very humble powers, when allowed to expand themselves colloquially in that genial freedom which is possible only under the most absolute confidence in the self restraint of your interlocutors, accomplish their purpose to a certainty, if it be the ordinary purpose of liberal amusement."

This man, in giving as a partial definition of good manners, that they consist in a series of forbearances, spoke a great truth simply, and with the intelligent thoughtfulness of a strong and versatile mind, estimated rightly the superb possibilities of an almost lost art—(as a useful, not a liberal one)—and of the power lying in that little member which is capable of kindling mighty fire, according to the discreetness and self restraint or the selfish imprudence of its owner.

But from the discussion of ethical questions to a chronicle of what the world—(social)—or at least, that world's wife and daughters—have been doing for six days past is a step satisfactory at least to the debutantes who were decidedly in evidence at the Richmond German, at Masonic Temple, on last Monday night, the first of the series for '93-4, the remaining dances to occupy alternate Monday evenings, dating from November 20th.

Mr. Thomas Atkinson, Dr. George Ross, and Mr. William H. Grant, Jr. are, respectively; President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the German Club for the year; and Messrs. Jo Lane Stern, John H. Lyons, Levin Joynes, Frank A. Davenport and Saunders Hobson, constitute the Executive Committee.

Mesdames Thomas Atkinson, A. S. Buford, Alfred T. Harris, Jr., Charles N. Williams, George Ross, Levin Joynes, C. D. Langhorne, and Thomas Bolling are the patronesses.

In addition to these ladies and gentlemen there were present Misses Mary Hayes, Annie Leathers (Louisville), Carrie Talbott, Mary McCaw, Evie Blankenship, Lelia Gray, Lelia Hill, Elizabeth Hayes, Irene Langhorne, Alys Connally, Elise Williams, Bruce Williams, Annie Howard, Eugenia and Annie Tennant, Misses Hutchinson (Texas), Nellie Mayo, Hattie and Fannie Ross, Gertrude Rives, Sallie Talbott, Lizzie Bridges, Virgie Archer, Bessie Addison, Callie Ryland, Messrs. Henry L. Cabell, Fred Pleasants, Cary Shepard, Eddie Mayo, Preston Nolan, Arthur Miley, George Gibson, Pat Currie, Frank Davenport, Willie Massie, Charlie Antrem, Allan Talbott, John Atkinson, Saunders Hobson, Bob Mosby, Allan Potts, William Thompkins, Eddie Willis, Henry Baskerville, and others.

The first of the Tuesday Germans for the season of '93-4 will occupy next Tuesday evening, November 28th, from 9 to 12 o'clock, and the succeeding dances of the "Tuesday" will be given on alternate Tuesday evenings, dating from this.

The President and Secretary of this Club are, respectively, Mr. Levin Joynes, and Mr. P. H. C. Cabell, and the Board of Governors includes Messrs. Arthur Skelton Willy, W. Brydon Tennant, Henry A. Williams, B. Stewart Hume, and Deane Maury.

Its patronesses are Mesdames Levin Joynes, Joseph Bryan, Allan Talbott, Robert S. Bosher, James T. Patterson, E. T. D. Myers, Jr., W. Brydon Tennant, A. B. Camm, James W. Allison, William R. Trigg, Charles Talbott, Egbert G. Leigh, Jr., James W. Walker, and Frederick W. Scott.

Later in the season it is proposed to give a brilliant private German as a courtesy to an attractive debutante.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ellyson, with their son James, spent several days at the Mount Vernon last week.

On last Saturday evening Mrs. James Walker, whose informal "at home" earlier in that week was so much enjoyed, entertained a small number of friends at dinner.

Miss Andrews is the guest of Miss Mamie Saunders, west Franklin street.

But that shadow which ever travels side by side with life has thrown itself with sharp suddenness into the social gaiety of the past weeks, in the grievous death of Mrs. Seymour S. Cadot by which a husband and a daughter are indeed bereaved. And the step that takes their friends from them and sorrow into surrounding brightness does not entreat forgetfulness.

On Tuesday night, the hospitality of Miss Alys Connally was extended to a number of her friends in the shape of a thoroughly elegant dinner—sumptuous as to menu, brilliant and tasteful as to appointments and decorations. The latter, which were pink roses and carnations in cluster, spray and bouquet, gave the dinner its name. Enjoying the courtesy of Miss Connally upon this occasion there were Misses May Handy, Irene Langhorne, Bessie Martin, Kate Harris, Lelia Myers, Martha Bagby, Mrs. Connally; Messrs. Frank Davenport, William Massie, Sallie Watkins, John Atkinson, Eddie Willis, William Palmer, Allston Cabell and William Ferguson.

Miss Annie Rose Walker and Mr. G. A. Walker are the guests, at Lakewood, N. Y., of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rhinelander; they will return to New York and attend the Cotillon and Patriarch's Ball, which occupy the evenings of December 4th and 13th, respectively, and at both of which Miss Walker will be chaperoned by Mrs. Rhinelander.

