"CORRECT DRESS FOR MEN AND BOYS."

This winter weather makes it necessary to discard spring announcements and gives us an opportunity of making another strenuous effort to reduce our remaining large stock of

WINTER CLOTHING!

THIS ENTIRE WEEK:

Every Suit, Winter Overcoat, Reefer, and every pair of Trousers in the house, we offer at the following reductions—

Men's Suits.

The $22.00 Ones are reduced to..... $14.50
The $20.00 Ones are reduced to..... $13.50
The $18.00 Ones are reduced to..... $12.50
The $16.50 Ones are reduced to..... $11.50
The $15.00 Ones are reduced to..... $10.50
The $12.50 Ones are reduced to..... $ 8.75
The $10.00 Ones are reduced to..... $ 6.75

Men's Overcoats.

The $40.00 Ones are reduced to $22.50
The $35.00 Ones are reduced to $19.50
The $30.00 Ones are reduced to $16.50
The $25.00 Ones are reduced to $14.50
The $20.00 Ones are reduced to $13.50
The $18.00 Ones are reduced to $12.50
The $16.50 Ones are reduced to $11.50
The $15.00 Ones are reduced to $10.50
The $12.50 Ones are reduced to ..... $ 8.75
The $10.00 Ones are reduced to ..... $ 6.75

Men's Trousers.

The $7.50 and $8.00 Ones are reduced to..... $4.95
The $6.50 and $7.00 Ones are reduced to..... $4.45
The $6.00 and $5.50 Ones are reduced to..... $4.15
The $5.00 Ones are reduced to..... $3.95
The $4.00 Ones are reduced to..... $2.95
The $3.50 Ones are reduced to..... $2.45
The $3.00 Ones are reduced to..... $ 2.15

and about a hundred pair of odds and ends Trousers, and those left from suits, worth up to $3.50,

At $1.50 a Pair.

Boys' Long Pants Suits and Overcoats

The $15.00 Ones are reduced to $10.50
The $12.50 Ones are reduced to..... $ 8.75
The $10.00 Ones are reduced to..... $ 7.25
The $ 8.50 Ones are reduced to..... $ 6.45
The $ 7.50 Ones are reduced to..... $ 5.25
The $6.50 and $7.00 Ones are reduced to $ 4.95
The $5.00 Ones are reduced to..... $ 3.95

Boys' Knee-Pants Suits and Reefers—not a single one is excepted—the choice of the entire stock is at your disposal at the following reductions:

The $9.00 and $10.00 Suits and Reefers are reduced to.... $6.95
The $7.50 and $ 8.00 Suits and Reefers are reduced to.... $5.85
The $6.50 and $ 7.00 Suits and Reefers are reduced to.... $4.95
The $5.50 and $ 6.00 Suits and Reefers are reduced to.... $4.45
The $4.50 and $ 5.00 Suits and Reefers are reduced to.... $3.65
The $3.75 and $ 4.00 Suits and Reefers are reduced to.... $2.85
The $3.00 and $ 3.50 Suits and Reefers are reduced to.... $2.45
The $2.50 and $2.75 Suits and Reefers are reduced to.... $1.85

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LIVELY TIMES AHEAD.

of the Barkentine Hart—Can Save Camperdown.

NORFOLK, VA., March 6.—(Special.)—Livelier times are ahead of the barkentine Stephen G. Hart, which arrived here yesterday, than she encountered even in the terrible storm that blew her a thousand miles out of her course, and delayed her over forty days. She has encountered the government's maritime regulations, and both the vessel and her valuable cargo of salt may be forfeited as a penalty for violation of the law. The vessel sails under coastwise license, and yet she was en route from Turks' Island to Providence with cargo. The regulations governing the coasting trade are very stringent, and the collector of the port, immediately he learned of the distressed vessel's offence, took steps to detain her until he hears from the Treasury Department. No United States marshal has as yet been placed aboard, but the vessel will not be given clearance papers without which she dare not sail.

Local-Manager Seymour, of the Merritt & Chapman Derrick and Wrecking Company, received this afternoon information from the wreckers at work on the stranded British steamship Camperdown, off the Carolina coast, to the effect that she can be floated. Owing to high winds, the wreckers have been unable to board the ship, but they will lay the anchors, cables, and other tackle rushed hence last night, as soon as the weather opens sufficiently for them to work on the vessel.

