OLD PLANK CHURCH.

This Ancient Edifice, in Manchester, Soon to Be Pulled Down.

BUILT OVER A CENTURY AGO.

Great Revival Meetings Held in the Modest Building Before Circuits Were Established—Prominent Ministers Who Preached There.

It was on the eve of a "glorious revival" at Central church in Manchester some twenty odd years ago when the lamented Rev. William McGee, of the Virginia Methodist Conference, exclaimed in the presence of a large congregation that he was endeavoring to awaken to renewed religious activity. "God grant that the days of the Old Plank church may come back to us to-night, and that you may catch the religious zeal of your fathers and mothers, who worshipped in that building in the years that have gone."

He doubtless had particular reference to the great religious revival which occurred in the ministerial circuit embracing the Old Plank church in 1832, when the ministers were Rev. Jesse K. Powers and Rev. Anthony Dibbrell, and the presiding elder, Rev. Lewis B. Skidmore. According to a venerable Methodist of Manchester, who but a short while ago went to join the army of the saints, "there were thousands added to the Methodist Church in Southside Virginia during that year."

The Old Plank church has had its day, and it now looks as if it is only a question

THE OLD PLANK CHURCH, MANCHESTER.

of a short while when the building will disappear forever, and nothing be left to mark the spot where it has been standing save the records of the past. This venerable structure is located on the northwest corner of Tenth and Perry streets, Manchester, and a portion of the building encroaches upon Perry street. On account of this fact there is a proposition now pending before the City Council of Manchester to tear down the old structure, cut away the embankment, and make it conform to the true level of Perry street.

OVER A CENTURY OLD.

Just how long it has been since the Old Plank church was built, there is hardly any one living who can tell. The late James M. Perdue and Dylah Gary, of Manchester, both of whom, after living beyond the period allotted by the Psalmist, passed to their reward but a comparatively short while ago, knew more perhaps about the Old Plank church "than any of their brethren." From conversations I have had with them about this old landmark, and which I have preserved in short-hand notes taken at the time, it appears that the Old Plank church had its beginning in 1735, or thereabouts. Here is an incident that may be of some interest, particularly to the Dispatch readers in Manchester, and which is evolved from the hieroglyphics referred to: In the year 1832, the preacher in charge Anthony Dibbrell, was sent back with a man by the name of Frank Stanley; and Lewis B. Skidmore was presiding elder at the time. He held the old quarterly meeting in the Old Plank church, and preached one morning at 11 o'clock. He gave notice then of a love feast to be held in the afternoon. One corner of the church was reserved for the colored people. It was called "the colored people's corner," showing the respect they had for the colored people. In that quarterly meeting the presiding elder called for responses, and there were none. He called the second and third time, and sang a couple of verses. Just over in that "colored corner" there sat an old gray-haired man, with his head as white as frost. He arose and said: "Brethren, I am a stranger in your midst; not a face do I know; nevertheless, I am a Methodist, and have been a Methodist, lo, these many years, and I desire now to give you my name; my name is John Smith. I left this church forty years ago, and was one of its first members. We had meetings, occasionally preaching by a local preacher. Our regular services were among the members of the church. We had a happy time; and, now, I have been away forty years, and as I am here now, I desire to know if there is a single surviving member."

Just over in the "amen corner" old Sister Hewlett, one of the best souls that ever lived, cried out from under her big white bonnet, "Yes, Brother Smith, one living. I know you, Brother Smith, and the happy times we had here. Oh, they are precious to my memory." Just as she closed old Sister Potts cried out in the same strain. Brother Smith then spoke of the comforts and joys of religion, and his remarks were so touching and affecting I don't believe there was a dry eye in the house, and at its close the people were getting up as fast as they could all over the house and speaking, and a greater meeting I never saw in all the days of my life.

The good old Brother Smith had been a member of the Plank church a few years before he left Manchester for that absence of forty years, and other remarks made by him on the occasion referred to put the organization of the church at about 1735.

SOME OF THE OLD PREACHERS.

Lorenzo Dow, a famous preacher in his day, preached in the Old Plank church on several occasions. He was known all over the country, and was a typical American preacher of the eighteenth century. He was a most remarkable man, and was a great student of history. He must have been a useful man. Surely he labored hard and earnestly enough.

When Anthony Dibrell, Jesse Lee, Lewis Skidmore, and Zachariah Hall were about closing their ministerial career at the Old Plank church there were some young men coming on to take their places in the Methodist field—young men, too, who seemed to catch the religious fervor of the saints. They were David Seth Doggett, Leonidas Rosser, Leroy M. Lee, and William A. Smith. They all preached at the Old Plank church, and afterwards became famous in Southern Methodism.