Miss Garnet Coles, of Chatham, is the guest of Miss Munford, west Franklin street.

On Wednesday afternoon (4:30 o'clock) in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. Building, Mrs. Maria Blair's class for the study of "American Literature and History" held its monthly discussion. The attendance was large and each member of the class entered into the discussion of the several questions with enthusiasm.

On Thursday, at the same hour and place, the Shakspeare class met for a reading of the third act from "Hamlet." Mrs. Grace Shields, who has throughout and by request assumed Hamlet's part in the readings from the drama, was notably enjoyable upon this occasion.

A discussion of the characteristics of the more prominent actors in the play, as illustrated in this third act, succeeded the readings. The meeting upon next Thursday will be devoted to readings from the fourth act of the tragedy, and owing to the great interest attaching to it, two more meetings than were originally intended will be devoted to its study, and a correspondingly less number than anticipated to the study of the "Comedy of Errors," next in order upon the programme for the year.

On the afternoon of Thursday, also, from 5 to 7, Mrs. Ellen Perrin gave a very elegant tea in honor of her daughter, Miss Nellie Perrin, a debutante of this season, and at night the parlors of the hospitable home were thrown open to friends, in a reception which occupied the hours from 8 to 11, and which was marked by the presence of almost all the favorites in Richmond's avowedly smart set.

The porch in the rear of the parlors was converted into a tete a tete room and here Mrs. James Ellerson, of Washington, and Mrs. Moncure Perkins served punch, and the men and women talked — politics.

Mrs. Perrin, the hostess, was handsomely gowned in black velvet, old rose, and lace; Miss Nellie Perrin, white accordion skirt over yellow satin; Mrs. Watkins, grandmother of Miss Perrin, wore black silk and diamonds, and in attractiveness rivalled any girl in the rooms; Miss Roy Ellerson, white silk and lace; Mrs. Baskerville, (Oxford, N. C.), black velvet and yellow silk; Mrs. Irvin Watkins, black velvet; Mrs. Judson Watkins, grey silk and lace; Mrs. Edward Mayo, grey tulle.

Miss Perrin carried a superb bouquet of yellow crysanthemums; Miss Ellerson, an equally handsome one of white. These ladies were assisted in extending the courtesies of the occasion to guests by Misses Ellen Mercer Cooke, Nellie Boykin, Annie Gray, Bessie Hill, Ella Cocke, Mary Quarles, and Parke Bagby.

In the dinning room, Misses Lelia Grey, Helen Lee, Lelia Hill, Hallie Cooke, Ellie Bosher, Annie and Fannie McGuire, Bessie Catlin, and Messrs. Watkins Ellerson, Joel Perrin, John Coke, Godwin Boykin, Willie Watkins, and Edward Hudson contributed to the pleasure and comfort of the guests.

Pink roses and carnations, together with palms and handsome silver candelabra combined to beautify the front parlor; and palms, yellow crysanthemums, and candelabra, ornamented that in the rear. The dining room decorations were of pink roses and carnations en masse, and the table appointments in admirable taste.

Those present were, in addition to a small quota of married people, which included Mr. and Mrs. James Walker, and those whose names have already been given—Misses Miriam Meade, Stanley Atkins, Lelia Tatum, Mary Hayes, Elizabeth Hayes, Emily Cary, Miss Leathers (Kentucky), Mary McCaw, Nina Randolph, Julia Lee, Evie Blankenship, Kate Blankenship, Jane Blair, the Misses Henning, Mattie and Lucy Christian, Addie Johnson, Lucy and Lizzie Bridges, Bessie Martin, Alys Conally, Annie and Mary Howard, Fannie Ross, Madge Ould, Mamie Saunders, Miss Andrews (North Carolina), — Gregory, Mamie Boykin, Annie Jacobs, Lilian Yarbrough, Bessie Call, Mary Crenshaw, Louise, Helen, and Lucy Quarles, Mary Baughman, Berta and Sallie Wellford, Sallie and Judith Deane, Julia Morton, Sallie Talbott, Eugenie and Anne Yemont, Alice Tinsley, Maude Kent, Martha Bagby, Misses Atkins, Carter and Kent (Powell's School); Messrs. Ad. Williams, Lancaster and Langbourne Williams, Victor and Henry Williams, John Rutherfoord, James Anderson, James Moncure, Granville and James Valentine, James Watson, Palmer Gray, Palmer Claiborne, James Maury, Rosewell Page, Allston and Henry Cabell, Higgenbotham Brockenbrough, Fairlie and St. George Cooke, Lex Lanear, George Finck, J. D. Johns, — Tallaferro, William Storrs, Stewart Hume, Robert Campbell, Graham Hobson, Philip Powers, Elmer Echo, Arthur Pleasants, Hunsdon Cary, St. George Bridges, Armistead, Churchill, John and Ormon Young, Eddie Mayo, George Gigson, George Lee, Thomas Talley, William Wortham, Richard Pegram, Montie Wortham, George Bidgood, Hugh Miller, Gordon McCabe, Henry Sutton, David Lee, and others.