The Norfolk Naval Reserves, aboard their practice gunboat Siren, are reported anchored or stranded in the Potomac. They attended the inauguration.

The remains of Colonel George Rodgers, an ex-Confederate, one time city editor of the Norfolk Landmark, will arrive here to-morrow, and be buried with military honors by Pickett-Buchanan Camp, Confederate Veterans. He was 70 years old.

Judge D. Tucker Brooke, it is announced, will oppose Mr. Alfred P. Thom for election as delegate to the constitutional convention.

THE ILLINOIS.

Preparing for Her Trial Trip—Searching for Husband.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 6.—(Special.)—The new battleship Illinois, building at the ship-yards for the government, sister to the Alabama and Wisconson, will go out on her builder's trial trip Tuesday March 12th. Final preparations for the trip are now under way. The coal-bunkers are being filled with picked New River steam coal; supplies are being put aboard, and the machinery is being gone over thoroughly. The builder's trial of the Kearsarge and Kentucky, which were built here, lasted but one day, the ships going out early in the morning and returning the same evening. The Illinois will remain at sea two days on her initial trial. She will leave the ship-yard early Tuesday morning, and proceed to Old Point, where anchor tests will probably be made. Then she will go to the Capes for the turning tests, and then outside on the ocean for the speed, machinery, and general sea tests. Much interests is manifested in the builder's and official trials of the Illinois on account of the high speed made by her sister ships. The Illinois is expected to equal, if not surpass, the other ships of her class in this respect. The officials of the Newport News Ship-Building and Dry-Dock Company; Captain George A. Converse, United States navy, who will command the ship; Lieutenant-Commander Richard Henderson, navigating officer, and other naval officers are expected to go out on the trial trip.

Mrs. Myrtle M. White, of Pittsburg, is in the city, looking for her husband, R. A. White, who, she says, deserted her and their 6-year-old daughter last August, while she was in a hospital. A week later White's friend, Mark Haines, also left, and Mrs. White learned recently that both came here and secured good positions at the ship-yard, presumably under assumed names. White was in good circumstances.

ACADEMY IN APRIL.

CARNIVAL OF MUSICAL ROMANCES TO BE GIVEN.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL SOCIETY.

Plans Discussed at Meeting Yesterday—The Leipsic Orchestra and Society—Retreat's Annual Pound Party To-Day—Movements of People.

The Confederate Memorial Literary Society held a large and very enthusiastic meeting yesterday at noon at the museum. Mrs. Joseph Bryan, the president, was in the chair.

Plans were discussed for an entertainment, and it was resolved that this should take place in April, be called a Carnival of Musical Romances, and be held in the Academy of Music.

Mrs. E. D. Hotchkiss was appointed chairman of the Committee on Entertainment, and details will be arranged later.

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As there was some misunderstanding about the time of meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Lee Camp yesterday afternoon, so few were present that no meeting could be held.

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The Oakwood Memorial Association will meet to-day at St. John's church, at 4 o'clock.

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Mrs. Clarke, the president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will shortly be the guest of Mrs. N. V. Randolph.

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The Leipsic Philharmonic Orchestra will give two concerts here, one at the matinee to-day and one in the evening. Both of these concerts promise to be brilliant, socially, as well as artistic success. The soloists in the afternoon will be Herr Soma Pick-Steiner, violinist, and Frl. Anna Engel, harpist. The soloist for the evening will be Herr Joseph von Slivinski.

Mr. Carter Branch and a party, including two or three friends from Washington, will occupy a box at the matinee concert, and, judging from the sale of seats, a large audience will be present.

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Professor Charles W. Kent, who will deliver an address here on the "Preservation of the Past," under the auspices of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, occupies the Chair of English and Modern Languages at the University of Virginia. He is an eloquent and interesting speaker. The lecture will take place on March 14th, in the hall of the House of Delegates.

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The annual pound party and donation day, observed at the Retreat for a quarter of a century, will take place to-day at the Retreat. The lady Board of Managers will be present to receive all donations and to welcome the friends of the institution, who are expected to call.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Skelton Williams and party have arrived at Tampa Bay Hotel, Fla. Those in the party are Miss Maria Williams, Miss Elizabeth Weddell, Mr. J. R. V. Daniel, Mr. J. T. Skelton, and A. W. Weddell.

