

Spring Opening 1902.

New Black Goods. An immense assortment of all the new and staple weaves, marked at our usual fair prices. London Twine effects, new and stylish, special values, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50. Volie, an old time favorite, 75c., \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50. Etamines in all the wanted weaves 50c., 75c., \$1, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50 and \$2. Nainsook and Batiste, perfect Blacks, all wool, 50c. to \$1.25 yard. Acollans, new and stylish, 48 inches wide, \$1.75 yard. Camels' Hair Grenadines, prime favorites for warm weather wear, \$1.25, \$2, and \$2.50. Wool Crepe de Chine, perfect Blacks, soft and clingy, 75c. \$1, \$1.25, and \$1.50. Crepe Japan, new and stylish, \$2.50. Crepe Poplins, light and airy, perfect Blacks, \$1 yard. For Tailored Suits. CLOTHS. CHEVIOTS, ARMURES, DIAGONALS, VENETIANS, ITALIAN CLOTH, BROADCLOTHS. Price \$1 to \$4 yard.

Gentlemen's Negligee Shirts.

The new ones are here, and in greater variety than ever before, of Dimity, Madras, and Nainsook, in White and colors, plain and plaited bosom, one pair link cuffs to match each shirt, 98c., \$1.50, \$1.75.

One Extra Special Umbrella Value.

Ladies' 26-inch Twilled All-Silk, Close-rolling Umbrellas, imported wood, princess handles, colors Black, Garnet, Navy, Green, and Brown. Actual value \$3, our special, \$2.25.

Boys' Shirts.

Mothers' Friend and Star brand, of white Cambric and Pereaie. Your choice of the \$1 ones now 50c.

YORKTOWN'S QUOTA OF NEWS. Personal News. YORKTOWN, February 14.—(Special).—That delicate crustacean, locally called butterfish or mannos, the soft-shell clam of the city markets, seems to have become a scarce article in this section. This luscious article of diet is always found at this season of the year in in-

CORDES & MOSBY

Our Formal Spring Opening.

After a careful and painstaking search of the markets of the world for the past months, we now announce our thorough readiness for the coming spring and summer season. We invite all Richmond to examine our stock, which is now at its best. On every hand colossal assortments of new, stylish, and exclusive spring and summer merchandise will greet you. To get an idea of the fairness of our prices, you have only to compare our qualities and prices with other houses.

A Colossal Sale of Silks.

An undertaking which required nerve, cash, and confidence. Nearly every weave known to the silk world, and nearly every quality which the silk looms have produced in the past and present is offered in this grand and gorgeous showing. Prices are 25 to 33 1-3 per cent. less than usual.

Wash Ordaines.

All-Silk, elegant weavers, 50 different patterns to select from, and washes perfectly. We handle them exclusively for Richmond. Price, 55c.

Yama-Mai.

The ideal lining silk, 50 different shadings to select from, an elegant weaver. We are Richmond agents. Price, 55c. yard.

Taffeta Silk.

21 inches wide, fast edges, and in good assortment of colorings. The 50c. kind, but at 30c.

Jap. Wash Silks.

Corded Jap. Wash Silks, all colors and plain White, 48c. yd.

New Foulards.

21-inch all pure silk Foulard, new and up-to-date patterns, and in all the new and staple shadings. Our special, 50c.

Foulard Silks.

24-inch all pure silk Foulards, in both twilled and satin finished, new and very effective patterns and colorings, including Eru with colored rings and dots. The usual \$1.25 kind, special 98c. yard.

Pongees.

21 inches wide, all silk, extra values, 75c., 85c., \$1, \$1.25.

One Special Taffeta Silk Value.

27-inch all pure silk Taffeta Silk, heavy weight, rich, lustrous Blacks. A great bargain, special 60c. yard.

All-Silk Black Japs.

27 inches wide, heavy weight, all silk, and perfect Blacks. A great bargain, 50c.

Other equally good values at 75c., \$1, \$1.25. Ask to see our guaranteed Black Taffeta, at 60c.

New Hilbanis.

Mories. Crepe de Chine, Etc.

New Wash Goods.

The most stupendous assortment ever gathered by any south of New York; exclusive designs, many in limited quantities, but all marked at our usual fair prices.

New Batiste, Dimities and Dotted Muslins, entirely new and very effective patterns, 12 1/2c. Real Irish Dimities in a bewildering assortment of new patterns and colorings, 25c.

Real Scotch Gingham, the kind that wash and wear so nicely, entirely new patterns and colors, 25c.

French Striped Lawns, new and very effective, all colors, 29c.

New Silk Gingham, in rich color combinations, and new patterns, 50c.

New Linen Grenadines, with colored silk stripes, new and stylish, 60c.

Silk Mousseline in entirely new designs, all colors, 50c.

Mercerized Gingham, new and stylish patterns, and colorings, 50c.

Embroidered Swisses, Our Own Importations.

Exclusive designs and in limited quantities, embroidered and dotted, and in nearly every conceivable coloring. Prices, 50c. 60c., 75c., 80c. 98c., \$1.19, \$1.35, \$1.50, and \$2.