Thilow's band was in attendance.

A marked feature of the reception at the Munford-Branch nuptials on Wednesday evening last, was the elegance of the costumes worn by the ladies present.

Miss Safford, of New York, an intimate friend of the bride, wore an exquisite gown of white and pale green, the skirt and bodice daintily adorned with natural flowers.

Mrs. W. R. Bowie's costume was of white satin brocade, embroidered with lilies of the valley, and trimmed with red velvet. She wore diamonds, and carried a bouquet of superb carnations. Indeed, the beauty of the flowers carried by the ladies present was generally commented upon.

Among those present, who are prominent in State or national affairs, were Governor McKinney, Ex-Governor Fitzhugh Lee, Judge L. L. Lewis, Judge Staples, General William H. Payne, Honorable Claude Swanson, of the Fifth Congressional district of Virginia, Mayor J. Taylor Ellyson, and Barbour Thompson, and during the evening, the bride and groom were constantly the centre of a group of congratulating friends, all of whom are of social prominence, either in this city, or some other. Taken in all its details, this was one of the prettiest and most admirably conducted home weddings that has ever taken place in Richmond.

Several Richmond people received invitations to the wedding reception of Miss Mary Walker Fearn and Mr. S. Barton French, Washington, D. C., which occupied Thursday afternoon last, from 4.30 to 6 o'clock.

It was little Miss Flite, was it not, who, having a case in Chancery, "expected a judgment on the Day of Judgment, and would then confer estates?" But what have "Miss Flite" and 'Jarndyce and Jarndyce," and Chancery to do with Injunction No. 2., prohibiting the managers of that hospital of most gentle and lovely association with a sainted memory, —"The Sheltering Arms"—from the immediate occupancy of its property at the corner of Sixth and Grace? Who can tell? The injunction is to be regretted, but the ladies are steadfast and earnest in their work of mercy to the city's destitute poor, and are ready to take possession of the property at a moment's notice. Bishop Randolph, we note, has commended the "Sheltering Arms" to the loving remembrance of the people of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, in their Thanksgiving-Day offerings.

The lady managers of the Institution have kindly tendered the Grace street house to the committee in charge of the "Yule Tide Fair and Festival" which will begin on December 5th, and the object of which is the purchase of a "Summer Home for Working Girls."

The Fair and Festival will be in charge of the Ladies' Societies of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, assisted by others who are in sympathy with its object. Mrs. Walker and Miss Grace Arents will be assisted in their departments by prominent ladies of St. Andrew's congregation, while Miss Ellen Mercer Cook will reckon among her assistants nearly all the society favorites.

Dolls will be a leading feature of the Fair; dolls in every variety of dainty dress; little dolls and big dolls; cheap dolls and costly dolls; every variety of doll to attract the love of the small girl with maternal instincts.

A number of these dolls are so costly as to necessitate selling them by vote—one to go to the daughter or grand-daughter of the most prominent physician in the city, and already the names of several candidates have been suggested. Others will be voted to the daughter or grand-daughter of the most popular minister, to the Children's Ward in the Virginia Hospital, and to the most popular little lady of the city.

The youong ladies of the flower and sweets department are planning a vigorous canvass for contributions, and promise a charming time in return to those who call upon them at the Yule Tide feast.

Special attractions have been arranged for each night, and each day Mrs. Walker will offer lunch or dinner to those desiring either at moderate rates.

Thursday evening next, from 7 to 11, will be occupied by the reception at the Executive mansion which has for its object the furnishing of the children's ward in the Virginia Hospital.

Any recommendation of this object to the thoughtful interest of the Richmond public ought to be unnecessary. We instinctively associate with that word child dependence on one side and protection on the other: the realization that there is a childhood which has no protection upon which to depend; that finds no response in the tenderness of affluence of mother and father to the mute language of its young wants and needs; that made clinging and defenceless and tender, beats its life out against the hardness of poverty and the coldness of neglect—this must move us all; and a work which seeks to replace the harshness with gentleness, the neglect with care, to these small sufferers from the curse of poverty, must meet with appreciation from warm-hearted Richmond.

Light refreshments will be served upon this occasion, and a choice musical programme is being arranged, which will be in charge of Professor Reinhardt, assisted by Mrs. Decatur Axtell and Mrs. Dr. Irvin.

The very moderate charge for admission is twenty-five cents, and this entitles the caller to supper, and an enjoyment of all the pleasures provided for guests. There is no other charge.