When the Old Plank church was organized there was no other church in existence in Manchester, but the Episcopalians had their church organization. About twelve or fifteen Methodists in Manchester got together and organized as members of the Methodist Church. These few purchased a house on the corner of Tenth and Perry street, and worshipped there together. There was no organization of circuits then, as there is in this day. In the course of time circuits throughout the country were organized by the names of the counties. Chesterfield Circuit, after the conference, had only one preacher. It was a large circuit, taking in Manchester, a small portion of Powhatan county, down the Appomattox and up the James.

Those were the days of "the rifle, axe, and saddle-bags." Henry B. Bascom, afterwards a great bishop in the Methodist Church in America, was a pioneer circuit rider. I have heard it said that his eloquence has thrilled the congregation in the Old Plank church, and it has come down almost like a tradition that one of the early Virginia conferences was held in Manchester and was presided over by Bishop Asbury, in honor to whose memory Asbury chapel, just outside the corporate limits of Manchester, was named.

THE CONGREGATION MOVED.

When the Old Plank church was abandoned in 1846 the property was sold to Thomas Vaden, Sr., and the congregation transferred their place of worship to Central church, on Ninth street between Hull and Decatur. Dr. Leroy Lee was largely instrumental in having this church built for the congregation of the Old Plank church. He appointed a committee to look into the matter of building a new church, and at a meeting of the congregation he made a motion to this effect: "I move that we decide to have a new church." He put the motion himself and it was carried. Then he said: "I will make another motion if I can get anybody to second it," and he added: "I move that we will have a new church." This motion was likewise carried, and with such a unanimity of feeling that it was not long before the new church was built, Rev. Thomas Jones becoming the first pastor.

TWO MEMBERS STILL LIVING.

There are several persons in Manchester now living who attended the services in the Old Plank church, but only two that I know of who were members—Mrs. Patrick H. Gary and Mrs. Daniel Fergusson.

About four years ago the late Rev. Joseph Walker, a venerable minister of the Baptist Church, who preached in the old Masonic Hall in Manchester in the heyday of the Old Plank church, gave me some reminiscences of his early ministerial career in Manchester, which began in the twenties. While looking back through a period of seventy years, and as scenes and memories, joys and sorrows mingled in the retrospect, he exclaimed, in referring to the Old Plank church: "That house has been of more benefit to Manchester than any operatic hall could possibly have been to a large city. Its walls have echoed better songs, and at lower rates than the divine Patti ever warbled from her well-trained vocal organs. The many years of worship in that gray old temple may never have cost $9,000, all told, yet millions of gold and silver could not balance the good that has been realized by anxious hearts. No finely-dressed society people trod its course, but angels in glory rejoiced over the services. I rejoice in the fact that while Mozart Hall had her Patti, the Old Plank church had her Christ."

B. P. O.

In Pretoria.

(The Speaker.)

It is a gray day, with a soft, soaking drizzle of rain, good for the long-parched crops, but somewhat depressing to the spirits, and curiously in harmony with the general prospect of affairs. Yesterday's dazzling sunshine and tropical heat, though tempered by a pleasant breeze in the afternoon, culminated about sunset in one of the mangnificent storms which take place every now and then throughout the rainy season. In a few minutes, as it seemed, from the time when we had first noticed that clouds were gathering, the sky was black, and a shrieking wind was whirling clouds of yellow dust from government house down the whole length of Longmarket street, blotting out trees and houses on either side. Then, after a pause, down came the rain, mingled with hailstones, some of them as large as marbles, which rattled on the zinc roofs till—between them and the thunder—one could hardly hear one's self speak indoors.

It passed almost as quickly as it had come, leaving the sluits in every street rearing like brooks in spate, gardens sorely damaged, and great holes washed here and there in the roadway for the corporation to fill up with broken shale. This hail-storm, however, was not nearly so severe as that of December 30th, which flooded the streets and damaged goods in the stores to the tune of some hundreds of pounds.

Reverence for the Bible.

(Amelia E. Barr, in April Ladies' Home Journal.)

There is a sin prevalent in our households, of which we take little note, which, in fact, we encourage either by an indifference to it, or by an active participation in its folly and wickedness—the use of the Word of God for the purpose of making riddles, conundrums, puzzling questions, anagrams, etc., etc., out of it. If we really believe in the Divine origin of the Bible, can it be right to give it to children that they may construe its words into odd connections, and make sport and laughter and mental legerdemain from its pages? Is it likely they will reverence on other occasions what has previously been food for their amusement? It is not, and we need not be astonished if the boys and girls who have been permitted to turn the leaves of their Bibles for pasttime and entertainment, turn them in after years to find pretext for their infidelity.

We Have No Pictures

to show, nor would we force down your throats by certificates of miraculous cures from ex-Governors, Judges, or Presidents the medicine we wish simply to call your attention to.