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Mrs. T. H. Ellett left Monday for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Dunbar Roy.

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Miss Rosa Vaughan Perkins, the daughter of Dr. Robert S. Perkins, of Norfolk, is the guest of Mrs. Henry D. Perkins, No. 505 north Tenth street.

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Judge and Mrs. Harrison and Miss Harrison, of Staunton; Judge Buchanan, and Judge Whittle, are spending some time at Mrs. Duval's, No. 301 east Franklin street.

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A delightful "tacky party" was given on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. R. Liggan, No. 617 north Twenty-second street. A large number of guests in attractive costumes made the affair a great success.

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Miss Ruby Bodeker and Miss Nellie Heggaity are the guests of Captain and Mrs. Lewis Merriam, United States army, Washington, D. C. They have had many delightful social entertainments given in their honor while in Washington.

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Miss Lucy Howard, who has been visiting in Richmond for a month, has returned to her home, on Maryland avenue, Baltimore.

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Mrs. Ben. Lawson is at Mrs. Duval's, No. 301 east Franklin street.

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Miss Weaver, of Georgia, is the guest of Miss Mattie Pollard, of west Grace street.

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Mrs. F. A. Arnzen, of No. 504 north Seventh street, is visiting Mrs. Louise Preston, of Washington.

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Miss Willingham, who has been visiting Mrs. James, at Southside Academy, Chase City, has returned to Richmond.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Lawton, of No. 112 Reservoir street, will celebrate their silver wedding this evening at 8 o'clock, at their home. Many invitations have been issued.

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Mrs. A. B. Apperson, of No. 1223 Floyd avenue, is visiting friends near Washington.

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Miss Alma P. Clash, of No. 1223 Floyd avenue, is visiting friends in Washington.

Civil Service Examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission announce the following examinations:

March 26th.—Nautical expert, Hydrographic Office, Bureau of Equipment, Navy Department. Salary, $1,000 per annum.

April 2d—Assistant Treasury agent.

WHY SO MANY FAIL.

The Reason So Many Catarrh Remedies Are Unsuccessful.

There are few troubles, for which there are so many remedies and so-called "cures" as for catarrh, and it may be added there are few diseases so difficult to really and permanently cure.

Inhalers, sprays, powders, and douches are all applied locally, and give temporary relief, often for only a few hours, and it is doubtful if anything like a real cure of catarrh was ever accomplished by the use of local applications.

Catarrh is a constitutional disease, it is in the blood like rheumatism, and to cure it requires an internal medicine to act upon the blood, to drive out the catarrhal poison from the system entirely, and any one can readily see that a salve or powder or inhaler which simply clears off the mucous membrane of the nose and throat can have no effect on the real cause of catarrhal disease.

The remarkable success of the new catarrh remedy, Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, is because it drives out of the system, through the natural channels, the catarrhal poison, the germs of grip, bronchitis, and consumption, that causes the hawking, spitting, and gagging because the excessive secretion is no longer supplied when the blood is made healthy from the regular use of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets.

The remedy is in the form of large 20-grain lozenges, pleasant and palatable, composed only of wholesome antiseptics, and so safe to use that little children use them with perfect safety and benefit, if the little one is suffering from colds, croup, or cough from any cause.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets have been on the market scarcely one year, yet they have met with such popularity and success that druggists everywhere in the United States and Canada now have them in stock, and report a constantly increasing demand for them.

MRS. FRANK CARTER,
3 Merrill Street, Amesbury, Mass.

This letter should carry Faith and Conviction to the Hearts of all Sick Women.

"I suffered with inflammation and falling of the womb and other disagreeable female weaknesses. I had bad spells every two weeks that would last from eight to ten days and would have to go to bed. I also had headache and backache most of the time and such bearing down pains I could hardly walk across the room at times. I doctored nearly all the time for about two years and seemed to grow worse all the time until last September I was obliged to take my bed, and the doctors thought an operation was the only thing that would help me, but this I refused to have done.

"Then a friend advised me to try the Pinkham medicine, which I did, and after using the first bottle I began to improve. I took in all five bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Blood Purifier, four boxes of Lydia E. Pinkham's Dry Form Compound, three boxes of Liver Pills and used three packages of Sanative Wash, and I am as well now as I ever was. I am more than thankful every day for my cure."—MRS. FRANK CARTER, 3 Merrill St., Amesbury, Mass.

