

Lansburgh & Bro. EITHER ONE, 89c. This Pretty House Wrapper is made of Fine Percale, in all the new spring shades—Blue, Pink, Heliotrope and Brown. Tight-fitting lining to the waist. Princess back, full front with square yoke and wide girde. Mandarin sleeve, all neatly finished with Braid. Good width and length. Size 32 to 46—so you see we can fit the smallest or the most portly woman. Special price, 89c.

This Black Satine Skirt, 89c. Made of fast black Satine, umbrella style, deep double flounce finished with rows of shirring, French yoke with drawing. Lengths 43, 41 and 42. Worth \$1.25. Special price, 89c.

Beginning this Monday, we will have a demonstrator of HARRISON'S SEPTILE EXTRACT, and during this demonstration, which will be the entire week, we will sell the 60c Extract for 25c AN Ounce. We will furnish the vital. We will perfume your handkerchiefs for you free of charge just to let you judge of the goodness and the delicate fragrance of these extracts.

Lansburgh & Bro. 420, 422, 424 426 7th St.

Credit Free! You will make inquiry about our prices—and our way of doing business. It won't take you long to see the folly of paying cash for Furniture and Carpets. We know that our prices are lower than those of the cash houses—and you can satisfy yourself on this point by a glance at our price-tags—they are all marked in plain figures.

The new Baby Carriages are here—a hundred of them on the first floor for you to choose from—\$5 to \$50.

The new mattings are in—and out are the RELIABLE kind. Fitted and tacked down free. Carpets made, laid and lined free—no charge for waste in matching figures. Easy weekly or monthly payments—no taxes—no interest.

GROGAN'S Mammoth Credit House. 817, 819, 821, 823 7th St. N. W. Between H and I Sts.

FOR A MONETARY COMMISSION. Secretary Gage Waived Upon by the Indianapolis Committee.

The executive committee appointed by the monetary conference which met recently at Indianapolis to consider measures for bringing about a change in the financial stringency had a long talk with Secretary Gage yesterday about the formation of a national monetary commission. The committee consisted of a dozen members, headed by H. H. Hanna, of Indianapolis.

They May Lack the Authority. Ottawa, Ontario, March 27.—With reference to the bill which will be introduced in the Dominion Parliament to keep out American labor, the question has arisen whether Parliament has the power to pass a measure excluding foreign labor and whether it would not be necessary to obtain sanction of the imperial authorities before any such legislation took effect.

Supposed to Be a Thief. William Morris, a colored youth, was arrested yesterday morning by Police Officer Herndon. The officer found Morris sleeping in the basement of the Hotel Bedford, which is vacant. He had kindled a fire and made himself comfortable with two horse blankets, supposed to have been stolen. The blankets are held at the First precinct station awaiting identification.



MISS FRANCES ALGER

The house on Lafayette Square, which has, for so many years, been the headquarters of the Secretaries of War, and which has now passed from the Lamonts to the Algers, shows many interesting changes in the interior decorations and furnishings. Among the most interesting features at present are the beautiful paintings which adorn the walls of the various rooms. One feels at home at once when one is greeted by the work of such famous artists as Bouguereau, Meyer von Bremen, Hector Lerou, Benjamin Constant, De Neuville, Rosa Bonheur, and their contemporaries. Among the most notable canvases are "The Bath" by Bouguereau, "Treachery" by Constant, "The Ambush" by De Neuville.

articles from foreign lands. Dutch muskets, queer pots, and Chinese gods of fantasy mold vie with rare and beautiful articles of vertu. Miss Frances Alger, the charming and accomplished daughter of Secretary and Mrs. Alger, is a young woman of distinct individuality. She is tall, graceful and very attractive in appearance, being of a decided brunette type, with large dark eyes and very rich coloring. Miss Alger has an expressive, intellectual face and is a talented pianist. She was educated at Farmington, Ill., at the school of Miss Porter. Miss Alger is a fine linguist and fond of literature. She is also devoted to outdoor sports, in which she excels. She is an enthusiastic wheelwoman and rides with ease and grace. What is Miss Alger's favorite game, at which she is an expert. This fact adds to her other attractions and will make her much sought after by the members of our numerous tennis clubs. Miss Alger seems to inherit her mother's good taste in dress, and both she and Mrs. Alger have already been rated among the best-gowned women at the National Capital.

MRS. MCKINLEY'S VISITORS Large Number of Them Received by Her Yesterday.