Of the numbers right here in our city that have taken and been cured by

Dr. David's Iodo Ferrated Sarsaparilla

not one has said it is not all we claim for it.

For SCROFULA, BOILS, PIMPLES, and ALL DISEASES REQUIRING BLOOD CLEANSING,

IT HAS NO SUPERIOR.

If you suffer languor, are indifferent to what is going on around you. If you are ALWAYS TIRED and need building up, Dr. David's Iodo Ferrated Sarsaparilla is just what you need, and only a few days' trial will convince you.

It is the BEST ALTERATIVE TONIC KNOWN, and will give life and activity to the LIVER and BLOOD. Get your system in thorough order, that you may be able to withstand Grip, Rheumatism, and Malaria.

DR. DAVID'S IODO FERRATED SARSAPARILLA makes pure, healthy, rich blood, and expels all humors from the system, and gives health and strength to the body. Physicians prescribe and recommend Dr. David's Iodo Ferrated Sarsaparilla, and find it does just what they expect of it.

It has cured many others, and will CURE YOU. When you have been cured by it tell others about it, that they may take it and be cured.

DON'T FORGET, if you have any Blood or Skin Disease, or if you have "that tired feeling," to take DR. DAVID'S IODO FERRATED SARSAPARILLA. It will cure you.

For sale by all reputable druggists.

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Old papers for sale at 25c. a hundred at Dispatch office.

A New and Better Shoe Store Exists.

A successful Shoe Store from the start, because the best of Shoes for ladies, misses, girls, and boys are now obtainable at moderate cost. Try Meyer's for Shoes.

GUARANTEED AS ADVERTISED TRADE MARK

Meyer's CORNER SIXTH AND BROAD

Read Every Item of this advertisement. It contains more and greater bargains than any advertisement in this paper.

RECORD-BREAKING SALES.

Carload Floor Oil-Cloth.

4-4, 6-4, and 8-4 to match, 14c. square yard for 25c. quality.
4-4, 6-4, and 8-4 to match, 22c.—usual 30c. quality.
4-4, 6-4, and 8-4 to match, 25c.—usual 35c. quality.
4-4, 6-4, and 8-4 to match, 32.—usual 40c. quality.
4-4, 6-4, and 8-4 to match, 37 1-2c.—usual 50c. quality.

Commencing 3 o'clock Monday: 250 yards Stair Oil-Cloth will be sold for 5c. yard, in limited quantities.

Cork Linoleums, in length upwards to 24 square yards, at half price.

Good Matting News.

Ready cash bought for us a thousand dollars' worth of Mattings for less than $500. Come profit in the purchase.
Closest Woven Linen-Warp Mattings, lay perfectly flat on floor, will give the most fastidious satisfaction, worth at least 30c. a yard, for 17 1-2c.
Plaid China Mattings, heavy as a board, reversible, and not purchasable under 25c. Here in the lot for 15c. a yard.
Reversible China Plaid, Check, and Fancy Mattings, equal to any 20c. bargain Matting, for 12 1-2c. a yard.

Commencing 10 o'clock: Ten rolls of Heaviest Seamless and Reversible Mattings, in damask pattern, that looks like carpet and that cost 35c., will be sold for 12½c.

Little Boys' Easter Suits. Two great special lots—choice $4.50 and $5.

A BASE-BALL WITH EACH SUIT.

For styles like these pictures.

Sizes 3 to 8 years.

Fancy Cheviots, Broadcloths, Worsteds, and Serges, worth from $6.50 to $8.50.
600 pairs of Genuine Imported Worsted Pants, made from merchant-tailors' remnants, being the finest looking and best wearing Pants a boy can wear, to be sold for 50c. a pair, would cost $1.50 to make up regularly. Sizes 4 to 15 years.
More than 1,500 New Double-Breasted Suits, for boys 5 to 16 years, at our wonderfully low prices.

Commencing at 4 P. M. we will sell twenty-four Light-Gray Silk-Finish Corduroy Fauntleroy Suits, ages 3 to 8 years. The $5 kind for $2.49.

Sample sale on second floor

Boys' White Fauntleroy Blouses,

hardly two alike, sizes 3 to 8 years, worth $1.25 to $3—choice of any

99c.

Commencing 11 o'clock: 100 Hearth-Size Reversible Scotch-Figured 65c. Rugs will be sold for 29c.

LACE CURTAINS.

Clearing up the odd pairs. This week's selling will do it. All numbers of 2 pairs and 3 pairs of a kind. Sold for $1.69, for $1.09.
All numbers sold for $2.39, $1.25 a pair.
All numbers sold for $2.75, $1.59 a pair.

Special:

69 pairs of 3½-yards long $1.25 Nottingham Lace Curtains for 59c. a pair.