$5000 will be paid if this testimonial is not genuine. Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co.

From the eligibles from this examination it is expected that certification will be made to position of assistant agent for Seal Islands, Alaska, at a salary of $2,190 per annum. Persons who desire to compete should at once apply to United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., for forms 304-375.

QUO VADIS HERE TO-MORROW.

The Great Stage Spectacle Will Be Given at the Academy.

In this city, Friday and Saturday, is to be seen the original stage version of "Quo Vadis." The piece is produced by Messrs. F. C. Whitney and Edwin Knowles, who first gave the fascinating story a stage hearing. A large and important company is engaged in the interpretation.

Although Henryk Sienkiewicz's novel has not been before the public many years, it was for a time one of the most talked-of books ever published, and in the seasons subsequent to its appearance, it has continued to receive its share of attention. While the personal feeling aroused by the knowledge that an attempt is to be made to tell the story in dramatic form may be one of regret, the fact remains, that any effort made along legitimate lines demands respectful consideration.

In the present instance, there seems little doubt that the aim of Stanislaus Stange, the author of the dramatization, has been to write a serious and coherent play, not to offer a panorama, or a melodrama spectacle. Scenic display there will be, but there is every reason to expect it will be subordinate to the dramatic story. For Mr. Stange, the endeavor is first in the field of the playwright. His name has been attached to programmes before this, but always as a librettist, a capacity in which he has been of assistance to Lillian Russell, Camille D'Arville, and other comic-opera stars. He wrote the book of "The Singing Girl," in which Alice Neilson is appearing again this season.

The performance will begin on Friday night at 8:15 o'clock sharp, owing to the magnitude of the production.

TENTH OF THE STAR COURSE.

Next Monday Night—Temple Male Quartette and Miss Burnett.

The last Star Course entertainment of this season will be given in the Young Men's Christian Association Auditorium next Monday night, March 11th, at 8:15 o'clock. Season ticket-holders will notice an error in the date stamped upon their tickets, and special attention is called to the fact that the entertainment will take place on the 11th, and not on the 18th.

The Temple Quartette is a strong combination, and appeared as a closing number of the course of 1897-'98. They gave a most excellent entertainment. The quartette has been singing together for several years, and is especially strong.

Miss Burnett will appear again with the quartette, and will be remembered as one of the most able and captivating readers that has ever appeared on the Star Course. As an elocutionist, she ranks with the best, and is perfectly at home in Eugene Fields's poems. Seats go on sale Friday at 1 P. M.

OLD DOMINION SOLDIERY.

Splendid Impression Made by Our Boys at the Inauguration.

"Among the thousands of soldier boys who visited the city during inauguration, there were none of more soldierly appearance than the boys in gray from Virginia," says yesterday's Washington Post.

"The Richmond battalion, Seventieth Virginia, all along the line of march was taken for the West Point cadets, because of a similarity in the uniforms and the excellent military bearing of the Richmond companies. The Virginia men bore themselves like soldiers, and their conduct during their stay in the capital city was that of gentlemen. Washington was sorry to see them depart yesterday.

"The battalion, commanded by Major A. S. Lanier, was composed of Company A, commanded by Captain Saville; Company B, commanded by Captain Miller; Company F, commanded by Lieutenant Thompson, and Company H, commanded by Captain Baptiste.

"The Richmond Howitzers also made a splendid showing in the parade, as did Company K, of the Seventh Regiment. Lieutenant Dawson commanded the splendidly-drilled naval reserves."

Generators Successfully Tried.

Three of the generators at the power-house of the Virginia Electrical Railway and Development Company were successfully tried yesterday. All were found in perfect condition.

Among Federal Officials.

Mr. A. G. Bickford, of Newport News, has informed the clerks of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals of his intention to apply for a writ of certiorarie in the following cases:

Walker Newton vs. Barge Carrie L. Tyler.

Board of Commissioners of Navigation of North Carolina vs. the same.

Mr. Henry T. Meloney, Clerk of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, is in New York on business.

Deputy Internal Revenue Collector John H. Campbell is ill at his home, on Seventh and Canal streets.

PETERSBURG.

Death—Expecting the Governor—Other Mention.