M. Brunetiere, the noted French litterateur, entertained by the French Ambassador.

Mrs. McKinley received a very large number of callers yesterday afternoon. She received in the library, as usual, and wore a handsome gown of brocade.

Mrs. McKinley's improved health is a source of great gratification to her many friends. Among those who called yesterday were Mrs. Vanderbilt, Miss Brice, Mrs. D. B. Henderson and Miss Henderson, Mrs. Alger and Miss Alger, Mrs. Holmes Conrad, Miss Conrad, Mrs. Horstman, Miss Ethel Horstman, Miss Cameron, Mrs. Bradley, Miss Boardman, Mrs. Chamberlain of Buffalo, N. Y.; Miss Caldwell, Mrs. H. V. Tucker, Mr. H. A. Seymour, Miss Seymour, Mrs. Charles Alvin Smith, Capt. and Mrs. Schriver, Mrs. and Miss Patterson, Mrs. J. W. Powell, Miss Powell, Mrs. G. H. Noonan, Mrs. Mathewson, Mrs. G. H. Magruder, of Texas; Mrs. Charles H. Mills, Miss Mills, and Mrs. Roger C. Mills.

M. Brunetiere, the noted French litterateur, accompanied by Mme. Brunetiere, came over from Baltimore yesterday expressly to attend a breakfast which was given in their honor by the French ambassador and Mme. Patenotre. The guests asked to meet them were the British Ambassador, Mr. Trabert, Mr. de Grandprey and Mme. de Grandprey, Marquis de Chambrun, Mme. Hano, Prof. and Mrs. Gilman of Baltimore, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. White.

M. Brunetiere and Mme. Brunetiere came over from Baltimore on a morning train, arriving here at 10 o'clock. They were met in station by the Ambassador and Mme. Patenotre, and were driven to the legation, on H street. Breakfast was served at 1. The table was beautifully set with handsome silver and cut glass, and had three slender crystal vases of Bohemian ware, filled with long-stemmed Bride roses as the decoration.

Representative and Mrs. Sprague entertained at a very handsome dinner last evening in honor of Sir Julian Pauncefote and Col. John Hay, ambassador of the United States to Great Britain. Among the guests were Lady Pauncefote, Mrs. Hay, the French Ambassador and Mme. Patenotre, Mrs. Slater, Miss Wynn, and Miss Anderson.

Miss Brice entertained a large number of young people at dinner last evening. The party was chaperoned by Senator and Mrs. Wolcott.

Mrs. R. M. G. Brown, of I street, who is entertaining Mrs. McKee and her children, Benjamin Harrison and Mary Lodge, gave a delightful children's party to the children on Saturday afternoon, in which thirty-five happy little ones participated.

"Spring Blossoms," the dainty little magazine which is edited by Gladys Vandantill and Virginia and Gladys Mackay-Smith, will probably be even more interesting when its next number comes out, with the sketches of foreign lands which the Mackay-Smith children expect to send back to be printed in it.

The Card Club met on Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Sixteenth street. Among those taking part in the game of progress to each were Mrs. and Mr. Parker Mann, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Miss Kautman, Miss Carson and Miss Beveridge.

On Friday evening the Princeton students gave a large box party in their honor, to hear their Glee Club concert.

Representative and Mrs. McMillin were to have been guests of the club for the evening, but owing to Mrs. McMillin's serious illness they were unable to go over to Philadelphia. Miss Foster will visit Princeton before returning to Washington for the Easter holidays, which she will spend with her sister, Mrs. McMillin, at the Normandy.

Miss Elanthe M. Ticker, of West Seventy-sixth street, New York, is the guest of Miss Nita Albert, at No. 1529 T street northwest. Miss Ticker is an extremely pretty and attractive young girl and has been the recipient of much social attention during her stay here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanchett, of De Moines, Iowa, have been spending several weeks in the city, dividing their time between the homes of Mrs. Hanchett's sisters, Mrs. Annie M. Johnson, of 1724 Q street, and Mrs. Snowden Hemphome, of Holmead Manor. Mr. and Mrs. Hanchett have been delightfully entertained by their many friends in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Hanchett left on Saturday for their home in Iowa.

Miss Adelaide Johnson has sent out cards for an "at home" to meet Mrs. Annie Bosant and Countess Marchmister on March 29, from 8 to 10.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Baker celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their marriage by giving a large reception on Saturday evening last. The drawing-rooms were attractively decorated with spring blossoms, and the dining-room was a study in pink. Several pretty young girls served the dainty refreshments.