Case of Genuine Imported Satin Marseilles Spreads, $2.50.
Case of Genuine Marseilles Spreads, usual $2.50 value, for $1.75.
Case of Extra Size Crochet Bedspreads, Marseilles patterns, usual $1.25 value, for 88c. each.

Commencing 4 o'clock Monday: A case of 188 full size Crochet Bed Spreads, Marseilles patterns, will be sold for 38½c. each.

Tinsel Drapery, newest patterns, 12 1-2c. a yard.
5-piece Folding Fire-Screens, 45c. each.
Large Size Folding Japanese Fire-Screens, 50c. kind, for 25c.
50c. Foot-Mats, 34c.
35c. Window-Shades, all colors, 25c.—complete with all fixtures.

Ready-Made Waists.

The greatest stock ever in Richmond. Completed after months of purchasing.
Black China-Silk Waists, new Bishop sleeves, velvet trimmed, crush collars and cuffs, a regular $5 Waist, for $2.50.

Two special lots of Fancy Dresden and Persian Silk Waists, dressmaker made, with latest cut sleeves and collars—first lot choice $3.99; second lot $5.

Commencing 2 o'clock Monday: 160 pairs Linen Waists, laundered, pointed yoke, and gathered backs, cost $1.—will be sold for 50c. Sale on second floor, and only two to a customer.

Greatest Sale yet.

Ready-Made Dress Skirts.

1537 for this week's sale—every one thoroughly lined—perfectly finished with velvet bindings—all lengths and waist measurements.

Brocaded Black Skirts, stiff linings...$1.19
Plain Black Serge Skirts, stiff linings..$1.19
Rustle-Lined Black Serge Skirts.....$1.59
All-Wool Wide-Wale Cheviot Skirts, full width, rustle linings, stiff facings.....$2.29
Mohair-Alpaca Skirts, seven-gored, pleated backs, rustle linings.....$2.69
Black Wool-Crepon Skirts, full width, rustle linings.....$3.69
5-yard Imported Crepon Skirts, in different designs, best rustle linings..$5.00
Finest Wide-Wale Serge Skirts, 5 yards wide, best linings.....$6.50

At the Notion Counter

there will be found Security Button-Clasp Hose-Supporters, well made.
Commencing at 5 o'clock there will be sold 600 pieces Taffeta-Silk Seam-Binding for 6c. a roll.
Commencing at 4 o'clock there will be sold Red Embroidery Initial Letters, for marking clothing, for 1c. a dozen.
At 3 o'clock there will be sold 1 gross of 10c. cards of Globe Fastnette Patent Hooks and Eyes, for 1c.—limit of 1 to a customer.
White and Black Hump Hooks and Eyes, best quality, 1c. a dozen.
Famous Rival Stockinet Dress-Shields, largest size, 1 gross for 10c. a pair.
Pure Silk Whalebone Casing, with woven ends, though which bones cannot age, 5c. a set of 6—made to sell for 25c.

Commencing at 2 o'clock: 1 case 108 packages Adamantine Pins, 12 papers to a package, 5c. Limit of 1 package to a customer.

Superior-Finish Best Quality Hair-Pins, straight or crimped, 12 papers in package, 500 packages, for 5c.

Royal Skirt and Belt Binding combined, 10c. a yard.
Twilled Silk Flannel Binding, 15c. a piece.

COMMENCING AT 2 O'CLOCK—

1 1-4 gross Veneered-Back 9-inch Hair-Brushes, 39c. values, to be sold for 15c. each.
New stock of Finest Quality Chamois, warranted to wear twice as long as those which have blemished, can be washed over and over again without stiffening. 500 pieces, 8x4 1-2 inches, for 1c.
500, with pinked edges, for 5c.
500 pieces, 7x9, for 5c.
100 pieces, 18x14, 25c.
50 pieces, 30x20, 75c.
Commencing at 10 o'clock there will be sold 1-4 gross 25c. Raraphine Tooth-Wash, like Rubifoam, for 6c. a bottle.

Commencing at 9 o'clock there will be sold 1 gross Fahr's Talcum Powder for 10c. a box. Limit of 2 boxes to a customer.

Famous Wool Soap, keeps flannels and woollens from shrinking, manufacturer's price, 10c.; our price, 5c.
Commencing at 5 o'clock there will be placed on sale a stock of Roger & Gallet's Vera Violette Extract, 75c. a bottle.
3,000 Puff-Boxes, selling for 25c., to be sold for 10c. each.
Every shade and tint of Dennison's Crepe Paper, in largest size rolls, 19c.
5,000 25c. Rubber Hair-Combs, slightly dented on top, and for this reason to be sold for 5c. each.
Real Bristle Tooth-Brushes, with initial letters on handles, made to sell for 25c., 10c. each.
Commencing at 12 o'clock there will be sold 52 Imported Enamelled $1 Puff-Boxes, for 25c. each.
A New Leatherette Miniature Photo. Frame, all colors, with one miniature, 10c.—sold everywhere for 25c.
All colors, metal corners, and 4 miniatures, 25c.
Commencing at 3 o'clock Monday there will be sold 24 Fancy-Feather Long-Handle Picture-Dusters for 5c.