PETERSBURG, VA., March 6.—(Special.)—Mr. J. D. Bradshaw, owner and operator of the barrel and stave factory in this city, died at his home, in Burkeville, last night, of pneumonia. Mr. Bradshaw was a widely known and respected citizen. He established his factory here about a year ago and was meeting with fine success.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Petersburg Banking and Trust Company, held at noon to-day, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, N. T. Patteson, Jr.; Vice-President, Augustus Wright; Second Vice-President and General Counsel, W. P. McRae; Cashier, R. J. Spratley.

His Excellency Governor Tyler is expected in our city to-morrow. His object is to meet the Board of Directors of the Central State Hospital, and make an inspection of the buildings, including the large addition recently made. This institution has now nearly, or quite, 1,000 patients, and is under splendid management.

A goodly number of the members of the Mutual Fidelity Company were recipients to-day of checks on account of their contracts ranging in amounts from $1.50 to $6.50.

Rev. C. O. Howard, of Clifton Forge, will occupy the pulpit of Park-View Christian church, in this city, next Sunday. It is expected that he will be called to the pastoral charge of the church, to succeed Rev. J. Preston Lewis, who resigned a few weeks ago.

The Petersburg Club held their annual meeting and election of officers to-night. After the transaction of business, the members of the club sat down to, and enjoyed, a splendid supper.

Sheriff Burgin, of Birmingham, Ala., telegraphed Chief-of-Police Ragland to-day that he would be here on Saturday with requisition papers for Felix Hall, the negro in jail here suspected of the murder of J. Norwood Clark at that place.

At the meeting of Powhatan Tribe of Red Men last night, several pale faces were initiated into the mysteries of the order. Several warriors of Wahoo Tribe, of Roanoke, were present.

THE OLD BURG.

A Pretty Marriage—Business-Men's Association.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 6.—(Special.)—Miss Louise Caruthers McCarty, daughter of Mrs. Nannie McCarty, of this city, and Professor Carl G. von Martinzyck, of Poland, were married in the Presbyterian chapel here to-day. The ceremony took place at high noon, and was witnessed by a large number of the young people's friends, including many from a distance. Rev. J. W. Rosebro, D. D., officiated. The attendants were Miss Nannie McCarty, sister of the bride, maid of honor; Captain W. F. Coates, best man; Dr. John P. Stiff, Dr. B. Hall, Professor S. W. Somerville, and J. W. Adams, ushers. The edifice was handsomely and elaborately decorated with evergreens, potted plants, and cut-flowers. The bride was becomingly attired in a neat-fitting, tailor-made, travelling suit of blue cloth, with hat to match. Her maid of honor wore white organdie over silk, with pink trimmings. Following the ceremony a reception and a dinner were given at the home of the bride, after which the couple left on the north-bound evening train for an extended tour.

The Business-Men's Association last night elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Henry Warden, president; E. D. Cole, C. W. Jones, and Henry Dannahl, vice-presidents; E. W. Stearns, secretary; S. S. Bradford, treasurer. The question of the advisability of running a daily steamer between here and Tappahannock was referred to a committee, who will investigate and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Herbert Stokes, of New York, has donated to the "W. Seymour White Free Bed Fund," at the Mary Washington Hospital, $12. It is the purpose of the association, as soon as a sufficient amount is raised, to set aside a free bed in several of the wards for those who need treatment and are unable to pay board and bed rent.

The Bridgewater milling property was sold at public auction yesterday. It was purchased by Mrs. E. C. Ficklen for $7,963.

Last night was the coldest of the year. Ice formed to the thickness of nearly an inch and a half.

A meeting of the City Democratic Executive Committee, for the purpose of fixing a date to elect delegates to the convention to be held at Spotsylvania Court-house on April 4th, to nominate a candidate for the constitutional convention, will be held to-morrow night.

ROCKEFELLER AIDS VASSAR.

He Gives $110,000 for the Erection of a Dormitory.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., March 6.—John D. Rockefeller has given $110,000 to Vassar College.

The sum is to be used in building a dormitory.

Death in Burkeville.

BURKEVILLE, VA., March 6.—(Special.)—Mr. J. D. Bradshaw died this morning at about 3 o'clock at his residence, of typhoid-pneumonia and grip. He leaves a wife and six children and numerous relatives and friends to mourn their loss. He was a consistent member of the Baptist Church. He was largely and successfully engaged in the mill and heading business.

There are a good many cases of grip and pneumonia in the neighborhood.