Miss Eva Whitford, who is well known as an amateur singer and actress of this city, will make her debut as a professional reader and elocutionist in a "Dramatic Recital" in the ballroom of the Casino, on the evening of April 5. Miss Whitford

YOU HAVE STRUCK IT! This time there are sensible suggestions and hard facts that keep dollars in the pockets of careful buyers. We will sell you THE BEST at money-saving prices.

- 89c Calico Wrappers, navy and mourning. 59c 75c Calico Wrappers, light colors. 49c \$2.25 Dress Skirts, 95c \$3.98 Dress Skirts, \$1.98 25c Calico Waists, 15c 49c Laundered Percale Waists, 25c 5c Choice of 100 pieces of Best Dress Gingham, latest styles and patterns, fully worth 10c. Special price, 5c. 6c Choice of 75 pieces full yard wide Best Percale, most desirable patterns, usual price, 12 1/2c. Special price, 6 1/2c. 4c Yard-wide Beached or Unbleached Cotton, Best Calico, Best Apron Gingham, Outing Flannel. Special price, 4 1/2c. 6c Hamburg Embroidery, 4 1/2c 6c Swiss Embroidery, 4 1/2c 6c Torchon Lace, 4 1/2c 8c Oriental Lace, 5c 10c Fancy Laces, 5c 5c Pillow Case Lace, 3c 5c Valenciennes Lace, 3c 8c Feather Edge Braid, 5c 15c Ladies' Collars, 10c 25c Ladies' Cuffs, 15c 48c Fancy Belts, 25c 25c Fancy Garters, 10c 15c Men's and Boy's Collars, 2c 25c Unlaundered Shirts, 21c 90c Bed Spreads, 69c 5c Bed Sheets, 39c 15c Pillow Cases, 10c 89c Hankies, 49c

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Some Rare Suit, Skirt and Jacket Values.

They include all the latest and most popular styles, being the output of makers of wide renown. Better bargains here and far in or out of town. These pretty garments will please you in your most critical mood. You really can't afford to pass them by.

Suits and Skirts. \$25, \$20, \$15 and \$12 Ladies' and Misses' Sample Suits. Choice for \$7.98.

Another lucky purchase of Ladies' and Misses' Sample Suits enables us to repeat last week's sale, but with even better bargains. An entire sample line of a fashionable new dress, in effects, silk lined—Rever, Blazer, Blon, and Norfolk styles—black and color—plain and braided. Your choice for... \$7.98

Fine Serge and Novelty Cloth Suits, black and colors, lined, full width, all sizes. Special price \$4.98

Brilliantly Figured Skirts, will make a finished, full width, all sizes. Special price 95c

Shepherd Plaid, Checks and Novelty Cloth Skirts, all-wool, velvet lined, full width. A real \$5 value. Our special price \$2.75

Capes. One lot Ladies' Capes, black and colors, plain, embroidered, and jet trimmed. All colors, six styles, full width under \$5. Our special price \$2.98

Watch and wait for announcement of our grand spring opening of Millinery this week. We have some surprises in store for you.

KING'S PALACE 812-814 Seventh Street BRANCH HOUSE—715 Market Space. The Largest Millinery and Cloak House in the District.

will be assisted by several local musicians. Admission will be by card only.

The Short Story Club will hold a social and business meeting at the residence of Dr. L. R. Klem, No. 919 B street northeast, on Wednesday, March 31, at 7:30 o'clock. A fine musical and literary program has been prepared.

Miss Marion Slater gave an enjoyable and profitable party on Thursday evening. Among those participating were Miss Rosalie Clements, Miss Stier, Mr. Stier, Mr. Jacobs, Miss Head, Mr. Whipple, Mr. Church-ill, Miss Edith Slater, Mr. Slater and others. The prizes were won by Miss Clements, Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Stier. After play was over a dainty collation was served.

Mrs. Julia R. Tutwiller will continue her interesting lectures on "Significance in Art" at No. 1118 Vermont avenue. On Wednesday, March 31, at 4 o'clock, the subject will be "Psychological Values in Painting," and it will doubtless be most interesting and instructive.

TAKEN TO THE SUPREME COURT The Joint Traffic Association's Case Has Been Appointed.

New York, March 27. The appeal on behalf of the Federal Government from the decision of Judge Wheeler in regard to the application for an injunction to restrain the Joint Traffic Association from operating under its agreement, which was dismissed last week by Judges Lacombe and Wallace in the United States court of appeals of this circuit, has been carried to the United States Supreme Court.