Commencing 11 o'clock Monday there will be sold 1 case 25 pieces of 1 pack, Pure Bath-Sponges, 69c. kind, for 25c. each.

500 Hand-Painted Easter Eggs, for key-rings and paper-weights, 10c.
1 gross Very Large Paper-Flower Easter Eggs, 15c.—made to sell for 50c.

A Great Saving for Young Men,

15 to 19 years of age, and men wearing up to size 36 Coats in our New

Long-Pants Suits!

Department just opened.

500 New Suits now selling. Only men to wait on you in this department.
Light-Gray and Blue-Gray Twilled-Cheviot Suits, 3-button sacks, usual selling price, $5—

$3.50.

All-Wool Homespun 3-Button Sack Suits, usual selling price, $7.50—

$4.88.

All-Wool Scotch Cheviot Square and Round Sack Suits, usual selling price, $8.50—

$5.99.

Imported Worsted Suits, made up in finest manner, usual selling price, $12.50—

$7.88.

Commencing at 11 A. M. we will sell 30 Light-Tan Cheviot Suits, in above sizes, for $2.50.
Special value in a Pure Linen Huck Towel, 1 1-4 yards long, 22 inches wide, only 12 1-2c. each—real value 16 2-3c.
Pure Linen Red Bordered Doylies, 15 inches square, for 5c. each, or 50c. a dozen.
60-inch German Table Damask, all pure linen, three different patterns, with Napkins to match, 50c. a yard; Napkins, $1.50 a dozen.
A genuine Oil-Boiled Turkey-Red Table Damask, 58 inches wide, cheap at 39c.; this sale for 25c. a yard.
1 lot of Extra Heavy Half-Bleached German Table Damask, imported to sell at 39c. We bought the lot and will close it out Monday for 25c. a yard.
Special lot of Striped Glass Crash, all linen, 21 inches wide, only 12 1-2c. a yard.
Pure Linen Dice-Figured Table-Covers, Blue and Red borders, regular $1 value, for 75c. each.
50 dozen Half-Bleached German Dinner Napkins, 25 inches square, real value $1.75; Monday for $1.25 a dozen.
Yard-Wide Unbleached Cotton, 3 5-8c. a yard—regular 5c. grade.
Yard-Wide Bleached Domet Flannel, sells regularly from 16 2-3c., to be closed out for 9 7-8c.
Light Checked Cheviots, for dresses, copies of the imported wool dress goods, only 10c. a yard.
20 patterns of the Finest 12 1-2c. Quality Dress Ginghams for 6 1-4c. a yard.
We are headquarters on Ready-Made Sheets and Pillow-Cases. You can buy them here ready made cheaper than the cotton can be bought elsewhere.
A full double-bed size Heavy Round-Thread Sheet, without dressing, for 50c. each.
Pillow-Cases, made of regular pillow-case muslin (not crossways), large size, well made, with a 2-inch hem, for 12 1-2c. each.
Bolster-Cases, special quality, 42x36 inches, for only 17c. each.
Single-Bed Hemstitched Sheets, made of a well-known high-class cotton, for 50c. each.
Commencing at 3 o'clock Monday a Dress Pattern of 10c. Black Satine will be sold to each customer for 5c. a yard—about 500 yards to be sold.

Commencing at 10 o'clock Monday, at the Domestic Counter, 100 Bleached Sheets, 2 1-2 by 2 1-2 yards, will be sold for 39c.—each customer to get a pair.

Easter Dress Goods Sale.

Latest novelty in Mohair Tufted Dress Goods, in light and medium shadings, at a special price of 44c. a yard.
Pure Mohair Glace, all the perfect shadings, full 38 inches wide, only 50c. a yard.
All-Wool Scotch Tweeds, 38 inches wide, in Gray and Brown mixtures, at 33c.
All-Wool Fine Vigeraux, full 38 inches wide, soft new fabric, in light spring mixtures, 75c. value, for 39c. a yard.
Bright Spring Colors in Fancy Figured Mohairs, double width, 25c. value, for 17c. a yard.

Enough for a week's selling in a 50-piece lot of fine All-Wool and Silk and Wool Cheviot Checks, Stripes, and Mottled, worth from 39 to 50c., for 25c. a yard.