The following is a list of the Reception Committee: Governor and Mrs. McKinney, Colonel and Mrs. O'Ferrall, General and Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee, Mrs. Hunter McGuire, Mrs. Joseph A. White, Mrs. Landon B. Edwards, Mrs. Hugh Taylor, Mrs. Paulus Irving, Mrs. Lewis Wheat, Mrs. Thomas Moore, Mrs. Jacob Michaux, Mrs. George Ross, Mrs. L. M. Cowardin, Mrs. J. Allison Hodges, Mrs. W. T. Oppenhimer, Mrs. Armstead Wellford, Mrs. Magruder, president of the board; Mrs. Edward Price, Mrs. Stephen Putney, and Mrs. Ben Nash, vice-presidents; Mrs. Donnan, treasurer; Mrs. Camm, secretary; Mrs. J. P. Yancey, chairman Purchasing Board; Mrs. Charles Todd, chairman House Committee; Mrs. M. P. Harris, chairman Visiting Committee; Mesdames James Walker, Thomas Carter, William Talbott, — Buford, James Patterson, William Royall, L. D. Davies, James Allison, Robert Bosher, James Patteson, Robert G. Reinolds, and Nora Leary.

The Floor Committee is composed of Messrs. Eugene Massie, Edgar Taylor, Thomas Potts, Rosewell Page, C. O'B. Cowardin, Marion J. Dimmock, Allston Cabell, Thomas Rutherford, General Charles Anderson, Dr. Edward McGuire, Rutherford Rose, Joseph Bryan, Judge W. W. Flournoy, Henry L. Cabell, Edward Willis, Henry Baskerville, Allen Potts, John Rutherford, and Dr. Dunn.

The Young Ladies' Societies of Grace Episcopal church, will on December 1st, from 4 to 6 o'clock, give a "cake walk" especially for children, the charge for admission being only five cents. The walk will be led by little Miss Maysie Lynch.

From 8 to 10 o'clock on the same date they will hold, for ladies and gentlemen, what they term a "peanut reception," which takes its name from the very unique form in which the invitations were issued. Into a split peanut shell was enclosed the tiny invitation to the prospective guest, which was as follows:

"The first of December,
At Grace church, remember!
The lecture room—Friday at eight.
'Tis ten cents admission,
And without intermission
You hunt roasted peanuts till late!"

The shell was then tied with a dainty white ribbon and forwarded.

On the day preceding Thanksgiving-Day, the ladies of this same church will hold their annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Messrs. West, Johnston & Company's old stand, 211 Main street. All the substantials and delicacies that go to make up the ideal Thanksgiving Dinner will be procurable for the small charge of 50 cents, and business men or others will be amply repaid for the expenditure of so moderate a sum by calling at No. 211 and enjoying the good things which the ladies have prepared for their delectation.

On December 15th, the "Little Helpers" of Monumental will hold an "Experience Party" at the Y. M. C. A. building. Music and recitations will add to the interest of the occasion, and refreshments will be served.

The party takes its name from the fact that all those who come are expected to earn as much money as possible for the work of the society (one of the most useful in the church), and to present it upon this occasion with a recital in prose or poetry (humorous, preferably) as to the way in which the money was earned.

Laggards in the matter of earning it are (rather illogically) compelled to pay 25 cents for admission, and, once admitted, to give those present an account of how, as Artemus Ward expresses it, they didn't earn it. We shall hope, for the sake of our interest in the Monumental, that the last-named contingent may be in the minority.

On Friday, November 18th, Mrs. George Lyon, of the Lunch Committee (W. C. A.), gave what proved to be, both from a financial and social standpoint, the most successful "children's entertainment" of the season. Little people from three to ten years of age were the participants in furnishing the programme of songs and recitations, interesting to children, and a prettier, more dimpled, big-eyed, curly-haired group of entertaining small folks never made their bow in a Richmond parlor.

On Friday last Mrs. Dr. J. P. Harrison, also of the Lunch Committee, superintended a very enjoyable "doll party," which was largely attended. Dolls are a never-failing attraction to little women, and on this occasion the parlors were overflowing with tiny maidens, each clasping her special and most beloved doll affectionately in her round arms.

The ladies will postpone the entertainment arranged for next Friday, in order that they may not conflict with the Grace church people, whose "cake walk" and "peanut reception" are set for the same date.

On Friday evening Mrs. T. O. Barbour's hospitality in the shape of a "Silver Tea" was enjoyed by many of the younger set as well as the married people. The decorations were of roses, while palms and tinted shades; delicately colored ribbon and candelabra united with these to enhance the attractiveness of the parlors.

Assisting the hostess in receiving were: Mesdames Wm. Royall, Thomas Bolling, James Walker, Mrs. Dr. Oppenhimer; Misses Irene Langhorne, Annie Leathers—(Kentucky) Sallie Wellford, Flossie Talbott, Georgia and Evie Blankenship, Bessie Call, Lou Atkins, Miss Hulst and Miss Mary Mayo.