This afternoon United States Commissioner Shields, at the request of United States District Attorney McFarlane, forwarded all the papers in the case to Washington.

The Crystal Maze. Over 8,000 people have visited the Crystal Maze since it opened its doors.

Washington, and more will visit it yet in the next few weeks, which time it is booked to remain yet in the city. The great success is not astonishing if the novelty and merit of the enterprise are taken into consideration. First of all it is a revelation in the science of optics, as applied to the law of reflection, to the student to whom a visit will be a practical lesson in that science. But that is not all—one has also to consider the immense amount of fun that can be gotten out of a visit to the Maze, and further, the very simple means by which all of this is produced.

Virtually the Maze is nothing else but a winding passage lined on either side by large mirrors. But, oh, what a deception is in simple fact. You make up your mind to visit the Maze with a friend, for instance. You have read all about the Maze; you have perhaps been in one of those canvas Mazes, and you further know that the Maze covers only a space not larger than two ordinary rooms; you feel also fully contented in the way that you will get through without any trouble, and you scorn the idea that a few mirrors can ever deceive you. You tell your friend so, and warn him to keep close to you, so that he will not get lost or mystified by those few mirrors, and then you walk boldly through the Japanese curtain which separates the maze from the "Bang" and something stops your progress, and your friend, following closely on your heels, steps on them for a change.

You feel foolish, and tell your friend with a bland smile that you mistook your bearings, and that you don't see that blazed mirror—but you have all right now, and it won't occur again. You turn around quickly, and bang! you go against another mirror. Then you begin to feel sheepish and less confident, and you remark casually to your friend that the uncertainty must be the cause, and you begin to feel your way with outstretched hands, and in this way you make some progress and again gain your confidence in your ability. You see a long passageway stretched before you, on the end of which you see an empty chair. "Oh, you remark to your friend, 'I suppose that is the chair that is so difficult to find, as people say, and see how easy I have found it,' (with a sort of emphasis on the "I"). "Let's go up to it," a few steps, and bang! you go against another mirror. At this stage you are apt to get mad at yourself, at the Maze, and the world in general, and you confess yourself baffled and call for the guide who has been watching you with a slight twinkle in his eye. He shows you how very easy it is to get around; further, shows you all those points—where you can shake hands with yourself ninety-nine times, cross yourself fourteen times, walk in front of yourself, and over yourself and under yourself, and what not more—then he guides you to the exit and shows you how very easy that is, and you walk out convinced that you now know all about it, and you are to come again with another friend and show him what you can do in getting some one through the Maze. But we don't believe in you yet; just go and try it.

W. C. T. U. NOTES. The District W. C. T. U. will hold a mass meeting at the First Congregational Church this afternoon at 3. Mr. John G. Wooley, one of the greatest temperance orators of the west, will address the audience and the object of the occasion by selections, and Mr. Percy Foster has been invited to sing. The public are cordially invited.

The Northwest W. C. T. U. held its regular monthly meeting Thursday in the parlour of Grace M. E. Church, the exercises being opened with a hymn. At the conclusion of a prayer service, led by Mrs. Robert Andrews, Mrs. Mitchell, superintendent of Sabbath observance, gave an interesting report of her work, as did other members of the various departments, and Mrs. Ada Coe were elected delegates to the quarterly meeting, to be held at McKendree Church, April 7, with Mrs. H. A. Gillenwater delegate at large.

The quarterly meeting of the District W. C. T. U. will be held at McKendree Church, April 7, at 10 o'clock a. m. It is expected that reports will be of unusual interest, as a vast amount of work has been done during the past three months. Five unions have been organized, with the prospect of two or three more to be added in the near future.

Rich, Stylish—and Beautiful==

is the story of our SUITS—SKIRTS—JACKETS and WAISTS. Never were we so thoroughly prepared to meet the varied tastes and fancies of ladies who would be dressed right up to date in every particular—be it material, style or fit—Most important also, we may honestly state, that the VERY LOW PRICES we quote should be a paramount incentive to careful buyers. We cordially invite your inspection of these beautiful garments before buying elsewhere.