Persian-Figured Silk and Wool Fancy Dress Goods, full 38 inches wide, $1 value, for 75c. a yard.
Commencing at 4 o'clock Monday a limited sale of one Dress Pattern to a customer from five new colors of Fine Silk and Wool Scotch Cheviots, full 38 inches wide, regular 50c. style, to be sold at 25c. the yard.
Good Imitation Hair Cloth, 8c. a yard.
Yard-Wide Fine Percaline, in all colors and Black, 10c. a yard.

LINING STOCK.

Most complete Lining Stock. Some special bargains.

Extra Heavy Rustling Taffeta, full 36 inches wide, in Black and Colors, at 12½c.

BLACK DRESS GOODS.

44-inch All-Wool Surah Twills, with bright Mohair figures, solid Blacks, worth $1, to be sold for 59c.
5 different weaves in All-Wool Imported Black Crepons at 59c.
10 pieces of the Finest Finish Silky All-Wool Henrietta, full 45 inches, Jet-Black, worth $1 a yard, to be sold for 50c. a yard.

Commencing 10 o'clock Monday, a limited sale of one Dress Pattern to a customer, from 100 yards of Lupin's French Crepon, the crinkly creping kind, fine Jet Black, pure wool, 36 inches wide, 59c. value, to be sold for 29c. yard.

SILKS.

Brocaded Shaded Taffeta Silks, all shades, 50c. a yard.
10 styles of Pure Silk Persian Taffetas at 75c.
All-Silk Black Satin Duchess, All-Silk Black Satin Brocade, All-Silk Black Brocade India, All-Silk Black Faille Francaise, all at 59c. a yard.

Commencing at 9:30 Monday, a limited sale of one Waist Pattern to a customer, from five whole pieces of Satin Crepes, with Dresden figures, in Blue, Lilac, Salmon, and Sapphire grounds; real value 39c., to be sold for 12½c.

Special Notice to Men.

Who bought those Pants Stretchers Saturday night for 6c.? We are prepared to pay 10c. apiece for any that are returned to us, as we have mail orders for more than a hundred that we should like to fill.

100 dozen Men's Seamless Socks, in unbleached Tans and Fast-Blacks, 12 1-2c. kind, for 10c. a pair.
All-Silk Satin Plaid and Figured China-Silk Windsor Ties at 9c. each.
Men's Fine New Patterns in Easter Neckwear at 25c.
Men's Laundered Colored-Bosom Shirts, all sizes, 42c.
Negligee Laundered Percale Shirts, detached collars, worth 75c., for 49c.

THIN DRESS GOODS.

Special lot of Real French 8-4 Organdies at 25c. a yard.
Real French Nainsook, 48 inches wide, at 25c. a yard.
50 pieces Sheer India Linon, 40 inches wide, 12 1-2c. value, at 8 1-3c.
French Organdies, all the evening tints, at 25c. the yard.
Imported Figured Pure White Pique, 17c. value, for 8 1-2c. a yard.
1,000 yards Fine Sheer India Linon at 4 1-2c. a yard.
Yard-Wide Persian Percale, 12 1-2c.

Whitney Baby-Carriages.

Some of the prettiest styles here you ever saw at $8.98, $9.95, $11.48, $15.47, $19.45, and $30. You know we sell Baby-Coaches at dry-goods profits. Commencing 10 o'clock Monday we will sell 6 Willow Coaches, full size, upholstered seats, with wire or wooden spoke wheels, for $3.50—none to dealers.

EXTRAORDINARY RIBBON SALE.

20 pieces of Embossed Gros-Grain Fancy Figured Ribbons—White, Cream, Light Colors, with Violets, Roses, and other Dresden designs—nearly 3 inches wide, 10c. a yard.

Ladies' Fancy-Stitched Solid Black Real Lisle-Thread Hose, cost you 50c. everywhere, to be sold at 29c. pair.

One case Ladies' Pure White Ribbed Vests, taped necks and arm-holes, summer weights, at 10c. each.

300 pieces, including Solid Color, Embossed All-Over, Persian Figured Dresdens and Fancy Flower Ribbons, both Gros-Grain and Satin, nearly 3½ inches wide, 15c. yard.

60 pieces All-Silk Taffeta Ribbons, 3 1-4 inches, Plaids, All-Over Persians, and Centre-Stripe Dresden, 25c. a yard.
16 new patterns of the finest 5-inch-wide Warp-Printed Dresden, Persian, and Plaid Ribbons for 69c.—a quality that has been 89c.
Heavy Quality Double-Faced Black Satin Ribbon—No. 16 for 18c. a yard; No. 22 for 20c. a yard; No. 30 for 25c. a yard; No. 60 for 29c. a yard.