Those calling during the evening were: Misses Roy Ellerson, Nellie Perrin, Mary and Elizabeth Hayes, Annie Gray, Nellie Mayo, Miss Hill, Ellen Mercer Cook; Mesdames James Pleasants, Stephens, Mrs. Governor Mc Kinney, Caskie Cabell, John Lottier, Alfred Harris, Edward Mayo, C. C. Mc Phail, James A. Welch, W. Waller Morton, Clay Drewry; Messrs. Henry Landon Cabell, Rosewell Page, Edmund Woodbridge, P. H. C. Cabell, Preston Noland, Arthur Wiley, George A. Gibson, John Skelton Williams, Allan Talbott, Stewart Bryan, Bob Campbell, John Lyons, Pat Currie, John Atkinson and others.

On the same evening (5 to 8) Mrs Wm. Todd Robins gave a most enjoyable tea in honor of Miss Robins, who was assisted in the reception of guests by Misses Berta Randolph, Mary McGuire, McMullen (Md.) Rebecca Storrs, Pencie Weddell, Ella Cocke and Mrs. Crump.

The table and other decorations were of pink roses and palms; the usual accessories of colored shades, candelabra, etc., all being present.

Callers during the evening were: Misses Miriam, Kate and Mary Meade; Stanley Atkins, Annie Gray, Roy Ellerson, Nellie Perrin, Ellen Mercer Cook; Misses Mayo, Norma and Evie Walker; Mess. Stewart Hume, St. John Bryan, John Rutherfoord, Willie Noland, and others.

The tea was succeeded by a supper, at which there were present, in addition to the young ladies who assisted the hostess in receiving: Misses Mary Rogers and Parke Bagby, Messrs. Higgenbotham, Fairlie Cook, Mayo, Flournoy, Benson, and others.

Cards are out for a reception on Wednesday next (3 to 12) by Mrs. Wm. Meade Archer, 111 north Sixth street, in honor of her daughter, Miss Alice De Lancey Archer.

Miss Nellie Boykin has left for a two weeks' visit to Lexington, Va.

On Saturday evening Miss Lelia Tatum, a prominent debutante of this season, gave a delightful card party as a courtesy to a number of her friends.

There were present upon this occasion: Misses Emily Cary, Mary and Elizabeth Hayes, Mary Mc Caw, Mary Meade, Bessie Fauntleroy, Anne Gray, Carrie Talbott; Messrs Frank Davenport, Edward Willis, Henry Baskerville, P. H. C. Cabell, Richard Gaines, Arthur Wiley, Hunston Cary, and Allston Cabell.

The next of the series of Silver Teas, to be given during the winter by the ladies of Grace Protestant-Episcopal church, will occupy the afternoon of Tuesday, December 5th, and will be given at the residence of Mrs. Caldwell, 704 west Grace street.

The first of these teas, held at the residence of Mrs. Clay Drewry, partook of the nature of a regular society affair. Most of the debutantes and other social favorites were present, and very nearly all the beaux of the West End dropped in to enjoy the good things which the ladies had prepared and talk about the prospects for gaiety this winter with the girls. Doubtless, equal enjoyment is in store for belles and beaux, little and big, old and young, on the 5th proximo. A piece of silver—dime, quarter, half, or even a whole dollar—can be given at the door.

The "Chrysanthemum Tea" held at the residence of Mrs. William H. Curtis, north Twenty-ninth street, in honor of the St. John's Circle of "King's Daughters" (Mrs. Grace Shields, president, Miss Jennie Fergusson, secretary,) was delightful, and both a social and financial success. The decorations were of chrysanthemums of every shade, while tinted shades, handsome lamps, and candelabra, increased the attractiveness of the parlors. A stringed band was in attendance. The charge for admission was only 25 cents, for which small sum all sorts of delectables were procurable. The ladies realized a snug sum, and all present enjoyed themselves thoroughly, all joining in the expression of the hope that another may soon follow.

Mrs. Goodwyn has been quite ill for some days.

Both a "Whist" and a "Shakspeare" class are in process of formation in the East End.

The first musicale under the auspices of the Church Hill Musical Society will be given at Corcoran Hall on the evening of December 5th.

Rev. Dr. Hoge will preach at the Third Presbyterian church to-night at 8 o'clock and Rev. Dr. Kerr at 11 this morning.

At the meeting of St. Andrew's Brotherhood, on Friday night last (Old St. John's), Mr. H. B. Hartman was appointed director, Mr. F. J. Craigie, Jr., vice-director, and Mr. E. A. Separk, secretary and treasurer.

Miss S. S. Stuart, secretary Woman's Auxiliary for Virginia, gave a very delightful talk before the Ladies' Aid Society of Old St. John's on Wednesday last.