Grass Linen, Silk, and Linen, with Silk Ribbon and Persian Silk Ribbon stripe, exclusive designs, \$2.25.

Our Corset Department

at all times, complete assortments of all the best foreign and domestic makes can be had here, such as R. & G. C. B., W. B., J. B., Royal, Worcester, Glove-Fitting, and P. D.

Richmond agents for the Celebrated Fasso Corsets. We fit all corsets costing \$2.50 or more.

New White Goods.

French Batiste, Our Own Importation.

47 inches wide, fine and sheer, and an elegant washer and weaver, bought direct from the manufacturer; this saves for you the middleman's profit. These special values, 25c. 35c., and 40c.

Persian Lawns, Nainsooks, India Linon, Wash Organdie, Organdie and Linen Lawns, in all qualities and at all prices. Checked and Striped Dimities, fine, sheer; ask to see our special value at 12 1/2c.

Fancy White Goods, for Separate Waists or Shirt-Waist Suits.

Striped Madras in an immense array of new patterns, 12 1/2c., 15c., 18c., 19c. New Mercerized figured Damask, new and stylish, 40c., 50c.

New Dimities with mercerized stripe, new and stylish, 40c. P. K.'s, Light, Heavy, and Medium Weights, price 12 1/2c., 16 2-3c. 18c., 25c., 30c., 35c., 40c.

New Embroidered Robes and Separate Waists.

Exclusive designs, no two alike, in Batiste, White, and Eru and Grass Linen—Waists, \$4.75 to \$8.00. Robes, \$15.00 to \$40.00.

Muslin Underwear.

The new stock is here and you have only to examine them to become convinced of their genuine cheapness. All made to our special order.

Chemise, 30c. to 55c. Corset Covers, 25c. to \$3.98. Drawers, 25c. to 55c. Gowns, 50c. to \$10. Skirts, 75c. to \$15.

Ladies' Neckwear.

An immense assortment of entirely new ones to select from.

New Turnover Collars of Embroidery, Linen, Grass Linen, &c.

New stock Scarfs and Jabots of Liberty Silk, Taffeta, Mousseline de Soie, Crepe de Chine; price 29c. to 55c.

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New Colored Dress Goods.

All-Wool Albatross in every wanted shade, 60c.

All-Wool Nun's Veilings, in all the new and staple shades, 75c., \$1.15, \$1.35, \$1.50.

All-Wool Mistraels, new and stylish, full range of shadings, 50c., 58c., 75c., \$1.

Striped Mistraels, new and stylish, \$1.

Japanese Crepe, silk and wool, new and stylish, \$1.50.

Aeolian Twine Etamines, new and stylish, all shades, \$2.

Aeolian Twine Etamines, figured and striped, new and stylish, \$2.25 and \$2.50.

Camel's Hair Grenadines, in an immense range of coloring, \$1, \$1.15, \$1.35, \$1.50.

Wool Crepe de Chines, in every wanted shade, 59c., 75c., \$1.

Silk and Wool Burges, new and stylish, \$2.25.

Canvas Weave Etamines, in all wanted shades, \$1.50, \$2.

White Serge, heavy, wide wale, \$1.50 and \$2.

White Etamines, 75c., \$1, \$1.25, and \$1.50.

Laces and Embroideries.

Nainsook, Cambric, and Swiss Edges and Insertions, in all widths and at prices to suit all purses; prices, 30c. to \$2.

Cambric, Swiss, and Nainsook match set, in exclusive designs. Allovers to match.

New Venice and Point D'Arab Galloons, all widths, prices 25c. to \$3.98. Allovers to match.

Two Linen Specials.

Hemstitched All-Linen Huck Towels, large size and heavy weight, a great bargain, \$3 dozen.

Hemstitched All-Linen Pillow Cases, sizes 22x36 inches, the usual \$1.25 kind, special \$1 pair.

A COZY CORNER FOR THE LITTLE PEOPLE

THE WOODCOCKS' NARROW ESCAPE Nature Stories Copyright, 1902, by Elizabeth Langsdorf

TWO little brown creatures were building a home in the thick cover of some swampy land near the river. They were woodcocks who had just arrived in the neighborhood and were so timid that they never went abroad except at night. Their nest was made of dried leaves and grasses at the foot of an alder bush. A comical little couple they were, Mr. Woodcock, with his long, straight bill, with its deeply furrowed surface, so keen that when he plunged it into the soft earth he seldom failed to bring up a juicy earthworm for breakfast or dinner or tea. His feathers were mottled, brown and yellow, with a hint of red. He was smaller than madam, who must have been twelve inches in length and weighed about nine ounces. Her little flat head was remarkable for the large and beautiful eyes that looked with questioning simplicity out upon a

grasses, which spring had already begun to tinge a delicate green. He never went far away and always returned laden with food for the mother and the two little ones, which had been hatched from the eggs. "My dear," said Father Woodcock one morning, "it seems to me that I hear peculiar noises in the distance." And he listened very, very intently. "Oh, I hope it is not men! I fear them."