Sample sale of Black and Colored, Jet and Spangle Collars, Vest Fronts and Yoke Ornaments, selling from 49c. to $4.98, and worth from 88c. to $7.50.

At the Art Goods Counter.

Linen Centrepieces, artistically stamped, Empire, Jewel, Persian, and Flower designs, 22 inches square, 25c.

Big lot 1½- and 2-yards-long Pure Linen, Satin Damask, Buffet Scarfs, fringed, colored centres, some with open work, etc., 25c.

A great boon to fancy embroidery workers—Patent Washable Raised Initial Letters. Baste them on your work, embroidery over, and you will save cost of stamping and filling in. Price, from 1c. up.
3,000 Easter Cards, 3, 5, and 10c.
Commencing at 10 o'clock, at the Art Counter, a limit of 1 to each customer, will be sold 500 running Colored-Centre and Fringed Satin Scarfs at 10c. each.
Still selling largest spools Crochet Knitting Silks, any color made, 5c.
Double Initial Letters, giving first and last initials, woven together, 15c. package of 36 sets.

Sale of Ladies' Suits.

Reefer Suits of Tan Covert, Velvet Collar, very large sleeves, full width lined skirts, velvet binding, for $8.

English Cheviot Suits, tight fitting, silk lined, ripple back, jacket, full width, rustle lined skirt, $10.

Black and Navy Serge Suits, Blazer, with wide satin collars, pearl button trimmed, ripple back and full silk lined. Full width Rustle Lined Skirts, $9.

Separate Bicycle Skirts, $5 to $7.

AT THE JEWELRY COUNTER we are selling Real French-Kid Belts, with buckles of same material—White, Black, and shades of Tans—for 25c., actually worth 75c.

Commencing at 10 o'clock Monday, a limited sale of 100 one-inch wide Twill Gilt Belts, with heavy-plaited buckles and slides, will be sold for 12c. each. Only one to a customer.

Ready-to-Wear Wrappers, made of yard-wide Percales, with 3 to 3½ widths in skirts, large Bishop sleeves, daintily-braided yokes and sleeves; no loud patterns, but dainty Pinks, Blues, Tans, Grays, Blacks, and Whites, sizes 34 to 42, for 88c.

5,000 pairs ultra fashionable and trustworthy Shoes for Ladies, Misses, Girls, and Boys are being sold here at trade-distributing prices. These lots are limited.

Ladies' Tan Shoes, Twentieth-Century last, same with cloth tops, C, D, and E widths, $2 shoes, for $1.29 pair.
Misses' Tan Goat Lace Shoes, latest shapes, $1.75 Shoes, at $1.25 pair.
Small Boys' Satin Calf and Russet Goat Spring Heel Shoes, the $1.50 ones for $1.

Special Twentieth-Century Last Shoes for stylish women, $1.25, $1.69, $2, $2.50, $3.

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THINGS NEW IN SCIENCE.

Roentgen Pictures—Argon and Helium—Color Photography, Etc.

(New York Times, 27th.)

The New York Academy of Science held its third exhibit of recent progress in science yesterday afternoon in the American Museum of Natural History. The exhibits comprised new work which had been done, inventions which had been made, and novel applications of old apparatus since the last exhibition of the academy a year ago.

There was every kind of scientific apparatus to be seen in the lecture hall, where the display was made, from a 6-inch equatorial telescope to cameras for taking colored photographs, and from the larvae of the common earthworm to Professor Conn's bacillus for making butter sell at higher prices.

The afternoon reception, which was an informal one, was largely attended. Many of those present were young women, who were still within the boarding-school age. There were also many women who had reached or passed maturity, and who displayed great interest in the scientific novelties, and conscientiously looked through every eye-piece which seemed intended for that purpose.

The physics display, which was in charge of Professor William Hallock, of Columbia College, was one of the most interesting in the entire collection. It contained, among other things, a complete apparatus for photographing the effect of the voice on gas-flames, the tone of the voice being absorbed by hollow bombs arranged for different rates of vibration, and the vibration transmitted by a skin membrane to the burning gas-flame.

In order to see the jagged effect upon the flame of the voice, a four-sided mirror was provided, as the vibrations were too swift to be seen by the naked eye. Dr. F. S. Mackey, who has been associated with Professor Hallock in making these experiments, was kept busy answering the questions put to him by women of an investigating turn of mind.

"I think," said one woman to Dr. Mackey, "if you could turn the mirror more slowly I might see the jagged flame better."

The Doctor murmured something about the quick revolutions of the four-sided mirror being necessary to get any perceptible effect at all, whereupon the woman, who looked as if she was not accustomed not to have things her own way, gazed at him haughtily and went her way.