Owing to the increasing length of the Society News Letter, it will, during the winter season, be impossible to make omissions or other alterations later than Friday evening of each week.

LODGES AND UNIONS.

An organ devoted to the interest of fraternal institutions contained the following statement in a recent issue:

Fraternal orders are a national blessing. They promote thrift, economy, sobriety, without freezing the soul into selfishness, as is apt to be the case in the usual struggle for wealth or high social position. They bring men into closer social relations, and cherish those feelings that thrive and put forth blossoms in each other's welfare. They make men thoughtful and helpful, expanding the sentiments of virtue, mercy, and charity. They teach us the religion that breaks bread to the hungry, gives a cup of water to the thirsty, watches at the bed of the sick, visits the imprisoned, the fatherless, and the widowed,—duties that are sadly neglected, and for a long time were supposed to be confined to the church.

Council or lodge visitations will do more to improve the work of an order than any other incentive that can be offered. It will not only interest and hold your old members, but will attract and gain many new ones. If too distant from another council for exchange of visits, as is true in some instances, then make a list of eligible persons whom you would like to secure as members and invite them to some of your social entertainments. Divide your resident members into committees and give to each a copy of the list, with instructions to remember their obligations and let no guilty man escape. See that you make the winter of 1893-'4 a land mark in the history of your council.

The grand officers of the Royal Arcanun are now engaged in their visitations, and much interest is given by the members to these visits, and a general arousement is being made thoroughout the State. The Supreme Regent is very desirous of having public meetings in all places where Councils are established, so as to place the order prominently before the public. The councils in Norfolk and Petersburg are agitating with a degree of success. The councils are pushing this matter and will, no doubt, have a grand public mass-meeting in each of the above places, and prominent speakers, both from the Supreme and Grand Councils, will be present.

How Eskimos Use Tobacco.

These people, for the sake of making their tobacco go further, cut it up very fine and mix it with finely chopped wood in the proportion of about two parts of tobacco to one of wood. Willow twigs are commonly used for this purpose, possibly because they have a slightly aromatic flavor. The mode of smoking the weed thus prepared is very odd. The smoker, after clearing out the bowl of his pipe with a little picker or bone, plucks from his deerskin clothing in some conspicious place a small wad of hair. This he rams down to the bottom of the bowl, the purpose of it being to prevent the fine tobacco from getting into the stem and clogging it up. The pipe is then filled with tobacco, of which it holds only a very small quantity. The tobacco is then ignited and all of it is smoked out in two or three strong whiffs. The smoke is very deeply inhaled and is allowed to pass out slowly from the mouth and nostrils.

This method of smoking would be found exceedingly trying by any white man. In fact, it usually brings tears to the eyes of the Eskimo, often producing giddiness and almost always a violent fit of coughing. A native will sometimes be almost prostrated from the effects of a single pipeful. These people carry their fondness for tobacco so far that they will actually eat the foul, oily refuse from the bottom of the bowl, the smallest portion of which would produce nausea in a civilized person. This habit has been likewise observed in northern Siberia. They also eat the tobacco ashes, perhaps for the sake of the potash they contain.—Washingto Star.

Wonders Never Cease!

AGAIN THE WONDER SALE!

Meyer's

Corner Sixth and Broad.

ALL THIS WEEK!

Monday Morning To Saturday Night.

• YOU, WITH THOUSANDS OF OTHERS WHO WONDERED AT LAST WEEK'S PRICES, WILL WONDER EVEN MORE AT THIS WEEK'S OFFERINGS. FOR MANY OTHER OVERSTOCKED WHOLESALERS AND MANUFACTURERS, FINDING IN US READY CASH PURCHASERS FOR ANY LOTS OF MERCHANDISE UNDER COST PRICES, HAVE SHIPPED US ALL THE PAST WEEK HUNDREDS OF CASES OF THE MOST DESIRABLE, MOST NEEDED, MOST SEASONABLE OF GOODS—ALL TO BE SOLD DURING THIS WEEK'S SALE; QUICKLY, SURELY, STEADILY, AT NEVER-CEASE-WONDERING PRICES.

BY THE RICHMOND & DANVILLE RAILROAD.
LOADS OF BARGAINS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE GREAT DOMESTIC & HOSIERY MILLS OF NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

BY THE BOSTON & NORFOLK STEAMERS.
CASES OF BARGAINS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE GREAT MANUFACTURING TOWNS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

BY THE RICHMOND, FRED'BURG, & POTOMAC R. R.
CASES OF BARGAINS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED OF SUCH GOODS AS NEW YORK IS THE GREAT DISTRIBUTING CENTRE.

BY THE CHESAPEAKE & OHIO RAILROAD.
CASES OF BARGAINS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE GREAT WOOLEN AND BLANKET MILLS OF OHIO AND THE WEST.

Our great SALE OF LACE CURTAINS FROM AUCTION is to be outdone by this week's LACE CURTAIN WONDER.