If a Woman

wants to put out a fire she doesn't heap on oil and wood. She throws on water, knowing that water quenches fire. When a woman wants to get well from diseases peculiar to her sex, she should not add fuel to the fire already burning her life away. She should not take worthless drugs and potions composed of harmful narcotics and opiates. They do not check the disease—they do not cure it—they simply add fuel to the fire.

Bradfield's Female Regulator should be taken by every woman or girl who has the slightest suspicion of any of the ailments which afflict women. They will simply be wasting time until they take it. The Regulator is a purifying, strengthening tonic, which gets at the roots of the disease and cures the cause. It does not drug the pain, it eradicates it. It stops falling of the womb, leucorrhea, inflammation and periodical suffering, irregular, scanty or painful menstruation; and by doing all this drives away the hundred and one aches and pains which drain health and beauty, happiness and good temper from many a woman's life. It is the one remedy above all others which every woman should know about and use.

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"EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY."

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Exhibit of Colored Dress Stuffs.

And the Initial Selling thereof.

The recent Black Goods show was so enthusiastically received as to be in the nature of a surprise, even to us. Now it's the Colored Goods section that invites your attention. Never before has The Meyer Store shown such a charming collection, and it's but the awakening of the season.

At $2.25 Venetian Cloth, the finest production of French looms, in the desirable shades; it's 52 inches wide.

At $11.48 French Silk Warp Crepe (in 6-yard lengths), in exclusive colorings, an ideal clingy spring material, for reception and street costumes.

At $10.98 Imported Ribbon Stripe Batiste (in 6-yard lengths), a sheer and clingy fabric, with an overlaid silk ribbon, self-colored stripe, in the choicest spring shadings; it's 45 inches wide.

At $1.25 Prunella Cloth, an elegant German weave of twisted worsted, with a lustrous satin finish, in staple and evening tintings; it's 45 inches wide. Another grade, 38 inches wide, at 75c.

At $1.25 Lupin's Nun's Veiling, in wood colors, Reseda, Navy, and Pearl, an especially dainty material, 45 inches wide.

At $1.50 Drap de Alma, an imported material, with a full panne finish, a stunning fabric for man-tailored suits, in Blue, Gray, and wood colors; it's 50 inches wide.

At $1.50 Drap de Venice, another fabric of the panne family, not quite as heavy as Drap de Alma, but with an exquisite finish; it's 50 inches wide.

At $1 Panne de Venice, 48 inches wide, bought under conditions that warrant our proclaiming them $2.50 values; just two pretty shades of Gray and Tan.

At 75c Cord Royale, 40 inches wide, all the latest colors, similar to Whipcords.

At $1.25 Reid's Lansdowne, a superb spring fabric, as exquisite as silk taffeta, but of a more diaphanous character, with superior wearing qualities; it's 40 inches wide.

At $1 "Sublime," a weave so similar in effect to Lansdowne that one is readily mistaken for the other; it's 38 inches wide.

At 59c English Crepes, of all-wool, 38 inches wide, in Old Rose, Navy, Violet, and Pearl Gray.

At 50c Albatross, clingy, all-wool grade, 38 inches wide, in all the wanted colors.

At $1 French Chuddas, Albatross, and Henriettas, Cream and colors, hand-embroidered, in silk figures, rings, and dots; an all-wool grade, in solid colors, for 59c.

At 50c French Flanneis, solid effects, all colors; also, Kochlin's Pure-Wool Challies, rings, dots, and figured designs.

At 50c Wool Batiste, a splendid shirt-waist material, with stripes of White on Tan, Violet, Garnet, Gray, and Blue grounds.

THE SEARLES FAILURE.

Career of the Sugar Trust Financier.

(New York Times.)

Of late years Mr. Searles devoted most of his time to the interests of the American Cotton Company, which owns a patent for packing cotton. In this he was interested with United States Senator James K. Jones, of Arkansas, and other prominent men.

Mr. Searles's wealth has been estimated at several million dollars, of which he gave liberally to charity and church work. When the New York-Avenue Methodist church, of Brooklyn, to which he belongs, was built, in 1889, he contributed $40,000. His financial standing, however, has not been as high as it used to be since his retirement from the Sugar Trust. The announcement of his financial embarrassment was, therefore, no surprise in banking circles, where his paper was no longer considered to be of an A1 character. It was the general opinion of those who knew something about Mr. Searles that he had too many irons in the fire.