Besides the apparatus for voice analysis and many characteristic photographs of its action, the physics exhibit had several Roentgen photographs to show experiments made by Professor Rood, in order to establish the fact that the X rays could be reflected much the same as ordinary light. There was also an excellent collection of pseudo-Roentgen photographs exhibited by H. S. Curtis, made by the leakage of sunlight through an ebonite slide.

The chemistry section, which was in charge of Professors Loeb and Pellew, had an interesting exhibit of the newly-discovered elements, argon and helium. These were both shown in Geissler tubes, so arranged that a current of electricity could be passed through them in order that their characteristic lines might be seen in the spectroscope. Argon gave a lavender-colored light when the electric current was passed through it, and helium gave a somewhat redder light, though still with a good deal of violet in it.

A dignified, elderly man, with a large white mustache, approached the student in charge of the chemistry display yesterday afternoon and said:

"Ah! What have you got there?"

"Argon, the new element," replied the student.

"Is it found in nature?" was the next question.

"Well; I should say it was, seeing that it forms a half per cent. of the atmosphere," replied the student.

"That is all very well," said the elderly man, with a rising inflection in his voice; "I did not ask you whether it was found in the atmosphere or not. I asked you if it was found in nature."

A nice, brisk, old woman, dressed in black silk, and using gold-rimmed eyeglasses attached to a handle, bore down on the student, who had charge of the newly discovered elements, and at once recognized familiar acquaintances in the two spectroscopes, which were carefully adjusted to show the spectra of argon and helium. She seized the adjusting screw of the first spectroscope and gave it a twist, which pulled it two or three inches out of its place. Then she rapidly turned to the other spectroscope, and shifted it in a similar manner.

"I am sorry," she said, turning to the student, "that your spectroscopes are not arranged so that anything can be seen through them. Perhaps you will have them in good order later in the afternoon."

The student smiled and bowed to the old woman as she started to find some other apparatus in good working order, while he sat patiently down to get the two spectroscopes into focus again.

In the photography section some very fine specimens of color photography were shown. The New York Photogravure Company had reproductions of "Psyche," an autumn view of Wyant's, and several other well-known pictures in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. These pictures were all taken by the three-color process, and resemble the originals in all essential features.

Sixteen photographs of lightning were shown by W. N. Jennings in this section, to prove that lightning is not zigzag, but wavy in its course. Some of these lightning pictures were so realistic as to be uncomfortable to look at.

Dr. Edward Learning had a very interesting exhibit in this section of three color photo-micrographs, illustraintg magnified views of the growth of bone and of the human scalp.

George F. Kunz had a tent erected in the mineralological section to show that some diamonds are phosphorescent when seen by electric arc-light, while others are not. He ascribes the phosphorescence to the presence of a dydrocarbon in the carbon of the diamond. Other things equal, a phosphorescent diamond is not as good as one which contains pure carbon only.

In the electrical section, the apparatus for making Roengten rays was shown, and attracted a large number of visitors. One of Edison's photoscopes, made like an old-fashioned stereoscope, without any lenses in the top, and with a layer of tungstate of calcium sprinkled on black paper on the bottom, was provided, and many young women looked at the skeletons of their own hands without alarm. One reason for their composure was that not more than one out of ten of them saw anything at all.

Professor J. McKeen Cattell, who had charge of the experimental psychology exhibit, had three interesting machines to tell how long persons saw a color before they could press a button to say so. The young women from the boarding-schools tried these machines with very disappointing results.

The halls were crowded in the evening with throngs of persons who went to see the exhibits and to hear Professor J. J. Stevenson give a general survey of recent scientific work, and Professor M. I. Pupin talk on the Roentgen rays. Professor Pupin also exhibited the Edison "X-ray spectacles," much to the entertainment of the visitors.

J. A. Brashear, the celebrated specialist on lenses, and Ambrose Swasey, who constructed the Lick and the Yerkes telescopes, were among the prominent scientists present.

My Lady's Secret.

(Mary Berri Chapman, in Lyrics of Love.)

My lady always smiled—not much to do;
But when the hours and days increase in care,
And dreariness and weariness pursue,
When youth and love grow dim in backward view,
And life is but to bear and still forbear;
Ah! then, her gentle sweetness, undefiled
By years of bitterness, shone forth—she smiled.

My lady always smiled, in life and death;
Some envied her a life that seemed all smiles,
And some cried out or caught a sobbing breath,
Self-pitying, and God and man reviled;
But some, to sorrow's burden reconciled,
Were glad the gladness of her face to see
Through toil and care, and heartless apathy.

But when they laid my lady with the flower,
To sleep, where wakes a thousand smiling springs,
A solitary father, grieving hours
Beneath grand arch and grave cathedral towers,
Thanked, for my lady's rest, the King of Kings;
He knew her soul had yearned a weary while
To sleep, and rest a garden of a smile!

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