500 pairs
THREE-THREAD LACE CURTAINS,
50 inches wide, 3½ yards long—a dainty, yet elaborate patterns, value $2.25—Wonder Price, 98c. a pair.

NEW LOT BRUSSELS RUGS, 30 inches wide, 1¾ yards long, 79c.
165 ROLLS SEAMLESS FLOOR MATTINGS (selected patterns)—Wonder Price, 17c. a yard.
83 ROLLS LINEN WARP MATTINGS—Wonder Price, 25c. a yard.

DARK TURCORMAN PORTIERES, 3 yards long, with chenille dado—Wonder Price, 50c. a stripe.

100 pairs
CHENILLE PORTIERES,
KNOTTED FRINGE TOP AND BOTTOM FIGURED DADO TOP AND BOTTOM, FULL LENGTH AND WIDTH.
COLORS: RED, TERRA COTTA, BLUES, GARNET, OLD ROSE, GREENS, BRONZE—
WONDER PRICE, $2.49 A PAIR.

This Carpet Item must cause wonderment.
Roxbury and other makes of the best 10-wire BRUSSELS CARPETS, all new, fresh patterns—Wonder Price, 75c. a yard—Less than the price at the mills.
YARD-WIDE CARPETS—the 50c. quality at 30c.
YARD-WIDE CARPETS—the 60c. quality at 40c.
ALL-WOOL 2-PLY CARPETS at 50c.

HOUSEHOLD LINEN WONDERS.
Oil-Boiled Red Table Damasks.
12 pieces 50c. quality—Wonder Price, 39c.
7 pieces 35c. quality—Wonder Price, 19c.
Bleached Table Damasks.
50c. grade—Wonder Price, 39c.
75c. grade—Wonder Price, 49c.
$1 grade—Wonder Price, 59c.

MORE RIBBON WONDERS.
If you are preparing fancy work for Xmas, now's the time to buy the ribbon. About 300 pieces—the best All-Silk Ribbons—Satins, Moires, and Gros-Grain, satin edges, Nos. 5 and 7, for fancy work, all at one price—5c. a yard.
Also the same style and color Ribbons, up to 2½ inches wide, at 10c. a yard.

SAMPLE LOT
INFANTS' AND CHILDREN'S WINTER GLOVES AND MITTS,
1,120 pairs, hardly two pairs alike, worth from 25c. to 50c. a pair—Pick over them at our price—17c. a pair.

Children's White Pique Collar and Cuff Sets, ruffled, embroidered edges, 25c. a set—value 50c.
Children's Two-Thread, Seamless Black Ribbed Hose, every size—Wonder Price, 15c.
Linen Collar and Cuff Sets, ruffled edges, 25c.—value 50c.
All-Silk Surah Windsor Ties, any solid color, 12½c.
Scotch Plaid Windsor Ties, 8 1-3c.—value 17c.

A very large lot of
DOLL BABIES
was offered us by an over-stocked importer, and they were so pretty for the prices, we bought them, with the idea of selling out before our regular stock arrived. It's early, we know, but it will pay you.
Only perfectly beautiful faces in the lot. All the finest bisque, with kid or movable bodies.
15 inches high—Wonder Price, 25c.
22 inches high—Wonder Price, $1.00.
23 inches high—Wonder Price, $1.50.
24 inches high—Wonder Price, 72.00.

INFANTS' CLOAKS—
WONDER—$1.29—PRICE.
Elderdown Flannelette, gray and tan figured, pointed cape collars, large sleeves, sizes 24, 26, 28 inches—remarkable. Also All-Wool Cheviot Cloaks, with fur edge, pointed collars and cuffs—Wonder Price, $1.98—value $3.
Yard-Wide Rubber Cloth—Wonder Price, 25c. a yard.

BLACK DRESS-GOODS WONDERS.
Imported (patented manufacture) Water-Resisting Storm Serge, with woven stripe, value $1.25—Wonder Price, 75c. a yard.
6 pieces Fancy Black Goods, all neat, small figures, value 75c.—Wonder Price, 50c.
Imported Silk Warp English Henrietta, value $1.45—Wonder Price, $1.
Solid Black Pin-Block Pattern Dress Goods, value 30c.—Wonder Price, 15c. a yard.

PURE SILK SURAH,
BRIGHT GREEN AND BLUE SCOTCH PLAIDS.
Full 19 inches wide, value $1.25 a yard—Wonder Price, 59c.
Don't miss the above Wonder. For silk waists and trimming children's dresses, you couldn't find anything prettier, even at $1.
10 pieces, about 500 yards, pure Dye-Black Bengaline Silks, value 88c.—Wonder Price, 49c. a yard.
Corduroy Changeable Velvets, one of this season's striking trimming novelties, value $2.50—Wonder Price, $1.
Julliard's XXX Quality Black Satin Duchesse, value $1.50—Wonder Price, $1.
Fancy Work Plush—Pink, Tan, Brown, Gray—Wonder Price, 19c. a yard.
Pure Silk Surahs, in evening and fancy work shades—Wonder Price, 25c. a yard.
About 100 Ends and Ends of Velvets, Plushes, Satins, Silks, for fancy work, thrown in the Wonder Sale at Wonder Prices.