An official of one of the down-town banks said yesterday that Mr. Searles had been pressed for ready money since last fall. One of the notes which was about to mature is said to be for $10,000. Mr. Searles had indorsed it for another person, and, it is said, he had asked for an extension, but it is surmised that this extension was not granted.

Mr. Dwight, assignee of Mr. Searles, said last night: "I am now making a careful examination of Mr. Searles's affairs, and a statement of his assets and liabilities will be prepared at once and submitted to the creditors. I have no other statement to make at present."

ASSETS MORE THAN LIABILITIES.

Mr. Hughes, of counsel for the assignee said: "The assignment of Mr. Searles was made for the protection of his general creditors in order that the interests of all might be fully protected. His assets are believed to be largely in excess of his liabilities, but include a considerable amount of unlisted securities which were not readily convertible into cash to meet obligations maturing at this time. Mr. Dwight, the assignee, is now engaged on a careful investigation of Mr. Searles's affairs, and is preparing a statement of his assets and liabilities, which will be submitted to the creditors as soon as possible. The assignment in no way affects the American Cotton Company or any other of the corporations with which Mr. Searles is connected."

At the offices of the American Cotton Company the following statement was made by D. C. Ball, the general manager of the company: "Mr. Searles's assignment does not affect the American Cotton Company in any way, directly or indirectly, the company's business having never been in any way connected with his private affairs. Mr. Searles's resignation as president of the company had been filed with the secretary prior to his assignment. A meeting of the Board of Directors had previously been called for to-day, but owing to the absence of several of the directors, among whom are Cornelius N. Bliss, of New York; ex-Governor David R. Francis, of Missouri; William C. Lovering, of Boston, Mass.; Senator James K. Jones, of Arkansas, and Maxwell Woodhull, of Washington, D. C., this meeting will probably not be held until the latter part of the week. Meanwhile William C. Lovering the vice-president, who arrived in New York to-night, will perform the duties of the president.

COTTON COMPANY PROSPERING.

Mr. Ball further stated that the company was just closing its most successful cotton season, having handled over half a million roundlap bales. The company has made money from the beginning, and has continuously earned, and paid, 8 per cent. annual dividends on its preferred stock.

Albert B. Roeder, a son-in-law of Mr. Searles, recently went through bankruptcy, getting rid of liabilities to the amount of $345,255.

Mr. Searles has been for a number of years a conspicuous figure in financial circles. He came especially into public notice during the investigations conducted by the Trust Investigating Committee of the New York State Senate in 1897. Mr. Searles was at that time treasurer of the American Sugar Refining Company, commonly known as the Sugar Trust, and his knowledge of the secrets of that corporation led to a searching examination by the Senate committee. Mr. Searles was on the stand for several weeks, but although the legislators learned a great deal about Mr. Searles, they learned little of his knowledge of the Sugar Trust's secrets. Throughout the examination Mr Seares maintained a polite and suave manner, and this aptitude was ascribed by some to the fact that he came of a family of ministers.

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John E. Searles was born in Westchester county in 1841. His father, after whom he was named, was a Methodist Episcopal clergyman, and when his son came into the world was preaching at Bedford, N. Y. The family came from the Bay State and were of excellent repute, but poor. The father's circumstances compelled frequent changes of flock, and the elementary education of young Searles was received at New Haven, Conn., where his father was pastor of St. John's church.

John E. Searles, Jr., first came to this city at the age of 13, when his father received a call to a church here. His start in life was as a messenger boy in a store. He was next a clerk in the hardware store of E. A. Cornell. He toiled through the drudgery of this position until he had made his mark, and rendered himself all but indispensable. His worth was recognized and he became a partner in the New Haven shipping-house of L. W. & P. Armstrong. He had married a Miss Pettt, and a fortune came with the union.

His shipping firm traded with the West Indies, and this trade put him in touch with the sugar interests there. His business tact gave him a mastery of the trade before he again came to New York, seventeen years ago, and resulted in his association with the Havemeyer interests and the rapid accumulation of a large fortune.

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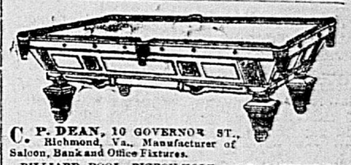

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