Suits, \$9.98. At \$9.98 we unquestionably show the largest assortment in styles, colors, and fabrics that we have ever shown. We have been congratulating ourselves that we were able to secure them to sell so low and have had hard work to prevent our own clerks from buying them. They are made of black and colored cloth, Ladies' Cloth, Homespun and Covert Cloth, in fly-front, Revere, Revere and Revere jacket style, plain, fancy, braided-trimmed, and Brandenburg braided-trimmed, in all the new shades in black, cadet blue, navy blue, plum, green etc., etc. Not a suit in the lot worth less than \$12. Your choice, only \$9.98

Silk Waists, \$4.98. A brand new stock of Ladies' beautiful Black and Champagne Silk Waists, with yoke, back, and tuffed front. They are fully worth \$6. Our price is but \$4.98

Skirts, 95c. Ladies' New Spring separate Skirts, in green, brown, and tan navy cloth, lined with good quality percale and velvet bound. Real value \$1.50. Special tomorrow 95c

Skirts, \$2.69. At \$2.69 we shall offer tomorrow Lovely New Broken Plaid Skirts, in green, brown, and tan navy cloth, lined with good quality percale and velvet bound. Real value \$4.00. Special tomorrow \$2.69

Skirts, \$7.69. Ladies' Beautiful Brocaded Satin, Brocaded Tulle, Flare Skirt, in green and navy blue. Skirts that are well worth \$8. Special tomorrow \$7.69

Skirts, \$5.98. Here is the best Suit value for the money ever distributed by us or any other retail store in this city. It is an All-wool Serge Costume, in lovely brown and tan mixtures, and has fly front revere, fashionably cut and well made. Fully worth \$8. Our price only \$5.98

Suits, \$15.98. We expect this All-silk-lined Suit to create a sensation among suit buyers. We have been congratulating ourselves that we were able to secure them to sell so low and have had hard work to prevent our own clerks from buying them. They are made of black and colored cloth, Ladies' Cloth, Homespun and Covert Cloth, in fly-front, Revere, Revere and Revere jacket style, plain, fancy, braided-trimmed, and Brandenburg braided-trimmed, in all the new shades in black, cadet blue, navy blue, plum, green etc., etc. Not a suit in the lot worth less than \$12. Your choice, only \$15.98

Jackets, \$4.98. There is no lower price in Washington for a Spring Jacket, all-silk-lined, than the figure we are quoting. Just think of a good quality black and Tan Cloth Jacket, lined throughout with silk, for such a ridiculous price as \$4.98

BON MARCHÉ, 314, 316 7th St. N. W.

Last week we sold 220 Tables from our advertisement in The Times. The people are finding out that this is the cheapest cash furniture store in Washington.

A Fine Rattan Rocker For 49 cents... "One-day Snap."

THIS is the greatest bargain we have offered yet. On Tuesday we shall sell—as long as they last—these handsome Maple Wood Frame Rattan Rockers—strong and thoroughly well made. These Rockers are suitable for and useful in any room in your house. Prompt delivery. We are ready with bargains in Refrigerators, Ice Chests and Matting.

Jackson Bros., Great Cash Furniture House, 919-921 7th St.

offered as follows: President, Miss Nellie Peddick; vice president, Mrs. Hainey; corresponding secretary, Miss Alice Poore; recording secretary, Mrs. Kate Simpson; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Mallory. The new union starts out with every prospect of abundant success.

The recent meeting of North Capitol W. C. T. U. held at the residence of Mrs. R. E. Hering, No. 1021 North Capitol street, was of interest from first to last. The parliamentary drill, under the direction of Mrs. A. R. Foster, was entertaining as well as instructive. Delegates were elected to the quarterly meeting and several new members reported.

A Mine Threatened With Ruin. Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 27.—The Avondale mine, operated by the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company, at Avondale, is tonight threatened with destruction. For some days past water has been pouring into the mine from the bottom of the Susquehanna River, and unless it can be checked soon the mine will be absolutely ruined.

LIBEL AGAINST THE DAUNTLESS. Final Hearing of the Case Set for April 15. Jacksonville, Fla., March 27.—In the United States court this morning argument was heard upon the exceptions to the libel in the case of the United States against the steamer Dauntless. This libel charges the steamer with violating the navigation laws by not being provided with the number of lifeboats and life rafts as required by law. The court sustained the exceptions, but allowed the libellant to amend its bill. The case was set for final hearing on April 15. Arguments were then heard by the court in the case of the United States against the steamer Three Friends, upon the exceptions to the libel for forfeiture, in which the navigation laws on her trip from this port September 2, 1896. The matter was taken under advisement by the court.