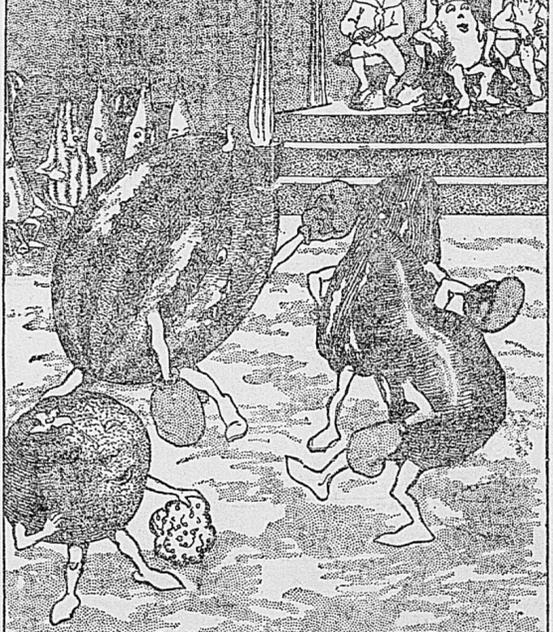
The sounds drew nearer, and the little woodcock, perching on the top of the alder bush, declared: "It is men, and they are coming this way. They are bringing dogs with them. Oh, my wife and children, what shall we do?" The parents looked at their little brown babies, and then the mother said determinedly: "There are two of them. You take one in your claws, and I will take the other in mine. Then we will carry them away to that swampy island down the river. Surely we will be safe there."

CONDENSED ITEMS. Net receipts from convict labor in Mississippi last year are said to have been about \$10,000. The Bavarian government has not yet allowed the building of any mountain railways in the Alpine regions of that country; Switzerland has twenty-three. All barbers, but few others, know of the occupation of "razor swapper." They make their living by trading razors—not selling, just trading. Their razors are in the "boot" icon-

As the birds rose in the air the hunters noticed them. One man whipped out a pair of field-glasses from its case and stared upward. "The parent birds are carrying the

A BOXING MATCH IN GNOME MAN'S LAND.

BY O. H. VON GOTTSCHALK, Author-Artist of "Yankee Doodle Gander."



A heavyweight Melon who weighed several pounds Boxed Young Sweet Potato a few lively rounds, And each time he landed Potato struck back So hard Willie feared that fat Melon would crack, But Melon was game, and, to Willie's surprise, He outpunched Potato and blacked both his eyes.

little ones away from their nest to a place of safety. Don't shoot, men. It would be cruel to kill the old birds and leave the little ones to starve." The woodcocks safely reached the island in the river, and there the little

WHO'D BE A KING?

Oh, I would be a king and wear a crown upon my head. A golden crown—and slumber in a gold and purple bed, And every one would honor me, and all should bend the knee: I wish some fairies needing work would make a king of me.

HIDDEN PROVERB FABLE.

THE ivy wound its way about the rough stones of the garden. "Oh," it cried, "what a disgrace that I, who am one of the most aristocratic of plants, should be compelled to grovel upon the earth! Yonder is a house. I will creep up its pillars." The ivy was of the variety which climbs over the walls of dwellings. It had beautiful dark green leaves and green flowers too. The vine soon clambered high up the pillars of the porch. "There is no more room for me here," it declared. "I will go higher." Sure enough, it put out stronger tendrils and was soon twining about the windows, so that daylight could scarcely enter the house. By and by the people who lived inside began to complain, and servants were set to work to pull down the vine. Its fall among the stones and garden beds was the cause of great rejoicing among the plants who had been envious of its energy and ambition. Later in the day the ivy was torn up and cast out into the road.

wood alone for 80 years, on the basis of 1,500,000 tons of manufactured pulp a year. Before the Australian flag was chosen more than 33,000 designs were carefully examined. The competition was originally started by the Australasian Review of Reviews, and as many of the designs were well worth notice the government took the matter up and offered a reward of \$1,000 for the best suggestion. A board of naval experts was appointed to examine those sent in, and a decision was finally reached. New Guinea is just now suffering from a visitation of whooping cough. This is the first time that the malady has occurred there, and, as usual, in such cases, it is spreading like wildfire. It is well known that infectious diseases occurring among a hitherto unattached people rage with the greatest violence and whooping cough in New Guinea is no exception. The natives are dying by hundreds. No government, however corrupt, selfish, venal, extravagant and exacting, can bring a population to starvation in a land like Turkey. Grapevines run all over the houses. The Turkish vineyards are incomparable. The poor Turk takes little trouble about his agricultural implements. His plow is much like that which Noah must have used, for it is simply a long piece of wood with a yoke of oxen at one end of it and a single handle at the other. With this the farmer just scratches the soil. The crops are usually magnificent, but the waste is immense. M. de Witte, the Russian minister of finance, has drawn up a decree making the metric system obligatory in Russia. The decree is now under the consideration of the imperial council.