JEWELRY WONDERS.
Hand-cut Rhine-stone Ear Screws, 19c.—value 50c.
Sterling Silver Brooches, 19c.—value 50c.
Children's 12-karat Gold Ear Drops, 89c.—value $2.
Gent's Separable Roll-Plate Studs, 16c. a set.
14-karat Rolled-Plate Watch Chains, warranted five years—Wonder Price, $1.
Ladies' 12-karat Gold Rings, Emerald, Garnet and Sapphire Settings, 89c.—value $2.50.
Shell Hair-Pin Daggers, 19c.
Gold Front Baby Pins, 49c. apiece.

UNDERSKIRTS, BOAS, &c.
Fine Black Satteen Underskirts, 6 inches wide, surah silk ruffle, 79c.—value $1.50.
Moire Antique Underskirts, lined and ruffles, $1—value $4.
A lot of Changeable and Taffeta Silk Ruffle Underskirts, worth $2.50 to $4, at one choice of $1.49.
These Skirts will surely cause wondering.
Black and White Lace Neck Boas, with ribbons, 29c.—value 50c. to $1.
Finest Black China Silk Waists, made in most strikingly stylish manner, never could be sold under $6—Wonder Price, $3.99.
All-Silk Plaitings, for evening waists and skirts, all light shades, 25c. a yard—value 50c.
Ladies' Pink and Blue Collars and Cuffs, to match those stylish 50c. ones—Wonder Price, 25c. a set.
Silk Chiffon Ties, embroidered ends, 19c.—value 75c.

RIBBED UNDERSHIRTS,
CROCHETED FINISH, LONG SLEEVES
SMALL, MEDIUM, AND LARGE SIZES,
WONDER—17c.—PRICE.

NOTION WONDERS.
Everybody agrees, never before were such low prices quoted.
Pure, Unadulterated Palm Soap, 3½c. a cake; 37c. a dozen.
German Buttermilk Soap, 7c. a cake.
Hard Rubber Dressing Combs, every pair stamped. This Comb will be exchanged if broken within one year, value 25c.—Wonder Price, 15c.
Royal Gum, value 10c.—for 6c.
White Fine Combs, 5c.—value 15c.
Best Crochet Silk, 22c. a spool—value 35c.
Leonard's Button-Hole Twist, 1c.
Real Whalebones, 16 inches long, 1c.
Black Silk Cord Ruching, 1c. a yard.
Men's Bone Collar-Buttons, 2c. a dozen.
Barbour's (the Best) Carpet Thread, 2c. a skein.
Red Woven Initial Letters, 2 dozen 1c.
3,000 Pairs Scissors, 4 and 5 inches long, 8c. a pair—value 10c.
Lion Brand Extra English Pins, 3 papers 10c.—value 30c.

LINEN WRITING PAPERS,
CREAM AND W——,
ROUGH AND SMOOTH—
Wonder Price, 3c. a quire.
This immense lot of Paper comes in three sizes, with and without lines, and you can select as much and as many styles as you like. It is worth from 10c. to 15c. a quire.

FANCY-WORK WONDERS.
Prepare for your Xmas Presents during this sale. It's making your money go twice as far.
Downaline Sofa Pillows, 16 inches square, 25c.
Linen Art Fringes, all colors, 8c. a yard.
Silk Tassels, 5c. a dozen—value 12c.
Tinsel Balls, all colors, 2c.
Picot-Edge Silk Daisy Ribbon, 1½c. a yard.
About 200 pieces Silk Ribbon, manufacturer's odds and ends, ¾ yard to 3 yards, at about half cost.
See the window full of Wonders, such as Chair Scarfs, Covers, Head Rests, Pillows, etc. Don't miss it.

TRIMMING-BRAID WONDERS.
The kind you are buying by the dozen yards every day at twice these Wonder Prices.
Black Worsted Hercules Braids—
⅛ inch wide—Wonder Price, 1c. a yard.
¼ inch wide—Wonder Price, 1½c. a yard.
⅜ inch wide—Wonder Price, 2c. a yard.
½ inch wide—Wonder Price, 2½c. a yard.
¾ inch wide—Wonder Price, 2¾c. a yard.
1 inch wide—Wonder Price, 4c. a yard.
1¼ inches wide—Wonder Price, 5c. a yard.
All widths to match.
Black Wave or Surpentine Worsted Braid—
¼ inch wide, value 10c.—for 3½c. a yard.
½ inch wide, value 15c.—